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### JOY FOR KOY ANNUAL RUN

The Mueller family holds an annual run to remember Koy Mueller. The proceeds from the run goes to a fund that helps Herington students with financial aid to further their education.

Saturday, April 11th, The Herington High School hosted the 2nd annual Run and also had wonderful food sold at the concessions. The Mueller family, who are also a big community supporters, did a fabulous job with the food and the run. I for one cannot wait to be there next year, hopefully to walk after my surgery.

Koy was tragically lost in an accident in 2024, but his memory continues to live throughout Herington. Koy was known for his humble mentality and always being there to lend a hand. He participated in many sports in Herington High School and was a superb student.

We will always miss you Koy but we know you are always with us.



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 8:30 a.m. Worship  
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 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

This week some friends and I visited the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene. We were there to see the museum and the beautiful display of quilts. I am not a quilter myself, but I am awed by the artistic talent of those who are. We wandered slowly, marveling at the use of color and pattern. Some had colors I would not have joined together and they were exquisite. While several used the same style block patterns, there were no two alike. A couple of the quilts tricked the eye and were even more glorious at a distance. What a sad and sorry display this would have been if all the entries featured a plain white blanket stitched in straight lines. I make good use of plain colored factory stitched blankets as a practical cover when I'm cold. Those blankets are simple, cheap, and usually hidden under a beautifully patterned bedspread or intricately stitched

## QUILTED MARVELS

quilt that gives my room a warm and inviting glow. When decorators choose plain colors, they often punch them up with a variety of textures. It is this use of color, pattern, and texture that enhances our spaces. It seems to me, our creativity in quilt making or any of our other human endeavors is a blessed gift from our creator. I look around at the earth and skies and everything I see is amazing. All my senses luxuriate in the splendid folds of color, light, and variety. What a beautiful world. I have an old quilt at home. Granny created it with scraps of my childhood wardrobe. As my eyes run over the squares, my mind scampers through the playground in my memories. Some fabrics have faded and lost much of their color and my quilt is diminished by each loss. Why, I wonder do so many seem willing to tear away at the beautiful, blended variety of God's creative handiwork?



Mark Will  
 DCNT Columnist

## THIS DAY - IN - THE HERINGTON TIMES

125 years ago - 1901  
**GOOD ENTERTAINMENT** - The opera given at the Herington opera house last Friday night was well attended, considering the bad weather and lateness of the hour. The

regular passenger train that was to bring the special car from Council Grove was so late that it was time for the show to begin when the engine whistled into town. It was a rainy, bad time, but no time was lost in getting to the opera house while the company was preparing for the program. The society presented the comic opera entitled, "Patience, or Bunthorne's Bride." The orchestra consisted of violin, clarinet, cornet, bass viol, trombone, bells and drum, and pianist. The audience showed their appreciation by frequent encores during the entire program.

100 years ago - 1926  
**OPEN A CONFECTIONERY** - Mr. Ream of the Ream grocery store at 312 West Walnut has recently rented the room just east of his store, formerly occupied by the Brocksome barber shop, and will open a nifty confectionery store there. He has brightened up the interior of the room with paint, installed an attractive soda fountain and put in a stock of candies, pastries, cigars, tobacco, etc. It will be run entirely separate from the store and will be open every evening and Sundays.

75 years ago - 1951  
**FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD ORDERED** - The Herington Lions Club is raising money for the Herington High School football scoreboard and has arranged with Swift and Company who will give 5c

## FATAL CAR ACCIDENTS ON US-56

for each 'Allsweet' carton or wrapper turned in at Herington stores. The campaign starts today and will continue through July. Mr. Larry Pierce, local Swift representative said, "I am going to see if we can't get enough money out of this saving campaign to pay for the new scoreboard." The scoreboard committee has been instructed to order the new scoreboard and it is believed that delivery will be made in time to have it installed before the first home game this fall. Forty Herington merchants are cooperating with the carton-wrapper saving campaign.

50 years ago - 1976  
**TWO FATAL CAR ACCIDENTS ON US-56** - Two traffic accidents on US-56 between Council Grove and Herington have resulted in the death of 15-year-old Robyn Smith and Mrs. Helen R. Kurtenbach. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Smith, president of the First National Bank of Herington. The accident occurred about 7:45 p.m. Sunday, 2 miles west of Council Grove. The four teenagers were enroute to Council Grove to attend a movie. At about 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Mrs. Helen Kurtenbach's car collided head on with a semi-trailer truck about one-half mile east of Herington. For an unknown reason, Mrs. Kurtenbach's car suddenly veered left of center at the time of the collision, and the truck driver was unable to stop in time. Services for Miss Smith were held on Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and services for Mrs. Kurtenbach are pending.

