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TROOPER BEN MAY BE RETIRED BUT HE IS STILL MAKING SURE WE ARE TAKEN CARE OF

Trooper Ben is known for all of his Social Media post from when he was a Kansas State Trooper. He has now retired but he still makes post keeping the public up to date on current changes in the laws. He posted this update this past week:

"Kansas friends, this is your warning.

That license plate frame on your vehicle may now give law enforcement a legal reason to stop you.

The new #KansasLaw went into effect July 1, 2026, and if your plate frame blocks any required part of your tag, you need to remove it.

Your plate number needs to be visible.

The word Kansas needs to be visible.

Your expiration month needs to be visible.

Your registration decal needs to be visible.

If that frame covers any of it, you could get stopped at any time.

You may not be speeding.

You may not be driving reckless.

You may not be doing anything else wrong.

But that plate frame alone could be enough reason for a traffic stop.

Walk outside today. Look at your tag.

If the frame blocks anything important, take it off."

This update comes from a new Kansas law (Senate Bill 403) making it illegal for any license plate frame, cover, or object to obscure or block the state name, plate number, or registration decal. All required information must be clearly visible and legible from a reasonably safe distance. Violations are misdemeanors subject to fines of up to \$2,500. The legislation was enacted to ensure law enforcement can easily identify plates and registration information, effectively reversing a previous Kansas Supreme Court ruling that barred police from stopping vehicles solely for obscured state names. While the law went into effect on July 1, law enforcement is primarily issuing warnings during an initial grace period. To avoid potential fines or traffic stops, you should inspect your rear license plate to ensure that dealer, collegiate, or decorative frames do not cover the following elements: The plate number, The issuing state name (e.g., "Kansas"), The month of expiration, The color, and numbers on your registration decal. (Courtesy photo and excerpt from Trooper Ben)

NEW PROGRAMS COMING TO CHAPMAN

K-State Extension Chisholm Trail District is offering two new programs in Chapman starting this August and September. Amanda Lindahl, Family and Community Wellness Agent for the district, will be offering Stay Strong, Stay Healthy, an eight-week program designed to build a stronger, healthier you. This strength training class is held twice a week for one hour for a total of 16 sessions. The class is targeted to seniors but open to everyone to increase overall fitness, flexibility, and balance. Build muscle and increase bone density to reduce the risk of falls while meeting new people and having fun. This class will meet at the Chapman United Methodist Church and runs from August 11 through October 8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration is \$10 for program supplies.

In addition to the fitness class, Amanda will offer Med Instead of Meds, a six-session program to support eating the Mediterranean way. This class will help you Go Med by exploring the 7 simple steps to eating the Med Way, including life hacks and recipes. Join K-State Extension for research-based teachings and fresh cooking demonstrations in this interactive program. Classes will be held on Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 19, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapman Senior Center. Registration is \$10 to support program material costs.

These programs are open to all. Please call the Dickinson County Extension office at 785-263-2001 or email Amanda Lindahl, alindahl@ksu.edu, to register for the programs or learn more.



2026 FBLA National Leadership Conference has come to an end. What a special group of HHS students that attended the conference. HHS FBLA earned the honor of Silver Champion Chapter. Our chapter officers worked hard to earn this award. Thank you to Henry Nelson and Isabelle Ecklund for their amazing leadership!

A big part of the conference is to trade pins with other states. This is an opportunity for members to network across the states. This year our very own Isabelle Ecklund designed the pin set that Kansas members traded at the conference. Great job Isabelle! (Courtesy USD 487)



Dr. Rachael Webb, New Superintendent of USD 487, arrived to Herington and took a tour of her new assignment. We are looking forward to working with her.

(Photo Courtesy of USD 487)



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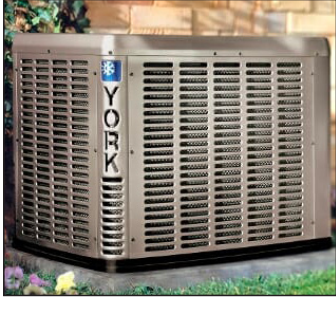


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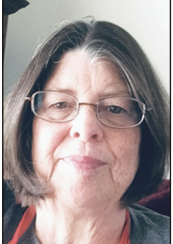
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Today is the day. My tempered glass phone shield is toast. I buy them in packs of three. When I put a new shield in place, my phone feels pristine and safe. Usually, the protection lasts a long time. Sometimes the very edge of the protective cover is chipped quickly by my key, or a drop, or some other minor thing and I know that its time is limited. Once a cover is chipped, little cracks will follow, caused by the tiniest miscalculation. Each crack leads to other chips and soon my fingers are scraping across the broken places as I scroll, and it won't be long until I find little sharp shards. I am thankful these protectors come in packs of three because when cracked this thing that is supposed to protect my phone becomes a liability. It has the promise of protection but is no longer equipped to assure my phone's safety and



THIS DAY
-IN-
THE HERINGTON TIMES

125 years ago – 1901
RECEIVED HIS DIPLOMA – After a thorough examination at the meeting of the State Board of Funeral Directors, C. N. Tufts of this city was presented by the State Board of Health, a diploma which authorizes him to prepare and offer for shipment to all railroads and common carriers the corpses of all persons who have died from contagious disease. Mr. Tufts has made a special study of this branch of undertaking for many years and by close attention to the advanced methods now in use, has succeeded in forging himself to the front ranks of his profession.

