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Specials

Monday, May 18:
Chicken Pot Pie,
Mashed Potatoes,
Broccoli Salad

Thursday, May 21:
French Dip Sandwich,
Chicken Bacon Ranch
Sandwich, Chef Salad



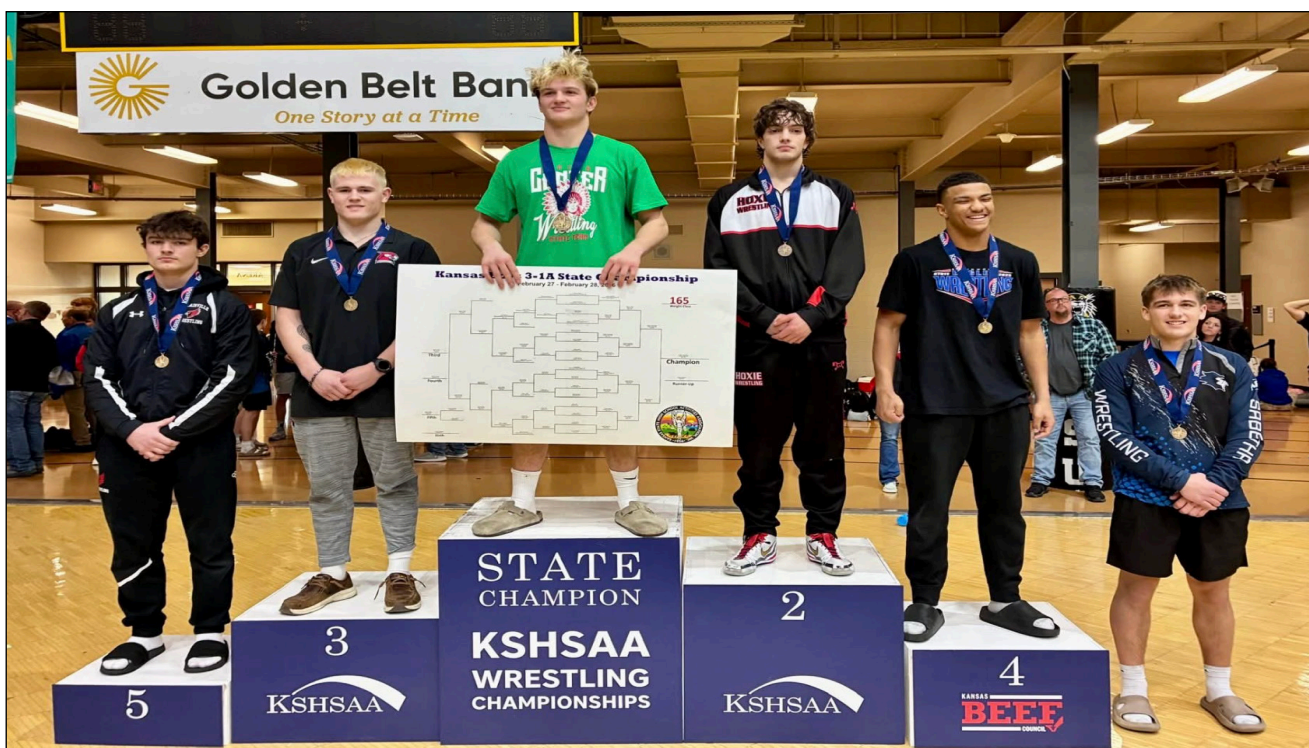
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Rain Totals

In Graham County, the rain totals for this past week have ranged from .43" to .50" to 1.25". Whether it was only a drizzle or an inch, any moisture is better than none.

Father and son both place at state 29 years apart

Jarrold Smith has wrapped up his 16th year of coaching wrestling. His family has been talking about this for years. They do believe this is the first time a Father/Son duo have both placed at the state tournament for Hill City. Jarrold's third place finish was in 1997 his senior year at 215 and Jaxson Smith in 2026 his sophomore year. Pretty cool!!!



