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### Specials

Monday, March 23:  
Soup Bar, Bread bowls,  
Oreo Fluff

Thursday, March 26:  
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Italian Sub,  
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## Freshmen students toured the hospital

By Liz VanLoenen

The Hospital Auxiliary gave hospital tours to 23 freshman students who are in Kyle Jilka's class. They toured the lab, radiology, PT, respiratory, and emergency departments on Tues. morning. This gives them an opportunity to see what each department entails and further explore the idea of starting a career in the medical field.



## Good luck Shiloh!

Best of luck to Shiloh as she participates in the state spelling bee! We know she'll be awesome representing the Ringnecks! The school recognized her before she left with some of her favorite things and gave her one more round of applause at our morning announcements.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

The hospital auxiliary is giving a \$500 medical scholarship to a senior going into the medical field. All applications need to be sent to Liz VanLoenen, Box 10, Bogue, KS 67625 by April 15th.

Happy St. Patrick's day to everyone.

The Bogue church services for Easter will be a Good Friday service at 1:30 and an Easter sunrise service at 6:30 am. Easter Sunday there will be a breakfast served after the service. An Easter egg hunt will also take place.

The Bogue Easter egg hunt will be Sat. morning, April 4th. Everyone is to meet at the Wild horse Township hall at 10 am.

The Cantata will sing at the Catholic Church in Hoxie on March 22nd, the Hill City Catholic church March 29th, and the Damar Catholic church April 1st.

Adrianna VanLoenen of Hays, Rachael McCollum of LaCrosse, Bryan VanLoenen and Liz enjoyed dinner Wed. at the Italian restaurant in Hays in honor of Adrianna's 22nd birthday.

There was a large crowd who attended the benefit for Colter Johnson Sat. night at the fair grounds. A big thank you to everyone who planned this event.

Liz called on Eric, Gina, Levi, and Lucy in Hoxie Sunday evening.

Kerry Jones visited Liz Sat. night.

Bobbie Holsman, Frank, and David went to Hays last Wednesday. Frank and David Holsman attended the benefit soup supper for Colter Johnson Sat.

The Hospital Auxiliary gave tours to the freshman high school class on Tues. morning.

Oh the time change, Does anyone like it?



## The Quest for School Breakfast

The Hill City Grade School celebrated The Quest for School Breakfast week with some fun activities. Students decorated their shields with pictures that made them feel like a brave knight and the staff selected 7 winners for their amazing designs! Great job, Ringnecks!



## Ralyn in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Ralyn had the fun opportunity to represent the Jayhawker Round-up Rodeo Royalty & Pageant in the McCracken Rodeo float in the St Patrick's Day parade in Rush Center!



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## Prairie Trails Golf Course News

### Men's Tuesday Night Golf Season Begins in Hill City

The 2026 golf season began on Tuesday evening, March 10, as twenty-six players gathered at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City. The event teed off in comfortable 59-degree weather with a gentle northeast breeze. Participants were randomly assigned to eight teams: six groups of three and two groups of four. Players aged 70 and above started from the front gold tees, while all others played from the white tee boxes. First place was secured by Fred Owen, Gary Long, and Doran Zeigler, who notched four birdies across nine holes of scramble golf. Zeigler also won a gift certificate from Six Pack Liquor after coming within three inches of a hole-in-one on the par-3 sixth hole.

The four-man team of Kendall Nuss, Joey Bellerive, Tate Reynolds, and Tim Thompson claimed second place following a scorecard playoff, both teams finishing with a score of 32. Third place was awarded to Bob Dombroski, Mike Davignon, and Rocky Hamblet, who also tallied a 32 and prevailed in a scorecard playoff. Two other teams—Bronson Bailey, Brock Kibel, and Chris Orr, as well as Noah Fry, Dalton Magnani, and Chris Normandin—also posted scores of 32. The team of Don Hayes, Donnie Newell, Wade McDowell, and Landon Jones finished with 33. McDowell earned \$10 from Outdoor Bank for sinking a long putt on the ninth hole.

Todd Ashbaugh, along with Caleb Roberts, each recorded a score of 34. Caleb Atkins was closest to the pin on hole two and received a gift certificate from 2-Lane Liquor, while Cameron Atkins made a long putt on hole five to earn Ringneck Bucks from Solutions North Bank. Men's Tuesday Night Golf at PTGC will continue weekly through the end of October. Registration begins at 5:45 PM, with play starting at 6 PM. Everyone is encouraged to join for a fun evening and opportunities to win various prizes. The First State Bank is sponsoring flag prizes for the 2026 season. Businesses interested in sponsoring can contact Brent Kelley, Monty Long, and Bob Dombroski at 785-421-7023.

