

2025 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER FOR GEARY COUNTY EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT



On December 14, 2025, GEFD hosted its Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to celebrate the incredible women and men who serve this department. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food, fellowship, family, and plenty of Christmas cheer, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus even made a special appearance for the occasion.

We were proud to recognize several outstanding individuals: Auxiliary member Wally Mitchell was named Volunteer of the Year, while Firefighter Lt. Tim Dokken and Firefighter Galen Hansen were honored for their exceptional dedication, commitment, and service to Geary County. A special thank you goes to the Geary County Rural Fire Auxiliary for the delicious desserts and festive holiday décor that made the night even more memorable.

Rumor has it Santa might have been reminding the Chief to stay on the nice list or perhaps just putting in a good word for everyone! Congratulations again to Tim, Galen, and Wally very well deserved!



GEARY COUNTY DISTRICT COURTHOUSE



in Geary County, Kansas. We are pleased to announce that the exterior preservation project has been completed, and the District Courthouse looks as beautiful as new! A portion of this project was paid for through and awarded grant by the Heritage Trust Fund.



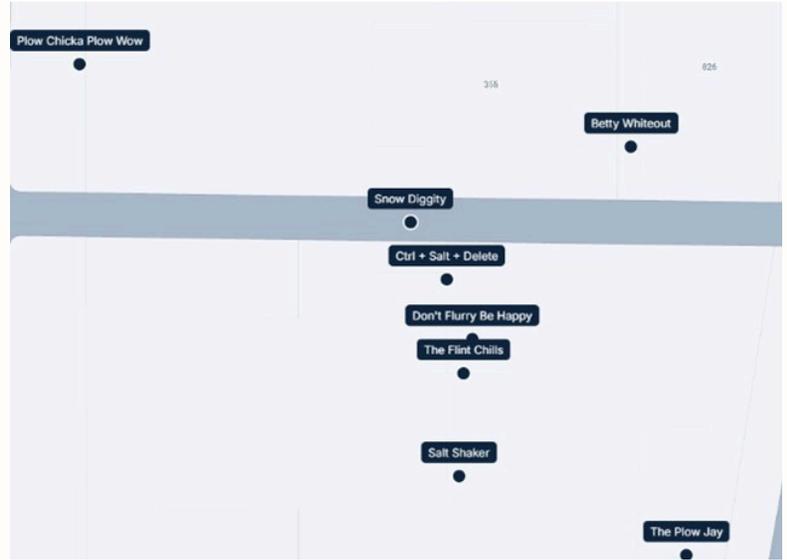
Geary County Public Works had the pleasure of working with Innovative Masonry Restoration to restore the exterior magnesium limestone and tuck point around the Courthouse and the retaining walls. Built in 1899-1900, this building is listed on The National Register of Historic Places and is a significant architectural and historic landmark



