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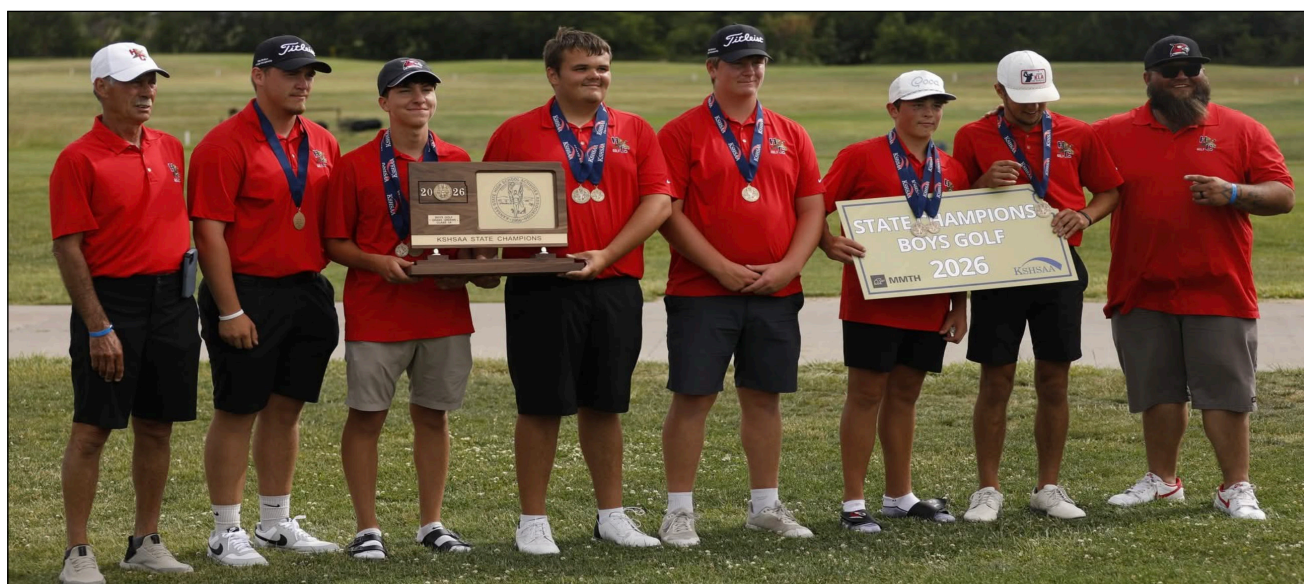
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Rain Totals

We have welcomed the moisture we have received so far! Over this past weekend, Hill City has received roughly 0.35" of rain. Saturday there was dime sized hail that fell, but did not last long. Keep the prayers coming for more moisture!



Hill City Ringnecks 1A Golf State Champions

Written by Bob Dombroski
Picture from Donald Newell

The Hill City Ringnecks captured the Class 1A state golf championship, earning the school's first team state title since 1998. The Ringnecks finished with a two-day score of 628, edging runner-up South Gray by nine strokes. The 36-hole tournament was held at Turkey Creek Golf Course in McPherson on May 26 & 27.

Hill City placed four in the top 25 -- Kenley Gugleman tied for 3rd, 75-72 (147); A.J. Deges 7th, 76-80 (156); Chase Bell tied for 17th, 78-85 (163); and Mitchell Presley tied

for 22nd, 81-86 (167). Case Haynes, 85-86 (171) and Tate Balthazor, 90-81 (171) tied for 26th. Individually, South Gray's Gavin Wahl earned a 3-peat as champion with a 1-over par 141 total while Hodgeman County's Cale Kooiman finished 2nd at 145.

Team scores were Hill City, 310-318 (628); South Gray, 305-332 (637); Hodgeman Co., 334-327 (661); Kiowa Co., 345-327 (672); Onaga, 345-352 (697); Centralia, 350-363 (713).

Hill City entered day two of the tournament five shots back of South Gray and the Ringnecks felt confi-

dent of a strong finish. "If we were within 10 shots, we had a good chance," Hill City coach Don Newell said. "My players play consistent, and we knew our chances were pretty good if we just kept it in play."

Regarding Gulgeman's play, Newell stated "He was capable of that all year, and today he really came through".

Hill City's deep roster helped them in the final push to overtake South Gray who were state champions in 2023 and 2024.

The Ringnecks will bring back the nucleus of their team next year as they only lose two seniors to graduation.



Tough Enough to Wear Pink

By Braelynn Lemon
HCT Staff

Liz VanLoenen will be selling Tough Enough to Wear t-shirts again this year. A preview of the shirts is pictured. There will also be an engraved gun raffled off. Pictures and more information to follow.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

I am glad some people observed Memorial Day on May 30th instead of the Mon. May 25th to have a three day weekend.

Bogue received 0.40" of rain Friday morning.

It was great seeing all of the American Flags flying in Hill City and at the cemeteries.

Charlene Hildebrand of Logan, Sandra Cameron, Anita Davis, and Liz VanLoenen attended the alumni reunion at the high school from the class of 1958, Saturday noon. A big thank you to everyone who keeps this going every year.

