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Specials

Monday, March 30:
Chicken Pot Pie,
Broccoli Salad, Potato
Salad, Pistachio Salad

Thursday, April 2:
Meatball Sub, Chicken
Club Wrap, Big Mac
Salad, Snickers Salad



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Cloverton musician, Hill City Native, tours the country



Lance Stafford

The Stafford twins grew up in Hill City where their father was a music teacher and their mother an elementary school teacher. Lance Stafford came to K-State and graduated in elementary education, but didn't really want to be in the classroom.

He stayed in Manhattan and enjoyed writing and performing contemporary Christian music. He also went to a local music festival, Country Stampede, and thought how cool it would be to perform live music like he saw there.

"I was on a softball team with some guys who said they wanted to start a new church and needed a worship leader," Stafford said. "I told them I would do three months. Then three months turned into a year, a year turned into three years, and so on."

At the church, he and some friends played praise music, including songs that Stafford had written. "My

dream to write and play music was coming true," he said.

In 2008, he learned about a music contest in Nashville. Stafford secretly entered two categories of the contest, drove to Nashville to perform – and won both categories.

As winners, Stafford and his three bandmates were entitled to record five songs in a professional studio. One of those was Stafford's song "Take Me into the Beautiful."

They entered that song in a bigger contest called Rock the Camp – and won that contest too.

"Our manager said we had to have a name for the band," Stafford said. "We tossed around all kinds of names. We were staying on a street in Nashville called Clovernook and we kind of liked that. We adapted it to Cloverton and it stuck."

Cloverton includes Lance Stafford as lead vocalist and on keyboards, and his brother Layne on bass, plus a drummer and guitarist.

Cloverton became a hit. "The Lord just opened up doors," Stafford said.

Cloverton got a song on KLOVE radio and scored the number one most downloaded song in the history of KLOVE. That same song also charted at #12 on the overall Christian Billboard top 25.

In 2012, their manager suggested they record a Christmas song. They and some friends went to Manhattan's Varsity Donuts after hours and recorded a music video based on Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah.

"We got to eat all the leftover donuts," Stafford said.

The video went viral. It literally got a million views on YouTube and was

featured on CNN and other media outlets. Cloverton later released a Christmas EP titled "We Sing Joy" which climbed to No. 1 for multiple weeks on iTunes.

Cloverton started touring full-time across the nation. Their annual Christmastime tour proved extremely popular and still continues today. "We put on 18 shows in 21 days," Stafford said.

Tours were cancelled when the Covid pandemic hit, but Cloverton has resumed the Christmas tours. Stafford and his wife and two boys live in Manhattan. He now performs as worship leader at Rock Hills Church in Manhattan when not touring.

Stafford reflected on how Christian music helped him when he felt lost.

"In my early years, everything was planned out for me," he said. "There's school and then college. But after that, I was at a broken place, working at a couple of part-time jobs."

"God used music as a place of comfort, a place of inspiration. The message of everything I write is a journey of someone who follows Christ. Maybe my music can help someone else."

Cloverton has performed in every state in the continental U.S. It's an impressive record for the Staffords, who come from the rural community of Hill City, population 1,374 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, see www.clovertonmusic.com.

We commend Lance Stafford of Cloverton for making a difference with inspirational music, along with all the boys in the band.



Historic Township Hall was built in 1939 and acts as the main visitor center for Nicodemus National Historic Site in Nicodemus, KS. Visitors can experience the "Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy" exhibit here. (courtesy photo)

Nicodemus National Historic Site to host Declaration of Independence exhibit

Nicodemus, Kan. – Nicodemus National Historic Site will host "Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy," a traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, April 2–July 13 at the Nicodemus Township Hall, 304 Washington Ave, Nicodemus, KS 67625.

The Kansas tour of "Declaration 1776" is presented by Humanities Kansas. This exhibit presentation is a part of Nicodemus National Historic Site's celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

When the Declaration of Independence was issued, the idea that "all men are created equal" was revolutionary and eventually shaped much of modern history. "Declaration 1776" uses primary sources to illustrate how Americans and people across the world have been inspired by the Declaration in their pursuit of equality and self-determination. The Kansas "Declaration 1776" traveling exhibition includes a section titled "Kansas 1776," which looks at what was happening on the land that would become the state of Kansas 250 years ago.

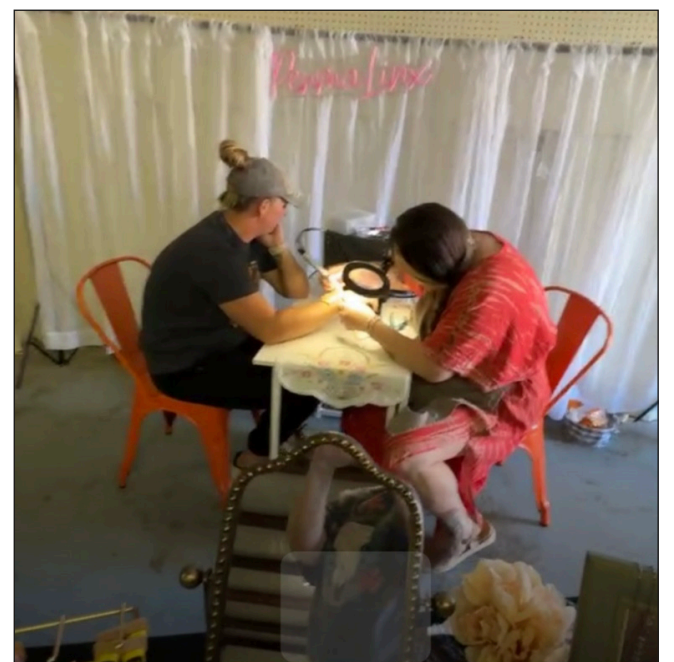
In 1877, the Nicodemus Town Company formed to allow Black Americans to cultivate these foundational values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in their own all-Black town.

"Nicodemus reminds us that the revolutionary spirit of the Declaration of Independence lives on," said Cassie Branstetter, Nicodemus NHS superintendent. "We are proud to host this exhibit and look forward to visitor conversations about the impact of the ideals of 1776 on the town's history."

Nicodemus NHS is open Thursday through Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more at <https://www.nps.gov/nico/index.htm> or by contacting a park ranger at (785) 839-4233.