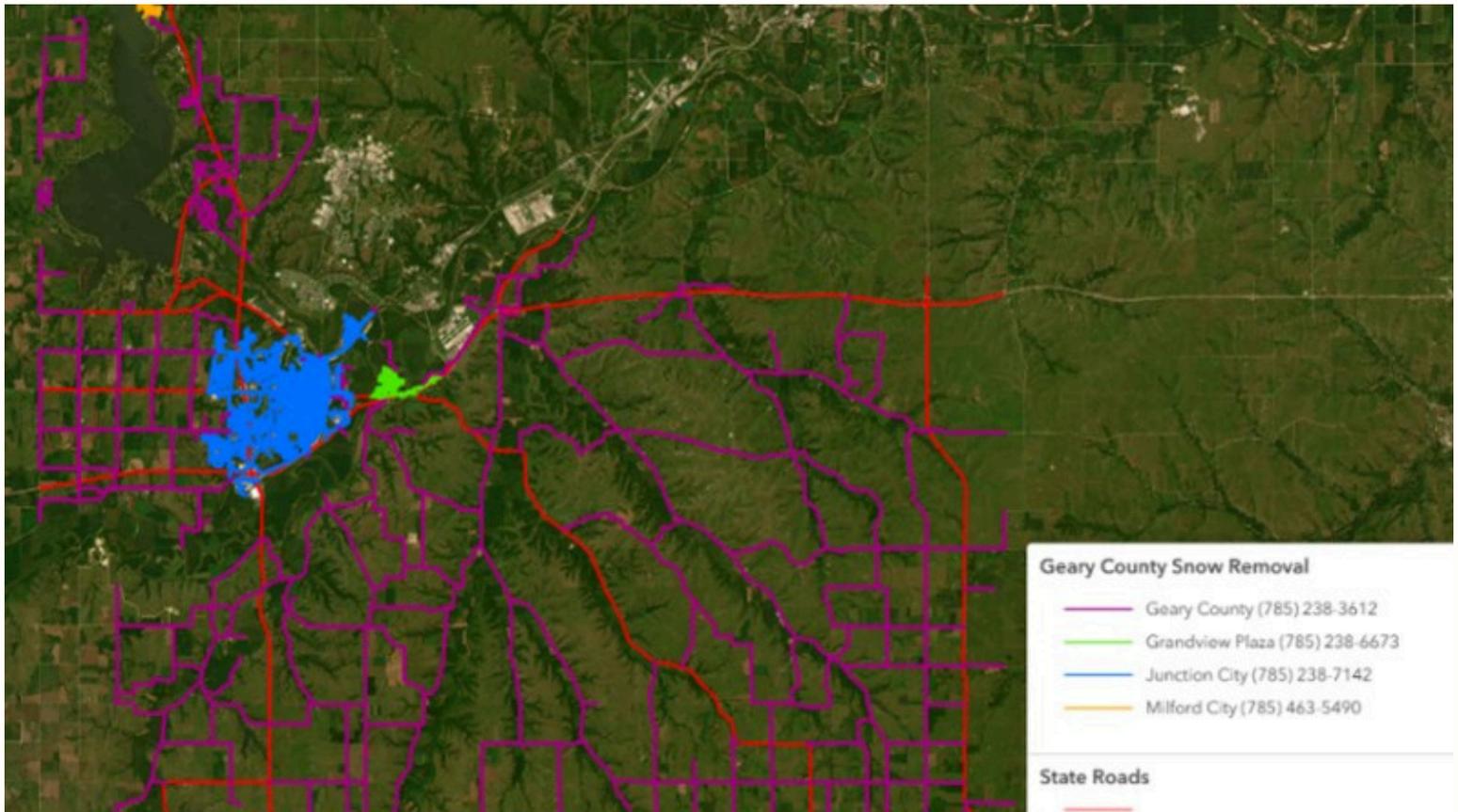
GEARY COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

The Geary County Transfer Station has increased their rates due to cost increases in waste disposal, which started on January 1, 2026. This has been our first increase since 2024. Rates have been raised to \$19.00 for up to 500lbs OR \$76.00 per ton. The fee for commercial tree trimming companies for the disposal of trees and brush will remain the same at \$15.00 per ton. Be aware, there is a minimum of one ton for tree and brush disposal!

