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Specials

Monday, March 2:
Stuffed Chicken, Roasted Asparagus, Broccoli Salad, Pistachio Salad

Thursday, March 5:
Meatball Sub, Chicken Club Wrap, Caesar Salad, Grape Salad



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New equipment at Graham Co. Hospital

Exciting News!

The Graham County Hospital is thrilled to thank The Dane G. Hansen Foundation for their generous \$75,000 grant supporting our new telemetry monitoring system for use at the Hospital. Combined with funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Rural Hospital Innovation Grant (RHIG), this support allows them to provide advanced, real-time patient monitoring—improving safety, care quality, and peace of mind for patients and families across Graham County and surrounding rural communities.

Your support makes a real difference in strengthening rural healthcare close to home—thank you for helping them keep the community healthy

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

There will be a benefit soup supper for Cody Johnson and Tiffany Rohr's baby boy. It will be held at the fair grounds in Hill City March 7th at 5 pm. There will be raffles for quilts and guns.

There were only 36 units of blood received on March 11th. The next blood drive is April 23rd.

The Bogue Church has cook books for sale. They are heavenly recipes for \$20. Contact Joanne Johnson at 785-421-7122 or any member of the church.

Aubany Chalfant of Kansas City, Joni Chalfant and Liz VanLoenen visited Bobbie Bell Friday morning.

Bogue received .10" of rain, drizzle, and fog Sat. We need more moisture.

Bogue had a very beneficial meeting Tuesday night at the city building. I hope great things will come out from the meeting. The first thing is there will be vending machines on mainstreet.

I can't believe the people who drive with their lights off during rain and fog.

The Hospital Auxiliary met Monday afternoon at the Guild Hall. March 1st the volunteers will be able to go back into the hospital. Hope all of the sickness is over.

Bobbie Bell and Liz VanLoenen enjoyed Monday dinner from Cameron's Corner.

Liz called on the Eric VanLoenen family in Hoxie Monday evening, Feb. 16th in honor of Eric's birthday which was the 17th. She was a supper guest.

Oh the wind and dirt Tuesday, Feb 17th.

Liz enjoyed supper Tuesday evening with Alex, Caley, Laney, and Jake VanLoenen in Hill City. The supper was from Cameron's corner.

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Lenora's Farmers Market focuses on local and community

By Braelynn Lemon
HCT Staff

Lenora's farmers market is a weekly market held inside a building within the city limits of Lenora. They are a certified farmers market through the Kansas Department of Agriculture and From the Land of Kansas. From the Land of Kansas has partners and retailers who sell Kansas products. The program is also the central registration for Kansas farmers markets. Its mission is to provide consumers with local, Kansas grown food; it offers resources for producers to provide fresh and healthy local food. The market offers numerous products, ranging from meat items to bread, dairy products, and toiletries.

Jill Edgett is there with homemade bread, croutons, jellies, homemade vanilla, soaps for the dishwasher and shampoo, lip balms, and beeswax wraps. Carolyn Popp brings sourdough breads. These come in a variety of flavors like Italian herbs

and cheese and blueberry lemon along with the good ole classic sourdough. She also makes bagels, fudge sourdough brownies, and beef tallow available in 2 different sizes. Emily owns Black Thumb Flower Farm and brings locally grown flowers/bouquets to the markets generally from June until the first frost. She also has a farmstand that she sells out near her house on the weekends during the warmer months. Hidden Creek Ranch has USDA approved bison meat available. Darci Schamberger supplies all the jams and jellies you can think of. Bobby Bell takes her delicious cookies over and has her cook books there. Bow Creek Ranch Meat supplies different cuts and types of yak, pork, and beef. Even specialty items like ringed bologna and sausages. Jason Wiebe Dairy is from Durham KS and all their products are from fresh milk straight from their cows to creamy, bold cheeses—our farm-

stead cheeses are the real deal. Raw Milk Cheddar, Cottonwood River Reserve, or cheese curds... all made with care and flavor. A few specialty flavors are Cheddar A2, which is easier to digest and cheddar bacon. Sheri Dinkel, also known as Prairie Star, has local raw unfiltered honey available. Stephens brings in organic wheat berries and milo that are ground fresh right there in front of your eyes. NWKS Cattle Co supplies WGYU beef, ranging from hot dogs to beef sticks and can't forget the steaks and hamburgers! April Hofstetter with Hofstetter Homestead has a drop point for pre-ordered raw milk and cream. There is always a stock of farm fresh eggs.

Now after learning about a few of the vendors and products, this market is a come and go type market every Thursday from 4-7. They accept cash, credit cards, and venmo. Steph David, Sunnie Pringle, and Breckyn Minium all help run and operate the market.



Hill City 7th MAYB places 1st

Pictured below: Coach Brody McDowell, Cash Haynes, Sam Ramirez, Cooper Riedel, Kalan Stein, Beau Born, Jackson Schulz, Beckett Jilka, Alak Stein, and Coach Alan Stein.

The Hill City MAYB team placed first in the Middle School Mayhem tournament in Wichita on February 21. They beat SBA Red 46-39, beat Free Agents 61-52, and beat Wichita Express 51-27.

FCCLA hosted a SAFE activity

FCCLA hosted a SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) activity during FCCLA week this past week.



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THE HOUSEMAID

To Be Determined!

ANDON SKLENAR,
ELIZABETH PERKINS

A young woman is relieved by the chance for a fresh start as a maid for a wealthy couple. Soon, she discovers that the family's secrets are far more dangerous than her own.

Jan. 10 TBD | Jan 11 TBD

HILL CITY RINGNECKS
HOME OF THE RINGNECKS
JHS/HS ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
No Scheduled Events

Thursday, February 26, 2026
KMEA ISW Wichita

Barton Community College 1:00pm

Friday, February 27, 2026
NO SCHOOL
KMEA ISW Wichita
HS Boys Girls State Wrestling at FHSU

Saturday, February 28, 2026
KMEA ISW Wichita
HS Boys Girls State Wrestling at FHSU

Monday, March 2, 2026
Possible JH Scholars Bowl at Stockton 4:30pm

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
JH Scholars Bowl here

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Early Release 1:30pm

Thursday, March 5, 2026
No Scheduled Events

Friday, March 6, 2026
NO SCHOOL

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Schedule subject to change without notice

Community News

There will be a benefit soup supper March 7th at the Graham Co. fair grounds for Cody, Tiffany, and baby Johnson. Raffles will be a gun and 2 quilts, one K-state and one KU!! Doors will be open 5pm-8pm. More info will be available as we get closer to the date.



