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Specials

Monday, June 15:

Stuffed Chicken, Roasted
Asparagus, Cheesy
Potatoes, Pistachio Salad

Thursday, June 18:

Ham & Swiss Croissant,
BLT, Southwest Chicken
Salad



200 N Pomeroy
Hill City
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Rain Totals

According to mesonet.k-state.edu, we have received 1.99" in the last 7 days! Between the off and on moisture and the down pour, the moisture was definitely welcomed.

Vandalism in Hill City parks



Last week the Hill City Police Department took a report of graffiti that was documented at several parks in Hill City. These calls are extremely frustrating and are a blatant disregard for the amenities that are available to the public.

Parents, it's important that you talk to your kids about vandalism and the consequences of those actions.

Our parks are a privilege to use. Our city crew took hours out of their day to clean up so that the parks could be presentable for everyone else.

If you were responsible for this, now is the time to make it right.

Tough Enough to Wear Pink

By Liz VanLoenen

The Tough Enough to Wear Pink will be selling tickets for a Henry Repeating Arms, H006CD2 Big Boy Deluxe II, 45 Long Colt rifle. This is 1 of 1,000 that were made and has hand engraved scroll work. Kade Tremblay has done some engraving on it. You can buy tickets at the South Fork Armory or Liz VanLoenen will be at the Auto-Art Museum on Fridays from noon to 4 pm. The drawing will be held Tuesday night at the rodeo. She will also be selling the pink T-shirts.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

The Bogue birthday bash was a big success. There were 72 who attended and it was held at the Wildhorse TWP Hall. The decorations were very pretty, there was a lot of good food, and Chris Gansel's band was wonderful. A big thank you to everyone who made it a big success.

The next blood drive will be June 18th at the CCD center from noon to 6 pm. Call Liz VanLoenen, 785-421-2604, for an appointment.

Congratulations to the Hill City high school golf team for winning 1st at state.

It is very disappointing that PBS did not get to televise the state track meet in Wichita. We had several in the events from Hill City.

Word was received this week of the death of Jerry Legere. He used to live in Bogue.

Bryan VanLononen and Liz enjoyed supper Thur. evening in Wakeeny at the Brazen Bull.

Bogue received .65" rain throughout Thursday. Praise the Lord.

Liz attended the funeral of Clarence Tien at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church Monday morning, then dinner at the Citizen center in Prairie View. He had owned and ran the Norton Sale Barn since 1977.

Liz went to Hays Tuesday morning. She enjoyed breakfast at IHOP.

Bogue received 0.15" rain Tues. morning.



Mad science was being explored at the Graham Co Library

Everyone at the Graham Co Library on June 1st had a super fun time with Jetpack Jason today and Mad Science. The library also had an extraordinary turnout for summer reading sign-up! There is still time to sign up, the summer reading program is for all ages.

Nicodemus News

By JohnElla J. Holmes, PhD
CEO/President, KBFA

Hello, Dear Ones!

We have been through so much here in Nicodemus, but through it all, our community continues to thrive with faith, fellowship, history, and love.

The National Park Service provided an excellent Women's Day program led by Park Ranger LueCreasea Horne, while Park Guide Valerie Blubaugh shared the history of several phenomenal women connected to Nicodemus. Superintendent Cassie Branstetter also hosted a Superintendent's Coffee to discuss happenings at the National Historic Site over the past year, plans for the nation's upcoming 250th Anniversary celebration, and continued preparations for Nicodemus' 150th Anniversary in 2027. Plans for this very special occasion are moving along wonderfully.

Angela Bates and I also traveled to Hays to attend the retirement dinner honoring William "Chappie" Chapman, who served as the Site Management and Maintenance Supervisor for both Fort Larned and Nicodemus. The event was well attended by former Superintendents and staff from both historic sites, making it a truly memorable evening.

Not long after, I invited several ladies — Kathy Atkisson, Marilyn Gray, Cheryl Calvin, Cindy Baltazor, and Angela Bates — over for dinner and cards. We had an absolutely glorious time! Kathy brought her famous brownies, Angela added a beautiful fancy salad to the menu, and LueCreasea (who technically was not invited) arrived with her amazing salmon pasta dish that everyone absolutely loved!