GEARY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SNOW MAPS



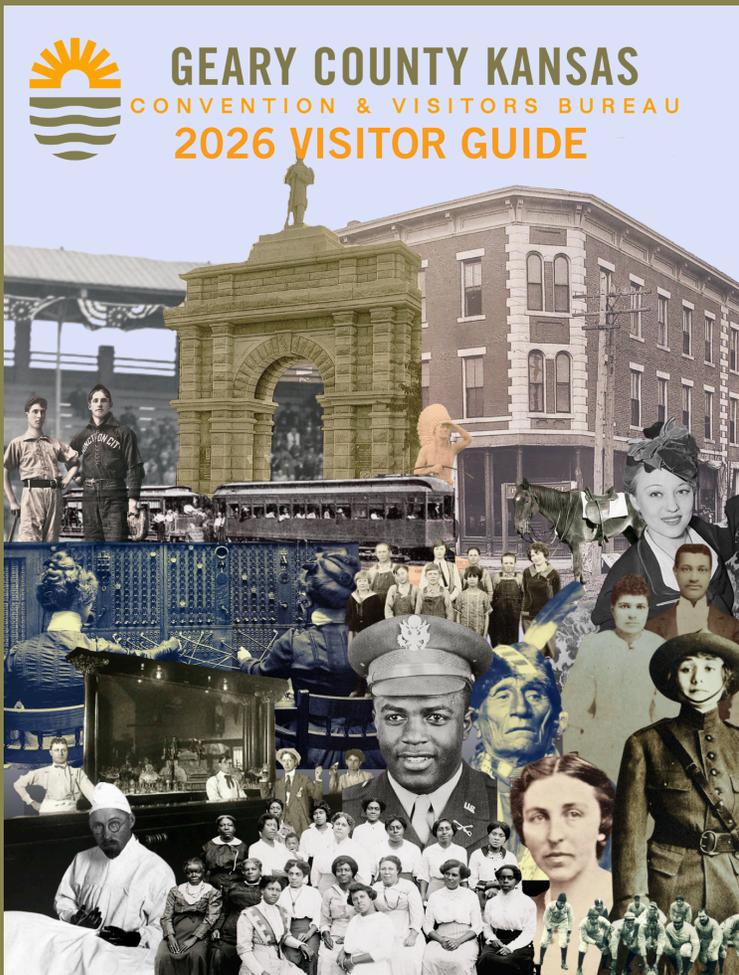
Geary County Public Works partnered with the GIS Office to create our wonderful & informative new Snow Removal Map. This map displays information on which entities are responsible for snow removal on each road, street or highway. The other map, Geary County Snow Plow Activity, provides a general representation of snow plow activity within Geary County. This specific map should be fun to explore as all of our trucks have been given fun names! Please visit our website at gearycounty.gov, select Public Works and the maps will be under the Snow & Ice tab.



GEARY COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

The Manhattan TIAK Conference provided a highlight this year, where Mandi was awarded her KDS. Geary County tourism efforts also included hosting two familiarization tours in Geary County, with visits throughout Junction City, Milford, and Fort Riley. Professional development remained a priority as Raquel participated in FHLeadership while Mandi continued involvement with LEAD JC. Community engagement included participation in Fall Harvest Fest, All Treats Day, the Christmas Parade, Hometown Christmas, and the JCACC Jingle Mingle.

The 2026 Visitor Guide was printed and delivered for distribution at the start of the new year. Promotional collaborations continued with North Central KS initiatives, the Black History Trail of Geary County, and Freedom Fest. Additional exposure included publication in Travel Taste and Tour Magazine, along with ongoing event promotion through Kansas Country Living and Kansas Tourism to strengthen regional visibility and visitor outreach.

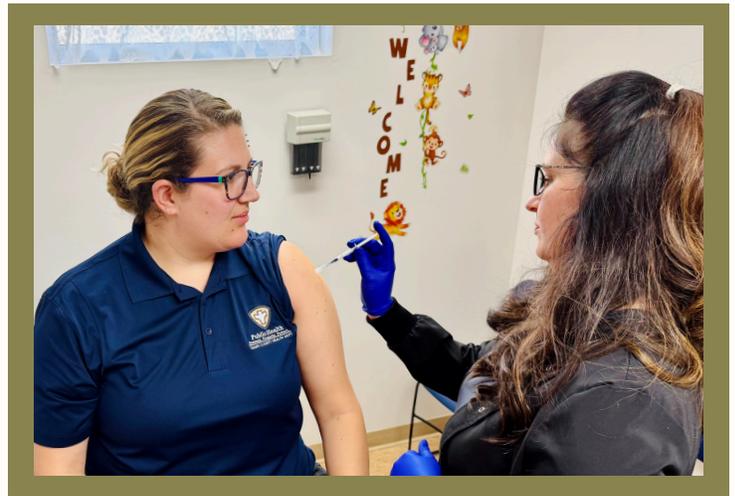


GEARY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Geary County Health Department continues to support community health through clinical services, outreach, and emergency preparedness efforts. This past quarter, staff conducted six off-site influenza clinics in partnership with Bicentennial Manor, Jim Clark, the Foot Locker warehouse, Cloud County Community College, and the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library to increase vaccine access.

