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Specials

Monday, July 6: BBQ
Meatballs, Cheesy
Potatoes, Roasted Carrots,
Orange Jello Salad
Thursday, July 9: Meatball
Sub, Chicken Club Wrap,
Caesar Salad,
Cheesecake Fruit Salad



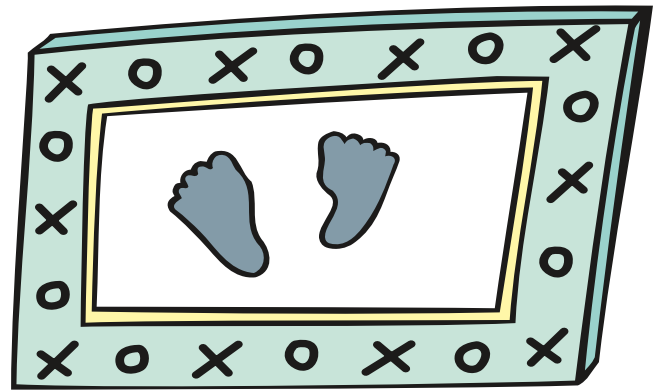
Rain totals

Graham County
has received 1.03"
of rain this past
week according to
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Welcome to the
World!

Bo Alan Kelley made an exciting arrival in Thomas County on June 23rd at 8:50 am. He weighed 7 lbs 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Braelyn and Brent Kelley II. He has one proud sister, Elly Kelley.



State Champ -
Again!

Hill City senior, Vincent Zohner, won the 1A boys discus at last month's KSHSAA State Track Meet. His winning throw of 178- 6 sets a new HCHS record in the discus and was the best mark of the weekend. He also placed 6th in the javelin. His season's best of 178-6 in the discus and 197-10 in the javelin ranked the #9 and #10, respectively, in all classes this year in Kansas.



Traveling Exhibit in Historic Nicodemus

Last Month to Visit

Do you know what's in America's founding document? We're now down to the final weeks to experience a special traveling exhibit in Historic Nicodemus. The exhibit, "Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy," is currently on display at the Township Hall—but only through July 12th. This powerful exhibition marks the

250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and explores how its ideas have inspired movements for democracy, equality, self-determination, and freedom around the world. It also features a special panel highlighting Kansas in 1776. Historic Nicodemus also reflects the lasting legacy of those ideals. Founded in 1877 as an all-Black town, Nicodemus represents the

lived pursuit of opportunity, dignity, and self-determination rooted in the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Visitors are encouraged to take advantage of this limited-time opportunity to experience the exhibit before it leaves on July 12th. This exhibit was created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and is presented in Kansas by Humanities Kansas.

Summer League Volleyball



Red team: These girls ended their volleyball summer league season with 3rd place in the A bracket. They went in undefeated and had a tough first match but they dusted themselves off and came back to get 3rd. They have some pretty stellar 8th graders leading the way. Thank you so much to their coaches for all their time and dedication to these girls!



Blue team: The ringneck JV squad is now 8-0 in the Hays summer league. The tournament will be July 5th.

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Minions & Monsters

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COMEDY/ADVENTURE - 1 HR 29 MIN

The story takes place in 1920s Hollywood, where a new group of Minions—James, Henry, and Ed—seek to make a monster movie of their own. They accidentally summon and befriend a Lovecraftian creature named Irene and other monsters to cast as villains. However, their plan goes awry, unleashing a horde of monsters that threaten the planet. The Minions must band together to stop the chaos they caused while navigating the early days of Hollywood filmmaking

July 5 6pm

July 11 7pm | July 12 6pm

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

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GRAHAM COUNTY'S PAST

IN PRINTER'S INK

VERA FISCHER, GH CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

125 years ago - June 27, 1901

The People's Revelle

Last Tuesday night the prisoners confined in our jail decided to take French leave of our officers and, evidently, with outside assistance, succeeded in prying off one of the cross bars of a cell, and twisting off the bars to an outside window, breathed the “fresh air” of the night and made good their escape. Some think an acid was used, and with pinchers and sledge, the cross bar easily gave way. It does not seem to have been cut but rather twisted. No trace of them has been found and it is thought they have made good their escape.

100 years ago - July 1, 1926

The Reveille New Era

O.B. Kackley, Chas Emmons, Otis Cutting and Olive Kackley composed a merry party that journeyed to Norton last Thursday night to witness the play put on by the Ted North Company and visit a short time with O.B.'s daughter, Ruth Kackley Edwards, one of the leading ladies of the troupe.

75 years ago - June 28, 1951

The Hill City Times

The Morland Locker Plant and the Ludlow Hardware were destroyed by fire last Thursday night at Morland. The entire business block on the south side of Main Street was threatened by the flames until a heavy rain finally subdued the fire. The ruins were still smoldering Monday.

50 Years ago - July 1, 1976

The Hill City Times

Hill City residents are reminded that tests of the tornado alert whistle system will be conducted the first and third Monday evening of each month. The tests are being held at the request of the City Council. The first test of the whistle will be next Monday evening, July 5, and will consist of a steady blast of the whistle for a period of three to five minutes. Subsequent tests of the whistle will also be at 7:30 P.M. on the designated evenings.

