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Monday, November 9:
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Thursday, November 12:
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A few fun facts
- The sun will set before 5 p.m. now and will continue to get earlier each day until December 8th, when the sun will set at 3:57 p.m.
- The sun won't set after 5 p.m. again until February 7th...100 days from now!
- received between 0.20-0.75 of moisture this past week.







Halloween parade

Elly, Bo, and Braelynn handed out glowsticks during the grade school Halloween parade. We hope you GLOW all out this halloween!



State Cross Country

What a way to finish the season! Shaun left it all out on the course at the State Cross Country Meet, placing 35th with a time of 18:34!

Way to go, Shaun! We are so proud of you and all the hard work, dedication, and determination you've put into this season!

A special thank you to First State Bank and Solutions North Bank for the goodie bag and tea to help fuel his race. We appreciate your support!





HCF annual hot dog and trunk or treat

Hill City First Assembly of God hosted their annual trunk or treat and hot dog feed at the swimming pool park. Luke Owen performed live music while trick or treaters passed through.

BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

There sure are a lot of Halloween decorations out this year. Almost like Christmas with all the decorations.

Florence VanLoenen's funeral was held at the Bogue Church Friday morning, Oct. 30th. She was buried in the Wildhorse TWP cemetery.

Word was received this week of the death of Anne VanLoenen, wife of Rodney VanLoenen in Texas.

Bobbie Bell was a guest of Jean Bell and Liz at the Brazen Bull in Wakeeney on Thursday night in honor of her birthday.

Karen King and Liz visited Bobbie Bell Friday morning to wish her a happy birthday.

I hope everyone remembered to set their clocks back one hour.

Loren Johnsons family enjoyed Sat. evening at the Saloon in Wakeeny in hinor of Loren's birthday.

Loren Johnson was an honor guest of Liz VanLoenen, Corey Johnson, Joanne Johnson, Bobbie Holsman, and Frank Holsman Sunday morning after church and Sunday school for cake and coffee in honor of his 91st birthday.

Bogue received .40" of rain Sunday.

Bobbie Holsman and Frank went to Hill City Friday. They visited Carrie Dowdell at the Big Box.

Greeley Billips visited Liz Tues. evening.



The Crypt scares because they care

The Crypt went BACK IN TIME!

That's right the monsters were out, the ghouls were loose, and creatures from every dimension partied like it's 1999!

Back when we danced the night away to Atomic Rock, drank Witches' Brew, chowed down on Scooby Snacks, and chased and scared the daylights out of everyone young and old!

The Crypt haunted house was open every Saturday in Palco. They scare 'cause they care! A percentage of the proceeds will go to help the Chris and Marcy Gansel family!



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Vintage with a Purpose

Little House Vintage had the honor of being asked to be on a giving for a cause raid train on Whatnot! This raid train was all about giving back and making a difference! Each seller chose a cause near and dear to their heart to raise money for, making this event extra special. Little House Vintage proudly chose Goddard Place as our cause! Becky Ellis, president of Goddard Place, has continued the legacy that helps families from many places. Please check out their website and learn the program and help if you can.

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Prairie Trails Golf Course News

2026 Men's Tuesday Night PTGC Golf Stats

by Bob Dombroski

The 2026 "Tuesday Night Men's Golf" at Prairie Trails golf course in Hill City ended on October 27. There were thirty-four scheduled events with three weather cancellations.

684 rounds of golf were played on Tuesday evenings throughout the golf season, averaging 22 players per week. Many rounds were played before official play started, and numerous holes enjoyed after each event. In comparison, 662 rounds in 2025 averaging 19.5 players and 560 rounds in 2024 averaging 16.5 players per week with no cancellations each of those years. The largest turnout of the year was on July 14 with 37 players while having 30 or more players in 6 different weeks.

126 flag prizes were given out by our generous sponsors with different players winning. Sponsorship included: Campbell's 24-Hour Automatic Car Wash, Nex-Tech, Six Pack Liquor LLC, Nex-Tech Wireless, Outdoor Bank, Solutions North Bank, FMH Insurance, Hill City Pharmacy, B&E Garage, Pittman's Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning, 2- Lane Liquor, Millbrook Lodge #281, The First State Bank and Jamboree Foods.