Liz attended the dance recital of Laney VanLoenen, a great granddaughter, at the auditorium in Wakeeny Sat. afternoon. All of the family enjoyed a hamburger and fish fry at Alex VanLoenen's home in Hill City. Adam VanLoenen and Makayla King of the Kansas City area called on Liz Saturday night.

Liz attended the memorial celebration in Morland Sunday afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who made the auxiliary bake and craft sale a big success.

Bobbie Holsman, Frank, and David attended the wedding and reception of Ella Hart and Conner Knipp in Damar Saturday afternoon. The reception was held at the fair grounds in Hill City.

Corey and Joanne Johnson attended the Wells family reunion at Webster Lake Sunday afternoon.

The National Memorial Day Concert that was on PBS TV station Saturday night was outstanding. A big thank you to the ones that made it possible.

A big thank you to everyone who put the American Flags up. I know it is a lot of work.

Saturday Dinner guests of Bobbie Holsman, Frank, and David were Annette, Mike, and Jacob Wetter, Dawson, Olivia, Birch, and Maggie Lemmer of Colby.

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



Coach Riley, Merriel and Senator Jerry Moran

Sen. Moran presents Coach Riley with framed Senate remarks

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) this week gave remarks on the Senate floor to honor Hill City High School basketball coach Keith Riley on his retirement after 58 seasons of coaching, teaching and serving the local community.

"I pay tribute to his career, not just as a coach on the basketball court and the track field, but also as a teacher in the classroom," said Sen. Moran. "His success was the result of his genuine interest in the well-being of the students who walked the halls of Hill City High School. Whether kids played for him or simply took his industrial arts classes, Coach Riley sought to help them achieve their full potential. Like so many educators, he cared about his students, and they knew he cared."

"Madam President, the residents of Hill City, Kansas, a county seat town in Northwest Kansas, will experience something new next winter: a new boys basketball coach will be on the sidelines for the Hill City Ringnecks. After 58 seasons as the head coach of Hill City High School, Keith Riley has officially retired.

"Today, I pay tribute to his career, not just as a coach on the basketball court and

See "Moran" Pg 5

Morland Celebration

Article and pictures by Liz VanLoenen

Morland had a big celebration Sunday, May 24th. They had a large car show in the park. It was a great day for everyone. A big thank you to everyone who stopped by and supported the Hospital Auxiliary craft and bake sale at Fay's kitchen.



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State Track send off



The track team that qualified for state met in the horseshoe at the High school for a big send off. HC Nutrition provided each member with a tea and the Graham Co Rec Commission sponsored the track team drinks.

Local athlete selected for 2026 Kansas 8-Man All-Star Games

Hill City standout Tate Balthazor, Aiden Hall, and Koby Keiswetter have been selected to participate in the 41st Annual Kansas 8-Man All-Star Games scheduled for June 12-13, 2026, in Beloit, Kansas. Balthazor is the son of Justin Balthazor and Missy Stiles. Hall is the son of Robert & Cindy Hall. Keiswetter is the son of Cole & Sara Keiswetter.

Brett Westrup from South Central was selected to coach the Division I Red (West) squad and will join some of the top graduating senior 8-man football players from across the state of Kansas.

The Kansas 8-Man All-Star Games celebrate the tradition and excellence of 8-man football throughout Kansas while honoring athletes and coaches for their dedication, leadership, and accomplishments on the field.

Weekend festivities begin Friday at 4 p.m. with a community pep rally at Chautauqua Park in Beloit. Players will then gather for the annual banquet from 6-8 p.m., before concluding the evening with "Friday Night Lights" at 8 p.m. at Fort Hays Tech North Central gymnasium, featuring highlights and special moments from the week's events.

The all-star games will be played Saturday:
 10:00 a.m. — Division I Blue (East) vs. Red (West)
 1:30 p.m. — Division II Gold (East) vs. Green (West)
 The 2026 event marks the 41st Annual Kansas 8-Man All-Star Games. Although the Kansas Eight-Man Football Association was formed in 1986 by a group of north central Kansas coaches dedicated to promoting and preserving 8-man football across the state, the annual all-star games were not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, marking this as the 41st year. Over the years, the event has grown into one of the premier traditions in Kansas high school athletics.

New co-chairs Eric Burks and Chantz Martin are leading this year's event and continue the organization's mission of showcasing Kansas 8-man football and creating a memorable experience for players, coaches, families, and fans.

Major sponsors for the 2026 Kansas 8-Man All-Star Games include Mitchell County Tourism, KD Country 94 & Z96.3 The Lake, Fort Hays Tech North Central, and KVSV Radio.

For additional information about the Kansas 8-Man All-Star Games, visit the official Kansas 8-Man All-Star Facebook page, the KEMFA website, or contact event organizers at ks8manfb@fhtechn.edu.

Grab your rods—Free Fishing is back June 6-7 in Kansas!

For two days only, anyone can fish Kansas waters without a fishing license.

It's the perfect weekend to:
 Get outside
 Teach someone new
 Spend the day at the lake

Just remember: length and creel limits still apply.

Share A Story Program comes to Hill City

This summer, Share A Story will travel to over 70 local libraries throughout Kansas, offering a 45-60 minute program geared toward children ages 2-7. This year's theme will be Dinosaurs! Each program consists of the following format:

1. Read it - Read a book
2. Watch it - View a show related to the book
3. Do it - Have fun making a craft

Each participant receives his or her own book and related materials.