Clinic services include immunizations, TB Skin Testing, Allergy Shots, Vitamin B and Testosterone Injections, Blood Pressure Checks, STI Testing, Pregnancy Testing, and Paternity Testing, all focused on disease prevention and improving quality of life through accessible care.

Case management services help residents apply for assistance programs and connect families to health, developmental, and early childhood resources through the OPEIS program. We also partner with Salvation Army and Catholic Charities to help residents access additional community support and essential resources.



Environmental health efforts focus on sanitation, waste management, pest control, and risk assessments to protect public health. Preparedness activities supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention help ensure readiness for emergencies. It is also our responsibility to conduct disease investigations through EpiTrax in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Through Safe Kids Geary County, families receive education on home safety, car seat use, safe walking routes, and injury prevention related to swimming, biking, and sports, including free car seat installation checks.

Staff also participated in outreach events with Junction City Main Street, promoting Emergency Preparedness Month by sharing emergency kit checklists, Mylar blankets, and preparedness resources. Additional education was provided at the Main Street Market Taste of Health event alongside other healthcare partners. Our team also attended All Treats Day, providing a Halloween safety flyer and candy to help promote safe holiday practices in the community.

Fun fact: The health department has proudly served the Geary County Community since 1949.



DOLLARS & SENSE: A FINANCE OFFICE UPDATE

- 💰 1099 Update
 - 1099s for vendors have been submitted to the State and IRS
- 💰 Audit Status
 - The Finance Office is currently working on the 2025 Audit
- 💰 Budget Planning
 - The 2027 Budget Calendar will be released in March
- 💰 Vendor Reminder
 - Please continue collecting W-9s for new and existing vendors
- 💰 Object Code Quick Guide
 - Paying for a service being performed → 3000 series
 - Purchasing a physical, tangible item → 2000 series
 - Contract in place, but vendor is providing goods (not services) → 2000 series
 - Still unsure? → Contact the Finance Office before submitting the expense
- 💰 FY2025
 - Thank you to all departments for your dedication and teamwork in successfully closing FY2025.

Cents & Nonsense 🤔

- 🧩 Riddle of the Quarter:
 - I grow when others are gathered but shrink when spending starts. What am I?

A. Savings Stash

GEARY COUNTY EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Janet Lockwood	10/21/1998	28 Years	CO Attorney
Aaron Parker	10/24/2011	15 Years	Sheriff
Reyan Rikoric	10/24/2011	15 Years	Sheriff
Justin Greene	10/7/2013	13 Years	Sheriff
Dawn Leighty	10/9/2018	8 Years	Treasurer
Tyler Williams	10/7/2019	7 Years	Sheriff
Jacqie Reisinger	10/15/2020	6 Years	Register of Deeds
Crystal Tyrell	10/19/2020	6 Years	CO Attorney
Victoria Butler	10/21/2023	3 Years	Sheriff
Travis Beckham	10/23/2023	3 Years	Public Works
Anneka Sundell	10/23/2023	3 Years	Community Corrections
Gary Holloway	11/18/2013	13 Years	Sheriff
Crystal Brokenborough	11/20/2017	9 Years	Health Dept
Stephanie Petrie	11/1/2021	5 Years	Court Trustee
D'Amico Bookhardt	11/2/2021	5 Years	Public Works
Brad Boland	11/7/2022	4 Years	Public Works
Naima Kotsaki	11/7/2022	4 Years	Treasurer
Antonio Cruz	12/9/1997	29 Years	CO Attorney
Vaughn DeGuzman	12/1/2001	25 Years	Community Corrections

