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# Worship Guide

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 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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 2124 Highway 4, Herington  
 8:30 a.m. Worship  
 (Alternating Sundays)

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 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

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 114 N. Eighth St., Herington  
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
 11 a.m. Worship/Communion

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 9:45 a.m. Bible School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship/Service

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 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

One of my favorite weekly activities is story time at the Chapman Library. We read and sing and you should see the kids dance. We have a great time together. This week I read a book about a crocodile looking for friends. This croc was very creative. He was always smiling. As you may imagine, the other animals were not interested in learning anything about him. They always ran away when he was near. I probably would as well. I have certain expectations about some reptiles, most bugs, and even a few animals and I don't really want to get very close to them. This croc was different than most crocodiles. He was creative and talented and wanted to make friends with the other animals. He had no desire to eat them. The other

## MORE ALIKE THAN WE KNOW

animals only trusted their own preconceived notions about all crocodiles and refused to even consider this guy might be a good friend. It's pretty easy to get the message in this story. We can't really understand others when we already think we know everything about them. We humans are very good at separating ourselves from one another and focusing on the differences. We like to circle up into our own groups and tell tales that make the others seem evil, or scary. I have had opportunity to meet lots of different people in lots of different places and I am thankful. I find there are many interesting things to learn from people who grew up in different cultures and speak different languages. My little corner of the world is okay, but life is so much better when I venture out to new places and make new friends. We are all sparks of the divine. We are all amazing. We are not all alike and that makes us interesting. Diversity is our superpower!  
 \*Crocodiles Need Friends, Too by Tom Toro



## THIS DAY IN THE HERINGTON TIMES

125 years ago – 1901  
**MRS. NATION** – Mrs. Carrie Nation, temperance lecturer and joint smasher, and a woman of peculiar characteristics, passed through Herington last Friday morning on the eastbound Missouri Pacific train enroute to Topeka, there to have an interview with Governor Stanley before proceeding any further with the smashing of saloons. On Thursday of last week, Mrs. Nation showed up at Enterprise and demolished one of the town's joints with her hatchet. There she was treated quite roughly by the female contingent of the joint who succeeded in giving her a black eye. That evening she received a telegram, purportedly from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union contingent at Hope, inviting her to visit their town and continue her method of putting down the joints. However, she was disappointed not to be received by the Hope W.C.T.U. committee there and simply moved on to her next destination.  
 100 years ago – 1926  
**FATHER FITZGERALD COMES HERE** – Bishop Tief of the Concordia diocese of the Catholic church has announced the assignment of Father John Fitzgerald of Norton, Kansas to this parish, effective February 4th. Father Fitzgerald has been at Norton for several years and is said to be an unusually good speaker and a strong, forceful man. Father Sheehan, who has been in charge here since last summer, when Father McErlean was forced to resign on account of ill health, goes to Norton. Father Sheehan has made many friends during his

## MRS. NATION

short residence here and has done some very effective work for the parochial school now under process of construction. Father McErlean, whose attractive personality made him so many friends here, has been assigned to Clay Center.  
 75 years ago – 1951  
**THIEF EXCHANGES TRUCK FOR CAR** – A 1941 Chevrolet 2-door was stolen here last Friday from the Martin Lueker residence at 410 South C and was recovered on Saturday at Hennessey, Oklahoma. On Friday, when Mr. and Mrs. Lueker went out to get into their car, it was gone. Upon investigation, it was discovered that a Ford pickup with Shawnee county tag was parked on McClaren Street just around the corner from where the car had been parked. The pickup was towed to Sullivan Motors where, upon investigation, it was found that it belonged to the sewer department at the City of Topeka. The Martin's car suffered considerable damage to the motor.  
 50 years ago – 1976  
**NEW NEEDLE CRAFT SHOP** – Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson have purchased the small building at 323 West Walnut Street, which has had served a variety of businesses through the years and have converted it into a needle craft specialty shop. The building has been redecorated inside and out and will hold a two-day grand opening on Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Renata Johnson, owner and manager, is a retired school teacher and will operate the specialty shop as 'Johnson Needle Crafts'  
 Herington Historical Society & Museum, 800 S. Broadway. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. – markcwill1963@gmail.com

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The Dickinson County Retired School Personnel Association will be providing a \$500.00 incentive scholarship for a 2026 Fall semester junior or senior college student. The student must be graduated from one of the Dickinson County Kansas high schools and must be in the School of Education at a college or university in Kansas.

The award will be based upon character, academic scholarship, teacher potential. Applications must be in by June 10, 2026 and the selection will be announced for the award by July 10, 2026.

Interested students may contact any of the following for applications: their high school guidance counselors or websites, the School of Education office at their university or college, or PM Renee Kerbs, the DCRSP Scholarship Chairperson.

## VIEW FROM THE HILL- Scott Hill

### Legislative Update

The legislative process is in full swing after two weeks of the flurry of bill introduction and ceremonial activities. The Governor has provided her vision for the Legislature and stressed working together on issues. The chief justice of the Supreme Court presented to the legislature the "State of the Judiciary," primarily focusing on the need for lawyers in rural Kansas. A highlight of the beginning of the Legislature was a bi-partisan prayer breakfast that was well attended, with remarks by former Kansas City Royals General Manager, Dayton Moore. We already have one piece of legislation that passed both chambers. I have consistently supported the idea of a Convention of States to reign in the growth of the Federal government as well as establish term limits for our federal delegation. On Thursday of this last week, the Kansas House overwhelmingly voted to call for a Convention, joining 19 other states to discuss these two issues. It is my desire that 14 more states will join Kansas and we can have a discussion on limiting the excess in Washington. Other items:

- o Property tax appraisal cap being discussed
  - o Cellphone ban in schools hearing held
  - o House voted to codify that the World Health Organization has no standing in KS
  - o Hearing to require 30 minutes of recess in schools
  - o Hearing to standardize post-secondary classes in secondary schools
  - o Limiting the power of Pharmacy Benefit Managers
  - o Improving pre-authorization for medical insurance
  - o Replacing property tax with a transaction fee
- I have met with many constituents with concerns, and I welcome visiting with you as well, on issues that concern you. Several pages have been serving in the Senate already and more are scheduled. The Salina Central state champion football team and coach Mark Sandbo were recognized in the chamber this week. Great job guys! The Capital in Topeka is the "People's House." I encourage you to come to Topeka and see it in action.

## Songs of the Flint Hills

Poems, stories & lyrics celebrating Kansas Flint Hills land and people by Annie Wilson – named "Flint Hills Balladeer" by the Kansas Governor



### Symbols of Kansas

You should see all the teeth on our Kansas State **Fossil**. That huge **Tylosaurus** was super colossal. In Cretaceous times he was scary indeed. As he hunted and swam the vast inland sea.

And up in the skies in days so long gone Was our great **Flying Fossil** - the **Pteranodon**. With-a twenty-foot wingspan he'd glide through the air And dive down for fish who had better beware.

When the first Native People lived on this land, There was one keystone **Animal** sacred and grand. They could see its huge herds up on the horizon: The magnificent native **American Bison**.

Our Kansas State **Grass** likes to grow in a bunch. The **Little Bluestem** was the bison's best lunch. With leaves bluish-green and red stems in fall, Some think it's the prettiest grass of them all.

Up high are the tall Kansas **Cottonwood Trees**. Their shiny leaves quiver and quake in the breeze. They grow near the water by rivers and streams. Their seeds drift like cotton in late days of spring.

Our Kansas State **Flower** you could see by a pasture. It belongs to the beautiful family of Aster. With huge yellow petals and florets inside, The Kansas **Sunflower** grows wild state-wide.

And on that sunflower up close you might see Our Kansas State **Insect** - the small **Honeybee**. When foraging nectar it's covered with pollen, So the next plant it visits can start reproduction.

Down by a wetland on a night-time meander, You might see our **Barred Tiger Sal-a-mander**. They first live in water and later breathe air, But to see these **Amphibians** surely is rare.

Our **Ornate Box Turtle** lives out in the wild.

We need to protect this small Kansas **Reptile**. Though easy to capture, please let them alone. They can live 40 years in their own native home.