Kyra Bell receives Arts Council scholarship

Kyra Bell is our 2026 recipient of the Francis Logback Scholarship through the Graham County Arts Council. Kyra will be attending Fort Hays State University in the fall. She will major in motion design. Congratulations, Kyra, and good luck in your future endeavors!

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

The Hill City Graduation is May 9th at 3 p.m. in the high school gym.

The Tough Enough to Wear Pink t-shirts will be here soon. Contact Liz VanLoenen if you want a t-shirt. This goes towards breast cancer awareness.

I know this will be late, but Happy Mothers day to all of the mothers. My news has to go in May 6th and won't be published until May 12th.

It was too bad there were not very many who turned out for the FFA banquet Thursday night, April 30th.

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the work day at the Bogue church. The plants and flowers are really pretty.

Bogue received .10" rain Thursday.

The Bogue community birthday party will be held May 30th at 5 pm at the high tower park.

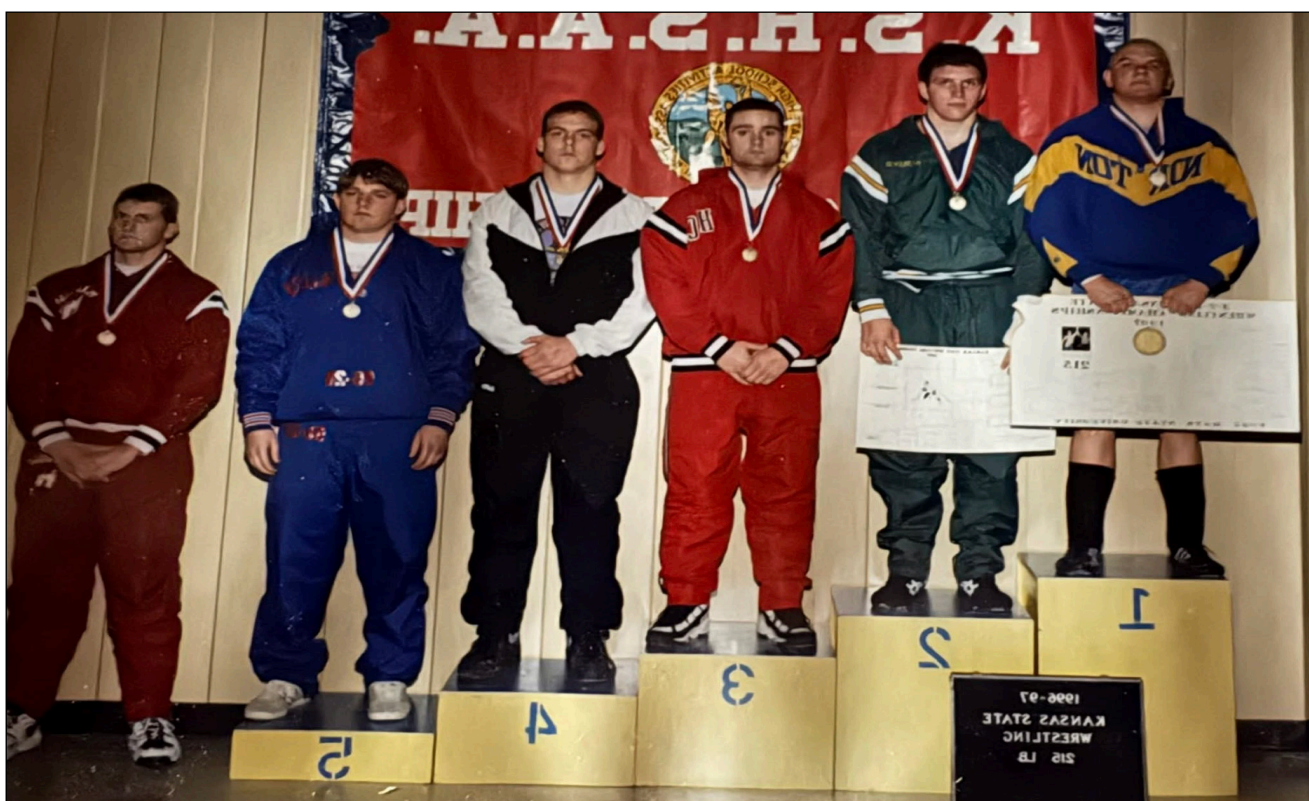
Annette Wetter, Jacob, Abby, Olivia Lemmer, Birch and Maggie of Colby spent Sat. with Bobbie Holsman, Frank, and David.