Lady Ringnecks vs. Logan/Palco
2/17/2026

Final score 38-29 (Hill City)

Points
Rylie Minium 17
Sabri Rohr 12
Jenna Berland 6
Kamryn Mauck 2
Scarlett Harmon 1

Assists
Sabri Rohr 5
Jenna Berland 1
Kamryn Mauck 1
Rylie Minium 1

HC boys vs Logan Palco

Final score 56-27 (Hill City)

Points
Vincent Zohner 22
Kason Mauck 22
Blake Harmon 3
Corbin Jones 3
Briggs Born 2
Mitchell Presley 2
Case Haynes 2

Assists
Koby Keiswetter 7

Blake Harmon 4
Kason Mauck 3
Rance Minium 1
Corbin Jones 1
Case Haynes 1

Lady ringnecks vs Russell 2/20/26

Final Score 28-35 (Russell)

Points
Rylie Minium 15
Jenna Berland 6
Sabri Rohr 4
Cora Ashmore 3

Assists
Scarlett Harmon 1
Rylie Minium 1
Sabri Rohr 1

HC boys vs. Russell

Final Score 59-60 (Russell)

Points
Vincent Zohner 22
Kason Mauck 18
Koby Keiswetter 12
Case Haynes 4
Blake Harmon 3

Assists
Koby Keiswetter 5
Blake Harmon 5
Kason Mauck 2
Vincent Zohner 2
Case Haynes 1
Chase Bell 1

Ladies Night at Frontier Stage

Grab your friends and come enjoy a fun evening supporting your favorite small-town theater. We can't wait to have you join us for this exciting fundraiser!

Additional drinks available for \$5 each. Regular concessions will also be open for purchase.

Must be 21+ and show ID the night of the showing.

Reserve your seat by March 13 (limited seating available). Tickets may be purchased at Freedom Tax & Accounting, Solutions North Bank HC, or via Venmo (Frontier-Alliance)

Please include the words "ladies night ticket(s)" with a Venmo purchase.

This event is a fundraiser to help continue funding Frontier Stage. A big thank you to WSI for partnering with us on this special night!

March 21
Reminders of Him
Doors open at 6 PM | Movie starts at 7 PM

Wine & Margaritas
Drinks & Snacks Included
\$20 per person

Your ticket includes:
Movie admission
2 drink tickets
Snacks



Dancing Together for DSNWK set for March 1

One of the year's most inspirational events, "Dancing Together for DSNWK" is set for March 1st at Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Hays. Dancing Together for DSNWK is a unique opportunity for young dancers from the community to participate in a special dance recital with individuals served by Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. DSNWK, and Styles Dance Centre joined together to put on the special event not only to raise money, but build awareness and

community support. Lobby doors open at 2:00 p.m. with raffle prizes available. Auditorium doors open at 2:30 p.m. with the performance to take place at 3:00 p.m. This event is a free will offering for admission with all proceeds going to DSNWK. DSNWK is a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the 18 most northwestern Kansas counties. Visit www.dsnwk.org to learn more about services and ways to support.



6th grade art canvases

6th grade artists had a great time painting a winter scene today. Thanks GCRC for donating canvas again this year!

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Blood Drive

Liz VanLoenen would like to thank everyone who donated blood at the blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 11th at the high school. I am so sorry that the Red Cross was late starting and some people had to cancel. In my 30-40 years of helping with the blood drive this has never happened. The KAY club and their sponsor, Collin Pfeifer did a wonderful job taking care of everyone and doing a lot of work. Dale Toll has given 12 gal, Kellie Day 5 gal, Barb Ninemier 2 gal, and Les Burton 2 gal. Those receiving the \$10 gift certificate to Cameron's Corner given from Liz VanLoenen were Brayli Keiswetter, Cadey Dooley, Rylie Minium, Emmy Ashbaugh, and Kirianna Bates. There were only 36 units received. The next blood drive will be Thursday, April 23rd at the high school and the FFA will be the sponsors. All of the units in Sept, Dec, Feb, and April go towards scholarships.



By Liz VanLoenen



CHURCH DIRECTORY

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Morland, Kansas
Worship: 10:30 A.M. and 5 P.M., Sundays
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
 - BOGUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Bogue, Kansas
Worship: 9 A.M. Sundays
Sunday School: 10 A.M.
 - CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City
Worship: 9 A.M. and Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.
 - FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
206 N. Middle, Hill City
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:35 A.M., Sun., 6 P.M., Sun. 7 P.M., Wed.
 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Nicodemus, Kansas
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Church: 11 A.M.
Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.
 - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**
223 N. 4th Ave., Hill City
Worship: 9 A.M. & Coffee Fellowship following.
 - FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST**
8th and Walnut, Hill City
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sun.
Youth Program: 6 P.M. Sun.
 - GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**
11th and Hill, Hill City
Worship: 4 P.M. Sunday
Bible Study: 3 p.m. Sunday
 - H₂O CHURCH.TV**
305 N. Pomeroy, Hill City
5:00 p.m.
Praise - Worship - Message
 - HILL CITY CHURCH OF GOD**
Third and Cedar, Hill City
Worship: 10:30 A.M.
 - HILL CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
- Worship: 10:45 A.M.
 - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
10 N. 10th Ave., Hill City
Masses: 6 P.M., Saturdays; 11 A.M. Sundays
 - PRAIRIE HOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
12 miles south, 1/4 mile East of Hill City on "E" Rd.
Worship: 9:15 A.M.
 - RED LINE CHURCH OF GOD**
3804 H Rd., Palco, Kansas
Worship: 8:45 A.M.
Fellowship: 10 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study: 7 P.M. Wed.
 - ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC**
Damar, Kansas
Mass: 9 A.M., Sundays
 - THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD**
519 N. East, Hill City
Sunday Worship: 10 A.M.
Family Training Hour: 7 P.M., Wednesday
 - MORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Worship: 6 P.M., Sunday
Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday
 - UNITED METHODIST**
Palco, Kansas
Worship/Service: 9 A.M.
Fellowship Time: 10 A.M.
 - UNITED PARISH OF LENORA**
Worship: 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
 - MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST**
6.5 miles south of Morland, Ks.
Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
Worship: 10:50 A.M.
AWANA program: 5-7 P.M.
Wed. Men's Prayer, 7 A.M.
Wed. Youth Group, 7 P.M.
Bible Study in Homes, 7 P.M. Wednesdays
3rd Sunday Fellowship Dinner

MCEL music festival results

HCJH band students did a wonderful job at the MCEL Music Festival in Norton this past week.

The following students received a 1 "outstanding" rating.

- Clark Randall- Baritone Solo
- Allison Atkins- clarinet solo
- Keyli Nutting- clarinet solo
- Carson Owen- alto sax solo
- Clark Randall - piano solo
- Woodwind ensemble -Carson, Maddy, Keyli, and Allison

Vinny Gwin received a 2 "Above Average" rating for his trombone solo.

Way to represent the Ringnecks! So proud of you!

Graham County Commission Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

Commissioner Irby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the flag salute with Commissioner Irby, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Crouch, County Clerk Kendra Robinson and Road & Bridge Supervisor Wayne Pfeifer all present.

Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Wayne Pfeifer Wayne reported that he was more short-handed than usual due to several employees being out sick. He stated that a few employees were assisting with work on 380th Road, while others were performing routine grading. Commissioner Crouch asked Wayne if they were able to get the G running. Wayne reported that they drove it around the yard to ensure it was operational. He stated that a few items still need to be resealed, after which it should be ready to go. Commissioner Irby brought to the Board's attention the Foley bill in the amount of \$60,237.03 for the track loader at the landfill. The Commissioners requested totals of the Special Machinery Funds for both the Landfill and Road & Bridge Departments.

Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve payment of the Foley bill, with one-half to be paid from the Landfill Special Equipment Fund and one-half from the Road & Bridge Special Machinery Fund. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Crouch inquired whether there were any objections to him speaking with the Foley representative. Wayne reported that he could arrange for the representative to attend a meeting if desired. Commissioner Crouch then requested the representative's contact information. Commissioner Nelson provided Commissioner Crouch with Mark Polifika's business card containing his contact information. The Commissioners discussed mechanic Zach Bruton and his willingness to work on any project. Commissioner Crouch stated that Bruton was irreplaceable. Clerk Kendra reminded Wayne that a representative from KWORCC would be at the Road & Bridge and Noxious Weed Departments on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, to conduct a safety inspection. Commissioner Irby asked Wayne whether he needed a commissioner present for the inspection. Wayne reported that he felt

the departments would be able to manage the walk-through without Commissioner representation. Commissioner Irby asked Wayne if he was still planning for a retirement date of June 2026. Wayne confirmed that he is still planning to retire in June 2026. Commissioner Irby stated that he felt it was time to begin the hiring process. Wayne questioned whether the Commissioners intended to hire from within the department. Commissioner Irby advised that anyone interested can apply. The Commissioners requested that Wayne provide his official retirement date in writing to submit to HR. Twin Creeks Extension, Jenilee Godsey & Jess Butters Jenilee reported that she wanted to take a moment to stop in, introduce Jessica to the Commissioners, and say hello, as she had not been in since the division of the district had taken place. Jenilee and Jessica presented handouts to the Commissioners and informed the Board that Jenilee is now serving as the District Director, and Jessica is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent based out of Norton County. Commissioner Irby inquired about what had occurred that led to the other two counties leaving the district. Jenilee stated that her best answer was funding concerns and differences of opinion among the board. Commissioner Irby noted that he had reviewed the budget and observed a significant increase for 2026, and he asked whether Graham County would be required to cover a larger share due to the loss of the two contributing counties. Jenilee reported that she was unsure how to budget following the loss of the two counties, but she hoped that by next year they would have a clearer picture of what would actually be needed. A Commissioner asked how the district communicates its activities to the public. Jenilee reported that she is open to any suggestions but stated that they currently utilize social media, the newspaper, and bulletin boards located throughout the area to share information.

New Business, Part 1

The Commissioners opened and reviewed incoming mail. Commissioner Irby opened a letter from the Silver Haired Legislature requesting a donation. The Commissioners discussed donations made in previous

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HILL CITY NUTRITION SITE

Welcome in House Participants & Carry-Out

Friday, February 27: Fish Sticks, Cheesy Broccoli, Applesauce, Brownie

Monday, March 2: Tater Tot Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Strawberries & Bananas

Tuesday, March 3: Oven Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, Cinnamon Apples

Wednesday, March 4: Waikiki Meatballs, Bed of Rice, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit

Thursday, March 5: Chicken Pot Pie, California Blend Vegetables, Biscuit, Peaches

Menu Subject to Change
Meal \$4 • Guests under 60 \$7

SNAP Benefits (previously known as food stamps) can be used to contribute towards the meal. If you need help applying for SNAP, call our office at 1-800-432-7422.

years. Commissioner Irby made a motion to donate \$100 to the Silver Haired Legislature. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners opened and reviewed a letter from the After-Prom Bash requesting a donation. The Commissioners discussed donations made in previous years. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to donate \$250.00. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners reviewed the High Plains Mental Health Center meeting minutes received in the mail. Commissioner Irby reported that he has been working to determine whether there would be any K-CAMP liability if local law enforce-

OH! The weather!

By Brealynn Lemon
HCT Staff

The weather this past week has decided to shuffle through all the possibilities.

On February 17th, Hill City recorded 68 mph for the highest wind gust and the maximum sustained for at least 20 minutes was 41 mph. Brett and Angie Garrison lost their big tree that used to sit out front of their house. There was no damage to the house and no one was hurt, but the tree sure didn't go down quietly.

It wasn't just Hill City that felt the wind gusts though. The Kansas Highway Patrol confirmed that an Oakley man died from his injuries and several others were injured after blowing dust led to a crash pile-up on the interstate in Thomas County on Feb. 17th.

Even further down south, fires spread in this dry and windy weather. Two fires originating in Oklahoma crossed into the state, leading residents of Englewood and Ashland to evacuate their homes. Another fire in northwest Kansas threatened Herndon, prompting an evacuation there as well. 145,000 acres have burned in wildfires that rapidly spread from the Oklahoma Panhandle into Kansas.

The wind didn't stop there, it continued to blow on the 18th and 19th as well. On the 18th, the highest wind gust was 28 mph and the avg. for the day was 11 mph and on the 19th, the highest wind gust recorded was 41 with an average speed throughout the day of 22 mph.

These are rough averages using the data from the National Weather Service website from the municipal airport in Hill City readings. With the worst of the winds over, the weather turned cold and we received about an inch or less of snow over Friday night.



LOCAL NEWS CRYSTAL TATKENHORST, TWIN CREEKS EXTENSION DISTRICT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Lights, Camera, County Club Days!

The Twin Creeks Extension District would like to invite the public to watch our 4-H youth present at our County and Regional Club Days!

These are a public speaking contest where 4-H members can perform individually, with a partner, or as a club! The different events include Project Talks, Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks, Readings,

Public Speaking, Job Interviews, Vocals and Dance, Talents and Skits.

4-H clubs can gather up multiple club members and create a Club Skit or show off their Parliamentary Procedures and have a Model Meeting! Members who receive Top Blue ribbons have a chance to advance to compete at Regional Club Day!

Graham County Club Day will be held on March 13th, starting at 4:00 pm at the Hill City Grade school.

Norton County Club Day will be held on March 22nd, starting at 1:30 pm at the Norton Junior High School.

Regional Club Day will be held in Norton on March 31st, starting at 5:30 pm at the Norton Junior High School.

PRAIRIE DOC BY DEB JOHNSTON, MD

The Not-So Silent Struggle of Sleep Apnea

Take a moment to breathe. Close your eyes. Slowly inhale through your nose, pause, and gently exhale through your mouth. After a few steady breaths, you likely feel more relaxed and ready for the day.

Now imagine plugging your nose and trying to breathe with your tongue pressed against the roof of your mouth, blocking the airway. You would quickly feel stressed and uncomfortable. Now imagine that happening over and over again, all night long.

That is what occurs with obstructive sleep apnea. Obstructive sleep apnea happens when relaxed throat muscles and soft tissues collapse and block the airway during sleep. These temporary pauses in breathing—called apneas—cause lower oxygen

levels. The brain senses the drop and briefly arouses the body to reopen the airway. This cycle can repeat dozens, even hundreds, of times per night. The result is fragmented sleep, low oxygen, and a body that never truly rests.

Sleep is when the body resets and restores itself. It supports immune function, heart health, metabolism, memory, mood, and emotional regulation. When sleep suffers, so does overall health. Poor sleep increases the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cognitive decline, and even dementia. People who are chronically tired are also less likely to make healthy choices.