Nicodemus NHS is one of 46 Kansas venues hosting "Declaration 1776" in 2026. For a full schedule of locations and dates, visit humanitieskansas.org. The "Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy" traveling exhibition is made possible in Kansas with support from the Kansas Arts Commission and the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund.

The National Park Service is proud to help lead the nation's 250th anniversary celebration through special events and experiences at parks across America, including many historically significant sites with direct connections to the formation of our country. Learn more at www.nps.gov.



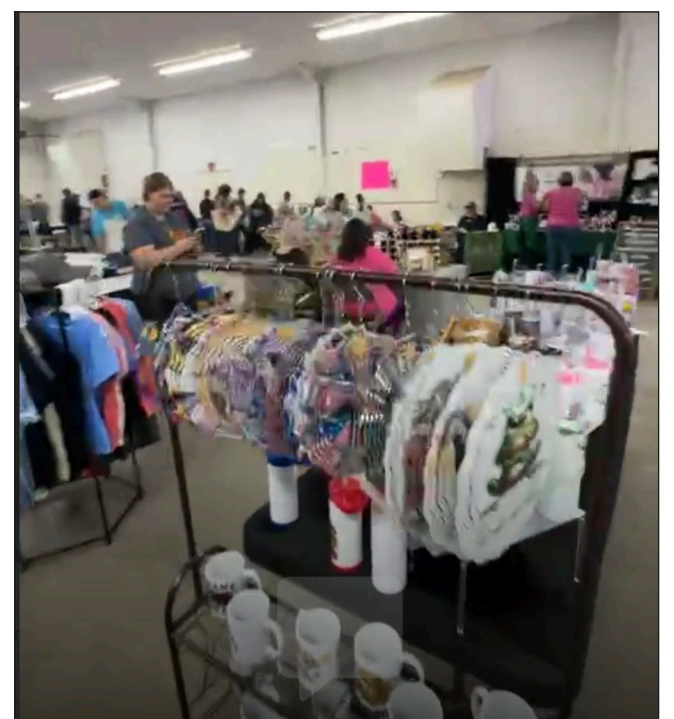
Successful Sunflower Market

The Graham County Fair Association wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all that participated in any way to making the 2026 Sunflower Market a great kickoff to spring events. Whether you were a vendor or shopper you were a part of the day's success.

Thank you also to those who contributed to our "we need more chairs fund." There were lots of tips and several generous donations. Thank you to all that contributed. If you weren't able to attend, but would like to help with this project, please contact any fair board member.

A very special thanks to the family members of our fair board family who jumped in to help set up the buildings, watch the building Friday night, go live for us, work in the concession stand, and help with taking down tables and chairs. With many of our board members calving right now we really appreciated the extra help.

Now it's back to getting ready for the 2026 Graham County Fair!



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To Be Determined!

March 14 7 pm | March 15 6 pm

Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Large Turnout For Men's Tuesday Golf

The Men's Tuesday Night Golf event at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City drew an impressive turnout, with twenty-nine golfers gathering on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The evening offered ideal weather conditions—a gentle breeze complemented by warm temperatures—providing the perfect backdrop for a competitive round.

The team of Chris Normandin, Dalton Magnani, Joe Keith, and Brock Kibel claimed top honors with a score of 31. Meanwhile, the group of Wade McDowell, Noah Fry, and Doran Zeigler clinched second place in a scorecard playoff, thanks to a timely birdie on Hole No. 9. This edge allowed them to surpass Rocky Hamblet, Brett Yelton, and Landen Jones, as both teams finished with scores of 32.

Several teams posted scores of 33, highlighting the close competition. Among these were Shay Simoneau, Kendall Nuss, and Nate Budig; Don Hayes, Don Newell, and Chris Orr; as well as Brent Kelley, Kaleb Atkins, and Derek Keith. Not far behind, Brandon Born, Joey Bellerive, and Fred Owen finished with a 34, joined by Todd Ashbaugh, Bronson Bailey, Cameron Atkins, and the four-man team of Monty Long, Tim Thompson, Rusty Harmon, and Cole. Recognition was given to individual efforts with flag prizes. Derek Keith earned the closest-to-the-pin award on Hole No. 2, sponsored by Solutions North Bank, and received \$10 in "Ringneck Bucks." Brett Yelton sank the longest putt on Hole No. 5, taking home ten dollars from Outdoor Bank. Todd Ashbaugh collected ten dollars from The First State Bank for his precision on Hole No. 6, and Wade McDowell was rewarded ten dollars from Nex-Tech for his long putt on Hole No. 9.

Men's Tuesday Night Golf at PTGC will continue each week through October. Participants can sign up at 5:50 PM, with play beginning promptly at 6 PM.

HOME OF THE RINGNECKS JHS/HS 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



Nicodemus announces "Alive and Striving" theme for 148th Emancipation Celebration

NICODEMUS, Kan. — The Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration Committee has announced "Alive and Striving" as the theme for the 148th Emancipation Celebration. The theme reflects the community's resilience and ongoing commitment to keeping Nicodemus active, vibrant, and growing.

The committee has also made a special commitment to the sixth and seventh generations of Nicodemus descendants, encouraging them to unleash their talents, preserve the town's rich history, and help shape its future.

"In Nicodemus, our history is our foundation, but our future is just as important," said Una VanDuvall, Vice Chair of the Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration Committee. "This year's theme, 'Alive and Striving,' celebrates both where we've been and where we're going as a community."

In partnership with the National Park Service, this year's celebration will also highlight the United States' 250th semiquincentennial. Nicodemus National Historic Site will host "Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy," a traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, April 2 through July 13 at Nicodemus Township Hall, 304 Washington Ave., Nicodemus, KS.

The Kansas tour of "Declaration 1776" is presented by Humanities Kansas and is part of Nicodemus National Historic Site's commemoration

of the nation's 250th anniversary. Community members and visitors are invited to take part in the celebration and show their patriotic spirit in red, white, and blue at this year's Homecoming celebration.

For more information and updates, visit <https://www.nps.gov/nico/index.htm>.

Support from the community helps continue this important tradition. Donations or sponsorships may be sent to: Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration (NHEC), P.O. Box 3, Hill City, KS 67642.