Liz enjoyed Sunday dinner from the Pizza Hut in Plinville.

National Hospital is the week of 10-17 of May. We are so grateful we have a wonderful hospital.

Arlene Smee Klamm of Hastings Neb., Ray and Millie Smee of Hill City called on Bobbie and Frank Holsman Monday afternoon.

Bogue received 0.10" of rain Monday afternoon and thunder. Then Bogue received 1/2" Tues. thru Wed. morning, May 6th and still raining.



Paul Brassfield Foundation scholarship recipients

This year's winners of the Paul Brassfield Foundation scholarships are Regina Baldwin, Rachel Walter, Cadence Dooley, Cloe Bell, and Maxsson Blanks. They will each receive \$2500 from this prestigious foundation.

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Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Prairie Trails Golf Course Events: Memorial Day Weekend Tournament, Contact Don Newell @ 615-796-4798; Saturday, June 6, Chamber of Commerce, 4-Person, Contact Stephen Sage; Saturday, June 20, One Man Mulligan, Contact Todd Ashbaugh @ 620-897-7654 or Nate Budig @ 785-743-8070.
 Men's Tuesday night golf was not played on May 5 due to much needed wet weather! Sign up each week is at 5:45 PM with sticks swinging at 6 PM.



Ringnecks Win Ellis Railroader 27

by Bob Dombroski
 photo by Don Newell

Coach Don Newell's Hill City Ringneck varsity squad were the Champions of the 27-hole golf tournament held at Ellis Golf Club in Ellis on Monday, May 4.
 The final team tally was 469 as they competed against Hoxie, Plainville, Ellis, Trego Community, Norton and Rawlins County.
 Chase Bell finished in 4th place with a score of 115. AJ Deges 6th - 116, Kenley Gugleman, 9th - 119, Corbin Jones, 10th - 119.

Coming Ringneck Events: May 14, MCL at Hays; May 18, 1A Regionals sites are Sharon Springs Golf Course, hosted by Wallace Co. HS, Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City hosted by Meade HS, Stafford Co. Country Club hosted by St John-Hudson HS, Cedar Hills Golf Course near Washington hosted by Hanover HS; May 26 & 27, 1A State at Turkey Creek Golf Course in McPherson.
 Coach Newell stated coming down the stretch of the season "We are sitting high in the rankings, and our players will need to limit penalty strokes as the season progresses as we are steadily improving each week."



A wounded bald eagle is cared for by Carrie and the Stockton vets

A wounded eagle from Kerwin Reservoir came to Carrie's Animal Rehab Center late in the night over the weekend. The injured eagle got medical attention from Central Veterinary Services located in Stockton, Kansas. Seda Nelson also assisted with the bald eagle as she works for The Central Veterinary Services in Stockton as part of the Palco High School Agriculture program.



From 1st grade to 12th, Solutions North Bank is there



What a fun-filled week, covering the first to the last year! From welcoming 1st graders for a field trip to celebrating our seniors with our 5th annual scavenger hunt, it was a week to remember. During the scavenger hunt, FLAT CARL joined the seniors! They had to complete clues and send pictures to SNB. They were entered to win a \$100 graduation cap. Congratulations to our winner Aiden Hall of the \$100 graduation cap! The graduates enjoyed lots of prizes along the way, and every year this tradition just keeps getting bigger and better! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it so special!
 Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

You're invited to join us as we are celebrating the completion of our bathroom handicapped accessible restroom upgrade project!

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Obituaries



Darlene Louise (Sielsky) Rome
Feb. 9, 1940 - April 29, 2026

Darlene Louise (Sielsky) Rome, 86, of St. Peter, Kansas, passed away on April 29, 2026. She lived a beautiful life surrounded by people who loved her.