Easter Sunday was a joyful occasion at First Missionary Baptist Church. The sanctuary was filled with guests,

and following service we enjoyed a wonderful potluck fellowship dinner. Pastor Fair prepared his famous fried catfish, which EVERYONE loves. He is truly an amazing cook, and we deeply appreciate the fellowship meals he lovingly provides after services.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Val Williams' daughters, who joined us for church and fellowship dinner. They had come to Nicodemus to take their father back to Kansas City for a visit and also arranged additional trips for him to California and other places he has long wanted to see. They are lovely young women who clearly adore their father. They hold impressive professional careers, including medicine and other fields. I will gather their names so I can properly recognize them in the next edition.

James and Tina Bates have returned home to Nicodemus, Kansas. They are both delighted to be back and have al-

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Notice of Sale

(First Published in The Hill City Times
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

THE BANK,)
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)
Plaintiff,)
)
)
vs.) Case No. GH-2025-CV-000012
)
GRAHAM COUNTY LEASING, INC., JOHN DOE)
) **Title to Real Estate Involved**
and/or JANE DOE (Real Names Unknown; Tenants/)
Occupants of the subject Graham Co. Real Estate);)
and the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF)
GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS,)
)
)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Graham County, Kansas in the above-captioned action, I will, on **June 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, at the Graham County Courthouse, lobby, 410 N. Pomeroy Ave., Hill City, Kansas 67642, the following-described real estate, to wit:

Tract 1: Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Five (5), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Five (25) West of the 6th P.M., Graham County, Kansas, LESS: all oil, gas and other minerals in, under and that may be produced from said land, as deeded in the Warranty Deed recorded in Book 50 at Page 236;

Tract 2: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M., Graham County, Kansas, LESS: an excepted, reserved and undivided ½ interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the premises for a period of 15 years from October 1, 1989 and for so long thereafter as oil or gas or either of them is produced therefrom, as deeded in the Warranty Deed recorded in Book 163 at Page 81;

Tract 3: All of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M., Graham County, Kansas except a tract in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M., commencing at a point 218.00 feet North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West of the Southeast Corner (SE/c) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M., this being the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 295.00 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds West 295.00 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 295.00 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East 295.00 feet to a point of beginning, LESS: a reserved ½ interest in and to all of the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under said land, as deeded in the Trustee's Deed recorded in Book 50 at Page 207;

Tract 4: North-Half (N/2) and Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M., Graham County, Kansas, LESS: an excepted, reserved and undivided ½ interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the premises for a period of 15 years from October 1, 1989 and for so long thereafter as oil or gas or either of them is produced therefrom, as deeded in the Warranty Deed recorded in Book 163 at Page 81, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "E"; and LESS: a reserved 1/4th interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in the NW Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M. until March 25, 1999 or for so long thereafter as production exists, as deeded in the Warranty Deed recorded in Book 183 at Page 24;

Tract 5: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and West-Half of the Northwest Quarter (W/2NW/4) of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-Three (23) West of the 6th P.M., Graham County, Kansas, LESS: an excepted, reserved and undivided ½ interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the premises for a period of 15 years from October 1, 1989 and for so long thereafter as oil or gas or either of them is produced therefrom, as deeded in the Warranty Deed recorded in Book 163 at Page 81.

This real estate is taken as the property of defendant Graham County Leasing, Inc. and is directed by the Order of Sale to be sold; and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy the Order of Sale, with a three (3) month period of redemption.

Les Burton

Sheriff of Graham County, Kansas

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Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Large Crowd For Men's Tuesday Golf

by Bob Dombroski

A large contingent of golfers participated during Men's Tuesday Night Golf at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City on June 2. Thirty-three signed up to play forming eight teams of four or five players.

First place with a final score of 29 over nine holes of scramble golf were Noah Fry, Tate Reynolds, Jarod Rohr and Stephan Sage. Their scorecard showed four birdies, one eagle and four pars helping them outpace the second-place team of Cameron Atkins, Zach Thompson, Kendall Nuss and Eric Pfeifer by two strokes.

