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Specials

Monday, June 29:
Lasagna Bread Sticks,
Cream Corn, Oreo Fluff

Thursday, July 2:
Chicken Salad Sandwich,
Italian Sub, Chef Salad,
Potato Salad



200 N Pomeroy
Hill City
(785) 216-0123

Rain totals

The wind brought
in roughly 1.5"
to 2.6" of rain
throughout Gra-
ham County! Much
needed moisture
and looks like
there is chances for
more throughout
the week.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

Bogue will be celebrating the 250 year birthday party July 4th with a pot luck supper and fireworks at the ball park. They have had this every year. Everyone brings their fireworks they want to shoot off and everyone enjoys them.

Contact Liz VanLoenen for a Tough Enough to Wear Pink t-shirt or buy tickets on the Henry Rifle to be given away. All of these proceeds go to help breast cancer awareness and help breast cancer patients. It also helps pay when your insurance does not cover it. Call 785-421-2604.

Annette Wetter of Colby and Bobbie Holsman went to Hays Wednesday. Something killed 15 of her young chickens. They were just ready to start laying eggs. Such a loss.

Liz called on Bobbie Bell and Jean Bell Tues. afternoon.

Looking forward to the TV station filming the Auto-Art Museum during their noon hour June 15th.

I hope the blood drive is a big success on June 16th. They are so short on blood during the summer. There will be a blood drive in Nicodemus Friday, July 31st at the Villa. It is the 1st day of their celebration.

Student Achievements

Fort Hays State University

Spring 2026 Dean's Honor Roll

The Dean's Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and online students are eligible

Bogue
Matilda Keith
Kenzie Wells

Hill City
Grace Bieker
Gretchen Bieker
Andrew Deges

Morland
Joseph Buhler
Heidi Simon

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Special piano recital held at Dawson Place



Dawson Place was filled with beautiful music and even bigger smiles as Mr. Stafford and his talented students shared their gift of music with our elders through a special piano recital.

There is something truly special about watching different generations come together. The students played with confidence and heart, while our elders enjoyed every note, many reminiscing about their own musical memories and experiences. Music has a wonderful way of connecting people, and today was a perfect example of that.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Stafford and his students for taking the time to brighten our day. Your kindness, talent, and willingness to share your music brought joy, comfort, and happiness to everyone at Dawson Place. The memories made will be treasured long after the final note was played.

We are so grateful for community members who invest their time and talents in making life more meaningful for our elders. Thank you for filling our home with music, laughter, and warmth.



(Front row, Val Williams, Lauryn Horne, Xander Clark, Mary Lewis, Robert Alexander, Sherri Bennet, Tracey Redmond, Marilyn Gray, Chiterra Jordon, Esther Clark, Lateef Dowdell, and Katrina Combs and children. On the wagon (Curtis Clark, Rhonda Babb, Johnine Powell, and Louis Switzer). Photo courtesy of the National Park Service.

Nicodemus News

By JohnElla J. Holmes, PhD
CEO/President
KBFA

Hello, Dear Ones,

Before I begin, I want to recognize those I forgot last week, who participated in the National Park Service's Windows to the Past filming project. One of our own, Marilyn Gray, daughter of Clarence and Yvonne Sayers and a member of the Sayers, Napue, and Williams families, was featured. Joining her were Katrina Combs of Kansas City, also from the Sayers family, and Louis Switzer, who traveled from Houston for the filming. Louis is the son of Ivalee and the late Freddie Switzer and the grandson of Ora and Freddie Switzer, Sr.

Memorial weekend, I proudly displayed yard signs honoring my brothers, Donald and Charles Bronson, in their military uniforms. They added a beautiful patriotic touch to my yard, which is lovingly maintained by Tyrone Horne. Murlin Irby, who predicted years ago that the buf-

falo grass would eventually take over, the yard now looks like a soft green blanket when freshly mowed.

We were blessed to host an outstanding group of volunteers from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Hays and Commercial Builders, who helped complete the cover and pulley system for our high tunnel project. Nathan Bush of the Gibbs Farm School in Kansas City provided leadership for the project and assisted with installing the polycarbonate panels in the west tunnel. Meanwhile, Reggie and Theresa Moten began planting for the bale gardening research project.

We also celebrated several special occasions. Josh Burris celebrated his birthday, which was May 22, following church services on Sunday. LueCreasea and Tyrone Horne enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary, Tyrone's birthday on May 22, and LueCreasea's upcoming birthday on June 12. Their time away was well deserved.

Memorial Weekend was especially meaningful as former pastor Rev. David Helm, his caregiver Bertha, and Twillia Moore Wilson, daughter of the late Donald and Pearlina Moore, visited Nicodemus and led Sunday worship services. The church was filled with family and friends. We were honored to have the Bates family join us, with Jackie Bates sharing her musical gifts. Her granddaughter, Ye'Nae Taylor (daughter of Yvette and Nelson Taylor), sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Angela Bates added stories of our patriotic contribution to this nation and Nicodemus. Following the service, everyone gathered for a potluck meal filled with fellowship, laughter, singing, and treasured memories. LueCreasea you did a beautiful job leading the service. Twillia was the guest of Marilyn Gray during her visit.

I also enjoyed taking my grandchildren, Lauryn and Grayson Holmes, to Kan-

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THE FRONTIER STAGE

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Due to changes in bookings that sometimes occur: Please check our website or digital sign display for current movie listings, or call 785-421-3344

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FAMILY - 1 HR 42 MIN

Woody, Buzz, Jessie and the rest of the gang's jobs are challenged when they're introduced to electronics, a new threat to playtime.

June 27 7pm | June 28 6pm

3-12 years \$5 | 13 years and up \$6

Pop, popcorn, and candy available

Frontier Stage, your small town big screen located in Hill City, KS

Ringneck Golf Accolades

The Kansas Golf Coaches Association announced its 2026 boys' 1A All-Class selections. Hill City junior, AJ Deges was selected to the 1A first team, and junior Kenley Gugelman was chosen for the second team. Chase Bell, also a junior, was Honorable Mention. KGCA All-State honors are based off season-long scoring averages for players whose coaches are members of the association.