25 Years ago - June 27, 2001

The Hill City Times

There is a representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group in your county. The NWLEPG is the environmental section of your County Health Department. Your county offers a FREE well evaluation including testing the well water for bacteria and nitrates. If you would like to schedule a well evaluation and water sample or have questions on septic systems, wells or other environmental concerns, please call your County Health Department or the NWLEPG at 785-421-2769.

Prairie Trails Golf Course News

One-Man Mulligan PTGC Tournament

by Bob Dombroski

Twenty-nine players participated (and increase of 10 players from 2025) on a breezy but comfortable day at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City during the annual One-Man Mulligan tournament on Saturday, June 20. One “Mulligan” (a “do-over,” or second try after the first has gone awry) was allowed per hole making for some low scores as each entrant played their own ball for eighteen holes. Depending on age resulted in what tee boxes were used for each competitor.

Championship Flight Results: 1st Place, Mike Davignon, Tate Dowell, 64; 2nd Place, Noah Fry, 65; 3rd Place, Brady Jones, 66; Todd Ashbaugh and Darin Keyser, 69; Aaron Moss and Cooper Bagley, 70; Dustin Breese and Tate Reynolds, 71.

First Flight Results: Tie for 1st & 2nd Place, Doran Zeigler, Don Newell, 73; 3rd Place, J. Slattery, 74; Bob Dombroski and Brad Coats, 75; Chuck Crook, 76; Jim Coats, 77; Daryl Worcester and Colin Hein, 79.

2nd Flight Results: Tie for 1st & 2nd Place, Mike Davignon, Tate W., 81; 3rd Place, Brady Breese, 84; Monty Long, 86; Cole, 87; Dalton Magnanie, 89; Mingo G. And Fred Owen, 90; J. Wright, 91; Rex S. 93.

Flag Prizes: Hole No. 2 Closest to Pin, Brady Jones; Hole No. 5, Long Putt, Mike Davignon; Hole No. 6, Closest to Pin, Dustin Breese; Hole No. 9, Long Putt, Colin Hein.

The next event for PTGC will be a Two Couple Scramble on Saturday, July 18. Contact Todd Ashbaugh, 620-897-7654 or Nate Budig, 785-743-8070 to enter your team.

6 Birdies Help Winners

by Bob Dombroski

Eighteen individuals participated during Men's Tuesday Night Golf at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City on June 23. The first-place team consisting of Cooper Bagley, Don Newell and Chris Normandin recorded six birdies and three pars on their way to a score of 29 outdistancing the second-place team by three strokes. Shooting a 32 were Chris Orr, Fred Owen and Jim Baldwin. Writing down a 33 on the scorecard was Brent Kelley, Noah Fry and Derek Keith.

Austin Rivera, Cole Kirschner and Monty Long played one-over par at 36 as well as Cameron Atkins, Shay Simoneau and Michael Otta. (One team failed to turn in a scorecard.)

Derek Keith's putter was working well, helping him win two flag prizes for longest putt on Hole No. 5 & 9. Keith gathered a total of \$20 cash from Outdoor Bank and The First State Bank.

Eric Pfeifer was closest to the pin on Hole No. 2 and received a gift certificate from 2 Lane Liquor. Cooper Bagley was closest to the pin on Hole No. 6 and won a gift certificate from Six Pack Liquor LLC.

Men's Tuesday Night Golf will continue each week during the golf season. Sign up at 5:45 PM. Play begins at 6 PM.

Wrestling Pool party

What an incredible way to wrap up the season!

What a perfect day celebrating an amazing group of athletes and families! Thank you to everyone who came out to our end-of-season pool party and BBQ. Watching the kids laugh, swim, play, and simply enjoy being together reminded us that wrestling is about so much more than what happens on the mat.

Wrestling is a family sport. From the tiny novice wrestler stepping onto the mat for the very first time to the senior who will wrestle their final match this season, every athlete is part of something bigger. We celebrate the first wins, the tough losses, the long practices, the countless miles, and every moment in between. This sport has a way of bringing people together, and once you're part of the wrestling family, you'll always have a place in it.

A huge thank you to our coaches for the hours of dedication, patience, encouragement, and leadership you pour into these kids. The lessons you teach go far beyond wrestling. You help build confidence, grit, respect, and character that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to our parents and volunteers for every practice, tournament, concession shift, fundraiser, meal, ride, and word of encouragement. None of this would be possible without your support.

And to our wrestlers, thank you for giving it your all every time you stepped on the mat. We are proud of each and every one of you.

Here's to another unforgettable season, lifelong friendships, and the family we've built together. We can't wait to see what next season brings!

Once a wrestling family, always a wrestling family.

Alive & Thriving in 2026

Honor a Veteran • Support Homecoming

As we prepare for the 148th Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration (NHEC), we invite families to take part in a meaningful opportunity to honor the veterans who have served our country.

This year, as we celebrate America 250, the Nicodemus Historical Society will dedicate the new Veterans Memorial Site following the parade. In conjunction with this milestone, we are offering a special way to recognize soldiers, veterans, and service members from our families and community.