All these creatures might live on the **Harney Silt Loam**, Our Kansas State **Soil** where bison once roamed. This valuable resource of sand, silt and clay, Raises the food we all eat every day.

All these creatures and others need places to thrive, Habitat where they can live and survive. We have to make sure that they still have a home On real wild prairie with room left to grow.

These **symbols of Kansas** we all can remember Reminding us of our fine state's natural treasures. Their wonders and beauty we all celebrate As we work to protect our great prairie state.

For more songs, poems & stories of the Flint Hills see [www.tallgrassepress.com](http://www.tallgrassepress.com)

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**Monday, February 2:** Smothered Chicken, Creamed Peas, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Wheat Bread

**Tuesday, February 3:** Chicken & Noodles, Kidney Bean Salad, Peaches, Cookie, Wheat Roll

**Wednesday, February 4:** Autumn Apple Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Wheat Roll

**Thursday, February 5:** Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick, Fruited Pudding

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**Monday, February 2:** Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce & Pickles, French Fries, Veggies, Fruit

**Tuesday, February 3:** Turkey & Noodles, Carrots, Wheat Roll, Peaches & Cookies

**Wednesday, February 4:** Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Pears

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#### Fort Riley Garrison Commander to Address Flint Hills Regional Growth Summit

The Fort Riley Garrison Commander will address area leaders Friday at the Flint Hills Regional Growth Summit in Manhattan, Kansas, highlighting the installation's \$2 billion economic impact. Col. Jerry Nunziato will stress that the commitment to Soldier and Family quality of life made by Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division drives both combat readiness and regional economic prosperity.

"Caring for our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families isn't secondary to our mission—it is the mission," Nunziato says. "You cannot build warfighting readiness without taking care of people, and that's where our community partnerships become critical to national defense."

**Key Topics**  
The commander's remarks will address:

- Economic Impact:** Fort Riley's \$2 billion in direct economic expenditures, including \$1.27 billion in payroll, \$95 million in healthcare spending directly into the regional healthcare system, and \$386 million in veteran expenditures
- Strategic Partnerships:** Five active Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs) that have saved more than \$34

- million over five years while strengthening community collaboration with the City of Manhattan, Kansas State University, USD 475, and state agencies
- Deployment Readiness:** The 1st Infantry Division's operational tempo, including upcoming rotations to the National Training Center and deployments to Europe in support of the EUCOM mission
- Workforce Development:** Fort Riley's Transition Assistance Program, which supports approximately 2,400 transitioning service members annually, and the Kansas Employment Exploration Program (KEEP) designed to retain talent in the state
- Future Investments:** More than \$400 million in planned infrastructure improvements, including new barracks, childcare facilities, and readiness infrastructure

Col. Nunziato is scheduled to speak during the afternoon session of the Flint Hills Regional Growth Summit being held at the Kansas State University Alumni Association. Fort Riley's Fiscal Year 2025 Economic Impact Summary is available at [https://home.army.mil/riley/8517/6832/4952/Fort\\_Riley\\_Annual\\_Economic\\_Impact\\_Summary.pdf](https://home.army.mil/riley/8517/6832/4952/Fort_Riley_Annual_Economic_Impact_Summary.pdf).

### 1st Infantry Division Celebrates 250th Birthday of "Hamilton's Own" — America's Oldest Active-Duty Army Unit

FORT RILEY, Kansas – The 1st Infantry Division proudly commemorates the 250th birthday of the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment — known across generations as "Hamilton's Own" — the oldest regular Army unit in continuous active service. The unit is currently deployed to the U. S. Army Europe command region.

Founded on January 6, 1776, by a young artillery captain named Alexander Hamilton, the unit began as the New York Provincial Company of Artillery. With just two six-pound guns and 25 Soldiers, Hamilton led his fledgling company across the Delaware River alongside Gen. George Washington, firing some of the first artillery shots that helped secure early American victories at Trenton and Princeton.

Over the last two and a half centuries, the unit has been reorganized, redesignated, and deployed across nearly every major conflict in American history — from the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War, to World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and multiple deployments to Iraq. Today, the battalion continues its distinguished service as part of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley.

"Hamilton's Own is more than a battalion — it is a living piece of American history," said leaders of the 1st Infantry Division. "For 250 years, its Soldiers have carried forward a legacy of courage, discipline, and

innovation that began with one of our nation's Founding Fathers."

The battalion's lineage includes extraordinary moments of heroism, including the actions of Lt. Col. Charles C. Rogers, who received the Medal of Honor for leading the defense of Fire Base Rita during a massive enemy assault in Vietnam in 1968.

Today, "Hamilton's Own" continues to train and operate with the same spirit that has defined it since the Revolution — a commitment to readiness, precision, and service to the nation.

"The anniversary ceremony honored generations of Redlegs whose dedication and sacrifice have shaped both the battalion's proud traditions and the freedoms enjoyed by the Nation today," said Major Joshua Henry, executive officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery.

"From revolutionary beginnings to today's technologically advanced force, 1-5 FA remains a symbol of excellence and resilience. As the unit looks toward the future, leaders reaffirmed their commitment to preserving its storied heritage while training the next generation of Artillery professionals to serve with honor for centuries to come."

As part of the 250th birthday observance, the 1st Infantry Division is sharing historical highlights, photos, and stories across its official social media platforms to help the community connect with the unit's remarkable heritage.

Community members can follow and join the celebration on the division's official Facebook and Instagram pages: @1stInfantryDivision.



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**Mark your Calendars for the Chapman, United Methodist Church, Free dinner!! On Wednesday, January 28th from 5-7pm. They will be serving Lasagna, Tossed Salad, bread, and cookies!! If you cannot eat in you can take it to go. Hope to see you all there!!**

### Catholic Charities

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Chapman, KS 67431  
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Herington, KS 67449  
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Abilene, KS 67410  
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

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3599 N Field Rd  
Solomon, KS 67480  
Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

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Enterprise, KS 67441  
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Ogden Community Center  
220 Willow Street  
Ogden, KS 66517  
785-564-0071 or 785-410-6672  
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS  
Tue  
4th of each month 9:30am-10:30am

Highview Church  
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Alta Vista, KS 66834  
620-767-2844  
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS  
Tue  
4th of each month 11:30 AM 12:30 PM

## SpiceUpYourLife-EasyGarlicShrimpNoodles

Lindsey Young



6 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, grated  
2 tablespoons sesame seeds  
**Directions**  
Prepare a sauce by adding the soy sauce, sesame oil, lime juice, hoisin sauce, honey, garlic powder, red pepper flakes and dried ginger to a small bowl, and whisk until everything is well combined. Set it

These easy garlic shrimp noodles features a sweet sauce, punctuated by fresh garlic and ginger, along with lots of tasty pasta to soak it all up. Easy garlic pasta recipe is too 'shrimp'le to fail  
The pantry clean-out continues this week.

Thanks to a stir-fry dish I shared with you back in June, I still had half of a package of lo mein noodles hanging out in the cupboard.

When Joey plopped a bag of shrimp in our cart on a recent grocery trip, I decided I needed to find something to make that could use both ingredients. Then our week got really, really busy. There was no time to make anything fancy.

But the good news is that both shrimp and lo mein noodles are crazy quick to make. So when I found a recipe for garlic shrimp noodles that promised to be done in 15 minutes, I jumped on it, and it wasn't just great because it was a quick meal; it was great all on its own.

This comes from the blog "Lena's Kitchen" by Lena Gladstone. You can find her original post at <https://lenaskitchenblog.com/15-minute-garlic-shrimp-soba-noodles/>. I added several spices and extra garlic in my version.

**Easy Garlic Shrimp Noodles**  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons sesame oil  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
2 tablespoons hoisin sauce  
2 teaspoons honey  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/4 teaspoon dried ginger  
10 ounces soba or lo mein noodles  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 pound shrimp, peeled  
salt, to taste

aside. Meanwhile, cook the noodles according to the package instructions. While the noodles cook, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the shrimp with salt, and then saute in the shrimp in the hot skillet. When the shrimp is nearly cooked through, toss in the minced garlic and grated ginger, and saute until the shrimp is finished. Decrease the heat to low, and add the noodles and sauce to the skillet, stirring to coat everything in the sauce. When everything is heated through, serve, topped with sesame seeds.