She was born on February 9, 1940, in Leadville, Colorado, to David and Evelyn (Sielsky). Darlene graduated from Burlington High School in 1958 and attended Colorado State University for one year.

On May 6, 1961, Darlene was united in marriage to Adolph Rome. They were married for 34 years.

In high school, Darlene worked as a lifeguard, a telephone operator, and helped in her father's blacksmith shop. Following school, she worked for Martin Marietta in the Denver area and later for Boeing in Cocoa Beach, Florida, where she worked on the Apollo Mission.

In 1971, she moved with her family to the family farm in St. Peter, Kansas. In addition to farming, she worked for Midwest Coop in Morland, Kansas, as a bookkeeper for 18 years.

Darlene was actively involved in her community. She served on the local school board, taught catechism, and was a member of the Bryant Township Board.

Darlene is survived by her children, David Rome (Paula) of Lenexa, Kansas, Nadine Rome of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and Alan Rome (Lisa) of Oakland, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Nicholas, Erin, Conner, Lauren, and Katherine; and two great-grandchildren, Eric and Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, Evelyn and David Sielsky; her husband, Adolph Rome; her brother, Darrel Sielsky; and her nephew, Daniel.

A visitation will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th Street, WaKeeney, Kansas. A Vigil Service will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 412 N 9th St, WaKeeney, KS 67672. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery, St. Peter, Kansas.

A luncheon will follow the interment at the Parish Hall, 907 Easter Avenue, WaKeeney, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Heart Association, or Christ the King Catholic Church and may be mailed to Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th St., WaKeeney, KS 67672.

To share memories or leave condolences, please visit www.schmittfuneral.com.



Vesta Verlyn (Keith) Born Dougherty
April 29, 2026

Vesta Verlyn (Keith) Born Dougherty passed away April 29, 2026, at Riverstone Post Acute Care in Salina, Kansas, at the age of 93.

Vesta was born to Donald and Ola (Bell) Keith on the family farm. She grew up on that farm with her four sisters and attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse. After attending Hill City High School, she married her high school sweetheart, Bob Born. They moved to the family farm

where they worked at farming together. Vesta milked the cows, tended to the chickens, and took care of a large garden. She also enjoyed sewing and cooking.

Bob and Vesta had two children, Shelley and Don. Vesta was involved in EHU (Extension Homemakers Unit), where meetings were held at the South Star schoolhouse. They also enjoyed playing cards with the card club.

Vesta was active in 4-H, helping with the county and state fair. Vesta worked for Ford Garage in Hill City. Once the kids started school, she worked at the school as a lunch lady in Lenora. Later, when the kids were grown, she worked for Jill's Helping Hands, helping elders with daily chores.

Vesta was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church in Lenora.

Bob's passing in 1993 was devastating for Vesta. She found a new love of dancing, where she met many new friends and became more active again. It was at a dance that she met Larry Dougherty. They fell in love and married in 1997. Larry passed away six years later.

Vesta is preceded in death by

her parents; husbands, Bob Born and Larry Dougherty; two infant brothers; her sisters, Lavern Hanson, Irma Quint, and Lois Randolph; and son-in-law, Ron Miller.

Leaving to mourn are her children, Shelley Miller of Topeka and Don (Toni) of Salina; three grandchildren, Brenton Born, Faye Miller, and Corey Born (Nichole Hubbard); three great-grandchildren, Blayne, Ahzayian, and KaMarion; sister, Joyce Danner of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; step-children and families; nieces; nephews; and many, many friends, including the staff at Riverstone Post Acute Center.

Everyone loved Vesta and will miss her bright smile and teasing nature.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City. Burial will follow at South Star Cemetery in Rural Hill City. Visitation will be Monday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church, Lenora, KS or Riverstone Post Acute Care in Salina, KS and may be sent to Stinemetz funeral home at 522 N. Pomeroy Ave., Hill City, KS 67642.