Share a Story helps children become better readers by inspiring adults to read to children every day. Research shows that activities like these make a difference. Children who are read to every day, from birth on, do better in school, become good listeners and writers, and have better language, critical and imaginative skills. Simple, fun daily activities like reading aloud, storytelling, rhyming, singing, exercise, drawing, and acting, teach young children language and literacy skills - and that's what Share a Story is all about!

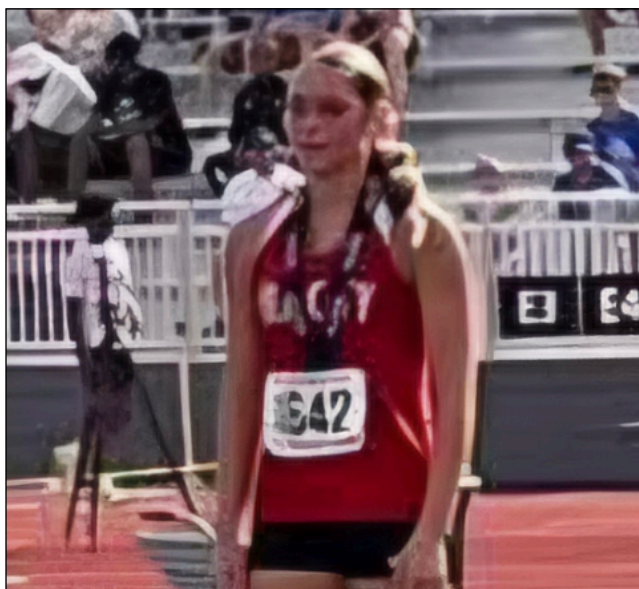
The Share a Story program will be at the Graham County Public Library on June 10th at 10 AM.



Jenna Berland places 3rd in the 100M dash! After a 2 hour lightning delay, Jenna Berland finishes 4th in the class 1A 200M dash.



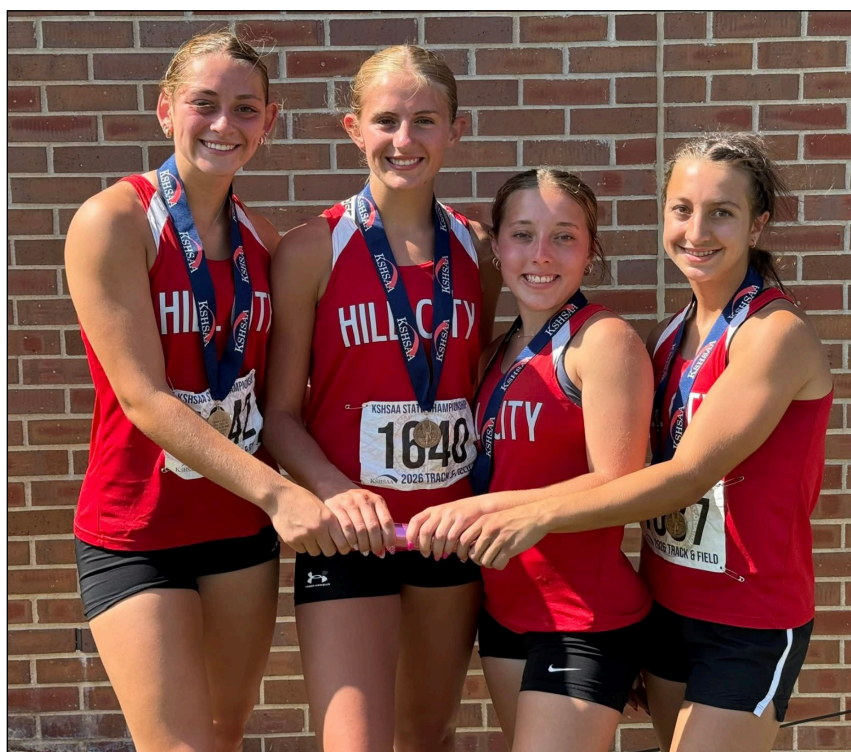
Vincent Zohner is a 2X state champion in the discus with a throw of 178-6 and a new school record.



Congratulations to Sabri Rohr who placed 4th in the 100H!



Vincent Zohner placed 6th in the javelin with a throw of 163-9, making him a 2X placer in the event. Slade Rohr threw 154-7.



Congratulations Ringneck Girls 4x100 relay placing 4th at the state track meet. Members include Jenna Berland, Chloe Dinkel, Sabri Rohr, Emmy Ashbaugh and alternate Briley Brack.

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Obituaries

Jerry Max Legere
July 6, 1949 - May 25, 2026



Jerry Max Legere, 76, passed away on May 25, 2026, in Fort Worth. He was born on July 6, 1949. He spent his early years living on farmsteads south of Peenokee from 1949 to 1961. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing and hunting with family and friends.

Jerry graduated from Bogue High School in 1967 and later attended Fort Hays State University earn-

ing his Master's Degree. He then made his home in Fort Worth in 1987, where he remained for nearly four decades.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Major and Loretta Legere of Hill City.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Elaine Soukup Legere of Fort Worth, Texas; his daughter, Leah Sanders (Thyra) of Fort Worth, Texas; and his son, Bryan Legere of Eugene, Oregon. He also leaves behind three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

to Sergeant. He was a gun commander and ammunition chief.

