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Trump brings energy to Wichita

By Brandy Sensmeier

I do want to apologize for sending out this week's edition late, but I could not send it out when I would be covering the Marshall Rally in Wichita.

We arrived really early and there was already no parking room. People were walking miles to get to the front door. Many were turned back due to the strict regulations on bags. I will say this event was high security with multiple check points.

Many familiar faces were at the event Senator Marshall, Ty Masterson, Ted Nugent, and of course President Trump were some of those most anticipated. Kobach was also there and gave us statistics on crime and funding that have been achieved over the several years.

Ty Masterson focused on how taxes are kicking our elderly out of their homes. He talked about building a greater Kansas for the generations after us, as he wants to leave his grandchildren with more than what his generation was able to get. He is pushing for more affordable living across the state.

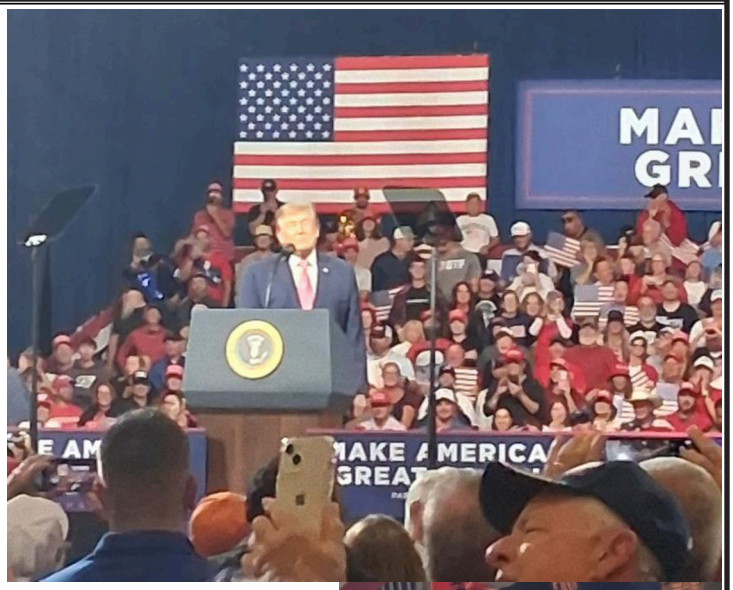
Roger Marshall focused on supporting our troops and veterans.

Also bringing to light speculations on Adam Hamilton participating in drag shows and not reporting one of his ministers molesting two children. Marshall stated "Adam Hamilton sat on the report for a year before going to the police".

Ted Nuget was a bright star on the stage as he came out to the mic with Rock'n Roll music blaring. Nuget said "I got a call from the President this morning while in my tree stand in Michigan, he said"Ted I need you down in Kansas today". I don't get out of the tree stand for NOONE except for FREEDDOM!!!!". A roar started across the stadium as the attendees chanted "U S A".

After a long wait, President Trump came to the stage, but before entering the stage one of my favorite hymns played, "How Great Thou Art" reimagined by Elvis Presley. Trump wanted to let people know how important it was to get out and vote. Trump then informed the public of everything going on in France. This also holds a warning to the American people to fight against the same thing from happening here.

Although there were a few that came with malicious intent, the rally was fun and a new experience for me.



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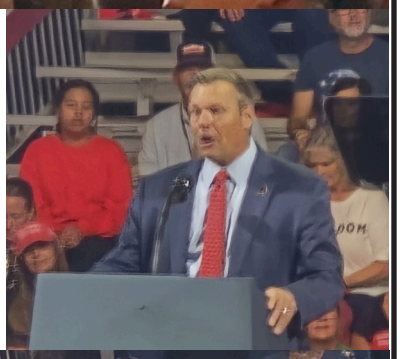

