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Specials

Monday, June 22: Chicken Enchiladas, Cilantro Lime Rice, Cream Corn, Snickers Salad
Thursday, June 25: French Dip Sandwich, Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich, Big Mac Salad



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Rain totals

The moisture has slowed down and we have received roughly 0.10" of rain this past week.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

Bogue received .25" of rain Wednesday afternoon and 1.75" rain Wed. Night thru Thursday morning. Some people had 2 1/2" and some even had 3". It was good rain and one we hadn't had for a long time.

The yard sale hwy 24 that was held this weekend in Bogue was a big success.

The blood drive will be at the CCD center in Hill City, June 18th from noon to 6 pm.

Liz VanLoenen will have tough enough to wear pink tshirts for sale every Friday from noon to 4 pm at the Auto-Art Museum. You can also buy chances on the Henry Rifle that will be given away Tuesday night at the rodeo. She will have these things in the back of her car.

The Auto-Art Museum has a new car on display and it is really something to see. It is a Volkswagen called the Pink Lady. There is a new artist of the month, Ray Toll, of Hoxie on display. There will be pictures in the near future. Also the NBC news people will be broadcasting from there during the noon hour.

Eric, Gina, Levi, and Lucy VanLoenen from Hoxie called on Liz Sat. afternoon.

Student Achievements

Colby Community College

Spring 2025 Graduates

CCC conferred 266 degrees and certificates on May 16 at the Colby Event Center during the 60th annual commencement ceremony.

PRESIDENTS HONOR ROLL

Hill City: Hailey Carder, Danielle Headding
Bogue: Rilee Brown

VICE PRESIDENTS HONOR ROLL

Hill City: Sarah Christian
Morland: Rachel Walter

Hill City get ready!

The KSN Summer Road Trip is rolling into town!

On Wednesday, June 17th from 11:15 am to 1:00 pm., the KSN News Team will be here at the Graham County Auto and Art Museum (322W Main Street.)

Here's what you can do:

- Meet the friendly KSN staff in person
- Share what makes Hill City and Graham County special
- Enjoy burgers & drinks courtesy of the museum

We can't wait to welcome the team and show off our incredible community! Bring your smiles, family, and friends—and maybe even represent Hill City, your school or your business by wearing your spirit gear! Let's make memories together and show all of Kansas why our county shines!

Date: Wednesday, June 17

Time: 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Graham County Auto & Art Museum

We'd love to see you! Come say hi!!

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

FRIDAYS at NOON for following edition.

Winds damage, remove traffic signs on north central Kansas highways



The Kansas Department of Transportation is alerting motorists on I-70, I-135 and other highways in north central Kansas that numerous traffic signs – including stop signs and other regulatory signs – are missing or damaged because of high winds the evening of Monday, June 8. Traffic signs primarily in Saline, Ottawa, Lincoln and Ellsworth counties were impacted by the high winds.

KDOT maintenance crews are working to repair or replace missing signs while also assessing the numbers of signs that were damaged or are missing.

Motorists are asked to drive with caution in the affected areas and be aware of possible directional signs not being on the highway.

Repairing signs and determining all missing signs and replacing them could take time as many signs may need to be ordered, produced and delivered. KDOT area offices with locations that were not affected by wind damage are providing assistance in this effort.

Photo left – One of the directional signs on I-135 in Saline County was damaged by high winds the evening of June 8.



PBS Hosts Story Hour

Kady Howard from Smoky Hills PBS hosted story hour on June 10th. She read a book and showed a short movie featuring Dinosaur Train. Afterwards, the kids all made a dino puppet and received a book to take home with them. Thank you to Kady and PBS for all the fun that was had and thank you to everyone who could make it!

Stop the bite! Start the fight against mosquitos

Homeowners responsibilities:

*Clear your property of any potential breeding sites *clean gutters *fill in or drain in any low places *Cover trash containers to keep out rain water *Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold

Water with sand of concrete *change the water in Bird baths, planter pots, and drip trays at least once a week *keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there. Get rid of any standing water!!