Stay connected and get updates by visiting www.nicodemushomecoming.org and following Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration on Facebook and Instagram.

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BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

The Bogue Church Services will be held Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm. and Easter sunrise service, April 5th at 6:30 am. with breakfast and an easter egg hunt to follow.

The Bogue City Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, April 4th. Everyone is to meet at the township hall at 10 am.

The Cantata will sing at the Catholic Church in Hill City March 29th at 4 pm and the Catholic Church in Damar April 1st at 7 pm.

There will be a craft fair in Hill City at the fair grounds March 21st. The fair board will have a concession stand and all proceeds will go to the fair board. Sorry this is over before the paper comes out.

The Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry March 27th at the CCD center and all the proceeds will go to Colter Johnson.

Oh the wind! It was so bad Sunday. Bogue sure had a lot of dirt blowing. We sure need rain.

We hope Shiloh Tompkins does a good job at the State spelling bee in Salina Saturday. It is an honor to get to go after winning the spelling bee in Hill City.

Liz VanLoenen enjoyed rolls ans coffee with Bobbie Bell in Hill City Friday morning.

The Hospital Auxiliary held their monthly meeting in the Telemed room at the hospital Monday afternoon.

Their district 5 coordinator from Phillipsburg was present for the meeting.

Bryan and Liz VanLoenen enjoyed dinner Tuesday at the Handle Bar Cafe in Plainville.



Walleye record so far for the 2026 season

T & D bait shop tracks the largest fish caught for every season. The current leader in our largest fish contest for 2026 is Lily Silver from Hill City, KS.

She caught a Walleye on a rod & reel with minnows as her bait of choice. The walleye was caught on March 19th out at Trexlers Lake in Graham County and weighed 4 lbs. 3 Oz. and was 23½" long.

Town Hall Meeting in Hill City
Senator Rick Billinger and Representative Ken Rahjes
Saturday, March 28, 2026
3:00 – 3:45 pm
The Schweitzer Hotel
224 W. Main Street

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Obituary



Deborah Ann (Berland) Pfannenstiel
Jan. 15, 1951 - March 12, 2026

Deborah Ann (Berland) Pfannenstiel, 75, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas, surrounded with love by her family.

Debbie was born on January 15, 1951, in Stockton, Kansas, to Alverize and Blanche (Kerr) Berland. She graduated from Palco High School in 1969 and on June 12, 1971, married the love of her life, Linus Pfannenstiel. Together they built a life centered on family, faith, hard work, and service to others.

Debbie dedicated many years of her life as a homemaker and for 33 years, she was an owner of

The Bingo Haus in Hays, Kansas, which she ran with Linus; served as the Damar City Clerk and was the friendly face of the Peach Fam summer fruit sales.

Her greatest joy in life was her family. She loved being from a large family and shared her joy, laughter and hospitality with her siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends that felt like family. She was a proud grandmother to nine grandchildren and one great grandchild, who lovingly referred to her as "Mème." In her free time, Deborah enjoyed watching sports, especially basketball, reading, playing dominoes and games, and spending time chatting on the telephone with family and friends.

Deb was deeply involved in community life and was an active parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Damar, KS, and a devoted member of the St. Anne Altar Society.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Linus Pfannenstiel; her daughter Tara (Michael) Morrow, Wichita, KS; son Adam (Clista) Pfannenstiel, Wichita, KS; daughter Amy (Tracy) Dible, Wichita, KS; nine grandchildren Jackson (fiancé Kena) Morrow, Emporia, KS; Jacob Pfannenstiel; Luke Morrow; Madisyn Dible; Isabella Pfannenstiel; Brooks Morrow; Holden Dible; Landon Pfannenstiel; and Graeden Dible, all of Wichita, KS,

and great grandson Jace "JJ" Morrow, Emporia, KS; her sisters Carolyn (Ken) Dreiling, Manhattan, KS; Roberta Bandt, Erie, CO; her brothers Paul Berland, Manhattan, KS; Vince (Laurita) Berland, Abilene, KS; Bryan (Karen) Berland, Guthrie, OK; sister-in-law Lorraine Berland, Damar, KS.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Alverize & Blanche Berland; brothers Harlan Berland and Doug Berland; sisters-in-law Sandra Berland and Sandy Berland and brothers-in-law Leo Dreiling and Lee Bandt.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026. A rosary and visitation will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. both at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar, KS. Her ashes will be laid to rest in a burial service with her brother Doug on May 2, 2026 at 10:00 am also at St. Joseph's Church, Damar, Kansas.

The family suggests memorials be made in Deb's honor to St. Joseph Catholic Church (107 Oak St, Damar, KS 67632) or to the prolific group at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School-Eagles for Life (8101 West Central, Wichita, KS 67212). Contributions and condolences can also be sent to Stinemetz Funeral Home (522 N. Pomeroy Ave. Hill City, KS 67642).



- 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: 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Fellowship: 10:00
A.M., Morning Worship &
Heavens Sake Kid's Church:
1045 A.M.
- 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

Graham County Commission Meeting Minutes

March 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, Graham County Deputy Clerk Julie Breinig, Graham County Hospital CEO Jonathan Gleason and Graham County District Court Clerk Tiffany Breinig all present.

Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason

Jonathan Gleason reported that the hospital continues to move forward with the generator project and hopes to have the new concrete pad poured next week. He stated that the new generator still has an estimated delivery timeframe of four to five weeks. Gleason also reported that the hospital is still awaiting shipment of the new boiler. Jonathan Gleason reported that the application window has opened for the Rural Health Transformative Grant. He explained that the hospital is hoping to pursue a behavioral health approach by remodeling a couple of rooms to better accommodate psychiatric patients. Gleason also noted the proposal would incorporate improvements to the cardiac rehabilitation program and include the purchase of new equipment for the wellness center. Gleason stated that the grant application has a short turnaround time and must be submitted by March 20, 2026. He advised the Board that preparing the application will be his primary focus over the next couple of weeks. Gleason also reported that the hospital has been made aware of some issues with the patient portal and staff are currently investigating the problem in order to restore the system and ensure it is running smoothly. Jonathan Gleason reported that the hospital is looking forward to partnering with the Graham County Health Department at the upcoming community health fair. Commissioner Irby informed Gleason that High Plains Mental Health Center would be sending him information regarding upcoming training opportunities and that he would share those details with Gleason once they are received.