First team: Grant Wahl, sr., South Gray; Sawyer Campbell, sr., Kiowa County; Graham Valburg, sr., Onaga; Braxton Mangan, jr., Greeley County; AJ Deges, jr., Hill City; Easton Glessner, jr., Centre.

Second team: Cael Kooiman, jr., Hutchinson Central Christian; Levi Lang, sr., Minneola; Kenley Gugelman, jr., Hill City; Kollin Washburn, fr., Hodgeman County; Thayer Zadina, fr., Kiowa County; Levi Schrag, sr., Goessel.

Honorable mention: Daxton Hendrickson, jr., South Gray; Kelby Yost, so., South Gray; Chase Bell, jr., Hill City; Boone McDonald, jr., Kiowa County; Bronx Tallay, so., Centralia; Koen Oien, sr., Oberlin.

After winning the 2026 1A state golf tournament at Turkey Creek Golf Course in McPherson, the Ringnecks will return most of their team in 2027 to defend their title.



Junior Golfers

Ben Harmon (left) captured third place in the 8-9 boys age group during the Junior Golf Tournament held at Hill City's Prairie Trails Golf Course on June 15. Harmon shot a nine-hole score of 45 along with second place finisher Elliot Sipe (middle) and right behind the leader, Slater Schippers who scored a 43, taking first.

NWKS Junior Golf Tournament at PTGC

A Junior Golf Tournament was held at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City on Monday, June 15. Forty-four young individuals participated in different age groups during the tournament with medalist announced after each group finished. Todd Ashbaugh, Don Newell and Doran Zeigler organized the event as they witnessed players from all over the area competing against each other on a beautiful June day. Many friends of the golf course volunteered their time to get the course ready for play along with being a "Marker" for each group, helping with accurate scoring.

Seven boys participated in the 8-9-year-old group over nine holes of play. Local players scored like this: Ben Harmon, 45 (3rd); Radley Wands, 46 (4th); Matt Deges, 50 (5th); Sawyer Wands, 65, (6th).

Seven boys played in the 10-11 age group over nine holes. Local scoring: Jude Jilka, 51 (3rd); Alak Stein, 55 (tied 5th).

Eight boys played nine holes in the 12-13 age division.

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Help Wanted

Hill City Housing Authority is now taking applications for a part-time maintenance Position, with flexible hours.

Applications can be picked up at the Housing Authority 905 N Third, Hill City KS. Any questions please the call office at 785-421-2348 or Renee at 785-421-8293



Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Fab and Atkins Win Flag Prizes

by Bob Dombroski

Mark Fabricius and Cameron Atkins took home two flag prizes each during Men's Tuesday Night Golf at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City on June 16.

Fab made two long range putts on Hole No. 5 and 9 allowing him to gather \$10 cash from The First State Bank, a sleeve of golf balls and a cup from B&E Garage, a gift card from Jamboree Foods and a car wash from Campbell's 24-Hour Automatic Car Wash. Atkins was closest to the pin on Hole No. 2 and 6 and grabbed Ringneck Bucks courtesy of Solutions North Bank and \$20 cash from Outdoor Bank.

Twenty-three players participated during the scramble golf portion of the evening. Several scores of 28

were posted requiring a scorecard playoff for the top three places.

First place went to Cooper Bagley, Alex VanLoenen, Gary Long and Fab. Second place was awarded to Don Newell, Chris Normandin and Fred Owen. Taking third were Skyler Rohr, Kendall Nuss, Cameron Atkins and Sean Marcotte.

Monty Long, Noah Fry, Dalton Magnani and Todd Ashbaugh scored a 29. Brent Kelley, Aaron Moss, Joey Bellerive and Bronson Bailey recorded a 31 while Jadin Newell, Cole Kirschner, Michael Otta and Bob Dombroski carded a 33.

Men's Tuesday Golf will continue through October each week with sign up at 5:30 PM and play beginning at 6 PM.

Senior (ages 50 and over) golf was played at the Oakley Coun-

try Club on Thursday, June 11.

Bob Dombroski and Doran Zeigler teamed up to shoot a 1-under par 69. Monty Long and Joey Bellerive also finished at 69. Long won a flag prize after bombing in a putt measured at 28'10" on Hole No. 6. A total of 39 teams participated during the weekly event and enjoyed a fabulous meal after 18 holes of play was finished.

This week's senior social will take place on Thursday, June, 25 at Prairie Dog Golf Course in Norton. Contact Chuck Fessenden at 785-669-2375 to enter your 2-person team. A meal will be served when play is finished. Hoxie Golf Club will host the event on Thursday, July 2. Contact Bill Nondorf at 785-675-8462 to obtain more information.

See you on the course!



Kris and Bommer Pommerehn want to say thank you to everyone who helped put together the Celebration of Life that was held at the fair grounds on Saturday, June 20th. There were lots of pictures on display and great conversations had. Boomer has spent 68 years in Graham county and you may know him from his childhood, his years of being the EMS director, fire chief, being part of the group that organized the fireworks show for Graham Co, Wakeeny, Cedar Bluff, and Webster Lake, working in the oilfield, or just from chatting at Camerons Corner. If you missed the chance to catch up with him at the fair grounds, reach out to visit him at home and thank you to everyone who was able to make it!

USD 281 Board of Education Meeting

Board Members Present: Cole Keiswetter, President, Kappi Billips Maegan Owen, Brandon Born , Tawny Ashbaugh, Chris Smee, Robert Wahrman-Vice President

Administrators:

Lisa Gehring, Superintendent Alan Stein, Hill City Jr/Sr High School, Rebecca Richmeier, Hill City Grade School, Christy Keith, Clerk; Visitors: Josh Smith, Casey Anderson,

Call to Order President: Cole Keiswetter called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30PM at the Central Office.

Agenda: Chris Smee moved to approve the May 11, 2026 Agenda with the addition of 10B Teacher Laptops added, Tawny Ashbaugh voiced a second and the amended agenda was approved 7-0.