Veteran Sponsorship Opportunity

For a \$100 sponsorship, your veteran's name will be displayed on the 2026 Homecoming stage backdrop—a lasting tribute to their service and a meaningful contribution supporting a celebration that has united generations for nearly 150 years.

Homecoming is more than an event—it is a family reunion where descendants gather to celebrate heritage, history, and the legacy of emancipation. Generations reconnect, share stories, honor ancestors, and preserve traditions. Your sponsorship helps ensure these memories and traditions continue for future generations in Historic Nicodemus.

- Honor a Veteran.
- Support Homecoming.
- Celebrate America 250.
- Sponsor a Veteran or Family Name

To contribute, please visit the Sponsor section of our website. Donations may be made by check (preferred to avoid processing fees) or online.

Please include the veteran or family name exactly as you would like it displayed on the stage backdrop.

Sponsor Link: <https://www.nicodemushomecoming.org/nicodemus-kansas-homecoming-sponsors>

Deadline: July 6

In partnership with the Nicodemus National Historic Site, we invite you to celebrate America 250 while honoring veterans, cherishing freedom, and preserving history.

Please share and help spread the word.

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Obituary

Suzanne E. Donnelly
Nov. 22, 1957 - June 24, 2026

Suzanne E. Donnelly, 68, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away at home on June 24, 2026.

Born November 22, 1957, in Rome, New York, Suzanne was the daughter of James and Sally Donnelly. Graduating from Hill City High School in 1976, she dedicated her career to educa-

tion, earning a master's degree from the University of Southern California and specializing in teaching English language learners. During her career, she taught in the United States and abroad, including in Shanghai, China, and Kabul, Afghanistan, before retiring from USD 501 in Topeka.

Suzanne is survived by her siblings, Kathleen, Mary, James, Michael, and Marguerite. She was preceded in death by her parents

and her brother, Gary. Suzanne was a devoted Christian. It brings us peace, knowing that she is at rest in her Lord's arms.

A celebration of Suzanne's life will be held at a later date.

Cards and letters may be sent to her brother, Michael Donnelly, 2909 Whitmore Dr., Lawrence, KS 66046.

Suzanne will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends, colleagues, and all who knew her.



Puppy love

Puppies + elders = pure happiness. Our halls were filled with wagging tails, happy hearts, and smiles so big they could probably be seen from space. The puppies may have come to visit our elders... but we're pretty sure the puppies left feeling just as loved.

There were belly rubs, puppy kisses, plenty of "Who's the goodest boy?!" debates, and enough cuddles to last a lifetime. For a little while, worries disappeared, laughter took over, and everyone—two-legged and four-legged—made a few new best friends.

Some days, all it takes is a handful of puppies to remind us that the best medicine has four paws and a wagging tail.

Warning: Side effects may include excessive smiling, spontaneous baby talk to puppies, and an overwhelming desire to take one home.

Commission Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

Commissioner Irby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the flag salute with Commissioner Irby, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Crouch, County Clerk Kendra Robinson, Deputy Appraiser Robyn Steinmetz & Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason all present.

Graham County Hospital CEO, Jonathan Gleason

Jonathan reported that the hospital recently experienced plumbing issues and is seeking a contractor to evaluate the situation and determine the necessary repairs. He explained that the building plans are so outdated that it is difficult to identify the locations and layouts of the existing plumbing lines. Commissioner Crouch stated that the hospital may need assistance from an engineering firm with pipe-mapping technology capable of tracing and documenting underground plumbing lines. He suggested that a major mechanical contractor, such as the company that completed work on the clinic, may be best suited for the project. Jonathan indicated that he would reach out to that contractor for assistance. Commissioner Crouch also recommended looking into the approach used by the school district when it previously encountered similar plumbing issues. Clerk Robinson suggested that Jonathan contact Christy Keith at the USD Administrative Office for additional information. Jonathan further reported that implementation of the E3 system is ongoing. The administrative team is scheduled to receive full training next week, after which training will be provided to department heads and then to all remaining employees. Jonathan reported that an open

house is being planned for the end of August to welcome Zoey Wands to the provider team. Invitations will be sent out in the near future. Jonathan also advised that, looking ahead, the hospital's second boiler will need to be replaced before the fall season. In addition, replacement of the air conditioning condensers is anticipated next year and will need to be considered during future budgeting and planning discussions.

Graham County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Steven Kreutzer

Steve reported that work continues on Double D Road. He also advised that one tractor and one mower were scheduled for delivery today, with an additional tractor expected to be delivered the following day. Commissioner Irby reported that Robert Wahrman had contacted him regarding excessive sand on his road, stating that it creates an unsafe condition when traveling by motorcycle. Steve advised that Road and Bridge personnel would inspect the area. Commissioner Crouch reported a sharp bump-out on the south side of 180th Road that requires attention. Commissioner Nelson also noted that Bow Creek needs to be inspected. Steve stated that Road and Bridge crews would evaluate both locations. Commissioner Crouch further reported that he continues to research the purchase of pickup trucks for the Road and Bridge Department but has not yet been successful in locating vehicles that meet the department's needs. Steve asked Commissioner Irby whether he had received any response from the company that applied the magnesium chloride. Commissioner Irby reported that he had not yet heard back but would follow up again either lat-

er today or the following day in an effort to resolve the matter.