Graham County District Court Clerk, Tiffany Breinig

Tiffany provided the Board with a report outlining the amount of revenue the District Court office brought into the County over the past year. Tiffany reported that the office copy machine is currently 14 years old and that replacement parts are no longer manufactured for the unit. She stated that she had received a quote from Tri-Central for a used copy machine in the amount

of \$4,395 and asked the Board if the County would cover the cost, as no funds were transferred into her equipment budget during the last budget cycle. Commissioner Irby asked County Clerk Robinson what the best method of payment would be if the Board chose to proceed with the purchase. Clerk Robinson advised that the most appropriate option would be for Tiffany to voucher the purchase through County General. Robinson also informed the Board that Tiffany is very mindful of her budget and does not typically overspend; however, without funds being transferred into the equipment line, the office encounters challenges when larger purchases such as copy machines, servers, or computers are needed. Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to have Tiffany proceed with the purchase of the copy machine and pay for the expense from County General.

Graham County Health Administrator, Kristen Wise

Kristen presented the Chairman with the annual grant listing in the amount of \$23,415.00 for 2027 and requested his signature. Commissioner Irby reviewed and signed the request form. Commissioners then reviewed a quote for medical-grade cabinets. Kristen reported that the cabinets were included in the Dane G. Hansen grant application. Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve the purchase of the medical-grade cabinets in the amount of \$24,024.00. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Kristen reported that when the flooring in the waiting room at the old clinic was removed, they discovered the type of flooring she had previously selected would not work over the existing surface. She stated that carpet appears to be the best option moving forward but noted she is still waiting to confirm this with Rusty Harmon. Kristen also reported that on April 1, 2026, the Health Department will be hosting a first-come, first-served drive-through produce box distribution.

New Business, Part 1

Commissioner Crouch reported that he had conducted additional research regarding the grant opportunity he previously discussed with the Board. After further discussion, he learned that Graham County could apply for a materials-only grant, which would eliminate the engineering costs associated with the project. He explained that the grant would no longer be a construction grant but instead a materials grant. Commissioner Crouch also reported that he had already spoken with several entities that could be considered influential in

the grant process and that they were supportive and willing to provide letters of support. Commissioner Irby asked how much funding the County would be requesting. Commissioner Crouch responded that he believes the County should request \$1,000,000, which would require the County to provide a \$150,000 match. Commissioner Irby then asked if the grant would still require the County to focus on the same road that had been previously discussed or if the project could be expanded to include other roads. Commissioner Crouch stated that the grant would allow the County to consider additional roads. Commissioner Crouch reported that he currently has a map identifying several roads of concern and expressed his hope to continue working with the new Road and Bridge Supervisor, once hired, in order to prepare for the next grant application deadline in August 2026.

Graham County Treasurer, Brianna Edwards

Brianna reported that the Treasurer's Office has processed daily envelopes through February 24, 2026, and she anticipates being fully caught up by the end of March if she is able to maintain her current pace. Brianna also reported that the next tax distribution is scheduled to be completed on March 20, 2026. She noted that the Treasurers from Trego County and Thomas County were present in the office today assisting with operations. Brianna further reported that Dawn, the Treasurer from Cheyenne County, had been set up on her laptop to assist with the bank reconciliations remotely and has already completed reconciliations through March 2025. Brianna also informed the Board that her new hire, Valerie, began full-time employment on Monday, March 9, 2026, and that another new employee, Jestine Crawford, will begin full-time employment on March 24, 2026. Commissioner Irby asked who the second new hire would be, and Brianna confirmed it would be Jestine Crawford. Commissioner Irby expressed concerns regarding the posting of a sign indicating a long lunch hour in the Treasurer's Office. Brianna explained that the sign was temporary and that she typically does not take more than 45 minutes for lunch, but she had already changed the sign to simply state "Out for Lunch." The other Commissioners stated that they had also received complaints regarding the lunch hour at the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Crouch suggested that the office consider remaining open through the noon hour and instead closing from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for lunch so the of-

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Welcome in House Participants & Carry-Out

Friday, March 27: Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges

Monday, March 30: Little Smokies, Macaroni & Cheese, Catalina Blend Vegetables, Pineapple

Tuesday, March 31: Teriyaki Chicken, Bed of Rice Broccoli Peaches

Wednesday, April 1 ~ Thursday, April 2

Sorry! Menus not available before print time!

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
 FRIDAYS at NOON for following edition.

Easter Activities

March 23rd - April 3rd
Graham Co Library is hosting an adult (18+) easter egg hunt in the library. Find one egg a day for a prize.

Wednesday - April 1st
Meet and greet the Easter bunny at the Graham Co Family Health Clinic from 3-4:30 pm

Thursday - April 2nd
Story hour easter egg hunt 10-11am at the library for kids 3-6 years old

Friday - April 3rd
Bogue Church will have a service on Good Friday at 1:30

Saturday - April 4th
Meet at Wildhorse Township at 10 am in Bogue for their annual Egg hunt
Egg hunt at Dawson Place at 11 am

Sunday - April 5th
Easter sunrise service held at the Church in Bogue will start at 6:30 am with a breakfast served and an egg hunt afterwards

Hill City Christian Church will have a short Easter devotional and fellowship at 9 am and regular morning service at 10 am followed by sunday school
Easter Sunday service at Hill City First Assembly of God and Heaven's Sakes Kids church both at 10:45.
Special guests Aaron and Marlina Bailey will speak along with an egg hunt to follow the service



Strategic Doing meeting in Nicodemus

The Strategic Doing meeting in Nicodemus was a great success! Thank you to everyone who joined us—both in person and via Zoom. We had around 20 participants, and the energy and ideas shared were truly inspiring!

A special thank you to Karla Bates for capturing the moment and helping facilitate such a productive discussion. Together, we had thoughtful conversations about Nicodemus's strengths, areas for improvement, potential challenges, and—most importantly—our vision for the future.

It's clear there's a strong passion for moving our community forward.

One key focus that emerged was the need for more lodging options for visitors and guests. A promising idea being explored is the addition of new RV hookup locations in Nicodemus.