A scorecard playoff was needed to determine third place. A birdie on Hole No. 7 helped Monty Long, Landon Jones, Wade McDowell and Jadin Newell capture the third slot with a 32 over Michael Otta, Brock Kibel, Aaron Moss and Cooper Bagley.

Finishing at 33 was Justin Balthazor, Bob Dombroski, Conner Haresnap, Jim Baldwin and Chris Normandin. Carding a 34 were Chris Orr, Cole Kirschner, Austin Rivera and Scott Roberts.

Also, with a 34 were Brent Kelley,

Sylar Rohr, Kaleb Atkins and Bronson Bailey. Rusty Harmon, Don Newell, Tate Reynolds and Tate Balthazor recorded a 35.

Flag Prizes: Tate Reynolds received a gift certificate from Six Pack Liquor LLC and a free car wash from long time sponsor Campbell's 24-Hour Automatic Car Wash after he was closest to the pin on Hole No. 2. Kendall Nuss made a long putt on Hole No. 5 and gathered a koozie and sleeve of golf balls from Hill City Pharmacy.

Bob Dombroski was 18' from the pin on Hole No. 6, edging out Brent Kelley for a Jamboree Foods gift card and \$10 cash from The First State Bank. Scott Roberts made a long putt on Hole No. 9. Robert's winnings included a couple of 2-Lane Liquor gift certificates and a prize pack from FMH Insurance.

Cooper Bagley had the longest drive on Hole No. 9, and accepted a sleeve of golf balls courtesy of Pittman Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning. Brock Kibel received a free t-shirt also from Pittman Plumbing.

Men's Tuesday Night Golf is played each week at PTGC with

sign up at 5:45 and stick swinging shortly after 6 PM.

NWKS Senior Social tournament is scheduled at Oakley Country Club on June 11. Oberlin Country Club will host the weekly event on June 18. NWKS Junior Golf: The Northwest Kansas Junior Golf Association provides a fun, competitive golf opportunity for boys and girls ages 7-17 (or entering your senior year of high school). Tournaments are held on local and regional courses each summer and are open to all area junior golfers.

Registration is available on site at the tournaments. Golfers can play the entire season for the low price of \$20! A one-time \$20 fee provides a tournament card that allows entry into all open tournaments. To qualify for the Northwest Kansas Championship tournament in Goodland, golfers must place in the top 3 in their age division at one of the open tournaments.

Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City will host a tournament on Monday, June 15.

Check out their site at www.nwks-jrgolf.org.

Employee of the Month

June 2026
Employee of the Month

Scott Roberts

Maintenance Director

Graham County Hospital

Congratulations to Scott Roberts, Maintenance Director at Graham County Hospital, for being selected as our June 2026 Employee of the Month!

Scott, who has been a valued member of the GCH team since 2019, was nominated by a peer in the nursing department for his willingness to step in and help during an early morning weekend code in the Emergency Room.

Without hesitation, Scott jumped into action and assisted the nursing staff by performing chest compressions, allowing caregivers to focus on other critical patient care needs during a high-stress situation. His quick response, teamwork, and calm presence exemplify the dedication and compassion that make Graham County Hospital a special place.

"Scott quickly jumped in during a high stress time to help nursing staff so they could focus on other patient cares. Thank you, Scott!! – Peer Nominator

"If you've ever wondered what keeps things moving around here, there's a good chance Scott is a part of it. He's constantly fixing something, moving something, finding something, or wondering why someone put it there in the first place. Whether he's tackling a project, lending a hand, solving a problem, or responding to an unexpected need, Scott is always on the move and ready to help wherever he is needed. His dedication and willingness to jump in without hesitation play an important role in our ability to provide quality care to our community. What makes Scott especially deserving of this recognition is not just his work ethic, but who he is as a person. He is genuine, dependable, and authentic, someone who consistently shows up for his coworkers and our patients. His positive attitude and commitment do not go unnoticed. We are grateful to have Scott on our team." – Supervisor

Thank you, Scott, for your commitment, teamwork, and the many ways you make a difference at GCH.