The gold standard treatment for sleep apnea is CPAP—continuous pos-

itive airway pressure. A bedside machine delivers steady air through a mask, keeping the airway open during sleep. Some patients benefit from BiPAP, which provides different pressures when breathing in and out. When used consistently, these therapies can dramatically improve sleep quality, energy, focus, hormone balance, and cardiovascular health. Other treatments may help in selected cases. Weight loss, dental appliances, side sleeping, and certain surgeries can reduce airway obstruction. For patients who cannot tolerate CPAP, hypoglossal nerve stimulation (often known by the brand Inspire) is an option. This implanted device stimulates the nerve controlling the tongue, helping maintain an open airway during sleep.


Although sleeping with a mask may not sound appealing at first, some people feel better quickly and do well with it. Others improve once they are used to it. It often takes patience—trying different masks, adjusting pressure settings, or adding humidification. With proper support and

follow-up, most people adapt well.

The benefits of treating sleep apnea far outweigh the risks of ignoring it. Restful sleep improves energy, protects the heart and brain, and enhances overall quality of life.

If you or someone you love snores loudly, stops breathing during sleep, or feels tired despite a full night's rest, consider visiting your medical provider. Restoring healthy breathing at night may be one of the most important steps toward better health.

Dr. Andrew Ellsworth is a Family Medicine Physician at Avera Medical Group Brookings in Brookings, SD. He serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at 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).



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R&B Farms, Inc. EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Monday, March 9th, 2026 – 10:30 am
35838 County Road G, Yuma, CO 80759
2 Miles South of Yuma, CO on Hwy. 59 to Road 36, East 1 Mile to Road G, South 1/8th Mile to Sale Site

On Site Auction with Live and Pre-Auction Internet Bidding.

Items Without Internet Bidding capabilities start at 10:30 am, items With Internet Bidding capabilities sell at approx. 1:00 pm.



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Tractors & Attachments & Forklift sell after equip (Online Bidding Available)—15 Case IH Magnum 340 MFWD, PS, 3pt, PTO, 5hyd, frnt suspension, Trimble RTK equip, 420/85R34 frnt dls, 480/85R50 rear dls, 5,135hrs, 2nd ownr•New Demco SideQuest 1000gal sddle tnks w/Magnum 340 mnts•06 Case IH MX305 MFWD, PS, 3pt, PTO, 3hyd, Trimble RTK guidance equip, 380/80R38 frnt dls, 480/80R50 rear dls, 10k hrs, 2nd ownr•Demco SideQuest 1000gal sddle tnks w/MX 305 mnts•300gal frnt tnk w/MX305 & Mag 340 mnts•300gal frnt tnk w/MX305 mnts•SB stalk stmp for MX305•99 Case IH 9370 4wd, 4hyd, Trimble WAAS guidance equip, 520/85R42 dls, 8,299hrs•SB stalk stmp for 9370•2005 Case IH DX35 FWA w/LX116 ldr, bckt & pllt frks, 3pt, PTO, 2hyd, 714hrs, 2nd ownr• 76 Int 1066, cab, 3pt, dl pto, 2hyd, 18,4R38 dls, 5,742hrs•52 Farnall M wd frnt, 3pt, pto, 13.6-38rub, older restrtn•Farnall A, PTO, older restrtn•40 Farnall M non-running trctr, tri-frnt, mtr is free, needs radiator rebuilt to run•AC ACP50 5k lb. frklt, 2 stge mst, side shift, shltle trans•**Trucks, Trailers & Vehicles sell after tractors (Online Bidding Available)**—85 Pete 359 ext. hood conv. semi, 3406 Cat, 15spd, dl line wet kit, 683k mi showing•91 KW T600 day cab semi, 3406B Cat, 10spd, dl line wet kit, 83k mi showing•70 Chevy C50 tag axle w/18" steel grm bx, rear hoist, 350 V8, 5&2spd, 16,456 original mi•88 Timples Super Hopper 96"x42"x66" sides grm trlr, RO trp, sprng ride•81 Timples Super Hopper 96"x40"x66" sides grm trlr, RO trp, sprng ride•06 HMDE 80"x16" plus 2" dove BP FB trlr•06 HMDE 80"x16" plus 2" dove BP FB trlr•09 HMDE 5'x10" tilt bed utility trlr•11 Chevy Silverado 1500 Z71 4x4, 5.3L V8, auto, 4 dr, shrt bx, 141k mi•08 GMC Canyon Off Road 4x4, 5 cyl, auto, 4 dr, shrt bx, 207k mi•**Harvest, Planting, Tillage & Support Equip sell after ATV's (Online Bidding Available)**—14 Case IH 7230 AFS cmbne, chppr & sprdr, lateral tilt, rock trp, elec aug spout, Trimble WAAS guidance equip, 520/85R42 dls, 5413/3997hrs, fresh out of CIH 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Note: The Wenger family has been farming in Yuma County for four generations. Randy harvested his 49th crop in 2025. Randy & Beverly's children live out of state, and they have decided it is time to retire, they sold the ground and are moving to be closer to the grand kids. The tractors and combine have been shedded, the late model tractors & combine all are fresh out of CIH winter program. The majority of items are first or second owner pieces. Plan to attend! **Loadout provided on auction day and the next day 10am – 2pm.** Lunch available auction day.



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Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion Counting cows

Greg Doering
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I can still picture being sandwiched in the middle of the bench seat between my grandparents as we made the rounds through pastures to check on the progress. My grandfather kept one hand on the steering wheel with a pair of binoculars ready in the other.

We would slowly roll through the field, stopping abruptly for my grandfather to take a closer look at a cow. He'd raise the binoculars and quickly read off the number on the ear tag as my grandmother dutifully recorded the information in a spiralbound notebook.

When a calf was spotted, we'd ease close enough that my grandfather could quickly get out, lasso it and tag it all while keeping an eye on the mama cow, especially if

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Dates April 1 - October 31, 2026
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she was a first-time mother. They could get a little angsty during the ordeal.

We checked the herd five or six times each day, starting with the morning feeding and ending well past dark if weather or other circumstances demanded. The vast majority of field checks happened without incident. All the cows were readily spotted along with the same number of calves from the previous count.

The adventures started when the numbers didn't match up. While most mothers were more than happy to show off their calf, occasionally there'd be one who had witnessed the roundup procedure and took it on herself to keep her progeny hidden. Thankfully, cows aren't masters at hide-and-seek.

While a mama might not show off her calf, she didn't stray far from it so a hidden calf also meant the mother was away from the herd as well. In the main calving pasture, this usually meant the pair was hunkered down near the edge of a thin stand of trees. Spotting the mom didn't present much of a challenge, but it was incredibly easy to mistake a fallen limb for a black baldy if its white face was tucked away.

We didn't have to assist with many births, but it was always a tense time when pulling a calf was necessary, especially if there wasn't time to move the cow to a temporary pen. Even more rare was finding a lonesome calf rejected by its mother. I only remember a handful of calves that were brought to the barn for bottle feeding, one of which didn't make it.

Other times calves were lost to coyotes, weather or birth defects, and a few cows succumbed to injuries sustained while giving birth. The losses were never easy to take, but they were also strong reminders of why we counted. Every cow. Every calf. Every time.

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HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

The Hansen Museum was filled with energy and creativity last Thursday as students from Norton, Phillipsburg, Brewster, and Smith Center gathered for the High School Art Student Mixer.