GEARY COUNTY EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARYS

Tiffany Havener	12/31/2007	19 Years	HR
Dale Dennison	12/28/2010	16 Years	Community Corrections
Jamie Womochil	12/15/2018	8 Years	Community Corrections
Ilister Bartolome	12/4/2023	3 Years	Sheriff

GEARY COUNTY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Brianna Koehler-Jackson	October	2
Scott Babcock	October	5
Steven Meyer	October	5
Mikayla Nava	October	6
Debra Weigart	October	7
Chrysann Phipps	October	8
Sherri Childs	October	16
James Klamert	October	12
Kalyn Ross	October	12
Elizeia Knapp Blehm	October	13
Lance Karmann	October	16
Aaron Parker	October	19
Gabrielle Carroll	October	20
Garry Berges	October	22
Michael Guidice	October	23

PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT

Geary County Register of Deeds has partnered with Fidar Technologies to provide this FREE property monitoring system available to all land owners in Geary County!

- DOES NOT PREVENT FRAUD BUT ALERTS YOU WHEN A DOCUMENT IS RECORDED WITH THE REGISTERED NAME
- USES YOUR NAME, BUSINESS NAME OR TRUST
- NO LIMIT ON NAMES REGISTERED
- CHOOSE NOTIFICATION BY EMAIL, TEXT OR PHONE CALL
- NO PASSWORDS OR ACCOUNTS TO KEEP TRACK OF



SCAN QR CODE TO GET STARTED OR VISIT WWW.PROPERTYFRAUDALERT.COM/KSGEARY

FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE CONTACT:

GEARY COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS
 785-238-5531
 200 E 8TH ST, ROOM 133 JUNCTION CITY
 ROD@GEARYCOUNTY.ORG
 JACQIE REISINGER, REGISTER OF DEEDS



GEARY COUNTY EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Tami Robison	November	1
Tara Stewart	November	3
Echo Padilla	November	5
Vidyasagar Palani	November	5
Ali Huizar	November	6
Cory Pickard	November	7
Bradley Rose	November	8
Madison Russell	November	8
Jared Brown	November	8
Shane Coleman	November	13
Kristin Brown	November	15
Eric Boudreaux	November	17
Thomas Umeck	November	19
Kathleen Tremont	November	22
Jazmin Jackson	November	24
Joshua Ramos	November	25
Shawn Weeks	November	26
Virginia Hannon	November	26
Todd Heitschmidt	November	27
Vanessa Haslouer	December	1
Mikayla Mummert	December	3
Therese Hoff	December	5

Cayla Da Giau	December	6
Krista Blaisdell	December	6
Donna Richardson	December	14
Paige Mendoza	December	15
Jamie Womochil	December	15
John Garrett	December	22
Kelly Mann	December	24
Paul Bennett	December	25
Antonio Cruz	December	26
Marquis Battle Jr.	December	26
Brian Zachary	December	26
Ronald Cervera Jr	December	27
Victoria Butler	December	29