Student Achievements

Fort Hays State University

Spring 2026 Graduates

Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,732 graduates during its spring commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Graduates who requested privacy are included in the count but omitted from this listing.

Hill City, KS

Grace Bieker, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business

Kortney Khan, Master of Science in Nursing

Caelyn Pimlott, Bachelor of Science in Education

Kaylee Richmeier, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kyle Richmeier, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Austin Rivera, Master of Professional Studies

Zoey Wands, Doctor of Nursing Practice

GRAHAM COUNTY'S PAST
...
IN PRINTER'S INK
VERA FISCHER, GH CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

125 years ago - May 16, 1901
The People's Reveille
The trimmings on the new veranda on the Commercial Hotel make it very neat and artistic and, when painted, will add wonderfully to the attractiveness of this hotel. Mr. Keleher has added considerable new furniture to his rooms, and being newly papered and freshly painted, all the rooms present a tidy appearance.

100 years ago - May 27, 1926
The Reveille New Era
Tuesday afternoon, Elmer Sandlin notified Sheriff Jones that his Ford touring car had been purloined from the west side of the courthouse square. A search was instituted and the car was located about 9:30 that night, parked on the east side of the Community church, and in no way damaged as per the sheriff's report. No cause or evident reason has been assigned for the removal of the auto from the street.

75 years ago - May 31, 1951
The Hill City Times
More people are using milkers today than ever before. You can use one too. De Laval is the only milker that is made to do the job right. Priced \$215.00 and up on the average installation. TEBO IMPLEMENT CO.

50 Years ago - June 3, 1976
The Hill City Times
The Hill City Housing Authority is taking applications for the rental units in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing project. Units are available for people over sixty-two years of age and those people under sixty-two years of age who are handicapped. Applications may be picked up at the Graham County Hospital Business Office.

25 Years ago - May 30, 2001
The Hill City Times
Don't miss the annual Community-Wide Garage Sales to be held in Hill City, this Saturday, June 2, and also the Chamber of Commerce's meal served in the City Park from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

WaKeeney City
Wide Garage Sales
Saturday, June 13, 2026

Maps will be available after 4 pm
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Alta and Keyser Hardware.

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Rescued animals



A doe fawn is rescued and transported

Carries Rehab Critters
All volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, Northwest KS
Thanks again to one of our volunteer transporters from Trego county. So glad he was able to help at the last minute on a Sunday with this doe fawn from Lane county. After arriving here to Hill City a change in plans was made due to the possibility of another fawn going to Project Wildlife in Hays for rehab. So the fawn was loaded up

again for transport to Hays. However, the other fawn from further East went on to another Rehabber in Udall. Fawns imprint easy and should not be rehabilitated by themselves long term so that they can be more successful in the wild. Plans will be developed to ensure the best outcome for this fawn if no others arrive for rehabilitation. Thanks Project Wildlife for taking this doe fawn in!



Barn owl rescued.

A transport volunteer from Wa-keeney delivered a Barn Owlet. A tourist lady from Baltimore, Maryland found him on the ground below the high cliffs at Monument Rocks in Gove county. There was no way to get this little owlet back up in the cliffs or attempt to make an artificial nest for him. We sure love people who volunteer to transport wildlife to the few wildlife rehabbers in the state of KS!

Save the Date

Graham County's 2nd Annual 4th of July Celebration—Now "Red, White & Rural" and Bigger Than Ever for America 250!

GRAHAM COUNTY, KS — July 4, 2026 — Graham County is gearing up for its second annual 4th of July celebration, now under the new name "Red, White & Rural." This year promises even more fun, excitement, and family-friendly activities as the community joins in celebrating America 250. The event will take place Saturday, July 4th, at Hill City Park. Hosted by Graham County Travel & Tourism, Leadership Graham County, Riders Inc, and High Plains Disc Golf Club, the day-long celebration offers something for everyone—from heart-pounding competitions to family games, live music, and a community potluck.

