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Specials

Monday, July 13: Chicken Pot Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni Salad

Thursday, July 16: Southwest Chicken Wrap, Turkey Club Sandwich, Taco Salad, Pistachio Salad

 200 N Pomeroy Hill City (785) 216-0123

Rain totals

We have received lots of rain, a total of 2.57", this past week. The moisture was great leading up to 4th of July and all the fireworks!



Having fun has no age limit!

There are bike rides... and then there are Sunny Cycling bike rides.

Every time they roll into Dawson Place, our elders aren't just going for a ride—they're taking a trip down memory lane, feeling the wind in their hair, soaking up the sunshine, and collecting smiles by the mile.

Who knew two wheels and a whole lot of kindness could create so much joy? We may not be training for the Tour de France, but we've definitely mastered the art of waving at everyone we pass and enjoying every second of the adventure! (We had such a blast that we forgot to take lots of pictures)

A huge thank you to the amazing staff with Sunny Cycling for giving our elders the gift of fresh air, freedom, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Your time, your heart, and your pedals make a bigger difference than you'll ever know.

At Dawson Place, we believe you're never too old for a little adventure... especially when someone is willing to do the pedaling!

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

Jamie Thompson will be celebrating his 90th birthday July 11th at the Bogue Fellowship Hall from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Rootbeer floats will be served and he asks that there not be any gifts.

Word was received this week that Robbie Breinig passed away. He was raised in Bogue and later lived in Topeka.

Bogue received 1.10" rain Tues. night, June 30th.

Liz VanLoenen is selling Tough Enough to Wear Pink shirts and tickets on a Henry gun. Contact her at 785-421-2604. The gun will be on display at Hill City Auto then at the gun shop until the fair. The drawing for the gun will be Tuesday night at the rodeo. I hope everyone wears pink that night. All proceeds stay in Graham Co. to help with breast cancer awareness.

Oh the HEAT!!

There was a memorial service for Bob Rattaliff at the Fellowship Hall Tues. afternoon.

There has been a lot of rain, now it is supposed to get hot so maybe the farmers can get into their fields to cut wheat.

The Democratic party is being organized in Graham Co. Siegle Irby is the chairman and can be contacted at 785-421-7107.

This news goes on July 1st and I know there is a lot going on in Hill City all day and Bogue in the evening July 4th. Happy Birthday America.

Nicodemus is having a blood drive on the first day of their celebration, Friday July 31st. It will be held at the Villa from 10 am to 4 pm. Call Liz VanLoenen at 785-421-2604 for an appointment.



Hill City Ringnecks place 2nd

The Hill City Ringnecks MAYB team went 3-2 and placed 2nd in Lakewood, Colorado, in a competitive basketball tournament June 26-27.

Left to right: Cash Haynes, Beckett Jilka, Jackson Schulz, Tyler Keith, Beau Born, Kalan Stein, Sam Ramirez, Alak Stein, Cooper Riedel.

50 years ago, Bogue took home 8-man football championship



50 Years Ago: This coming fall marks 50 years since Bogue captured the 1976 Kansas 8-Man state football championship, defeating Montezuma 29-6 in the title game at Montezuma High School.

The Bluejays, coached by Jerry Strauch, completed a perfect 12-0 season while outscoring opponents 577-112. Their playoff run included an overtime 38-30 victory over Waconda East in the regional round, a 44-18 win over Luray in the sub-state championship and the 29-6 victory over Montezuma for the state title.

One of the most remarkable parts of Bogue's championship run was its size. The Bluejays won a Kansas state championship with a roster of just 13 players:

Rodney Brodgen, Arnold Carter, Brad Coats, Mike Daignon, David Gustafson, Bryce Hooper, Dan Irby, Siegle Irby, Greg Stephen, Phil Switzer, Dale Terry, Tim Thompson and David Towns.