100 years ago – 1926
HERINGTON MAN VICTOR – Charlie McMillan, who lives on a farm near town, proved his prowess as a wrestler Monday evening when he twice succeeded in doing what the carnival authorities were willing to bet couldn't be done. In the first and second shows, he wrestled with the professional carnival wrestler and stayed the full time allotted. Altogether, he wrestled the showman to a standstill for twenty-five minutes and took away twenty-five dollars of the carnival's money as the reward. Next Saturday night, the two men will stage a contest that will undoubtedly prove a thriller. They will wrestle for the gate receipts less the carnival's thirty percent.

75 years ago – 1951
HEAVY RAINS SEND LIME CREEK ON RAMPAGE – Torrential rains sent Lime Creek over its banks Monday and Tuesday night. Following a three-inch rain late Monday evening, the swollen stream left

Shattered

I must replace it ASAP. Do you ever hide yourself behind some protective shield, afraid to let down your guard for fear you'll be rejected? I know I do. Often, I have hidden behind some façade, afraid my vulnerabilities might show and I could get hurt. I find many of the things I hide behind are easily breached leaving pointed shards that can inflict pain on all who come too close. The bible contains a book of Psalms, a collection of songs, poems, prayers and other writings. I am comforted by the realness I read there. The palmist(s) pours forth fear, joy, anger, bitterness, and every emotion imaginable and sometime all in the same passage. The writing feels unguarded and yet, when I read, I am comforted. It helps to see pain and fear similar to my own. I also find hope and life in these writings. This hope points to God. Day by day I am learning that I do not have to hide or be shielded from God, because God's love is unconditional. God knows my weakness and all my vulnerabilities and promises me (and all who will come) life abundant.

HERINGTON MAN TAKES ON WRESTLERS

its banks and covered the lowlands through the city. Water spilled over both the Walnut and Main Street bridges and most of the business houses in the area escaped being filled with water to any damaging degree. Homes along Third, Fourth, and Fifth streets had water on the first floor, but the damage was light. Overcast skies and rainfall on Tuesday prompted many of the merchants to elevate their merchandise and at 1:30 Wednesday morning, Lime Creek crested at two inches above the record set on April 30, 1949. A heavy downpour began about 9:15 and within 40 minutes, water was over the Main Street and Walnut Street bridges. Rain continued to fall and at 1:30 on Wednesday morning, Lime Creek was running four to five feet over the Walnut Street bridge, and the water was backed up to the Rock Island tracks.

50 years ago – 1976
PLACE ARTICLES IN BICENTENIAL MONUMENT – Eleanore Rucker and George Kohls, representing the local Historical Society, placed several carefully wrapped items inside two tubes in the Bicentennial Monument in front of the Public Safety Building Friday. The time capsules are to be opened in the year 2076. The small tubes are located under the monument's bronze plaque. The unveiling of the bronze plaque was conducted by Rev. Robert Starburg of the Baptist Church. The monument was constructed by Kenneth Baxter Construction Co. Herington Historical Society & Museum, 800 S. Broadway. Hours: 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. – markcwill1963@gmail.com

VIEW FROM THE HILL- Scott Hill

A Thousand Words that Changed the World

The Monday after the weekend celebration of Independence Day may have been a bit sluggish. For many, the long weekend coupled with celebratory events ran our batteries down. Not everyone celebrated. There is a small minority in our midst who believe tribal skirmishes and third world living conditions are preferable. The rest of us appreciate a world that only can exist because of the progressive economic and political system that these United States pioneered. Yes, I used the word “progressive” to describe the foundation of our country. It was the most progress-enabling change in the history of mankind, and it still is. Our government of, by, and for the people exists because of a bold statement made a quarter of a Millenium ago in a mere 1320 words. If you remember back to your days in school, or if you are still in school, the first time you had to fill a blank paper with a 500-word essay, the task seemed insurmountable. In governmental documents, though, it often takes twice that

many words to define the meaning of the words to be used. When Thomas Jefferson sat down with his quill pen, ink well, and writing parchment, something amazing happened. As you should be aware, a statement about the role of government in people's lives was made that had never been uttered before. Furthermore, the prose was elegant, yet readable. Comprehensive yet succinct. Lofty and powerful, yet resonant with all men.

On a single page of parchment, with room left for fifty-six signatures, Jefferson changed how we as Americans look at government. So, what are these ideas that still resonate today?

1) There is a creator God, who is not the government, and God wants you to have freedom. This idea alone was so treacherous in a society where the monarchy controlled both God and freedom that the signers could be executed for actually stating this.

2) That it is not only the right, but actually the responsibility of people under a government that represses them, to throw off the yoke of an unjust government.

3) Government serves at the consent of the people not the other way around.

4) When a government deprives innocent people of life, liberty, and economic freedom, it is the people's sacred duty to change that government.

5) We need to believe these principles strongly enough to give up our mutually pledged lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to fight the injustice of infringement on these rights.

We live in a world that tends to marginalize the significance of our system of government. Increasingly, socialist, authoritarians, and communists advocate that their ideas are superior. Each of those systems rely on taking away the rights of the governed. I am proud to live in the United States of America where the individual is honored above the collective state. In these five hundred words, I hope I have expressed the importance of committing ourselves to our founding principles.

