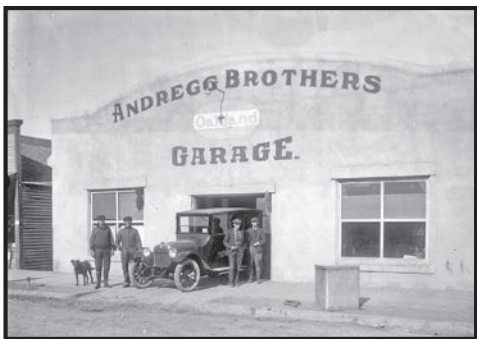




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Annual Hansen Scholarship Program Announced

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make scholarships available in four categories to students in 26 Northwest Kansas counties for the 2026-2027 academic year. Students from an accredited high school, registered independent, private, or home school in one of the following 26 counties are eligible to apply:

Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace.

Scholarships available for students who will graduate in the current academic year are:

Seven Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships with annual stipends of \$10,000 renewable for three additional years if criteria established by the Scholarship Committee are met. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year public, private or church related Kansas college or university.

Thirty-Five Hansen Scholar Scholarships with annual stipends of \$6,500 renewable for three additional years if criteria established by the Scholarship Committee are met. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year public, private or church related Kansas college or university.

Seventy Hansen Student Scholarships with annual stipends of \$4,000 renewable for one additional year if criteria established by the Scholarship Committee are met. Recipients must attend an accredited community, public, private or church related college or university in Kansas.

To qualify for the above scholarships, a student must have taken the ACT test and have a composite score of 23 or higher and have at least a 3.50 GPA (un-weighted). The composite score is the average of the English, math and reading scores, rounded to the nearest whole number. The ACT composite score will not include the science portion of the test, whether the student chooses to take it or not. (Superscores are not accepted.) The student should be an active participant in extracurricular school and community activities, display good citizenship, leadership, and moral integrity.

Students planning to enter the competition for Leaders of Tomorrow, Hansen Scholar or Hansen Student scholarships must register at their school and take the qualifying test at locations to be announced. Information on all scholarships has been sent to qualifying area schools. Tentative test dates have been set for September 9th and 10th, 2026.

One hundred Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarships with annual stipends of \$4,000 renewable for one additional year if criteria established by the Scholarship Committee are met. Career and Technical Education Scholarships are available to encourage high school seniors who seek competence through career training. An applicant for the Career and Technical Education Scholarship must complete an online application form that is available on our website at www.danehansenfoundation.org. The Scholarship Committee is interested in the students' character, activities, and goals. Applicants for the Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarship are not required to take a qualifying test. A 3.50 GPA is not necessary to apply for this scholarship. Career and Technical Education Scholarships must be used at one of the following pre-approved schools in Northwest Kansas: Fort Hays Tech | North Central (Beloit or Hays), Colby Community College, Fort Hays Tech | Northwest, Hays Academy of Hair Design (Hays or Salina), Cloud County Community College, Salina Area Technical College, Fort Hays State University (2-year program) or Kansas State Polytechnic - Salina (2-year program). *Exceptions may be made if a student's choice of 1 or 2-year technical or associate degree is NOT available at one of the pre-approved Northwest Kansas Colleges.

Through scholarships, the Trustees of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation encourage good citizenship and high achievement in academic endeavors. Improvement of educational opportunities for students in Western Kansas ranks high among the objectives of the Trustees of the Hansen Foundation.

The Hansen Foundation is in its 52nd year of service to the young people of Northwest Kansas through the insight and generosity of the late Dane G. Hansen of Logan, Kansas. The book DANE GRAY HANSEN: TITAN OF NORTHWEST KANSAS by Billy M. Jones (1962) describes Dane G. Hansen and his contributions to Northwest Kansas.

We encourage all students that are interested in our Scholarship Program to visit our Facebook page and website for the current information on our scholarships. Our website is available at www.danehansenfoundation.org.