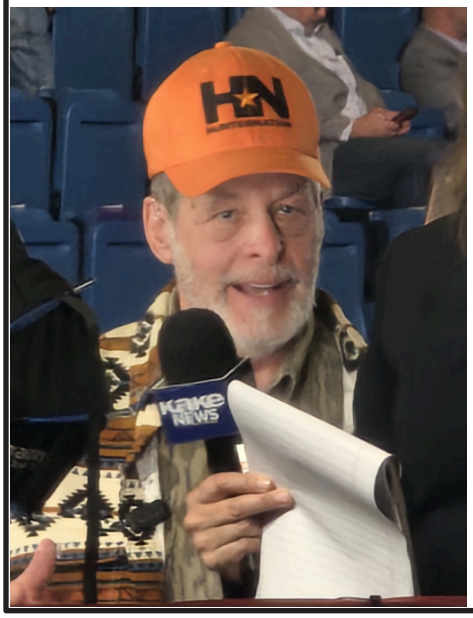

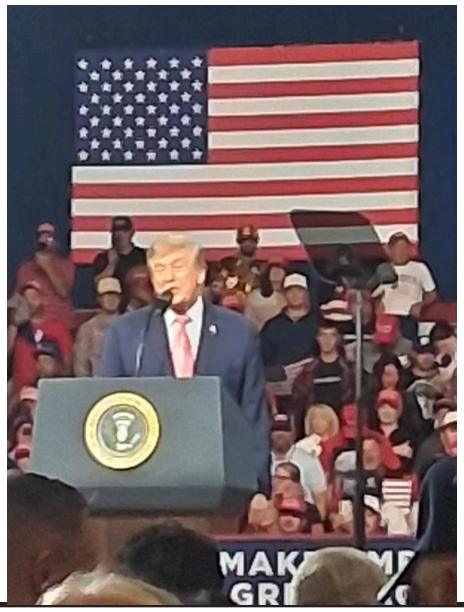

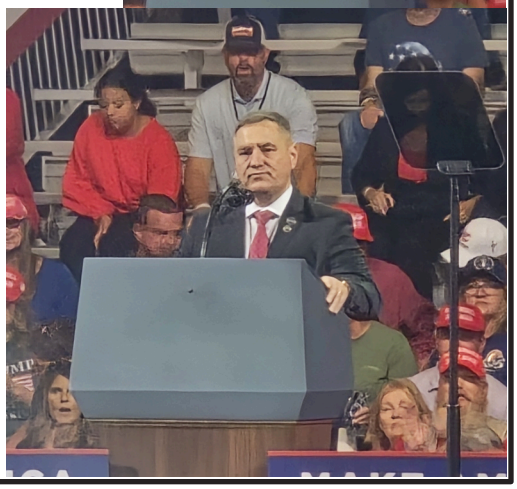

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15 S. First St., Herington
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10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

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117 E. Third St., Chapman
9:45 a.m. Bible School
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Immanuel Lutheran Church
2201 1000 Ave., Herington
8:30 a.m. Worship
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802 E. Trapp, Herington
10:30 a.m. Worship

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2124 Highway 4, Herington
8:30 a.m. Worship
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114 N. Eighth St., Herington
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
11 a.m. Worship/Communion

St. Michael's Catholic Church
210 E. 6th St. Chapman, KS
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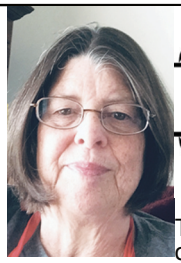

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Legacy

Today I turned on my computer only to be reminded of the date. Oct. 14 th . On this date fourteen years ago, my dad took his last breath. My mother had died seventeen years earlier, so I moved into the place of the oldest member of my family, and I feel a great sense of responsibility. Mom and dad were two who reared four children and those children reared twelve. Now my siblings and I are counting our grandchildren and at this point they number twenty-four. I am certain my parents never envisioned these numbers when they said, "I do."

I re-read some of the many condolences from folks who reached out to me on this date so long ago and I realize that this large family group is not the only mark my parents left in this world. They touched lives far and wide. The lives that they influenced then influenced their own progeny and beyond. Yes, I definitely feel a sense of responsibility. I know my life will send ripples beyond my imagination. The choices I make determine whether those ripples will carry life or destruction. This is why I choose to serve God. I cannot bear this responsibility alone, but God promises to give all I need for this journey. God of love and grace, strengthen me to grow in love for you and for all whom you have created. Amen

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Mark Will
DCNT Columnist

THIS DAY -IN- THE HERINGTON TIMES

Marriage, Anniversary, Fame and a Parade

125 years ago – 1901

HERINGTON GROWING – We have not lately taken the resident census ourselves but are informed by one who has that during the present year thirty-four new residences have been commenced or finished or both within the corporate limits of our city. These are all good, substantial residences and still average between fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars each. How is that for a town of only 2,000 inhabitants!

100 years ago – 1926

BABE GETS A "CHEVY" – Babe Ruth not only won everlasting baseball renown with his trio of home runs in the fourth game of the world series played in St. Louis, but he also won a new Chevrolet. One of the home run baseballs crashed through a plate glass window of an automobile salesroom near Cardinal stadium and bounded off the side of a Chevrolet coupe on display inside. In acknowledgement of his feat, Babe was presented with the car. "Times have changed," said Ruth with a broad grin. "Some years ago, it would have been a serious offense for any of us to break a window with a baseball. Now it brings a new automobile."

75 years ago – 1951

EISENHOWER FOR PRESIDENT – Herington voters were given the opportunity this week to add their signatures to petitions issued in Abilene to ask General Dwight Eisenhower, favorite son of Kansas and Abilene, to become a candidate for the office of President of the United States. Two petitions from Herington are being filed this week, one is at the office of Kirkland's Credit Bureau, and the other is at the Herington Advertiser-Times office. An "Eisenhower for President Club" has been organized with Henry B. Jameson, an Abilene newspaper man, as club president and other veterans as club officers. In a statement Monday, Mr. Jameson said: "We expect to mail the petitions to the general when the job is completed. They will show better than anything else the genuine sentiment of the home folks and their sincere desire that he should be the next president.".