When he came home, he attended college at Fort Hays State University and graduated in 1957 with Bachelor of Science degrees in Agriculture and Biology.

Raymond married JoAnn Cokley in 1955. To this union, three daughters were born: Debra Rae, Pamela Kay, and Kathy Lou.

He had two brothers: Darrell and Willard. He also had two sisters, Ella Mae and Ardath.

Raymond taught school at Maple Grove in a one-room school which consolidated one year later. He then taught at Collyer Grade School and high school for seven years and they consolidated. St. Peter was his next stop in teaching where he taught for four years before they consolidated. In Morland, he taught 7th and 8th graders and coached all sports for both boys and girls. He retired after 35 years teaching at Morland High School. Ray belonged to National Education Association (NEA) and Kansas National Education Association (KNEA). He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the VFW.

In 1957, Ray decided to open an

upholstery shop which he ran until 2018. He also loved farming. He did so in Rush & Trego County until 2017.

Some of the things that Ray enjoyed were roller skating, hunting, fishing, and playing pitch with his wife and daughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings (Ella Mae, Darrell, and Ardath); his eldest daughter, Debra Rae; and the love of his life, JoAnn (67 years of marriage).

He had five grandsons, one granddaughter, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th Street, WaKeeney, Kansas. Burial will immediately follow the funeral service at WaKeeney City Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to TCLMH Cardiac Rehab Services. Checks should be made payable to TCLMH with "Cardiac Rehab Services" specified on the memo line and may be sent in care of Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th Street, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.schmittfuneral.com.



Raymond Phillips
Aug. 9, 1930 - May 25, 2026

Raymond Phillips, age 95, passed away on May 25, 2026, at Hays Medical Center. He was born to Caleb Phillips and Agnes (Henley) Phillips in Brownell, KS, on August 9, 1930.

In 1948, Raymond graduated from Trego Community High School. After graduation, he worked as a farmhand until 1951 when he was drafted into the United States Army. He attended basic training in Fort Riley, KS, and Fort Bliss, TX. Soon after, he was sent to Korea where he was promoted



- ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Morland, Kansas
Worship: 10:30 A.M. and 5 P.M., Sundays
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
- BOGUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Bogue, Kansas
Worship: 9 A.M. Sundays
Sunday School: 10 A.M.
- CHRISTIAN CHURCH
122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City
Worship: 9 A.M. and Sunday School: 10:15 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: 10:45 A.M.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Nicodemus, Kansas
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Church: 11 A.M.
Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.
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Worship: 9 A.M. & Coffee Fellowship following.
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Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sun.
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5:00 p.m.
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Worship: 10:30 A.M.
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118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City
- Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:45 A.M.
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Masses: 6 P.M., Saturdays; 11 A.M. Sundays
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Worship: 9:15 A.M.
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Worship: 8:45 A.M.
Fellowship: 10 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study: 7 P.M. Wed.
- ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
Damar, Kansas
Mass: 9 A.M., Sundays
- THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD
519 N. East, Hill City
Sunday Worship: 10 A.M.
Family Training Hour: 7 P.M., Wednesday
- MORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship: 6 P.M., Sunday
Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday
- UNITED METHODIST
Palco, Kansas
Worship/Service: 9 A.M.
Fellowship Time: 10 A.M.
- UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
Worship: 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
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60th annual HCHS alumni celebration



A big shout out to the following classes for showing up to pitch in and help out!

1996 - Thank you for helping set up the night before and for helping with registration and serving drinks. Above: (Maiden names) Jason Stinemetz, Jill Stafford, Amanda Breinig, Tracy Harper, Luecreasea Holmes and Becky Reese (not pictured but helped set up the night before was Jeremy Bell.)

2001 - Thank you for serving tea and cookies as well as providing the cookies. Left: (Maiden names) Levi Nicol, Melanie Crawford and Mira Schlingloff (Not pictured but helped earlier was Tressie Bryant.)

2006 - Raising funds for the scholarship. Their class donated \$1,000 as well as contributed a potted plant to the silent auction.

2016 - Thank you for selling tickets for and managing the silent auction. (Lily Arensdorf, Clay Money and Kade Tremblay were there to help also)



Riders Inc. 6th annual charity Graham Jam

Graham Jam, featuring musicians with roots in Graham County, kicked off at 3 pm with Jammin Randy for the kids and continued with music all night long. A few of the other musicians were Luke Owen, Mickelson House Band, Butch Creek, The Side Projects, and 3x7 plus lots of others! Riders Inc. provided food and drinks and HC nutrition was there providing her teas. David Sheilds's contributions to this event are multifaceted, and his generosity is further exemplified by his donation of a guitar that was silent auctioned off.

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Welcome in House Participants & Carry-Out

Friday, June 5: Chicken Patti Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Bun, Cantaloupe, Pudding

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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

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Thank you readers

Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Fry-Normandin-Magnani win Tuesday Golf

by Bob Dombroski

Twenty-six players participated during Men's Tuesday Night Golf at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City on May 26. A beautiful evening greeted everyone for the 6 PM tee off. Eight teams were formed with a mix of three & four-man teams playing nine holes of scramble golf.