What is west nile virus: is a mosquito-borne virus that can result in serious illness, and sometimes death.

Disease transmission: it is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito.

Who is at risk of infection: the chance of contraction is higher in persons over 50 years of age, however any individual in areas where the virus has been detected is at risk.

Together we can eliminate potential breeding grounds and increase our enjoyment of the great outdoors!!

Invite to Veterans

Summer is moving quickly and before you know it the Graham County Fair will be here. We are asking for the public's help with a project. In honor of our great nation's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence the theme chosen for this year's fair is "Yahoo for the Red, White, and Blue!" We are asking any and all veterans or active-duty military members to serve as Grand Marshals for this year's fair parade. The parade will be held on July 27, and a Thank-A-Vet meet and greet will be held in the 4-H building immediately following the parade.

If you know of a veteran with ties to Graham County, please share this opportunity with them. We would like to have a good idea of how big a trailer we need for participants, so you are asked to call (785) 421-2814 to let us know if you will participate. More details will be given to you at that time on how your veteran can participate.



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125 years ago - June 20, 1901
The People's Reveille
Every owner of a bicycle is requested to prepare the same for the bicycle parade in Hill City on July 4th. Let this be the finest thing ever witnessed in Graham County. The Golding Grove Fourth of July celebration will be the finest celebration ever held in Graham County.

100 years ago - June 17, 1926
The Reveille New Era
On Monday, June 14th, Old Glory was unfurled in Hill City and other cities and hamlets throughout the United States in honor of the 149th anniversary of the adoption of the flag in the year of 1777.

75 years ago - June 21, 1951
The Hill City Times
The young deer, which has played hide and seek for some time with folks in this area, was seen again last Sunday. Willard Riggs spotted the animal running from Clarence Dean's pond southwest of town, and through the Riggs yard south of the Dean land. The deer must be getting less wild---or knows there is no open season on deer in Kansas.

50 Years ago - June 24, 1976
The Hill City Times
Dave Gansel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gansel of Hill City, was a first place winner in the Little Britches Rodeo held last weekend in Goodland. Dave, who was competing in the junior division, won the Breakaway Roping event with a time of 6.4. Five other Hill City youth also competed at Goodland. They were Troy Cramer, Steve, Chris and Francie Gansel and Tim Cameron.

25 Years ago - June 20, 2001
The Hill City Times
Only two local producers, Melanie Kennedy and Willard Riggs, were on hand at the early morning hour of Friday, June 15, to offer their garden wares for sale during the initial session of the local Farmers' Market. Mrs. Kennedy was offering leaf lettuce and Mr. Riggs had beets, turnips, and "last year's peanuts. The Farmers' Markets will continue here every Friday morning, starting at 7:30 a.m. in the City Park.

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Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Large Crowd For Men's Tuesday Golf

by Bob Dombroski
Due to impending weather, no Tuesday Night Men's Golf was played at Prairie Trails Golf Course on June 9. A few players got together and played some golf after 7 PM. We will continue to have Tuesday Night Golf each week, with sign up at 5:45 PM and play beginning at 6 PM.
Upcoming PTGC Events: Saturday, June 20, One Man Mulligan, 9 AM; Saturday, July 18, Two-Couple Scramble, 9AM; Saturday, July 25, Hoxie Golf Club, 9 AM, contact Bob Nondorf at 785-675-8462. Come early for the rolls and stay after play for lunch and results!
Northwest KS Junior Golf: Monday, June 22 Goodland or WaKeenon, 9 AM, contact Big Hays; Thursday, July 2, Champion-Ship in Goodland. Check out their web site at www.nwksjrgolf.org. See ya on the course!

2026 HCHS Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Vincent Zohner



Sarah Christian



Rachel Walter



Maxxon Blanks



Krya Bell

Harrell Scholarship
Rachel Walter

T & T Electric Scholarship
Maxxon Blanks

Trexler Scholarship
Rylie Minium
Johanna
Kloe Stinemetz
Vincent Zohner

Dirk Parks Scholarship

Sarah Christian

HCHS Alumni Scholarship
Cadence Dooley
Luke Elliott
Koby Keiswetter
Kyra Bell

Marita Summers Scholarship
Koby Keiswetter

Presenters: Jenn Windholz (in red) and Julie Davis (in black)

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for
Boomer

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WITH HIM AND
SHARE STORIES.
*Let's make this a
time to remember.*

JUNE 20TH
*a come and go from
1 PM
until Boomer tells
us to go home.*

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NO ALCOHOL AT
THE CELEBRATION.