**HILL CITY RINGNECKS JHS/HS ACTIVITIES**

Thursday, March 19, 2026  
Spring Break

Friday, March 20, 2026  
Spring Break

Monday, March 23, 2026  
No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, March 24, 2026  
8th Grade Science Assessments  
JH Scholars Bowl at Norton  
4:00pm

Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
8th Grade Science Assessments  
STUCO Trip

Thursday, March 26, 2026  
No Scheduled Activities

Friday, March 27, 2026  
Jr. Class Prom Meeting during Seminar  
Student Advisory Council Meeting during Seminar

## Graham County Community Foundation Celebrates "Match Month" in April

April will once again mark Match Month for the Graham County Community Foundation—a time when community generosity multiplies the impact of local giving.

Throughout the month, donations made to participating funds will be matched by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation, allowing local gifts to go even further in supporting projects, programs, and nonprofit organizations throughout Graham County.

This partnership has helped the Foundation expand its impact across the county, enabling more grants to be awarded for education, youth initiatives, healthcare, community development, and other important local needs.

Match Month Dinner & Celebration – April 18

To celebrate the power of local philanthropy, the Foundation will host its annual Match Month Dinner and Entertainment Event on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

The evening will feature great food, live entertainment, and an opportunity for community members to learn more about how their generosity supports projects throughout Graham County.

- Event Schedule
- Doors Open: 5:00 PM
  - Dinner: 6:00 PM
  - Entertainment: 7:00 PM
  - Dinner will be catered by 2C Farm Store.

Following dinner, guests will enjoy an interactive performance by Colorado Keys. Known for their live-

ly dueling piano shows, the group blends audience participation, humor, and favorite songs to create a fun and memorable evening.

Beverages will be available for purchase and will be provided by Riders Inc..

Raffle Featuring Local Businesses and Artists

In addition to the dinner celebration, the Foundation will host a raffle throughout the month of April featuring products and services donated by local businesses.

The raffle will also include photography from local photographers printed on canvas, highlighting the beauty and character of Graham County while supporting the Foundation's mission. Raffle winners will be announced near the end of Match Month.

### The Power of Matching Gifts

Match Month demonstrates how collaboration and generosity can expand the impact of local philanthropy. Donations made during April are matched through funds provided by the Hansen and Patterson foundations, enabling the Graham County Community Foundation to award even more grants to organizations serving local residents.

In 2025, local organizations submitted over \$136,000 in grant and donation requests to help support programs, services, and improvements across our community.

Because of the generosity of our donors, the foundation was able to fund \$96,000 of those requests.

That impact was made possible through:

- \$40,000 in pass-through funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation
- \$22,000 from our Local Endowment Grant Fund, built through Match Month donations over the past 9 years.
- \$34,000 from Patterson Match Funds, also generated through the Match Month campaign

Match Month plays a critical role in this work. Every gift helps grow our community endowment, creating a permanent source of funding that supports local projects year after year.

Your contribution today helps ensure we can continue saying "yes" to the ideas and organizations that strengthen our community tomorrow.

### Donate or Attend the Event

Community members are encouraged to participate in Match Month by making a donation, purchasing raffle tickets, or attending the celebration dinner.

Donations and event tickets can be purchased online at: <https://gnwkc.org/foundations/greci/>

Donations and ticket purchases may also be made in person at the Graham County Community Foundation office located at 110 W. Main St. in Hill City.

For more information, call (785) 421-7466 or visit [www.grahamccf.org](http://www.grahamccf.org).

By giving during Match Month, donors help ensure that local organizations continue to receive the support they need to strengthen and enrich the Graham County community.

## Students interact with daycare kiddos



Lifespan development students got to visit Danielle's daycare and read to the children.

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**Hill City Knights of Columbus Hosting Colter Johnson Fish Fry Benefit**

Will go to Cody & Tiffany Johnson Family to help offset some of the cost for the health and care of their baby.

**Friday, March 27**  
**5 to 7:00 pm.**  
**CCD Center • Hill City**

Menu • Fish • Coleslaw • Mac & Cheese • French Fries • Beverages

*A free will offering will be accepted.*

If you want to make a donation to this benefit, but cannot be present, please mail to Gary Long: 2762 Q Terrace, Hill City, Ks 67642  
Any questions contact Gary at 785-627-6009 or Justin Zohner at 210-488-5387.

**Sunflower Market**

**Saturday, March 21 • 10 am - 2 pm**  
**Graham County Fairgrounds, just off Hwy. 283, south edge of Hill City**

*The fair board will have a concession stand available*

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- Soy Candles • Woodworking Crafts • Books
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*Please come join in all the fun and bring a friend to the Sunflower Market!*

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## Layne Stafford brings rural communities together through art



Layne Stafford, Mural artist (courtesy photo)

**By Ron Wilson**  
 Director of the *Huck National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University*

This artist needs to think big. That's because his proverbial canvas isn't just a small square on an easel, it might be the side of a building.