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## VIEW FROM THE HILL- Scott Hill

### New Kansas Laws

The legislative session is finishing up. The Governor is either vetoing, allowing to become law, or signing legislation. This week, we will be addressing those bills that she has vetoed. This column is a compilation of legislation that has passed and signed into law as of Tuesday, April 7. The briefs are as follows:

- HB 2595 - Creates a plan of stipend and loan forgiveness for law students who set up a practice in a rural area.
- HB 2323 - Gives the Insurance Commissioner more authority to pursue criminal charges against individuals who knowingly commit insurance fraud.
- HB 2237 - Allows the State to give incentives to prospective employees to facilitate hiring.
- HB 2536 - Requires those who serve as guardians for adults with cognitive decline to complete training.
- HB 2520 - Increases the number of possible residents in a Home Plus facility.
- HB 2602 - Establishes requirements for portable benefit plans for independent contractors.
- HB 2618 - Revises reporting requirements from the State Board of Education including reporting all Federal money received.

- HB 2537 - Strengthens Kansas law combatting online sexual extortion.
- HB 2644 - Sets some requirements for appraisals of property for tax valuations.
- HB 2574 - Updates cybersecurity laws for the State Government.
- HB 2747 - Creates uniform definition of Driving Under the Influence.
- HB 2467 - Removes citations more than 5 years old from driving record.
- HB 2539 - Requires members of the Eudora Library Board to be elected.
- HB 2524 - Improves foster home reporting practices.
- HB 2320 - Allows foster children to attend the school district of their choice.
- HB 2769 - Requires members of governing bodies of subordinate taxing areas to be residents of those areas.
- HB 2781 - Authorizing the State Historical Society to acquire and maintain the junior officers' quarters at Fort Dodge.
- SB 364 - Establishes expansion of lifetime youth hunting and fishing as well as a discounted senior license.
- HB 2444 - Establishes that time served as a jail credit can only apply to one case.

This list will continue next week so that you have an idea of some of the legislation that might affect you or someone you know. Enjoy the ever-changing weather this week, as this farmer hopes for some rain.

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**Tuesday, April 21:** Chef Salad with Turkey, Beets, Crackers, Mixed Berries, Cookies, Milk

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**Application Deadline for 2026 Boys State of Kansas Session Set for April 30**

April 7, 2026 — The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is accepting applications for its 2026 session through Thursday, April 30. Applications are accepted after that date, but on a space-available basis. The event is set to be held Sunday, May 31, through Saturday, June 6, at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This will be the program's 34th consecutive session at KSU and 88th overall.

Kansas Boys State is for individuals who will complete their sophomore or junior year of high school this spring. The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$375; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50. Those wishing to attend the 2026 session should visit [ksbstate.org](http://ksbstate.org) to apply. Furthermore, delegates who are returning to KBS for a second year (high school sophomores during the 2024-25 academic year) have the opportunity to attend the 2026 session for just \$50 total, provided they get at least three eligible people from their school (or another school) to attend.

Kansas Boys State attendees are also eligible to receive a three-hour course credit (Introduction to Political Science [POLSC 110-C]) through K-State at a 72% discount, as well as earn merit badges to attain the Eagle Scout rank through Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, attendees can apply to win a Samsung American Legion Scholarship. The American Legion Department of Kansas finalist is guaranteed a \$1,250 scholarship, with the opportunity to receive up to \$10,000 as a national scholar. The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

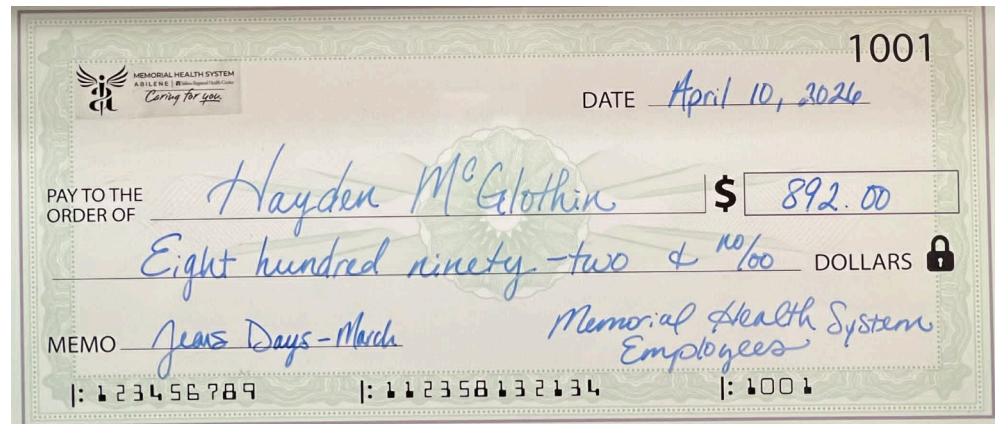
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For information about the 2026 American Legion Auxiliary Sunflower Girls State, which will be held Sunday, May 31, through Friday, June 5, at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, visit [ksgirlsstate.org](http://ksgirlsstate.org).