Today, Bogue has a population of just 155, making its championship one of the greatest small-school stories in Kansas high school football history. The school closed following the 1977-78 school year through unification. Today, the community is part of Graham County USD 281, with students attending Hill City High School. The district includes the communities of Hill City, Bogue, Morland, Nicodemus, Penokee, St. Peter and the surrounding rural areas. (From Sports in Kansas)



Anything but a cup

HC Nutrition held a "Anything but a cup" challenge and the public voted on their favorites! Pictured are the top 3 winners and their "cups" but others also brought in a calf bottle, coffee pot, baseball helmet, and so many other good ones! The winners received a HC Nutrition gift certificates.

1st place Chase & Briggs (left)
2nd place Adrianna (bottom left)
3rd place Rachel (bottom right)



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SCR 1611 Constitutional Amendment

A PROPOSITION to amend sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to the supreme court; providing for direct election of justices; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission; permitting justices to make contributions to and hold office in a political party or organization and take part in political campaigns.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas are hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 5. Selection of justices of the supreme court. The citizens of Kansas who are qualified electors shall elect the justices of the supreme court. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Justice positions 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected at the general election in November of 2028, justice positions 4 and 5 in November of 2030 and justice positions 6 and 7 in November of 2032, and every six years thereafter, respectively. Any vacancy occurring on the supreme court for an unexpired term shall be filled by election as provided by law.

(a) Any vacancy occurring in the office of any justice of the supreme court and any position to be open thereon as a result of enlargement of the court, or the retirement or failure of an incumbent to file his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself as hereinafter required, or failure of a justice to be elected to succeed himself, shall be filled by appointment by the governor of one of three persons possessing the qualifications of office who shall be nominated and whose names shall be submitted to the governor by the supreme court nominating commission established as hereinafter provided. (b) In event of the failure of the governor to make the appointment within sixty days from the time the names of the nominees are submitted to him, the chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment from such nominees. (c) Each justice of the supreme court appointed pursuant to provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall hold office for an initial term ending on the second Monday in January following the first general election that occurs after the expiration of twelve months in office. Not less than sixty days prior to the holding of the general election next preceding the expiration of his term of office, any justice of the supreme court may file in the office of the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy for election to succeed himself. If a declaration is not so filed, the position held by such justice shall be open from the expiration of his term of office. If such declaration is filed, his name shall be submitted at the next general election to the electors of the state on a separate judicial ballot, without party designation, reading substantially as follows:

—“Shall
(Here insert name of justice.)

(Here insert the title of the court.)
—be retained in office?”

—If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining him in office, the position or office which he holds shall be open upon the expiration of his term of office; otherwise he shall, unless removed for cause, remain in office for the regular term of six years from the second Monday in January following such election. At the expiration of each term he shall, unless by law he is compelled to retire, be eligible for retention in office by election in the manner prescribed in this section. (d) A nonpartisan nominating commission whose duty it shall be to nominate and submit to the governor the names of persons for appointment to fill vacancies in the office of any justice of the supreme court is hereby established, and shall be known as the “supreme court nominating commission.” Said commission shall be organized as hereinafter provided. (e) The supreme court nominating commission shall be composed as follows: One member, who shall be chairman, chosen from among their number by the members of the bar who are residents of and licensed in Kansas; one member from each congressional district chosen from among their number by the resident members of the bar in each such district; and one member, who is not a lawyer, from each congressional district, appointed by the governor from among the residents of each such district. (f) The terms of office, the procedure for selection and certification of the members of the commission and provision for their compensation or expenses shall be as provided by the legislature. (g) No member of the supreme court nominating commission shall, while he is a member, hold any other public office by appointment or any official position in a political party or for six months thereafter be eligible for nomination for the office of justice of the supreme court. The commission may act only by the concurrence of a majority of its members.”

“§ 8. Prohibition of political activity by justices and certain judges. No justice of the supreme court who is appointed or retained under the procedure of section 5 of this article, nor any judge of the district court holding office under a nonpartisan method authorized in subsection (a) of section 6 of this article shall directly or indirectly make any contribution to or hold any office in a political party or organization or take part in any political campaign, except when such judge is a candidate for election to a position on an appellate court.”