Consent Agenda: Included are vouchers #56108 thru #56158 as presented; minutes from April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting, April 20, 2026 Special Meeting, April 27, 2026 Special Meeting, and the monthly financial reports from HC JR/SR High School, Hill City Elementary and Central Office. Robert Wahrman moved to approve the consent agenda, Tawny Ashbaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Principal's Report: Rebecca Richmeier HCGS Principal reported the Grade School Carnival will be Wednesday, May 13. The Grade School Awards program will be Friday, May 15. There will be Summer School at the Grade School.

Alan Stein HCJSHS Principal reported the MCEL Track meet will be held at the Ringneck Stadium tomorrow. The Junior High Awards will be held Friday, May 15 at 10:00AM with School Dismissing for the summer at 11:30AM.

Transportation Director Casey Anderson reported the van should be ready this month and grant applications for the buses were submitted today and we should know by the next board meeting. There will be a bus training for anyone interested in driving bus next year.

Superintendent Report Lisa Geh-

ring reported Christy and Lisa are signed up for the budget workshop on June 17th in Oakley. Lisa reported on the summons received. She reported that the district office summer hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Lisa shared the Kansas Community That Cares Survey that was given to students. The Audited Legal Max was shared with the board. The Board Burger BBQ will be held at the High School Cafeteria at 12:00PM on Friday, May 15, 2026 with several board members volunteering to grill.

Tawny Ashbaugh moved to approve the standing reports, Robert Wahrman voiced a second and motion passed 7-0.

New Curriculum: Robert Wahrman moved to adopt the curriculum presented. Maegan Owen seconded and motion carried 7-0.

C&C Finding Superintendent Lisa Gehring reported about the C&C Group studies that were conducted over the past 6 months. The report showed the facilities & maintenance were running as efficiently as possible.

Activity Bus: The board suggested Superintendent Lisa Gehring and Transportation Director Casey Anderson get a quote on the coach bus. They discussed bus options including wheelchair lift and ceramic windows.

BC/BS Pathway: A Resolution with the Health Department about the Community Garden was discussed. Tawny Ashbaugh moved to approve the Community Garden use of the Longfellow Middle School Property free of charge. Maegan Owen moved to second and motion was approved 7-0.

Teacher Laptops: Laptop bids from Bluum, CDW and SHI were presented to the board. Robert Wahrman moved to approve purchasing 25 laptops from Bluum. Chris Smee moved to second and motion was approved 7-0.

Executive Session: Tawny Ashbaugh moved to go into executive session with Superintendent Lisa Gehring with the option to bring in Jr/Sr High School Principal Alan

Stein to review staff positions and supplemental positions pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 20 Minutes. Chris Smee moved to second and motion passed 7-0. The meeting will resume at 6:41PM.

Executive Session: Tawny Ashbaugh moved to go into executive session with Superintendent Lisa Gehring with the option to bring in Jr/Sr High School Principal Alan Stein to review staff positions and supplemental positions pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 Minutes. Robert Wahrman moved to second and motion passed 7-0. The meeting will resume at 6:52PM.

Maegan Owen left the meeting at 6:52PM.

Executive Session: Chris Smee moved to go into executive session with Superintendent Lisa Gehring with the option to bring in Jr/Sr High School Principal Alan Stein to review staff positions and supplemental positions pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 Minutes. Tawny Ashbaugh moved to second and motion passed 6-0. The meeting will resume at 7:08PM.

Executive Session: Tawny Ashbaugh moved to go into executive session with Superintendent Lisa Gehring with the option to bring in Jr/Sr High School Principal Alan Stein to review staff positions and supplemental positions pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 10 Minutes. Chris Smee moved to second and motion passed 6-0. The meeting will resume at 7:18PM.

Resignations: Chris Smee made the motion to approve resignations Julie Keener-Title I Para, Jenn Crandall-Elementary Para, Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach Tommy Atkins and Lucy Martinez-Jr/Sr High Dishwasher/Custodian. Brandon Born moved to second and motion passed 6-0.

Summer Help: Chris Smee moved to hire Darius Cook as a Jr/Sr High School Custodian for the summer 2 0 2 6 .

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Artist of the month at Auto-Art Museum

By Liz VanLoenen

The Auto-Art Museum has a new artist of the month. It is Ray Toll of Hoxie. He is on the board of directors. As you can see in the picture, he has several talents. His display is really something to see. Visit the Auto-Art Museum and see all of Ray Toll's talents.

Commission Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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 & Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason all present.
Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason
Jonathan reported that Graham County Hospital was not awarded the grant for which it had previously applied. He also reported that the new generator project has been completed. Additionally, Jonathan reported that the annual walkthrough of the clinic had been completed. During the walkthrough, a few landscaping issues were identified and will be addressed. He further noted that the HVAC warranty has been extended for an additional year. Jonathan reported that they are currently working on a swing bed growth plan. Commissioner Nelson asked Jonathan to explain what a swing bed entails. Jonathan explained the swing bed process and what it means for the hospital, noting that swing bed services are essentially the "bread and butter" of many smaller hospitals. Jonathan further reported that the hospital receives a reduced daily rate from CMS when swing bed utilization exceeds certain levels. Commissioner Crouch asked how many swing bed patients the hospital could accommodate. Jonathan reported that the hospital is set up for 15 swing bed patients, as every bed in the facility has the capability to be utilized as a swing bed if needed. However, the

hospital's goal moving forward is to maintain an average of six swing bed patients per day. Jonathan concluded his report by stating that everything else appears to be going well.
Graham County Sheriff, Les Burton
Les reported that he was following up on the INA Alert quote that had been previously presented. He stated that the County currently utilizes Secure Tech, which was installed in 2014. Les reported that he had contacted Secure Tech and was awaiting a return call to determine whether additional components could be added to the existing system. Les noted that the representative he initially spoke with believed the County's current panic button system was too outdated to allow for expansion; however, he was still waiting for confirmation from Secure Tech. Les presented two quotes from Trego, which currently utilizes File Safe. He reported that the Sheriff had advised against using File Safe due to legal issues involving the company. However, Bankers Security has since taken over File Safe, and Bankers Security is the same company Graham County currently utilizes for its vault locks. Les also presented a quote from Secure Tech, which is the system currently being utilized by Sheridan County. Les requested that the INA Alert quote be tabled until he could speak with several entities currently using INA Alert and receive additional information from Secure Tech regarding the possibility of expanding the County's existing system. The Board of County Com-

