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Congratulations to Jeffrey Zillyette who was 7th overall and 4th in league golf. Great Job Jeffrey! (Pictured to Left)

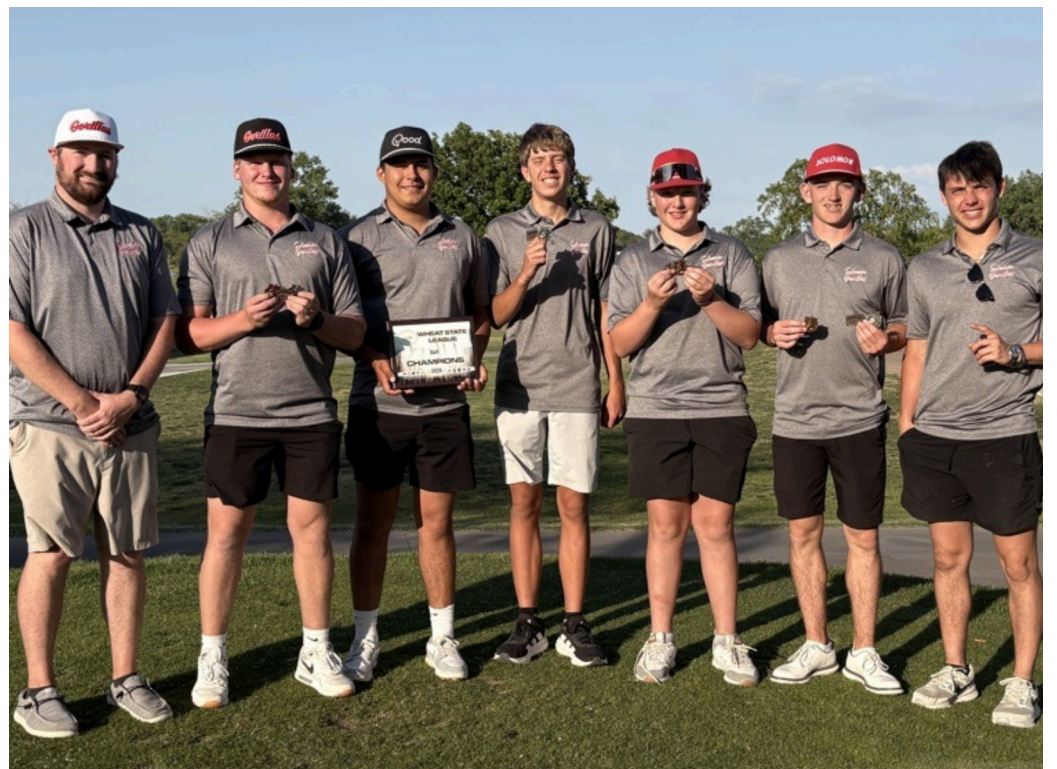


Congratulations to the Herington 8th Grade Boys who are WSL Champions!! (Pictured Above)



FINAL SCORE FINAL SCORE

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Congratulations to Solomon golfers, the 2026 wheat state league champions. They shot a 373 as a team. Everybody medaled and we had 3 PR's. Jordan Gray shot a 91. Matt Hamm-Jones shot a 92. Seth Pekarek shot a 105. (Pictured to Right)

Rural Vista senior Koden Sanford has been selected as a 2026 Kansas Governor's Scholar.

Sanford put together a standout multi-sport career for the Heat, highlighted by his impact on the football field as a four-year starting quarterback. He helped lead Rural Vista to an 8-2 record and a second-round appearance in the 8M-II playoffs as a senior, finishing his final two seasons with a combined 15-5 mark. Sanford earned 2025 all-league honors at both quarterback and defensive back, along with all-state honorable mention recognition as a defensive back.

As a senior, Sanford totaled 864 yards with 13 rushing touchdowns and four passing touchdowns while adding 70 tackles, four interceptions, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble on defense. He finished his career with 2,294 total yards, 25 rushing touchdowns and 25 passing touchdowns, along with 144 tackles, five interceptions, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. Sanford also contributed to a 16-8 basketball season and a 1A-DI state tournament berth as a senior, and on the track he was part of Rural Vista's 4x800 relay team that placed eighth at the 2025 state meet with a time of 8:29.29 last spring.
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PASTOR'S CORNER

What a great day! Today is Story time day at the library and usually my favorite day of the week. We read some stories with movement and emotion. We always do a few songs, so when we finished stories about a grouchy bear and a disgruntled chicken we sang "If you're happy and you know it." When we finished, I reminded the kids that if you are happy and you know it your face will show it and then I asked them to show me their happy faces. Looking around the room, I saw brilliant little smiles and bright eyes. One of the children stepped forth, eyes shining and teeth showing—such a cute little smile. Suddenly her eyebrows wrinkled together and she gritted her teeth; quickly changing from happy face to angry face. As expected, everyone decided to show me their angry face as well. I commented about all the angry faces looking at me when I noticed that one