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Monday, July 13: Baked Ham, AuGratin Potato, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit, Wheat Roll

Tuesday, July 14: Chicken & Noodle Casserole, Pickled Beets, 3 Bean Salad, Seasonal Fruit, Wheat Bread

Wednesday, July 15: Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Mixed Fruit Cup, Wheat Roll

Thursday, July 16: Tuna OR Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread, Pea Salad, Cole Slaw, Seasonal Fruit



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Monday, July 13: Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potato, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Fruit, Roll, Milk

Tuesday, July 14: Chicken & Noodles Casserole, Tomato Slices, Fruit, Roll, Milk

Wednesday, July 15: Liver & Onions/ Hamburg Steak, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Peaches, Roll, Milk

Thursday, July 16: Tuna or Chicken Salad on a Lettuce Leaf, Pea Salad, Sliced Tomato, Fruit, Milk




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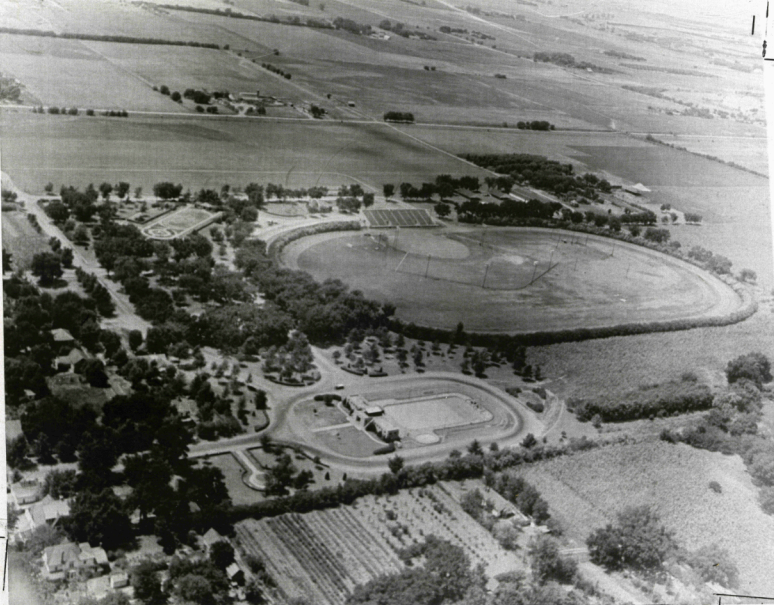
EIGHTY YEARS OF HISTORY

Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo celebrates eight decades of rodeo competition, community entertainment

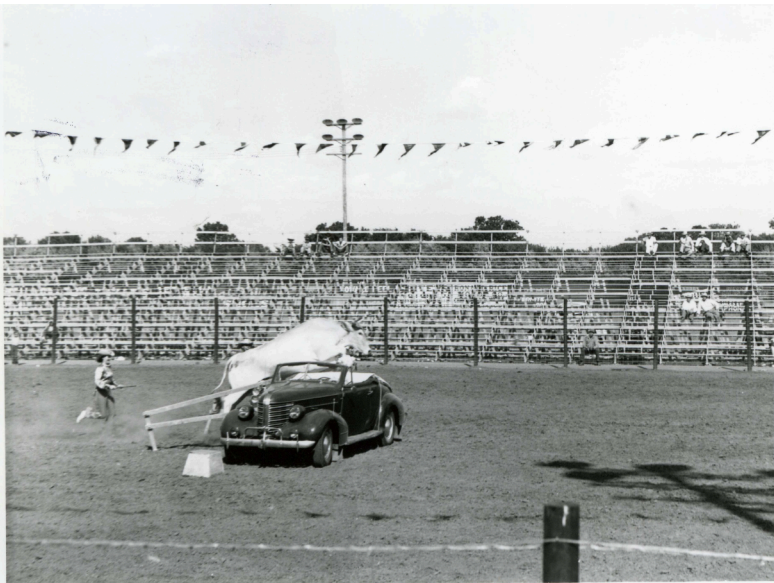
Abilene, Kan. (July 6, 2026) – Gas was seventeen cents a gallon; a bushel of corn brought \$1.53, World War II had just ended, and tickets to the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo were \$1.50.

It was 1946, the first year of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in Abilene, Kansas. This year, the rodeo celebrates its eightieth birthday. It's endured through highs and lows, rebuilding itself, and enduring as long-standing entertainment for the community and surrounding area and as professional competition for cowboys and cowgirls. Held in conjunction with the fair, in its first year it was held for one day, Tuesday, August 6, 1946, at Tom Smith Stadium, with 53 cowboys from 11 states competing. Clyde S. Miller, a well-known rodeo producer, was in charge. Five performances took place, with cowboys competing in bareback riding, bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, and bulldogging (steer wrestling). Each cowboy competed three times over the course of five performances, with the steer wrestlers competing four times. Prize money was a whopping \$4,000, a lot of money at the time, and competition was sanctioned by the Rodeo Cowboys Association, forerunner to the PRCA. Community members got involved. They were asked to “go western for the rodeo,” wearing western attire, but that, for the men, “it is not necessary to grow whiskers,” according to an article in the Abilene Reflector newspaper. A contest was held for the best beard and the most artistically trimmed beard, with first prize for both contests being five dollars! In 1948, rodeo handbills, some including free tickets, were dropped from a courtesy plane “droning” over eight communities. Of the 10,000 handbills dropped, 1,000 of them included the tickets. Bucking horses and bulls in the early days of professional rodeo weren't always bred and born to buck. For Abilene, Bill Miller, son of producer Clyde Miller, purchased a herd of “wild horses” from a Wyoming rancher. Half of the herd had never been ridden; the other half had appeared at Cheyenne Frontier Days before being hauled to Abilene. “These horses,” Bill Miller said, are the herd “upon which many of the nation's top cowpokes will risk injury and even death to win a portion of the prize money.” Early day entertainment at the rodeo included such acts as the “quadrille – cowboys and cowgirls' dance of the range on horseback,” – Charley Shultz and his “bucking Ford,” a Brahma bull pulling a car, trick and fancy riding, and trick and fancy rope spinning. Before the advent of recorded music, rodeos had live bands, and Abilene was no different. The Wild Bill Hickok Cowboy Band, the “pride of Abilene,” was organized in the 1940s and played live music at the rodeo. They also marched in Washington, D.C. in January 1953 for President Eisenhower's first inaugural parade.