New This Year – Riders Inc. Featured Events:
Lawn Mower Drag Racing — 10:00 AM
Spectators can watch competitors race across a block of pavement in multiple classes. \$500 prizes will be awarded for each of the three racing categories.
Wiener Eating Contest — 5:00 PM
Cheer on participants as they compete for the title of Top Dog Devourer. The winner will take home \$500.
Fan Favorites Returning:
• Water ball toss
• Kids' games and activities
• Disc Golf Tournament

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Commission Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026
Commissioner Irby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the flag salute with Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Crouch, County Deputy Clerk Julie Breinig and Graham County Hospital CEO Jonathan Gleason all present. Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason
Jonathan stated the new generator is in. They are waiting on an annunciator and a secondary E-stop panel. It has been tested and can carry the load hospital. They are still waiting to hear from the state regarding the grants they applied for. Some of the projects they are considering include installing a secondary boiler, replacing the AC condenser, updating plumbing, and renovating some patient rooms, which includes adding a safe room for psych patients. The state is rolling out new flow sheets based on evidence-based medical publications. Dr. Handy will need dedicated time to focus on helping our medical staff get aligned with these updated requirements and practices. Dr Handy is now working part time, while waiting on the state to approve Zoey's license. Still working through survey readiness and compliance polices update and lo-

calized health doc system, cost report will be finished tomorrow.
New Business Part 1
Deputy Clerk Breinig presented 2027 budget request that was tabled last week by the Graham County Conservation District. Commissioners decided to add the budget that was previously presented to them from the Graham County Conservation District to the other budgets being sent to Mapes and Miller. Deputy Clerk Breinig presented the request from Travel & Tourism, Commissioner Irby table until next week. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2026. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. s
Graham County Health Department, Kristen Wise
Commissioner Dan Irby reported on the roof at the new Graham County Health Department building. After inspecting the structure, he confirmed that repairs are necessary and the county will move forward with soliciting bids for the project. Kristen reported they are having inspection of moisture in the building also. Commissioner Crouch stated he looked at the building around the foundation and felt the soil and grass were 2

inches too high. There was discussion concerning leveling the soil to keep the water from going in the basement. Kristen is not storing anything in that area of the basement until the problem is fixed. She asked whether the commissioners wanted to continue the renewal of the termite elimination system with World Pest Control on the old health department. Commissioner Irby made a motion to renew it at this time Commissioner Nelson Seconded.
Dawson Place Administrator, Brandy Born
Brandy reported there are currently 34 residents in the nursing home, which is licensed for 36 residents. KDADS completed an inquiry and an infection control assessment. The report reviewed whether chemicals are up to date, staff knowledge and training, corrective actions related to the eyewash station and dates on spray bottles. There were no issues with the building. She also stated that the maintenance worker would be on sick leave for an extended period. They do have a part time maintenance worker. Dawson has a Tails computer system designed to track the process of work and workers m u s t

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gravestones are removed or they
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by the City.

We appreciate your cooperation.



ASSEMBLY OF GOD Morland, Kansas Worship: 10:30 A.M. and 5 P.M., Sundays Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.	Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:45 A.M.
BOGUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Bogue, Kansas Worship: 9 A.M. Sundays Sunday School: 10 A.M.	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 10 N. 10th Ave., Hill City Masses: 6 P.M., Saturdays; 11 A.M. Sundays
CHRISTIAN CHURCH 122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City Worship: 9 A.M. and Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.	PRAIRIE HOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 12 miles south, 1/4 mile East of Hill City on "E" Rd. Worship: 9:15 A.M.
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 206 N. Middle, Hill City Sunday School: 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship & Heavens Sake Kid's Church: 1045 A.M.	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.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Nicodemus, Kansas Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Church: 11 A.M. Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.	ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC Damar, Kansas Mass: 9 A.M., Sundays
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 223 N. 4th Ave., Hill City Worship: 9 A.M. & Coffee Fellowship following.	THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD 519 N. East, Hill City Sunday Worship: 10 A.M. Family Training Hour: 7 P.M., Wednesday
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.	MORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Worship: 6 P.M., Sunday Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 11th and Hill, Hill City Worship: 4 P.M. Sunday Bible Study: 3 p.m. Sunday	UNITED METHODIST Palco, Kansas Worship/Service: 9 A.M. Fellowship Time: 10 A.M.
H ₂ O CHURCH.TV 305 N. Pomeroy, Hill City 5:00 p.m. Praise - Worship - Message	UNITED PARISH OF LENORA Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
HILL CITY CHURCH OF GOD Third and Cedar, Hill City Worship: 10:30 A.M.	MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST 6.5 miles south of Morland, Ks. Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 10:50 A.M.
HILL CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City	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