IT SHOWS ON YOUR FACE

child trying to look very angry kept letting a grin slip through. I should have known this little guy would have a hard time looking angry for very long. He has been a part of story time for a few years now and I have observed many more smiles than frowns. Perhaps, this is one of the reasons I love story time so much. Little children can be loud and wiggly, but they bubble with curiosity and joy. They are still free to dance with abandon. They have not yet learned to hold back and check their emotions at the door. Emotions are meant to be felt. Too often we are told to "control" emotions which translates into "stuff them" or "hide them". Sometimes we are even told we should not have them. I love how children express their emotions freely. I wonder if I am too old to relearn some things I have been taught? What if we encourage one another to acknowledge our emotions? What if we wonder about our emotions? What if we helped one another find healthy ways to name the emotion we feel and express it? This is me, filled with joy and smiling brightly.



THIS DAY - IN - THE HERINGTON TIMES

Mark Will
 DCNT Columnist

125 years ago - 1901
MEMORIAL DAY OR DECORATION DAY? - The terms 'Memorial Day' and 'Decoration Day' are somewhat confused with a good many people. Originally, the 30th day of May was known as 'Decoration Day', for it was then that the decoration of graves and strewing of flowers occupied the minds of all. As of late, religious services on the Sunday preceding May 30th designate that day as 'Memorial Sunday' to distinguish it from 'Decoration Day', or 'Memorial Day' as some insist on calling it.
 100 years ago - 1926

GIRLS WEEK A SUCCESS - The idea of holding a Girls Week in conjunction with Boys Week seems to have worked out fine. The Federated Clubs headed by Mrs. Roxy Frost is delighted with the results. The committees are well organized and the banquets last Tuesday night served 314 girls. Wednesday the committee and many mothers visited the various schools, and Thursday was a picnic day for the kids. Those from Grades 1-3 went to the city park and those in Grades 4-7 went to Woodbine. The children consumed 60 pounds of wieners and other eatables. The high school girls were not as hungry as the grade children and were only able to dispose of 40 pounds of wieners. On Friday, the girls were dismissed from all schools and attended the boys' track meet. The success of this year's Girls Week ensures its repetition next year.
 75 years ago - 1951

RALPH STRAND RETIRES

W. A. GRASS RETIRES FROM DUCKWALL CO. - After managing the local Duckwall store for 25 years, Warren A. Grass resigned last week after and will retire from active business life in Herington. Mr. Grass began as a boy working for his father in their variety store in Herington. When his father sold the business to the Duckwall company, Warren remained as the manager of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Grass are the parents of three grown children and members of the First Baptist Church. Tuesday morning, Gerald Shobe of Wamego arrived in Herington to assume the duties of manager of the local store. Mr. and Mrs. Shobe will move to Herington as soon as a home can be located.
 50 years ago - 1976

CHIEF STRAND RETIRES - Ralph Strand, chief of police here since June 8, 1970, has resigned his position, effective June 1 citing health reasons. Strand has 13 years of service with the Herington police department. He began work as a patrolman on June 1, 1963. He was promoted to Chief seven years later. "It has been a pleasure to be able to work for the City of Herington these past years," Strand said. City Manager William Ramsey said, "Chief Strand has done an extremely fine job and I'm certainly sorry to see him leave." The city manager said a recruiting effort has already started and it is unknown whether any of the present patrolmen will make application for the supervisory and administrative position.

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VIEW FROM THE HILL- Scott Hill

Is there really a rabbit in that hat?

The legislature is out of the Capital and all of the aspiring candidates are hard on the campaign trail. It may seem trivial; however, the Governor is still vetoing bills from the last days of session. Of interest to me and perhaps to you is the veto of HB2034, which was the last of numerous attempts by the legislature to reign in increases in property taxes. Magicians entertain audiences by making perceived reality appear to be the truth, at least in the observer's eyes. The classic case of pulling a rabbit from the magician's hat seems impossible, because you just saw an empty hat demonstrated by the trickster. While the entertainment of visual deception is fascinating if you are attending a show in Branson, it is not nearly as entertaining when ever-increasing property taxes are the non-existent rabbit. The Governor of our state has never been accused of being a magician, however the slight of hand she uses for tax reduction legislation is perfectly defined as; "now you see it, now you don't."