We also discussed several other exciting opportunities, including:

- Improving lighting throughout town
- Enhancing security and police presence
- Making improvements to local roads

- Developing storage facilities
- Exploring a retail space for food, snacks, and drinks
- And many more great suggestions!

We're planning a follow-up meeting in the coming weeks to review progress and begin forming groups or committees to help bring these ideas to life.

Thank you again to everyone who participated and shared their voice. It's incredible to see so many people invested in the future of Nicodemus—great things are ahead!

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Co.

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400-500 \$617.00-627.00	400-500 \$545.00-555.00
500-600 \$575.00-585.00	500-600 \$491.00-502.50
600-700 \$475.00-487.50	600-700 \$425.00-435.00
700-800 \$412.00-423.00	700-800 \$367.00-378.00
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HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

One of the most endearing qualities of fiber artist and instructor Marsha Jensen—beyond her incredible talent—is her deep love for the plains. Growing up in Nebraska, she is a proud product of the Great Plains, and as a fiber artist, she actively incorporates natural fibers such as native grasses from this region into her work.

Since 2022, the Hansen Museum has welcomed Marsha to teach basket weaving and needle felting classes. Marsha resides in Manhattan, Kansas, which is still part of the Great Plains region, but she dearly loves coming to Logan because it reminds her of her childhood stomping grounds. When speaking to her friends in eastern Kansas about her trips to the Hansen Museum, she enthusiastically shares that great things are happening out here on the “prairie.” Her description of the Museum as being on the prairie feels like a warm embrace—quaint, inviting, and full of life.

Last Saturday, Marsha introduced five participants to the art of needle felting, a fiber art technique that uses a barbed needle to interlock and compress wool fibers into a solid, sculpted form. Unlike traditional wet felting, which relies on water and agitation, needle felting is a dry process that allows for precise control and intricate detail. The technique can be used to create a variety of items, including small animal sculptures, decorative figures, and even jewelry. During the class, participants began with simple shapes before progressing to a landscape piece.

One of the most appealing aspects of needle felting is its accessibility for beginners while still offering opportunities for growth and creativity. Each participant received a basic supply kit containing wool roving, felting needles, and a foam pad to use as a work surface. Photos from the class, showcasing the beautiful works created under Marsha's guidance, can be found on the Hansen Museum Facebook page. Keep an eye out—Marsha will be returning to the prairie to teach again.

Currently on display at the Hansen Museum is SPECTACLE, an exhibition from the National Geographic Society that explores the power of visual storytelling. Featuring

striking imagery and compelling narratives, the exhibition invites visitors to consider how we experience the world through sight—how color, scale, and perspective can shape our understanding and spark curiosity. SPECTACLE offers a captivating experience for visitors of all ages and is a must-see during your next visit to the Museum.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is fully handicap accessible, and admission is always free, thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

For more information, please contact us at 785-689-4846. We look forward to welcoming you to the Museum!



Participants in Saturday's Needle Felting Class at the Hansen Museum pose with instructor Marsha Jensen (Manhattan) and one of their creations. Students learned the basics of needle felting, creating sculpted wool pieces during the hands-on workshop.

Coloring with my peeps

The Graham Co. Library had a great crowd for their coloring event during spring break! Peeps were eaten, eggs were found, and lots of awesome coloring was done. Thanks to all the participants!



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Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion Spring cleaning and safety

Glenn Brunkow
 Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Spring has started for many of us already, the mild and even warm temperatures have allowed many of us to get a jump on spring activities already. All of us are ready for warmer temperatures and new life spring brings us. The warmer weather comes with spring field work and longer hours. Often, we are pushed to get work done before the spring rains and that means stretching ourselves thin. Those long hours and a rush to beat the rain brings its own set of risks and dangers. We all know farming is one of the most dangerous professions and spring and fall accentuate those dangers. I know I am preaching to the choir, but the long hours coupled with large equipment can be a deadly combination. Safety starts with spring cleaning. Make sure your cab is free of extra tools, clutter and anything else that can get in the way. Believe me, I am the worst about cleaning up my workspace. We bring tools along and soon the cab is cluttered with them and wrappers and cans from hasty meals in the field. Trips and falls are among the most common accidents and can keep you out of the field for weeks or months. I don't know about you, but I don't have time to be laid up right now. Fatigue is another common cause of accidents. I might hazard a guess fatigue is the cause of most severe accidents. It is easy to push yourself to the limit this time of the year. Early mornings and late nights add up in a hurry. There is no shame in pulling over to the side of the field and taking a quick nap. Remember we are all in this for the long game, a few extra minutes is not going to make a difference in the long run. Then there is the road. My closest calls have mostly been traveling up and down the road. Fewer people understand farm equipment and what it is like to drive down the road in a slow moving, large vehicle. Add to that the frantic, rushed lives we all live and it is a deadly combination. We can mitigate some of the risks by trying to plan our trips during times with less traffic but that does not always work. Just be alert and assume that the other driver is not paying attention. There is a myriad of other dangers like the clothes and footwear you choose, staying hydrated and being aware of where others are, especially children. Yes, farming and ranching are among the top five most dangerous occupations, it is a risk we all accept for the way of life we have chosen. Just be aware, take the necessary precautions and lessen the risks. After all, we are less than 2 percent of the population, we cannot afford to lose anyone to an accident. *"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.*



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office would remain open during the time most citizens come in. Brianna informed the Board that the current schedule is a temporary situation and explained that until her new employees are properly trained, she is unable to stagger lunch breaks to ensure the office remains open at all times. She further emphasized that due to the circumstances in the office, she cannot afford errors at this time and that the current arrangement is necessary. Commissioners also advised Brianna that they had received complaints regarding the office closing at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. Brianna informed the Board that the office would continue closing at 4:00 p.m. so staff can reconcile the day's transactions and ensure the daily envelopes are delivered to the County Clerk's Office to be double-checked before both offices leave for the evening, noting that this process is part of the checks and balances that had not previously been occurring. County Appraiser Rachele Standley, who was present during the discussion, confirmed that many Treasurer's Offices across the State of Kansas lock their doors at 4:00 p.m. in order to reconcile their daily transactions. Commissioner Irby asked Brianna if there was anything the Board could do to assist her. Brianna responded that she felt the office was moving in the right direction and that things were progressing well at this time.