Seventy different players participated this year. Fifty-two golfers placed first or second place, and forty-two separate participants won a flag prize. The top attendees were Noah Fry, 27; Kendall Nuss, 25; Cameron Atkins, 25; Brent Kelley, 24; Fred Owen, 24.

Top flag prize collectors were Noah Fry, 12; Bob Dombroski, 7; Wade McDowell, 7; Fred Owen, 6; Gary Long, 6. Most 1st place finishes were Noah Fry, 11; Chris Orr, 8; Fred Owen, 6; Bob Dombroski, 5. Heading the list for most 2nd place finishes were Kendall Nuss, 6; Tate Reynolds, 5; Gary Long, 5.

Following is a list of each player and how many times they participated: Aaron Moss, 4; Alex VanLoenen, 2; Austin Rivera,16; Ben Deges, 1; Bob Dombroski, 21; Brady Bell, 2; Brandon Born, 5; Brent Kelley, 24; Brock Kibel, 16; Bronson Bailey, 20; Canaan Glover, 1; Cameron Atkins, 25; Chad Pittman, 6.

Chase Meitler (Plainville), 2; Chris Normandin, 21; Chris Orr, 19; Chris Schroeder, 1; Cody Presley, 1; Charles Crook IV, 5; Cole Kirschner, 15; Conner Haresnap, 1; Cooper Bagley, 13; Dalton Magnani, 16; Derek Keith, 7; Derick Schneider, 1; Don Hayes, 11; Donnie Newell, 23; Doran Zeigler, 15; Eric Pfeifer, 8; Eric Willey (North Carolina), 6; Fred Owen, 24; Gary Long, 18.

Jaden Newell, 5; Jarod Rohr, 11; Jim Baldwin, 18; Joe Keith, 2, Joey Bellerive, 11; John, 1; Justin Balthazor, 7; Kaleb Atkins, 14; Kendall Nuss, 24; Kerry Stewart, 1; Kyle Jilka, 3; Landon Jones, 18; Fab, 16; Max Waggoner, 1; Michael Otta, 16; Mike Davignon, 7; Monty Long, 17; Nate Budig, 3; Noah Fry, 7; Riley Wands, 1; Robert Berland, 4; Rocky Hamblet, 3; Rusty Harmon, 18; Sean Marcotte, 1.

Scotty Roberts, 15; Scott Schulz, 2; Shay Simoneau, 9; Stephen Sage, 6; Sylar Rohr, 13; Tate Balthazor, 6; Tate Reynolds, 16; Tim Thompson, 5; Todd Ashbaugh, 15; Trent Long, 2; Wade McDowell, 13; Zach Robinson, 3; Zach Thompson, 2.

The local men's golf association would like to thank everyone for supporting this weekly event by participating, sponsoring, or helping with maintaining the course and making 2026 an exceptionally good year at Prairie Trails Golf Course. A big thank you to the maintenance team consisting of Don Newell, Steve George and Brad Coats!

On a side note, Donnie Newell facilitated Men's Tuesday golf for over 25 years and gave up those duties this year. Thank you, Donnie, for the effort you put into making sure we were ready to play each week! Tuesday golf was coordinated by committee this year with several individuals assisting with the process. Thank you to everyone who volunteered time each week.

We will go into hibernation during the winter months and start up again in March of 2027 after the time change.

Last Night of Tuesday Golf

by Bob Dombroski

With daylight saving time ending October 31, sixteen players gathered October 27 at Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City for the final scheduled Men's Tuesday Night Golf event of 2026. Five teams competed in a nine-hole scramble, with players age 60 and older using the modified red tees and everyone else playing from the gold tees, allowing the round to finish before dark.

Fred Owen, Rusty Harmon and Todd Ashbaugh took first place after a scorecard playoff, thanks to a birdie on Hole No. 9. Their three-man team finished at 30, tying Bob Dombroski, Kendall Nuss, Brent Kelley and Scotty Roberts.

Owen earned gift certificates from 2-Lane Liquor for a long putt on Hole No. 5. Dombroski won $20 from Outdoor Bank for closest to the pin on Hole No. 2, finishing just four feet from the cup on a 135-yard tee shot.

Gary Long, James Baldwin and Michael Otta recorded three birdies en route to a 32. Baldwin earned $20 in Ringneck Bucks, courtesy of Millbrook Lodge #281, for closest to the pin on the 120-yard, par-3 Hole No. 6 over the pond.