Reducing property tax is clearly a top priority for Kansans. The case of fixed income people losing homes that are paid for due to inability to afford increasing tax burden is the classic example. That example points to the primary problem with property tax. There is no associated ability to pay coupled with the assessment of tax. While both sales and income tax are connected to available cash resources the same is not true for property tax. In fact, the opposite situation exists in many cases; property is purchased with available tax paid cash which then reduces liquid financial resources to pay taxes. In Kansas two entities levy property tax. The first is our public education system. Generally speaking, older Kansans have accumulated the most property. Those that have worked hard all their lives to afford buying a home are asked to over time give that value of home back to public education. It seems that spreading taxation for a state financed benefit should be spread over the population as a whole, since all benefit from an educated state. The sec-

ond entity to levy property taxes is local units of government. Statutorily most local units primarily use property as the funding mechanism to support everything from roads to cemeteries with a myriad of services in-between. No one could truly believe in the concept of property tax miraculously disappearing. That illusion seems to be in the future yet. What has been debated in the legislature is starting the process of less reliance on this most unfair of taxes. If we flash back to Gubernatorial campaigns, the prevailing image was of a chief administrator that would "ax the tax." The reality has been a governor that axes the tax relief. The latest veto was one of a long string of vetoes over the last four years that through illusion the governor has justified vetoing. We need legislators and executive branch leaders that will not play tricks to fool the public. It is the mark of good, elected officials that they do what they say. I look forward to the future, when the thing that we say; "reduce the property tax burden," is what we do as a state.

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Wednesday, May 20: Beef Soft Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Peaches, Brownie, Milk

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6	9	8	2	8	1	7	9	4
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2	6	9	8	7	9	1	4	8
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Twin Valley to Sponsor 100 Kansas Teachers to Attend Tech Summit

Twin Valley Champions Kansas Teachers to Explore AI, Gaming, and the Future of Learning at the Ad Astra Technology Summit

WICHITA, Kan. (May 12, 2026) – In support of digital equity in Kansas, Twin Valley is offering 100 scholarships to educators to attend the highly anticipated 4th Annual Ad Astra Technology Summit, presented by state tech industry organization FlagshipKansas.Tech. As the state’s largest independent broadband and communications company, Twin Valley serves primarily rural communities. This exclusive program will be open to any Kansas K-12 educator, with a focus on rural teachers in Twin Valley’s service area and throughout the state.

"The scholarships are our way of honoring the commitment and enthusiasm of Kansas teachers. We are dedicated to investing in the future of education by supporting those who inspire and nurture young minds," said Ben Foster, President & CEO of Twin Valley.

FlagshipKansas.Tech’s cutting-edge summit will be held on Thursday, June 4, at Wichita State University’s Woolsey Hall in partnership with the Barton School of Business. As FlagshipKansas.Tech’s annual signature event, it brings together technology professionals, entrepreneurs, educators, executives, and policymakers to explore innovation, workforce development, and the future of technology in Kansas.

Education track breakout sessions are designed to equip educators with practical, forward-thinking strategies for modern classrooms. They span three interconnected themes:

Computational Thinking: Strong prompt design and meaningful classroom practice start with clear thinking. Educators will explore how computational thinking forms the foundation for solving real problems and designing systems that remove learning barriers for all students.

Artificial Intelligence: From understanding what AI actually is to applying it in real time, sessions meet educators where they are, building foundational literacy for those new to AI and moving experienced users into hands-on, collaborative practice in AI-enhanced classrooms.

Gaming and Game-Based Learning: Educators from K–12 will discover how game-based learning sparks creativity, curiosity, and joy, and how gaming concepts can be applied across subjects as varied as history, math, ELA, and science.

Throughout all sessions, a central emphasis remains on keeping human thinking front and center; using technology as a tool that amplifies, rather than replaces, the work of thoughtful educators.

"Hundreds of teachers and more than 50 school districts have benefited from our teacher scholarships, creating a cascading impact on students throughout Kansas. This year, we aim to build on that success by exploring how computational thinking, artificial intelligence, and game-based learning can give educators practical, forward-thinking strategies for preparing students for the jobs of the future," said Megan Harper, FlagshipKansas.Tech Chair and Twin Valley Director of Marketing & Sales.

As part of the Twin Valley pledge to support community outreach and digital inclusion initiatives, this scholarship covers the cost of a ticket to the full conference and awards ceremony. Teachers will also be eligible for one full graduate credit hour issued through Wichita State University. The Summit will feature a two-session keynote experience with Salim Ismail, a globally recognized innovation strategist and bestselling author. Ismail is the Chairman of OpenExO, bestselling author of Exponential Organizations and ExO 2.0, Founding Executive Director of Singularity University, former Vice President at Yahoo, and a Board Member of the XPRIZE Foundation. He is widely regarded as a leading voice on exponential growth, emerging technologies, and the organizational models shaping the future of business. The keynote sessions provide a glimpse into the future of business for educators as they connect innovation and technology trends to the work happening in their own classrooms.

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JOLLY JAYHAWKERS 4-H MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H Club was called to order by President Adeline at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbine UMC Church. Emery and David led the flag salute and 4-H pledge. The roll call was “Would you rather give up pizza or tacos?” and was answered by 8 members, 4 Cloverbuds, and 2 leaders.

Nick reported a balance of \$8,779.86 and shared that the basketball committee owes the club \$60 for their tabs. Reporter Addison shared that club news was published in two newspapers. Council representatives read a story about being “Beyond Ready.”