OFFICIAL Results for Sheridan County Primary Election August 4, 2026

United States Senate
Republican
Roger Marshall - 413
Pond Naramore - 52
Democratic
Damon Anderson - 1
Christy Davis - 9
Adam Hamilton - 8
Jason Hart - 2
Kevin Latz - 1
Erik Murray - 1
Sandy Spidel Neumann - 3
Anne Parelkar - 1
Patrick C. Schmidt - 3
Michael "Mike" Soetaert - 2
Noah Taylor - 12
United States House of Representatives - 1st District
Republican
Tracey Mann - 407
Craig Musser - 57
Democratic
Colin McRoberts - 16
Lauren Reinhold - 24
Governor/Lt. Governor
Republican
Ty Masterson/Jeffrey Klemp - 220
Charlotte O'Hara/Michelle Dombrosky - 10
Nick Reinecker/Katy Reinecker - 14
Stacy L Rogers/Michael W Smith - 20
Philip Sarnecki/Joy Eakins - 108
Vicki Schmidt/Joe Newland - 48
Scott Schwab/Ken Rahjes - 67
Democratic
Ethan Corson/Renee Duxler - 21
Cindy Holscher/KC Ohaebosim - 17
Curt Skoog/Jennifer Bacani McKenney - 6
Secretary of State
Republican
Pat Proctor - 355
Democratic
Jennifer Day - 26
Samuel Lane - 15
Attorney General

August Birthdays at AmberMed Long Term are



Those celebrating their birthday in August are (l-r) Edwin Simon, LeAnn Simon, and Mike Wagner. (AmberMed LTC photos)



Republican	Democratic	Precinct	Committee
Kris Kobach - 387	No Candidate	Woman	
Democratic	State Board of Education - 5th District	East Kenneth	
Chris Mann - 42	Republican	Carolyn Meyer - 141	
State Treasurer	Kelly Ancar - 236	West Kenneth	
Republican	Jean Clifford - 177	Dawn Elliott - 89	
Steven Johnson - 364	Democratic	Sheridan	
Democratic	Lorie Wood - 25	Cathy Broeckelman - 31	
Juan C. Luengo - 32	County Commissioner - District #1	City	Water
Commissioner of Insurance	David Stithem - 169	Kevin Schoendaler - 249	
Republican	Township Clerk	Constitutional Amendment	
Daniel Hawkins - 344	Precinct Committee Man	Yes - 318	
Democratic	East Kenneth	No - 213	
Dinah Sykes - 33	Tony Meyer - 149		
State Representative - 118th District	Sheridan		
Republican	Joe Broeckelman - 32		
Jim Minnix - 425			

Trump Administration Finalizes Rule of Beneficial Ownership Reporting

Topeka - The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the state's leading small business advocacy organization, released the following statements in support of the U.S. Department of Treasury's final rule protecting over 32 million U.S. small businesses from registering their Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The final rule also commits FinCEN to quickly destroying the personal BOI data unnecessarily submitted by U.S. small business owners. This significant action saves small businesses from over \$128 billion in regulatory and compliance costs.

"Small businesses greatly appreciate President Trump and Secretary Bessent standing up for Main Street," said NFIB President Brad Close. "The final rule protects American small and independent businesses from this onerous reporting mandate and requires the destruction of previously submitted personal data. But Congress needs to finish the fight. We look forward to working with the Trump Administration to urge Congress to permanently repeal the invasive BOI law. We thank the Trump Administration for its work on behalf of America's small businesses."

"The Trump Administration made the right call in stopping the unnecessary BOI mandate," NFIB State Director Dan Murray said. "This move gives small business owners here in Kansas much-needed relief. Now, Congress needs to finish the job and permanently repeal the BOI law."

Sheridan County Ranch To Host KLA/K-State Ranch Management Field Day

Topeka - HP Rafter Lazy T Ranch will host the August 27, KLA/Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Day near Hoxie. The program will feature discussions on rotational grazing, virtual fencing, and the cattle and beef markets.

A panel of local producers will provide their perspectives on different types of rotational grazing and their experiences with implementing them. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain more information on practices that may work on their operations. A representative from the Natural Resources Conservation Service will moderate the panel.