The morning began with students wandering through the 49th Annual High School Art Show, taking time to view not only their own pieces but also the artwork of their peers from neighboring schools. Following their time in the gallery, several students took turns speaking to the group about their works, sharing insight into their creative processes, inspirations, and techniques. It was a meaningful opportunity for young artists to explain their vision and learn from one another.

Lunch was catered by Main Street Pizza, and students enjoyed delicious pizza while continuing their conversations and connections. It was especially encouraging to see students from different schools sitting together, visiting, and getting to know one another. The lunch hour provided a relaxed setting for friendships to form and for conversations about art — and life — to continue beyond the gallery walls.

A highlight of the event was a collaborative drawing challenge designed to emphasize teamwork and creativity. Students worked in small groups, rotating every five minutes to build upon what the previous person had drawn. Themes included Underwater Worlds, On Safari Adventures, Alien Planets, One Ecosystems, and Amusement Park Adventures. The results were imaginative, energetic, and often surprising. Each finished drawing reflected not only artistic ability, but also cooperation and adaptability as students learned to build on one another's ideas. At the conclusion of the mixer, students returned to their schools proudly holding their collaborative creations and, we hope, carrying fresh inspiration with them.

The 49th Annual High School Art Show will remain on display through Sunday, March 1st. The public is encouraged to stop by the Hansen Museum to enjoy this impressive collection of student artwork before the exhibition closes. Opening March 6th, visitors will have the opportunity to

experience an array of wonders, unusual phenomena, and captivating curiosities in the new National Geographic exhibition, Spectacle. Inspired by the book SPECTACLE: Rare and Astonishing Photographs, this exquisite photography exhibition features striking images captured by some of the world's finest photographers. The images showcase extraordinary natural formations, remarkable life forms, moments of celebration, and scenes of awe-inspiring beauty — all highlighting the wonder of our planet and the importance of preserving it. Spectacle invites visitors to marvel at the diverse and truly remarkable world in which we live.

We invite you to visit the Hansen Museum, where imagination is celebrated and community is strengthened. It is a place to connect, to learn, and to find inspiration — and we look forward to seeing YOU at the Museum!



High school students put their creativity — and teamwork — to the test as they build on one another's ideas during the collaborative drawing challenge at the Hansen Museum's High School Art Mixer.

ment were to transport voluntary commitments to state hospitals. He explained that currently, local law enforcement only provides transportation for involuntary commitments, and the County utilizes a transportation company for voluntary commitments. Commissioner Irby stated that he had contacted the K-CAMP insurance company, which advised that there would be no liability. He noted that he will continue working on this matter to obtain a more definitive answer before bringing it back to the Board for further discussion. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Crouch reported that he had stopped by Penokee Road, which is scheduled to receive dust control spray, to observe what preparation had been completed. He stated that he was unsure what preparatory work had been done and asked whether he could reach out to the company to clarify what they expect to be completed prior to application, so the County can achieve the best possible results. The Commissioners agreed to have Commissioner Crouch reach out to the company for further discussion and planning. Commissioner Crouch stated that he is currently not in favor of the County paying for employees to obtain a CDL. Commissioner Nelson stated that he believed it could be a good option if the employees were willing to sign a contract in which the County would pay for the CDL in exchange for the employee committing to work for the County for a specified number of years, with repayment required if the terms were not met. Commissioner Crouch reported that, in his experience, employees often do not remain with the County for the agreed-upon time and do not repay the County. The Clerk stated that there may be options to withhold an employee's final paycheck for repayment if such provisions are clearly stated in the signed contract. Graham County Treasurer, Brian-

na (Bri) Edwards

Bri reported that Melissa Atkins was not an option at this time. Commissioner Irby interjected and stated that he had previously met with Bri, Travis from Mapes & Miller, and Clerk Robinson, during which Travis recommended considering someone with an accounting background, such as Melissa Atkins. Bri clarified that she had spoken with Melissa Atkins, but Melissa is unable to commit at this time. Bri reported that she has a meeting scheduled with Nancy Law on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, to discuss her availability for reception and filing work. Bri also reported that she had reached out to The Lloyd Group to schedule a Zoom meeting to assess the situation and provide recommendations, and that meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Bri reported that Bobbie Jo, Treasurer from Osborne County, would also be attending the Zoom meeting with her. Commissioner Irby reported that he had contacted The Lloyd Group prior to Bri and was informed that their rate is \$250 per hour.

Commissioner Crouch questioned whether this service could be provided by Mapes & Miller. Commissioner Irby reported that Travis had stated it was something he could do; however, Travis felt it would be inappropriate to both correct the issues and then audit his own work, effectively reviewing work he had performed himself. Commissioner Irby asked Bri whether she felt Commissioner presence was needed for the Zoom meeting or if she was comfortable attending and reporting back to the Board. Bri confirmed that she would attend the Zoom meeting and provide a report to the Commissioners. Bri reported that Kelli's last day will be Friday, February 13, 2026, and that she has two interviews scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Commissioner Crouch asked how the position was being advertised. Bri reported that the position is being advertised via Facebook, the newspaper, and the County website. Commissioner Irby confirmed that

Bri would be leaving on February 10, 2026, to attend the Treasurers' Conference and asked whether Kelli would be okay being alone in the office. Bri reported that Kelli would be closing the office during lunch and again at 4:00 p.m. to utilize accrued PTO prior to her departure. Commissioner Irby asked Bri what she currently needed from the Board. Bri reported that she felt she was good for now. Bri also reported that Bobbie Jo plans to be at the office at least once per week until the issues in the Treasurer's Office are properly addressed.

New Business, Part 2

Commissioner Crouch asked whether there was any indication of the issues within the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Irby reported that the concerns stem from bank reconciliations not being completed in a timely manner, delinquent taxes, and other related issues. Commissioner Irby further reported that during his discussion with The Lloyd Group, he was advised that there may come a point where the remaining discrepancy is minimal and that the cost of continued investigation could exceed the value of resolving it, at which time it may be more practical to leave the discrepancy as is. Bri re-entered the Commissioner meeting and reported that she had one additional matter to bring to the Board's attention. She stated that she had received a phone call regarding a property from the 2019-2020 tax sale. Bri reported that the delinquent taxes were not abated by the Treasurer's Office at that time, and the property is now showing delinquent taxes under the new owners. Bri reported that she was unsure how to handle the situation and was uncertain who she should discuss it with. The Commissioners advised Bri to reach out to County Attorney Michael Abbott regarding the matter.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Irby moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Free Valentine's Day Concert




Dok Nevins and JF Stover shared their music talent with those that attended their performance at the Public Library on February 14th.