Cameron Atkins, Don Newell and Fab carded three birdies, four pars and two bogeys for a 33. Dalton Magnani, Chris Normandin and Landon Jones finished at 34. Normandin earned gift certificates from 2-Lane Liquor for making an 8-foot putt on Hole No. 9.

Players who completed 20 or more Men's Tuesday Night Golf rounds received a sleeve of golf balls, courtesy of B&E Garage, Pittman Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning and Hill City Pharmacy: Noah Fry, 27; Kendall Nuss, 25; Cameron Atkins, 25; Fred Owen, 24; Brent Kelley, 24; Don Newell, 23; Bob Dombroski, 21; Chris Normandin, 21; and Bronson Bailey, 20.

The 2027 Men's Night season at PGTC will begin next March.

Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

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We extend our sincerest gratitude to our veterans for their service and sacrifice. Thank you!

Call Dani Roeder or Christi Keiswetter at 785-421-2551 for more information.

Attention Veterans

Bogue City Council

October 12, 2026

The Bogue City Council met on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at 401 Main Street with the following present: Council members Gail Allen, Megan Hart and Amy Roeder, Kerry Jones, Treasurer Jana Irby, and Clerk Patty Thurlow.

President Amy Roeder called the meeting to order.

Gail Allen moved, and Megan Hart seconded to approve the September 2026 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Visitors: No visitors

Treasurer Jana Irby presented the council with the bills and automatic debits along with a printout of all debits and credits for the city. Megan Hart moved, and Gail Allen seconded to approve checks numbering from checks #5737 - #5754. Motion passed 3-0.

There was no report on the streets.

Kerry Jones reported that all was good at the lift station and water tower.

Amy Roeder reported that the water samples have been good.

Jason Luginbill had sent a draft of a possible animal ordinance for the city. The council members will review it. Further discussion will be held at the next council meeting.

There was no new business.

Gail Allen moved, and Megan Hart seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0.

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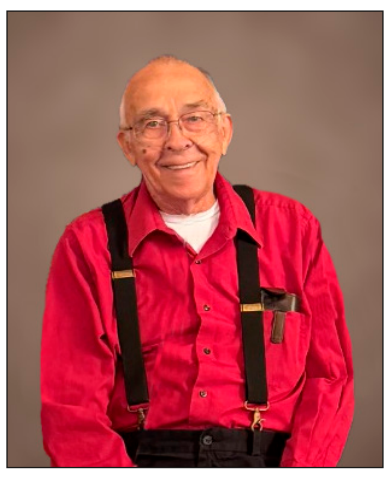

Denzil Duane McNeal
Mar. 15, 1939 - Oct. 30, 2026

Denzil Duane McNeal peacefully passed away on October 30, 2026, at Solomon Valley Manor in Stockton, Kansas. He was born on March 15, 1939, to Dennis McNeal and Maurine (Hawkins) McNeal. He was the oldest of nine children and grew up on the family farm 13 miles north and east of Natoma, Kansas.

Denzil attended grade school in the Victor and Covert schools in Osborne County. He attended high school in Paradise, Kansas. While in high school he drove the school bus, well it wasn't an actual bus, it was really an old jeep station wagon. It was said his school bus ride was the quietest of all the routes. The reason for that was his uncanny ability to tell a story that held the kids' attention and left them hangin' so they were always ready to hear the next chapter of the story after school. He also participated in basketball and baseball. Denzil graduated from high school in 1957. He went on to earn a degree in Education from Fort Hays State University, graduating from there in 1960.

His teaching career began in Alton, Kansas in the fall of 1960 and carried him to schools in Hill City, Natoma, and Stockton, Kansas. He mainly taught English and Journalism. He was the head wrestling coach and assistant basketball coach in Hill City for several years. His teaching career may have spanned 30 plus years but the impact he had on his students has lasted lifetimes. He always seemed to find the kid that had all the strikes against him/her and challenge them to be better than their circumstance through hard work and believing in themselves. Denzil also spent many years farming after school on the weekends and through the summers as well. When his teaching career ended, he served Rooks County as the Emergency Management Director for 13 years. In this position, Denzil was key in getting the 911 system updated and getting all of the county roads named to enhance emergency response times to the rural locations in the county.