— #KSBoysState —

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is an interactive simulation that teaches high school seniors-to-be the value of democracy and civic duty. Participants form mock governments and campaign for positions at the city, county and state levels. After the elections, participants find out firsthand the difficult decisions made daily by those in government through a series of challenging simulations. Delegates, nominated to attend by their high school counselors and other influential people in their lives, are sponsored by American Legion posts and various civic organizations from across the state. All delegates demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities in student government, athletics and/or other activities.

The Boys State program was founded by Legionnaires Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card in Illinois in 1935, and was first held in Kansas two years later in Wichita. The Kansas program moved to the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1963 and remained there until 1991. The following year, it moved to its current location at Kansas State University in Manhattan. For more information about the American Legion Boys State of Kansas, visit [ksbstate.org](http://ksbstate.org).



Employees of Memorial Health System (MHS) wore blue jeans at work, in March, for a "Jeans Day" fundraiser. Employees make a donation, of at least \$2, and are allowed to wear blue jeans at work. A total donation of \$892 was presented to Hayden McGlothlin. Hayden, from Chapman, was diagnosed with leukemia last year, just before turning 18 years old. Instead of preparing for that milestone, he was/is facing the toughest challenge of his young life. His world, and the lives of those who care about him, changed dramatically. Hayden, known for his adventurous spirit, lifts others up even in difficult times. Now, as he battles leukemia, Hayden's resilience is being tested in new ways, and his determination will help get him through this.

The Jeans Day was organized by the MHS Employer of Choice (EOC) Council.

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**Dickinson County Awards \$30,000 to Support America 250 Community Celebrations**

Dickinson County, Kansas — Dickinson County is preparing for a year of celebration in 2026 as the Board of County Commissioners announces the recipients of the Dickinson County Celebrates America 250 Community Grant Program, awarding a total of \$30,000 to support local events, projects, and legacy initiatives.

The grant program, launched in February 2026 and funded by Dickinson County in partnership with the Community Foundation of Dickinson County, was designed to support community-driven efforts that honor America's 250th anniversary while strengthening civic pride and regional engagement.

A total of 20 organizations representing communities across Dickinson County submitted applications, requesting more than \$65,000 in funding. After review, 13 projects were selected based on their alignment with America 250 themes, community involvement, readiness, and overall impact.

In addition to these criteria, the review committee considered:

- Equal distribution across all three County Commission districts
  - Supporting projects in each applying community
  - Event timing to ensure visibility and recognition of county support
- "These awards reflect a thoughtful balance of projects that will bring people together across Dickinson County," said Dickinson County Administrator Janelle Dockendorf. "From community festivals to lasting memorials, each project plays a role in honoring our nation's history while strengthening connections at the local level.

"We are a community—we can have some fun," said Commissioner Kenny Roelofsen. "That's what this is about—having an all-American celebration and bringing people together to enjoy it."

"I appreciate the number of people who participated and submitted applications," added Commissioner

Lynn Peterson. "The goal is to celebrate the 250th in a countywide way, encourage creativity, and build enthusiasm within each community."

- 2026 America 250 Grant Recipients
- VFW D-Day Dinner – \$3,000
  - Historic Seelye Mansion – A250 Celebration – \$1,500
  - Old Abilene Town – Chisholm Trail Experience – \$2,500
  - Eisenhower Foundation – D-Day Commemoration – \$2,250
  - Chapman Labor Day Celebration – \$1,500
  - Chapman Middle School – Veterans Tribute Project – \$1,500
  - Solomon United Festival – 50 th Anniversary – \$2,000
  - Solomon FFA – Veterans Memorial – \$3,500
  - Talmage – America 250 Celebration – \$1,250
  - Hope Community Festival – \$3,500
  - Navarre Lions Club – Flagpole Project – \$1,500
  - Tri County Free Fair – Fireworks – \$3,500
  - Woodbine – Lighted Flagpole Project – \$2,500

"We're incredibly grateful to be selected as a recipient of the America 250 grant," said Jill Duryea,

Solomon Festival Committee Member. "This support allows us to build on a long-standing tradition in Solomon and create an even more meaningful experience that brings people together to celebrate our shared history and community."

The selected projects include a mix of community festivals, educational programs, historical commemorations, and permanent improvements, all designed to engage residents and attract visitors throughout 2026.

Together, these initiatives will be promoted through a countywide calendar of events, helping position Dickinson County as a destination for America 250 celebrations. The Dickinson County Commissioners extend their appreciation to all applicants for their time, effort, and commitment to creating meaningful community experiences.

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## Junction City Police Department



### PRESS RELEASE

DEATH INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING VEHICLE  
ACCIDENT AT WALMART

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MONDAY, APRIL 13TH

Public Information Officer  
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(785) 762-5912

On Sunday, April 12, 2026, at approximately 8:28 p.m., officers with the Junction City Police Department were dispatched to Walmart, located at 521 E. Chestnut Street, in reference to a reported vehicle accident.