I added the hoisin sauce and some extra honey above, because I didn't think the sauce had quite the sweetness that I wanted it to have. Otherwise, the sesame oil was a bit overpowering. If you don't have hoisin, you could add a bit more honey or a bit of brown sugar, instead, until you get the sauce how you want it.

I also left out green onions as a garnish, because Joey isn't generally keen on raw onions, but that would have been a great addition, as well. Luckily, Joey wasn't upset that I hijacked his shrimp purchase with my own dinner plans—mostly because he's a sucker for anything with plenty of garlic.

And now there's a tiny corner of my pantry that is ready to be filled with another mystery ingredient sometime in 2026. Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at [spiceupkitchen.net](http://spiceupkitchen.net).

K-State University Extension-Chisholm Trail District, Dickinson County office, provides free tax preparation through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program February 5 - April 8, 2026.

The VITA program is for individuals and families with a household income of \$67,000 or less. Farms and businesses that must file Schedule F are not eligible for this service.

Taxpayers who only need homestead returns filed may contact their county clerk's office for free assistance.

Once pre-preparation paperwork, identification and tax-related documents are dropped off at the office, IRS certified tax preparers will work and review the tax return. The site's goal is to have the return ready for tax-payer review in about a week, then an appointment is scheduled.

Drop off and pick up will be at the K-State University Extension Chisholm Trail District office at 712 South Buckeye Avenue in Abilene. Office hours are 8am-5pm Monday- Friday. The office will be closed for President's Day. For questions or to request an intake packet by mail, please call 785-263-2001.

# EVENTS

**28 Jan, Wed**  
 All day USD 473 AG - Poultry Contest @ Ellsworth  
 All day CMS - Hearing Screening (Rechecks) Nurse Office  
 All day FFA Poultry Judging/Marketing Plan @ Ellsworth

6 – 8pm HS Club VB (Erin Bell) Chapman Middle School  
 6 – 8pm Youth Wrestling District Gym, Wrestling Room

**29 Jan, Thu**  
 All day USD 473 A&P Tour Cloud County Community College  
 All day USD 487 HS Scholars Bowl Solomon  
 4 – 5:30pm USD 478 Basketball: Varsity/JV Herington High School  
 4:30 – 6pm USD 478 Basketball: Middle School Goessel Jr/Sr High School  
 6 – 7:30pm Youth BBall 4th-6th Coed (Stanley) 67431, USA  
 6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington  
 6 – 7pm CES Winter Bingo

**30 Jan, Fri**  
 2pm USD 487 Club/Organizational Pictures  
 4 – 5pm USD 473 WR JV @ Manhattan  
 4:30 – 5:30pm USD 473 BB V/JV/C vs Abilene  
 6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo 101 E Main St

**31 Jan, Sat**  
 All day FFA Ag Ed Speech @ Manhattan  
 All day USD 487 Wrestling: Varsity  
 9 – 10am USD 473 BB FR vs Riley Co/JC  
 9 – 10am USD 473 GWR @ Washburn Rural  
 9 – 10am USD 473 8th BBB @ Clay Center

**1 Feb, Sun**  
 3 – 7pm Youth Girls BB (Stoffer) Chapman High School

**2 Feb, Mon**  
 8:45am – 2:30pm 1st Aid Training for Bus Drivers Unified School District 473  
 9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe  
 4:30 – 6pm USD 487 Basketball: Middle School - 8th Grade Recognition  
 6 – 8pm Youth Wrestling District Gym, Wrestling Room  
 6 – 7:30pm Youth BBall 4th-6th Coed (Stanley)

**3 Feb, Tue**  
 4 – 5:30pm USD 487 Basketball: Varsity/JV Canton-Galva Jr/Sr High School  
 4 – 5pm MS GWR @ Marysville  
 4:30 – 5:30pm USD 473 BB V/JV/C @ Clay Center  
 5:30 – 6:30pm Herington Commission Meeting

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Application Period Opens in Kansas**  
**DCF Begins Taking Applications Jan. 20**

Topeka, Kan. – The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). The application period runs from Tuesday, Jan. 20, through 5 p.m. on March 31, 2026.

LIEAP provides a one-time per year benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating costs, whether the home is heated with electricity, natural gas, propane, or other home heating fuels. In 2025, more than 43,000 Kansas households received an average benefit of about \$680.

“LIEAP plays a critical role in helping Kansas families remain safe and warm through the state’s often harsh winter months,” said DCF Secretary Laura Howard.

The federal government shutdown in late 2025 delayed the distribution of LIEAP funding to states for the 2026 season, which in turn delayed DCF’s planning efforts and the start of the 2026 application period.

### Qualifying for LIEAP

To qualify, households must have an adult at the address responsible for the home's heating costs. Applicants must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (see the 2026 income eligibility guidelines below). The level of benefit received varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel, and utility rates.

### Applying for LIEAP

Applications can be accessed online at [dcf.ks.gov](http://dcf.ks.gov) by clicking the “Apply for Services” button on the top right side of the website.

DCF is planning in-person events to help Kansans submit their LIEAP applications. For a schedule of in-person LIEAP application events, visit [lieap.dcf.ks.gov](http://lieap.dcf.ks.gov) and click on “Where are the in-person LIEAP application events being held this year” in the drop-down menu.

When applying for LIEAP, Kansans should have their identification, proof of income for all adult household members, copies of heating utility bills (gas, electric, propane, etc.), and a copy of their rental agreement if they are living in subsidized housing.

Learn more about LIEAP in Kansas, including frequently asked questions, other community resources, and the complete schedule of LIEAP application events at [lieap.dcf.ks.gov](http://lieap.dcf.ks.gov). Funding for LIEAP is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Mon Jan 26	Tue Jan 27	Fri Jan 30	Sat Jan 31
NO SCHOOL = NO Activities	4:30PM Basketball: Boys JV/FR/V vs Nickerson	4:00PM Wrestling: Boys JV @ Manhattan	9:00AM Basketball: 8th Boys @ Clay Center
	6:00PM Basketball: Girls Varsity Only vs Nickerson	4:30PM Basketball: Girls JV/V/FR vs Abilene	9:00AM Basketball: FR Boys vs Riley Co / Junction City
	6:00PM Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual @ Southeast of Saline	4:30PM Basketball: Boys JV/FR/V vs Abilene	9:00AM Wrestling: Girls V @ Washburn Rural

**IRISH ATHLETICS WEEK of 1/26/26**



## RURAL HEALTH

### Winter Health Risks: What to Know and How to Stay Safe

As winter approaches, it's important to recognize the health risks that come with freezing temperatures and winter weather. While weather can vary across the state, preparing for a strong cold front is especially important for rural areas where access to healthcare facilities and emergency services may be impeded.

One of the most common winter health concerns is respiratory illness, including coronavirus (flu), and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). According to Johns Hopkins physician Michael Albert, every year 5% to 20% of Americans will catch the flu, and 60,000 to 160,000 older adults are hospitalized with RSV. This is in addition to COVID-19 variants which are contagious and tend to occur in waves. These illnesses often spike during the winter months for several reasons. According to the Mayo Clinic Minute, these illnesses often spike during winter months as people spend more time indoors, allowing viruses to spread more quickly. Cold, dry air also allows respiratory droplets to stay airborne longer, while the cilia (hairlike projections in the upper respiratory tract that help clear out germs) do not function as well in dry, cold conditions.

Fortunately, there are several simple ways to reduce the risk of infection.

Regular handwashing is one of the most important steps, especially after being in public spaces. Cleaning and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, countertops, and phones can also help limit spread. Staying up to date on recommended vaccinations each year provides added protection, particularly for older adults and those with chronic conditions. Covering coughs and sneezes, avoiding close contact when sick, and staying home when you have symptoms (such as cough, sore throat, or fever) can help protect family members, coworkers, and the broader community.