New Business, Part 1

Clerk Robinson provided the Board with an update on the courthouse re-keying project, reporting that all locks at the courthouse had been replaced. Work on re-keying the library remains in progress. Clerk Robinson then requested approval of the updated Employee Handbook. Commissioner Irby made a motion to approve the updated Employee Handbook. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Nelson inquired about a late fee that had been assessed on the county's credit card payments. Clerk Robinson explained that the payment had been submitted on time; however, the check was returned because the required Payment Processing Number was not included. Clerk Robinson stated that she had already spoken with UMB Card Services several times regarding the issue, noting that this information had never previously been required and that the last four digits of the card number should have been sufficient for payment processing. Robyn Steinmetz expressed concern that because a late fee had been assessed, interest charges could now accrue on the cards whenever they were utilized. The Board requested that Clerk Robinson contact UMB Card Services again to seek removal of the late fees and advise them that the County would consider pursuing a different credit card provider if accommodation was not made, given that the original payment had been refused. Clerk Robinson then presented the abstract of the Board of County Com-

missioners meeting minutes from June 2, 2026, for review and signature by the Chairman. Commissioner Irby reviewed and signed the abstract. The Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable vouchers for payment.

Graham County Historical Society, Diana Crouch, Vera Fischer & Jim Shelton

Diana Crouch presented a breakdown of the annual operating costs for the Graham County Historical Society and discussed several challenges currently facing the organization. She noted concerns regarding access to the building during ice and snow events, as inclement weather can make it difficult or impossible to enter the facility. Diana reported that Jim is planning to install gutters on the building; however, they are still determining the best method for installation because there is currently no suitable location to direct the downspouts. Diana also advised that the Historical Society needs to explore the possibility of renovating the restroom facilities to provide a handicap-accessible bathroom. Diana reported that the Historical Society will soon be receiving an antique soda machine from the former Morland store. The machine weighs nearly 1,000 pounds, and she inquired whether the County could provide assistance with moving it into the museum. Commissioner Irby requested that the Historical Society provide advance notice when assistance is needed so arrangements can be made. Commissioner Irby stated that once the County receives the budget information back from Mapes & Miller, the Board can review the availability of increasing

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD Morland, Kansas Worship: 10:30 A.M. and 5 P.M., Sundays Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.	Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:45 A.M.
BOGUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Bogue, Kansas Worship: 9 A.M. Sundays Sunday School: 10 A.M.	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 10 N. 10th Ave., Hill City Masses: 6 P.M., Saturdays; 11 A.M. Sundays
CHRISTIAN CHURCH 122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City Worship: 9 A.M. and Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.	PRAIRIE HOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 12 miles south, 1/4 mile East of Hill City on "E" Rd. Worship: 9:15 A.M.
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 206 N. Middle, Hill City Sunday School: 9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship & Heavens Sake Kid's Church: 1045 A.M.	RED LINE CHURCH OF GOD 3804 H Rd., Palco, Kansas Worship: 8:45 A.M. Fellowship: 10 A.M. Sunday School: 10:30 A.M. Bible Study: 7 P.M. Wed.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Nicodemus, Kansas Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Church: 11 A.M. Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.	ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC Damar, Kansas Mass: 9 A.M., Sundays
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 223 N. 4th Ave., Hill City Worship: 9 A.M. & Coffee Fellowship following.	THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD 519 N. East, Hill City Sunday Worship: 10 A.M. Family Training Hour: 7 P.M., Wednesday
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST 8th and Walnut, Hill City Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sun. Youth Program: 6 P.M. Sun.	MORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Worship: 6 P.M., Sunday Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 11th and Hill, Hill City Worship: 4 P.M. Sunday Bible Study: 3 p.m. Sunday	UNITED METHODIST Palco, Kansas Worship/Service: 9 A.M. Fellowship Time: 10 A.M.
H ₂ O CHURCH.TV 305 N. Pomeroy, Hill City 5:00 p.m. Praise - Worship - Message	UNITED PARISH OF LENORA Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
HILL CITY CHURCH OF GOD Third and Cedar, Hill City Worship: 10:30 A.M.	MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST 6.5 miles south of Morland, Ks. Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 10:50 A.M.
HILL CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City	AWANA program: 5-7 P.M. Wed. Men's Prayer, 7 A.M. Wed. Youth Group, 7 P.M. Bible Study in Homes, 7 P.M. Wednesdays 3rd Sunday Fellowship Dinner

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& Carry-Out

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Monday, July 6: Swiss Steak
w/Tomatoes, Mashed Potatoes,
Peas & Carrots, Bread, Pineapple

Tuesday, July 7: Oven Baked Chicken, Baked
Potato, Green Beans, Bread, Peaches

Wednesday, July 8: Pasta Salad w/Ham,
Club Crackers, Tropical Fruit

Thursday, July 9: Turkey Ala King, Antigua
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Cake

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SNAP Benefits (previously known as food stamps) can be used to contribute towards the meal.