Upon arrival, officers located a single vehicle that had struck large electrical components associated with the business. One individual was found deceased inside the vehicle. Officers immediately secured the scene and requested the assistance of detectives.

Detectives are currently conducting a death investigation related to the incident. At this time, no foul play is suspected. The investigation remains ongoing as detectives work to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The identity of the deceased individual is not being released at this time due to the active and ongoing nature of the investigation.

As a result of the crash, the damage to the electrical infrastructure caused a loss of power to the business, resulting in Walmart temporarily closing.

There is no threat to the community related to this incident.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Junction City Police Department at (785) 762-5912 or submit a tip anonymously through Crime Stoppers at (785) 762-8477.

The Junction City Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety of our community. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

## Catholic Charities

St. Michael Catholic Church  
210 E 6th St  
Chapman, KS 67431  
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St. John Catholic Church  
712 Broadway  
Herington, KS 67449  
Every 1st Wednesday of the month  
1pm-2pm

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
311 S Buckeye Ave  
Abilene, KS 67410  
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
3599 N Field Rd  
Solomon, KS 67480  
Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

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Enterprise, KS 67441  
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AM

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Ogden, KS 66517  
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Alta Vista, KS 66834  
620-767-2844  
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM  
HOURS  
Tue  
4<sup>th</sup> of each month 11:30 AM 12:30  
PM

### 4H MINUTES

The Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H Club held at the Woodbine UMC Church, with President Adeline calling the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Anderson and Whitaker led the flag salute and 4-H pledge, and Emery led the group in singing "If You're Happy and You Know It."

During officer reports, Korbin stated the club balance and Addison stated the news was not sent in. Nick and Laura highlighted upcoming events including 4-H basketball, fairgrounds clean-up, and the USA-themed fair. In new business, Charlotte made a motion to donate to the Wild Bill Showdown, which passed, and Korbin made a motion to pay concession stand bills, which also passed. Members enjoyed a paper airplane contest led by Whitaker, and during the program, Marie read a book while Whitaker spoke about Red 40. Kinsey gave announcements, and the meeting was adjourned by Adeline with the club motto.

Addison Acheson  
Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H reporter



### Resurfacing to begin April 20 on I-70 near Abilene

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to begin a resurfacing project on I-70 in Dickinson County on Monday, April 20.

The project will involve concrete patching, mill and overlay, striping and rumble strips on 8.5 miles of I-70 from just west of the I-70/K-15 junction at Abilene to about 2.5 miles east of the I-70/K-43 junction.

During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane at a reduced speed for about three miles within the work zone. Motorists should anticipate minimal delays, not exceeding five minutes.

Hall Brothers Inc., of Marysville, is the prime contractor for the \$3.1 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by August, weather permitting.

KDOT urges motorists to stay alert and follow posted signs in all work zones. For current road conditions, visit [kandrive.gov](http://kandrive.gov) or call 5-1-1. Updates on highway projects in north central Kansas, are available at [NewsReleases/District2-north central Kansas](http://NewsReleases/District2-north-central-Kansas).

## VAN YANDELL

### Seven Puppies

### SEVEN PUPPIES

Matthew 25: 40 "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Have you ever heard a sound you could not place? You did not know where it came from or what it was, so you dismissed it and went your way. Then the next day you heard it again. This time, you make a decision to determine the great mystery. When I was teaching, I would get home from work and go for a run or a bicycle ride. On a ride one warm spring day about ten miles from home I heard what I thought was a whining somewhere along the road. Thinking my ears were playing tricks, I pedaled on. The next day riding the same route, the sound was heard again. This time I knew I had to stop. Laying my bike in the ditch I proceeded to walk back along the road to try to determine the sound. About fifty yards behind me was a cardboard box; the noise was coming from the box. Upon examination, I found a litter of puppies. There were seven of them someone had thrown out and left to starve or be eaten by a predator. Going on home I told wife Margie and said "I'm going back in the truck and get them." She said "Wait for me!"

We drove out to the place, loaded up the puppies and took them home. They were covered in fleas for which I made a flea treatment bath with warm water and detergent and washed them thoroughly. Margie rinsed them and dried them with her hair dryer. She gave them water and soft food. By then they were really hungry.

Then we called the local animal control office. We were told the officer would come get them and find them a good home. A few weeks later I called her to find out if the puppies had been adopted and she said "Yes they have."

All is well that ends well and that time it did. However, throwing puppies, kittens or any other animal away like trash takes the lowest form of human life on the face of the earth. Of course that's just my opinion.

There are numerous actions that might also be classified as inhuman and completely unconscionable. Animal cruelty as in tossing out the puppies is among the top ones. People that abuse others (sexual, mental, physically) are equally uncivilized regardless of the age of the victim.