Cold-related illnesses are another important winter health concern. Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it, and can happen during prolonged outdoor exposure, power outages, or when homes are not adequately heated. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, confusion, slurred speech, and extreme fatigue. There's also frostbite which occurs when skin and underlying tissues freeze, most often affecting fingers, toes, ears, and nose. Early signs include numbness, tingling, and pale or waxy skin. To reduce risk of both illnesses, dress in layers, keep clothing dry, cover exposed skin, limit

time outdoors during extreme cold, and check on neighbors, especially older adults, during severe weather.

Lastly, winter can impact mental health. Shorter days, reduced sunlight, and increased isolation, especially in rural areas, can contribute to low mood, anxiety, or symptoms of seasonal depression. Some easy ways to protect your mental health include staying connected with friends and family, maintaining daily routines, and spending time outdoors when weather allows. You can also reach out to local resources or healthcare providers if symptoms persist. As a community, we all play a role in staying safe and healthy during the winter. Checking in on neighbors, preparing homes, and taking simple preventive steps can make a huge difference.

Midwestern winters can be challenging, but with awareness and

preparation many winter related health risks can be reduced.

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The Rural Cancer Institute is a national non-profit dedicated to rural cancer advocacy, research and practice. Send questions and comments to [program@rural-cancer.org](mailto:program@rural-cancer.org)



**DENNIS DEWAYNE BISBY**

**December 31, 1934 - January 9, 2026**

Dennis Dewayne Bisby, 91, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026 in Chandler, AZ. He was born on December 31, 1934, in Herington, Kansas, the youngest of four children born to Sherman and Fannie (Schump) Bisby.

Dennis was raised in Herington and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1952. After four years of honorable service, he returned to Kansas and attended Kansas State University, earning a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1960. He spent the majority of his professional career in the aerospace industry and was proud to have contributed to the Mercury, Gemini, and Skylab space programs. Dennis married Sara Jean Dozier in 1958, and together they had five children. Four survive him: Curt Bisby, Stephanie Hayen, Jim Bisby, and Julie Staten. In 1982, he married Pamela K. Groves. Dennis and Pam shared 43 wonderful years together as devoted companions and enthusiastic world travelers. They relocated to Chandler, Arizona, in 2020. Pam survives him.

Dennis enjoyed golfing, woodworking, and classic Humphrey Bogart movies. He will be lovingly remembered for his quick wit and remarkable knack for fixing just about anything. His faith was central to his life, and he was a lifelong Catholic.

Dennis will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved him. A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date in Herington, Kansas. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to your favorite charity.



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## HOW LONG IS A YEAR?

By: Van Yandell

### A TRIP ACROSS THE DESERT

Matthew 2: 13 "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

We are told in the scripture (Matthew 2), when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a star appeared to wise men in the east. Those wise men saw the star and followed it to Jerusalem seeking the Christ child.

"In the east" may have been in Israel or it may have been in the country we today know as Jordan or Iran (Persia or Babylon).

Considering their gifts, the wise men may possibly have come from Arabia.

Many have attempted to provide natural phenomenon such as a gathering of planets, to explain the star.

This writer believes the star was a special, supernatural, one-time appearing object to guide the wise men to Jesus.

Matthew 2: 9 states emphatically the star "went before them and stood over the place where the child

was." A celestial gathering of stars or planets would not have done this. The only reasonable explanation is that God provided the "star" for a guide.

I also am inclined to think the "guiding star" was in the atmosphere and not a star since we know stars to be light years away from earth.

In Jerusalem they enquired, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews for we have seen His star?"

Becoming aware of this,

the king of Israel, Herod, was "troubled."

Sending for the priests and scribes Herod asked "Where is this king to be born?" They answered his question with an Old Testament prophesy, Micah 5: 2. The king was to be born in Bethlehem. Herod then sent the wise men to Bethlehem to find the child and return to him so he could go and worship Him as well. His ruse was intercepted by a dream in which the wise men were told of Herod's plan to kill the child and to "return to their own land by another route."

The trip from Jerusalem (Bethlehem is southeast about six miles) to Egypt would have been a very difficult journey. Since Mary had recently given birth to our Jesus and was nursing and caring for Him the conditions of the desert would have been excruciating.

We crossed that same Saini Peninsula in an air conditioned bus. I well remember watching the blowing sand with the road appearing almost molten. Road graders were placed along the highway at intervals because the drifting sand had to often be removed.

Scripture tells us they traveled "by night" and many assume that was to be in hiding. Being partially the case, the daytime conditions would have been too harsh for foot travel.

We do not know how long their journey took or where they lived for two years in Egypt. The distance from Rafah to Cairo is a little over 225 miles. Rafah is on the border of Israel and Egypt. The distance to Jerusalem is about 60 miles from Rafah making their journey almost 300 miles.

We also are not told

where exactly in Egypt they stayed for two years. Their place of refuge was most likely in the Nile River delta area since the rest of Egypt is desert and not suitable for human habitation.

As extensive as the Holy Bible is, it leaves out a lot of the details. I suppose however it would have to be in volumes to answer even a part of our inquiries.

I've often wondered what the baby Jesus awareness may have been. The scripture tells us He was God in human form and the creator of all things (John 1: 1-3).

Therefore is it reasonable to think Jesus may have been aware as an infant of what was happening?

Research shows that the unborn fetus hears and responds to sounds outside the womb, such as language, music and loud sudden sounds. Expectant mothers have often reported at sudden noises, their baby moved within them. A woman may not have the voice of an angel but her baby will love to hear her sing.

I can't avoid thinking Jesus was aware of His final destination, the cross of Calvary, during His lifetime.

In such a case, Jesus' suffering would have been the mental anguish of knowing His final hours before death would be nailed to a cross.

The sacrifice by God Jesus is so much more than we at times can begin to comprehend. For two years in Egypt and three years in His earthly ministry, Jesus was a homeless person.

Luke 9: 58 "And Jesus said unto him, foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but

the Son of man hath no where to lay his head."

We normally envision Jesus' suffering to be on the cross and of course that was the ultimate sacrifice for the souls of mankind. His shed blood and suffering gives us eternity and all He asks of us is to believe (John 3: 16).

To even begin to comprehend His anguish (Psalm 22), we must begin at His infantile years and possibly at His conception. We must also consider the suffering of Mary and Joseph in order to be the earthly parents of our Savior.

They were foreigners in the strange land Egypt. God of course, provided for them during those two years but what did Joseph do for his families' survival during that time? The life of Jesus and His parents is a witness of a supernatural presence.

A trip across the desert was just the beginning. What an ordeal that must have been! For their existence to have been placed in such an inhospitable place was a part of the misery they endured.

And of course, after the two years they had to cross that same desert to return home. Never underestimate the unpleasant existence of that family and our glorious Savior.

Thankful is a place to begin but to realize and relate to their lives is an understanding we must have.

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# Prairie Doc

“For the health of it. Be Selfish: Invest in education. Your own and the kids down the street.”  
By Greg Heiberger, PhD & Ashley McConnell, MS

When we asked ChatGPT if it was a good idea to invest in education it responded with the wisdom and confidence of a sentient being who believes they are on the cusp of knowing everything. It told me the reason to invest in education and yourself is primarily financial, using examples like increased lifetime earnings, career stability, etc. And yes, although these things are true and GPT was not hallucinating, it missed the mark. Education abroad programs through universities are one of the many vetted, safe, hands on, transformative experiences educational institutions provide to students and a great way for students to invest in their learning. This past May we co-lead our fifth education abroad program with nearly 30 future healthcare professionals to Ghana. We spent 2 weeks in west Africa shadowing and learning, providing support as needed, developing empathy, and building communication, diagnostic, & clinical skills. This experience was transformational, for me as an educator, and for every student who is so fortunate to invest in themselves in this way.