Denzil retired from his service to the community in 2009. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, putting puzzles together, gardening and making his yard beautiful with all his favorite flowers. He enjoyed watching most any kind of sports competition on television. Football (Chiefs), basketball and baseball (Royals) were among his favorites. He especially enjoyed the little league world series.

He married his high school sweetheart, Angela J. Krob on December 28, 1958, and shared just shy of 60 blessed years with her at the time of her passing in 2018. He was a devoted husband and caring father to his children Teri, Dennis (John, DJ), Devin and LaDonna. He instilled a good work ethic and values by example and made clear his faith and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ. His favorite passage of scripture was found in Philippians 4:10-13 which says, "I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation, I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me". He truly lived his life by this and in so doing touched so many lives. Not sure he really knew to what extent that really was, but it was big. He genuinely cared about others and was always willing to lend a hand and a listening ear and give such practical advice with a sprinkle of his wit and a twinkle in his eye.

Humor was a large part of Denzil's personality. Dry as it was at times, you could always count on a good laugh or roll of the eyes at the jokes or riddles he came up with. In this humor he blessed each grandchild with a special nickname that matched their little personalities much to their dismay at times. Denzil would always incorporate a lot of wisdom into his humor so the lesson would stick. You might have had to chew on whatever it was that he said a little before you got the message but once you did you never forgot it.

If you knew Denzil, you knew he shot you straight and made no bones about his belief and values. He was never afraid to tell you about Jesus and share his own testimony. Once you were his friend, you were a friend for life.

Denzil is survived by his children, Teri McNeal of Hill City, Ks, Dennis (John, DJ) McNeal (Kathy) of Stockton, Ks, Devin McNeal of Ozark, MO and LaDonna Shetterly of Stockton; his siblings Jan Hedges of Hesston, Ks, Charles McNeal (Connie) of Paradise, Ks, Deanna Hoeme of Iowa City, Ia; Nina McNeal of Hays, Ks, Myrle McNeal (Julie) of Boulder, Co, and Leisha Jones (Rick) of Colorado Springs, Co. Denzil had 23 grandchildren including their spouses; 29 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Angela McNeal; father, Dennis McNeal; his mother, Maurine McNeal; brother, Albert McNeal; and sister, Beverly McNeal.

Denzil is dancing on the streets of gold with his Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ now. While he will be missed greatly by so many of us here, we know that we can rest in the promise that God gives us that He is preparing a place for us there too, and we will see our dad, and friend again someday soon.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Nazarene Church in Plainville on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 10:30 AM. Burial will be at 1:30PM at Cedar Bluff Cemetery in Osborne County, Kansas. Visitation will be Thursday, 5:30PM until 7PM with the family present at the funeral home in Stockton.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org), Boys Town (www.boystown.org), and The Heifer Project (www.heifer.org) and may be sent to Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, 723 N. 1st, Stockton, KS 67669.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.plumeroverlease.com

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Evelyn Darlene Luck
MAY 6, 1932 - Oct. 27, 2026

Evelyn Darlene Luck was born on May 6, 1932, on a farm northwest of Morland, Kansas, to John Franklin Gross and Hazel Elsie (Brandt) Gross. She passed away on October 27, 2026, at Wesley Woodlawn in Wichita, Kansas.

Evelyn began her education in Gradan, Kansas, where she attended first grade under the instruction of Marie Fink. She attended Sunny Slope School for second and third grades, where her older sister, Edith, was her teacher. Before Evelyn began fourth grade, she and her parents moved to Hill City, Kansas, where she continued her education and eventually graduated from Hill City High School in 1950.

After graduating from high school, Evelyn began her working career at Consolidated State Bank. In 1960, she began working as a bookkeeper at Penokee Farmers Union Co-op, where she remained until her retirement on May 31, 1994.

In 1952, Evelyn married Delvin P. Luck, and to this union two daughters, Rita and Julie, were born. Evelyn and Delvin were later divorced.

After briefly living in Liberal, Kansas, Evelyn returned to Hill City in 1960 with her daughters, where she built a home and a life surrounded by family and familiar faces. Hill City remained her home for many years. In September 2025, she moved to Leisure Homestead in Stafford, Kansas, where she spent her final year.

Evelyn would have wanted to extend her heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people in Hill City who helped and supported her over the years. Their kindness, care, and generosity allowed her to remain in her home and the community she loved for as long as she did. She and her family will always be grateful for the many people who made that possible.