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Welcome in House Participants
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Friday, June 5: Chicken Patti Sandwich,
Tossed Salad, Bun, Cantaloupe, Pudding
Monday, June 8: Polish Sausage, Parslied
Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, Peaches
Tuesday, June 9: Taco Salad, Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion, Chips, Pineapple, Cookie
Wednesday, June 10: Chicken
Ala King, California Blend
Vegetables, Biscuit, Mixed Fruit
Thursday, June 11: Goulash,
Italian Blend Vegetables, Bread,
Watermelon

Menu Subject to Change
Meal \$4 • Guests under 60 \$7

SNAP Benefits (previously known as food stamps) can be used to contribute towards the meal. If you need help applying for SNAP, call our office at 1-800-432-7422.

Thank you readers

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ready resumed serving the church and community in meaningful ways. It truly is a blessing to have them home again! We also welcome new residents Kathy Hayes, who will be working with the Historical Society and April told me her last name, but I forgot it — she works with the Dowdells.

In March, we celebrated Reggie and Theresa Moten's 31st wedding anniversary with dinner, cake, and wonderful fellowship at Jalapeño Restaurant in Hill City. Reggie gave a beautiful toast honoring Theresa, and the evening was enjoyed by Esther Clark, Angela Bates, the Motens, and myself.

Jacob Chapman of Chapman Farms in Shawnee, Kansas, and Nathan Bean from Kansas City Gibbs School Farms traveled to Nicodemus during spring break with volunteers Nathan Brown, Priest Hughes, and several high school boys from Kansas City to help work on the high tunnels. Unfortunately, the weather changed drastically, forcing us to temporarily shut the project down. In the meantime, Ernestine's is being used as a greenhouse to start seedlings.

April 11th was a day filled with both sorrow and joy. Michael Wilson was laid to rest at First Missionary Baptist Church in Nicodemus. On that same day, the National Historic Site hosted a special "Windows of the Past" filming session at the historic AME Church museum. Several descendants returned home to participate in the filming, including Rhonda Powell Babb and Johnine Powell, daughters of Loren Switzer Powell and granddaughters of Ora and Fred Switzer; Teresa Switzer and her niece Amanda Switzer, daughter and granddaughter of Veryl and Fern Switzer and descendants of Ora and Fred Switzer; Lateef Dowdell, son of Sharyn and Frank Dowdell and grandson of Buddy and Lois Alexander; Sherri Brogden Bennett (Robert and Bil-

lie Bates Brogden) and Tracey Bates Redmon (Delano and Myrtle Bates), both granddaughters of Alvin and Ada Bates; descendants of Leland and Clara Clark were Curtis Clark; Esther Clark, and Xander Clark; Lauryn Horne (Tyrone and LueCreasea Horne, granddaughter of JohnElla); Val Williams (son of Rev. Gene Williams); and Mary Lewis of Russell, Kansas. I am certain I unintentionally forgot someone, so please send me your name and information so I can include you in the next edition.

May 2, 2026, was an absolutely glorious day for a bike ride! The Nicodemus Historical Society hosted its Second Annual Historic Bike Tour, featuring both 21-mile and 33-mile routes enjoyed by riders from near and far. Many wonderful volunteers assisted throughout the event, including a tremendous group from Bogue. While I may not know everyone's name, I certainly know Robin, who did a spectacular job keeping everything organized and on task alongside LueCreasea Horne representing the National Park Service and Karla Bates representing Graham County.