<p>20007 40 HWY, WaKeeney - \$250,000 - 4 beds, 2 baths, beautiful farmstead with barn, great location, close to town NEW PRICE</p>	<p>SOLD 124 Delaware, Ransom - \$105,000 Newly remodeled 3 bed 1 bath original wood floors</p>	<p>913 Warren, Wakeeney - \$80,000 - 3 bed 1 bath, outdoor bar/kitchen NEW LISTING</p>
<p>812 MAIN ST. WAKEENEY - \$175,000 - 4 bed, 2 bath, main floor laundry, great location NEW PRICE!</p>	<p>NEW LISTING 413 W Elm, Hill City - \$96,000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, enclosed porch, underground sprinklers, large lot</p>	<p>206 W OGDEN St., Ransom - \$40,000 - 2 bed, 1 bath, large corner lot, detached garage SOLD</p>
<p>402 N 8th, Hill City - \$115,000 - 4 bed, 2 bath, enclosed porch, detached 2 car garage UNDER CONTRACT</p>	<p>257 N Logan Ufca - \$70,000 - 3 bed, 2 bath, attached garage, 20x30 steel shed</p>	<p>Additional Property: 317 W. 8th QUINTER, \$105,000 Large property, call for more information</p>
<p>NEW PRICE 224 Kedzie, Wakeeney - \$159,000 4 bed, 2 bath, main floor laundry, large corner lot</p>	<p>NEW LISTING 321 N School, Ness City - \$240,000 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage, large corner lot</p>	<p>NEW LISTING 308 N Main WaKeeney 2 beds, 1 bath, att 1 car garage, 35 x 24 shed</p>



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Middle School Wrestlers

The middle school grapplers wrapped up their season at the MCEL tournament. As you know there is no shortage of wrestling talent in the MCEL and the junior high kids represented quite well in its version of the league tournament today.

125# Maelyn Morris CHAMPION
132# Dylan McNabb CHAMPION
175# Ivy Walt CHAMPION

GIRLS
100# Alexis Desbien 4th

BOYS
100# Sylas Galbavy 4th
110# Dean Reichert 3rd

Regional Wrestling Placers

What a crazy regional tournament. Some exciting wins and some devastating, unexpected loses. It's a brutal sport where everything you accomplish is earned. Good luck to these boys joining the girls at next week's state tournament in Hays. (photos clockwise from top left)

113# Hudson Bell 4th
126# Ryan Budig 3rd
165# Jaxson Smith 3rd
175# Tyler Ashbaugh 4th



Legal Notice

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, February 18, 2026)

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE OF OIL AND GAS LEASE Pursuant to K.S.A. 55-201, 55-202, and 55-203

TO: SATCHELL CREEK PETROLEUM, LLC

The undersigned owners of the following-described land situated in Graham County, Kansas subject to the Oil and Gas Lease indicated:

Worcester Oil and Gas Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated December 10, 2021 from Merlyn Worcester and Josie Worcester, Co-Trustees of the Merlyn and Josie Worcester Living Trust November 12, 2014, as lessors, to Satchell Creek Petroleum, LLC, as lessee, having a primary term of three (3) years, covering the following-described land in Graham County, Kansas:

The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 22 West, Graham County, Kansas.

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Graham County, Kansas in Book 295 at Pages 995 - 996

Owners: Merlyn Worcester and Josie Worcester, Co-Trustees of the Merlyn and Josie Worcester Living Trust November 12, 2014

do hereby notify you that the terms of said lease have been broken by SATCHELL CREEK PETROLEUM, LLC and the undersigned owners hereby elect to declare said Oil and Gas Lease forfeited and of no further force or effect, and that, unless you do, within twenty (20) days from this date, file an affidavit with the Register of Deeds of Graham County, Kansas setting forth facts showing the lease remains valid and in force, as provided by K.S.A. 55-203, the undersigned owners will file with the said Register of Deeds an affidavit of forfeiture as provided by law. Specifically, the primary term of the lease expired on December 10, 2024, and no well has been drilled, completed, or produced in paying quantities, and no operations have been conducted sufficient to maintain the lease. And the owners of land subject to the above-described Oil and Gas Lease hereby demand that you execute or cause to be executed a proper surrender of said lease and put the same of record in the office of the Graham County, Kansas Register of Deeds within twenty (20) days from this date.

Dated this 18th day of February 2026.

Submitted By:

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

(First published in The Hill City Times Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS
BLACK TEA OIL HOLDINGS, INC.; PARTNERS PETROLEUM, LLC; HYDRATECH, LLC, PLAINTIFFS,

VS CASE NO. GH-2026-CV-000002

SATCHELL CREEK PETROLEUM, LLC; RUSSELL PUMP AND OILFIELD SUPPLY, INC.; HURRICANE SERVICES, INC.; HIGH PLAINS MACHINE, LLC; LOG-TECH, LLC; KANSAS ACID, INC.; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSOR, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE OR WERE PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SUIT (PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 60-307)

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PETITION TO FORECLOSE LIENS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY KANSAS BY BLACK TEA OIL HOLDINGS, INC., PARTNERS PETROLEUM, LLC AND HYDRATECH, LLC, PLAINTIFFS, PRAYING FOR FORECLOSURE OF THE FOLLOWING LIENS FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS:

- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000002
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000003
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000004
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000005
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000006
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000007
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000008
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000009
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000010
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000011
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000012
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000013
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000014
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000015
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000016
- CASE NO. GH-2025-SL-000017

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO PLEAD TO THE PETITION FOR FORECLOSURE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 2, 2026 IN SAID COURT, AT THE GRAHAM COUNTY DISTRICT COURTHOUSE, HILL CITY, KANSAS. IF YOU FAIL TO PLEAD, JUDGMENT AND DECREE WILL BE ENTERED IN DUE COURSE UPON THE PETITION.

/S/ DONALD F. HOFFMAN, #09502
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS

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We run club, business, school, sports and life's celebrations!

Birthday Announcements

Free with a picture for 100 years or older for residents of Graham County. For 100th birthdays for non-residents with a tie to the area, the article is free. Free announcements are available for Graham County resident 75 and older. Photos can be submitted for \$25.

Anniversary Announcements

Free with one photo for 50 years and over for Graham County residents or couples with children in Graham County. Free announcements, with no photo, are available 25, 30, 40 and 45 years. Announcements can include couple's name, residence, date and place of marriage, occupations, children/grandchildren, and reception information (if applicable). Additional photos can be submitted for \$25.



Wedding Announcements

Free for Graham County residents or couples with parents in Graham County with the following information: name of bride and groom, residence, parents and residence, bridal party, where and when the wedding took place, honeymoon location and where the couple resides after wedding. Free announcements must be submitted to our office before their one year anniversary. A photo may be added for \$25.

Engagement Announcements

Free for residents of Graham County or couples with parents in Graham County with the following information: name of prospective bride and groom with residence, their parents and residence, when/where the wedding is planned, couples' schooling and occupations. Free announcement must be submitted to our office before their wedding. A photo may be added for \$25.

Birth Announcements

Free for parents and/or grandparents in Graham County with the following information: baby's name, weight, length, place of birth and date, parents name and residence, siblings, grandparents and residences, great grandparents and residences) please specify if they are deceased. A photo may be added for \$25.

Letters to the Editor

The Hill City Times, Graham County is open to views from residents within the county. Letters to the Editor must include complete name, signature, address and phone number. Name and town will only be published in the newspaper. Free letters are limited to approximately 250 words. If a letter is more than 250 words, it is subject to editing and the full versions will be posted online. They may also be published in the paper at the editor's discretion. If the word count exceeds 250 words, the letter can be published as a paid advertisement (subject to editorial approval). Political letters are also considered paid advertisements.

Calendar Entries

Any event from Graham County which is free or by free will donation may be listed in the Times calendar. Those events are also listed in the Essential Calendar on the website. Deadline is 5 pm Friday.

Club Notes

Clubs and organizations are welcome to submit items. We publish these for free if the clubs regularly meet within Graham County.