<p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD Morland, Kansas Worship: 10:30 A.M. and 5 P.M., Sundays Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>BOGUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Bogue, Kansas Worship: 9 A.M. Sundays Sunday School: 10 A.M.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN CHURCH 122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City Worship: 9 A.M. and Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.</p> <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 206 N. Middle, Hill City Sunday School: 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship & Heavens Sake Kid's Church: 10:45 A.M.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Nicodemus, Kansas Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Church: 11 A.M. Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 223 N. 4th Ave., Hill City Worship: 9 A.M. & Coffee Fellowship following.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 11th and Hill, Hill City Worship: 4 P.M. Sunday Bible Study: 3 p.m. Sunday</p> <p>H₂O CHURCH.TV 305 N. Pomeroy, Hill City 5:00 p.m. Praise - Worship - Message</p> <p>HILL CITY CHURCH OF GOD Third and Cedar, Hill City Worship: 10:30 A.M.</p> <p>HILL CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City</p>	<p>Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:45 A.M.</p> <p>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 10 N. 10th Ave., Hill City Masses: 6 P.M., Saturdays; 11 A.M. Sundays</p> <p>PRAIRIE HOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 12 miles south, 1/4 mile East of Hill City on "E" Rd. Worship: 9:15 A.M.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC Damar, Kansas Mass: 9 A.M., Sundays</p> <p>THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD 519 N. East, Hill City Sunday Worship: 10 A.M. Family Training Hour: 7 P.M., Wednesday</p> <p>MORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Worship: 6 P.M., Sunday Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST Palco, Kansas Worship/Service: 9 A.M. Fellowship Time: 10 A.M.</p> <p>UNITED PARISH OF LENORA Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST 6.5 miles south of Morland, Ks. Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 10:50 A.M.</p> <p>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</p>
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Graham County Commission Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026
 Commissioner Irby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the flag salute with Commissioner Irby, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Crouch, County Clerk Kendra Robinson, and Graham County Hospital CEO Jonathan Gleason all present.

Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason

Jonathan reported that the grant, which was previously expected to have a decision on April 17, 2026, has been delayed to May 15, 2026. Jonathan also reminded the board that, if awarded, the grant funds would be used to purchase a second boiler, an AC condenser, and to remodel two patient rooms to better accommodate psychiatric patients. Jonathan spoke about the TEAMS model and explained to the board what a swing bed is. He also reported that a few minor adjustments would be made to the hospital's phone recording system, so callers may notice some changes when contacting the hospital. Commissioner Crouch asked whether any progress had been made regarding the crisis intervention center financial request. Commissioner Irby reported that he had spoken with Jonathan about the possibility of the hospital funding it; however, at this time, Jonathan does not believe the hospital has the financial capacity to do so. Commissioner Irby added that he will continue reviewing the numbers and stated that it would be best for all parties to meet and discuss the matter further once the financial details have been examined more thoroughly.

New York Life Representative, Kac'Rae McAlonan

Kac' provided the board with a packet of information regarding

New York Life Insurance and introduced herself. She explained the life insurance options available through New York Life Insurance Company and inquired whether the board would be interested in offering this benefit. Commissioner Nelson stated that he believed it would be a good benefit. Commissioner Irby recommended tabling the discussion for one week to allow time for further review of the information before making a decision.

Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Steven Kreuzer

Commissioner Crouch shared that a Graham County resident living west of Morland had contacted him to express appreciation for the road being bladed. Commissioner Crouch inquired about the status of the Antelope Lake bridge. Steven reported that Cliff has completed repairs on the bridge. He also noted that several crew members were assigned to the city-wide cleanup effort, while another crew continues work on 12 Mile Road. Steven reported that the water pump on the old dozer had failed, and Bill was working on getting it transported to town for water pump replacement. He also shared that he had spoken with a current employee about potentially stepping into the mechanical role in the shop. Steven noted that the employee was expected to follow up with him regarding their interest in the position. Commissioner Crouch asked Steven whether he would like to post a job advertisement for equipment operators and a mechanic. Steven stated that he would prefer to wait on posting the mechanical position until he hears back from the current employee he had previously spoken with. Steven also reported that several employees are willing to become certified