missioners agreed to table consideration of the INA Alert quote until Les had gathered further information.
New Business, Part 1
Clerk Robinson reported that she had received a phone number for a locksmith from Norton Glass. She contacted the locksmith, who is scheduled to be at the courthouse on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, to assess the exterior locks. Clerk Robinson also presented an updated Employee Handbook for review and approval. Commissioner Irby requested that approval be tabled until the following week to allow him sufficient time to review the handbook in its entirety. The Board agreed to table consideration of the updated handbook. Clerk Robinson reported that a representative from Aflac had met with her and advised that the company was offering a one-time opportunity for employees to enroll in a life insurance policy through payroll deduction. She noted that a minimum of five employees would need to enroll before the plan could be implemented. Commissioner Irby made a motion to allow Aflac to present the new life insurance policy to

County employees and to authorize Clerk Robinson to sign any necessary documentation to implement the plan for employees. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Clerk Robinson confirmed that the Commissioners had received the information provided by Community Development Coordinator Jason Luginbill regarding data centers that he had previously discussed. Clerk Robinson presented the abstract of the Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes from May 26, 2026, for signature by the Chairman. Commissioner Irby reviewed and signed the abstract. Commissioner Crouch advised the Board that he would not be present for the meeting scheduled on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Clerk Robinson also advised that she would be absent from that meeting and that Deputy Clerk Julie Breinig would be filling in on her behalf.
Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Steve Kreutzer
Steve reported that Road & Bridge crews are working hard on road maintenance projects now that conditions

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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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Friday, June 26: Chicken
Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup,
Cantaloupe, Cookie
Monday, June 29: Chicken
Strips, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Broccoli, Bread, Peaches
Tuesday, June 30: Frito Chili Cheese Pie,
Tossed Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie
Wednesday, July 1: Beef Pot Roast, Mashed
Potatoes, Seasoned Carrots, Bread, Cantaloupe
Thursday, July 2: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice,
Broccoli, Peaches
Menu Subject to Change
Meal \$4 • Guests under 60 \$7
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OF GRAHAM COUNTY,
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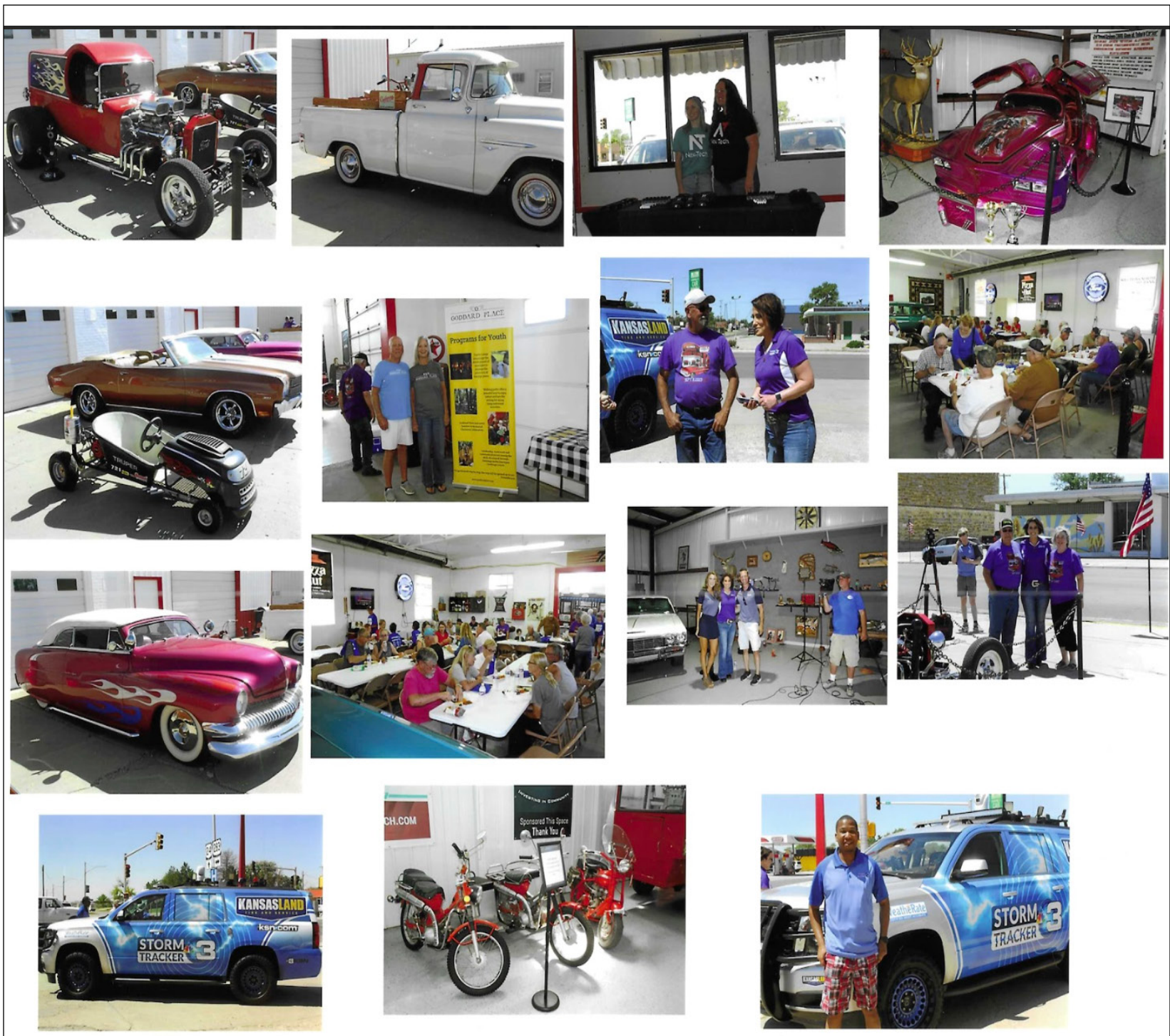
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Plaintiff, \$
vs. \$
Case No. GH-2026-CV-000003 \$
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BILLY L. GOODE-
NOW; RACHEL A.
ORTH;
GRAHAM COUNTY
HOSPITAL;
AND THE UN-
KNOWN SPOUSE
OF
A DEFENDANT; UN-
KNOWN OFFICERS,
SUCCESSORS,
TRUSTEES, CRED-
ITORS
AND ASSIGNS OF A
DEFENDANT THAT
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AND TRUSTEES
OF A
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IS A MINOR OR IS
UNDER ANY LEGAL
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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 respec-
tively 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 de-
scribed real estate, located in the Coun-
ty 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 1/4) of Block
Three (3) in GARNETT'S ADDITION
to the City of Hill City, Graham County,
Kansas.