Today we'll meet a rural Kansas man who is creating murals for communities across Kansas and beyond.

Layne Stafford is the artist who has created murals around the state. He grew up in Hill City where his father was a music teacher. "Creativity was encouraged at our house growing up," Stafford said. "Our dad's classroom was next to the art room, so we were exposed to some of that."

Stafford and his brother enjoyed drawing. They would fill a sketchbook with pictures they had drawn of athletes or Ghostbusters or Ninja Turtles. When school was out in the summertime, they even took art classes.

Stafford attended K-State where he graduated in art education. He stayed in Manhattan and worked part-time at Amanda Arnold elementary school where the mascot is the Pandas.

"The principal contacted me about doing a painting on the wall of the cafeteria," Stafford said. Stafford created a painting of a panda, and it was so well received that he has been asked repeatedly to come back and add on to that painting.

Then parents of a student

at the school asked Stafford to create a painting in their daughter's room. "They said, 'We would love for her to have a Star Wars mural,'" Stafford said.

He took on the challenge and it turned out beautifully. "I was doing small projects, playing in a band, and substitute teaching, but I felt that God was saying I should pursue this painting thing," Stafford said. He chose to go into it full-time.

"The first year was horrible," Stafford said. "Then in year two, two or three incredible opportunities came up and the floodgates opened."

For more than 20 years, Stafford has worked as a freelance muralist and created works for a variety of clients as far away as South Dakota. He typically completes four to five mural projects a year. Some of these are massive, as big as 100 feet wide and 20 feet tall.

Some clients come to him with a specific request. In other cases, he designs the concept himself.

"If the customer gets me the exact size parameters, I can design something to fit," Stafford said.

He also verifies the type of surface, such as brick, concrete, or cinder block. Once the design is approved, he lays it out on his computer and then projects it onto the wall where he paints it in place.

Stafford has done several projects in his hometown of Hill City. After one mu-

ral was completed, a man told his parents that this was the best thing that had happened in town.

Stafford works with businesses, churches, schools and homes. He has painted murals in cities larger than 50,000 people and in rural towns such as Damar, population 112 people. Now, that's rural.

"Small towns want to have something to be proud of," Stafford said. "I'm thankful if I can be of help, to build town pride and bring something new and fresh."

He's produced welcome signs for several towns, mascot murals in schools, a baseball themed mural at a Great Bend park, and an inspirational mural at Be Able in Manhattan.

In addition to beautifying communities, Stafford wants his work to serve as an inspiration to others. "That mural will be there long after I'm gone," Stafford said. "I want my work to be uplifting, to point to something greater. There is creativity in everybody. If I can inspire one person, that is my 'why.'"

For more information, see [www.laynestafford.com](http://www.laynestafford.com).

This artist needs to think big, because his canvas might be 2,000 square feet in size. We commend Layne Stafford and the communities that use his talents. They are making a difference by brightening and celebrating their communities.

This artist does well, because he sees the big picture.



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 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: 9:00 A.M.  
 Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship & Heavens Sake Kid's Church: 10:45 A.M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Nicodemus, Kansas  
 Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.  
 Church: 11 A.M.  
 Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.

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 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.

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 Worship: 8:45 A.M.  
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 Sunday School: 10:30 A.M.  
 Bible Study: 7 P.M. Wed.

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 Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday

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 Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

**MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST**  
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 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  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Dinner

## Sunflower Market kicks off May 21

Who is ready to celebrate spring and all the fun activities that happen this time of year? The Graham County Fair Association is once again hosting the Sunflower Market on March 21, from 10-2 at the Graham County Fairgrounds, just off Hwy. 283, at the south edge of Hill City. The fair board will have a concession stand available.

Organizers of the event indicate that there will be a wide variety of handmade items as well as a few direct sales vendors. Applications are still arriving, but so far there will be handmade jewelry; easter décor;

sewn items; tallow soaps and lotions; goat's milk soaps, soy candles; woodworking crafts; books; succulents; RADA knives; Red Aspen; Super Patch; crocheted items; Jordan Essentials; dog treats; tumblers; women's clothing and accessories with more expected by the day of the show.

Eva Hart will have her trailer set up with hot and iced coffees to enhance your shopping experience. There will also be a variety of baked goods, bierocks, cotton candy and more.