Another is the Christian that regards the lost/unchurched as disposable or unimportant. If we don't have a burden for the lost in sin, somewhere, we've missed the point of Christianity.

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Jesus' last command to us before He ascended was to be witnesses of Him into this lost and dying world. "Ye shall receive power" is directly referring to the Holy Spirit of God which empowers a Christian. We find the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2: 2-4, just as Jesus said would happen. We find in Matthew 3: 15 the statement of John the Baptist a short time before Jesus was baptized. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. But he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

John the Baptist and several Biblical writers reinforce the belief that when one believes, he/she becomes indwelt with the Holy Spirit. In that we were created in God's image (Genesis 1: 27), we also have a spirit and the combining of His spirit with ours gives us amazing power.

Acts 1: 8 gives four geographical areas "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth."

I have come to believe Samaria is not referring to a place but a people. Jesus apparently is telling believers in Him, "Don't draw physical limitations on those you tell about Me."

Also we might consider the "uttermost parts of the earth." We might initially think that is indicating the other side of the planet but not necessarily. A co-worker, a neighbor, classmate or even someone in your own home that you find difficult to reason with might be considered the uttermost.

A woman at church told me about her son-in-law. He laughed at her any time she tried to share Jesus. She was in the uttermost. A neighbor once told me "I don't want to hear that nonsense!" We were in the uttermost.

Not long ago I was pumping gas into my vehicle. A very large bearded man was pumping on the other side and we struck up a conversation. Into our discussion I asked "Do you believe you have something like a spirit or a soul that will live after you die?" He said "Yes I do."

Then I asked "Do you believe there is a heaven in which one's spirit will spend eternity like the Bible indicates?" His answer: "Absolutely!"

"So where do you believe your soul will spend eternity?" "I'm going to Heaven." Then I asked "Why?" His answer took me by surprise. "Because I believe Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, He shed His blood and died for my sins on the cross and that He resurrected in three days from the dead."

It turned out he was a deacon in the church and had worked Christian missions for three decades. Was that a wasted conversation? Absolutely not! Perhaps he will tell someone based on our conversation.

Van Yandell is a retired Industrial Arts teacher, an ordained gospel evangelist and commissioned missionary. His email is [vmy3451@gmail.com](mailto:vmy3451@gmail.com)

# EVENTS

**16 Apr, Thu**  
 1 – 2pm USD 473 GF JV @ Wamego  
 1 – 2pm USD 473 MS TR @ Minneapolis  
 4 – 5:30pm USD 487 JH Track: Sedgwick  
 6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington

**17 Apr, Fri**  
 All day FFA Ag Fabrication @ Abilene  
 All day USD 487 No School  
 1 – 2pm USD 487 Golf: JV Pine Edge Golf Course  
 3 – 4pm USD 473 BSB V @ SE of Saline  
 3 – 4pm USD 473 SB V @ SES  
 3 – 4pm USD 473 TR V @ Smoky Valley  
 3:30 – 4:30pm USD 473 Forensics @ Salina South  
 6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo 101 E Main St

**18 Apr, Sat**  
 All day USD 487 Archery Wichita

**20 Apr, Mon**  
 All day USD 473 IN-SERVICE; NO SCHOOL  
 9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe  
 1 – 2pm USD 487 Golf: Varsity Council Grove  
 4:30 – 5:30pm USD 473 BSB JV vs Concordia  
 6:30 – 7:30pm USD 487 BOE Meeting

**21 Apr, Tue**  
 10 – 11am USD 473 GF V @ Stagg Hill  
 1 – 2pm USD 473 BTN V @ Abilene  
 3 – 4:30pm USD 487 Baseball: Varsity Ell-Saline Unified School District 307  
 3 – 4:30pm USD 487 Softball: Varsity Ell-Saline Unified School District 307  
 3 – 4:30pm USD 487 Track: High School Douglass  
 3:30 – 4:30pm USD 473 TR JV @ Junction City  
 4:30 – 5:30pm USD 473 BSB V vs Concordia  
 4:30 – 5:30pm USD 473 SB V/JV vs Concordia

**22 Apr, Wed**  
 9 – 10am USD 473 FFA MS Academy @ Chapman  
 11am USD 487 ES Lunch on the Lawn  
 2:45 – 3:45pm MS Summer Coaches Meeting  
 6 – 6:45pm USD 473 Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting  
 7 – 8pm USD 473 26-27 Athletic Planning Meeting



WT Rodeo to Host Home Contest Since 2018; 'Let 'Er Buff' Rodeo Set for April 16-18 CANYON, Texas — For the first time in eight years, the West Texas A&M University rodeo team will host its own contest.

WT's "Let 'Er Buff" College Rodeo will take place April 16 to 18 at the Spicer Gripp Arena, 1206 E. New York Ave. in Hereford.