“§ 15. Removal of justices and judges. Justices of the supreme court may be removed from office by impeachment and conviction as prescribed in article 2 of this constitution. In addition to removal by impeachment and conviction, justices may be retired after appropriate hearing, upon certification to the governor, by the supreme court nominating commission that such justice is so incapacitated as to be unable to perform adequately his duties. Other judges shall be subject to retirement for incapacity, and to discipline, suspension and removal for cause by the supreme court after appropriate hearing.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“Explanatory statement. This amendment gives the voters the right to elect the justices of the Kansas supreme court. The justices shall serve terms of six years, with the elections of justice positions 1, 2 and 3 to occur in 2028, positions 4 and 5 to occur in 2030 and positions 6 and 7 to occur in 2032, and every six years thereafter. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Any vacancy on the court for an unexpired term shall be filled at an election as provided by law.

“A vote for this proposition would give Kansas citizens the right to elect Kansas supreme court justices as provided by law. Justices will hold office for terms of six years. The Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, would be abolished.

“A vote against this proposition would continue the current system in which the Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, provides the governor a list of three individuals to choose from for vacancies on the Kansas supreme court. Justices hold office for a term of six years and retain their offices if they win a retention election in which they do not face an opponent.

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at a special election, which is hereby called on August 4, 2026, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the primary election held on such date.

Celebrating America’s 250 years in the city park



5K: The divisions were Men, Women, kids (17 & under) and prizes were awarded for 1st and 2nd in each division. 1st received \$100 and 2nd received \$50



Hotdog Eating Contest: Kyle Jilka has been crowned, The Wiener King, a title he will hold until the next celebration. 14 Wieners and Buns in 10 mins.



Disc Golf Tourney



Dalton Stephens(pictured) performed along with a few other soloist and bands



Rootbeer Floats: provided by Jack Creek Pumpkin Patch



Lawnmower Races



Face painting with Abby



Riders Inc. provided cherry limeades and funnel cakes



Rock Painting with Lauren

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Obituaries



Robert L. Breinig Jr.
Apr. 18, 1975 - June 28, 2026

Robert L. Breinig Jr., 51, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away unexpectedly on June 28, 2026.

Robert was born in Hill City, Kansas, on April 18, 1975, to Diane "Stebbens" Schuck and Robert "Bob" Breinig. He attended Hill City High School, where he excelled in wrestling and finished as the State Runner-Up during his senior year, an accomplishment he remained proud of throughout his life.

Robert proudly served his country in the United States military, including deployments to Kosovo and Iraq. His service reflected his deep love for his country and the unwavering commitment that defined his life. He was a proud veteran whose courage, strength, and quiet determination earned the respect of all who knew him.

Outside of his military service, Robert found joy on the open road riding his motorcycle, spending time with family and friends, and making memories with those he loved most. He was known for his generous heart, steady presence, and willingness to help others without hesitation.

Above all else, Robert loved his family. He shared a devoted marriage with his wife, Tanya, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and dreams for the future. His absence leaves an immeasurable void, but his love and the memories he created will live on forever.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Tanya "Simpson" Breinig; his stepson, Noah Lanthem; his mother, Diane Schuck; his siblings, Steven Breinig, Amanda Breinig, and Austin (Katie) Schuck; his nephews, Josh Forbes, Jordan Breinig, and Dylan Simpson; and his nieces, Madison Eaton, Taylor Phillips, Cora Simpson, and Devyn Simpson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert "Bob" Breinig; his stepfather, Lenus Schuck; and his beloved grandparents.

A funeral service celebrating Robert's life will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Dove Southwest Chapel, 3700 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka, Kansas 66610.

Family and friends are invited to gather to honor a man who faithfully served his country, deeply loved his family, and touched countless lives through his kindness, loyalty, and strength.

Though his watch has ended, his legacy of love, honor, and service will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, due to the unexpected nature of Robert's passing, the family kindly asks for assistance in covering final expenses. Any support given during this difficult time is deeply appreciated.



ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Morland, Kansas
 Worship: 10:30 A.M.
 and 5 P.M., Sundays
 Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

BOGUE UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 Bogue, Kansas
 Worship: 9 A.M. Sundays
 Sunday School: 10 A.M.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 122 N. Pomeroy, Hill City
 Worship: 9 A.M. and
 Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 206 N. Middle, Hill City
 Sunday School: 9:00 A.M.
 Coffee Fellowship: 10:00
 A.M., Morning Worship &
 Heavens Sake Kid's Church:
 1045 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Nicodemus, Kansas
 Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
 Church: 11 A.M.
 Bible Study: Wed., 5:30 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
 223 N. 4th Ave., Hill City
 Worship: 9 A.M. & Coffee
 Fellowship following.

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.

GRACE EVANGELICAL
 LUTHERAN CHURCH
 11th and Hill, Hill City
 Worship: 4 P.M. Sunday
 Bible Study: 3 p.m. Sunday

H₂O CHURCH.TV
 305 N. Pomeroy, Hill City
 5:00 p.m.
 Praise - Worship - Message

HILL CITY CHURCH OF GOD
 Third and Cedar, Hill City
 Worship: 10:30 A.M.

HILL CITY UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
 Worship: 10:45 A.M.

IMMACULATE HEART OF
 MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 10 N. 10th Ave., Hill City
 Masses: 6 P.M., Saturdays;
 11 A.M. Sundays

PRAIRIE HOME UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 12 miles south, 1/4 mile East
 of Hill City on "E" Rd.
 Worship: 9:15 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.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
 Damar, Kansas
 Mass: 9 A.M., Sundays

THE LIGHTHOUSE
 CHURCH OF GOD
 519 N. East, Hill City
 Sunday Worship: 10 A.M.
 Family Training Hour:
 7 P.M., Wednesday

MORLAND UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH
 Worship: 6 P.M., Sunday
 Bible Study: 5 P.M., Sunday

UNITED METHODIST
 Palco, Kansas
 Worship/Service: 9 A.M.
 Fellowship Time: 10 A.M.

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
 Worship: 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST
 6.5 miles south of
 Morland, Ks.
 Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.
 Worship: 10:50 A.M.

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

Prairie Trails Golf Course News

Hill City Teams Place at Hoxie

by Bob Dombroski

Three teams from the Hill City area played during the NWKS Senior Golf Social at Hoxie Golf Club on Thursday, July 2. All three teams placed and took home prizes during the 18-hole event in Hoxie on a windy day. 44 teams played during the social and enjoyed a wonderful lunch when play was finished.

Bob Dombroski and Doran Zeigler shot a 1-under par 71 along with Chris Normandin and Mark Fabricius and a scorecard playoff was needed to break the tie for first and second place in the 1st Flight. Dombroski and Zeigler were awarded first place with Normandin and Fab placing second.

Donnie Newell and Mike Davignon

placed third in the 2nd Flight with a final tally of 81. Newell also won a flag prize after making the longest putt of the day on Hole No. 9, rolling it in from 17'8".

This week's Senior Social will be in Saint Francis on Thursday, July 9.

Twelve players participated during Men's Tuesday Night Golf at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City on June 30. Tate Balthazor, Noah Fry and Tate Reynolds were first place finishers after scoring 5-under par 30. Jim Baldwin, Don Newell and Don Hayes turned in a score of 34.

Gary Long, Kendall Nuss and Monty Long shot a 35 while Bob Dombroski, Austion Rivera and Michael Otta finished at 37.

Noah Fry was closest to the pin

on Hole No. 2 and received golf balls and a koozie from Hill City Pharmacy and a car wash from Campbell's 24-Hour Automatic Car Wash. Austin Rivera had the longest putt of the evening on Hole No. 5 and took home gift certificates from 2-Lane Liquor and a sleeve of golf balls and tees from Millbrook Lodge #281 Hill City.

Kendall Nuss was closest to the pin on Hole No. 6 and won a gift certificate from Six Pack Liquor LLC. Nuss also was awarded golf balls and a cup from B&E Garage and a FMH Insurance prize pack for long putt on Hole No. 9.

Men's night will continue each week with registration at 5:45 PM and play shortly after 6 PM.

Opening day at Hill City Farmers Market



What a beautiful morning to kick off the 2026 Hill City Farmers Market!