to satisfy the judgment in the above-en-
titled 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 appraisal 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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KSN news visits Auto-Art Museum in HC

By Liz VanLoenen

The Auto-Art Museum had a wonderful day with KSN TV station visiting on Wednesday, June 17th. There was a wonderful turn out and a large crowd who enjoyed visiting with the TV crew. Over 100 people were served lunch. A big thank you to everyone who donated to the cause and to everyone who bought raffle tickets on the gun. It really helps with the expenses of the museum. If you have not visited the Auto-Art Museum, it is really something to see. They are open on Friday and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday noon to 4 pm. There is a sign on the museum door with a phone number to call if you want to visit when the museum is closed.

NOTICE OF SUIT

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Millsap & Singer, LLC
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Overland Park, KS 66210
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(913) 339-9045 (fax)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Axiom Financial Services LLC	) Case No. GH-2026-CV-000011
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	) Court No.
	) Title to Real Estate Involved
Brenda Appelhans, Frank Appelhans, Jane Doe,	) Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
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Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Kansas, Inc., Mike	)
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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Golf/page 2

Local scoring: Easton Ruder, 81.

Nine young men played the 14-15 age group while playing 18 holes. Local scoring: Blake Harmon, 86, (6th).

Hailey Carder participated in the 16-17 girls age group and scored a 99 placing second.

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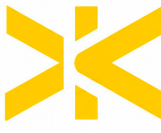
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Kansas Wetlands Education Center to offer Nature Crafts summer programs

By FHSU University Communications
HAYS, Kan. - KWEC is offering four Drop-in Nature Craft workshops this summer, each Monday in July. These come-and-go style activities will be held from 1-4 p.m. No registration is required for these free programs. A short science lesson that fits the theme of the craft will help kids gain appreciation for the natural world.

- Monday, July 6 - Craft a whimsical bird ornament using decoupage techniques to showcase delicate patterns and natural elegance.
- Monday, July 13 - Create a unique hammered flower card that transforms petals and leaves into soft, natural watercolor-like impressions.
- Monday, July 20 - Make a stylish snake-skin coaster that captures the intricate texture and pattern of reptile scales.
- Monday, July 27 - Design reusable beeswax wraps that offer an eco-friendly, nature-inspired alternative to plastic food storage.
- In addition to these hands-on crafts, the education center is offering the 2026 KWEC Summer Explorer Guide. With activities like Mate Match, Dung Detective, Trail Tracker, and more, this guide will keep kids exploring Cheyenne Bottoms and the Kansas Wetlands Education Center all summer long. Stop into the center and grab a copy. Complete the guide and turn in the ticket by August 14 to receive a sticker sheet and be entered into a drawing for various prizes.

Kansas Wetlands Education Center, affiliated with FHSU's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, is located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend at the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. More information can be found at 877-243-9268 or visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.

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HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

If there were ever a week that demonstrated the Hansen Museum's mission of lifelong learning, this was it! The past week was packed with creativity, problem-solving, artistic expression, and plenty of fun as participants of all ages took part in a variety of classes and camps.

The week began with STEM Camp, where young learners spent two days exploring technology, coding, and problem-solving. Campers worked with Ozobot Ari robots, learning how coding and technology influence the world around them. Through hands-on activities and challenges, students sharpened their critical-thinking skills while discovering that learning can be both educational and fun. The creativity continued with our Stars, Stripes, and Stitches sewing class. Participants arrived with their own fabric selections and spent the evening creating patriotic table runners inspired by the Double Aster Star pattern. While the project was too large to complete in a single class session, every participant successfully assembled at least one of the three blocks that make up the runner and left with a great start on a beautiful project perfect for summer gatherings and holiday celebrations.

The weekend brought even more artistic opportunities with our Mixed Media Painting Class taught by Sandy Seamone. Participants spent two days exploring color, composition, and new painting techniques while creating two very different works of art. On Saturday, students painted Timber Wolf, a dramatic and bold painting featuring the silhouette of a wolf. Within the side profile of the wolf, participants painted a mountainous, forested lake scene illuminated by a blazing sunset. Sunday's project, Wing Man, offered a lighter and more whimsical challenge. Artists painted a bicycle parked among colorful hollyhocks

while a pair of chickens claimed the scene as their own. Both paintings turned out beautifully and gave participants an opportunity to learn new techniques while expressing their creativity.

The learning doesn't stop there. Coming up this Saturday, April Teves will lead her Teddy Bear Crochet class. There are still openings available for intermediate crocheters who would like to learn techniques commonly used in amigurumi—the art of creating stuffed crochet projects. Participants will work on an adorable teddy bear while building skills in pattern reading, shaping, and working in the round. Interested individuals may register online or call the Museum for more information.

Meanwhile, Museum staff are hard at work preparing for our next major exhibition. The Museum is currently closed to the public through June 26 as staff and installation crews transform the gallery for Going Places, an exciting interactive science exhibition focused on the technology of transportation. Visitors will soon be able to explore the many ways humans have engineered solutions for moving across land, water, and air through hands-on activities and engaging challenges. A soft opening is planned for June 27 and 28, with the official opening taking place Monday, June 29.

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. Admission is always free courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For additional information, please call 785-689-4846 or visit www.hansenmuseum.org. We hope to see YOU at the Museum soon!



Timber Wolf: Tiffney Yeager and Clint Hammond (Norton) proudly display their completed Timber Wolf paintings following Saturday's Mixed Media Painting Class at the Hansen Museum.