The Graham County Fair Association will also be accepting dona-

tions for chair replacement at the fairgrounds use at the concession stand. Through many years of use many chairs had to be removed from the inventory for safety reasons. With the increase of weddings in the summer months, we are needing to increase our inventory. The group asks you to consider donating to this cause. Each chair costs \$20-25 dollars. If you could find it in your budget and heart to donate the funds for one or more chairs it would be greatly appreciated.

Please come join in all the fun and bring a friend to the Sunflower Market!



## HS students finish their rag quilts

The Clothing and Textiles class completed their rag quilts. Pictured: Eva Hart and Dakkota Ottley

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**Monday, March 23:** Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Tropical Fruit

**Tuesday, March 24:** Hamburger Patty, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Macaroni Salad, Bun, Applesauce

**Wednesday, March 25:** Chicken & Rice Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Bread, Peaches, Cookie

**Thursday, March 26:** Beef Pot Roast in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Carrots, **Menu Subject to Change**

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## GRAHAM COUNTY'S PAST

### ... IN PRINTER'S INK

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#### 125 years ago - Feb. 21, 1901 The People's Reveille

The farmers are getting anxious for spring to open. They are keeping our three blacksmith shops busy in preparing the "weapons of war" to turn over old mother earth. Nathan Creek has returned home from a trip into the central part of the state. He says he gained 15 pounds and has returned home to prepare the ground and sow 75 acres to alfalfa. He plowed some last Monday, but struck frozen ground and broke a plow.

#### 100 years ago - March 8, 1926 The Reveille New Era

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Raney who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Friday, with their children, grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends, still reside on the original homestead in Gettysburg township, on which the filing was placed September 28, 1878 and the coming September will round out 48 years of these worthy pioneers, spent on the land of their choice selected in the days of their youth.

#### 75 years ago - March 8, 1951 The Hill City Times

The Poly Ann club is sponsoring the planting of Red Bud trees, Kansas' official tree, in Hill City. The trees will be bought by the Hill City Chamber of Commerce and distributed by the club. There will be only 100 trees from 2 to 3 feet in height available this spring, so anyone interested in planting a Red Bud in his yard should ask for one of the trees soon. They should be planted the latter part of March. The Red Bud is an ornamental tree, flowering in the spring. If the Red Buds do well, Hill City will be a lovelier place in the spring in a few years.

#### 50 Years ago - Feb. 26, 1976 The Hill City Times

The First Baptist Church choir at Nicodemus is presenting "An Afternoon of Religious Music" on Sunday, Feb. 29, at 3:30 p.m. at the church in Nicodemus. There will be musical selections from several other local churches, and refreshments following the program. We are hoping to have a wonderful time in the Lord. All are welcome to come and share in this period of Christian fellowship.

#### 25 Years ago - March 7, 2001 The Hill City Times

Ashley Lawellin was crowned on Friday, March 2, as the 2001 Graham County Spelling Bee champion following the annual competition held in the Courtroom of the Graham County Courthouse in downtown Hill City. Carter Atkins was second place winner and Matt Pedroza was third place winner.

## Post Rock Extension District

### Thank a farmer TODAY!

By Sandra L. Wick  
K-State Research and Extension  
Post Rock Crop Production Agent

For 250 years, agriculture has been the vital thread in the fabric of our nation. America's farm and ranch families represent the cornerstone of our freedom and way of life – now and in the future. American agriculture is the backbone of our nation's economy, and we express our appreciation for all who contribute to the U.S. agriculture industry.

National Agriculture Week, March 15-21, features the recognition of the strong agriculture tradition in Kansas and across the nation and the role the agriculture industry plays in the Kansas economy. This year's theme, "Agriculture: Together We Grow!" describes the significant importance of our producers and that Agriculture is a part of all of us.

This special recognition helps the consumer understand how food and fiber products are produced along with building appreciation of the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. In addition, the recognition will build consumer awareness and value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy as well as acknowledging and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

According to the Kansas Ag Statistics, each Kansas farmer feeds approximately 165 people around the state

which is a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960's. While farmland may stretch far and wide, the actual percentage of the U.S. population involved in agriculture is only 1.3%, or 2.6 million people! But quite simply, American agriculture is doing MORE and doing it BETTER!

Have you ever considered how agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber, and it ends with almost everything we eat, wear, and use and therefore helps make us...WHO WE ARE! From the food we eat and the fuel for our vehicles, to the fiber in the clothes we wear, and the oil used to make kids' crayons, agriculture touches everyone in some way. Consumers around the nation will be learning about agriculture's important role in their daily lives as part of National Agriculture Month during March along with National Agriculture Week, March 15-21, 2026.

Now more than ever, American agriculture is working together with the consumer to provide wholesome, safe, affordable and environmentally friendly products of the consumer's choice. To make this happen, the various production and marketing segments within American agriculture are forming new and unique alliances, working together to better serve the global consumer.