New Business, Part 2

Clerk Robinson presented Resolution 2026-08, a resolution adopting a Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy and Substance Testing Procedure, for the Board's review and discussion. Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk Robinson also presented one (1) abatement order with a total valuation of \$9,925 and a total tax dollar amount of \$1,500.28, along with two (2) refund orders with a combined valuation of \$37,240 and a total refund amount of \$5,648.84, for the Board's review and signatures. Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve the abatement and refund orders as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Wayne Pfeifer

Wayne reported that his crew is finishing work on 12 Mile Road. He also reported that Scotwood Industries will be arriving on March 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. to apply treatment to Penokee Road, and that he will be working on preparations today and tomorrow morning ahead of the application. Wayne stated that he had spoken with Keith's and the elevator, who are currently hauling grain from the elevator, which could make it somewhat inconvenient to close the road for a couple of hours during the application. However, he believes the work should still be able to proceed as planned. Wayne also reported that he currently has a couple of crew members blading

roads. Wayne asked the Board if they would like him to be present during the Road and Bridge Supervisor interviews scheduled for later that afternoon. The Commissioners advised that his presence would not be necessary. Commissioner Crouch also provided Wayne with an update regarding the grant opportunity he had been researching, explaining that the County may be able to apply for a material-only grant rather than a construction grant.

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m., scheduled to reconvene at 12:15 p.m.

Graham County Community Development, Jason Luginbill

Jason reported that he had received approval from legal counsel on the draft for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) and asked the Board if they wished to move forward with the plan at the county level. Commissioner Irby asked whether the Board should wait to see what happens in the Kansas Senate, as there is currently a hearing regarding potential changes to the language that could make the NRP more countywide, which he noted would benefit Graham County more than the current wording of the plan. Commissioner Irby offered to contact Doug Smith with the Kansas Legislative Policy Group to obtain additional information on the proposed bill before the Board makes a decision on how to proceed. Jason also informed the Board that the World's Largest Pheasant, located in South Dakota, is currently for sale by a private owner for \$180,000.

New Business, Part 3

Clerk Robinson ensured the Board had the opportunity to review the informational pamphlets included in their binders regarding National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) training opportunities as well as Storm Spotters training. Commissioner Irby requested that the March 3, 2026 minutes be amended to note that the Oakley crew presented the idea of consolidation on their own accord and that the concept was not sought by the Board. Following that clarification, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026, with the noted amendment. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Community Members, Julie Roberts, Rick Roberts, Stan Brandyberry

Community member Stan Brandyberry voiced concerns regarding the construction of a road on the county right-of-way that had been previously discussed. Mr. Brandyberry stated that the Roberts family had already set their fence back approximately 10 feet and suggested that if he stayed back 20 feet, access to the field could be obtained through the existing trail without the county needing to construct or grade a road. Commissioner Nelson responded that there is currently no established trail in that location and

reiterated that the area in question is a county right-of-way. He stated that, in his opinion, the placement of the fence within the right-of-way should not be a matter of debate and that the fence would need to be moved. Community member Julie Roberts informed the Board that she had previously consulted with an attorney and was advised that if a right-of-way has not been utilized or enforced by the county for an extended period of time, it may not require the fence to be relocated. Community member Rick Roberts explained that prior to installing the fence, they had asked Dan Worcester to survey and identify the center of the right-of-way using his equipment. Mr. Roberts noted that based on the flags recently placed by the Road and Bridge Supervisor, their fence would now appear to be within the right-of-way and would therefore need to be moved. Mr. Roberts expressed concern regarding the cost and labor involved in relocating the fence. County Attorney Michael Abbott provided input during the discussion. Mr. Abbott acknowledged that the Roberts family had demonstrated good faith by obtaining a survey prior to constructing the fence and noted there did not appear to be any ill intent. He suggested that the Board may wish to consider a compromise by offering to pay half of the cost associated with moving the fence. Mr. Brandyberry reiterated that the current tenants farming the land in question had been consulted regarding access and indicated they were not requesting the right-of-way be opened and were comfortable with the current arrangement. Mr. Brandyberry further stated that he did not object to Billips using his property for combine access, but he did not want semi-trucks traveling in and out through the area, expressing concern that heavy truck traffic would damage the road. Commissioner Crouch asked for clarification that the individuals currently farming the property are able to access the field and will continue to have access while the matter is being reviewed. Mr. Brandyberry confirmed that they are able to access the property at this time. Commissioner Irby stated that he would like to return to the location to review the area again and gather additional information before the Board makes a final decision. County Attorney Michael Abbott advised that he would also like additional time to conduct further research. Mr. Abbott exchanged contact information with Julie Roberts in order to obtain the contact information for the attorney who had previously provided her legal advice. The Board agreed to revisit the matter in the coming weeks after additional information has been gathered.

Meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m., scheduled to reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

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

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Jerry's trip to Peru

2026 PERU MISSIONS TRIP

I have just returned from my 11th trip to South America to minister in the jungles and Amazon Rainforest of Peru. The personal focus of these annual mission trips over the years has been to strengthen the Smyrna Church of Peru through teaching and preaching. The Smyrna church organization has over 150 churches established in Peru with many located in small jungle villages within the Amazon Rain Forest of Northern Peru.

The organization that I participate in with these trips is First Love Ministries (FLM), headquartered in Rogers Arkansas. FLM over the years has helped to build some 75 of these churches, providing approximately 50% of the building cost. To receive this funding, the local church must own the land they are intending to build on free and clear. With a FLM investment of some \$2500 - \$2700 and volunteer labor, perimeter concrete pillars can be set and a metal roof can be erected on site. The church is then responsible for walls, doors, windows, floor, and furnishings. Over the years we have had work crews participate in these trips with one year 5 different work crews building 6 churches in one week! Many of the jungle churches are open air with dirt floors, wooden bench seating, and a simple pulpit. A few years ago I was preaching in one of these jungle churches on a Sunday morning when a full grown pig decided to wander through the church building. Imagine preaching over the constant oink, oink for the 2-3 minutes it meandered through the church building. This year it was a small monkey that was inside the open air building as we prepared for service.