Business Briefs

If a business is located within Graham County, or owned by a resident of Graham County submissions such as new hires, awards, etc. may be submitted for consideration. Note, this does not include sales, services or other items considered advertising.

Sports Items

We are happy to publish sports items from around the county. Don't forget your college student-athletes! Open to all Graham County residents -- including proud grandpa and grandmas!

Academic Items

We publish awards and achievements from our students around the county. This can be any level from elementary school through college.

Your item not listed?

Just give us a call or an email and tell us what you'd like published -- 785-524-4200 - or Thehillcitytimes@gmail.com

Submit editorial content by email to Thehillcitytimes@gmail.com

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS Board of Commissioners

Board of Commissioners
of Graham County, Kansas,
v.
A & R Investments, LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs,
Case # GH-2025-CV-01
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS TO:

- Tract # 2: ACR Land Trust
- Tract # 3: Gregory Alexander
- Tract # 4: Jon J. Bradshaw, Sandra Bradshaw
- Tract # 5: Jon J. Bradshaw, Sandra Bradshaw, Citizens State Bank
- Tract # 6: Romell Bullock
- Tract # 7: Doug David, Stephanie Ann David, Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co
- Tract # 8: F. Richard Gansel, June M. Gansel
- Tract # 19: Jason Kenneth Hall
- Tract # 20: Joshua David Helfrich
- Tract # 21: Jesse O Jones,
- Tract # 24: Erica C. Knoll
- Tract # 25: Lawrence Adams, Norma Jean Adams aka Norma Jean Shower, John Showers, Kenney Showers, Steven Showers, Douglas Showers, Cathy Logan, Jennifer L. Showers, Justin L. Showers; Jessica E. Showers, Jordyn P. Showers, Sherry E. Showers, Michelle E. Wiltfong, Devra C. Dobbins, James H. Showers
- Tract # 26: Thomas R. Miller, Sharon Miller, Blair I. Weilnau
- Tract # 27: Charles Edward Morris
- Tract # 28: Lynn Paul Prochazka
- Tract # 30: Glenda Browning Peltier
- Tract # 31: Reichert Living Trust utd 4-22-16, Reichert Living Trust utd 4-22-16
- Tract # 32: Roberta Rena Robinson
- Tract # 33: Rock Creek Farms, Inc., American Mortgage Company
- Tract # 39 & 40: Leroy H. Van Duvall Revocable Trust utd 10-25-11
- Tract # 43 & 44: Mary E. Pryor, Roberts Charles Webb Revocable Living Trust utd 9-3-13
- Tract # 45: Twillia O. Wilson
- Tract # 46: Alva D. Winters II

if the above defendants are living, and if dead, then their unknown spouses, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns; and

The unknown executors, guardians and trustees of such of the above named defendants who are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and

The unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; and

The unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors, receivers and assigns of any of the above named defendants who are or were existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; and

The unknown spouses of the defendants, and all other persons concerned,

Defendants.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas, by the Board of Commissioners of Graham County, Kansas, praying for judicial foreclosure and sale of real property upon which there is unpaid delinquent real estate taxes, and you are hereby required to plead the said petition on or before April 2, 2026, in said Court in Hill City, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition. The following are descriptions of all properties which shall be subject to foreclosure and sale and the names of such of you as are the owner, or a party having some interest therein:

Tract # 2: #3781 (Parcel 1) and 3782 (Parcel 2) -

Parcel 1: A portion of Block Twenty-six (26), Town of Morland, County of Graham, State of Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Considering the North line of said Block 26 to bear an assumed bearing of North 90°00'00" West with all bearings contained herein relative thereto. Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Block 26, thence along the West line of said Block 26, South 00°04'04" West 68.60 feet; thence along an exterior building wall to the East, North 89°34'02" East 169.62 feet to a point on an interior building wall; thence along interior building walls the following 6 courses, South 00°36'41" West 25.53 feet; thence South 89°23'19" East 7.28 feet; thence South 00°36'41" West 8.91 feet; thence South 89°23'19" East 5.89 feet; thence South 00°36'41" West 14.03 feet; thence South 89°23'19" East 15.51 feet to a point on an exterior building wall; thence along said wall, South 00°16'50" East 14.12 feet; thence North 89°38'46" East 45.28 feet to the Southwesterly corner of Tract 3 shown on Survey recorded in Book 254, Page 575, March 9th 2012; thence along the Westerly line of said Tract the following 3 courses, North 00°21'14" West 32.50 feet; thence South 89°38'46" West 37.61 feet; thence North 00°20'28" West 97.66 feet to the North line of said Block 26; thence along said North line, North 90°00'00" West 204.65 feet to the point of beginning.

SUBJECT TO AN ACCESS EASEMENT.

Parcel 2: A Portion of Block Twenty-six (26), Town of Morland, County of Graham, State of Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Considering the North line of said Block 26 to bear an assumed bearing of North 90°00'00" West with all bearings contained herein relative thereto. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Block 26, thence along the West line of said Block 26, South 00°04'04" West 68.60 feet; thence North 89°34'02" East 120.98 feet to the point of beginning; thence along an exterior building wall to the East, North 89°34'02" East 48.64 feet to a point on an interior building wall; thence along interior building walls the following 6 courses, South 00°36'41" West 25.53 feet; thence South 89°23'19" East 7.28 feet; thence South 00°36'41" West 8.91 feet; thence South 89°23'19" East 5.89 feet; thence South 00°36'41" West 14.03 feet; thence South 89°23'19" East 15.51 feet to a point on an exterior building wall; thence along said wall, South 00°16'50" East 14.12 feet; thence North 89°38'46" East 27.16 feet to the Northwest corner of Tract 2 shown on Survey recorded in Book 254, Page 575, March 9th, 2012; thence along the West lines of Tracts 1 & 2 shown on said Survey, South 00°02'56" East 189.94 feet to the South line of said Block 26; thence along said South line, South 89°57'04" West 76.14 feet to the Southeast corner of Tract 4 shown on said Survey; thence North 00°02'56" West 44.57 feet to the Northeast corner of said Tract 4; thence along the North line of said Tract 4, North 89°55'56" West 26.83 feet; thence North 00°19'28" West 207.76 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS EASEMENT.

ACCESS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION- An easement for the purpose of ingress and egress over and across a portion of Block 26, Town of Morland, County of Graham, State of Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Considering the North line of said Block 26 to bear an assumed bearing of North 90°00'00" West with all bearings contained herein relative thereto. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Block 26; thence along the North line of said Block 26, North 90°00'00" East 146.63 feet to the Westerly edge of an existing concrete sidewalk; said point being also the point of beginning; thence more or less along said Westerly edge, South 00°01'21" East 67.49 feet to the North line of Tract 2 described above; thence along said

North line, North 89°34'02" East 22.88 feet; thence North 00°36'41" East 15.56 feet; thence South 89°40'15" West 14.75 feet to the Easterly edge of said concrete sidewalk; thence more or less along said Easterly edge, North 00°01'21" West 51.84 feet to the North line of said Block 26; thence along said North line, North 90°00'00" West 8.30 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract # 3: #R1127 - SW/4 of 21-7-21, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 4: #R3164 - The Surface rights only in and to a tract of land beginning at a point 466.7 feet West of the Northeast corner (NE/c) of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4NE/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the 6th PM, Graham County, Kansas, thence West 51 feet, thence South 466.7 feet, thence East 51 feet, thence North 466.7 feet to the point of beginning.