STEM Camp: It was love at first beep! Taylor Bolt (Logan) and Finn Larson (Stockton) got acquainted with the capabilities of their new Ozobot robots, during STEM Camp at the Hansen Museum.

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Bid packets may be obtained by contacting the Graham County Health Department at **(785) 421-3326.**

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have dried out. He stated that crews are currently laying material on Double C Road, Taylor is working on Double D Road, and they are hauling material on A Road. Steve reported that Allen Anderson and Cliff Rohr worked the previous Saturday and were able to complete additional blading work. Steve also reported that John Deere had not yet been out to inspect the grader that is in need of repairs. Commissioner Crouch advised that as Road & Bridge continues to modernize its operations, consideration should be given to available electronic capabilities. He provided Steve with a link to review computerized assistance modules that may be beneficial to the department. Steve further reported that the County pickup truck driven by Cliff Rohr is experiencing mechanical issues again. He stated that when Taylor diagnosed the vehicle, the system indicated that two cylinders were not functioning properly. Steve noted that both the engine and transmission, which has also been showing signs of weakness, should still be covered under warranty.

Graham County District Court Clerk, Tiffany Breinig Tiffany reported on the delinquent property tax collections she had previously discussed with the Board. She stated that during the first round of delinquent property tax notices, Bri mailed more than 1,000 notices. In the second round, only 128 notices were required. Tiffany noted that she had never seen the number of delinquent notices that low. Tiffany further reported that her office recoups a \$36 filing fee on delinquent tax cases. Since March 1, Bri has remitted \$8,028 in filing fees, which is equivalent to 223 cases being paid. Tiffany noted that \$22 of each \$36 filing fee is remitted back to the Judicial Branch, making the collections beneficial to both the County and the court system. Tiffany stated that she wanted to provide the Board with an update and recognize Bri for her efforts, noting that she has been working extremely hard and doing an excellent job.

Graham County EMS/Fire Director, Mickie Helberg Mickie reported that her department frequently receives donations from families and that funds were currently available in both the EMS Donation Fund and the Fire Donation Fund. She stated that she wished to utilize those funds for a project that would benefit Graham County citizens while also honoring the generosity of the families who made the donations. Mickie explained that she had previously attempted to complete the project using COVID-19 funds but was unsuccessful. After extensive planning, preparation, and consideration, she felt this project would be an appropriate and meaningful use of the donated funds. Mickie presented the Board with two quotes for a stationary, double-sided LED sign to be installed in front of the EMS building. She explained that the sign could be used to provide real-time information to the public, including severe weather alerts, county road closures, and other important County announcements. Mickie stated that she believed the sign would be a valuable way to honor the donors by helping keep the community informed and safe. Mickie and the Commissioners reviewed both quotes. Mickie reported that she had already consulted with City Administrator Dennis Mersch and KDOT District 3 Supervisor Kevin Zimmer to ensure that the proposed location would be permissible. She further reported that she had contacted Elliott’s regarding the electrical work and was advised that they would coordinate with Bodee to bore beneath the concrete as needed. Commissioner Crouch inquired about warranty coverage and whether the sign would be insured in the event of damage. Mickie reported that the sign would be covered under the County’s insurance policy as personal property and that it came with a limited lifetime warranty. Mickie reiterated that the sign would be used exclusively for County-related information. Clerk Robinson asked whether the sign could also be utilized to provide election-related information to the public. Mickie indicated that such use would be acceptable. Commissioner Irby made a motion to

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Brandon Born moved to second and was approved 6-0. Supplementals Robert Wahrman moved to approve 2026-2027 supplementals as presented. Brandon Born seconded and motion was approved 5-1 with Kappi Billips voicing a no. Tawny Ashbaugh left the meeting at 7:28PM. Supper Break At this time the Board took a short supper break. Adjournment On a motion by Brandon Born, the board adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM. Robert Wahrman seconded the motion, vote was 5-0, and meeting was adjourned.

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sas City to celebrate the birthday of my great-nephew, Malachi Griffith. On June 6, Dr. Tammy Counts and Nurse Practitioner Nicole Smith sponsored a Mammography Mobile event at Peace and Fellowship Church in Kansas City. Twelve women received free mammograms, while six others had services billed through their insurance. Co-sponsored by KBFA, the event included an educational presentation on women’s health and cancer awareness, a delicious lunch prepared by vegan chef Brittany Jones of Humble, Texas, and a beautiful robe for each participant. It was truly a wonderful day of education, fellowship, and care. Several members of First Missionary Baptist Church of Nicodemus and Second Missionary Baptist Church of Russell attended the State Church Convention in Wichita on June 8–9. Representing Nicodemus were Rev. Arthur Fair, Esther Clark, and myself. Representing Russell were Mary Lewis and Dolly Johnson. We enjoyed a spirit-filled gathering, and the youth service on Monday inspired us to begin planning a Vacation Bible School for July. We look forward to sharing more details in the coming weeks.

approve the purchase of the 3’ x 6’ LED sign at a total cost of \$23,153.83, with funding to be provided from the EMS Donation Fund and Fire Donation Fund. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. New Business, Part 2 Commissioner Irby presented a chart titled “Graham County 2026 Levy Analysis” to the Board, outlining the levies included within the County’s 95.216 mill levy rate. Commissioner Irby noted that the information was being presented for informational purposes only and encouraged the other Commissioners to review and study the chart. The Commissioners discussed cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) raises and directed the County Clerk to have department heads include a 2% COLA increase in their budget requests. The Commissioners also requested that individual budget meetings be scheduled with each department head to discuss budget concerns and needs. The Board agreed to begin those discussions the following week with a work session scheduled for 9:00 a.m. The Commissioners requested the presence of County Attorney Michael Abbott to discuss the legal implications of re-keying the courthouse. Abbott and the Board reviewed the circumstances surrounding the lost courthouse keys. Abbott advised that it would be in the County’s best interest to cut its losses and proceed with re-keying the building to ensure that courthouse security was not compromised. Grant Fellhauer, locksmith, addressed the Board and reported that the courthouse contained several worn or obsolete locks. He further advised that one door was dragging significantly and was causing damage to the scuff plate. The Commissioners asked Grant to provide an estimate for re-keying both the courthouse and the library. Grant estimated the cost would be approximately \$40 to \$80 per door, with one door requiring a replacement cylinder at an additional cost of approximately \$35 to \$45. Grant advised that he would leave briefly for lunch and then return to the Clerk’s Office for further instructions regarding the