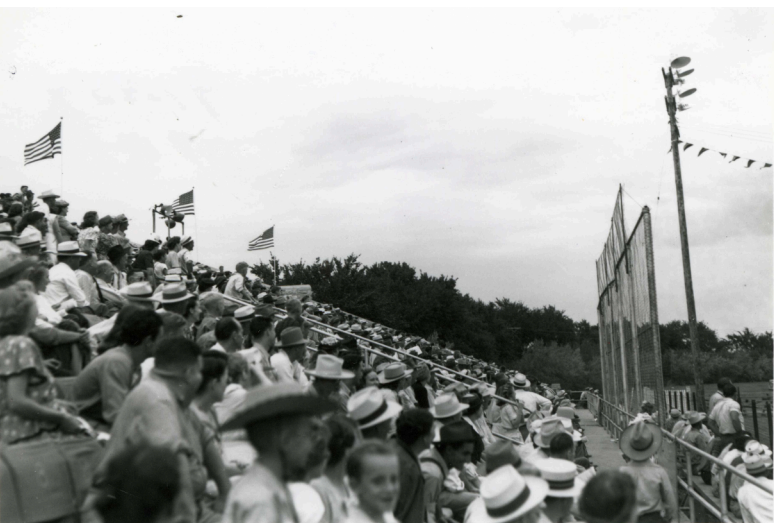
In the 1970s, the rodeo fell into hard times, with low attendance and waning interest. In 1986, a four-member advisory committee was formed, with Kenny Chase, Dan Coup, Sidney Hammond, and Bruce Kogler (Kogler has passed). Hammond still serves on the rodeo committee. They worked to revitalize the rodeo. Their biggest job was to add sponsors to the rodeo (prior to that, the rodeo hadn't had business sponsors). With increased funding, they were able to increase purse money and replace the arena fence. They also started the belt buckle series, an annual buckle that featured a local cowboy or cowgirl. It worked. The rodeo was nominated as one of the PRCA's Top 5 Medium-Size Rodeos of the Year five times (1995, 2001-02, 2010-11.) The rodeo has striven to be one of the best in the state and in the nation, hiring some of the best in the industry. Andrews Rodeo Co., well-known for their bucking bulls and horses, was hired as the stock contractor in 1999. Specialty act entertainment has been top quality acts, like rodeo clown Lecile Harris and specialty acts Leon and Vickie Adams, John Payne, the One Arm Bandit, and trick riders Dusta Kimzey-O'Connell and Melissa Riddle Navarre. Many of the contractors who have worked the Abilene rodeo are in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs. They include former announcers Phil Gardenhire and Hadley Barrett; rodeo clown Lecile Harris; bullfighter Rob Smets; specialty acts Leon and Vicki Adams and Tommy Lucia, all-around cowboys Ken Roberts and Gerald Roberts, and stock contractors Beutler Bros., Mike Cervi, Harry Vold, and the current contractor, Sammy Andrews. Prize money has increased to \$10,000 per event, for a total of \$100,000. The number of contestants has stayed steady, at about 550. And the stands are full of fans, which is the indication of success. “We love to see full grandstands,” said DeLynn Farson, rodeo committee member. “We work hard to make our rodeo the best it can be, and when people come to it, they've voted with their dollar that it's the entertainment they've chosen.” A lot has changed since those early days of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo. But some things don't change. The rodeo has provided a place for cowboys to compete, to earn money, and a place for people to be entertained, to enjoy themselves, and to be reminded of the Old West and the traditions of Abilene. The 80th Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo is July 28-31 in Abilene at the fairgrounds. Performances start at 7:30 pm nightly. Tickets are \$8 for children ages 4-10 and \$12-\$15 for adults. Tickets are available online at WildBillHickokRodeo.com, at West's Country Mart, Lumber House, Pioneer Farm and Supply, and at the gate. For more information, visit the website.



An aerial view of Eisenhower Park and fairgrounds, sometime between 1940s and 1960s. Photo courtesy Dickinson Co. Historical Society.



A bull jumps over a car as part of the entertainment at an early Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo. The rodeo celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. Photo courtesy Dickinson Co. Historical Society.



Fans in the stands at a Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in the 1940s. The first rodeos featured five events. Photo courtesy Dickinson Co. Historical Society.