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Notice of Sale

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, June 3, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

THE BANK,)
)
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 appraisalment 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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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

GOLDEN PLAINS CREDIT UNION,)
\$)
\$ Plaintiff, \$)
vs. \$)
\$ Case No. GH-2026-CV-000003 \$)
\$)
BILLY L. GOODE-)
NOW: RACHEL A.)
ORTH;)
GRAHAM COUNTY)
HOSPITAL;)
AND THE UN-)
KNOWN SPOUSE)
OF)
A DEFENDANT; UN-)
KNOWN OFFICERS,)
SUCCESSORS,)
TRUSTEES, CRED-)
ITORS)
AND ASSIGNS OF A)
DEFENDANT THAT)
IS AN EXISTING,)
DISSOLVED OR)
DORMANT CORPO-)
RATION; UNKNOWN)
EXECUTORS, AD-)
MINISTRATORS,)
DEVISEES, TRUST-)
EES, CREDITORS,)
SUCCESSORS AND)
ASSIGNS OF A)
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IS OR WAS IN)
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AND TRUSTEES)
OF A)
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IS A MINOR OR IS)
UNDER ANY LEGAL)
DISABILITY; AND)
UNKNOWN TEN-)
ANTS,)
Defendants.)
\$ (Title to)
\$ Real Estate)
Involved.)
(Proceedings Pursuant to K.S.A. Chap-)
ter 60)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Graham County, Kansas, in the above action wherein the parties above-named were respectively plaintiff and defendants, to me the undersigned Sheriff of Graham County, I will offer for sale at public auction, and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the first floor of the Graham County Courthouse, 410 N. Pomeroy Avenue, in the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, on the 13th day of July 2026, at 10:00 A.M., the following described real estate, located in the County of Graham, State of Kansas, to-wit: North One Hundred Five feet (N 105') of East Seventy-five feet (E 75') of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Block Three (3) in GARNETT'S ADDITION to the City of Hill City, Graham County, Kansas.

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. Said real property is levied upon as the property of the defendants, Billy L. Goodenow and Rachel A. Orth, and will be sold without appraisalment and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Les Burton
Sheriff, Graham County, Kansas
Attest:
Tiffany Breinig
Clerk of the District Court

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Attorneys for Plaintiff GPCU



Commission/page 3

facility would need to be re-keyed. Commissioner Crouch stated that the cost of re-keying should not be borne by the County. County Attorney Abbott reported that he was hopeful a solution could be reached that would avoid the need to re-key the facility. He further advised that he expected to have an update regarding the keys at the following Tuesday's meeting. Commissioner Irby advised that he would also be reaching out to the Roberts regarding the status of relocating their fence from the County right-of-way.

Graham County Treasurer, Bri Edwards reported that it was time to renew the Certificates of Deposit (CDs) with Outdoor Bank and asked the Board whether they wished to renew the CDs or put them out for bid, as Outdoor Bank was significantly lowering its interest rate. Commissioner Irby stated that he had listened to a presentation from the Lloyd Group regarding CDs on several occasions and requested that Bri contact the Lloyd Group to obtain additional information on available CD options and interest rates before the Board made a decision. Bri advised that Outdoor Bank would need to know by June 9 whether the County intended to renew the CDs or solicit bids. Commissioner Irby reiterated that he wanted Bri to contact the Lloyd Group before the Board made a final decision. Commissioner Irby also advised Bri that complaints had been received regarding the dress code in the Treasurer's Office and stated that crop tops with visible belly rings were not appropriate for the workplace. Bri responded that she did not recall seeing any inappropriate clothing in the Treasurer's Office but would remind her employees of the dress code's expectations. Commissioner Crouch emphasized that the County is a place of business and employees should dress accordingly. Commissioner Crouch asked Bri whether the daily work remained current. Bri reported that daily envelopes were being processed and kept up to date, bank reconciliations were current, and she was receiving limited assistance from other county treasurers. She noted that most of the assistance was provided through telephone calls and email correspondence rather than in-person support.