scope of work requested by the County. He thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to provide services to the County. The Commissioners then requested the presence of Ethan Edwards. Commissioner Irby asked Ethan to explain the circumstances surrounding the missing keys. Ethan provided the same information previously shared by the County Attorney regarding the tax sale property and stated that he had used the keys as a punch while changing locks at the property and inadvertently failed to place them back in his pocket. Commissioner Irby reiterated that the County Attorney had advised the County not to pursue recovery of the missing keys but instead to proceed with re-keying the courthouse to ensure the security of the building. Ethan apologized to the Board of County Commissioners for misplacing the keys. Commissioner Nelson asked Ethan how operations were otherwise progressing. Ethan reported that things were going well but stated that he still needed to clean the gutters. He explained that he did not have a ladder capable of providing safe access to the roof. Commissioner Irby requested that Ethan contact him on June 10, 2026, to arrange a time for Commissioner Irby to assist with cleaning the gutters. Commissioner Nelson also asked Ethan whether the mini-split system had been cleaned and whether salt had been added to the water softener. Ethan stated that he would add cleaning the mini-split system to his task list and would contact Elliott’s regarding the water softener, as he had been unaware that the building had a water softener requiring salt. Commissioner Irby clarified that responsibility for maintaining the water softener, including adding salt as needed, would fall to Ethan rather than Elliott’s. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2, 2026. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crouch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3–0.

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DEMOCRATIC

NATIONAL AND STATE BALLOT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the names of the following persons as having filed as candidates for the respective office will appear on the ballot of the primary election to be held Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

STATE OF KANSAS)

COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, the undersigned County Clerk and Election Office of Graham County, Kansas, have received a certified list of candidates for various nominations to be had by each of the political parties of this county. In accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-209, I hereby publish as much thereof as if applicable to this county have added thereto the names and addresses of the candidates for nomination by the several political parties as they appear on the file at my office.

REPUBLICAN

NATIONAL AND STATE BALLOT

FOR UNITED STATES SENATE:

Roger Marshall, no address provided
Pond Nersmore, P.O. Box 364 Lawrence, KS 66044

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT:

Tracey Mann, P.O. Box 1084 Salina, KS 67402
Craig Musser, 570 SE 50th Road, Ellinwood, KS 67526

FOR GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Ty Masterson/Jeffrey Klemp, 1539 Phyllis Ln Andover, KS 67002
Charlotte O'Hara/Michelle Dombrosky, 15712 Windsor St Overland Park, KS 66224
Nick Reinecker/Katy Reinecker, 504 S. Maple Truman, KS 67546
Stacy L Rogers/Michael W Smith, no address provided
Phillip Sarnecki/Joy Eakins, P.O. Box 12081 Overland Park, KS 66282
Vicki Schmidt/Joe Newland, P.O. Box 3801 Topeka, KS 66604
Scott Schwab/Ken Rahjes, P.O. Box 2818 Olathe, KS 66063

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

Pat Proctor, P.O. Box 3421 Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Kris Kobach, P.O. Box 155 Lecompton, KS 66050

FOR STATE TREASURER:

Steven Johnson, 10197 S. Hopkins Road, Assaria, KS 67416

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

Daniel Hawkins, 9406 W. Harvest Ln. Wichita, KS 67212

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 110TH DISTRICT:

Max Dible, no address provided
Marvin Matchett, 606 Jones Ave Norton, KS 67654
Cody Ward, 611 W Church Logan, KS 67646

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5TH DISTRICT:

Kelly Ancar, 2004 Hall St Hays, KS 67601
Jean Clifford, 102 Drury Lane Garden City, KS 67846

COUNTY BALLOT

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT:

Larry Crouch, P.O. Box 45 Morland, KS 67650
Jarrod Knoll, P.O. Box 94 Morland, KS 67650

FOR GRAHAM COUNTY TREASURER "FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM":

Brianna Edwards, 410 N. 5th Ave Hill City, KS 67642

TOWNSHIP BALLOT

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF ALLODIUM TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF BRYANT TOWNSHIP:

Eric Littlechild, 1950 A Rd WaKeeney, KS 67672

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF GETTYSBURG TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF GRAHAM TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF HAPPY TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF HILL CITY TOWNSHIP:

Diane M. Boyd, 805 Ash St Hill City, KS 67642

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF INDIANA TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF MORLAN TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF NICODEMUS TOWNSHIP:

Christine K Wells, 3848 U Rd Bogue, KS 67625

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF PIONEER TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF SOLOMON TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF WILDHORSE TOWNSHIP:

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FOR UNITED STATES SENATE:

Damon Anderson, P.O. Box 860010 Shawnee, KS 66226
Christy Davis, 715 1st St Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845
Adam Hamilton, P.O. Box 6 Stilwell, KS 66085
Jason Hart, 302 N. Pershing Wichita, KS 67208
Kevin Latz, 6341 Bellinder Ave Mission Hills, KS 66208
Erik Murray, P.O. Box 3032 Kansas City, KS 66103
Sandy Spidel Neumann, P.O. Box 2159 Mission, KS 66201
Anne Parellkar, P.O. Box 25174 Overland Park, KS 66225
Patrick C. Schmidt, P.O. Box 750783 Topeka, KS 66675
Michael "Mike" Soetaert, 815 N Woodlawn Ave, Apt 127 Wellington, KS 67152-2837
Noah Taylor, 7130 W Maple St Suite 230 Box 329 Wichita, KS 67209

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT:

Colin McRoberts, #326 645 Vermont St Lawrence, KS 66044
Lauren Reinhold, 4000 W. 6th Street, Ste B #241 Lawrence, KS 66049