Evelyn was a longtime member of Hill City United Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing bridge with several different bridge groups and watching sports, especially any sporting event or activity in which her daughters, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren were participating. She was also an avid fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. Evelyn was an animal lover, especially devoted to her two dogs, Molly and Charlie. Above all, she treasured the time she spent with her family, who brought her the greatest joy.

Evelyn is survived by her two daughters, Rita Beecher and her husband, Reid, and Julie Blakeslee and her husband, Kent. Her grandchildren include Brett Beecher and fiancée, Jamie Mackenzie; Annie Hood and her husband, Matt; Eric Blakeslee and his wife, Mackenzie; and Kyle Blakeslee and his wife, Marissa. Her great-grandchildren include Boston, Gannon, Marley, and Waylon, children of Brett; Beckett and Miles, children of Annie and Matt; and Kassidy and Kendall, children of Eric and Mackenzie.

Evelyn is also survived by her nephew, Dale Fullen, along with his children and grandchildren, and other nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, John and Hazel Gross, sisters, Edith and her husband, Glen Fullen, and Ruth and her husband, Deane Siegrist; her brother, Leverett Gross; and her two siblings who died in infancy, Marion Calvin and Dorothy Fern.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Hill City United Methodist Church, 118 N. 4th Ave., Hill City, Kansas. Interment will follow at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Hill City. The family will greet friends Sunday, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Stinemetz Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Hill City United Methodist Church or Meals on Wheels and may be sent to Stinemetz Funeral Home, 522 N. Pomeroy Ave., Hill City, Kansas.

Online condolences may be sent to www.stinemetzfh.com



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Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 A.M., Morning Worship & Heavens Sake Kid's Church: 1045 A.M.

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Ending a remarkable run with the man who inspired it all

By Ron Wilson
Manhattan Mercury

As of today, there have been 1,791 editions of a weekly Kansas Profile — and this is the last one.

This writer is retiring from Kansas State University and from the Huck Boyd Institute, so the Kansas Profile series is ending. It has been my honor to write about Kansas ruralpreneurs and community leaders for the past 34 years.

As stated in that very first profile decades ago, I would like to salute the man who inspired it all: Huck Boyd himself.

McDill "Huck" Boyd came from the northwest Kansas town of Phillipsburg. Huck went to K-State but returned when his bank closed during the depression. He joined the family newspaper business, where he became editor and publisher of the weekly Phillips County Review.

His mother Mamie — a pioneering newspaperwoman for whom K-State's Boyd Hall is named — taught him to make the most of every day. Huck did so and became deeply involved in his community, working on such issues as economic development, rural health care and more.

He became county chairman of his political party and worked his way up the ranks to become national committeeman for Kansas. U.S. senators and presidents called on him for advice. He was nationally influential from a rural setting.

In the 1980s when the Rock Island Railroad took bankruptcy, it proposed to abandon 465 miles of rail line across the Heartland — including Huck's hometown. Loss of the rail line would have been damaging to the region.

I was working in Washington, D.C., at that time, as a junior staff member for Senator Nancy Kassebaum. She introduced us to this man visiting from Kansas.

Huck Boyd.

He was in Washington leading the fight to maintain rail service for his region. The experts said it couldn't be done, but Huck found a way. He even partnered with the governor of the other party to support a constitutional amendment to help make it possible.

Huck's efforts were successful. Instead of abandoned track, today a private sector shortline railroad is operating on that line, with significant benefits to the region and state.

Huck passed away in 1987. The Huck Boyd Foundation was created in his honor. Among other things, the foundation supported creation of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at K-State in partnership with K-State Extension. I became the Huck Boyd Institute's first and only director in 1990.

In 1992, we initiated a weekly feature called Kansas Profile to feature and encourage Kansas rural entrepreneurs and community leaders. We didn't know if this series would last for six weeks or six months or six years, but somehow it has continued ever since. Even as the Institute worked on other rural issues, this series has continued.

We have continually found remarkable rural-preneurs doing good things all across our state. That is a tribute to the resourceful and hardworking people of rural Kansas. My thanks goes to the wonderful staff people of K-State Extension news and radio for their assistance, and to the numerous newspapers and other outlets that have carried this column.