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THE BIBLE AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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2 Corinthians 3: 17 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”
The word “Creator” in the Declaration of Independence indicates a God/Bible believing people. The parallels to Bible teachings, concepts and people connect the Bible to the Declaration.
King George III ruled Britain in from 1760 until 1820. Many of the early settlers in America from Britain thought of George as the Antichrist. The tyranny and excessive taxation levied against them led those first Americans to rebel against the King and Britain.
When unalienable (sometimes spelled inalienable) rights are held for ransom, people can be expected to rebel. Those rights are those explicitly given by God to every human He has created.
Those rights are considered by many to be “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The statement in the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson clearly defines the American perspective.
“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among those are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”
God created man “In His own Image” (Genesis 1: 27) to be free; to have freedom of choice and freedom to pursue the lifestyle he desires. He did of course, in the Holy Bible give mankind guidelines to live by but within those limitations/commandments, He made

man free.
God gave Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden freedom. One of those freedoms was the freedom to sin just as He has given mankind the freedom to sin and He knew we would. He then planted the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God had a plan.
Isaiah 5: 20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! God destroyed all life on earth (Genesis 7) and Sodom (Genesis 19) for the same actions/sins that America is not only approving but promoting in today's society.
The Declaration of Independence; adopted July 4 th , 1776 and signed August 2, 1776, set a course for America for these last 250 years. That course has been perverted but we do have a future.
While the Declaration does not specifically mention the Holy Bible, it does refer to “The Creator;” This appears to be a monotheistic attitude and a reference to the ensuing freedom of religion and basic other human rights.
People leaving Ireland, England and other European countries has been compared with the exodus from Egypt in the Book of Exodus. To escape the oppressive Egyptian Pharaoh, God sent Moses and his brother Aaron to lead the Hebrews from Egypt. Certain American revolutionaries led the occupants of this new land to freedom from King George just as Joshua led the Israelites to victory over the Canaanites.

The oppression by the King could not be tolerated. At times, war is the only and final solution. Freedom is precious and sacred. It must be protected and at times that means it must be fought for.
King Saul in 1 Samuel was an evil king. 1 Samuel 15: 11 God said “It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments.”
King George did not regard those that had left Europe for the new world as worthy of anything but his scorn. That included oppression, intimidation and taxation. Comparing him to Saul seems to be a fair comparison.
A statement from Leviticus 25: 11 is “proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” Those words are emblazoned on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Those words and the bell are symbols of our free land and our determination to keep America free.
Galatians 3: 28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Freedom and opportunity are rights of any American. Discrimination must not exist because of wealth (or lack of), race or gender. Our differences can be our strength or our demise. If we allow ourselves to be separated over our differences, perhaps we deserve to perish.
Proverbs 22: 2 “The rich and the poor meet together’ the Lord is the maker of them all.” Our Declaration

of Independence does not provide for any differences in the governing of the people.
Acts 10: 34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.” The founding fathers honored God in the document; the Declaration of Independence.
The Declaration and the Bible share concepts, philosophies, human rights and divine justice. All in all, we can trace our way of life, our freedoms and liberties to the Holy Bible.
If we consider the teachings of God and the history of the world, specifically America, we can clearly see America exists for a divine purpose. The only way to accomplish that purpose is to return to our Creator in confession and repentance.
John 3: 16 is also a declaration and a statement of freedom from sin. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).
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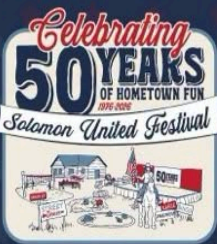
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Seelye Mansion to Host America 250 Celebration on July 25

ABILENE, KAN. -- As America prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday, the historic Seelye Mansion will host a special community celebration honoring the nation's history and the Seelye family's longstanding connection to it.

The Seelye Mansion's America 250 Celebration will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, on the grounds of the Seelye Mansion in Abilene. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be held on Sunday, July 26, during the same hours.

The event commemorates both the 250th anniversary of the United States and the Seelye family's deep roots in American history. The Seelye family first arrived in America in 1630 under orders from the King of England to help establish colonies in the New World. During the Revolutionary War, at least 85 family members served in support of the nation's fight for independence.

The Seelye Mansion also has strong ties to America's military history. During World War I and World War II, the home welcomed servicemen stationed throughout Kansas. Mansion guest books contain more than 800 entries from military visitors between 1942 and 1945, including servicemen from Fort Riley, the Smoky Hill Army Air Base in Salina, and other military installations. Guests attending the celebration will enjoy an evening of food, music, and family-friendly activities on the mansion grounds. Barbecue will be available for purchase from Rackets Tap House, with additional offerings from the Wanderlust food truck. Live music will be provided by The Fiddlers, and activities will include a watermelon feed, cornhole, and other lawn games.

As a special keepsake, all guests will receive a complimentary souvenir postcard featuring a painting of the Seelye Mansion created by local artist Heather Katrinia.

A tent will be available on-site, and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for additional comfort while enjoying the festivities.

"America's story is made up of millions of individual stories, and the Seelye Mansion is fortunate to preserve a small piece of that history," said Seelye Mansion caretaker Terry Tietjens. "We look forward to welcoming friends, neighbors, and visitors for an evening of fellowship, history, and celebration."

The Seelye Mansion America 250 Celebration is supported in part by a Dickinson County Celebrates America 250 Community Grant Program, which assists local organizations in creating projects and events that commemorate America's 250th anniversary and highlight the people, places, and stories that have shaped our nation.

For more information about the Seelye Mansion or the America 250 Celebration, contact the Seelye Mansion at (785) 263-1084.

About Seelye Mansion

Built in 1905, the Seelye Mansion is one of Kansas' most remarkable historic homes and a Kansas Eight Wonders of Architecture winner. The mansion features original furnishings, Edison light fixtures, a bowling alley from the 1904 World's Fair, and thousands of artifacts preserved from the Seelye family's era. Today, it welcomes visitors from across the country seeking an authentic glimpse into early 20th-century life.