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Thank you readers



By Anita Davis
Hill City, KS

Our nation and state are commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. Americans should pause a moment and reflect on the sacrifices made by the brave men who signed that immortal document, that pledged freedom for Thirteen Colonies. Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence. When they did so, they literally laid their lives and fortunes on the line. These words were their pledge, “we mutually pledge each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor”. By attaching their names to the document, each one who signed became a marked man to the British. Some paid with their lives, others lost their fortunes. Of those who signed the Declaration, 24 were attorneys, 11 were tradesmen, 9 were farmers, and the rest were teachers, doctors and public officials. Thomas Jefferson, who drafted the Declaration, went on to become President, but the rest were not so fortunate. What happened to these men? I will tell you about one of them whose history is well known to me. John Hart, Signer, was born in Stonington,

Connecticut on December 21, 1713. Shortly after his birth the family moved to New Jersey. He was the oldest of 5 children born to Captain Edward Hart and Martha (Furman) Hart. In 1740 he was married to Deborah (Scudder) Hart and they lived at Hopewell, New Jersey. They had 13 children. He was a farmer and also owner of a grist mill and a fulling mill (fulling is a process to shrink wool cloth). His neighbors called him “Honest John Hart” and described him as a plain honest farmer, with good sense and virtue enough to pursue the true interests of his country. John Hart entered public service as Justice of the Peace of Hunterdon County and was later elected to the New Jersey Colonial Assembly of 1761 and served continuously until 1772. He debated against the hated Stamp Act of 1765 opposing the tax. He was elected as a member of the first Provisional Congress called in New Jersey. New Jersey drafted a new Constitution in 1776 and he was elected to the House of Representatives and chosen as Speaker of the House. John Hart was selected to debate whether to declare independence in 1776, which was voted on July 4, 1776. He signed the document on August 2, 1776. His wife died in October 1776 and his children were forced to scatter

and live with neighbors. During the British occupation, John Hart was forced to move from place to place to avoid capture. Hessian troops plundered his farm and destroyed his mills. It is said that he lived in the woods for a year until after the battles at Trenton and Princeton. When the legislature met in Trenton in 1777, he was again chosen as Speaker. Illness and age forced his retirement. John Hart spent the last two years of his life trying to restore his damaged property. He died at Hopewell, New Jersey on May 11, 1779 at age 65. He was buried on his farm, but was later moved to Baptist Church Cemetery at Hopewell. The state of New Jersey erected a large monument in his honor in 1865. I have visited his farm several times in Hopewell. The house and buildings have been well preserved. His grave, the grave of his wife and some of their children can be found next to the large memorial. Many books have featured the story about John Hart, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. This story is very personal for me. John Hart was my 4th great-grandfather on my father's side of our family. I will celebrate July 4, 2026 with pride. Happy Declaration of Independence Day!

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

GOLDEN PLAINS CREDIT UNION, \$
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Plaintiff, \$
\$ vs. \$
Case No. GH-2026-CV-000003 \$
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BILLY L. GOODE- \$
NOW; RACHEL A. ORTH; \$
GRAHAM COUNTY \$
HOSPITAL; \$
AND THE UN- \$
KNOWN SPOUSE \$
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A DEFENDANT; UN- \$
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Involved). \$
(Proceedings Pursuant to K.S.A. Chap- \$
ter 60)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

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

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

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Attorneys for Plaintiff GPCU

Twin Creek Extension Updates

Let me introduce myself. My name is Patsy Maddy, and I recently joined the Twin Creeks Extension District as the Family and Community Wellness Agent serving Graham and Norton Counties. While I have spent more than 30 years working with K-State Extension in youth, family, and community programming, I am excited for this opportunity to focus on helping strengthen individuals, families, and communities throughout our district. As I begin this new role, one of my priorities is learning directly from community mem-

bers about their needs, interests, and challenges. Understanding those needs will help us develop meaningful, research-based educational programs and resources that truly benefit our communities. To help guide future programming efforts, I have developed a Community Needs Assessment Survey and would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing it with your subscribers, members, employees, or stakeholders. The more community feedback we receive, the better equipped we will be to pro-

vide educational opportunities and resources that address local needs and interests. Link to Survey: Community Needs Assessment Survey
Patsy L. Maddy
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Twin Creeks Extension District, K-State Extension
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<https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/>

NOTICE OF SUIT

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(913) 339-9045 (fax)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

Axiom Financial Services LLC) Case No. GH-2026-CV-000011
)
Plaintiff,) Court No.
)
vs.) Title to Real Estate Involved
)
) Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
)
Brenda Appelhans, Frank Appelhans, Jane Doe,)
John Doe, HSBC Finance Corporation sbm to)
Beneficial Mortgage Co. of Kansas, Inc., Mike)
Appelhans, Stephanie Nicoll, and The First State)
Bank sbm to The Consolidated State Bank, et al.,)
)
Defendants)

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas by Axiom Financial Services LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY OF GRAHAM AND THE STATE OF KANSAS TO-WIT: A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 75 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK THREE (3), GARNETT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS, THENCE NORTH 150 FEET, THENCE WEST 75 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET, THENCE EAST 75 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel ID No. 0331311104027006000. Commonly known as 710 W Walnut St., Hill City, KS 67642 (“the Property”) MS 225508

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before August 4, 2026 in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