The jungle churches were initiated by Jamie Gomez, a true apostle, and his wife Pastoria Thelma. Leaving a position of superintendent of schools, Apostle Jamie felt the call of God to go to these remote villages and establish a church in sack one. Apostle Jamie and Thelma would utilize river transportation and then walk several miles into the jungle on narrow trails that crossed sometimes flooded streams or circumventing rock slides that sometimes blocked the trail. Once in the village they were focused on, they would begin a house church or meet in the city square, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Savior and Risen Lord and inviting any and all to attend. In most cases, this effort was the only Gospel work in that area. They would stay until they had trained someone to be the Pastor of this local church and with that in place would move on to the next location God was calling them to.

Our FLM team headquarters in Tarapoto which sits on the edge of the Amazon Rain Forest and jungle. This year our team of 8 plus translators and support staff, traveled from Tarapoto to the river city of Yuramaquas where I preached in the Smyrna church on Monday night. Yuramaquas is located on the West Bank of the Huallaga River which is a tributary of the Amazon River. The Huallaga at this point is larger than the Mississippi River and it was the rainy season and flooded. The next day we traveled to and ministered in one of these jungle churches in Padi Nadi. This required a 2 hour trip upriver in a day trip river boat, then traveling inland about 2 hours on 3 wheel motor carts with a flat bottom platform that would seat 8 crowded. (No hand holds and very rough terrain and flooded low areas of the trail) and yes getting bounced off the cart was a thing. We crossed flooded streams and mud holes often on foot but we made it there and back after ministering and bringing 1100 pounds of rice and sugar to be distributed to the village. Our lunch was hosted by the local Pastor in his humble home of simple construction and limited furnishings and dirt floor. Our meal was chicken soup and it was delicious! The Lord was gracious to us and we got safely back to the river, fording the streams, mud holes, and crude made bridges over these streams and deep ditches.

Nearly every trip to Peru results in God stretching me in areas that I don't consider myself strong in. This year it was counseling young couples. This was totally unexpected and seemingly tossed into my lap in impromptu fashion, but God was faithful in giving me wisdom in ministering to these couples. I continue to pray for these couples even though thousands of miles now separate us.

One of the highlights of this year's trip was being able to wash the feet and pray over a pastor and his wife at a commissioning service at the main church in Tarapoto. What an amazing privilege afforded to me and others of our team to participate in this way.

So what is different about worship in Peru vs. here in the USA? There, carefully and wonderfully choreographed dance routines set to music are a normal part of worship. Tremendous response to altar calls, often resulting in nearly 100% of crowd participation. People will wait at the altar sometimes over 1 hour until a team member has time to pray with them. Needs are very typical with sickness and disease being most often prayed over. Many times hunger for God to do something in a life results in being slain in the Spirit for the one being prayed over. Lives changed forever by the power of God through Salvation.

Why do I return to Peru so often? Yes, I am drawn to the people, the culture, the food, and the geography. But it goes much deeper than that. It is a burning desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a culture that is open to the Gospel and receptive to what God is wanting to do in individual hearts and lives. I have developed many strong friendships and relationships over the years that has allowed me to be received and to openly teach and preach the Good News. As I grow increasingly older, I ask myself each trip is this to be my last visit. But as I left the jungle I felt in my heart I must go again! For each of you reading this, if you have not participated in a missions trip, make plans to do so! Trips range from simple and economic trips of 3 days to places like Haiti or Mexico to more elaborate and extended trips like to Peru. Allow God to speak into your life and respond to the call. My advice - do it sooner rather than later! You will be so glad that you did!

Jerry Gano

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCES NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 4 PROPOSED GREATER GMD4 AND SHERIDAN 6 LOCAL ENHANCED MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources will hold two prehearing conferences on April 13, 2026 beginning at 3:00 p.m. central time in the matters of the proposed Greater GMD4 and Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Areas submitted by Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Number 4. The purpose of the prehearing conferences will be to select dates and locations for the public hearings regarding the proposed local enhanced management areas, to specify the procedures to be followed at the public hearings, to set any applicable deadlines, and to consider any other matters necessary for conducting the public hearings. The prehearing conferences will take place virtually via Zoom. The prehearing conference for the proposed Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area will begin at 3:00 p.m. central time, and the prehearing conference for the proposed Greater GMD4 Local Enhanced Management Area will begin immediately following the conclusion of the prehearing conference for the proposed Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area. To obtain a link to participate in the prehearing conferences, contact Ronda Hutton at 785-564-6715 or ronda.hutton@ks.gov.

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 Curt, 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

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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

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.

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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

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
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

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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.

SUBMITTED BY:

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LeBLANC FARMS EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Monday, April 6th, 2026 – 10:30 am
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5 Miles West of Crook, CO on Hwy. 138 to Rd. 71,
North 6 Miles to Rd. 66, East on Rd. 66 2.3 Miles to Sale Site.
On Site Auction with Live and Pre-Auction Internet Bidding
Items with no internet bidding capabilities start at 10:30 am,
items with internet bidding capabilities sell at approximately 1:00 pm.