In the new business, members discussed paying the soda bill to Chapman High School and providing pizza for office professionals. Whitaker led recreation with Color Tag. Adeline presented a program on farmers and caffeine, and Charlotte taught about nail preparation. Announcements were given by Josh. The meeting adjourned with the club motto.

MHS Sleep Lab earns three-year accreditation

(April 23, 2026) ABILENE, Kan. — Memorial Health System’s Sleep Lab has been awarded a three-year accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care – a nationally recognized organization that evaluates health care providers against rigorous quality and safety standards.

This achievement reflects MHS’s ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care to the community. “We are proud to receive this accreditation as it represents the hard work and dedication of our entire team,” said Matt Mead, Respiratory Care director at MHS. “By meeting ACHC’s rigorous standards, we have demonstrated our ability to provide care that is consistent, reliable and focused on the long-term well-being of every patient we serve.” ACHC accreditation is considered a ‘gold seal’ of excellence within the health care industry. Earning this distinction requires a comprehensive, voluntary peer-review process that evaluates all aspects of clinical operations, including the accuracy of diagnostic equipment, adherence to best practices and staff expertise. For patients, this means confidence in the quality of care they receive.

“When a sleep lab earns ACHC accreditation, it assures patients they are receiving care that meets the highest national standards,” Mead said. “It’s not just about meeting requirements, it’s about actively pursuing the most stringent benchmarks in the industry to ensure safety, accuracy and exceptional outcomes.” Memorial Health System’s accredited Sleep Lab offers comprehensive sleep study services in partnership with Rural Sleep

Solutions. These studies are designed to diagnose and treat a range of sleep disorders, including sleep apnea – a condition often associated with symptoms such as excessive daytime sleepiness, loud snoring and interrupted breathing during sleep. A sleep study involves multiple diagnostic tests conducted simultaneously during a patient’s normal sleeping hours. These tests may include monitoring brain activity (EEG), eye movement (EOG), muscle activity (EMG) and heart rhythm (ECG), along with other observations. Results are evaluated by physicians trained in sleep medicine to develop personalized treatment plans.

“What truly sets our accredited lab apart is our unwavering dedication to the patient experience,” Mead said. “Our ACHC status reflects a commitment to continuous quality improvement. We are constantly refining our protocols and staying at the forefront of sleep medicine technology to better serve our community.”

Individuals experiencing ongoing fatigue, difficulty concentrating or disrupted sleep may benefit from a sleep study. Memorial Health System encourages those with symptoms to speak with their health care provider or complete a sleep screening assessment.

For more information about sleep study services at MHS, contact the Respiratory Care department at (785) 263-6669. About Memorial Health System Memorial Health System is dedicated to providing high-quality, compassionate health care services to the communities it serves. Through a focus on clinical excellence and patient-centered care, Memorial Health System continues to enhance the health and well-being of its patients.

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MHS Volunteer Corps awards scholarships to local students

(April 29, 2026) ABILENE, Kan. – The Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps has announced the recipients of its 2026 scholarship awards. Two Abilene High School students have each been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of their academic achievement, dedication and plans to pursue careers in health care.

Madison Murnahan has been selected as one of this year’s recipients. Following graduation, she will attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a degree in sonography.

Magda Meneley also has been awarded a scholarship. After graduation, she will continue her education at the University of Kansas to work towards a bachelor of science in nursing. “We are proud to invest in the future of health care through students like Madison and Magda,” said Jenny Stuck, Volunteer Services manager. “We wish them great success as they begin the next chapter of their educational journeys.”

The MHS Volunteer Corps offers annual scholarship opportunities to support students in Dickinson County who are interested in health care and community service. The application cycle opens early each year and remains available through March.

Applications can be found on the MHS Volunteer Corps webpage: <https://mhsks.org/mhs-volunteer-corps/> Through fundraising efforts and community support, the MHS Volunteer Corps invests in the future of health care by assisting students with their educational goals.

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Scott Hill Earns His Place on the Ballot: The People of Dickinson and Saline Counties Signed the Way

SALINA, KS — Scott Hill, Republican incumbent for the Kansas Senate, 24th District, has officially qualified to appear on the August 4th Primary ballot, not by writing a check, but by earning the trust of his neighbors. Hill submitted more than 700 signatures, with validation halting after election officials confirmed 537 valid signers, surpassing the required 2% threshold of registered Republican voters.

Filing by petition is a choice, not a requirement. For Hill, it was a deliberate act of accountability. “It was important to file by petition because it’s a check on the job I did in Topeka,” said Hill. “I will continue to stand firm on the principles that guide me: individual liberty, constitutional responsibility, and an accountable government, of the people, by the people, for the people.”

Filing by petition is uncommon for incumbent state senators and requires candidates to personally earn ballot access through voter signatures rather than a filing fee. Voters in Dickinson and Saline Counties will have the opportunity to cast their vote for Scott Hill in the August 4th Republican Primary. Hill’s campaign is built on a clear promise: smaller government, smarter schools, and a Statehouse that answers to the people who sent him there.