MS 225508.454619 KJFC

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

The city of Bogue will be having a potluck supper and fireworks July 4th at the ball field. Everyone needs to be on the look out for the electric scooters that are going around Hill City. They are going so fast and they do not stop at stop signs. They go fast through the intersections and across the highways. I hope no one gets hurt. I know they are breaking the speed limit and there is a law you stop at stop signs. Troy, Jessica, and Graham Dirks of Garden City, Joanne Johnson and Vicki Johnson enjoyed father's day with Loren and Corey Johnson at the farm. Sherri Brown of Hays came Sat. to celebrate father's day. Liz VanLoenen enjoyed sitting at the Auto-Art Museum Wednesday when the TV crew was there. Dan and Terri Fricker of Desert Hill, Arizona spent a few days with her parents, Bob and Dianne Hooper. Todd came Wed. to spend time with them. There was a wonderful turnout for the blood drive at the CCD center June 18th. Karen King and Liz VanLoenen visited Bobbie Bell Friday morning. There was a very large crowd at Boomers celebration of life Sat. afternoon at the 4-h building in Hill City. A big thank you to everyone who furnished food. Bogue received 1.55" of rain Saturday night. Some farmers had just started cutting wheat. A light rain Sunday evening. Light rain Tuesday 0.15" Liz will be at the farmers market every Saturday from 9-11 selling the tough enough shirts and selling raffle tickets on the gun.

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funding for the Historical Society. County Attorney Abbott added that because the County has contributed \$2,500 annually to the Historical Society for an extended period, it may be appropriate to use an inflation calculator to determine what a comparable contribution amount would be today. Commissioners also suggested that the Historical Society seek additional funding opportunities by reaching out to the City of Hill City, the Graham County Alumni Association, and local townships for potential financial support.

New Business, Part 2
Commissioner Crouch reported that he had received a complaint from Rodney Belleau regarding the payment of his property taxes. According to Commissioner Crouch, Rodney visited the Treasurer's Office on February 26, 2026, to pay his taxes and questioned whether the amount due seemed correct. Rodney paid the amount he was told was owed at that time. However, he later received a notice indicating that taxes remained unpaid and that approximately \$45 in late fees had been assessed. Rodney expressed frustration that he had relied on the information provided by the Treasurer's Office and was now being charged penalties on taxes he believed had been paid in full. Commissioner Crouch stated that the issue may have resulted from property being listed under both "Rod Belleau" and "Rodney Belleau," creating confusion during the payment process. Regardless of the cause, he felt that the late fees warranted further review. County Attorney Abbott requested that Treasurer Bri Edwards provide him with information regarding the situation so that he could investigate whether there was any action the County could take to address the matter. Commissioner Crouch indicated that he would relay the request to the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Nelson reported that he had also received a complaint involving a similar situation in which the Treasurer's Office returned a taxpayer's check because the payment amount was incorrect, resulting in the taxpayer incurring late fees. Commissioner Irby commented that, despite these concerns, he felt the overall operations of the Treasurer's Office were running much more smoothly than in the past. The Commissioners reviewed a prepared listing of all communication service expenditures from January 2026 through May 2026. During the review, it was noted that payments to Nex-Tech alone totaled \$63,983.14 during that period. Commissioner Crouch asked the Board for authorization to arrange a meeting with Nex-Tech to discuss the communication service costs being incurred by the County. The Commissioners agreed that Commissioner Crouch should take the lead on those discussions and coordinate a meeting with Nex-Tech representatives to review services and associated expenses. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes from June 9, 2026. Commissioner Irby seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Irby moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Blood Drive



By Liz VanLoenen

The Blood drive was a success Thursday July 18th. They met their goal and 47 units were received. The drive was sponsored by Liz VanLoenen. A big thank you to Sue Worcester, Sharon Bradford, Connie Keith, Jenna Berland, and Sue Reynolds for helping. A big thank you to the Catholics for using the CCD center and to Tammy Mersch for all of her hard work. Melanie Scott has given 19 gal, Judy Harper 14 gal, Jim Kerbaugh 11 gal, Karen Keith 6 gal, Courtney Zohner 3 gal, and Kari Jones 1 gal. A big, big thank you to everyone. The next blood drive will be Sept. 30th from 8am to 2pm at the high school. There will also be a blood drive July 31st in Nicodemus at the Villa from 10am to 4pm.

Goddard Place Youth Camp

Youth are invited to attend a FREE overnight camp experience near Hill City, Kansas!

Registration is open now and must be completed online no later than July 4, 2026—don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

Camp Highlights
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- KHP crash simulator
- Hiking the famous Goddard Place trails
- Campfire with s'mores
- Challenge course activities
- Late-night outdoor movie
- Sleeping in tents under the stars
- And much more!

Every camper will receive a FREE T-shirt!

This camp offers youth a chance to grow, explore, and enjoy a safe and memorable outdoor adventure.

Registration & Contact
Please register online by July 4, 2026.

For more information, contact Becky Ellis at (785) 421-8991.

Goddard Place Youth Camp T-Shirt Sponsorship Opportunity

Goddard Place is once again offering a sponsorship opportunity through T-shirt advertising! Each camp, we typically provide 35-40 Goddard Place T-shirts to local youth and participants from surrounding communities, including Norton, WaKeeney, Quinter, Hoxie, Hays, Ellis, and beyond. These shirts are very popular and are often seen in schools and throughout the community.