CDL trainers but have requested an increase of \$1-\$2 per hour. He indicated that he is not in favor of the hourly increase but is considering offering a \$150-\$200 bonus for everyone successfully trained. Steven and the Board discussed the importance of selecting a trainer who is a trustworthy and reliable employee. Commissioner Irby asked Steven about his plan for learning from Cliff and the potential of promoting Taylor VanLoenen to a foreman position. Steven reported that he has been working on learning the paperwork aspects of the role and will continue working closely with Cliff. Steven also stated that he plans to promote Taylor to Foreman once Bill retires. The Commissioners and Steven discussed the process and responsibilities of each foreman role, noting that Steven has the option to promote Taylor sooner if he chooses. Steven indicated that he would discuss the opportunity further with Taylor. Steven reported that the toilets at the shop are not functioning properly and asked whether he needed to obtain bids or if he could contact someone to assess the issue. Commissioner Nelson reminded him that if the repair cost exceeds \$500, bids would be required. Steven stated that he would have someone come take a look and proceed accordingly. Steven also reported that he had spoken with Wayne Pfeifer regarding the right-of-way that was to be surveyed. He noted that pink stakes had been placed along the center line, with additional markers set 20 feet on both sides. The Commissioners agreed to visit and review the right-of-way before concluding the meeting. Commissioner Crouch advised the Board that Penokee Road, which had been treated

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HILL CITY NUTRITION SITE

Welcome in House Participants & Carry-Out

Friday, May 15: Cook's Choice
 Entrée, Vegetable, Compliment, Grain, Fruit

Monday, May 18: Hamburger Patty, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pasta Salad w/ Veggies, Bun, Applesauce

Tuesday, May 19: Spanish Rice, Corn, Watermelon, NO Bake Cookie

Wednesday, May 20: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Bread, Strawberries & Bananas

Thursday, May 21: Sausage Gravy, Potatoes O'Brien, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Pineapple

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Thank you readers

Blood Drive



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Public Hearing Notice

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, May 13, 2026)

County of Graham

In accordance with K.S.A. 12-2904 and K.S.A. 12-17,114, public notice is hereby given that the governing body of the County of Graham, Kansas, will conduct a public hearing in connection with the consideration and adoption of a proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Program Plan on May 26, 2026, at 10:45 AM, at the Graham County Courthouse in the Commission Room.

A copy of this notice and the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Program Plan are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during normal business hours.

All persons having an interest in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the time and place specified.

The governing body of the County will not take action approving the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Program Plan until this Notice is published in the official city newspaper of the City of Hill City, Kansas, at least once each week for two consecutive weeks and until said public hearing is concluded.

COUNTY OF GRAHAM, KANSAS
By: Kendra Robinson, Graham County Clerk

Public Hearing Notice

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, May 13, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ROY ACHESON, Deceased Case No Gh-2024-PR-000040

NOTICE OF HEARING

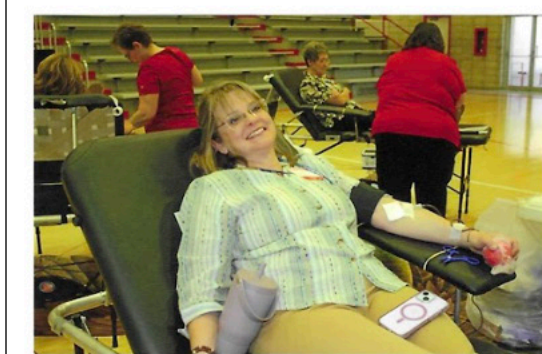
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by David Acheson duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of Roy Acheson, Deceased, praying that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court finds the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Roy Acheson, Deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 10th, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

David Acheson, Petitioner

Robert M. Berland
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P. O. Box 38
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(785) 421-2144
Attorney for Estate



Submitted by Liz VanLoenen

The Blood Drive was a big success Thursday, April 23rd at the high school. The FFA were the sponsors and they did a wonderful job along with their sponsor Stacey Ruder.