I am pleased that plans call for the Huck Boyd Institute to transition to a new model, where a K-State Extension community vitality specialist will be housed at the Huck Boyd Foundation office in Phillipsburg. This would provide a presence that K-State has not had in western Kansas in years.

The role of this specialist will be to support local extension units in their community development programming. This Kansas Profile column will not continue, but the specialists' role will focus on addressing the current and future needs of rural communities in our state.

Just as Huck Boyd worked to advance rural communities, K-State Extension's community vitality team will continue to provide science-based assistance for those communities through local extension units.

What characteristics give rural communities value? I believe they are places where families and businesses can thrive, where housing dollars go further, where family values remain strong, where multiple generations can work together, where traffic is light and commutes are easy, where streets are safe and schools are valued, where hard work and caring for one's neighbor are at the heart of what people do.

Now, that's rural.

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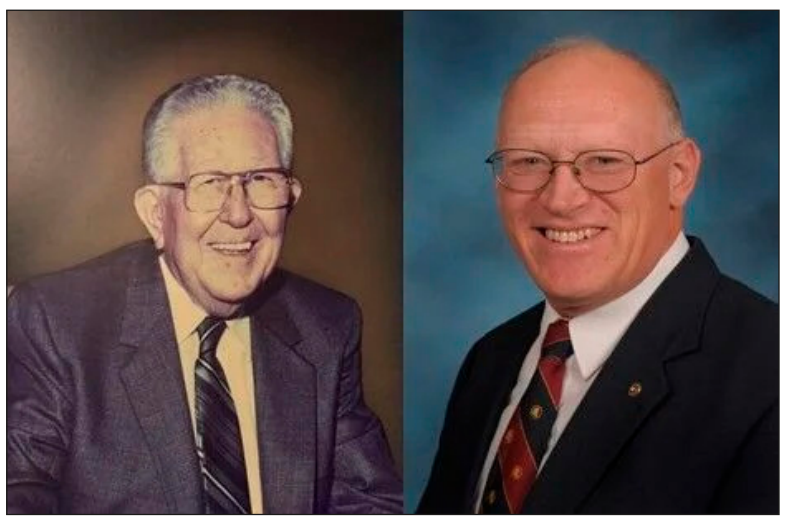

McDill "Huck" Boyd, left, was a leading rural Kansas newspaperman and civic leader who inspired the creation of the Huck Boyd Foundation after his passing. That foundation helped form K-State's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, which initiated a weekly news column written by Ron Wilson, right, about rural entrepreneurs that is ending after 34 years. (Courtesy photos)

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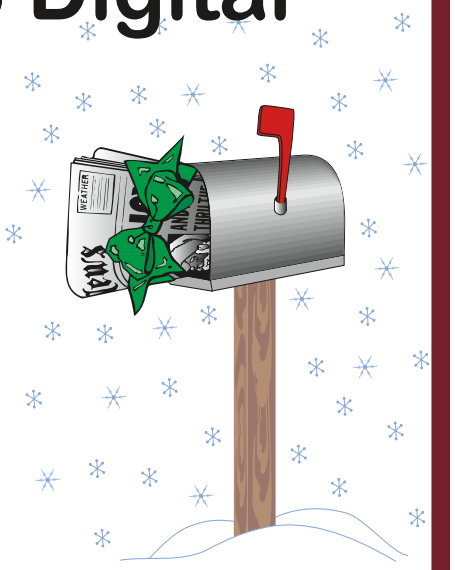

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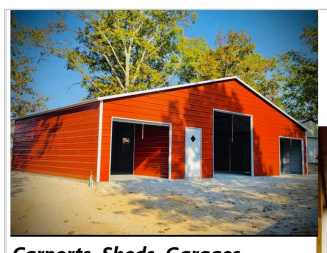

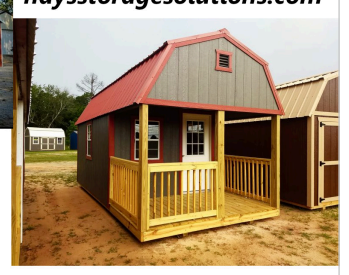

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- **Tract 2:** The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 23 West of the 6th P.M. (40 acres, more or less).
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Submission: Written proposals must be clearly marked "Farm Lease Proposal" and delivered to the CEO's office at Graham County Hospital, **304 W Prout Street, Hill City, KS 67642,** by **4:00 PM (CST) on Tuesday, December 1, 2026.**

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Halloween fun shouldn't come at someone else's expense

By Braelynn Lemon
HCT Staff

Halloween night is full of excitement, costumes, candy and, of course, pumpkins. For many families, picking out a pumpkin, carving it, decorating it and setting it on the porch is part of the Halloween tradition. But in recent years, another Halloween activity has become a concern in some neighborhoods: pumpkin smashing.