Over the span of 2

weeks students spent half of each day shadowing in the KNUST Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana. We then engaged deeply in the community and culture each afternoon. Students visited a local elementary school, the largest market in west Africa, learned local history, and toured a slave trade castle where 30,000 slaves made their way through the door of no return each year. We were fortunate enough to participate in a safari with close-up experiences with monkeys, baboons, elephants and more. Finally, we spent a few days learning about the history and current healthcare system in the U.K. with our boots on the ground in London. We rode big red busses and saw Big Ben, and hosted a guest lecture with a professor from Cambridge Medical School. In just 17 days, students had powerful opportunities to learn about healthcare systems in hands-on ways across the world. These experiences built empathy, opened students' eyes to the developing world, and transformed their lives and their future work as healthcare providers. As students reflected on their experiences in the hospital, they started

to see how culture influences a person's experience with healthcare and then started to see those same values reflected in our afternoon excursions. One quote from a student highlighted family and how that extends to the community: “After seeing how these patients rely on their family and how family-orientated their culture is, I was challenged to see the importance and role of family in the US.” To learn more, tune in to Prairie Doc Programming to see and hear directly from students about their life-changing experiences. We guarantee you'll leave inspired and hopeful. Then use that inspiration to invest in yourself, set a goal to read more, attend a webinar, recommit to your health and wellness goals, and if you find yourself so inclined to invest in the education of others check out <https://www.sd-statealumnifoundation.org>.

We want to interject one final observation. We want to assure you the kids are alright. There are many negative hot takes about the younger generation and overall they are wrong. Keep investing in these amazing youth and our future is bright – the kids are alright!

Dr. Greg Heiberger serves as the interim dean of the Van D. & Barbara B. Fishback Honors College. He previously served as associate dean of academics and student success in

College of Natural Sciences at South Dakota State University and is a tenured associate professor in the Biology & Microbiology Department. He helped to create and implement the SDSU - KNUST relationship, has led numerous study abroad experiences including 4 courses to Ghana. Ashley is the Coordinator for Student Success with the College of Natural Sciences. She has been advising pre-medical students since 2022 and has led several study abroad programs, including 3 programs to Ghana. She also teaches First Year Seminar and Career Seminar courses, and MCAT prep every spring. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org), Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



**HERINGTON EMPLOYEE PAYSACLE**

	Title	Hourly	Annual	Hired	Years	Department
FT	City Manager	\$44.63	\$92,828.74	2023	3	Electric Admin
FT	Police Chief	\$42.87	\$89,172.72	2021	5	Police
FT	Fire Chief	\$42.61	\$88,619.44	2020	6	Fire
FT	City Clerk/Court Clerk	\$31.31	\$65,119.08	2020	6	\$52,095.16 Electric Admin, \$13,023.92 Municipal Court
FT	Water Plant Superintendent	\$31.00	\$64,480.00	1988	38	68% Water Production, 32% Light Production - To run Generator
FT	Waste Water Plant Super.	\$30.00	\$62,400.00	1999	27	Sewer
FT	Public Works Director	\$30.00	\$62,400.00	2018	8	Water Distribution
FT	Electric Foreman	\$28.00	\$58,240.00	2022	4	Electric Distribution
FT	Deputy Clerk	\$26.00	\$54,080.00	2019	7	Electric Admin
FT	Sergeant	\$25.90	\$57,912.40	2021	5	Police
FT	Lineman	\$25.00	\$52,000.00	2025	1	Electric
FT	Lineman	\$25.00	\$52,000.00	2025	1	Electric
FT	Plant Operator	\$24.50	\$50,960.00	2012	14	Sewer
FT	Hilltop Manager	\$24.00	\$49,920.00	2002	24	Hilltop
FT	Maintenance Supervisor	\$24.00	\$49,920.00	2020	6	50% Hilltop 50% Homestead
FT	Plant Operator	\$24.00	\$49,920.00	2018	8	Water Production
FT	Police Officer	\$23.69	\$52,970.84	2024	2	Police
FT	Firefighter/Code	\$23.22	\$48,297.60	2023	3	80% Fire/Code, 20% Airport
FT	Police Officer/SRO	\$22.71	\$50,779.56	2020	6	Police
FT	Water Dist Laborer	\$22.60	\$47,008.00	2021	5	Water Distribution
FT	Police Officer	\$21.63	\$48,364.68	2024	2	Police
FT	Police Officer	\$21.63	\$48,364.68	2024	2	Police
FT	Police Clerk	\$21.56	\$44,844.80	2021	5	Police
FT	Utilities Clerk	\$21.00	\$43,680.00	2025	1	Electric Admin
FT	Street Foreman	\$20.12	\$41,849.60	2022	4	Street
FT	Firefighter/Code	\$20.00	\$41,600.00	2025	1	80% Fire/Code, 20% Airport
FT	Meter Reader	\$19.57	\$40,705.60	2024	2	50% Electric Admin, 50% Water Admin
FT	Street Laborer/Cemetary	\$18.06	\$37,564.80	2019	7	Parks/Cemetary
PT	Airport Manager	\$18.03	\$37,502.40	2002	24	Airport
FT	Street Laborer	\$18.01	\$37,460.80	2023	3	Street
FT	Payables Clerk	\$17.82	\$37,065.60	2022	4	Electric Admin
FT	Street Laborer/Lakes	\$17.54	\$36,483.20	2022	4	Lakes
FT	Street Laborer	\$17.00	\$35,360.00	2025	1	Street
PT	City Attorney	\$16.82	\$35,000.16	2005	21	67% General Admin, 33% Municipal Court
PT	Airport	\$15.45	\$32,136.00	2018	8	Airport
PT	Summer Help	\$15.00		2025	1	Street
PT	Summer Help	\$15.00		2025	1	Street
PT	Summer Help	\$15.00		2025	1	Street
PT	Cook	\$14.00	\$29,120.00	2018	8	Hilltop
FT	Custodian	\$13.51	\$28,100.80	2023	3	Hilltop
PT	Bus Driver	\$9.15	\$19,032.00	2018	8	Hilltop
PT	Bus Driver	\$8.92	\$18,553.60	2020	6	Hilltop
PT	Judge		\$10,500.00	1992	34	Municipal Court
PT	Lake		\$7,200.00	2021	5	Lakes (\$600/mo busy season, \$200/mo off season)

City of Herington

2026

**OPTIONAL DETAIL PAGE FOR ANY FUND**

Adopted Budget	Prior Year	Current Year	Proposed Budget
Fund - Detail Expend	Actual for 2024	Estimate for 2025	Year for 2026
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>General Admin</b>			
Salaries	26,520	27,800	27,000
Contractual	90,821	96,900	98,000
Commodities	23,612	20,600	25,500
Capital Outlay	13,524	5,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	6,749	1,300	1,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,226</b>	<b>151,600</b>	<b>162,200</b>
<b>Police</b>			
Salaries	431,799	484,705	486,000
Contractual	48,682	55,460	56,000
Commodities	102,339	61,300	65,000
Capital Outlay	5,000	48,000	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>587,820</b>	<b>649,465</b>	<b>612,000</b>
<b>Fire</b>			
Salaries	167,660	204,950	216,000
Contractual	52,719	80,100	90,000
Commodities	131,788	110,200	120,000
Lease Payments	30,000	43,932	43,932
Capital Outlay	29,196	35,000	5,000
Grant Expense	15,789		
<b>Total</b>	<b>427,152</b>	<b>474,182</b>	<b>474,932</b>
<b>Street</b>			
Salaries	136,927	175,230	137,000
Contractual	38,215	46,750	46,500
Commodities	72,235	126,650	135,050
Street Improvements			
Capital Outlay	500	5,000	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,877</b>	<b>353,630</b>	<b>323,550</b>
<b>Parks and Cemetary</b>			
Salaries	36,362	39,600	41,530
Contractual	12,560	9,350	9,000
Commodities	7,137	8,200	9,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,059</b>	<b>57,150</b>	<b>59,555</b>
<b>Community Building</b>			
Contractual	29,976	39,500	42,300
Commodities	6,671	13,110	12,550
Capital Outlay	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,647</b>	<b>55,610</b>	<b>57,850</b>
<b>Municipal Court</b>			
Salaries	30,800	31,680	33,000
Contractual	7,017	9,400	10,400
Commodities	256	2,600	2,500
Capital Outlay	3,936	4,500	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,009</b>	<b>48,180</b>	<b>50,400</b>
<b>Lakes</b>			
Salaries	42,093	43,560	45,643
Contractual	15,699	22,000	22,300
Commodities	37,069	25,600	33,650
Capital Outlay	24,150	0	5,000
Other Expenses	3,250	1,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,261</b>	<b>92,160</b>	<b>106,593</b>
<b>Page 1 Total</b>	<b>1,684,051</b>	<b>1,881,977</b>	<b>1,847,080</b>

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**(01/27/2026)**

On Monday evening, January 26, 2026, at approximately 5:48 PM, Deputies with the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a structure fire in the 1500 block of 1400 Avenue in rural Dickinson County. The residence was fully engulfed when firefighters and deputies arrived. Deputies located an adult male and a child outside the residence. Deputies were advised a two-year-old male was unaccounted for and may be inside the residence. After the fire was brought under control by firefighters, the two-year-old male victim was located deceased inside of the residence. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Sheriff's Office are conducting a joint investigation. Any additional information will be released through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

(Our Staff is praying for the family and will update with any fundraising that may be needed to assist the family~Brandy S)

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES!