First time donors were Brett Billips, Rylie Minium, Rachael Walter, Robert Galbavy, and Stacey Ruder. Vicki Ashbaugh gave 7 gallons, Joe Green 12 gallons, Tanya Hamel 3 gallons, Jeanie Bell 6 gallons, Mary Brandyberry 2 gallons, and Michelle Smee 3 gallons. The pic-

ture of the FFA are Jaxson Smith, their teacher Stacey Ruder (giving blood), Rance Minium, front row Tate Nelson, Jenna Berland, Greeley Billips, Rylie Minium, and Cody Ashmore, a picture of Rachael Walter giving blood for the first time. Those receiving the \$10 gift certificate to Cameron's Corner from Liz VanLoenen were Jenna Berland, Tate Nelson, Rance Minium, Jaxson Smith, and Rylie Minium. The next blood drive will be June 18th from noon to 6 pm at the CCD center. A big thank you to the FFA for a job well done.

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with magnesium chloride, appears to be deteriorating. He stated that he believes the issue may be due to poor application by the company, although it has helped reduce dust. Commissioner Irby agreed to contact the company to request that they inspect the road and provide feedback. Clerk Robinson informed the Board that she assisted Steven in registering for the Kansas County Highways Association (KCHA) and enrolling in new supervisor training. Steven also reported that Wayne had provided him with the work

cell phone, and he will now be carrying it. Graham County Treasurer, Bri Edwards reported that she wanted to provide the Board with an update on the identified deficiencies and the progress her office has made in addressing them. She gave a detailed overview of each deficiency and the current status of corrective actions. Bri also reported that Dawn from Cheyenne County assisted in bringing the bank reconciliations up to date through 2026. Additionally, she noted that funds are to be transferred annually from the Special Auto Fund to the County General Fund each May, and that she plans to complete this transfer soon in the approximate amount of \$11,000. Bri continued by discussing the Motor Vehicle Special Auto Fund and expressed her hope that it could be utilized to help reduce her office's budget. She also informed the Board that the Treasurer's Office will tentatively be closed on July 15 for her and her staff to attend mandatory title training. Commissioner Irby asked Bri how long she anticipated needing assistance from other county treasurers. Bri responded that she expects to rely on their support through at least her first year while operations are being fully stabilized, though

she noted that their visits have already become less frequent than before. New BusinessClerk Robinson presented four refund orders totaling a valuation of 50,932 and a total refund of \$6,048 for the Board's review and approval. Commissioner Crouch made a motion to approve the refund orders in the amount of \$6,048.00. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Board and Clerk Robinson discussed the placement of the two new time clocks. Clerk Robinson suggested installing one in the hallway of the Sheriff's Office, noting that it would be secure from tampering while still providing access to both the Dispatch and Janitorial departments. The Commissioners agreed that the Sheriff's Office hallway would be an appropriate location, along with placing the second time clock at the Landfill. The Commissioners reviewed and signed payroll vouchers and checks. Clerk Robinson also ensured that the Board reviewed an email from County Attorney Michael Abbott regarding upcoming changes to the Appellate Contracts for the new fiscal year. Clerk Robinson presented the abstract of the Commissioner meeting minutes from April 7, 2026, for review and sig-

nature. Commissioner Irby reviewed and signed the abstract. Commissioner Crouch asked about the process for providing a pickup to the new Road and Bridge Supervisor. He agreed to research the matter and report back with his findings. Commissioner Irby also reminded the Board that he will be attending the Kansas County Commissioners Association Conference from Wednesday through Friday of this week in Hutchinson. The Commissioners recessed to view the right-of-way previously discussed. The Commissioners reconvened following their review of the right-of-way. Commissioner Irby reported that they observed the work that had been completed. Commissioner Crouch stated that he would notify Stan Brandyberry. Commissioner Irby advised that he would inform Mr. and Mrs. Roberts that they have two weeks to relocate their fence. Commissioner Nelson reported that he would contact Jason Nelson to inform him that the matter has been addressed. With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Irby moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Auction CENTRAL

Two Day May Consignment Auction
Tuesday, May 26th & Wednesday, May 27th - 9am
Brush, Colorado

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 vs.
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And you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,
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HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

The Hansen Museum continues to host SPECTACLE, a captivating photography exhibition traveled by the National Geographic Society. This remarkable collection showcases powerful images from around the world, highlighting extraordinary moments, diverse cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and compelling human stories through the lens of talented photographers. Each photograph offers visitors a chance to experience places and perspectives they may never encounter otherwise, making the exhibition both thought-provoking and memorable. Whether you enjoy photography, travel, history, or storytelling, SPECTACLE provides an unforgettable gallery experience for visitors of all ages.