It might seem like harmless fun to a group of kids roaming the streets on Halloween night. After all, what's a little pumpkin smashing? But before tossing that pumpkin onto the pavement, there are a few things worth considering...

For younger children, that pumpkin sitting on the front porch may be much more than a seasonal decoration. It may be something they picked out themselves, carefully helped carve or will carve, painted with their own little hands or proudly displayed for trick-or-treaters to see. Imagine waking up the morning after Halloween, excited to see your decorations one last time, only to find your pumpkin missing. What might have been a few seconds of fun for someone else can turn into a morning of disappointment for a little one.

There is also the matter of the mess. Smashed pumpkins don't simply disappear when the fun is over. Someone has to pick up the pieces, scrape pumpkin guts off the sidewalks or roads, clean up the seeds and dispose of what is left behind.

And let's not forget that pumpkins cost money. Families spend their hard-earned dollars on pumpkins, whether they buy one or several. Between the cost of the pumpkin itself and the time spent decorating it, it represents more than just something sitting outside for decoration.

Halloween should be a time for kids to have fun, make memories, and enjoy being kids. Nobody is suggesting that children shouldn't have fun or that Halloween traditions need to change. But there's a difference between having fun and damaging someone else's property.

So, next Halloween, let's encourage kids to leave the pumpkins where they belong. Enjoy the costumes, collect the candy, laugh with friends and make memories, but leave the smashing to pumpkins that are actually meant to be smashed.

A little consideration can go a long way. After all, Halloween is supposed to be about treats, not leaving tricks for someone else to clean up!



A Fall Festival can leave the door open all year

By Douglas Vandergraph

On an autumn evening, the simplest invitation can mean more than the person making it knows. A child hears that there will be games. A parent hears that food will be available without worrying about another expense. Someone new to town hears that there is a place where walking through the door will not require knowing everybody already.

Hill City Christian Church scheduled a free Fall Harvest Festival on October 28, with food, games, and a hayride for families. Hill City First Assembly also announced its free community trunk-or-treat and hot dog gathering for October 31. These events are seasonal, but the message behind an open invitation can last much longer than a single evening.

A small Kansas community has advantages a crowded city may not. People recognize one another at the grocery store, school, church, and on Main Street. Yet being known and feeling welcome are not always the same thing. A family that recently moved into Graham County may not know where to begin. A parent going through a hard season may avoid gatherings that cost money. A child who feels left out notices that more deeply than adults sometimes realize.

In Mark 9, Jesus placed a child among his followers and spoke about welcoming someone who might otherwise be considered unimportant. He challenged their instinct to measure who counted most. That teaching reaches well beyond a church service. It asks how we treat the person who cannot repay our attention or introduce us to anyone influential.

A free celebration is a good practice in hospitality because it lowers a small but real barrier. The next step is to make that welcome genuine. Introduce yourself without asking intrusive questions. Make room for a newcomer to join a conversation. Do not turn a family's private struggle into a public topic. Invite someone back when there is no special event to attend.

Churches do not need to put on a festival every week. They can carry the same spirit into a meal for a sick neighbor, a ride for someone who no longer drives, or patience with a family whose life is not going according to plan.

The best sign of a welcoming community is not how full the parking lot becomes on the night of a festival. It is whether the people who came for the first time believe they can return and be received as neighbors.

Douglas Vandergraph is a Christian writer based in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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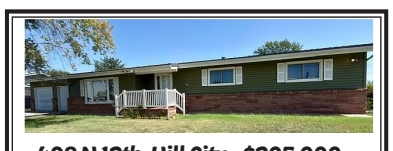

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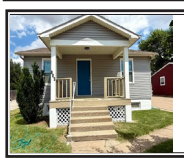

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KAYS annual trunk or treat

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Cold Weather Rule

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The Cold Weather Rule is designed to help protect Kansans who may be struggling to keep up with utility bills during the winter months.

