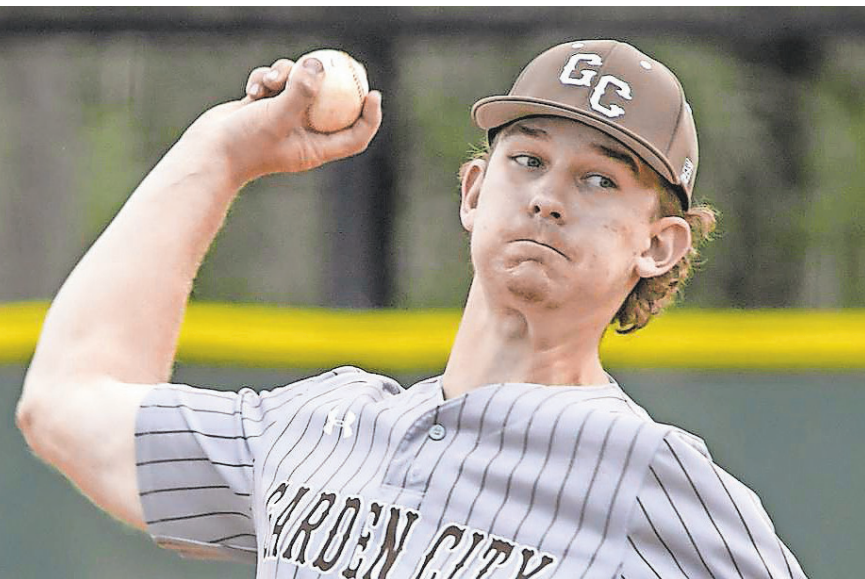


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GCHS baseball splits with Holcomb



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Jonathan G. won \$1.5 million off of two scratch-off lottery tickets in 2026. On Friday, he visited Emmaus House to donate and to buy things they need. He is shown with Brittany Knoll, Executive Director of Emmaus House. MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

Lottery winner gives back to Emmaus House

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
Garden City Telegram

Jonathan G., a former Garden City resident, won \$1 million off a scratch-off lottery ticket on Feb. 15.

Then a couple of weeks ago, he won \$500,000, also

from a scratch-off ticket.

On Friday, Jonathan, currently of Alamosa, Colo., returned to Garden City to do two things – one, to visit his three sons, and two, to give back to Emmaus House, donating \$500 and buying everything on their list of things

they need.

Without Emmaus House, Jonathan said his life would have been worse. They helped him out when he needed help.

"I don't know where I'd be if I didn't get help from them," he said. "Because

the state wouldn't help me. You can go all kinds of places, nobody's willing to help you ... the sheer amount of people that the Emmaus House helps, they're always open arms,

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GCCC announces 2026-28 presidential ambassadors

Garden City Community College has announced the selection of the 2026-28 Presidential Ambassadors: Rianna Atay (Garden City High School), Emma Petersilie (Ness City High School), Malia Ruda (Holcomb High School), and Jaylee Wickwar (Holcomb High School).

The prestigious Presidential Ambassador program recognizes students for their academic excellence, school and community service, and leadership qualities. Ambassadors receive a \$2,400 annual scholarship for their two-year term and serve as representatives of the GCCC President's Office and the GCCC Endowment Association, assisting with campus events and tasks throughout

the year.

Presidential Ambassadors are selected through a rigorous process open to incoming freshmen recommended by their high school counselors. Applicants submit a comprehensive application and participate in a detailed personal interview. This year, six high school seniors were interviewed by a selection panel in mid-February.

Ryan Ruda, GCCC President, praised the exceptional group of students selected this

year. "Each year, I am impressed by the dedication, leadership, and commitment these students bring to everything they do. This year's group is truly outstanding, and we look forward to welcoming them to campus this fall."

PRESIDENTIAL AMBASSADORS:

Atay, a senior at Garden City High School, is involved in yearbook, dance, softball, choir, and Scholars Bowl and serves as a class officer.

She is also active in volunteer and community service activities. She plans to major in nursing.

Petersilie, a senior at Ness City High School, is active in FFA, 4-H, KAY, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also participates in cross country, basketball, and track. She plans to major in music with the goal of earning a degree in music education.

Ruda, a senior at Holcomb High School, is involved in student

council and the National Honor Society and serves as class president. She has also lettered in volleyball and basketball. She plans to major in elementary education.

Wickwar, a senior at Holcomb High School, is involved in the National Honor Society, serves as class vice president, and participates in student council. She is also active in volleyball, basketball, and track.



Atay



Petersilie



Ruda



Wickwar

AG warns of traffic violation scam

TOPEKA – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach Thursday issued a consumer alert warning Kansans about a growing scam involving fraudulent "Notice of Hearing" notices for alleged traffic violations.

Scammers are sending fake notices via text message and email that mimic official court documents. These notices often include realistic details such as court headings, case numbers, statute citations, and a QR code or link directing recipients to pay a fictitious fine and associated costs.

"Courts do not serve legal documents on individuals via text or email," Kobach said. "Kansans should not respond to unsolicited messages or emails containing purported legal documents from courts requesting payments. Kansans should also avoid interacting with texts or emails that include alleged notices or direct the consumer to scan any QR code within them. If you receive any of these notices, please report it to my office so we can investigate."

How to Spot and Avoid the Scam

- Unsolicited delivery: Real court notices for traffic violations or hearings are never sent by text or email.
- Pressure to pay: The notices urge quick payment via QR code or link to "resolve" the matter and avoid further penalties.
- Professional appearance: They often feature official-looking formatting to appear legitimate.

What to Do If You Receive One

- Do not reply, call any provided number, scan the QR code,

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ACTIVE

Variety of activities, services available at the Senior Center. **A2**

SPORTS

GCCC softball takes two from Seward County. **A5**

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