50 years ago – 1976

MOVIE THEATRE BEING PLANNED LOCALLY – A new movie theatre is being for Herington to open after the first of the year. The theatre will be located in the old IGA store building at 101 East Main street. A lease agreement was finalized last week between Arthur Otte, the building owner, and Mrs. Eileen Markley of Salina for the establishment of a new movie house. The new theatre, to be known as "The Movies", will fill an entertainment void that has existed in Herington for several years since the closing of the old Dreamland Theatre on Broadway. Remodeling of the former supermarket building was scheduled to begin Wednesday. A completely new projection system will be installed. The theatre will have a seating capacity of between 150 to 200. The theatre will probably be open six evenings a week and will be closed on Wednesdays.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

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SpiceUpYourLife-BlackenedTilapiaTacos
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Blackened Tilapia Baja Tacos are a good way to enjoy fish, even for the non-fish lover.

Blackened Tilapia Baja Tacos make a splash
Editor's Note: This column first ran in print on Oct. 10, 2013.
This summer, when Joey and I visited Wisconsin, we found out that we'd be taking part in a fish boil right off of Lake Michigan, and while Joey was excited at the prospect of some fresh fish, I found myself hoping for some good side dishes.
I just don't like fish.
Unless you deep fry it (or it's shellfish. I love me some shellfish.), you can normally count me out on eating any kind of fish, and even if it's fried, it often depends on how much you manage to hide the fish flavor before I'll enjoy my dinner (don't tell Adam Strunk).
I'm not sure what it is about it, but fish just makes me wrinkle up my nose.
So that's why, when I tell you that I have a recipe for fish tacos this week, you should sit up and take notice that this is actually pretty good, because I liked it, and it wasn't made in a fryer.
This week's recipe comes from the March 2011 issue of Cooking Light Magazine, and it's one I not only clipped for my recipe box but also one I've made several times.
I've made a few changes (there's
some weird jalapeno sauce they made to go with it that I didn't care for when I tried it), so what's worked for me is below.
Also, if you're nervous about cooking fish like I normally am, I can say with
confidence that this is super easy.
Blackened Tilapia Baja Tacos
Ingredients
1 and 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1 and 1/2 teaspoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon dried oregano
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
4, 6-ounce tilapia fillets
1 tablespoon canola oil
8, 6-inch corn tortillas, crunchy taco shells or tortilla chips
1 ripe peeled avocado, thinly sliced
Directions
Combine the paprika, brown sugar, oregano, garlic powder, salt, cumin and red pepper on a plate and dredge the fish fillets in the spice mixture.
Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the fish to the pan and cook for about three minutes on each side.
Warm the tortillas according to package instructions or place a bed of tortilla chips on each plate.
Slice the fish and evenly distribute amongst the tortillas, adding avocado to each taco.
I'd recommend using crunchy tortilla chips or crunchy taco shells. The texture of the chips with the fish and avocado is a really nice juxtaposition.
Also, if you're not sure on how to choose a ripe avocado, pick one that gives just slightly when you squeeze it with your thumb. If it gives a lot, it's over-ripe. If it's pretty hard, you'll want to leave it on your counter for a few days until it's got some give.
Personally, I love avocado, so any excuse I can get to use it is excuse enough to try a recipe out (even if it is fish).
If you're not a huge fish fan, maybe you can give this one a try and see if you like it. The spices in this recipe definitely take away a lot of that fishy flavor. Also, if you pair this with a crunchy shell, you'll be able to overcome the slimy feel that fish sometimes gets.
Give it a shot. If nothing else, you'll have something delicious to share with a fish lover in your life, and you'll have some delicious avocado that can become some even more delicious guacamole. That's a win-win in my book.

Results of Chapman NCKL Cross Country at Abilene on Thursday, October 15, 2026
7th Girls (2 miles)
3rd Mackenzie Kerns 13:33 (medal and season PR)
6th Makayla Medina 14:02 (medal and season PR)
21st Grace Lefert 17:39 (season PR)

7th Boys (2 miles)—2nd Place out of 5 Teams
1st Elias Calovich 12:28 (medal and season PR)
7th Nolan Hall 13:29 (medal and season PR)
14th Cannon Krinhop 14:12 (season PR)
17th Finn Keller 14:41 (season PR)

8th Girls (2 miles)
12th Zoey VanMeter 14:56 (Middle School PR)

8th Boys (2 miles)—1st Place out of 5 Teams
1st Eli Elliott 11:06 (medal and Middle School PR)
7th Luke Lefert 11:57 (medal and Middle School PR)
8th Creighton Owen 12:04 (medal and Middle School PR)
12th Wakeen Whitehair 12:30 (Middle School PR)

Varsity Girls (5K)—4th Place out of 6 Teams
2nd Liberty Cuevas 19:38 (medal and All-NCKL)
17th Kaylee Brabender 22:43 (season PR)
19th Laney Thornton 23:01 (matched season PR)
28th Addison Gibson 24:55 (season PR)
31nd June Linville 25:12 (season PR)
34th Olivia Vosburg 27:27 (career PR)