ABOUT SCOTT HILL

Scott Hill is a Republican incumbent of the Kansas Senate, 24th District, serving constituents in Dickinson and Saline Counties. A proven public servant and advocate for limited government, Hill is committed to tax reform, responsible education funding, and restoring trust in state government. Scott and his wife Lynette have spent 30 years building a life rooted in faith, family, and hard work. More information can be found at scotthillforkansas.com.



EVENTS

14 May, Thu

All day USD 473 Mr. Wizard Competition
All day Baseball Quarterfinals
3 – 4:30pm Track: High School Herington
3 – 4pm TR V/JV NCKL @ Wamego
3 – 4pm HS Track - League Herington
6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington

15 May, Fri

All day Mr. Wizard Competition
All day Baseball Quarterfinals (Day 3/3)
All day BTN State @ TBA (Day 1/2)
All day State BTN @ TBA (Day 1/2)
All day USD 487 Last day of school for all students
2 – 3pm CES Preschool Promotion
6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo 101 E Main St

16 May, Sat

All day BTN State @ TBA (Day 2/2)
All day State BTN @ TBA (Day 2/2)
2pm USD 487 HS Graduation

17 May, Sun

2:30 – 3:30pm USD 473 Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony

18 May, Mon

All day Regional BSB/SB Week @ TBA - May 18-21 (Day 1/4)
All day Regional Baseball & Softball (Day 1/4)
All day Boys Sub-State Golf (18th or 19th) (Day 1/2)
All day CES Preschool Round Up
All day GF Regionals @ TBA
All day NHS JR Spring Service Hour Deadline
All day Regional GF @ TBA
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe
1 – 2:30pm CES K-3rd Play Day
6:30 – 7:30pm USD 487 BOE Meeting
7 – 8pm 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony District Gym

19 May, Tue

All day Regional BSB/SB Week @ TBA - May 18-21 (Day 2/4)
All day Regional Baseball & Softball (Day 2/4)
All day Boys Sub-State Golf (18th or 19th) (Day 2/2)
All day End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
All day No Preschool Classes
10 – 10:30am CES Kindergarten Circus

20 May, Wed

All day Regional BSB/SB Week @ TBA - May 18-21 (Day 3/4)
All day Regional Baseball & Softball (Day 3/4)
8am – 1pm USD 473 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; 1:00 DISMISSAL
8am Teacher Workday



The providers at Heartland Health Care Clinic (HHCC), located at Memorial Hospital in Abilene, recently presented Brandi McGivney, U.S.D. 435 Nurse and Derek Burns, Abilene Public Schools District Athletic Director, a check for \$1,640. The providers donated their time and services to provide sports physicals for Abilene High School and Abilene Middle School students. The money will go

into a fund for supplies for Abilene High School Athletic Trainer, Briley Bohon. Pictured left to right are: Jessica Dawson, HHCC RN; Kristi Meuli, HHCC LPN; McGivney; Karysa Reyer, HHCC Director/RN; Franchisca Washington, HHCC LPN; Berns; and Taylor Hagen-Sexton, Masters Student.

WILL THERE BE A NEXT GENERATION

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WILL THERE BE A NEXT GENERATION?

Matthew 28: 18b-20 “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

There’s a country music song “Who’s Going to Fill Their Shoes?” The lyrics are words that strike the heart of not only country music lovers but also of those that proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The chorus of that song, written by Troy Seals and Max D. Barnes, can apply to Christian workers as well as musicians.

“Who’s gonna fill their shoes?

Who’s gonna stand that tall?

Who’s gonna play the Opry and the Wabash

Cannonball? Who’s gonna give their heart and soul to get to me and you? Lord, I wonder, who’s gonna fill their shoes?”

Will there be a future generation of evangelists, missionaries and pastors? Many churches have few if any children and very few young people.

Many remember Billy Graham, Adrian Rogers and Charles Stanley. In Christian history there were such great evangelists as Billy Sunday, Charles Spurgeon, D.L. Moody and Hudson Taylor.

Missionaries such as Lottie Moon (China), Amy Carmichael (India), and Mary Slessor (Nigeria) faced hardships and dangers not considered by congregations in their home country.

Those men and women led countless thousands to Jesus Christ. The thousands of missionaries that have served in-country and in foreign lands have taken the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Church pastors of every denomination have led many others to our glorious Savior, shepherded thousands and discipled tens of thousands. Praise God for them!

The pulpit and mission field age and die just like the rest of our society. We’re getting older; we’re not going to last forever.

It also appears, in many cases, other church workers are in short supply.

Bible study teachers, music leaders, and the many others that make a functional outreach church a reality are becoming fewer.

Will those ever be replaced? Will the church as it exists in today’s world supply the needs? To expect someone to be called into such a vocation without a Christian background is asking perhaps not the impossible but it is very unlikely.