New Business Part 3

County Clerk Kendra Robinson presented the Board with a contribution request from Travel & Tourism for the community-wide Fourth of July celebration and requested a decision, as the request had been tabled for several weeks. The Board discussed that the City of Morland does not request County funding for its Memorial Day celebration. Following discussion, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to decline the contribution request at this time. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk Robinson then presented Bryant Township meeting minutes requesting the appointment of Eric Littlechild as Township Clerk to fill the current vacancy. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to appoint Eric Littlechild as Bryant Township Clerk for the remainder of the term. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk Robinson presented three abatement orders with a total valuation of 1,106 and a total tax amount of \$148.75. She explained that the abatements resulted from a bankruptcy case and that the taxes should have been abated previously. Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve the three abatement orders. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Graham County Sheriff, Les Burton presented a quote from INA Alert for the replacement of the panic button system within the Courthouse. He explained that he had originally requested a quote to expand the existing system; however, INA Alert advised that the current system is outdated and cannot be expanded. Les further reported that once the County transitions to an encrypted system, an additional radio would need to be purchased to support the panic buttons at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Commissioner Irby asked Les whether he knew which panic button systems were being utilized by surrounding counties. Les stated that he was unsure. Commissioner Irby requested that Les gather additional information from neighboring counties regarding their panic button systems and report his findings to the Board at the June 16 meeting.

Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Steve Kreutzer Commissioner Crouch provided photographs from Antelope Lake and discussed the condition of the bridge with Steve. Steve reported that he had received an invoice for the application of

magnesium chloride in the amount of \$4,387.36. Commissioner Irby instructed Steve not to pay the invoice until he had an opportunity to contact the company and have representatives return to evaluate the road. Commissioner Irby asked how the road was holding up following the application. Commissioner Crouch stated that the magnesium chloride had been very effective at controlling dust; however, the quality of the application was questionable. He noted that the County needed guidance from the company regarding whether the road could be graded, watered, or otherwise maintained without negatively affecting the treatment. Commissioner Irby reiterated to Steve that the invoice for the magnesium chloride application should not be paid until he was able to have a representative from the company come evaluate the condition of the road. Steve also reported that the Road and Bridge Department has a 2010 John Deere grader with a transmission that intermittently locks up. He asked whether he could have a John Deere technician come to inspect the grader rather than transporting it to Dodge City for service. The Commissioners agreed that Steve should have a John Deere technician come evaluate the grader. Commissioner Crouch instructed Steve to ensure that employees remained focused on their work while the John Deere technician was onsite and did not spend excessive time visiting with the service representative. He also emphasized the importance of making sure the grader is properly repaired before the technician leaves. Commissioner Irby advised Steve that Cody Howland had contacted him requesting assistance with A Road. Steve reported that he had spoken with Cody the previous week and had already planned to have staff perform work on the road. However, due to recent rainfall, the work would need to be delayed until conditions were dry enough to proceed. Commissioner Irby also reported receiving a call regarding the Redline Road to the highway. He noted that the road is frequently traveled by mothers and children and requested that it be evaluated. Steve reported that he had developed a plan for upcoming road projects, beginning with Double C Road, which has been prepared and is ready for hauling operations. He also identified A Road and Penokee Road to the highway as roads scheduled for improvement. Steve further reported that Allen had become a certified CDL trainer and was currently studying recent regulatory changes to ensure he could properly train new employees who do not yet possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