With the help of Graphi-Tease, sponsor names will be printed on the backs of the shirts, providing advertising for area businesses and individuals who support the mission of Goddard Place. A suggested donation of \$50 per sponsor (not per shirt) is appreciated, though donations of any amount—or contributions of goods and services—are gratefully accepted.

Important Information
Please let us know by July 4 if you would like to participate in this sponsorship opportunity and how you would like your name or business "line" to appear on the shirt.

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UNDER CONTRACT

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Bid packets may be obtained by contacting the Graham County Health Department at **(785) 421-3326.**
Bidding will open on **June 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.** and close on **July 7, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.** Late bids will not be considered.
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First State Bank sponsoring Kid's Night at Rodeo

The Graham County Fair Association is pleased to announce that First State Bank, Hill City, will once again be sponsoring Kid's Night at the Rodeo. The local financial institution will be providing tickets for children aged 6-12 to attend the Tuesday, July 28, performance of the Jayhawker Roundup Rodeo. Tickets may be picked up at First State Bank during their regular business hours. An adult paying admission must accompany the child receiving the free ticket.

"We really appreciate First State Bank for making the rodeo experience available to our local children and want to express our thanks to them for helping out the rodeo and the young families of the area by providing these free tickets for children" say members of the Graham County Fair Board. "Be sure to pick up your free tickets and express your thanks, as well as ours, to the great staff at First State Bank".

Fair Sponsorships

With the Graham County Fair less than four weeks away, Fair Board members have started their efforts to visit with businesses, organizations, and individuals about how we can help promote their business by purchasing advertising sponsorships for this year's Graham County Fair.

Any amount of advertising sponsorship is welcome. We have changed things up a little this year and believe we have a sponsorship opportunity for all budgets. The majority of our board members have farm-related jobs and they have been busy with planting and rain-delayed harvest, but they are starting to visit with area businesses and individuals about this year's sponsorships. If you have not been contacted and would like to be a sponsor you may contact any of the following fair board members: Tobin Mettling; Chris Riedel; Darcie Schierkolk; Pamela Keith; Nathan Hart; Kathy Hofstetter; Kade Trembley; Dalton Stephen; Dustin Gendoes; Dr. Samantha Nickelson; Tanner Kubick; or Lance Post.

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

THOMAS ENERGY, INC,)
Plaintiff)
vs.) Case No. GH-2026-CV-000014
)
SAM RUDD, L.W. BLACKWILL, BAKER PETROLEUM, INC.,)
BENCHMARK OIL & GAS CORPORATION, GERALD)
SHADWICK, JAMES E. CANNON, C. DAVID CULVER,)
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creditors, shareholders and assigns of such of the Defendants)
as are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations or associations)

Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas, praying to quiet title and in the alternative partition working interests in an oil and gas lease located in Graham County, Kansas, in so far as it encompasses the following:

North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 SW/4) of Section Twenty-Five (25), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-Five (25) West, Graham County, Kansas

and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the 12th day of August, 2026 in said Court at Hill City, Graham County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Thomas Energy, Inc.
Plaintiff

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

SAVE THE DATE!! : Graham County's 2nd Annual 4th of July Celebration—Now “Red, White & Rural” and Bigger Than Ever for America 250!

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

New This Year – Riders Inc. Featured Events:
Event Details:

Date: Saturday, July 4th

Location: Hill City Park, Graham County, KS

Hosts: Graham County Travel & Tourism, Leadership Graham County, Riders Inc, High Plains Disc Golf Club

Quote:

“We’re excited to celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary with the community,” said the Red, White & Rural Planning Committee. “This celebration is about bringing people together to have fun, reflect on America 250, honor our heritage, and create lasting memories.”

For more information, follow Grow Graham County - Kansas on Facebook. Full details on Riders Inc. events can also be found on their Facebook page.

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

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

STATE OF KANSAS)

COUNTY OF GRAHAM)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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

REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL AND STATE BALLOT

FOR UNITED STATES SENATE:

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

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT:

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

FOR GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

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

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

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

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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

FOR STATE TREASURER:

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

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

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

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 110TH DISTRICT:

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

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5TH DISTRICT:

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

COUNTY BALLOT

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT:

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

FOR GRAHAM COUNTY TREASURER "FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM":

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

TOWNSHIP BALLOT

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF ALLODIUM TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF BRYANT TOWNSHIP:

Eric Littlechild, 1950 A Rd WaKeeney, KS 67672

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF GETTYSBURG TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF GRAHAM TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF HAPPY TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF HILL CITY TOWNSHIP:

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

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF INDIANA TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF MORLAN TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF NICODEMUS TOWNSHIP:

Christine K Wells, 3848 U Rd Bogue, KS 67625

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF PIONEER TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF SOLOMON TOWNSHIP:

FOR TOWNSHIP CLERK OF WILDHORSE TOWNSHIP:

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BRYANT TOWNSHIP:

GETTYSBURG TOWNSHIP:

GRAHAM TOWNSHIP:

HAPPY TOWNSHIP:

HILL CITY TOWNSHIP:

James E. Logback, 217 N. 10th Ave Hill City, KS 67642

INDIANA TOWNSHIP:

MILLBROOK TOWNSHIP:

MORLAN TOWNSHIP:

NICODEMUS TOWNSHIP:

PIONEER TOWNSHIP:

SOLOMON TOWNSHIP:

WILDHORSE TOWNSHIP:

DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL AND STATE BALLOT

FOR UNITED STATES SENATE:

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

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT:

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

FOR GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

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

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

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

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Chris Mann, no address provided

FOR STATE TREASURER:

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

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

Dinah Sykes, no address provided

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE 110TH DISTRICT:

Mark Schaukowitz, no address provided

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5TH DISTRICT:

Lorie Wood, no address provided

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

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

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

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

THERE WILL BE NO VOTING IN BOGUE AND MORLAND.

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

The Election Office conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Graham County, Kansas, whose address is 410 N Pomeroy Ave, Ste 5 Hill City, KS 67642.

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

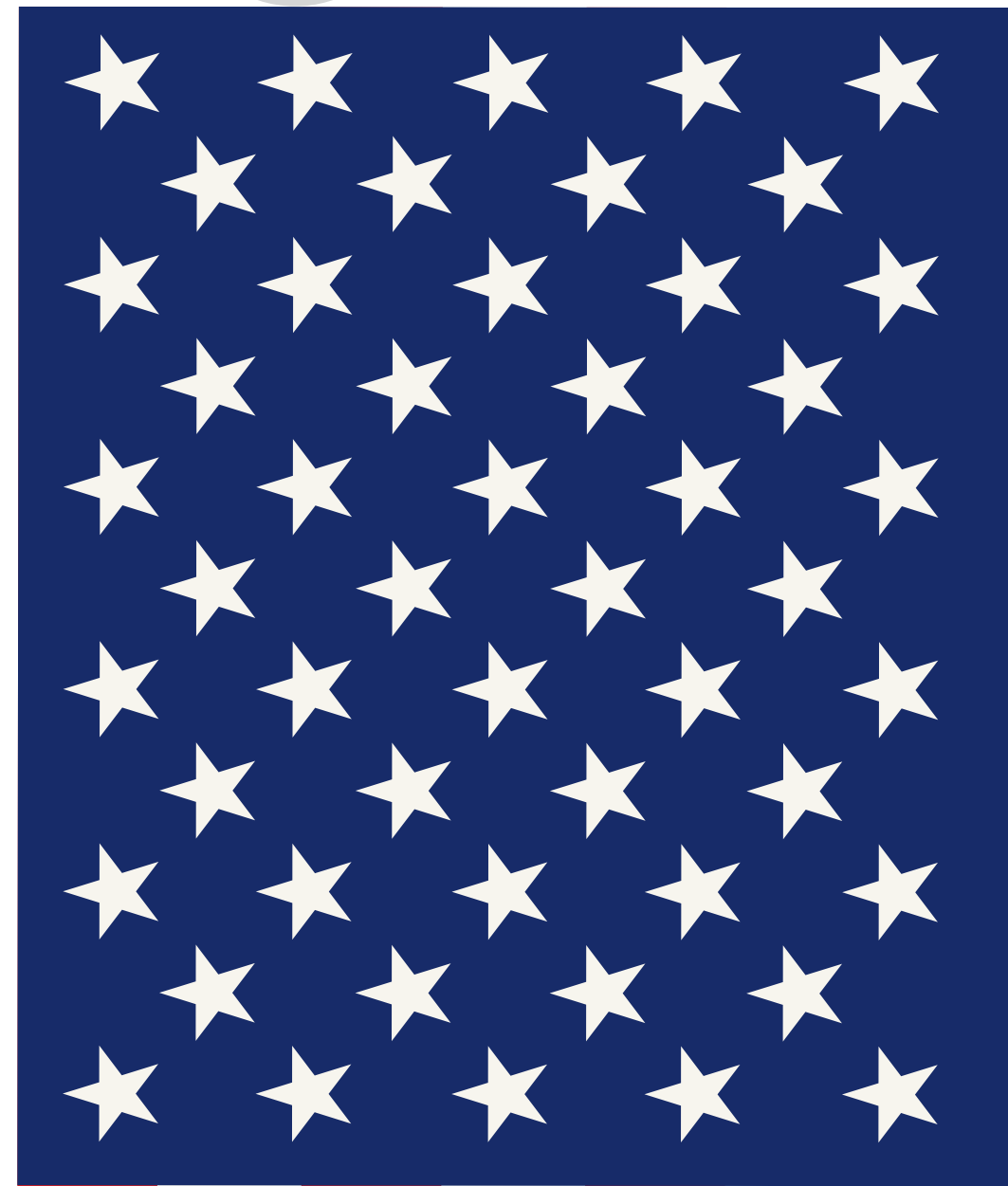
Kendra Robinson
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County Election Officer
Graham County, Kansas





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AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
and **THOSE WHO FIGHT**
TO PROTECT IT





**"We the People of the United States, in Order to
form a more perfect Union, establish Justice,
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the
common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of
Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for
the United States of America."**