Varsity Boys (5K)—2nd Place out of 7 Teams
2nd Riley Delorenzo 16:50 (medal and All-NCKL)
13th Elliot Solander 18:03 (medal, career PR, and All-NCKL)
16th Slayde Crouse 18:10 (career PR)
20th Asher Solander 18:40.21 (season PR)
21st Charlie Purdue 18:40.82 (season PR)
28th Jackson Fong 19:06 (season PR)
31st Baptiste Balmitgere 19:12 (season PR)

JV Boys (5K)—2nd Place out of 6 Teams
1st Ethan Falls 18:33 (career PR)
8th Bryar Cochran 19:28 (career PR)
10th Shiloh Solander 19:44 (season PR)
11th Xander Akey 19:45 (season PR)
19th Karson Craig 20:22 (career PR)
31st Wesley Whitehair 21:44 (career PR)
38th Hudson Wasylk 22:58 (season PR)
46th Santiago Medina 23:55 (season PR)
48th Sterling Bonnema 23:59 (season PR)
53rd Joshua Weyeneth 26:15 (season PR)

Comments: HOLY COW!! Would you look at ALL those PR's! Let me say that the "hardware" is great to get, but in my opinion, with a sport like Cross Country (and Track & Field), PR's are pretty darn special and awesome to get. I have to say (and I'm going to speak for Coach Hoffman too), that we are very proud of all of the CHS and CMS runners and they are "sitting" pretty good for this special time of the season. The middle school runners and some of the high school runners completed their season today, and what a heck of a way to finish it! We have some high school runners who can "rest" for a couple days and then "get back at it" to prepare for Regionals (and hopefully State). Congratulations to all of Chapman's runners for a great showing at NCKL.

Next up: Regionals at Buhler on Saturday, October 24

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Driving Dickinson County is launching two countywide holiday campaigns designed to give residents another reason to shop local, support area businesses and keep more holiday spending close to home.

From Nov. 27 through Dec. 24, 2026, businesses across Dickinson County can take part in Win What You Spend and the Merry & Bright Storefront Showdown — two campaigns with different approaches but one shared goal: driving customers through local doors during one of the most important shopping seasons of the year.

Businesses do not have to be Driving Dickinson County partners to participate.

Win What You Spend

Win What You Spend turns everyday holiday purchases into a chance to win.

Throughout the campaign, shoppers will be encouraged to make purchases at participating Dickinson County businesses and drop qualifying receipts into ballot boxes located at participating businesses.

To enter, shoppers must write their full name and phone number legibly on the receipt before placing it in a campaign ballot box. Entrants must be 18 or older.

Participating businesses will receive campaign materials and a ballot box ahead of Nov. 24. Driving Dickinson County will collect ballot boxes during the week of Dec. 28, combine all eligible entries into one collective drawing pool, and draw winners at random on Jan. 5, 2027.

Winners will receive the value shown on their eligible receipt, limited by the amount remaining in the prize pool. Drawings will continue until the full $1,000 prize pool has been awarded.

The program is designed to give shoppers one more reason to think local first — whether they are buying gifts, dining out, scheduling a service or making another holiday-season purchase.

Businesses can register for Win What You Spend here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2wCgkFDwB9

Merry & Bright Storefront Showdown

Holiday spending is only part of what makes local shopping districts feel alive in December. The Merry & Bright Storefront Showdown is designed to bring some extra holiday energy to communities throughout Dickinson County.

Participating businesses are invited to decorate their storefronts, windows and entrances for the season.

The public will then be encouraged to shop, stroll and vote for their favorite festive display.

Voting will take place on the Driving Dickinson County website from Nov. 27 through Dec. 24.

To vote, visitors will enter their name and email address, select the participating business they want to support and submit their vote.

Each person may cast one vote per day and return the following day to vote again. Only one vote per person per day will be counted.

Driving Dickinson County reserves the right to remove duplicate, fraudulent, automated or suspicious votes and may verify results before awarding the prize.

One participating business will receive the $500 People's Choice Prize.

Driving Dickinson County is grateful to Almost Home Realty for sponsoring this year's Merry & Bright Storefront Showdown and helping make the People's Choice Prize possible.

Businesses can register for Merry & Bright here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/hxp9duCvU8

More than a holiday promotion

While both campaigns are meant to be fun, there is an economic-development purpose behind them.

"When we encourage people to shop local, we're doing more than supporting one transaction or one business," said Natalie Muruato, CEO of Driving Dickinson County. "We're helping keep dollars circulating in Dickinson County, supporting local jobs and strengthening the businesses and communities that make this county a place people want to live, work and invest."

For locally owned and locally operated businesses, the holiday season can represent an important period for sales and customer traffic. Campaigns like these can help create added visibility, introduce shoppers to businesses they may not have visited before and give residents another reason to intentionally spend close to home.