I have several “children’s sermons” for use prior to the main sermon. I’ve been told several times “We have no children.”

In one area of which we are aware, of

thirty-nine churches in an association, thirteen have no pastor and no resumes.

In such a case, where are the future preachers/pastors, missionaries and evangelists going to come from? To be raised up in a church and taught the fundamentals of the Gospel is a privilege few have in the

twenty-first century church.

For young people to understand and realize the significance of the Great Commission is unusual in today’s church. Mainly, they have to be there and second, teachers must be teaching Jesus’ last commandment before ascending which is telling the world about Him.

A mission’s lesson is to study the work of missionaries, pray for missionaries and learn methods of telling others the Gospel (Good News) of our Jesus.

A line in the chorus of “Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes?” is “Who’s gonna give their heart and soul to get to me and you?”

When one surrenders to God and His ministry, one commitment to God is the “heart and soul.” The meaning of that line is taken to be a level of complete and sincere dedication.

One will face the hatred of the world in his dedication and yielding to Christ. Matthew 24: 9 “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.”

Of course in this verse Jesus was talking directly to His twelve disciples who were all Jews. Christianity and the New Testament being based on Old Testament concepts (e.g. blood, sacrifice, spiritual, prophesy) the statement of Matthew 24: 9 also applies to today’s Christian.

Perhaps a thought in the mind of the Christian parent of the 21 st century is “Not my kid!” It’s well and good for the child of another to be called into the mission field, especially foreign, but not my child!

In such a case, there probably is a lack of encouragement on the part of parents to motivate their children into Christian ministry.

In a society in which “success” is measured in dollars, to become a Christian worker is not at the top of most parents list of careers for their child.

And, of course we have to understand Christianity and church attendance have a lot of competition in today’s world. Capitalists (entrepreneurs) have no reluctance to have their businesses open or schedule a

ballgame on Sunday mornings. Regardless of the situation we observe, the question of “Who’s gonna fill their shoes?” is an open-ended question but one we must address and be aware of and take very seriously. The compelling evidence in the Holy Bible indicates with great evidence and assurance that the beliefs

Not pictured, but also instrumental in the success of the evening were HHCC staff of: Dr. Brian Holmes, Dr. Megan Brown, and Dr. Maci Hicks; APRNs: Todd Smith and Laura Pape; clinical staff: Kimberly Kickhaefer, Missy Drake, Barb Karraker, and Amanda Fredericks; and office staff: Susan Vaughn, Rhonda Craig, Stacey Lehman, and Annie Leach.



**SpiceUpYourLife-ChocolateEspressoCookies
Lindsey Young**

Chocolate espresso cookies are an excellent treat for those who like their chocolate a little bitter and their cookies just a bit less sweet. They pair really well with a good cup of coffee. 'Espresso' yourself with some great chocolate cookies

When I was a kid, Hershey's sold powder for chocolate milk in brown, kind of rectangular containers. I loved (well, love) chocolate milk, and I remember a specific day where I was snooping through the cabinets, seeing what I could find, and there I spotted it: a brown, rectangular-ish container, emblazoned with "Hershey's" in big, bold letters. I was elated. I filled a big glass with milk and climbed up on the counter to reach the sacred container, located clear up on the shelf, next to Mom's baking spices. I dumped several big spoonfuls of the powder into my glass, and I have to admit, I was a little confused when it didn't mix in very well at first, but I didn't care: I was

oh, boy, did this week's recipe really scratch that itch. This comes from the blog "Bakers Brigade." You can find the original post at <https://www.bakersbrigade.com/recipe/chewy-chocolate-espresso-cookies/>. I added extra vanilla in my version.

Chocolate Espresso Cookies
Ingredients
 12 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled
 1/2 cup cocoa powder
 2 tablespoons molasses
 1 cup sugar
 1 egg
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 teaspoons espresso powder or instant coffee
 1 1/2 cups flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 sugar, for rolling cookies

Directions
 Add the melted butter, cocoa and molasses to a mixing bowl and stir until everything is well combined. Add the sugar, egg, vanilla and espresso

powder and stir again. Finally, mix in the flour, baking soda and salt. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least an hour. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Add some sugar to a small bowl, scoop the dough by the tablespoon-full and coat the balls in sugar. Place the cookies at least two inches apart on a baking sheet, and bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the centers set and are starting to crack.

Cool completely and store in an airtight container. These weren't as coffee-forward as I expected, but the combination of the espresso, molasses and chocolate gave these a pleasant bitterness, with just the right amount of sweetness. They're chewy and would be great alongside a cup of coffee. Or maybe a glass of cold milk. Just be careful if you decide to mix in some chocolate. Not all powders are made the same. 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.