The threesome of Chris Normandin, Noah Fry and Dalton Magnani ended with seven birdies and two pars with a final scorecard low round of 28 for first place.

Chuck Crook, Bob Dombroski and Monty Long tried to keep pace with the leaders with five birdies and fell into the second-place spot. Taking third after a scorecard playoff and a birdie on Hole No. 9. With a tally of 33 were Cooper Bagley, Fred Owen and Todd Ashbaugh.

The team of Gary Long, Cameron Atkins, Stephen Sage and Doran Zeigler also had a score of 33 along with Eric Pfeifer, Chris Orr and Landon Jones.

Finishing at 34 were Jarod Rohr, Sylar Rohr and Jadan Newell. Shooting a 35 were

Bronson Bailey, Russell Harmon, Michael Otta and Brock Kibel. Jim Baldwin and Austin Rivera ended the round with a 37. Dalton Magnani and Cole Chuck Crook won a flag prize as he was only 2' away after the tee shot on the par-3 Hole No. 2. Crook received a free car wash from Campbell's 24-Hour Automatic Car wash and a gift card from the local grocery store, Jamborree Foods.

Rusty Harmon had the longest putt of the evening on Hole No. 5 and pocketed \$10 cash from The First State Bank and gathered a koozie and sleeve of Titleist golf balls from Hill City Pharmacy.

Gary Long took home a sleeve of TaylorMade golf balls from Pittman Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning along with a gift certificate from Six Pack Liquor LLC after being closest to the pin on Hole No. 6. A shot over the water on the other par-3 hole on the course from 118 yards.

Fred Owen made a very long putt from 31' on Hole No. 9 and took home Ring-neck Bucks courtesy of Solutions North bank and \$10 cash from longtime PTGC clubhouse.

PTGC Men's Tuesday Night Golf will continue each week with sign up at 5:45 PM and play at 6 PM. Seniors League: Doran Zeigler and Bob Dombroski participated with 31 other 2-person teams during the weekly Northwest KS Senior Social held at Big Creek Golf Course in Ward on Thursday, May 21. Zeigler and Dombroski finished third overall in the Championship Flight with a score of one-over par 71. Tim Thompson and Monty Long teamed up to place third in First Flight. Biscuits and gravy were served for breakfast followed by a wonderful lunch of pork loin chop, hashbrown potato casserole, green beans and cookies served by the WaKeeney golf group.

Atwood Country Club will host on June 4 and then Oakley Country Club on Thursday, June 11. The complete schedule is at the PTGC clubhouse.



50th class reunion

50th class reunion. Maiden names listed for ladies; 1st row: Sheryl Dreiling, Merri Pimlott, Karla Dotson, Darla Custine, Jeanette Reiman, Rhonda Worcester, Donna & Don Newell, Roger Garrison, Mrs. Stafford, Gaylen Bell.

2nd row: Cheri Hackmeister, Julie Gansel, Sharon Jones, Cathy Junneman, Patty Eadus, Sandy Stites. 3rd row: Jerry Maier, Daryl Worcester, Tom Culley, Carl Fountain, Katherine Striggow, Kim Nighswonger, Susan Dinkel, Lon Ninemier. It was so great to see everyone. Thank you all for coming home to Hill City.



PTGC Annual Memorial Day Weekend Golf Tournament

The annual Memorial Day Weekend Golf Tournament drew a large crowd of 45 golfers on Sunday, May 24 at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City. Many players from outside the community participated along with the other alumni activities sprinkled throughout the three-day holiday weekend. Eleven teams were formed during a scramble format, and then a "Blind Draw" determined the winning teams and final scores. Whatever your own team score was during 18 holes of play is the score you carried into the blind draw.

Earning first place in the "Championship Flight" with a blind draw score of 240 were Dan Runge (61), Nate Budig (59), Ralph Mullens (61), Kendal Nuss (59) and Garret Hadley. Second place in the flight with a 246 were Cole P. (59) Ryan Budig (59), Don Newell (60), Jarod Rohr (68). At 249 were Bob Dombroski (61), Tate Reynolds (65), Gary Steed (61) and Jim Coats (62). Also at a 249 were Shay Simoneau (59), Troy B. (59), Jacob Larson (60) and Chris Delimont (71). At 251 were Todd Ashbaugh (59), Larry Jones (61), Tim Waugh (60) and Kerry Stewart (71).

Winning the first flight with a blind draw score of 253 were Brad Coats (62), Kaleb Atkins (65), Trent Long (65) and Brent Wente (61). It took a chip off from 100 yards to determine second place with a blind draw score of 256 going to Mark Fabricius (60), Grace Harmon (68), Don Hayes (60) and Geoff Riley (68). Also with a 256 were Lexi Rohr (68), Cooper Bagley (65), Travis Carswell (61) and Gary Long (62).

Next in line with a draw of 257 were Nick Budig (68), Sylar Rohr (68), Lance Wise (61) and Cannan Glover (60). Two teams drew a 260 score. One consisting of Justin Zohner (68), Doran Zeigler (61), Carson Keith (60) and Amy Stewart (71). Then it was Amanda Ashbaugh (59), Brady Bell (68), Jim Baldwin (71) and Fred Owen (62).