For communities, those individual purchases add up. Local spending supports businesses that employ Dickinson County residents, occupy storefronts, contribute to commercial districts, provide services close to home and help create the communities people want to live in and visit.

These campaigns also give businesses the opportunity to benefit from shared countywide promotion rather than marketing independently.

A shopper who comes out to visit one decorated storefront may discover another business down the street. Someone participating in Win What You Spend may visit a business or community they had not previously considered.

That cross-promotion is part of the goal.

Driving Dickinson County wants to help businesses reach beyond their usual customer base while giving residents a reason to explore more of what is available right here at home.

Get your business in the Driver's Seat

Participation in both campaigns is open to eligible Dickinson County businesses, whether or not they are current Driving Dickinson County partners.

Businesses may participate in one or both campaigns.

Both campaigns begin Friday, Nov. 27, and run through Thursday, Dec. 24, 2026.

Driving Dickinson County encourages businesses interested in participating to register early so there is plenty of time to prepare promotional materials, participant listings and campaign resources before launch.

Win What You Spend Registration: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2wCgkFDwB9

Merry and Bright Storefront Showdown Registration: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/hxp9duCvU8

This holiday season, the goal is simple: make it easy — and fun — to choose Dickinson County first.

Whether that means filling a shopping bag, grabbing dinner, purchasing a service or taking an evening stroll past decorated storefronts, every local choice helps keep Dickinson County businesses in the Driver's Seat.



A Dream Finds a Home: The Social Brings New Ways to Gather in Herington

Long before she had a storefront, Morgan Porter had an idea: someday, she wanted to create a "one-stop shop."

She and her mom were decorating weddings and doing rentals together, turning their love of crafting and creating into celebrations for others. Over time, that work expanded into event coordination, more rental inventory and The Fizz Fix mobile drink trailer.

Now, Morgan and her husband, Mike Porter, are bringing those pieces together at The Social in Herington.

The new business will celebrate its grand opening October 24, with a ribbon cutting at 11:30 a.m., followed by an open house from noon to 4 p.m. Driving Dickinson County will join the Porters to help celebrate the milestone.

For Morgan, the opening marks the realization of a longtime dream—and an opportunity to invest in the community she calls home.

Built with family, made for community

Morgan has developed her businesses alongside her full-time career as a special education teacher and her family life. While she describes herself as the one frequently saying, "I have another idea," she credits Mike with helping turn those ideas into reality.

He has spent countless hours working on the building, with family members pitching in to paint, clean, build, move furniture and work through whatever project came next. Friends, employees and community members have also helped along the way.

Improvements have included flooring, lighting, event spaces and a permanent Fizz Fix bar, along with furniture, décor and equipment. The Porters have also worked through the licensing, inspections, permits and planning needed to bring the business together.

"It has been a much bigger project than we initially imagined, but seeing it finally come together has made it worth it," Morgan said.

The result is a space designed to accommodate several kinds of gatherings. Customers will be able to rent The Social for birthday parties, showers, meetings and other private events, with event décor rentals, decorating and coordination services also available.

The Fizz Fix will offer drinks inside the building and can be incorporated into private events. Plans also include craft nights, seasonal activities, children's and teen events, and merchandise for purchase.

"I didn't want it to feel like it was simply a rental venue or just a drink shop," Morgan said. "The Social is meant to be a place for people to gather, connect and celebrate."

Another reason to stay local

The Porters' investment adds both a business location and new options for spending time in Herington.

Morgan said she often hears people talk about leaving town to find things to do. She hopes The Social can help change that by offering activities and celebrations closer to home, while attracting visitors from surrounding communities who may also shop, eat and explore locally.

"Herington is our home, and we really wanted to invest in our own community," she said.

Some existing Fizz Fix employees will continue working at The Social and during events. Morgan also hopes to collaborate with local makers, instructors and small businesses as programming develops.

"I would much rather find ways to work together and create things that encourage people to spend time downtown and support several businesses while they're here," she said.

At the heart of that vision is a welcoming place where someone can attend a class alone, bring their children to an activity or gather family and friends for a milestone.

"The Social feels like the place where all the things I've loved doing over the years finally make sense together," Morgan said.

By investing in their hometown and creating more opportunities to gather, the Porters are helping make Dickinson County roadmarkable—one celebration at a time.

Join the celebration October 24

The public is invited to the 11:30 a.m. ribbon cutting and noon–4 p.m. grand opening/open house on October 24 at The Social, 106 N. Broadway St. in Herington. Admission is free, and no registration is required.

Visitors can tour the spaces, view staged event décor and learn about rentals, services and upcoming classes. The Fizz Fix bar will be open, refreshments will be available, and guests can shop merchandise and other items.

The first 10 households through the doors following the ribbon cutting will receive a Grand Opening Goodie Bag.

For private rental availability and booking information, contact The Social through its Facebook page, The Social-Herington KS, or call 785-713-2910. Regular storefront hours are still being determined. Follow the Facebook page for Fizz Fix hours, upcoming classes and events.