Prairie Doc Perspective

"Pump Handles and Public Health"

By Jill Kruse, DO

Health care is often thought of as something that happens one patient at a time in a clinic or hospital. Public health takes a broader view and is focused on improving the health of entire populations. In 1854, a London physician helped stop a deadly cholera outbreak by removing a simple pump handle. That moment would become one of the earliest and most powerful examples of public health in action. Back then no one understood how cholera spread. Many believed it was caused by "bad air" or mysterious environmental forces. They did not know that it was actually caused by a bacterium that was spread through contaminated water sources. Dr. John Snow noticed a pattern. In London's Soho neighborhood, a cluster of cholera cases seemed concentrated around a single public water source, the Broad Street pump. When he mapped where people lived, most of the infections pointed back to that pump.

Even those who lived farther away, but became ill reported getting their water from the same source. Meanwhile, workers at a nearby brewery, who drank beer instead of water, were largely spared. The brewing process, alcohol and acidity of the beer made it difficult for the cholera bacteria or other pathogens to survive. Armed with this evidence, Dr. Snow convinced local officials to remove the pump handle. This cut off public access to the contaminated water. After this happened, the number of new infections quickly declined. That simple act marked the beginning of modern public health; using data, observation, and intervention to stop disease at its source. Today, public health has evolved from reacting to outbreaks to preventing illness before it starts. Public health professionals work behind the scenes to protect and improve the health of communities. They do this through providing education, guiding policy, and conducting

research. They are the unsung heroes of healthcare. When Public Health works well, it can be almost invisible or easy to ignore. However, when there is a breakdown in Public Health services, the results can be devastating to a community and the effects are obvious. Federal, state and local health departments prepare for emergencies, monitor for disease outbreaks, ensure food safety, and safeguard water quality. They also advocate for health screenings in underserved or high-risk populations. Public health officials work to reduce barriers to care and promote healthier lifestyles for everyone. They may not be removing pump handles anymore, but they are still working every day to protect our water, our food, and our communities. They are helping us all, as we say on the show,

to stay healthy out there people. Dr. Jill Kruse is a hospitalist at the Brookings Health System in Brookings, SD. She serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



97th Military Police Battalion cases colors at Fort Riley

The 97th Military Police Battalion cased its colors during a ceremony at King Field House Tuesday, ending nearly 21 years of continuous service at Fort Riley and marking another transition in the Army’s modernization efforts.

“This battalion has been there at the most critical points in our nation’s story,” said Col. Lillian I. Woodington, commander of the 89th Military Police Brigade. “From Europe in 1945 to Gitmo in 2024, the Guardians have always answered the call with professionalism and grit.”

“Guardian Soldiers and leaders helped shape who I am,” said Lt. Col. Tommy E. Sieker of his time as the battalion commander. “Watching these colors be cased is tough, but I know the 97th will rise again when the nation calls—just as it has so many times before.”

Over the past two years, the battalion deployed elements to Poland, the Southern Border, and Guantanamo Bay while simultaneously inactivating three companies, two detachments, and its headquarters. The unit also divested tens of thousands of pieces of equipment, 15 buildings, and transitioned more than 1,000 Soldiers and families.

As part of the battalion’s inactivation, the 300th Military Police Company — one of the Army’s most decorated MP companies — also cased its colors, concluding more

than eight decades of distinguished service.

The ceremony honored the service of past and present Guardians and recognized the battalion’s contributions to the 1st Infantry Division and the Fort Riley community since 2005.

The battalion carries an 80-year legacy that spans nearly every major conflict since World War II. Constituted in Europe in 1945, the unit first served in the final months of the war before being inactivated later that year. It returned to service during the Korean War, where it operated a prisoner-of-war facility that held more than 21,000 detainees. In 1966, the battalion deployed to Vietnam, conducting law-and-order operations and battlefield circulation control for six years. During that time, it earned 14 campaign streamers and completed what remains the longest convoy of the war—a 450-mile movement from Vietnam to Cambodia. The battalion was activated again in Germany during the final years of the Cold War, serving there from 1989 to 1994.

The battalion began its longest chapter when it was reactivated at Fort Riley in 2005. Over the next two decades, Guardian Soldiers deployed repeatedly in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Homeland Defense missions along the Southern Border, and law enforcement and force protection missions across Eastern Europe. Most recently, the battalion headquarters redeployed from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,

where it served as the headquarters element for Task Force Guard, overseeing high-threat illegal-alien holding operations in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security.

A proud subordinate unit: The 300th Military Police Company

As part of the Guardian Battalion’s formation, the 300th Military Police Company brought its own distinguished history to Fort Riley. Constituted in 1942 and activated at Fort Myer, Virginia, the 300th served in Vietnam, earning multiple Meritorious Unit Commendations and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. The company later deployed to Stuttgart, Germany, where it earned the prestigious JP Holland Award as the Army’s top MP company and supported Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, the 300th MP Company deployed to Somalia, Guantanamo Bay, the Balkans, and the Military District of Washington before supporting multiple rotations in Iraq and Afghanistan during the Global War on Terror. In more recent years, the company deployed to Germany in 2019 and Poland in 2024 in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Its Soldiers continued to serve under the 97th MP Battalion until the unit’s inactivation, contributing to law enforcement, combat support, and global readiness missions.