FOR GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Ethan Corson/Renee Dwyler, P.O. Box 4513 Overland Park, KS 66204
Cindy Holscher/KC Ohaebosim, P.O. Box 2903 Olathe, KS 66063
Curt Skoog/Jennifer Bacani McKenney, P.O. Box 7053 Overland Park, KS 66207

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

Jennifer Day, P.O. Box 104 Mission, KS 66202-9810
Samuel Lane, 6302 Hallett St Shawnee, KS 66216

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Chris Mann, no address provided

FOR STATE TREASURER:

Juan C. Luengo, 14904 S. Summit St Olathe, KS 66062

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

Dinah Sykes, no address provided

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 110TH DISTRICT:

Mark Schaukowitz, no address provided

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5TH DISTRICT:

Lorie Wood, no address provided

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Siegle J. Irby, P.O. Box 212 Bogue, KS 67625

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POLLS IN GRAHAM COUNTY will be open at the following locations:

Graham County Courthouse Advance Voting: All Registered Voters – July 15th – July 31st, Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. & August 3rd, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Graham County Courthouse Election Day: All Registered Voters-August 4th, 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO VOTING IN BOGUE AND MORLAND.

Pursuant to the following, I hereby give notice that a primary election will be held on the 4th day of August, 2026, at which time candidates from the above list will be nominated by the various political parties of this state on their several ballots, and that said primary will be held at the above listing polling places.

The Election Office conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Graham County, Kansas, whose address is 410 N Pomeroy Ave, Ste S Hill City, KS 67642.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June 2026.

Kendra Robinson
County Election Officer
Graham County, Kansas



Have a great week!



Jayhawker Round-up Rodeo 2025 Princess

By Leanne Minium

On June 12th, Ralyn Minium enjoyed representing the Jayhawker Round-up Rodeo Royalty & Pageant as the 2025 Princess at the Plainville Saddle Club KPRA rodeo. Ralyn said participating in the grand entry with other area royalty ladies was fun & she also invited them all to join in this year's pageant on July 18th!

CARES, Inc. Graduation at Ellsworth Correctional Facility!



On Thursday, June 18, 2026, CARES, Inc. (Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education Services, Inc.) held a graduation ceremony at Ellsworth Correctional Facility with 54 guests and their dogs, 20 ECF handlers with their dogs, and a multitude of supportive staff. The recipients of the CARES dogs came from across the United States (Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, and Kansas, to name a few) and even from Canada to celebrate this event. This group of trained dogs will be serving many important purposes, some of which are: medical alert for seizures or blood sugar; medical alert for POTS; handicap assist; various schools for therapy for students and staff with emotional issues and trauma; therapy for autism; therapy within special education

programs; therapy for behavior disorders; and therapy for anxiety; critical medical care for families; crisis intervention within a juvenile intake and assessment center; therapy within the medical environment; and even PTSD assistance for our cherished veterans.

The recipients were able to meet the ECF residents who trained their dogs and share experiences with them on how successful these trained service dogs have been, always able to brighten their circumstances, and completely transforming lives of the recipients! The ECF residents were able to share their training experiences with the recipients, see the service dogs one more time, and enjoy the true rewards of their hard work.

CARES, Inc. has been at Ellsworth Correctional Facility since 1999, and we are so very grateful for the opportunity to partner with them in this incredible relationship! Thank you to Sarah Holbert and her staff at CARES, Inc. for all of the help to make this program a huge success!

pictured: Tuff, Surf, and Crystal Behanna

Got News?

We run club, business, school, sports and life's celebrations!

Birthday Announcements

Free with a picture for 100 years or older for residents of Graham County. For 100th birthdays for non-residents with a tie to the area, the article is free. Free announcements are available for Graham County resident 75 and older. Photos can be submitted for \$25.

Anniversary Announcements

Free with one photo for 50 years and over for Graham County residents or couples with children in Graham County. Free announcements, with no photo, are available 25, 30, 40 and 45 years. Announcements can include couple's name, residence, date and place of marriage, occupations, children/grandchildren, and reception information (if applicable). Additional photos can be submitted for \$25.



Wedding Announcements

Free for Graham County residents or couples with parents in Graham County with the following information: name of bride and groom, residence, parents and residence, bridal party, where and when the wedding took place, honeymoon location and where the couple resides after wedding. Free announcements must be submitted to our office before their one year anniversary. A photo may be added for \$25.

Engagement Announcements

Free for residents of Graham County or couples with parents in Graham County with the following information: name of prospective bride and groom with residence, their parents and residence, when/where the wedding is planned, couples' schooling and occupations. Free announcement must be submitted to our office before their wedding. A photo may be added for \$25.

Birth Announcements

Free for parents and/or grandparents in Graham County with the following information: baby's name, weight, length, place of birth and date, parents name and residence, siblings, grandparents and residences, great grandparents and residences) please specify if they are deceased). A photo may be added for \$25.

Letters to the Editor

The Hill City Times, Graham County is open to views from residents within the county.

Letters to the Editor must include complete name, signature, address and phone number. Name and town will only be published in the newspaper. Free letters are limited to approximately 250 words. If a letter is more than 250 words, it is subject to editing and the full versions will be posted online. They may also be published in the paper at the editor's discretion. If the word count exceeds 250 words, the letter can be published as a paid advertisement (subject to editorial approval). Political letters are also considered paid advertisements.

Calendar Entries

Any event from Graham County which is free or by free will donation may be listed in the Times calendar. Those events are also listed in the Essential Calendar on the website, Deadline is 5 pm Friday.

Club Notes

Clubs and organizations are welcome to submit items. We publish these for free if the clubs regularly meet within Graham County.

Business Briefs

If a business is located within Graham County, or owned by a resident of Graham County submissions such as new hires, awards, etc. may be submitted for consideration. Note, this does not include sales, services or other items considered advertising.

Sports Items

We are happy to publish sports items from around the county. Don't forget your college student-athletes! Open to all Graham County residents -- including proud grandpa and grandmas!

Academic Items

We publish awards and achievements from our students around the county. This can be any level from elementary school through college.

Your item not listed?

Just give us a call or an email and tell us what you'd like published -- 785-524-4200 - or Thehillcitytimes@gmail.com

Submit editorial content by email to Thehillcitytimes@gmail.com

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