"When people walk through the doors on October 24, I hope they don't just see a building or another business," Morgan said. "I hope they see a place where they can make memories, celebrate the important moments in their lives, try something new and feel welcome."



Catholic Charities

St. Michael Catholic Church
210 E 6th ST
Chapman, KS 67431
Every 4th Wednesday of the month
9am-10am

St. John Catholic Church
712 Broadway
Herington, KS 67449
Every 1st Wednesday of the month
1pm-2pm

St. Andrew Catholic Church
311 S Buckeye Ave
Abilene, KS 67410
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
3599 N Field Rd
Solomon, KS 67480
Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Enterprise Community Church
210 S High St.
Enterprise, KS 67441
Every 4th Wednesday of the Month
10:30am till 11am

First UMC Manhattan
1710 Avery Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
785-539-1748
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Tue- 3rd of each month 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Westview Community Church
615 Gillespie Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-537-7173
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Fri- 1st of each month 10am-11am

Ogden Community Center
220 Willow Street
Ogden, KS 66517
785-564-0071 or 785-410-6672
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Tue- 4th of each month 9:30am-10:30am

Highview Church
402 Main Street
Alta Vista, KS 66834
620-767-2844
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Tue- 4th of each month 11:30 AM 12:30 PM

Memorial Health System Wound Center receives dual recognition with Clinical Distinction and Excellence in Patient Satisfaction Awards

(October 15, 2026) – The Memorial Health System Wound Center has been named a dual recipient of RestorixHealth's Clinical Distinction and Excellence in Patient Satisfaction Awards. Recipients of these awards meet or exceed national quality benchmarks over a set period of time.

RestorixHealth's Clinical Distinction Award recognizes wound centers that have demonstrated exceptional success by meeting or exceeding clinical benchmarks; while the Excellence in Patient Satisfaction Award recognizes wound centers that have demonstrated superior performance in overall patient satisfaction.

"We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication, not only to healing, but also to patient satisfaction," said William Short, MD, medical director for the MHS Wound Center. "We are proud to be recipients of awards that recognize the work of our staff as both a health care team and patient champions."

The MHS Wound Center is dedicated to optimizing outcomes and preventing lower limb loss in patients with non-healing wounds. The team's approach to wound care is comprehensive – coordinating traditional and advanced therapies that aid and accelerate the healing process.

The center is staffed with clinicians with advanced training in wound care. Integrating a team of wound care professionals optimizes patient care while offering the most advanced healing options for hard to heal wounds.

The MHS Wound Center is located at 511 NE 10th Street in Abilene and is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Wound Center at 785-571-1070 or visit www.mhsks.org.

About RestorixHealth

Committed to excellence in wound care, RestorixHealth is the wound care solutions company providing programs, services, products and education across the care continuum. From developing and operating wound centers in partnership with hospitals, through delivering professional wound care in nursing facilities and in-home settings, to supporting patients through the coordination of wound supplies, RestorixHealth's solutions increase access to care, reduce hospital admissions and most importantly, improve patient outcomes and quality of life. For more information, visit www.RestorixHealth.com.

Fort Riley celebrates success of "Safe Passage" program

Fort Riley and the 1st Infantry Division are celebrating the success of the "Safe Passage" ride-share program sponsored jointly by Fort Riley, the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition.

"Safe Passage" is a joint community effort to provide Soldiers in the ranks of captain and below safe and reliable transportation options on weekends through the use of vouchers that can be redeemed with a designated ride-share company. The vouchers can be used for rides to and from Fort Riley and surrounding communities, including Junction City, Ogden, Manhattan, St. George, and Wamego.

As of October, more than 6,400 Soldiers have signed up for the program, and 4,600 vouchers have been used. The $30 vouchers are issued monthly and can be used Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between the hours of 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.

During Fort Riley's monthly community information exchange Wednesday, Col. Joey Orr, Fort Riley garrison commander and Col. Ian Lauer, 1st Infantry Division deputy commanding officer for support, thanked Fort Riley's community partners, noting their role in making this program successful.

"This is a small way to recognize people who had a huge impact on the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley," Col. Orr said. "This program is a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together toward a common goal: the safety and well-being of our service members."

"Safe Passage" spent just over $100,000 through September of this year. For Fiscal Year 2027, KDOT has pledged $225,000 to the program.

Memorial Health System receives $15,000 grant for Packaged Meal Program

(October 14, 2026) – The Food and Nutrition Services department at Memorial Health System has been awarded a $15,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County to support the development of a new Packaged Meal Program at Memorial Hospital.

The grant will help fund equipment, planning and education needed to establish the program, which aims to make nutritious, affordable meals more accessible to members of the community while reducing food waste. The Packaged Meal Program will provide an opportunity to use excess food inventory that might otherwise go to waste by turning it into packaged meals for community members experiencing food insecurity, or anyone looking for a delicious, budget-friendly meal.

Through this initiative, Memorial Health System hopes to make better use of available resources while helping meet a community need for affordable food options.