The Spicer Gripp Memorial Youth Foundation is a longtime supporter of WT Rodeo. Its namesake, a Hereford native and Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Famer, was a respected farmer and rodeo athlete who won a steer roping round at the 1949 Cheyenne Frontier Days. Inspired by teaching his son, Kim Gripp, to rope, Spicer Gripp had a passion for helping youth in rodeo. The foundation makes an annual \$100,000 donation for scholarships in WT's Department of Agricultural Sciences using proceeds from the Spicer Gripp Memorial Roping contest.

Spicer Gripp, posthumously, was one of the first inductees into WT Rodeo's Hall of Fame in May. The University's return to hosting a home college rodeo comes following WT's reassignment in June to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's new Caprock Region in June alongside nine other area schools.

"This is something we've been looking forward to for a long time," said Cody Bonds, WT Rodeo head coach. "We're grateful for the support of the Spicer Gripp community and the opportunity to bring a college rodeo back to our area."

The rodeo will include performances at 7 p.m. April 16 and 17, with the championship short round at 7 p.m. April 18.

Tickets are \$10 at the gate for general admission and free for WT students, faculty and staff with a Buff Gold Card.

For information, call 806-651-3491.

The team includes Avery Aaron, a freshman animal science major from Edgewood; Isabella Ayers, a senior agricultural media and communication major from Pueblo West, Colorado; Camryn Beinhaur, a freshman equine industry and business major from Dillsburg, Pennsylvania; Sydney Bracher, a senior agricultural business and economics major from Pendleton, Oregon; Rylenn Bradford, a sophomore equine industry and business major from Tomball; Acelyn Brink, a senior agriculture major from Buffalo, South Dakota; Kaydence Carroll, a freshman agribusiness major from Placerville, California; Madison Clark, a graduate student in agriculture from Canyon; Karsen Collier, a freshman equine industry and business major from Happy; James Colvin, a senior agricultural business and economics major from Uvalde; Shaylee Edmiston, a freshman animal science / pre-vet major from Mason; Kelli Frazier, a senior agribusiness major from Gruver; Sage Gaillard, a junior agricultural media and communication major from Gruver; Dillon Hall, a freshman agribusiness major from Lipan; Kiley Hargrave-Batten, a sophomore equine industry and business major from Trinity; Heath Harkins, a freshman agriculture major from Beeville; Markee Hawksworth, a junior equine industry and business major from Elizabeth, Colorado; Jake Herndon, a senior agriculture major from Clines Corner, New Mexico; John Hisel, a senior agribusiness major from Elida, New Mexico; and Tori Huddleston, a junior health sciences major from Childress.

Also, Tryce Johnson, a junior agribusiness major from Happy; Henry Jones, a freshman agribusiness major from Spur; Lainey Konetzki, a senior equine industry and business major from Sheridan, Wyoming; Trinity Kruse, a junior marketing major from Pretty Prairie, Kansas; Jaylee Lane, a junior agricultural media and communication major from Morse; Tyla Maness, a graduate agriculture student from Boise City, Oklahoma; Ruy Martinez, a freshman agribusiness major from La Vernia; Abby McCreary, a freshman agribusiness major from Canyon; Marquel Moser, a junior animal science / pre-vet major from Las Vegas, Nevada; Corbin Nix, a freshman agriculture major from Hugoton, Kansas; Weston Peters, a senior agricultural business and economics major from San Antonio; Sierra Pimm, a senior animal science major from Olds, Alberta, Canada; Preslie Poling, a senior agricultural media and communication major from Clayton, New Mexico; Cash Robertson, a freshman equine industry and business major from Edna; Dallee Robison, a freshman animal science / pre-vet major from Stephenville; Bella Saulan, a freshman equine industry and business major from Happy; Maci Seals, a senior agricultural media and communication major from Canyon; Lexi Shedd, a senior mechanical engineering major from Amarillo; Kashli Stouard, a senior animal science major from Spring Creek, Nevada; Kaiden Stricklen, a freshman agricultural business and economics major from Durant, Oklahoma; Taylor Thompson, a senior health sciences major from Amarillo; Ransom Tiffany, a freshman agricultural business and economics major from Herington, Kansas; Clayton Veldhuizen, a sophomore agricultural business and economics major from Woodburn, Iowa; and Justin Wright, a senior agribusiness major from Walsh, Colorado.

This spring, the team has scored several top 10 placements at the Odessa College Rodeo in February and the Western Texas College Rodeo in March, where Hisel was named champion heeler and Moser was reserve champion in breakaway roping.