January 26-31

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Thursday, January 29 @ Home vs Bennington 4:00 ½ JV girls followed by JV boys, V girls, V boys

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Tuesday, January 27 @ Centre 4:00

Thursday, January 29 @ Goessel 4:30

**HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING**

Tuesday, January 27 @ home - Senior Night

Saturday, January 31 @ Junction City

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS BOWL**

Thursday, January 29 @ Solomon

Follow our school website and Facebook page for additional information



**SOUP SUPPER**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

5pm-7pm

CHAPMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR MISSION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY! **FREE WILL DONATION**

**Editor's Notes:**

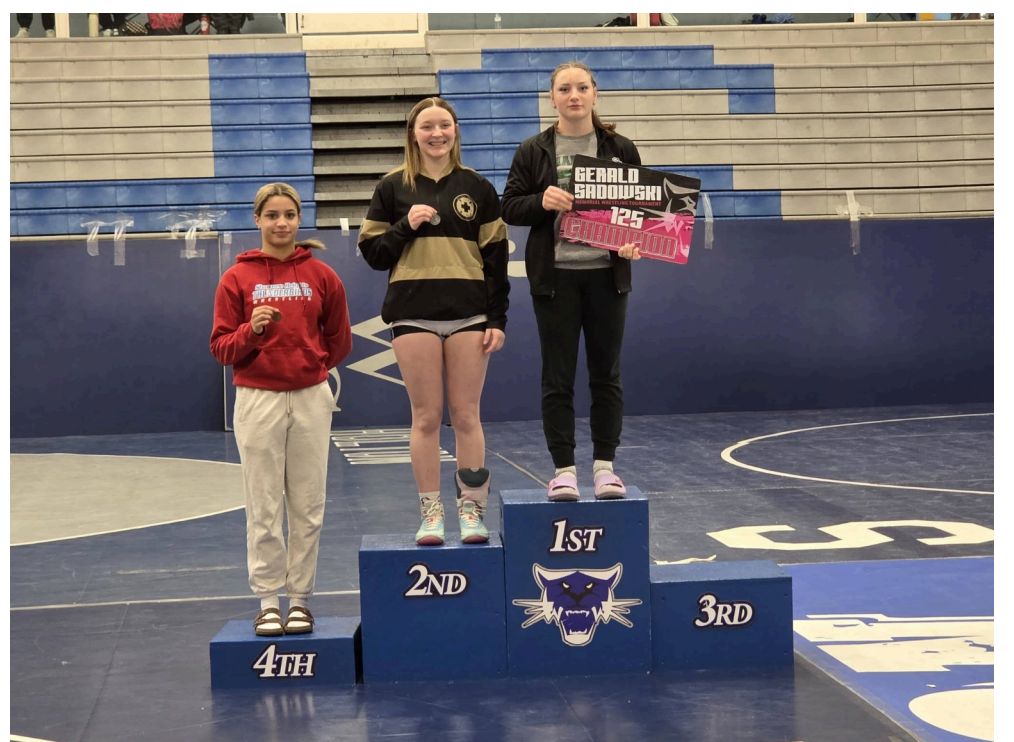
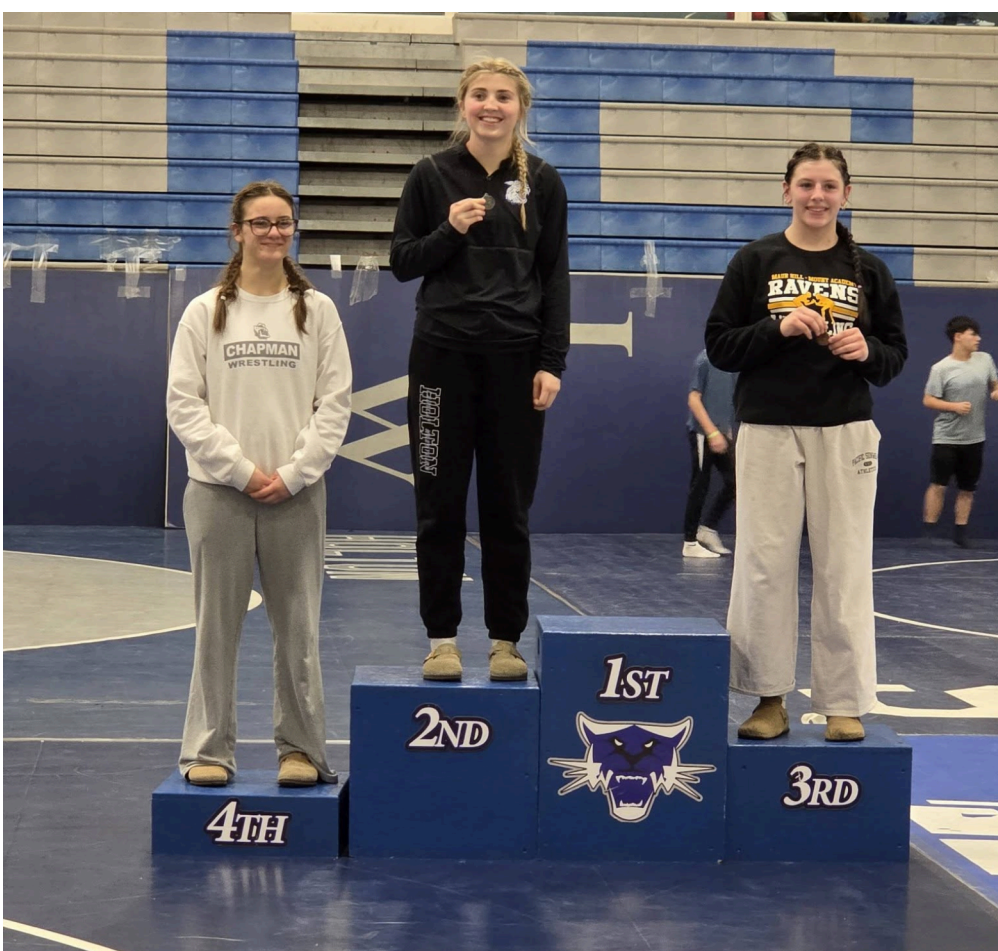
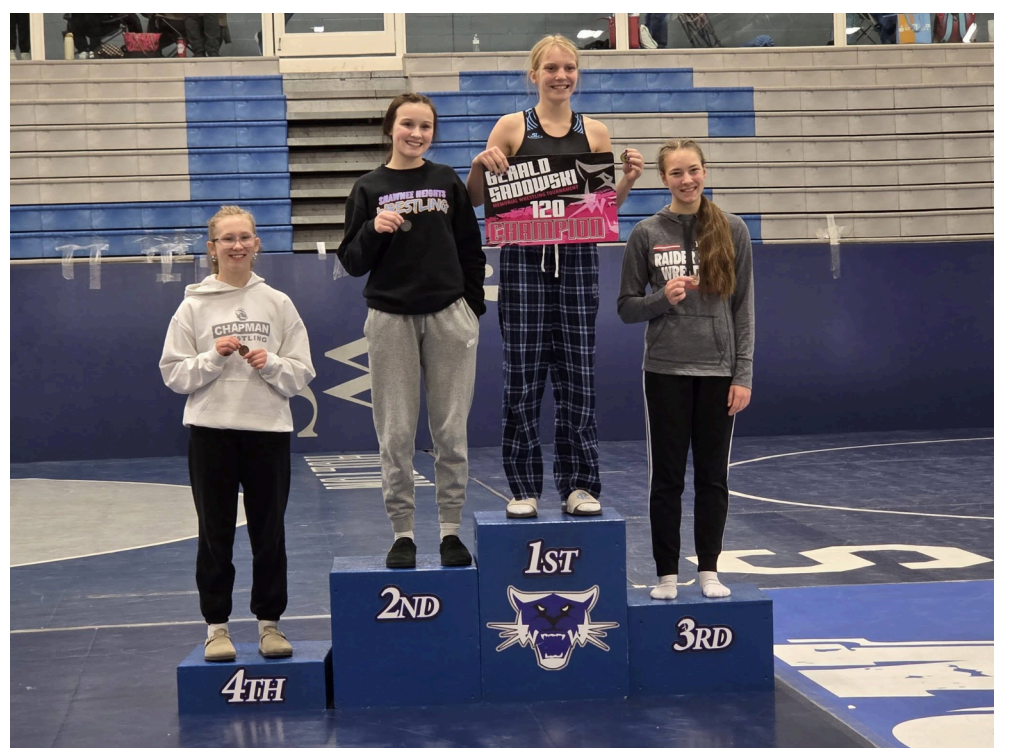
I am releasing the information to the left for readers who have asked in the past about the Herington cities employees pay and budget. This is simply the information that was asked for and I will not release the names of who receives the amounts listed.