SIGN UP FOR LOCAL ALERTS



Get real time alerts for our community

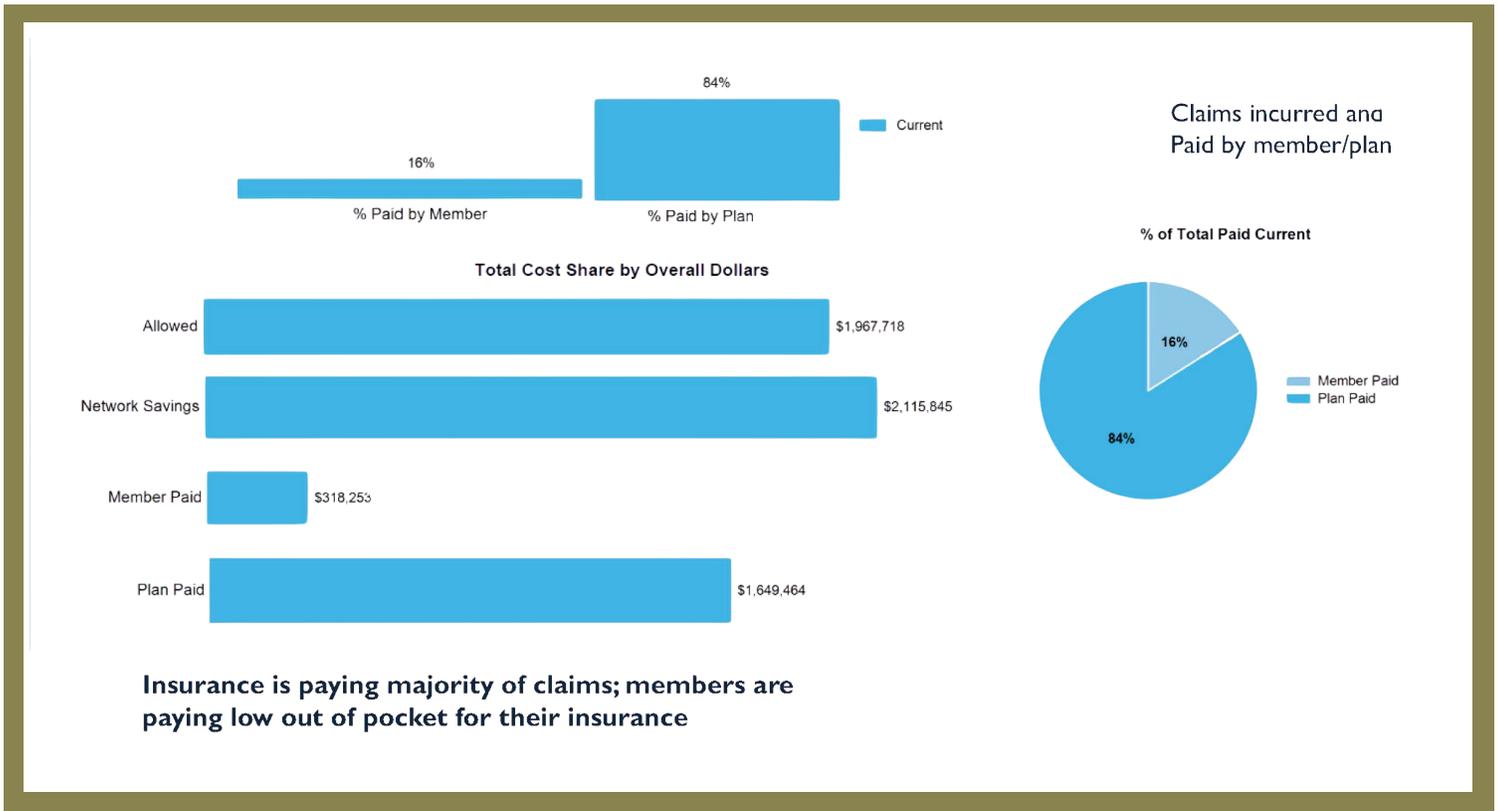
- ✓ Severe Weather
- ✓ Road Closures
- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Special Events
- ✓ And More!

Download the Everbridge App on your phone and use NE Region for area or visit us on the web at gearycounty.gov and select Emergency Alerts. Need assistance? Call 785-238-1290.

If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

GEARY COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

OUR SHARED INVESTMENT IN HEALTH COVERAGE



In 2025, Geary County contributed \$1,566,527.35 toward employees' health insurance premiums. With the total cost at \$1,871,735.42, that's 84% of the overall expense paid by the County!

This significant investment reflects our ongoing commitment to keeping

high-quality health coverage accessible and affordable for our team.

Supporting the well-being of our employees remains one of our highest priorities, and we're proud to continue building a strong foundation of care for everyone here.



Geary County employees recognize "Unity Day"! This is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, celebrated in October. The key message of this month, and this day, is to unite for kindness, courage, and inclusion, to prevent students from being bullied.