There was a great variety of vendors, face painting, and the always popular Nex-Tech train! THANK you to everyone that came out in the morning.

The HCFM will resume on July 11th and every Saturday thereafter from 9-11. Check out the Facebook page each week to get a preview of what will be available.



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Minions & Monsters
 • PG •
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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

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HILL CITY NUTRITION SITE
Welcome in House Participants & Carry-Out

Friday, July 10: Tater Tot Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Bread, Watermelon

Monday, July 13: Smothered Chicken, Parslied Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Pineapple

Tuesday, July 14: Frito Chili Cheese Pie, California Blend Vegetables, Fruit Cobbler, Pudding

Wednesday, July 15: Fish Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Bun, Strawberries & Bananas

Thursday, July 16: Meat Balls in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Bread, Watermelon

Menu Subject to Change
Meal \$4 • Guests under 60 \$7

SNAP Benefits (previously known as food stamps) can be used to contribute towards the meal. If you need help applying for SNAP, call our office at 1-800-432-7422.

Thank you readers

We need you!

“We need you!” say members of the Graham County Fair Association Board. Several volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of needs for this year’s fair. We encourage individuals, organizations, businesses, and high school students needing volunteer hours to help us out. Any businesses or organizations want to offer a challenge to others to volunteer?

Volunteers are needed to watch the exhibits between 5:00-9:00 on the evenings of July 27-29. It would be helpful if you could work a two-hour shift. We need at least one person in the 4-H building and at least one in the open-class building. This job is in an air-conditioned atmosphere and does not require standing.

We also need people to volunteer for a committee to manage the carnival games. These people would train and oversee the volunteer workers each evening. The fair board members have too many other responsibilities during that time to work and manage the games. “We really need the community to help us out and make this a reality for our kids,” say members of the Graham County Fair Association.

Several volunteers are needed to work the carnival games each evening from 6-8 before the rodeo starts.

A Sign-Up Genius has been created and posted on our Facebook page, Graham County Fair. If you don’t follow Facebook, you are welcome to call Kathy

Hofstetter at 421-2814 and she will sign you up for a time.

Veterans Invited

“Please help! We are trying to identify and invite ALL veterans in Graham County and any veterans with ties to Graham County to participate in the 2026 fair parade as Grand Marshals.” It doesn’t matter which branch you served in, whether it was peace time or war time we want to include all veterans. In honor of our great nation’s 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The theme chosen for this year’s fair is “Yahoo for the Red, White, and Blue!” The parade will be held on July 27, at 5:30 p.m. and a Thank-A-Vet Meet and Greet reception will be held in the 4-H building immediately following the parade.

If you know of a veteran with ties to Graham County, please share this opportunity with them. The Hoxie Hotrodders will be bringing their trolleys for the Veterans to ride in and an additional step and manpower will be provided for those who need assistance. We would like to have a good idea of how many are participating so we can be prepared and know if we need a second trolley.

You are asked to call (785) 421-2814 to let us know if you will participate. More details will be given to you at that time on how your veteran can participate.

Rifle Raffle

“Anybody interested in owning a brand new 2027 Ranger XP 1000?” ask members of the Graham County Fair Association. The group has put together this special prize to be given away at the end of the final performance of this year’s Jayhawker Roundup Rodeo on Wednesday, July 29. Rodeo action starts at 8:00 p.m. Ticket availability is limited to 350 tickets, and the cost is \$100 per ticket. This raffle is licensed through the state of Kansas. Tickets may be purchased at Car Quest; Cameron’s Corner; South Fork Armory; or any fair board member. Fair board members are Tobin Mettling; Chris Riedel; Darcie Schierkolk; Pamela Keith; Nathan Hart; Kathy Hofstetter; Kade Trembley; Dustin Gendoes; Samantha Nickelson; Tanner Kubick; Dalton Stephen; or Lance Post.