All information is public record and you can request Budgets, Salaries, and Financial records as a citizen.

If you have any questions about this information, please call the City Hall and speak with your City Manager/ Commissioners. You can also retrieve some of this information on the City's website.

The page from the budget is only one of many. Please see the website to view them all.

Team Scores		
1	SHAWNEE HEIGHTS	214.0
2	WAMEGO	150.0
3	ROCK CREEK	132.0
4	CHAPMAN	127.0
5	HOLTON	126.5
6	FRONTENAC HIGH SCHOOL	114.0
7	MAUR HILL	83.5
8	NEMAHA CENTRAL	81.0
9	PERRY LECOMPTON	58.0
10	SABETHA	56.0
10	TOPEKA HIGH	56.0
12	RILEY COUNTY	54.0
13	McLOUTH	51.0
14	MARYSVILLE	48.0
15	DONIPHAN WEST	44.0



The Lady Irish found some more tough competition at the Sadowski Girls Tournament. Results as follows.

110 Kammi Hall was 2-2 for the day.

120 Journey Kuntz placed 4th was 3-2 for the day.

125 Alyssa Calovich placed 1st was 4-0 for the day.

130 Kaylee Brabender placed 5th/6th (they did not wrestle out this Placing match) was 3-2 for the day.

135 Chloe McWilliams was 0-2 for the day.

140 Marley Luke placed 4th was 3-2 for the day.  
 155 Montana Kayl placed 4th was 3-2 for the day.  
 170 Joy Rhines placed 4th was 3-2 for the day.  
 190 Faith Enger placed 4th was 3-2 for the day.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Charlie Spaulding  
Staff Writer

This is Carter, an 8th grade track star and Stranger Things lover! When she's not watching her favorite show or running, she's often playing the piano, or crocheting. She lives in Solomon, often hanging out with her friends while eating Chicken Alfredo. She's a middle school girls basketball manager, along with her friends Ashlynn and Charli(e). Her responsibilities with this include washing and sorting jerseys and team shirts, sweeping the floors during practices, running the clock during practices, and making sure the emergency bag is prepped and ready for games. She's a busy girl but she still makes time to have fun, for instance going to Worlds of Fun! She also plays the saxophone, she once "did a saxophone solo with Quincy but neither of them knew the song!" Along with her many skills and interests, she's "very indecisive," but mostly that just adds to her sweetness, because she finds it hard to choose favorites and least favorites, she just likes everyone! She's very smart, getting good grades in most (if not all) of her classes, she works hard and pays attention, quickly earning the love of all her teachers.



CARTER

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Veah Rangel  
Staff Writer

Meet Kross, an amazing 6th grader. He's a 12 year old basketball player. He loves to hang out with his friends and family. He LOVES coding, it's his favorite class! His biggest dream is to be in the NBA. His idol is Luke Donic. He comes to school everyday just to see his friends. He HATES spiders, like is terrified of them. He loves seeing Mr. Jeffrey it's his favorite time of the day. His best friends are Noah, Aiden, Lane, and Dylan. He trusts his parents the most. His favorite classmate is Noah, they are best friends. When it comes to his secrets, Dylan knows them all. Kross loves his time with his family. When he was little he loved eating crawfish with his sister. He loved watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, he was obsessed! He has a dog but not just any dog, Luca. He may look serious but trust me he's not. He loves when it's time for lunch. His dream pet is a ferret, but his mom said NO! In band he plays the saxophone. He loves to be loud and he's always happy. He loves video games, it's his favorite!



KROSS

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Bella Little  
Staff Writer

Meet Ashlynn! She is a 13 year old girl that lives in Solomon, KS. Ashlynn does softball, volleyball, track, and cheer. Ashlynn has 4 dogs. When Ashlynn has nothing to do she likes to go on walks and call friends. Ashlynn's favorite class is ELA. Ashlynn is super kind and will always check up on you to see if you're okay. Ashlynn is a super good friend. Ashlynn trusts Emma, her cousin, the most out of anyone. Her most embarrassing moment is when a ball bounced off her head while she was serving in volleyball. Ashlynn's favorite teachers are Mrs. Rollins and Mr. Jeffrey. Her favorite place to travel to is Florida. And last of all her favorite childhood T.V. show is Scooby Doo.



ASHLYNN

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Lillei Mattison  
Staff Writer

Gracie Lee Mattison. She is 13 and some of her hobbies are playing sports, photography, makeup. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Cooper because "she is kind and supportive." One of her biggest accomplishments is getting good grades. Some of her friends are Ashlyn, Emma, Lilly, and Lucy. Her favorite song is called Kiss the Ladder. Her favorite store is Walmart. Her dream job is to be a veterinarian when she is older. Her favorite sports are basketball, track and wrestling. The person who most inspires her is her mother. The person who she trusts the most is herself. That's all about Gracie Lee Mattison!



GRACIE

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Liam Barteo  
Staff Writer

Meet Avery. He's in 6th grade and is my partner in crime. He's got a passion for basketball and he likes to play Fortnite. He also plays a VR game called Paintball FFA. He first played Gorilla Tag when he got his VR. Avery has 1 sister and has 13 cousins in all. His favorite restaurant is Pizza Hut and his favorite place is his grandma's home. Avery couldn't narrow down his favorite teacher because he said, "he likes them all." That's all about Avery folks, see you later!!!



AVERY

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Mackenzie Kaiser  
Staff Writer

Meet Kadynce House, a funny 6th grader. Kadynce is an 11 year old girl who loves dogs. She LOVES doing art and watching Sisters Keeper in her free time. She is really awesome and funny. Kadynce enjoys playing softball and volleyball! She likes seeing her friends and seeing her favorite teacher, Ms. Mather. She does not enjoy falling down the stairs. She has a really interesting dog named Drax that is really cute, funny and weird. Kadynce enjoys living in town because she is close to the pool.



KADYNCE

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Makayla Leaf and Harlee McHone  
Staff Writers

Meet Lilliona Dubree! She came to Solomon after being homeschooled for quite a while. She won the class spelling bee for class 7b. Lilliona said that she was happy she won, but only found out she was going to be competing in front of the school afterwards. Her favorite class is math because Mrs. Rollins is kind and patient. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. Vincent. She said, "Mrs. Rollins is awesome and Mrs. Vincent is a cool teacher." Her hobbies consist of reading and baking, and she facetimes her best friend in her free time. She reads a variety of authors, her favorite genres of books are romance and fantasy books. She has cats named Comet and Fluffy Snow and she has dogs named Jasper and Onyx. We asked what job she wanted in the future and she responded, "I want to be either a photographer, because I love taking photos, an elementary school teacher, because I'm good with kids, or a therapist, because people come to me for advice."