The above tract is also described in the certificate appearing in the abstract as Tract No. 8-A, 1974 Addition, Ordinance No. 579 of the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, and The tract is also described as Tract No. 3 of Ordinance No. 579 of the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 5: #R3189 - Lots 21 and 23, Block 6, McGill's Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County Kansas and a strip of real estate approximately 10 feet wide adjoining the west side of said lot 23, said strip being vacated pursuant to Hill City ordinance 352.

Tract # 6: #R2310 - Lots 21 and 23, Block 16, original town, now City of Hill City, Graham County Kansas.

Tract # 7: #R471 - A portion of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and of the South Half (S/2) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the 6th PM, County of Graham, State of Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 31 and considering the East line of said Section 31 to bear an assumed bearing of North 00°00'00" East with all bearings contained herein relative thereto; thence along said East line, North 00°00'00" East 2227.22 feet; thence South 89°51'43" West 469.79 feet; thence North 86°33'40" West 403.11 feet; thence North 43°02'28" West 441.08 feet; thence North 34°52'18" West 267.48 feet; thence North 04°25'59" West 248.50 feet; thence North 17°45'00" West 130.07 feet; thence North 40°27'08" West 243.57 feet; thence North 39°31'22" West 268.44 feet; thence North 01°19'54" East 401.63 feet; thence North 06°35'30" West 1193.98 feet; thence North 89°46'05" East 105.19 feet; thence North 00°13'55" West 133.26 feet to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 31; thence along said North line, South 89°46'05" West 900.72 feet to the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 31; thence along the West line of said Northeast Quarter, South 00°02'16" East 2116.24 feet; thence North 88°57'45" East 919.92 feet; thence South 00°12'23" East 324.71 feet; thence South 51°53'29" West 196.47 feet; thence South 06°19'46" East 316.23 feet; thence South 22°19'24" East 134.70 feet; thence South 02°17'56" East 303.79 feet; thence South 54°17'11" West 207.24 feet; thence South 81°30'43" West 135.57 feet; thence South 11°13'29" West 89.77 feet; thence South 16°29'33" West 393.04 feet; thence South 37°43'40" West 57.05 feet; thence South 58°38'53" West 504.99 feet; thence along a curve to the Right with a Radius of 2581.20 feet, a Chord Bearing of South 32°13'46" West and a Chord of 438.39 feet; thence South 17°38'40" West 570.61 feet to the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 31; thence along said South line, North 89°41'40" East 685.44 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 31; thence along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, North 89°41'40" East 2634.23 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract # 8: R1836 - Beginning at a point 330 ft west of the northeast corner of the W/2 NW/4 of 18-8-22, Graham County Kansas, thence 165 feet west along the north line of said section 18, thence 528 ft south on a line parallel to the east line of the W/2 NW/4 thence 165 feet east, thence 528 feet north to the point of beginning.

Tract # 19: #R3821 - Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 31 in the original town of Fremont, now called the City of Morland, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 20: #R-2216 - East 52 feet of Lots 2, 4 and 6, Block 17 in Garnett's Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 21: #R4212 - E/2 12-9-23, Graham County Kansas

Tract # 24: #R3817 - E/2 of lot 17 and all of lots 18, 19 and 20, Block 30, Original town of Fremont now called the City of Morland, Graham County Kansas.

Tract # 25: #R1501 - W/2 of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 33, original town, now City of Bogue, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 26: #R1572 - W 82 feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 24 in the City of Bogue, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 27: #R302311 - A leasehold improvement - # 9 hangar at Hill City Airport, Graham County, Kansas

Tract # 28: #R2597 - Lots 1, 3 and 5, Block 2, Sanford's Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 30: #R2955 - Lots 8, 10 and 12, Block 4, Sanford's and Crawford's Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 31: #R2148 - Lot 16, Hillcrest Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County Kansas.

Tract # 32: #R304788 - Lot 18, Block 9 in the town of Nicodemus, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 33: #R839 - S/2 and E/2 NE/4 28-7-24, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 39: #R1148 - W/2 NW/4 23-7-21 Graham County, Kansas less a tract beginning at the southwest corner of the W/2 NW/4 thence east 336 feet, thence north 1000 feet thence west 336 feet, thence south 1000 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract # 40: #R1209 - NW/4 SW/4 1-8-21, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 43: #R1065 - NW/4 29-7-22, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 44: #R1067 - E/2 NE/4 and NW/4 NE/4 and NE/4 NW/4 30-7-22, Graham County, Kansas.

Tract # 45: #R1272 - Lots 23 and 24, Block 12, in the town of Nicodemus, Graham County Kansas.

Tract # 46: #R2950 - Lots 1, 3, and 5 and the east five feet of Lot 7, Block 4, Sanford's and Crawford's Addition to the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS.

APPROVED:
Michael Abbott
Michael Abbott
Graham County Attorney

GRAHAM COUNTY'S PAST

IN PRINTER'S INK

VERA FISCHER, GH CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY



125 years ago - Feb. 14, 1901 The People's Reveille

W.C. Parks, of Millbrook township, will purchase three more cows soon and will patronize the Hill City skimming station with milk from six cows, this summer.

Hill City has an institution we are proud of: Our skimming station. The business is improving day to day, increased interest is manifested, and about \$500.00 per month is being paid out to farmers. When spring opens, the business will simply boom, and the man who has dairy cows, is the fellow who will be able to pay cash for his purchases. All hail to the Hill City Creamery Company!

100 years ago - Feb. 18, 1926 The Reveille New Era

John Welty is putting in a retaining wall on the south side of the Midway Theater as a protection against flood conditions that may prevail, at some future time. Shapely and his Music Makers will play for a dance Saturday night, at the Midway.

75 years ago - Feb. 22, 1951 The Hill City Times

At a special meeting of the library board, Mrs. Cleo Young was appointed librarian to replace Mrs. Harry Lindley who has resigned. Mrs. Young has already taken over her duties at the library. The board also adopted the following resolutions: 1. People outside the city limits heretofore required to pay 5 cents per book will be allowed to check out books without charge. 2. All new adult books, if published within the current year or the preceding year, and whether gifts or purchased by the board, will be placed on the pay shelf for a period of six months.

50 Years ago - Feb. 12, 1976 The Hill City Times

Day-to-day service is provided to the patrons of the Graham County Conservation District by the three-member staff consisting of: Mrs. Paul (Deloris) Hoffstetter, secretary; Harold Compton, Soil Conservation Technician employed by the District; and District

Conversationist Kelso L. Williams.

25 Years ago - Feb. 14, 2001 The Hill City Times

Jessie Thompson, a senior at Hill City High School, was awarded Kansas State University's \$1500 Leadership Scholarship during ceremonies held on January 22, 2001, at K-State. During K-State's annual Scholarship Day, students and their parents were guests of the university at a banquet. Throughout the day, they attended meetings with academic deans and student life officials. Jessie is the daughter of Bob and Connie Dombroski of Hill City and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thompson of Salina.

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