Doran Zeigler won a flag prize after a shot 6'2" from the pin on Hole No. 2. Donny Duval was 6' away on hole No. 6. Cole P., had long putt on Hole No. 5 measuring 13'3" and Tim Waugh drained a 30' putt on Hole No. 9. All received \$10 cash from the Prairie Trails Men's Golf Association.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this annual event a success. A shout out to Donnie Newell, Gary Long, Bob Dombroski and Doran Zeigler. A big thank you to Nutrien Ag Solutions for supplying the water to quench everyone's thirst. Also, thanks go to the class of 1976 for sharing the cake baked by Bev Stafford. See you again in 2027!



Flyboy Car Show winners

On May 24th, 2026, the winners of the Flyboy Car Show: People's Choice - Harold Bellerive with a '61 Chevy Bubble top, City of Morland Award - Pam & Alex Silos with a '67 Chevy Chevelle, and a Miscellaneous Award of a Metric Socket and Ratchet Set went to Bryce Critchfield.

Senator Marshall Invites Kansas Veterans to Preserve Their Stories in the Library of Congress

Abilene - This D-Day, the Library of Congress Veterans History Project is partnering with Senator Roger Marshall and the Eisenhower Presidential Library to recognize Kansas veterans by preserving their stories for history in the Library of Congress archives.

Any U.S. veteran, regardless of where they served or if they saw combat, is welcome to share their story by participating in an oral history interview and/or bringing photographs, letters, journals, or diaries from their service for preservation. These firsthand accounts will be added to the archives at the Library of Congress, preserving the stories of service and sacrifice for future generations of Americans.

"This year marks 250 years of the greatest country on earth — a country that wouldn't exist without the brave men and women who have defended it with their lives," said Senator Marshall. "Remembering the stories of the veterans who have protected America's freedom and sovereignty is more important now than ever, and I applaud this effort to preserve those stories permanently in the Library of Congress."

Where: Eisenhower Presidential Library (200 S E 4th St., Abilene, KS 67410)
When: Saturday, June 6th, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM - 5 PM

For more information, see the veteran signup at <https://rb.gy/b5mhyr> or reach out to Andrew Huber: (202) 707-1819, ahub@loc.gov.



The Vine

"I am the vine; you're the branches. If you remain in me and I am in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
- John 15:5

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"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
- Galatians 5:22-23

The Vine is a women's group; it will be a place for all women of the community; all are welcome to come!

It will be your time away from home and a place to fellowship with other women.

No daycare is provided at this time, but we encourage you to find someone to watch the kiddos for a hr so you can take time for yourself!

 **KICK OFF: JUNE 7 AT 5:00!**
(TACO NIGHT - WE HAVE SOME WITHOUT SEASONING TOO)

 **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**
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the track field, but also as a teacher in the classroom. His success was the result of his genuine interest in the well-being of the students who walked the halls of Hill City High School. Whether kids played for him or simply took his industrial arts classes, Coach Riley sought to help them achieve their full potential.

"Like so many educators, he cared about his students, and they knew he cared. He freely gave his time to kids who asked to spend an extra hour in the evening shooting hoops or a Sunday afternoon in the spring learning to pole-vault.

"When class projects were due at the end of the school year, he stayed in the woodworking shop late into the evening so his students could apply that last coat of varnish.

"Under his leadership, Coach Riley's team won more than 800 games and 3 State titles--plus another 6 track and field championships--and his students won class projects; they won competitions there.

"In those seasons where there was less success, his expectations for his players remained unchanged. Talent wasn't required to play hard and do the fundamentals well.

"Teaching basketball over decades required him to be a student of the game himself. He would watch KU practice under Ted Owens, Larry Brown, Bill Self and take those ideas home to Hill City from Lawrence. He learned from other peers at coaching clinics and befriended many of them.

"His own work ethic and that of his players would result in him being inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018. But for Coach Riley, personal accolades were far less important than the success of his kids, in high school and beyond.

"Many of his players went on to become teachers and coaches too, no doubt running the same plays they learned from him. His assistant coaches became head coaches and won State titles on their own. Those who pursued other professional paths also credit Coach Riley's impact on their lives.

"For Coach and his wife Merriel, his players were like their boys, in addition to their sons Brian and Geoff both who played for him. Players from his first year as coach still call him to check in, or if they are in town, they drop by his house.

"He has always credited any success to those who played for him. I lived briefly in Hill City shortly after Coach Riley won his second state basketball championship. The Mid-Continent League was known for its football towns, like Smith Center and Plainville and Norton, but under Coach Riley, Hill City was definitely a basketball town. You knew where most of the community would be on Tuesday and Friday nights during the winter.

"While Coach's voice will no longer ring out from the sidelines, the gym in which he spent countless hours teaching kids the game he loves appropriately bears his name. Keith Riley Fieldhouse boasts many State title banners, won over nearly six decades, but his true legacy can be seen in the lives he changed along the way.

"Coach Riley, congratulations on a legendary career, and I wish you and Merriel all the very best in your retirement."
 (https://www.moran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/news-releases?ID=A9BE1EF7-38B0-4CD4-B314-B31B65E94018)

Graham County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026

Commissioner Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the flag salute with Commissioner Crouch, County Deputy Clerk Julie Breinig and Graham County Hospital CEO Jonathan Gleason all present.

Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason

Jonathan stated that the hospital continues working toward implementation requirements for the Rural Health Transformation Program grant. Still waiting to hear back on grant. They are leaning towards KU clinically integrated network; he thinks they will probably join that network. It will put them in a group with 90 facilities around the state to reannotate contracts together, more leverage towards BlueCross. Hopefully the generator will be set up and wired today, then we will call for remote access panel for secondly emergency shut off. Last week was hospital week had a great time. Zoey Wands is waiting on state

to get her license then she will be joining our team of providers, then we will be transitioning into Hospitalist base module, rotating ER Monday through Friday 8-5. During the yearly walkthrough, there was a warranty issue related to the water fountain. It may be caused by the water softener, so we are going to shut the softener off for 30 days to see if that fixes the problem.

New Business

Review of the informational follow-up email from Max Dibble.

Contribution request for Graham County Travel & Tourism's community wide 4th of July Celebration-Red, White & Rural tabled till next week.

Graham County Conservation District, Teri McNeal, Justin Zohner, Ted Nighswonger

Justin presented the 2027 Operations Fund budget for the Conservation District. The State of Kansas has approved Graham County for \$27,500.00 for calendar year 2027. The request before the County Commissioners

is for the remaining \$27,500. Typically, the county matches the funding amount approved by the state. Justin stated that the funding helps support conservation cover, terraces, brush management, grassland health, fencing, grazing management, water wells, and tree and shrub establishment. They hold meetings on the first Wednesday of month they are open to anyone that wants to come. Commissioner Nelson stated they would discuss it with Commissioner Irby and reach out to them.

Graham County Community Development, Jason Luginbill Jason gave Commissioners Nelson and Crouch a briefing regarding the rebate cap for the Graham County Community Development Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The discussion focused on whether the rebate program would encourage interest in new construction and development within the county. Jason stated that he believes the rebates could attract people to

build in Graham County. Information about the program is available in the County Clerk's Office. A public hearing and vote on whether Graham County will move forward with the plan is scheduled for next Tuesday May 26th.

Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Steve Kreutzer

Steve reported they are working on cleaning up trees, big one down around 230th Ave south of river road. Commissioner Nelson stated there was a tree down in his area. Road & Bridge still hauling on 12-mile Road. Commissioner Nelson asked Steve if he could meet on Friday at 9:30 with Stockton Correctional Facility workers, they will look at a cemetery and show them Trexler lake and fairgrounds. He stated County will need to investigate to see if protection wear for the workers is needed if they are able to do the work. Commissioner Crouch asked if Stan Brandyberry Road was taken care of, Steve stated

it was, also he received a call on V road. Steve received a call on it also. There was discussion on new truck purchased from B&E. Steve asked to go into Executive session for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, County Attorney and Deputy Clerk Breinig. The Board entered in executive session at 11:00 a.m. return at 11:10 a.m. No decisions were made.

Graham County EMS/Fire Director, Mickie Helberg Mickie discussed the MPG grant, which is applied for annually to help offset salary expenses. We were awarded the grant again this year in the amount of \$10,441.10. She requested that the Commissioners sign off on the grant paperwork. A resume and bio were required as part of the submission under the new Federal guidelines.

Commissioner Crouch motion to Adjourned the meeting at this time Commissioner Nelson seconded.

HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

It has been another wonderful week at the Hansen Museum, filled with fun visitors and great learning opportunities. We have welcomed many families through our doors recently, and there is nothing we enjoy more than seeing multiple generations exploring, learning, and making memories together.

Many visitors have been enjoying SPECTACLE, the fabulous exhibition from the National Geographic Society. Two groups from the past week especially stand out in my mind. The first was a couple from Hays who happened to be related to one of the photographers featured in the exhibition. Their distant cousin, Robert Clark, has four photographs on display in SPECTACLE. When asked if they knew Robert's work would be included in the exhibition, they said they assumed it would be, as his photographs are frequently published in National Geographic publications.

Coincidentally, later that same week, a family from Phillipsburg spent nearly 30 minutes enjoying one of Robert Clark's photographs featuring an array of colorful confections. Clark described the image as "A rainbow of candy flaunts sugar's innumerable—and irresistible—shapes," and it certainly captured the attention of this family. They began by guessing one another's favorite treats and then turned their visit into a game of I Spy. It was immeasurably fun to watch them interact with the photograph and with each other. Their curiosity, imagination, and enthusiasm were contagious. I especially appreciated the mother's creativity in finding a way to make art come alive for her children. It was a memorable experience for me, and I hope it will be for them as well.

Saturday brought its own sense of joy with the Sew What? Bags class. Much like its entertaining name, in-

structor Pauline Poage brought a fun and relaxed spirit to this creative learning opportunity. Participants worked on patchwork bags while learning both piecing and quilting techniques. Using fusible interfacing, students were able to quilt directly on their home sewing machines with the help of a walking foot attachment.

Three younger girls joined the class, and it was especially heartwarming to see middle school-aged students so excited about sewing. Throughout the day, they thanked Pauline repeatedly for her instruction and assistance. They admired everyone's fabric choices, encouraged fellow classmates, and brought an infectious energy to the room. Their enthusiasm and appreciation made an already enjoyable class even more special.