Several members of the Abilene Daughters of the American Revolution had the honor of attending a Naturalization Ceremony. It was held on Wednesday, July 1, at the Eisenhower Library. There were fifty-three applicants from twenty countries taking the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to become a United States Citizen.

Mary Jean Eisenhower gave remarks, including a quote by Jimmy Carter, that “We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearning, different hopes, different dreams”. She also presented each new citizen with an American Flag.

After the ceremony concluded. The Abilene DAR members handed out The Constitution of the United States booklets to some of the new citizens. Printed in the booklet was The Constitution and The Declaration of Independence.

Picture L-R
Abilene DAR Members attending: Susan Bettles, Connie Cooper, Mary Jean Eisenhower, April Barker, Leesa Hettenbach, Judy Lynn, and Susanne Anderson.

Kansas courts launch new filing portal to request expungement of past eviction cases
TOPEKA—People who’ve gone through an eviction case now have access to an online resource to request that the eviction be removed, or expunged, from the court record if certain criteria are met. The Kansas judicial branch launched the new Eviction Expungement Portal on July 1. It allows people who are not represented by an attorney to file electronically to request the record of their eviction be removed if they meet certain qualifications under law. Using the portal, a person can file a court motion to remove the record and submit a return of service to show the motion was served on the plaintiff in the case. The plaintiff has 30 days after the motion is delivered to them to file an objection with the court. The portal walks the person through finding their eviction case and filing

the motion to have the record of it removed. The portal also collects information that it uses to generate forms. After the person submits the necessary forms through the portal, the documents are sent to the appropriate district court for filing in their eviction case. The portal also connects the filer with forms created by the Kansas Judicial Council to help with the process. If a person is represented by an attorney, their attorney would file the motion through the Kansas Courts eFiling system. During the 2026 session, the Kansas Legislature passed 2026 Substitute for House Bill 2357. The bill created the option for someone to request that an eviction be removed from the court record and required that an electronic process be available for submitting that request.

Regular Meeting
June 2, 2026
6:00 p.m.
The Herington City Commission met at the above date and time in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Eric Gares, Commissioner Robbin Bell, Commissioner Cynthia Naylor and Commissioner Larry Mann. Also in attendance were Interim City Manager Megan Lawrenz, Chanda Bayes, Rhonda Rice, Corkie Dunlap, Lisa Schlesener, Fire Chief Avantagiato, Cody Oswald, Debi Urbanek and Carl Urbanek.
The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Gares called the meeting to order.
Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the as written, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Motion carried 4-0.
Public Forum – Herington revitalization reported on fundrais-

ing for the band stand. Will be holding a raffle, area business have been donating baskets for the fundraiser. More information to come.
Consent Agenda – Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:
May 19, 2026, Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 4-0.
Proclamations and Announcements
• KSN Summer Road Trip – June 19 from 1:45 to 2:45 down at Father Padilla Park – Watch Website and Social Media for List of Events – City is cooking Hot Dogs and we are offering free admission to the pool that day!
Department Head Updates- See attached reports
a. Fire Department
b. Code Department
c. Public Works
Discuss and Action – Resolu-

tion in the Next Sequential Order – Commissioner Mann made a motion GRANTING TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5-604 ET. SEQ. OF THE HERINGTON CITY CODE, REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS – Fireworks show July 11th, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm on the soccer fields at 700 S Broadway.
Commissioner Naylor Seconded, motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.
Discuss and Action – Ordinance in the Next Sequential Order – Mayor Gares made a motion for AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER VII, ARTICLE 7, SECTION 722 IN ITS ENTIRETY EFFECTIVE

JUNE 15, 2026, REGULATING MONTHLY CHARGED PER DWELLING UNIT FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE UTILITY, AND REPEALING ANY OTHER CURRENT ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith. Commissioner Bell seconded, motion carried 4-0.
Discuss and Action - Approve Counter Offer for 100 E Helen – Commissioner Mann: We need to see if the buyer will pay the realtor fee & closing costs. Commissioner Bell: Would like to see us get our money back when we sell the Hospital. Commissioner Naylor: We should get rid of the hospital as soon as possible.
Mayor Gares made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann and carried 4-0.
Review and Designate Signer for Railroad Documents – Commissioner Mann made a motion

to designate the interim City Manager to sign on the city’s behalf. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell and the motion carried 4-0.
Update on City Manager Search – June 17 interviews in executive session at 4:00.
Interim City Manager Comments – We have 4 people running for commission.
Mayor and Commissioner CommentsMayor Gares: Good Luck Commissioner Mann: Do we have an update on selling land at the lake?
Commissioner Bell: Do we have update on grants?
Commissioner Naylor: Can we get a trail head update?
Announcement: Cops & Bobbers on Saturday. There will be hide and seek this weekend so be careful.
Commissioner Mann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by commissioner Bell and carried 4-0.