The Kansas Black Farmers Association once again hosted the free pancake breakfast, with Rev. Arthur Fair, Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, serving as our celebrity chef. Breakfast was enjoyed by all! Of course, none of it would have been possible without Esther Clark helping JohnElla Holmes every step of the way. Esther is an absolute joy to work with and one of the funniest people I know. We truly had a wonderful time together.

Well, until next time! Please send me your news and information if you would like it included in the community column.

And remember — Homecoming 2026 will be held July 30 through August 2, 2026, the first time in many decades that it will not conflict with the Graham County Fair!

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chart. Staffing- they need a night nurse currently. The new activity director is doing lots of activities, and the residents love it while gearing up for the fair. We're excited to welcome a visitor from Plainville this June who will be offering bike rides for our residents to enjoy.

NRP Hearing

County Appraiser Rachelle Stanley and County Community Development Jason Luginbill were present for the hearing. Rachelle had a question about making sure this plan was transferable, the last one was non-transferable. Jason said yes. Commissioner Irby asked what was decided on a cap. Jason stated that he will reach out for feedback regarding the cap from the taxing district, noting that they have several weeks to decide. His understanding is that the difference between implementing a cap versus no cap affects what is ultimately paid out in relation to

the initial tax rebate. Rachelle stated that we should not include a cap. Stockton is signing up for the program. Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve the NRP for 2026 through 2028 without a cap. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners when into recess from 10:50 and came back out at 11:20 New Business Part 2

Commissioners reviewed and signed vouchers. Commissioner Nelson had visited with the Stockton Correctional Facility and provided information on work that they could help us with. Graham County Sheriff could not be present on the INA Alert System, so the item was tabled until next week.

Commissioner Nelson motioned to Adjourned the meeting at this time Commissioner Irby seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

VBS week at Snowball Mountain

June 1st - 5th was Vacation Bible School in Morland. Although it was hot outside, everyone stayed chilly while learning, playing, and eating snacks at Snowball Mountain. Everyday there were 70-75 kids that attended and by the end of the week, there were over 90 kids that had attended at least one day or more! On Wednesdays, it is usually a "tired" day at VBS so the kids listened to "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus" and take a nap. Friday evening there was a special program that the kids performed together and a pool party in Hill City afterwards. Thank you to Becky Ellis, her family, and all those that helped decorate, brought cookies and juice, participated in making VBS week a success, and helped clean up! Thank you to USD 281 for providing transportation to and from Morland this year. We are looking forward to next year already!



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THE CITY/COUNTY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY
TO APPLY FOR THE W/S KANSAS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR/COMMISSIONER
TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The City/County of Hill City, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity as provided by the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS, and

WHEREAS, The City/County of Hill City, Kansas, intends to submit an application for assistance from the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby certifies that the City/County of Hill City, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity under the status of the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS and thereby has the authority to apply for assistance from the KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby authorizes the MAYOR/COMMISSIONER of Hill City, Kansas, to act as the applicant's official representative in signing and submitting an application for the assistance to the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby dedicates \$61,250 in cash funds toward this project and \$0 in force account labor for same.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF HILL CITY
KANSAS, this 1st day of June, 2026.

APPROVED Jean M. Bell
MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

ATTEST Antonia Bluffey
(SEAL)

THE CITY/COUNTY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS

Community Development Block Grant

Legal Notice

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THE CITY/COUNTY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION ASSURING THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE CONTINUALLY PROVIDED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE water SYSTEM TO BE FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, The City/County of Hill City is applying for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Community Facility Category, as administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, The City/County of Hill City wishes to utilize this funding for the purpose of constructing improvements to the City's/County's water system, as described in the Community Development Block Grant application submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, The City/County of Hill City has determined that the annual operation and maintenance costs of the water system improvements are anticipated to be approximately \$644,572; and,

WHEREAS, The annual Water Fund budget has been determined to be adequate to fund the operation and maintenance of the water system improvements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Governing Body of the City/County of Hill City, Kansas, hereby assures the Kansas Department of Commerce that sufficient funds will be provided for the continued operation and maintenance of the above described improvement; that these operation and maintenance costs will be reviewed annually; and that the budget will be adjusted, when necessary, to reflect and cover any increase in costs.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF HILL CITY
KANSAS THIS 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

ATTEST:

Antonia Bluffey
CITY CLERK/COUNTY CLERK

(SEAL)

Jean M. Bell
MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

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Happy Cricket Happenings
Spring edition by Reese Windholz, reporter.