"We're excited to launch the Packaged Meal Program because it allows us to make the most of the food and resources we have while giving back to our community," said Andra Cunningham, Memorial Health System Food and Nutrition Services director. "Our goal is to provide nutritious, affordable meals for those who may be facing food insecurity, as well as anyone looking for a convenient, budget-friendly option. We're grateful to the Community Foundation of Dickinson County for supporting this effort and helping us turn an opportunity to reduce food waste into a meaningful benefit for our community."

Additional details about the Packaged Meal Program, including availability and how community members can participate, will be announced in the near future.



Pictured, from left: Madison Krueger, Memorial Hospital Cook; Lindsey Rimmel, Memorial Hospital Food Production Lead; Cindy Matson, Memorial Hospital Food Service Worker; Andra Cunningham, Memorial Health System Food and Nutrition Services Director; Nicole Avig, Memorial Hospital Food Service Worker; Elizabeth Weese, Community Foundation of Dickinson County Executive Director; and Haley Jones, Community Foundation of Dickinson County Director of Operations and Strategy.

Don't Be a Ding-Dong This Halloween

Ding-dong!
Ding-dong!
When I got "too old" to trick-or-treat, my parents assigned me the job of answering the door for trick-or-treaters.
The Worst! Every couple of minutes, I had to get up and answer the door. I was working on my math worksheet, and more importantly, I had a "Quantum Leap" episode to watch. I didn't even have a pause button back then. Since my parents were watching their own shows downstairs, I came up with a solution: I turned off all the lights and pretended nobody was home.
Problem solved.
Hear me out: I had a reason for doing this, too. Before I retired from trick-or-treating, my dad would plunder the haul my brother and I brought home. He claimed he was inspecting our candy for razor blades or needles, a fear that made headlines back then. I suspected he was less concerned with our safety and more interested in finding a Snickers bar.
Now that I wasn't bringing home candy anymore, I knew we would have a sugar shortage. By refusing to answer the door, I reasoned, the candy already in the house could make up for the
candy I was no longer collecting.
A perfectly sound plan, according to my teenage self.
Wrong.
I had forgotten one important rule of Halloween: no tricks, then there may be tricks.
And, as it turns out, that's a tradition with deep roots in Kansas.
More than a century ago, Halloween mischief in Hiawatha was getting out of hand. Newspapers reported uprooted vegetables, gates torn from their hinges and livestock deposited on barn roofs.
(Don't ask me how.) Vandals even set a wagon ablaze and hauled it through the streets.
For Elizabeth Krebs, an award-winning gardener whose garden had suffered from Halloween vandalism, enough was enough.
Rather than simply complain about the troublemakers, Krebs helped organize a Halloween celebration that gave local children something better to do. The event featured costumes, prizes, a parade and a dance. It gave people a chance to celebrate Halloween without leaving destruction in its wake.
The idea caught on. Hiawatha's Halloween Frolic became an annual tradition, and more than a century later, the town still celebrates.
Mrs. Krebs understood that the best way to curb mischief wasn't to take away the fun, but to give people a better way to have it.
Over time, that spirit of organized Halloween fun took other forms, like trick-or-treating.
You know the routine. The evening begins with little kids, usually accompanied by their parents, dressed as whatever the character or creature is currently the rage. As the night wears on, the costumes become a little less convincing. By the time the teenagers arrive, you're opening the door to "my football uniform," "bag-on-head guy," or "Wyatt," which I'm guessing was actually Wyatt.
Of course, Mrs. Krebs's solution wasn't foolproof. Mischief-makers are still around, and parents' worries have changed.
Growing up, I remember hearing warnings about devil worshippers targeting trick-or-treaters and the dangers of walking dark streets alone.
Concerns about children's safety have helped some families rethink the traditional door-to-door route in favor of organized alternatives.
That's where Halloween evolved further with trunk-or-treating. People meet in parking lots, decorate cars, and hand out candy from open trunks as children move from vehicle to vehicle.
I think Mrs. Krebs would have approved. Like her Frolic, it brings people together, gives kids a safe place to celebrate, and keeps Halloween trick-or-treating fun and safer.
No more tricking. Now you've been trunked.
My teenage self would have loved it, too. No answering doors. No interruptions. Just me, my math worksheet and "Quantum Leap."
Instead, my mom, not hearing the doorbell ringing, came upstairs, turned on the lights, and had me sit at the door waiting for trick-or-treaters.
Even worse, the next morning we discovered that someone had covered our garage door in shaving cream – probably that Wyatt kid.
And guess who had to clean it up?
So, this Halloween, don't be a ding-dong. If trick-or-treaters come knocking, consider turning on your porch light and handing out some candy. If your neighborhood celebrates with trunk-or- treat, pop that trunk.
It seems Elizabeth Krebs knew more than how to protect her garden; she knew how to build a community and bring smiles to kids' faces. We should keep that spirit alive, one porch light, one candy bowl, and one decorated trunk at a time.
It's the Halloween way.
It's the Kansas way.