More and more, students and individuals are finding careers in agriculture. The industry needs scientists, biologists, food safety technicians,

livestock nutrition specialists, arborists, or conservationists— one doesn't have to be a farmer or have a direct on-farm job to be involved in the agriculture industry.

Agriculture is a complex and constantly changing industry, striving to meet the needs and concerns of its customers—consumers. It is very important that the public understand agriculture and how closely each person is tied to it. Our food and agriculture industry need the support of all Americans. Agriculture has always and will continue to be our country, state and county mainstay. American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It's the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation, made possible by the hard work of America's farms and farm families who lead the way in preservation and innovation for the health of our planet. Let's make sure it stays that way! For more information on agriculture contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Office in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

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## PRAIRIE DOC BY DR. BECCA JORDRE

### Old Age, Only 10 Years Away

Every year I ask my students, "How old is old?" The answers vary, but the most honest response I've ever received came from a patient who said, "Old is 10 years older than my age." We all tend to push aging just out of reach, as though it belongs to someone else.

As a physical therapist, professor and researcher in aging, I see the consequences of that distance every day. When we mentally place older adults in a separate category, we give ourselves permission to speak and act in ways that quietly do harm. We call someone an "old lady" without pause. We dismiss a symptom as "expected at your age." We offer the well-meaning but quietly deflating compliment that someone is doing well "for their age." Each of these small moments narrows what we believe is possible for that person.

This is ageism. Generally unintentional, ever-pres-

ent in our society.

The problem is not acknowledging that aging brings real changes. It does. Health conditions, pain, and mobility challenges become more common with age, but not in some uniform pattern that warrants focus on a number. The problem is when age becomes the answer rather than the starting point. When decline is the expectation, we stop asking about goals, we stop noticing strengths and we start designing lives around an assumed limitation.

Consider a common piece of advice: move to a single-story home as you grow older. It sounds reasonable. But research tells a more nuanced story. Studies have found that those living in homes with stairs showed less decline in physical function over time compared to those without. Climbing stairs is demanding, repetitive physical work for the legs and heart. Removing that daily challenge in the name of safety may quietly accelerate the very decline we hope to prevent.

This pattern holds more broadly. Research consistently shows that vigorous

exercise, not just gentle stretching or slow walks, produces the greatest health benefits as we age. Higher-intensity activity improves strength, balance, heart health and cognitive function in people well into their 80s and 90s. When we steer older adults toward only the lightest, most cautious forms of movement, we deprive them of the very stimulus their bodies need. In trying to protect, we inadvertently take away opportunity.

Language works the same way. When family members, neighbors and health care providers speak as though decline is inevitable, we coach people toward caution, avoidance and withdrawal. Expectation shapes behavior, and low expectations are their own kind of harm.

The answer is not to ignore age or pretend it doesn't matter. It is to treat aging as a human experience, seeing a person not as a number but as an individual with unique aspirations, interests and abilities.

None of us are exempt from aging. We are all just at different points on the same road. The assump-

tions we make about older adults today are the assumptions that may one day be made about us. That alone is reason enough to think more carefully about what we say, what we recommend, and what we decide is possible with each passing year.

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**Greg Doering**  
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A good quote is like a spark hitting dry tinder. As flames follow the spark, a quote fuels inspiration, curiosity or a reader's understanding of the world. Quotes should be collected like pennies. They should be stashed here and there and discovered again at random intervals like the small fortunes they are. Even then, there will be some that aren't so much saved as they are sealed into the mind. You can recall these in an instant.

The only care to take with any quote is proper attribution. While it's flattering to be quoted, it's quite another to receive credit for someone else's words. Especially if they're terrible.

Any collection of quotes is a good one, though good collectors are always on the hunt for more. Following are some of my favorite quotes but don't mistake that for an endorsement. My fondness for writers and humorists is the product of my own idiosyncrasies.

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## HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

The Hansen Museum hosted its Crochet for Beginners class on Saturday, March 14, with instructor April Teves. Six participants attended the afternoon class, which ran from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and spent the time learning the foundational skills of crochet. Throughout the class, participants practiced the basic stitches, learned how to read crochet patterns, and gained hands-on experience working with yarn and hooks.

One of the first challenges beginners face is learning how to properly handle both the hook and the yarn. Achieving the correct tension—just the right amount to keep stitches even and accurate—can take patience and practice. By the end of the session, however, all attendees had successfully learned the proper technique. Participants also practiced chaining and single crochet stitches, and some even advanced to learning the double crochet stitch. It was an enjoyable and productive afternoon, and it was great to see everyone leave with new skills and growing confidence.