This spring our 4-H members have been busy as always. Our club competed in county club days as a group and did well on our model meeting receiving a top blue earning us a spot at regionals.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough members that were able to go to the regional competition so we did not participate at the next level. We did however have several

members participate as individuals in various presentations.

Our April meeting was held at the bowling alley where we all enjoyed some bowling and supper after.

Our service projects this spring have included decorating cookies with the residents at the Dawson Place, planting flowers around town at some local businesses and working the movie theatre.

Several members of our club participated in the local Get Your Shine On livestock spring show in May.

Members are busy working on projects and with livestock as we prepare for the county fair. We would like to challenge YOU to enter something in the county fair. Here is a link to sign up to show something in 4-H or open class <http://grahamcounty-fair.fairentry.com>

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STATE OF KANSAS

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT
THRU APRIL 30TH, 2026

FUND	BALANCE
COUNTY GENERAL	\$1,725,507.02
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$1,391,052.78
ELECTION FUND	\$33,472.30
EMERGENCY SERVICE	\$471,705.56
APPRAISERS COST	\$80,313.58
LANDFILL	\$65,907.86
COUNTY HEALTH	\$94,140.90
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,536,298.64
HOSPITAL	\$34,945.66
CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$1,727.13
FAIR	\$3,277.63
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$7,553.68
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NOXIOUS WEED	\$41,614.66
NOXIOUS WEED CAPTL OUTLAY	\$78,687.54
ANTELOPE LAKE	\$29,254.05
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SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM	\$16,422.99
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HEALTH CARE SALES TAX	\$1,290,005.38
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HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$219,665.64
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HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$3,319.00
SHERIFFS SPECIAL PERMIT	\$14,679.20
SHERRIFF SEATBELT GRANT	\$5,419.39
SHERRIF FIREARM PERMIT	\$4,589.75
REGISTERED OFFENDER	\$4,803.24
RESERVE DEPUTY FUND	\$450.13
BOND SUPERVISION FEES	\$195.00
DIVERSION	\$0.00
ALCOHOL/DRUG TESTING FEE	\$194.00
CO ATTY CHECK TRUST FUND	\$5,489.77
PROS ATTY TRNG & ASSIST	\$4,157.16
STATE STRAY FUND	\$1,253.45
REG. OF DEEDS/TECHNOLOGY	\$47,838.08
FIRE DONATION FUND	\$14,023.82
EMS DONATION FUND	\$17,119.16
CO. TREASURER TECHNOLOGY	\$20,036.50
CO.CLERK TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$7,854.50

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FIRE DISTRICT

USD 269 GENERAL

USD 269 CAPITAL OUTLAY

USD 269-SUPPLEMTL GENERAL

USD 269-RECREATION

GWM LAND CHARGE

TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$2,982.10

\$2,500.00

\$590,059.86

\$47,594.73

\$38,593.33

\$38,657.00

\$11,684.16

\$10,072.06

\$45,664.32

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\$901.78

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I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Christina Columbus
COUNTY TREASURER

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On August 5, 2026, beginning at 10 a.m. CDT, the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing regarding the district's proposed 2027 operating budget. The hearing will be held in the district office at 1290 West Fourth, Colby, KS. The budget being proposed at this hearing was approved for said hearing by the eligible voters present during the 51st Annual Meeting held on February 18, 2026. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection in the district office during normal office hours. Should a board quorum not be possible on August 5th, Wednesday, August 12, 2026, will become the alternative date - with all other meeting details remaining unchanged.

ATTEST
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