Open Class Exhibits

“One area of the fair that needed improvement last year was the number of open class exhibits. You answered the challenge and the number of Open-Class exhibits was up a significant amount. We need to keep working at increasing those numbers. So we are again offering a challenge to bring something to enter as an exhibit,” say members of the Graham County Fair Board. The Twin Creeks K-State Research Extension Office is happy to help you with what you need to enter exhibits at the fair. If you are planning to enter exhibits this year pick up one or more challenge forms at the Extension Office, sign your name to the form and pass it on to a friend as a challenge for them to bring an exhibit to this year’s fair. When you bring your exhibit(s) to the fair there will be an entry form for you to fill out for you and your challenger. When all exhibits are entered we will have a drawing of those forms, and the winners of the drawing will each receive a free pass to your choice of evenings of the Jayhawker Roundup Rodeo.

Please do your part by entering something in the fair this year. Maybe you do paintings, quilt, bake, do crafts, garden, have a beautiful flower garden, create things in your wood shop or take wonderful pictures. Please, share those talents with your friends and neighbors. There are many talented and creative people in Graham County, and you are asked to show and share that talent and creativity with your friends and neighbors by exhibiting at this year’s fair. The superintendents and their assistants have volunteered their time to assist with this year’s entries and judging of exhibits, Liz VanLonen and the Stitching Sisters have volunteered to watch the exhibits during the viewing hours, and the fair needs you to bring exhibits to the fair to share.

The entries and judging will look a little different this year. Entries will be taken on Saturday, July 25, from 7:30-10:00 a.m. The judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will take place on Monday-Wednesday, July 27-29. The open class exhibit room will be open from 1:00-9:00 p.m. each day.

The fair book is online. You may call the Graham County Extension Office at 421-3411 to get assistance in entering your exhibits. If you do not have access to a computer to enter your exhibits, the Extension Office will be happy to assist you with any exhibit needs. It will save you a lot of time if you pre-enter or go to the Extension Office and have them help you. They will print out your cards and you can have them attached to your exhibit and will be able to drop them off and leave at entry time. You won’t have to wait in line by getting those cards printed early.

Parade Week

It will soon be time to grab the whole family and pack up the car to head to the 2026 edition of the Graham County Fair Parade. With a theme of “Yahoo for the Red, White, and Blue!”. The floats will surely be entertaining and patriotic this year. The parade will travel through the downtown business district of Hill City at 5:30 on July 27. Make plans now to attend this year’s fair parade. Registrations will be done by phone this year. Please call (785) 627-2243 and leave a message to register your parade entry. They will return your call when it doesn’t conflict with their job. You will be contacted with information on how to pick up your registration packet. You will be given a number which will be used to judge your entry and you will park in the line-up area based on your number. The numbers should be placed on both sides of your entry so our volunteer judges can find you in the parade.

If you miss the deadline, you are still welcome to participate in the parade, but you won’t be eligible for prize money.

For those wanting to enter and compete for prize money there are several categories in which you may compete. Please consult the online Fair Book for a listing of divisions in which you may compete for prize money. Children’s entries such as bicycles, go-karts, etc. that are not part of an entry competing for prize money need not register. Decorated go-karts, 4-wheelers, etc. wishing to be judged should enter as an individual float unless they are advertising for a business, then it should be entered as a commercial float.

Please note that all ATV, motorcycle, and bicycle riders participating must use any safety equipment that is required by law.

Watch future issues of The Hill City Times for further details.

NOTICE OF SUIT

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, June 24, 2026)

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Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 339-9132
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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
	)
Brenda Appelhans, Frank Appelhans, Jane Doe,	) Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
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:

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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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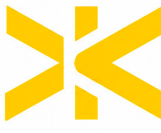
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THOMAS ENERGY, INC,)
Plaintiff)
vs.) Case No. GH-2026-CV-000014)

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Defendants.)

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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:

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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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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
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FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT:

Tracey Mann, P.O. Box 1084 Salina, KS 67402
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Nick Reinecker/Katy Reinecker, 504 S. Maple Inman, KS 67546
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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

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

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

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

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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 Hill 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":

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FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT:

Colin McRoberts, #326 945 Vermont St Lawrence, KS 66044
Lauren Reinhold, 4000 W. 6th Street, Ste B #241 Lawrence, KS 66049

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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

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

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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.

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