This coming Saturday, the Museum will host a Needle Felting Class with Marsha Jensen of Manhattan, Kansas. Marsha is an accomplished fiber artist, and this class offers a wonderful opportunity for participants to learn the art of needle felting. Needle felting is a fiber art technique in which a special barbed needle is used to repeatedly poke and interlock wool fibers, gradually shaping them into decorative objects or sculptural forms. With patience and creativity, simple wool fibers can be transformed into detailed and expressive works of art. Marsha's expertise and enthusiasm make this class an excellent chance for beginners and experienced crafters alike to explore this unique medium.

Looking ahead, the Museum is also preparing for its Annual Meeting on April 12, and we are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Trooper Ben. If you have not heard of Trooper Ben, you are missing out on a truly uplifting voice. I first began following him on Facebook while he was still serving with the Kansas Highway Patrol. During that time, he regularly shared short videos from the road—often offering safety reminders, sharing tips for drivers, or simply giving a glimpse into his daily life as a trooper. What stood out most was the positivity in his messages. His posts often left viewers feeling encouraged and cared for.

After retiring from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Trooper Ben began speaking at events, including serving as a keynote speaker at the Vermont Highway Patrol convention. When planning this year's annual meeting, it immediately seemed that Trooper Ben would be a wonderful fit as our guest speaker. Thanks to Mindy Miller from the Osborne County Community Foundation, who kindly helped connect us, I was able to reach out and secure Trooper Ben for our event. His presentation, titled "Go and Grow," focuses on intentionally serving others, strengthening communities, and reaching out to help those around us. His message aligns beautifully with the Museum's own mission of fostering community, connection, and growth. Please join

us on April 12 for an inspirational message.

Our Artist of the Month for March is Logan Laser and Printing. This creative business combines modern technology with artistic design, producing a variety of engraved, laser cuttings, embroidery, and printed items. Their work highlights the versatility of these techniques, transforming everyday materials into personalized and visually striking pieces. Visitors to the Museum can enjoy seeing examples of their craftsmanship and learn more about the creative possibilities this medium offers.

Visitors can also experience our current exhibition, SPECTACLE, from The National Geographic Society which continues to draw attention from guests near and far. The exhibition explores the idea of visual impact—how color, form, scale, and presentation can capture the viewer's attention and create memorable artistic experiences. The works featured in SPECTACLE invite visitors to pause, look closely, and consider how art can surprise, delight, and inspire.

The Hansen Museum is located at 110 W. Main Street in Logan, Kansas. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays, 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Museum is handicap-accessible, and thanks to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, admission is always free. For more information, please call 785-689-4846. We hope to see YOU at the Museum soon!



April Teves (left) helps two students get started on their first crochet chain during the Hansen Museum's Crochet for Beginners class on March 13. The class introduced participants to basic stitches and techniques, with plenty of smiles as everyone began learning the craft.

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providers and organizations administering the project on behalf of child care providers in a community or region will be eligible to receive reimbursement for purchases of locally grown fruits and vegetables used in the lessons. The reimbursements offered through this project are a way to incentivize local food purchases to benefit our state’s specialty crop producers. By building relationships between licensed early child care providers and local farmers and producers, this project will increase nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops in our earliest eaters, while creating new market outlets for Kansas specialty crop producers. This is the second round of this project; in early 2025 the program was

open to licensed early child care facilities. The 2026 round of the project is intended for family child care homes. Individual family child care home providers and organizations who intend to administer the project on behalf of a group of family child care homes in their community or region are eligible to apply. Applications are due to KDA no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026. Applicants should demonstrate their passion for agriculture education in early childhood development and capacity for purchasing local fruits and vegetables. Recipients will be notified in May if they have been selected to

participate in the project. For more information, please visit: agriculture.ks.gov/grants or contact Brittney Grother, KDA ag marketing grants coordinator, at 785-564-6797 or Brittney.Grother@ks.gov. Funding for this project was made possible by the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service. The vision of the Kansas Department of Agriculture is to provide an ideal environment for long-term, sustainable agricultural prosperity and statewide economic growth. The agency will achieve this by advocating for sectors at all levels and providing industry outreach.

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STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas by SWBC Mortgage Corporation, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

ALL OF BLOCK THIRTY-EIGHT (38), CITY OF NICODEMUS, GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. 0331110102038001000. Commonly known as 505 Monroe Ave., Bogue, KS 67625 (“the Property”) MS 229743

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 14, 2026 in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MS 229743.462177 KJFC

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.