Regular Meeting
June 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.
The Herington City Commission met on the above date and time in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. In attendance were Mayor Eric Gares Commissioner Cynthia Naylor, Commissioner Robbin Bell, Commissioner Dalton Scarff and Commissioner Larry Mann. Also in attendance were Interim City Manager Megan Lawrenz, City Attorney Brad Jantz, Assistant City Clerk Marcus Hawkes, Public Works Director Cody Oswald, Chief of Police Chad Langley, Fire Chief Andrew Avantagiato, Rhonda Rice, Lisa Schlesener, Gerard Horejsi, Ashley Horejsi, Garret Nordstrom, Natalie Muruato, Debi Urbanek and Carl Urbanek.
Approval of Agenda- Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the agenda with the subtraction of A- June 2, 2026, Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes in the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Naylor. Motion carried 5-0.
Public Forum- None
Consent Agenda – Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, May 26, 2026, Special City Commission Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2026, Library Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Naylor. Motion carried 5-0.
Announcements-KSN Summer Road Trip – June 19 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm down at Father Padilla Park– Watch Website and social media for List of Events – City and Atmos are cooking hot dogs and we are offering free admission to the pool that day!
Department Head UpdatesPolice Department- Police Chief Chad Langley presented for the month of May there were 197 to-

tal service calls, 62 Traffic stops and 4 arrests. The newest officer is in the final phase of training and will be on his own by next meeting. The department is working through and doing well with the scheduling of officer’s work time.
Driving Dickinson County Discussion with Natalie Muruato – 2027 Partnership. Natalie Muruato is visiting all the government entities and is putting forth a request for continued support in their 2027 budget. She shared she has been able to help 1 new and 2 existing businesses. One of them being social media help for La Isla Mexican Restaurant. She will be helping Herington get a housing assessment survey completed. This will help for future funding programs. There have been three community connection events she has attended, and she values meeting the people. She also plans on helping with grant writing in the future to help the City of Herington through her role.
Discussion with Gerard Horejsi and Ashley Horejsi – Car Shop and Tattoo Shop – Lot 4 on Commercial Drive- Gerard Horejsi and Ashley Horejsi presented and took questions regarding a planned car shop and tattoo parlor on Commercial Drive.
Executive Session – Mayor Gares made a motion that the Herington City Commission recess into Executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 78-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an Attorney in regards to attorney-client privileges to include the following: Governing Body, City Attorney and Interim City Manager, Gerard Horejsi and Ashley Horejsi with the open meeting to resume at 6:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 5-0. The regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

Discuss and Action – Resolution in the Next Sequential Order – A RESOLUTION ASSURING THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE CONTINUALLY PROVIDED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SYSTEM TO BE FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Garret Nordstrom of Governmental Assistance Services spoke about the lake project. It will be going in on Saturday. The following resolutions are needed to move forward with the process. The first is a resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce the City of Herington will fund continued maintenance for the project at a cost of approximately \$2,000 per year. It is not an auditable type of sum. Mayor Gares made a motion to approve the resolution in next sequential order
RESOLUTION 1026 ASSURING THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE CONTINUALLY PROVIDED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK SYSTEM TO BE FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS and authorize the mayor’s signature, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 5-0.
Discuss and Action – Resolution in the Next Sequential Order - RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE KANSAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR/COMMISSIONER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION. Garret Nordstrom of Govern-

mental Assistance Services explained that the second resolution is one that certifies the City of Herington is a municipality and has the authority eligible to apply for this funding. The applicant will commit \$41,910 match and a letter to be signed by the mayor to commit that sum in cash until we decide if there is another funding option. Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the resolution in next sequential order
RESOLUTION 1027 CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE 2026 KANSAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR/COMMISSIONER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 5-0.
Discuss and Action – Purchase of mower from Prairie Land Partners for \$16,889.42. Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the purchase of a mower from Prairie Land Partners in an amount not to exceed \$17,000, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Motion carried 5-0.
Executive Session – Mayor Gares made a motion that the Herington City Commission recess into Executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 78-4319(b)(2) for consultation with an Attorney on matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for contract negotiations to include the following: Governing Body, City Attorney and Interim City Manager with the open meeting to resume at 7:05pm, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Motion carried 5-0. The regular meeting resumed with no action taken.
Update on City Manager Search- Interviews start at

4:00pm June 17th.
Interim City Manager Comments- Interim City Manager Megan Lawrenz would like to encourage everyone to come to the Summer Shindig at the pool and Father Padilla Pond. Thank you to all the city workers for working hard through the weather and clean-up.
Mayor and Commissioner CommentsCommissioner Scarff- None Commissioner Mann- He has had a lot of people comment on how well the city workers and community members worked during the weather. The park is looking good.
Commissioner Bell- Do we need to set up a meeting to discuss the old airport hanger that blew down and the new hanger? What is the status of the lot on 5th Street? City Attorney Brad Jantz said he has ran into some trouble with the title and liens associated with it. More work is needed. I propose offering the city property to Clark Lumber for \$1 plus closing costs. Thank you to all the city workers for the work surrounding the storm.
Commissioner Naylor- Any updates on the Trail? Interim City Manager Megan Lawrenz said there are none.
Mayor Gares- I hope to see everyone Friday at the park. Thank you to all the city workers during the storm and the clean-up.
Adjournment – Commissioner Mann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 5-0.

Marcus Hawkes, Assistant City Clerk



Chocolate chip bundt cake tastes a lot like a chocolate chip cookie in cake form.