A few important things to know:

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- The Cold Weather Rule does not mean utilities cannot disconnect service all winter.
- If you are behind on your utility bill, you may be able to set up a payment arrangement to help maintain or restore your service.
- Don't wait until your service is disconnected! If you receive a disconnect notice or are struggling to keep up with your bill, contact your utility provider as soon as possible and ask about your options under the Cold Weather Rule.

No one should wait until the coldest day of the year to find out what options are available. Knowing about these protections ahead of time can make a big difference.

For more information, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Consumer Protection Office at 1-800-662-0027.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
Daniel E. McAmoil, Deceased CASE NO. GH-2026-PR-000028

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on October 15, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Edward McAmoil, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Daniel E. McAmoil," deceased, dated May 1, 2025, requesting that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record and Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before November 30, 2026 at 9:30 am in the District Court, in Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the later of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Edward McAmoil
Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:

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NOTICE OF 2026 GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS

The County Board of Canvassers will canvass the votes for the November 3rd, 2026, General Election on November 6th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Graham County Commissioner's room.

IN WITNESS OF WHEREOF, I have set my hand and official seal this 26th day of October 2026.

Kendra Robinson
County Election Officer

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NOTICE OF 2026 GENERAL ELECTION AUDIT

Kansas law requires that 1% of ballots cast on or before election day are to be audited after election day and prior to the meeting of the County Board of Canvassers. For Graham County elections, we will audit no less than two races and two precincts for every primary and general election.

The ballot audit for the November 3rd, 2026, General Election will begin on Friday, November 6th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Graham County Commissioner's room.

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In the Matter of the Estate of
Sharon Vanderpool Newman, Deceased Case No. GH-2026-PR-000028

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by George Newman, spouse and one of the heirs of Sharon Vanderpool Newman, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Graham County, Kansas:

> A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at a point Eight (8) rods South of the Northwest corner of the South Five (5) acres of the East Ten (10) Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Eight South (8S0, Range Twenty-three West (23W), thence South Four (4) rods, thence East Twenty (20) rods, thence North Four (4) rods, thence West Twenty (20) rods to the point of beginning, a part of said tract being platted as Lot Six (6), East Side Addition to the City of Hill City, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **November 18, 2026 at 10:00 am** in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

George Newman, Petitioner

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Hanson Museum News
Shari Buss, Deirector

The last school bus has pulled away, the final visitors have enjoyed their adventures, and another wonderful exhibition has come to an end at the Hansen Museum. After months of exploring the science and technology behind transportation, Going Places is packing up and moving on to its next destination. What a fun ride it has been!

Now, as one exhibition moves out, another remarkable one is preparing to move in! We are excited to welcome National Park Art by internationally recognized artist Don Woodard, opening November 13th and remaining on display through December 27th.

Woodard has developed a fascinating artistic technique that combines detailed woodcarving with fine painting to create what he calls "Fine Art in Wood." He begins by carving intricate relief images into carefully selected pieces of wood and then paints the carved surfaces, creating dimensional works of art that seem to emerge from the wood itself. His subjects include wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, and Western scenes, many inspired by places he has personally visited and experiences he has enjoyed along the way.



For approximately 40 years, Woodard has led pack-horse trips into the Rocky Mountain wilderness, exploring remote areas that few people have the opportunity to experience. His travels through America's National Parks and Monuments have provided even more inspiration for his artwork. Rather than simply imagining a beautiful mountain scene or a wildlife encounter, Woodard draws upon his own adventures to create pieces that tell a story. We are looking forward to sharing this extraordinary collection with our visitors!

To celebrate the opening of National Park Art, we invite everyone to join us for a special Meet the Artist evening on Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Woodard will share stories of his wilderness adventures, discuss the places that have inspired his work, and offer insight into the fascinating process he uses to create his artwork. Following his presentation, guests will have an opportunity to visit with Don personally, enjoy a closer look at his remarkable craftsmanship, and mingle with friends and neighbors. Wine and a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening.

We hope you will join us for this special evening as we welcome Don Woodard and celebrate the opening of National Park Art. The event is free and open to the public, and everyone is warmly invited to attend!

The Hansen Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum is handicapped accessible, and admission is always free courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846. We hope to see YOU at the Museum.

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