MS File No. 229743.462177 KJFC

### Legal Notice

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

IN THE SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
BARBARA V. BORDERS, )  
(f/k/a BARBARA V. STUHLIK) )  
Case No. GH-2026-PR-000009  
Deceased. )

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)  
TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO ADMIT FOREIGN WILL TO PROBATE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Admit Foreign Will has been filed in this Court by Petitioner, Personal Representative of the Estate of BARBARA V. BORDERS f/k/a BARBARA V. STUHLIK, deceased, from the Probate Court of Canyon County, Idaho, Case No. CV01-25-03920, requesting the foreign Will of BARBARA V. BORDERS, Deceased, dated May 21, 2019, be admitted to probate and record in the Court, that no administration of the Estate is necessary; that the Will be construed and the following Oil and Gas Mineral Interests situated under Real Property legally described located in Graham County, Kansas, owned by the decedent to wit:

Tract No. 1: The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Eight (8), Range Twenty-Two (22), and

Tract No. 2: The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township (8), Range Twenty-two (22).

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Graham County District Court, Graham County Courthouse, 410 N Pomeroy Ave., Hill City, Kansas, at which time and place such case will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Bryan W. Sorenson, Personal Representative  
Petitioner

/s/ Joshua A. Pollak  
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### Legal Notice

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, March 11, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Ronald L. Quint, Deceased CASE NO. GH-2026-PR-000010

### ORDER FOR HEARING

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE as of the date and time shown on the electronic file stamp.

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

NOW, on this day, the Court finds the Petition to Admit Foreign Will to Probate and Record filed by Sherry J. Quint, shall be heard on **April 13, 2026 at 10:00 am** in this Court and notice of the time and place of hearing in accordance with K.S.A. 59-2209.

All instruments required by K.S.A. 59-2209 to be included with the notice shall be served on all interested parties, and the Affidavit of Service shall so reflect, provided however, the Petitioner shall be excused from physically attaching to the Affidavit of Service copies of all instruments other than the Notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SUBMITTED BY:

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### Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Ronald L. Quint, Deceased CASE NO. GH-2026-PR-000010

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on , a Petition was filed in this Court by Sherry J. Quint, a beneficiary of Ronald L. Quint, Deceased, requesting that: the foreign will of Ronald L. Quint, deceased, dated September 21, 2004, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Graham County, Kansas:

At tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the 6th PM, Graham County, Kansas more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 686 feet West of the Northeast Corner of Section Nineteen (19), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-two (22) West, thence South 460 ft. to a point, thence West 550 ft. to a point; thence North 460 ft. to a point, thence East 550 ft. to the point of beginning; said tract containing 5.8 acres, more or less be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **April 13, 2026 at 10:00 am** in the District Court, Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Sherry J. Quint, Petitioner

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### Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Allen J. Worcester, Deceased CASE NO. GH-2025-PR-000008

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition was filed in this Court by Amy Karst, duly appointed, qualified, and acting Executor of the Estate of Allen J. Worcester, deceased, requesting that Petitioner’s acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys’ and guardian ad litem fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Allen J. Worcester, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **April 13, 2026 at 10:00 am** in the District Court, in Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Amy Karst  
Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Allen J. Worcester, Deceased CASE NO. GH-2025-PR-000008

### ORDER FOR HEARING

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE as of the date and time shown on the electronic file stamp.

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

NOW, the Court finds the Petition for Final Settlement filed by Amy Karst, should be heard on **April 13, 2026 at 10:00 am** in this Court; notice of the time and place of hearing shall be given pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2209.

All instruments required by K.S.A. 59-2209 to be included with the notice shall be served on all interested parties, and the Affidavit of Service shall so reflect, provided however, the Petitioner shall be excused from physically attaching to the Affidavit of Service copies of all instruments other than the notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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## Graham Co firefighters at work

March 14, 2026 the Graham County Firefighting units were on the scene at the sale barn, executing an overhaul operation stemming from a controlled burn incident that occurred several weeks ago. Thank you for your cooperation in avoiding the area to enable efficient movement of fire apparatus and personnel.



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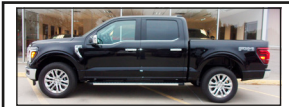
2019 JEEP Wrangler Rubicon, Sting Gray w/Black Cloth, 2.0L 4cyl Turbo, Hardtop Headliner, Remote Keyless Entry, Remote Start, Navigation, 44K Miles #02491 \$37,850



2025 Chevrolet Silverado ZR2, White w/Black Leather, 6.2L V8, Heated/Cooled Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Moonroof, Dual Power Seats, 2K Miles #03090 \$68,850



2024 Ford Mustang 2 Door Hardtop GT, Vapor Blue w/ Black Onyx Leather, 5.0L TI-VCT V8 480 HP Premium Ford Co-Pilot 360 Assist, Built In Navigation, 3K Miles #05225 \$52,850