Tractors, Loader, Truck, Trailers & Pickup sell after equip (Online Bidding Available)-14 JD 8345R MFWD, IVT, ILS, 3pt w/QH, Big 1000 PTO, 5hyd, pwr bynd & case dm, 380/80R38 fnt dls, 480/80R50 rear dls, SF1 gdnce equip w/SF6000 recvr & intgrtd 4600 mntr, AutoTrak & CircleTrak actvtd, 4,461hrs, 2ndownr*15 JD 7210R MFWD, PS w/LHR, fnt suspnsn, 3pt w/QH, dl PTO, 5hyd, pwr bynd & case dm, 600/70R30 frmts, 800/70R38 rears, SF1 gdnce equip w/SF3000 recvr & intgrtd 4600 mntr, AutoTrak & CircleTrak actvtns, 3,557hrs, 3rdownr*05 JD 7820 MFWD, Pwr Quad Plus w/LHR, fnt suspnsn, European 3pt, dl pto, 4hyd, case dm, 480/70R30 frmts, 620/70R42 rears, 8,655hrs*71 FA 856, cab, 3pt, dual PTO, 2hyd, 18.4-38rub*49 FA M non-running trctr*21 JD 524P Hi Lift whl ldr, 4yd bckt, 3yd bckt w/grpple, bale spear & 7"x47" frk hd, JRB QT, ride cntrl, return to dig & carry, 4th hyd fcnctn, 2,143hrs, 1ownr, ext pwrtrn plus hyds warranty*98 Peterbilt 379 ext. hood semi, Cat 3406E, 15 under trans, dl line wet kit, 857k orig mi, rebuilt trans. 100k ago*19 Hitchcock 96"x36" chn flr trlr, clsd tndm air ride, elec RO tarp, 1ownr*06 Trans Craft 100"x53" alum combo strght dck fltbd, sprd axle air ride*79 Timple 96"x42"x66" hppr btm gm trlr, sprng ride, RO tarp, hyd traps*12 PJ 102"x25" + 5' dove tndm dl GN fltbd*06 Titan 6'8"x24' GN stck trlr, 2 dvdrs, rub mats, trsn axles*93 Tepe 83"x16" BP fltbd trlr*95 Chevy 1500 ext. cab shrt bx, 5.7L V8, auto, 4x4, 217k mi***Haying, Planting, Tillage & Support Equip Plus Fuel Tanks & Livestock Equip sell at approx 1:00 (Online Bidding Available)**-23 JD W235R wndrwr, R500 16' rtry hd, stl on stl cndtr, elect. wndr whl, dble dsc, premium cab, rear suspnsn, SF1 gdnce equip w/SF6000 rcvr (SF3 rdy) & intgrtd 4600 mntr, AutoTrak & CircleTrak actvtns, 606/468hrs, 1ownr, ltd pwr trn wrnty thru 5/30/28 or 1250hr*MF 2234XD 3x4 bir, dl auto lube, wndr rlr, blwr, rlr chte, 11,571 bles, 2ndownr*2 new plits Bridon BlackGold 440 bing twne*ProAg HD4SR PT bale stckr, 1ownr*Darf FM1017L whl rke, 2ndownr*2 Kuhn GA-300GM 3pt 8' tedder rakes*GP 3300HD 7.5'x30' fnt fld gm drll, dble dsc, affila bx, fert bx, sprng dwn prssre, shift mntr & fert blkcke mntr, 1 ownr, 661 orig acres*18 Parma 24' 3pt land plne, wng fld, S-lines, 1ownr*Kuhn Knight Pro Push PS270 PT mnre sprdr, vrtcl btrs & Accusprd cmpst atchmnt, slop gle, 1ownr*Oteco A100 PT sprnklr trck flr, 1ownr*Strobel MDFL12 HD bx scscr, hrzntl flt, 1ownr*Int 30 12' land plne*1600gal 4whl nrse wgn w/Hnda mtr & 2' pmp*19 Lndoll 7530 26' VT dsc, hyd ptch, rlng bskts, 1ownr*Brillion WL-02 24' pncke fld mlchr, dble crw flt, S-tnes*Ogden 30' English hrw on PT cddy, 1ownr*Case IH 165 3pt 6 btm 16" RO plw*Int 145 3pt 4 btm 18" RO plw*2 Int 140 3pt 4 btm 18" RO plws*new Int plw shins, shares, cvr brds, land slides & hrdwre*Case IH 10 3pt 9 shnk V-rppr*Int 22' tndm dsc*Case IH 181 3pt 20' rtry hoe*Int 18' & 30' vibra shnk fld cults*Krause 4600 & 4650 3pt 8R30" cults*Orthmn 3pt 8R dtchr bar*2 3pt 6R dtchr brs*Int 3pt 8R dtchr bar*3pt 6R cult*3pt 16' tool bar w/sprng shnks*FlexKing 3x6 blde mchne*JD 6 sect 20' rtry hoe*FlexKing 36' rod wdr frme cnvrd to a float*Nble 34' S-tns fld cult cnvrd to a float*Int 915 corn & soybn spcl cmbne w/983 corn hd*Int 810 gm plttm*Sund 22' bn PU*8'x12' 4 whl fltbd wgn w/alum hdache rck*Harsh Ditch Drgn 3pt wd brnr*Silver Jet 3pt wd brnr*Patriot 3pt 6 dsc trck clsr w/pckr drm*SB 3pt trck clsr*BushHog 121 3pt 9' hyd blde*Rugged Rooster 3pt 8' snw blwr*Monroe 12' snw plw*Evrsmn D7 dble cyl dtch V-Rhino SR15 15' btwng rtry mwr*Rhino 10' sngle wng rtry mwr for parts*NH 451 3pt 8' skle mwr*BshHg 3pt pst hie dggr, 9' aug, hyd dwn prssre*3pt 4 tne bale spr*FH F-11 2 tne bale spr*4 btm plw pckr*300gal PT fld spryr, 40' boom*24' of Deglmm 3 bar hrws*6 5' English hrw sects*JD 350 38' corn elvtr w/flip-ovr hppr*Noble 6"x35' gas pwrdr aug*Int 3 btm one wy plw*Int 2 btm tmble bug plw*Int 2pt fast htch 2 btm 1 wy plw*JD antique 4R plntr*Int antique 2R lister*McCormick #7 skle mwr*horse drwn cult chassis*Int stl whl side dlrvy rke*IH 9' dmp rke*Letz corn grndr*105gal L shpd fuel tk*150gal rctngle fuel tk w/12v pmp*500gal hrzntl fuel tk w/110v pmp*(3) 500gal & (2) 300gal OH fuel tnks*Bison auto wire rlr*Bgvily hd ctch*Gunnison sqze chte*12' prtble ldnng chte*2 SB 16' hay fdr wgn*(20) 20' freestndng cttle pnls w/(1) 12' gate*2 HWBrnd 14' gates*6' & 10' gates*(3) 10' prtble pnls*14 HWBmd 12' prtble pnls*(2) 16' HD mtl gates***Seed, Shop Equip, Tools, Farm Misc & Scrap Iron sells at 10:30am (No Online Bidding)**-(25) bgs Pawnee Butte Seed Co. 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Owner: Lynne LeBlanc

Note: The LeBlanc family has been farming in the Crook area for 3 generations. Lynne's husband Scott passed away in 2021 & Lynne continued operating the farm thru 2025. She has decided it is time to sell the ground & equipment & retire to spend more time with grandkids & take care of her mother. The equipment is well maintained & the majority has always been shedded. Plan to attend! Lunch available auction day.

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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?

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