The Big Red One and Kansas State University Renew Partnership With Annual Proclamation Signing

FORT RILEY, Kansas – The 1st Infantry Division and Kansas State University reaffirmed their longstanding partnership on May 5 during the annual Proclamation Signing at Victory Park on Fort Riley, strengthening one of the Army’s most enduring university–installation relationships. The ceremony highlighted shared commitments to education, research, spouse employment, and quality-of-life initiatives that benefit Soldiers, Families, students, veterans, and the broader Flint Hills community.

Maj. Gen. Monté L. Rone, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley,

signed the K-State and Fort Riley Partnership Resolution Proclamation alongside Kansas State University President Dr. Richard Linton. Rone emphasized the enduring strength and future potential of the partnership.

“Today’s proclamation reaffirms a partnership built on service, education, and community strength that has grown stronger year after year since 2008. Together, we commit to serving as a national model for military-university collaboration and partnership. For Fort Riley, this partnership means opening our doors wider, creating opportunities for K-State students, faculty, professionals, and the Flint Hills Community to learn from and engage with America’s Army. This proclamation is not the end of our work. It is the beginning of a new

chapter, one defined by cooperation, innovation, and a shared commitment to the people we serve.”

The partnership, the first of its kind in the nation, continues to produce initiatives that enhance readiness and strengthen quality of life across the Flint Hills through education pathways, spouse employment programs, research collaboration, and community engagement.

The 1st Infantry Division shared photos, video, and additional highlights from the ceremony across its official social media platforms to help the community connect with the event and its impact.

Two Models. One Mission. New Multi-Platform Model Sets the New Standard for Agent-Centric Real Estate.

NextHome Unlimited says acquisition creates new opportunities for agents seeking growth, support, and flexibility

Junction City, Manhattan, Abilene, Kansas and surrounding areas — May 7th, 2026 — NextHome Unlimited, a locally owned and operated NextHome franchise, is sharing exciting news for real estate professionals throughout the Junction City, Manhattan, and Abilene markets:

NextHome has officially been acquired by eXp World Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: AGNT), creating one of the industry’s most dynamic opportunities for brokers and agents. The announcement marks a major milestone for NextHome offices across the country and reinforces the company’s commitment to supporting agents with innovative tools, strong leadership, and a people-first culture. For agents in the Junction City, Manhattan, and

Abilene markets and surrounding areas, the news means access to a growing network while maintaining the local culture and community focus that have made NextHome one of real estate’s fastest-growing franchise brands.

“This creates an incredible opportunity for agents who want the best of both worlds,” said Ryan Garrison, and Steven L. Burch, owners of NextHome Unlimited. “Agents can continue building their business with the local leadership, culture, and support of NextHome while benefiting from the expanded reach and resources that come with this acquisition.”

NextHome will continue operating separately, maintaining its leadership team, franchise model, branding, and Humans Over Houses® philosophy. Existing NextHome offices will continue serving their communities the same way they always have — with a strong emphasis on relationships, service, and local expertise. “At a time when many agents are re-evaluating what they want from their brokerage, this partnership positions NextHome agents for long-term growth,” said Burch. “We’re seeing more professionals looking for a company that

offers strong branding, integrated systems, collaborative culture, and leadership that genuinely supports their business goals.”

For local agents considering a change, NextHome Unlimited says now may be one of the strongest times to explore what joining a NextHome brokerage offers, including:

- A nationally recognized brand
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- Collaborative culture and training
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- A people-first philosophy centered around relationships

“We believe the future of real estate belongs to agents who are adaptable, relationship-driven, and supported by the right platform,” said Ryan Garrison. “This announcement reinforces that NextHome’s continued investment in that future.”

Agents interested joining our team or to learn more about career opportunities with NextHome Unlimited visit orangeisthenewsold.com or contact:

A REVIEW FROM THE EDITOR:

I believe in supporting local businesses. I also believe in supporting mom and pop shops, because they built our communities. I also believe in giving businesses credit when credit is due.

This past Friday, I was driving all around getting appointments for my father taken care of. I ended up going to Topeka and back to Junction City. After a long day and getting my father’s hair cut, I decided I needed to get my face waxed...yes I go through the pain because it’s worth it.

Over the past year, I have been so busy that I rarely have time to do anything for myself, but I was determined to get this one task

done. So I started googling places to go to. I knew a few places in Junction City that I DIDN'T want to go to, but I found a new place called Top Notch. It was a long shot, but man it paid off. Amber was one of the best and most professional people I have met in a long time. She took care of me as if I was family. Making me feel calm and secure in my new choice. Needless to say I was baby smooth in no time and have set another appointment with her.

I guess this will be my mid year resolution, to keep one appointment for self care. Go check out Top Notch on Washington in Junction City... You wont regret it.

~Brandy S