New Business, Part 4

Commissioner Irby reported that he and Clerk Robinson would be meeting later in the week to discuss the progress of the Graham County Community Center project. Clerk Robinson presented the abstract of the Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes from May 19, 2026, for review and signature. Commissioner Irby reviewed the abstract and signed it. Commissioner Irby presented a document outlining procedures for employee drug testing. The Commissioners agreed that written procedures should be maintained and signed the document. Commissioner Irby reported that during Jason Luginbill's presentation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) at the previous meeting, it was noted that a resolution was not required and that approval could simply be reflected in the meeting minutes. Commissioner Irby stated that he believed a formal resolution should be adopted and presented a draft resolution he had prepared. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed resolution and agreed that it should be implemented. Commissioner Crouch made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Resolution. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 26, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Crouch reported that he had spoken with a representative from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), who advised that he had never seen materials only grant application submitted by a private individual receive approval. Based on that information, Commissioner Crouch stated that he contacted Jerol with Penco, who agreed to prepare the proposal at no cost and submit it on the County's behalf.

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.

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HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

You just never know who—or what—might show up at the Hansen Museum!

On Wednesday, June 3, the Museum welcomed a rather unusual visitor: a Canada goose. Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Dave discovered the goose shortly before 7:00 a.m. happily enjoying a shower in the Museum's sprinkler system. Throughout the day, the feathered guest wandered from spot to spot across the Museum lawn, seemingly enjoying the lush green grass and beautiful surroundings. Occasionally, the goose would waddle across the street to visit neighboring yards, but he always seemed to find his way back to the Museum. Whether he was simply taking a break from his travels or nursing an injury, we may never know. He spent all day Wednesday with us, lingered a while Thursday morning, and then was gone. One thing is certain—you never know who might stop by the Hansen Museum!

Another new arrival this past week was our June Artist of the Month. Sheri Dinkel has transformed the AOM space into a sweet celebration of Prairie Star Honey. Visitors will find a variety of honey sizes and price points, along with both light and dark honey selections. Sheri has also included a wealth of information about her apiary and the fascinating world of beekeeping. The display is educational, delicious, and sure to create quite a buzz among visitors.

There is still time to experience SPECTACLE, the stunning National Geographic photography exhibition currently on display at the Museum. The exhibition will remain open through June 14 and features extraordinary photographs from around the globe. Each image offers a unique glimpse into the wonders of our world, allowing visitors to take a remarkable journey without ever leaving Phillips County. If you have not yet seen SPECTACLE, be

sure to visit before it closes.

Following the departure of SPECTACLE, the Museum will be closed June 22 through June 26 as staff installs our next major exhibition, Going Places. Created by Scitech in Perth, Australia, Going Places is an immersive, hands-on science exhibition that explores the technology humans have developed for travel and transportation. Have you ever wanted to pilot an airship or ride a hovercraft? This exhibition will give visitors that opportunity and much more. Going Places officially opens June 29 and will remain on display through November 1.

Saturday also brought a wonderful basket weaving class with Marsha Jensen of Flint Hills Fiber, Manhattan, Kansas. Participants created Jillian's Basket, which combined three different weaving techniques. The middle section proved challenging for some students, but with Marsha's expertise — and help from attendees who caught on quickly — everyone completed their baskets in a timely and beautiful fashion. Throughout the day there were many smiles and lots of laughter, and each participant left with a lovely basket. It is always amazing to see how everyone can start with the same materials and still end up with baskets that are all unique. Weaving with Marsha is always fun, and she is scheduled to return for another class on September 12.

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!



Participants in the Hansen Museum's recent basket weaving class proudly display their completed Jillian's Baskets outside the Museum. Instructor Marsha Jensen of Flint Hills Fiber, Manhattan, Kansas, proudly stands at the center of the group.



Sheri Dinkel poses with her Prairie Star Honey display, featured as the Hansen Museum's June Artist of the Month. Visitors can explore a variety of locally produced honey products while learning more about beekeeping and the fascinating work of Sheri's apiary.

Legal Notice

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, June 17, 2026)

CITY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS

NOTICE OF VIOLATION – WEED CONTROL

PROPERTIES:

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No further notice will be given for additional violations occurring within one year of the publication date of this notice, and additional costs may be assessed in the same manner. In addition, violations are also subject to prosecution in Hill City Municipal Court.

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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.

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