Herington Middle School
2026-2027
1st Quarter
Honor Roll

Straight A's 4.00
6th Grade: Savannah Myers, Ava Polok, Tobin Schrader
7th Grade: None
8th Grade: Alaina Hight
High Honors 3.99-3.71
6th Grade: Haily Arguellas, Silas Barnes, Addison Beardslee, Cecily Beck, Carter Guillot, Christopher Miller, Macy Polok
7th Grade: Brooklyn Bess, Alex LeBlanc
8th Grade: Iker Lechuga, Carly Miller, Caleb Myers, Mae Nelson, Olivia Sjodahl
Honors 3.70-3.40
6th Grade: Landyn Berndt, Kennadie Minton, Logan Spillman, Derek Whitson
7th Grade: Khloe Castleberry, Taryn Ebright, Sky Glessner, Charlie Kickhaefer, Casen Matthews, Hayden Mein, Kora Meyer
8th Grade: Lincoln Barnes, Shelby Friesen, Star Haynes, Jaxton Lawrenz

Honorable Mention: 3.39-3.00
6th Grade: Kael Castleberry, Riley Egbert, Tessa Garcia, Zenith Hall
7th Grade: Gabriella Arguellas, Catalina Christyauntie
8th Grade: Carlos Cook, Ryiah Meier, Oliver Seger

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MEET YOUR CANDIDATE FOR KANSAS ON OCTOBER 31ST AT 10 AM. VFW IN HERINGTON , KS WILL BE HOSTING AN EVENT FOR A MEET AND GREET FOR YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. INVITES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT BUT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THEIR ATTENDANCE. AS OF TODAY KYLIE KILMER HAS ACCEPTED.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Chapman, KS at City Hall, 446 North Marshall St. until 2:00p.m., Tuesday November 10th, 2026 C.S.T in five (5) bid packages for the furnishing of all labor and materials specified and the performance of all work in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications for:

Downtown Dance, Tumbling & Aerial Arts

Buhrer Opera House Building

428-430 North Marshall St.

Chapman, Kansas 67431

The scope of work of the project includes remodeling of an existing +/- 3,200 sq. ft. space for dance, tumbling and aerial arts classes, and related site requirements. The project is being funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a grant administrator will be available to assist with the required submittals and compliance documents to include the certified payrolls, employee interviews, etc.. The project is being re-bid with a reduced scope from May and

September, 2026.

The Bid Packages are;

No. 1: Roof

No. 2: Structural Steel and Wood Framing

No. 3: Windows

No. 4: HVAC & Plumbing

No. 5: Electrical

Plans and specifications will be available on October 10, 2026, for examination and can be obtained from the Architect, Baker McMillan Architects, by emailing admin@bakermcmillan.com . Plans may also be provided electronically. A Contractor's Qualification Statement, AIA Document A305-2020 shall be submitted with the bid. Without this submittal and required verifications with the bid, it will be rejected.

Bid Security will be required in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidder qualifications may be required in accordance with Instructions to Bidders. Contract time will be set in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and Agreement. OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

No Bidder may withdraw a bid for a period of Thirty (30) days after the date of the opening of the Bids.

City of Chapman, Kansas

19 Oct, Mon
All day HS Volleyball - Regionals
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe
5 – 6pm MS Football at home Herington
5:30 – 6:30pm FB JV @ Clay Center
6:30 – 7:30pm USD 487 BOE Meeting
6:30pm BOE Meeting

20 Oct, Tue
All day Pre ACT Freshman
All day Work Keys (Juniors)
4 – 7:30pm Parent Teacher Conferences
4 – 7pm Letterman Jacket

21 Oct, Wed
All day FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis (Day 1/4)
All day PreACT (All Freshmen)
7:30 – 8:30am CES Books & Breakfast
2:55 – 3:25pm Barton Community College Rep

22 Oct, Thu
All day FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis (Day 2/4)
5:30 – 6:30pm CMS Pickleball Tournament
6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion-Herington

23 Oct, Fri
All day FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis (Day 3/4)
All day No School
All day NO SCHOOL
6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo 101 E Main St
7 – 9pm HS Football @ Burlingame
7 – 8pm FB V @ Hesston

24 Oct, Sat
All day FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis (Day 4/4)
All day VB Sub-State @ TBD
All day XC Regional @ TBA
All day HS Cross Country - Regionals
All day HS Volleyball - Sub-State

26 Oct, Mon
All day SADD Sponsored Red Ribbon Week (Day 1/5)
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe
5 – 6pm CMS Site Council

27 Oct, Tue
All day SADD Sponsored Red Ribbon Week (Day 2/5)
4:30 – 5:30pm MS GBB vs Abilene

28 Oct, Wed
All day SADD Sponsored Red Ribbon Week (Day 3/5)
8am – 3pm Bandtober Fest
2:55 – 3:25pm Fort Hays State University representative Library

Woodbine United Methodist Church

Annual Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 21st

Cost by Donation

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Take Out Available