Creative opportunities continue at the museum with several exciting classes coming up. Sew What? Bags is scheduled for May 30 and will be taught by area instructor Pauline Poage. This fun and practical sewing class gives participants the opportunity to create their own large tote bag using The Big Bag Theory pattern. Designed for confident beginner sewers, the class provides step-by-step instruction through the construction process, including adding a lining, flap, and insert for extra structure and durability.

Participants in Sew What? Bags will gain confidence working with multiple layers of fabric while learning techniques that can be used in future sewing projects. Students may choose coordinating fabrics for a polished look or use a charm pack to create a unique patchwork design. By the end of the class, each participant will leave with a stylish, functional tote bag and the skills needed to continue creating more bags on their own.

The museum is also excited to offer a basket weaving class with Marsha Jensen on June 6 featuring Jillian's Basket. This medium-sized round basket measures approximately

12 by 7 inches and is designed for a variety of everyday uses. Ideal for students who already have some basket weaving experience, the class introduces more advanced techniques while helping participants strengthen foundational weaving skills.

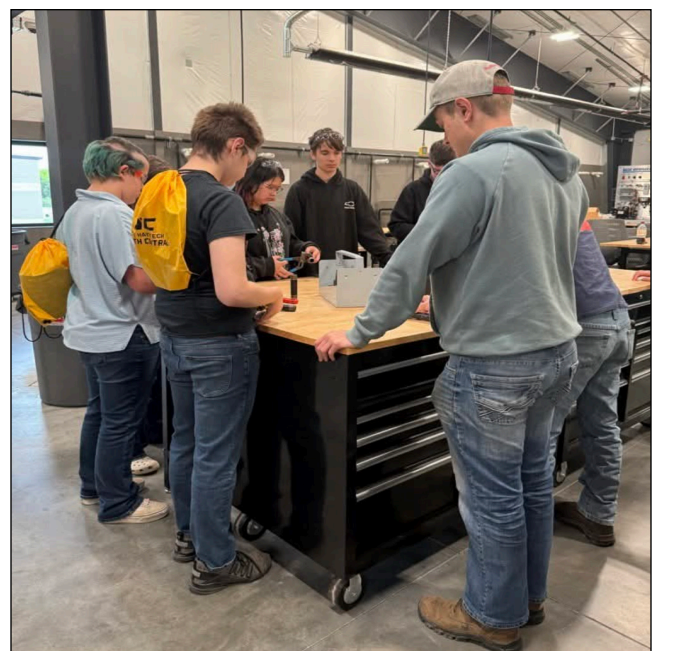
During the class, students will learn how to construct a solid, spoked base and incorporate several intermediate weaving methods under guided instruction. Participants will complete a beautiful and durable basket while developing greater confidence in shaping baskets, handling tools, and understanding basket structure and design. The class offers an excellent opportunity for those ready to challenge themselves creatively and expand their weaving knowledge.

Also featured this month is Artist of the Month Mary Beth Rose. Her charming fiber art creations include hand-made cards, trinket books, and enchanting Northern Lights shadow boxes illuminated with delicate fairy lights. Her work combines creativity and craftsmanship in ways that capture both whimsy and warmth. Visitors are encouraged to stop by and enjoy her unique collection.

There is always something new to experience at the Hansen Museum, from inspiring exhibitions to hands-on classes and local artistic talent. Visitors are encouraged to take time to explore SPECTACLE before the exhibition closes on June 14, 2026. The Hansen Museum is located at 110 W. Main Street in Logan, Kansas. Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Museum is handicapped-accessible, and admission is always free courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For additional information, please call 785-689-4846. We hope to see YOU at the Museum soon!

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