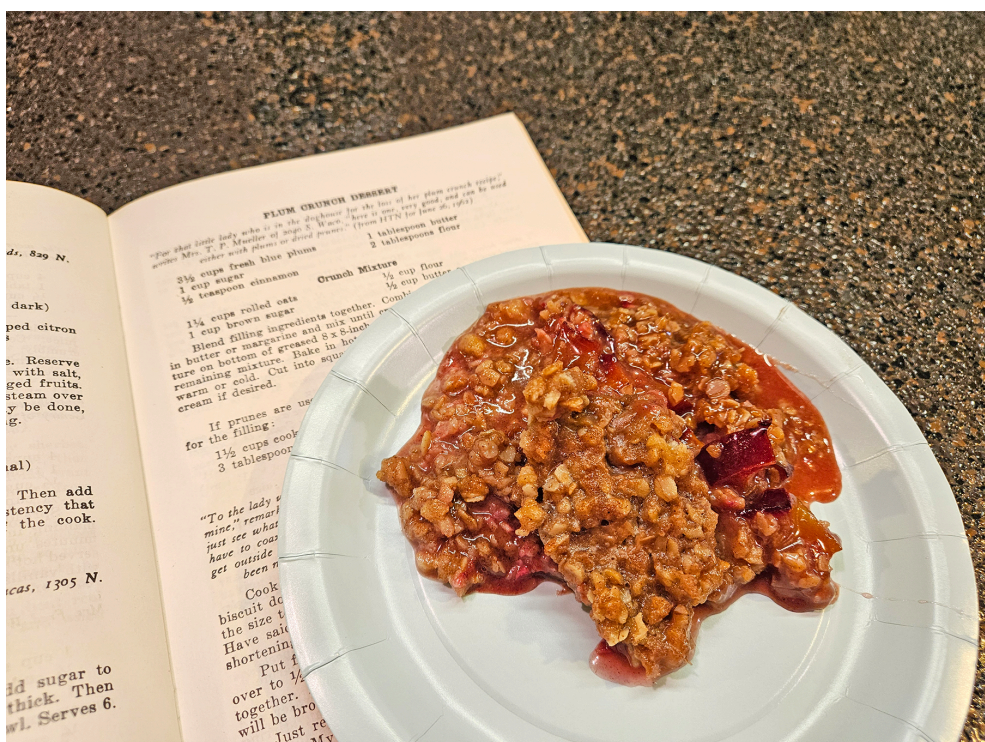
Team competition is one way in which WT creates in its students a commitment to being self-reliant, courageous, resourceful and part of something larger than one's self, as laid out in the University's long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

That plan is fueled by the historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign, which is now winding down, has raised more than \$175 million.

### About West Texas A&M University

A Regional Research University, West Texas A&M University is redefining excellence in Canyon, Texas, on a 342-acre residential campus, as well as the Harrington Academic Hall WTAMU Amarillo Center in downtown Amarillo. Established in 1910, the University has been part of The Texas A&M University System since 1990. WT boasts an enrollment of more than 9,000 and offers 66 undergraduate degree programs, including eight associate degrees; and 44 graduate degrees, including an integrated bachelor's and master's degree, a specialist degree and two doctoral degrees. WT recently earned a Carnegie Foundation classification as a Research College and University. The Buffaloes are a member of the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference and offers 16 men's and women's athletics programs.





This vintage recipe for plum crunch combines the rich flavor of fresh plums with the warm spice of cinnamon and the nuttiness of an oatmeal-based topping.

Vintage crunch recipe gets two ‘plums’ up When I look at my bookshelf of cookbooks, I often think of a lady I never got the opportunity to meet in person but whom I feel connected to through a very sweet gift: Merna Snay. Merna, a former resident of the Mount Hope and Haven area, was a prolific cook—and by all reports, a really good one. She got the opportunity to compete in the Pillsbury bake-off on several occasions.

When she downsized, many years ago, she gifted me with some amazing vintage cookbooks, and when I decide I need a challenge, I will flip through them to see if I can decipher the directions. There was a generation of authors who often wrote recipes with the assumption that anyone reading them could fill in the blanks for the parts they weren’t in-

cluding. Recently, I purchased a big bag of plums from our local grocery store, and with a gathering at our office on the horizon, I decided it was time for one of Merna’s books to come off the shelf.

The recipe I landed on is from the booklet “Rare Recipes and Budget Savers, Volume 2,” published by the Wichita Eagle in 1963.

It was originally submitted for the Home Town News column on June 26, 1962, by Mrs. T.P. Mueller. She included the following note with it: “For that little lady who is in the doghouse for the loss of her plum crunch recipe, here is one, very good, and can be used either with plums or dried prunes.”

I never lost a plum crunch recipe, but I was glad for Mrs. Mueller’s guidance, nonetheless. I did add extra cinnamon in my version.

**Plum Crunch Filling Ingredients**  
 3 1/2 cups fresh plums, pitted and chopped  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1 tablespoon butter, melted  
 1 tablespoon flour  
**Crunch Ingredients**  
 1 1/4 cups quick or rolled oats  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 1/2 cup flour  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/2 cup butter

## SpiceUpYourLife-PlumCrunch Lindsey Young

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease an eight-by-eight-inch baking dish with butter, and set it aside.

Add the plums sugar, cinnamon, butter and flour in a bowl and stir to combine well.