LILLIONA

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*Spotlight*

By Gabriella Mailau  
Staff Writer

Today I'm gonna tell you a little bit about an EXTRAORDINARY 8th grader, Cayden Weeks. Cayden is a new student who has already made an amazing impact on our school community. He is extremely respectful and cares about fellow students. He loves to get all A's in class as well. One thing that he is looking forward to in high school is getting to find out and figure out just what he would like to pursue and be able to decide between all the amazing jobs in the world. He feels like the people he works best with and the people who help him excel in life are people who are more chill, fun and laid back. He would also like to give a shout out to these middle schoolers: Ashlynn, Carter, Ivan, Corey and Keiton. When asked what advice he would give to the next generation of middle schoolers he replied, "closed mouths don't get fed." He said this phrase fits middle school because middle school is the start of your new life. When asked where he sees himself in 10 years he replied, "I hope to have a good paying job. This very sophisticated young man loves to spend time with his dad. He tells his dad all his secrets and says he trusts his dad the most. One person he also mentioned was Mrs. Crawford, a teacher from his old school who helped him a lot, he said that Mrs. Crawford is an AMAZING teacher! I wish nothing but success to this passionate middle schooler.



CAYDEN

SPOTLIGHT YOUR ATHLETES AND/OR STUDENTS BY SENDING YOUR STORIES TO  
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Senior government students traveled to the Capitol today. They took the history and dome tours, sat in on a very interesting House session, and visited with Senator Scott Hill. (Courtesy USD 393)



SOLOMON ESPORTS TEAM  
COURTESY USD 393

### FALL 2025 HONOR ROLL Counselor's Honor Roll

Counselor's Honor Roll 3.0 GPA or higher, with no grade below a C

#### FRESHMEN

Hunter Bronson, Anika Burd, Jordan Gray, Brielle Hemmy, Peighton Larson, Pyper Larson, Cheyanne Legg, Xandra Little, Hailey McLaughlin, Ceri Turton, Morgan Virgason

#### SOPHOMORES

Cameron Fern, Malaki Grebin, Kylee Johnson, Ryder Sutton

#### JUNIORS

Junior Gonzalez, Athen Miller, Kira Prescher

#### SENIORS

Matthias Baxa, Brooklyn Brozek, Caylee Cook, Briley Rego



### FALL 2025 HONOR ROLL Principal's Honor Roll

Principal's Honor Roll 3.5 GPA or higher, with no grade below a C

#### FRESHMEN

Aspen Ballou, Karralya Fontenot, Spencer Hall, Riley Perry, Jaystn Rego, Fianna Reiss, Jaylianah Riffle, Nolan Yancey

#### SOPHOMORES

Wesson Carver, Emery Clemence, MaKenzee Deniston, Zade Frase, Kadin Heller, Rebekah Westerman

#### JUNIORS

Isaac Carolan, Cariah Cedra, Koehn Duryea, Faith Manning

#### SENIORS

Jaden Gaskins, Austin Lehman, Aaliyah Riffle, Madison Sudermann



🏹 All bowlers persevered through some very difficult lane conditions and did not give up on Monday against Washington Co.

🏹 Isaac H and A'Den P tied for 3rd place individual. Isaac led the boys with a 206 game. Isaac and A'Den shared a high series at 486. Malaki G had a PR game of 94 and a PR series of 256. Kadin H had a PR game of 140.

🏹 On the girls side Aspen B was 4th place individual. Aspen and Morgan V shared team high game at 115 and Aspen led the way with a 318 series.

Photo by Robert Hammersmith



### FALL 2025 HONOR ROLL Superintendent's Honor Roll

Superintendent's Honor Roll 4.0 GPA

#### FRESHMEN

Karter Sutton

#### SOPHOMORES

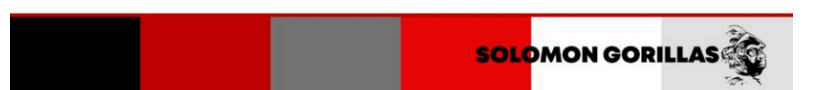
Chassie Davis, Emma Kleist, Myah McCook, Karis Nordgren, Zoey Steele

#### JUNIORS

Rylie Ahlvers- Allmond, Cameron Boyer, Aryana Burge, Breken Coup, Matthew Hamm-Jones, Isaac Hammersmith, Richard Hardin, Ty Harris, Cameron Herring, Etel McDowell, Justus Nordgren, Zoey Walton, Jack Westhead, Owen Westhead

#### SENIORS

Payton Ballou, Jayden Bronson, Cooper Carver, Raeann Cordell, Mykia Finegan, Brenden Kirby, Kilynn McCook, Ashley Mead, Seth Pekarek, McKenzie Rohr, Aiden Shepard



# MIDDLE SCHOOL Spotlight

By Avielle Loggins  
Staff Writer

Meet Garrett, a 7th grader at Solomon Middle School. This 13 year old loves video games and spends his free time trying to beat his high score. You'll find Garrett enjoying math class. When asked who his favorite teacher is he said "Miss Rollins because she is funny and he likes her accent. She is nice and she gives good advice." Garrett's favorite movie is Scream 1997. He likes the thrill and excitement of the horror movie. Garrett has 3 dogs and 4 cats. He has a younger sister, a brother, and a sister-in-law. He lives in the country and he has a lot of space in the country. Garrett's advice for a fourth grader for next year is to not worry about friendships and just be yourself.



**GARRETT**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL Spotlight

By Vayda Saltkill  
Staff Writer

This is 13 year old Eastin Shepard, an 8th grader at Solomon Middle School. He's been playing sports for all the years he has been at Solomon. The sports he's playing now are basketball and wrestling and says his favorite sport is wrestling. He loves all the teachers but loves Stern the most because as he said, "it's fun to build." Eastin said his most painful injury from sports was when he "hurt his gluteus maximus in track" and he was very serious about that one. His most embarrassing moment in school was when he threw up water at the seat in front of him on the bus, he said he was very embarrassed and sick. In his free time he likes to draw or "play games with the boys and the girl." When questioned about the time he fell down the stairs in front of the gym this is what he had to say, "Basically I was half way down the stairs, about to fall on my face, so I decided to jump and twisted my foot then landed on the ground, hitting my face on the wall. Luckily I have a tough head." The part that hurt the most was his ankle and he sprained it pretty badly. When asked if he fell he said, "I'd say I was pushed into the stairs." While the rest of his teammates were having fun and playing sports, he had to wait 2 days to walk normally and 5 days to lightly run and finally after a week he was completely fine. When asked if he watches the news he said "sometimes, but it makes me sad and scared, other times I don't know what they are talking about." And that was the spotlight of Eastin Shepard.



**EASTIN**

PRESENTED BY  
USD 408 Sports Aquatic Center & Marion County Parents as Teachers

## Aquatic Readiness



This class will be led by Kristine Meyerson and will focus on introducing babies and toddlers to the water in a safe, play-based and confidence building way. Parents and caregivers will be expected to be in the water with their children to participate. Class size will be limited and designed with children ages birth - 4 years old.

**JANUARY 31, 2026**

**2 CLASS TIMES @ 10:30AM & 12:30PM**

AT MARION AQUATIC CENTER  
100 N. THORP STREET  
MARION, KS



Registration: email [becky.suderman@usd410.net](mailto:becky.suderman@usd410.net)  
OR  
text/call Becky Suderman at (620) 947-4343



## COUGAR CLASSIC RESULTS

### GIRLS

- 1st- Marion
- 2nd- Goessel
- 3rd- Rural Vista
- 4th- Douglass
- 5th- Herington
- 6th- Centre
- 7th- Peabody-Burns
- 8th- Wakefield

### BOYS

- 1st- Rural Vista
- 2nd- Marion
- 3rd- Douglass
- 4th- Centre
- 5th- Peabody-Burns
- 6th- Goessel
- 7th- Herington
- 8th- Wakefield



Congratulations to Anna Godinez Vinduska for making it to Kansas State High School 1A-4A Band!

Photo credit: Kristin Vinduska