Chocolate chips kick major bundt Note: This column first ran on Aug. 1, 2013. Lindsey spent last week hanging out with some awesome 8 year olds at camp, keeping her out of the kitchen and in dire need of a nap. She'll be back with something new next week. I often find that, for me at least, baking is an exercise in self discovery. This week, my new discovery was that I absolutely hate trying to grease and flour a silicone bundt pan. I've never felt like I was on a hidden camera show in my kitchen more than I did when I wrestled with that darn pan. I'm pretty sure there was more flour on me than there was in my pan. I've heard that you can get away with not greasing and flouring a silicone pan, but after taking the

have to dirty one bowl in the quest to make whatever recipe they feature. I changed up the recipe in several spots from theirs, so if you'd like to see how they made this, go to <http://www.serious-eats.com/recipes/2013/07/one-bowl-chocolate-chipbundt-cake-recipe.html>.
Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake
Ingredients
16 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs
1 1/4 cups sour cream
2 tablespoons vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour, sifted twice (or use cake flour)
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 plus 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
Directions

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time to put together a recipe, I haven't ever been brave enough to not do it, just in case. The good news, though, is that my wrestling match with my bundt pan was definitely worth it, because I got a delicious chocolate chip bundt cake out of the deal (not a bad trade off). This week's recipe comes from a series of "one bowl" recipes that the website "Serious Eats" has been publishing. Their goal is that you will only

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees, with your rack in the middle position. Cream together the butter, brown sugar and salt. Add the eggs one at a time, stirring until just incorporated after each addition. Add the sour cream and vanilla and stir to incorporate. Add the flour, baking powder and baking soda, and stir until it's just beginning to be incorporated, and then add your chocolate chips and continue stirring until all the ingredients are mixed together well. Spoon the batter into a greased and floured nine-inch bundt pan.

Bake for 40 to 50 minutes until the cake is set (You won't be able to use the toothpick method; just remove it when the cake looks pretty done on top. I ended up having to leave mine in for an hour, but that might have been due to my silicone pan). Remove the cake from the oven and let it cool for 45 minutes so that it can finish setting up, then invert it onto your serving dish. If you like chocolate chip cookies (is there anyone who doesn't?), you'll really like this bundt cake, because it's basically a cookie in cake form. This really doesn't need it, but if you want to add a glaze to this, try combining a cup and a quarter of powdered sugar with three tablespoons of milk, and drizzle it over top. That will add a light, sugary coating to finish it off. I hope your bundt cake pan experience is more positive than mine, but to be honest, I'll probably still make this again. It was too good not to. Who knows? Maybe I'll

Prairie Doc Perspective

"Finding Balance in a World That Never Stops"
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Finding Balance in a World That Never Stops
Stress surrounds us every day. We experience it in our personal lives, at work, in our relationships, and through the constant stream of information from the news and social media. We live in a world of endless notifications, growing expectations, and competing demands that pull us in multiple directions at once. We are often expected to be constantly available and do more than our time and energy allow. However, our body and brain were not designed to handle this level of continuous stress and demand. As a result, many people struggle to maintain balance, manage stress effectively, and protect their overall well-being. In healthy amounts, stress can be beneficial. It can motivate us to try new things, work toward our goals, and overcome challenges. Our bodies and brains are designed to respond to stress by addressing a stressor and then returning to a state of balance and recovery. However, when stress becomes constant or overwhelming, the body may struggle to return to this balanced state. Instead, it can remain in a prolonged state of stress,

which may have lasting effects on both physical and mental health, as well as overall quality of life. In a world of constant news, social media, and other sources of stress, it is important to be intentional about disconnecting from these influences and reconnecting with the habits and practices that support overall well-being. One framework for achieving balance is the eight dimensions of wellness identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, environmental, financial, occupational, and social wellness. By supporting each of these dimensions, individuals can build resilience, manage stress more effectively, and improve their overall quality of life. Wellness is about creating balance between different areas of life. Being mindful of the dimensions of wellness can help you better understand where you are thriving and where you may need additional support. Taking time to reflect on each dimension individually by asking yourself what is going well and what feels challenging can provide valuable insight into your overall well-being. The

dimensions of wellness are interconnected, and challenges in one area can impact other areas. For example, occupational stress may influence emotional wellness, while financial concerns can impact social relationships and physical health. Regularly checking in with the dimensions of wellness can help you better understand what your mind and body need in a given moment. If you identify an area where you are struggling, consider what actions or resources might be helpful. Writing down specific, achievable steps can be an effective way to address your needs and restore a greater sense of balance. Stress is a natural part of life, and it is not something we can eliminate completely. However, we can take intentional steps to care for ourselves while navigating life's challenges. The eight dimensions of wellness provide a practical framework for understanding our needs and identifying areas that may require additional attention.

Wellness is not about achieving perfection in every area of life. Instead, it is an ongoing process of self-

awareness and growth. By making small, consistent choices that support our well-being, we can build resilience, find greater balance, and feel better equipped to meet the demands of everyday life

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Coaching Vacancies

Chapman Middle School is looking to hire the following positions for the 2026-27 school year:

- CMS Ass't Volleyball
- CMS Head Girls Basketball
- CMS Head Boys Basketball
- CMS Ass't Boys Basketball

Interested applicants should email the Athletic Director, Clint Merritt - cmerritt@usd473.net.

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Fall Sports Begins 8/17/26.

Chapman High School offers the following:
G/B Cross Country - V/JV
Football - V/JV
Girls Tennis - V/JV
Volleyball - V/JV/C

Chapman MS School offers the following:
G/B Cross Country - 7th/8th
Football - 7th/8th
Volleyball - 8A/8A and 7A/7B

Look for Registration information once USD 473 Enrollment opens. Questions should be emailed to the Athletic Director, Clint Merritt - cmerritt@usd473.net.