In another bowl, add the quick oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon, and mix to combine. Cut in the butter with a fork or pastry cutter until it is mixed throughout the crunch mixture.

Press half the crunch mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan, and then spread the filling mixture over top. Sprinkle the rest of the crunch mixture evenly over the top.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the filling is bubbling around the edges and the top is browned nicely.

Serve warm or room temperature. Store leftovers in an airtight container.

I doubled this recipe and baked it in a nine-by-13-inch pan. It received excellent reviews from our guests. It was sweet and cinnamon-y and home-y.

We had a bit of the crunch left over, so we ended up swirling it into a quart of ice cream, using my stand mixer, so we can enjoy it later on.

And as I crumbled the oats and spread the sugary plums, I had to think of a beautiful connection made between two women from Haven, born decades apart but sharing a love of anything homemade.

Some gifts are priceless. Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at [spiceupkitchen.net](http://spiceupkitchen.net).

## Prairie Doc Perspective

“Death, Taxes, and Aging Eyes”

By Debra Johnston, MD

Benjamin Franklin famously wrote “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.”

Franklin was a legendary intellect, and it’s hard to overstate the impact he had. But I’d suggest an addition to that particular quote, one with which I suspect he’d agree. Most of us know him as one of the Founding Fathers, as the author of Poor Richards Almanack, as the guy who flew kites during lightening storms. Perhaps less famously, Franklin was also an inventor. He is credited with the creation of the bifocal lens, reportedly inspired by his frustration with switching between pairs of glasses.

As a woman of a certain age, who has needed corrective lenses since childhood, I can well appreciate that frustration, and in turn, that invention! Our eyes are complex organs. In the very front, there is the clear dome of the cornea. Then we have the iris, the colored part of the eye. This is a muscle, and

it controls the size of the pupil, the black central hole through which light is allowed entry. From there, light strikes the lens, which is pulled into different shapes by small muscles around its edge, and focused onto the retina in the very back of the eye. Specialized cells in the retina convert light to electricity, and the optic nerve transmits these messages to the brain.

When I talk to my middle aged patients about symptoms they may be having, they frequently volunteer that they now need glasses for the first time, or that they have “upgraded” to those bifocals. They are usually surprised when I reassure them that this is not only normal, but frankly expected! The cells that create the lens lose the ability to repair or replace themselves over time. The lens becomes less flexible. It doesn’t change shape as easily, and as that happens the eye has a harder time focusing up close. Eventually, a person develops presbyopia: age related

far-sightedness.

This same process leads to a condition quite familiar to most people: cataracts. As those cells in the lens deteriorate, they become increasingly cloudy. Light has a harder time penetrating, and it may be scattered on the way through, instead of sharply focused. People may notice blurry vision, muted colors, glare around lights.

They may need brighter light to read, and find it very difficult see at night. By 80, approximately 50% of people either have cataracts, or have had cataract surgery. Presbyopia and cataracts may be a normal, readily treated part of aging, but you shouldn’t neglect those eye exams. As we get older, other eye conditions become more common. Diseases like macular degeneration and glaucoma can be detected by the eye doctor well before they cause symptoms. Since those symptoms include irreversible vision loss, we should all be motivated to make that appointment!

Medicine is ever changing. Research avenues that seem promising turn into dead ends. Dead ends become detours to unexpected and exciting places. Maybe in the future, we will have drops or supplements or some other way to keep our eyes young. But for now, nothing can be said to be certain, except death, taxes. . . and presbyopia.

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**Disc Golf Opener in Herington**



**Tags Results 4/11/26 - Discs Unlimited Open**

Name	Start Tag	Score	New Tag	Points
<b>FLIGHT 1</b>				
Tate Galloway	3	53	1	29
Ross Mueli	23	54	3	28
Josh Schrader	5	55	5	27
Austin Litzinger	6	58	6	26
Justin Widler	57	58	8	25
Darren Bottom	20	59	10	24
Richard Pry	28	59	11	23
Andrew Laughlin	8	60	19	22
Joe Raat	21	60	20	21
Adam Mosher	34	60	21	20
<b>FLIGHT 2</b>				
Todd Potter	33	61	23	19
Andrew Smith	40	61	24	18
Tim Brown	10	63	28	17
Jared Ink	1	64	30	16
Joe Morrison	19	64	33	15
Dan Dick	37	64	34	14
John Steele	43	64	37	13
Michael Staley	11	66	39	12
Robert Litzinger	24	66	40	11
Kyler Heim	71	67	41	10
<b>FLIGHT 3</b>				
Braxtin Ink	30	68	43	9
Damen Warkentin	39	69	47	8
Peter Boyd	41	70	49	7
Gary Simmons	1111	70	1111	6
Austin Tingen	49	71	57	5
Fred Oubre	66	73	64	4
Ron Rose	47	74	66	3
Joe Woelhoff	72	77	71	2
Nathan Johnson	64	80	72	1