Moments like these remind us that museums are about more than exhibitions and classes. They are places where families connect, friendships grow, creativity flourishes, and lifelong memories are made. Whether visitors come to admire world-class photography, learn a new skill, or simply spend time together, we are grateful to be part of those experiences and look forward to welcoming many more visitors throughout the summer.

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!



Young sewers from Quinter proudly display the outside of their patchwork bags during the Hansen Museum's recent Sew What? Bags class after completing the piecing portion of the project. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and encouragement of one another helped make the class a memorable and enjoyable learning experience for everyone involved.



The Babcock family of Phillipsburg enjoys a game of I Spy while exploring photographer Robert Clark's colorful image of assorted candies in the Hansen Museum's SPECTACLE exhibition. Their creativity and curiosity turned a work of art into a fun family experience, demonstrating the many ways visitors can engage with the exhibition.

New Kansas State Record for Longnose Gar

PRATT – Kansas has a new state record longnose gar, ending a record that had stood for more than 50 years.

On April 18, 2026, Michael Barnett of Baxter Springs landed a 33.6-pound, 63-inch-long longnose gar while bowfishing the Spring River near Baxter Springs.

Barnett's catch broke the previous Kansas state record longnose gar – a 31.5-pound fish caught in 1974 by Ray Schroeder of Topeka below Perry Reservoir using a rod and reel with a yellow beetle lure.

Fishing with his son, Barnett knew he had encountered an exceptional fish as soon as it surfaced.

"When I saw it come out of the water, I knew it was big," said Barnett. "I had my son put another arrow in to make sure we reeled it in. We weighed it, looked up the state record, and realized it weighed a bit more."

KDWP Game Warden Scott Leamon met with Barnett and helped him through the state record process. District Fisheries Biologist Connor Ossowski later met with Barnett in person to confirm the species identification and measurements.

"It's not every day you get to verify a fish that breaks a state record

that has stood for more than 50 years," said Ossowski. "This was an impressive fish and a great example of the opportunities anglers have in Kansas waters."

Longnose gar are one of Kansas' most unique native fish species, known for their long, narrow snouts filled with sharp teeth. While gar can grow large in Kansas waters, fish of this size are rarely seen.

How State Records are Set

Trophy catches such as these become Kansas State Records if:

- The fish is a species recognized on the current list of Kansas state record fish
- The fish is caught by a licensed angler using legal means
- The fish is identified by a KDWP district fisheries biologist or regional fisheries supervisor
- The fish is weighed on a certified scale prior to being frozen
- The fish is photographed in color and a state record application is submitted
- A mandatory 30-day waiting period has passed

View the complete list of Kansas state record fish at ksoutdoors.gov/record-fish.

If you land a trophy fish that

doesn't break a state record, you may still qualify for a Master Angler Award. Learn more at ksoutdoors.gov/record-fish.

For more on fishing in Kansas, visit ksoutdoors.gov/fishing. (<https://www.ksoutdoors.gov/Home/Components/News/News/34/346>)



Michael Barnett of Baxter Springs landed a 33.6-pound, 63-inch-long longnose gar on April 18, 2026, while fishing the Spring River near Baxter Springs, ending a state record that stood for more than 50 years. Photo contributed by Michael Barnett.

URGENT CALL: Blood and platelet donors needed now

Alarming drop in scheduled donations puts national blood supply under pressure \$15 e-gift card for coming to give June 1-28

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for donors and is counting on people to act now and book a time to give lifesaving blood or platelets. Donors of all blood types are essential in keeping the blood supply strong enough to withstand summer challenges.

Scheduled donations, which account for 90% of all blood donations, have dropped sharply in recent weeks. As a result, the blood supply has fallen by several thousand units in just a week, raising concerns that the decline could worsen as we enter trauma season. This period between Memorial Day and Labor Day brings an increase in severe injuries from car accidents, ATV crashes, sports related injuries and other summer activities. In fact, AAA reports that fatal crashes involving teen drivers rise by 30% during this time, often called the "100 deadliest days." A single person injured in a serious car accident can require up to 100 units of blood.

"For a person suffering from severe bleeding – and the emergency medical responders caring for them – stopping the bleeding and stabilizing them is a race against an unforgiving clock," says Dr. Emily Coberly, medical director for the Red Cross. "Every minute matters. For each minute that passes without blood transfusion, the risk of death increases by 11% for patients suffering from hemorrhagic shock. That's why having a readily available blood supply is critical."

Securing appointments in the coming weeks is critical to maintaining a healthy blood supply for all patients depending on transfusions. Make an appointment to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Donors who come to give blood June 1-28, 2026, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7500 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/June for details.

Summer challenges

A sharp drop in scheduled donations is especially troubling now, during a season when blood collection can be difficult due to end of the school-year activities, travel and school breaks, as well as severe weather and heat that can disrupt blood drives entirely. Large-scale sporting events in the coming months can also add pressure to the blood supply at a time when every donation is crucial.

Now is the time to make and keep blood or platelet donation appointments to ensure blood products are readily available for people living with chronic illness, new mothers, surgery patients and those facing traumatic injuries.

"Every unit of lifesaving blood on an ambulance, emergency medical helicopter or in a hospital didn't get there by accident. It's there because someone rolled up their sleeve to give blood," adds Coberly.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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