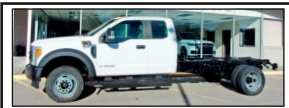
2025 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat, Agate Black Metallic w/ Slate Leather, 3.5L Eco Boost, Twin Panel Moonroof, Tow/Haul Package, FX4 off Road, 178 Miles #05530 \$63,850



2022 Ford Escape SE AWD, White w/ Sandstone Cloth, 1.5L Eco Boost, Mini Spare, 17" Aluminum Wheels, Power Windows, Power Locks, 40K Miles #09002 \$18,850



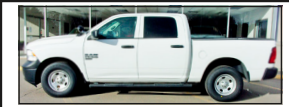
2024 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT 4WD, White w/ Slate Cloth, 7.3L V-8, 176" Wheel Base, Trailer Brake Controller, Heated Trailer Tow Mirrors, 24K Miles #16343 \$53,850



2017 Ford F550 S/C Chassis XL 4X4, Oxford White w/Gray Cloth, 6.7L Diesel, Power Equipment Group, Heated Trailer Tow Mirrors, Trailer Brake Controller, 158K Miles #21437 \$25,000



2010 Ford F150 Super Crew Lariat 4x4, White w/ Tan Leather, 5.4L V8, Lariat, Heated Cooled Seats, Local Owner, 4X4, V8, AM/FM/SAT Radio, 246K Miles #23143 \$6,995



2021 Ram 1500 Crew Cab SLT, 4X4, White w/ Gray Cloth, V-6, Police Package, One Owner, New Tires, AM/FM Radio, Power Windows, Power Locks, 115K Miles #26074 \$18,850



2024 Bronco 4 Door Outer Banks, White w/ Roast/Black Leather, 2.3L Eco Boost, Luxury Package, 360 Degree Camera, Adaptive Cruise, 8K Miles #35306 \$46,850



2022 Ford Expedition Timberline 4dr 4X4, Star White Tri-Coat w/ Deep Cypress Leather, 3.5L Eco Boost, Power Liftgate, Roof Rack, Steel Skid Plates, 73K Miles #36384 \$46,850



2022 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT, White w/ Ebony Cloth, 2.3L Eco Boost, Trailer Tow, Bedliner, 17" Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, Power Equipment Group, 17K Miles #39693 \$29,850



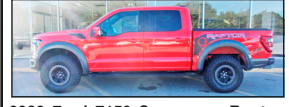
2016 Ford F150 XLT Sport Supercrew, Black w/ Black/Red Cloth, 3.5 V6 Eco Boost, Special Edition XLT Sport, 20" Premium Dark Tarnished Wheels, 104K Miles #40077 \$23,850



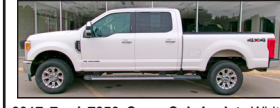
2020 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 Special Edition, Black w/ Black Cloth, 2.7L Eco Boost, Blind Spot, Moonroof, Navigation, Remote Start, 84K Miles #40764 \$26,850



2023 Ford Escape ST, Iconic Silver w/ Ebony Cloth, 1.5L EcoBoost, Vista Roof, Cold Weather Package, Tech Package #1, 18" Metallic Painted Wheels, 6K Miles #43190 \$27,850



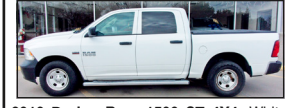
2023 Ford F150 Supercrew Raptor, Code Orange w/Ebony Leather, 3.5L EcoBoost High Output, Raptor Carbon Package, Raptor Graphics, 59K Miles #46608 \$63,850



2017 Ford F250 Crew Cab Lariat, White Platinum w/ Black Leather, 6.7L Turbo Diesel, 3.55 Ratio, Chrome Package, Extended Running Boards, Navigation, 134K Miles #48449 \$36,850



2020 Infiniti QX80 4dr SUV, Silver Metallic w/ Black Leather, 5.6L V-8, Leather Trim, 3rd Row Seating, Power Sunroof, Heated/Cooled Seats, 97K Miles #53110 \$24,850



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**New & Used 3pt & Small Equip, Skid Steer Attachments, Farm & Construction Attachments sell at 9:00am**-There are several hundred pieces in this category including a large variety & quantity of new & used skid steer attachments & more•**New & Used Livestock Equip, Hay & Feed, Livestock Shelters, Fencing Material, Metal Siding, Pipe & Structural Steel, New & Used Lumber & More Sells After 3pt Equip**-2 + Rows of items selling in this category. Both New & Used Items. There is a great selection of new livestock equip plus a good variety of hay & feed•**Haying, Harvest, Support, Tillage, Planting, Application & Feeding Equip Along with Larger Pieces of Construction Support Equip Sells After Livestock Equip**-March offers a tremendous line up of farmer owned equipment including a complete line of chopping equipment and a wide variety of haying equipment plus more.

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