Cam Tew, western Kansas territory manager for Halter, a virtual fencing company, will introduce a system that is changing the way ranchers manage cattle and grazing. Tew will walk attendees through how the technology works, from its GPS capabilities to the solar-powered collars that let ranchers build fences, move herds and monitor cattle from a cell phone. He also will highlight the practical considerations producers should weigh when looking at virtual fencing options for the first time, including labor savings, grazing management and ease of implementation.

CattleFax Market Analyst Terrel Platt will be on hand to discuss how supply, demand and leverage dynamics could influence cattle prices moving forward. Additionally, Platt will explain how global beef production trends will impact the future of the U.S. cattle industry.

HP Rafter Lazy T Ranch is owned by Keith and Shirley Popp and their son, Trevor. The name of the ranch is a combination of Keith and Shirley's HP brand and Trevor's Rafter Lazy T brand. Trevor began

working full-time alongside his parents in 2011. In 2017, the family chose to join their brands to form an LLC, combining their commercial cowherds. In addition to raising cattle, the Popps also operate a custom haying business that stretches from Texas to Kansas. The family will share more about their operation during the field day.

The event will begin with registration at 3:30 p.m. CDT and conclude with a complimentary beef dinner. Livestock producers and others involved in the business are invited to attend.

To get to the ranch from Hoxie, go east on U.S. Highway 24 for 2 miles, then turn south (right) onto Road 20E and travel 1.5 miles. Turn east (left) to continue on Road 20E, which turns into Road 30E, for 3 miles. Turn east (left) onto Road 40S and travel for a tenth of a mile. The field day location will be to the south (right). From the Grainfield I-70 exit, go north on U.S. Highway 23 for 13 miles, then turn east (right) onto Road 70S and travel 4 miles. At Road 40E, turn north (left) and go 3 miles, then turn west (left) onto Road 40S and go 3/4 of a mile. The field day location will be to the south (left). Directional signs will be posted.

For more information, go to www.kla.org and click on Events & Meetings or call the KLA office at (785) 273-5115. The Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and Huvepharma are sponsoring the event.

KLA is a trade organization representing the business interests of independent livestock producers at the state and national levels. Members of the association are involved in all segments of the livestock industry, including cow-calf production, backgrounding, cattle feeding, swine, dairy and sheep.



Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report	Thought of the Week
In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on. -Robert Frost	Reported on: Tuesday, Aug. 18 Corn 4.35 Milo 3.85 Beans 10.89 Wheat 6.88	Date High Low Moisture 8/10 101 72 .06" 8/11 104 77 -- 8/12 101 75 .31" 8/13 93 68 .89" 8/14 88 68 .59" 8/15 85 69 .59" 8/16 83 67 .06"	The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek. ~Joseph Campbell



Jennings residents, with friends and neighbors of the surrounding area, met on August 10, to practice their art of making kolaches. Kolaches are a sweet roll made of a rich yeast dough and baked with a fruit filled center, the art of which was brought to Kansas by Bohemian and German immigrants. Bohemia was one of three countries (along with Moravia and Slovakia) that make up what is now known as the Czech Republic, which was the home of many of the ancestors of current Jennings residents. Many of the current bakers are directly related to the Tacha, Vacura, Shimmick, and Krizek immigrants who arrived in the Big Timber and Jennings area in the 1870s and 1880s. Not so very long ago, descendants such as Neoma Kucy Tacha and Lillian Skubal Sulzman routinely prepared meals with Bohemian recipes such as potato dumplings, head cheese, blood sausage, liver dumplings, dill gravy, and many kinds of bread, especially rye. Most of these recipes have been lost through the years, which is why the Jennings group tries to keep young and older residents familiar with kolaches. Until now, the last time this group baked together was for the 2021 Highway 36 Garage Sale. Previously they had baked at least yearly, mainly for the Jennings Firemen's Fun Day. The dough recipe, supplied by former Atwood quilt instructor, Bertha Fikan, was given to her by the Bohemian Café in Omaha, NE, and uses lard to enrich the dough. The seven fillings are all specially prepared, without preservatives, shortly before baking day from fresh frozen or dried fruit. Cottage cheese and prune were the usual fillings of the immigrants. Aside from these two staples, this group uses fresh frozen cherries, dried apricots, Palisade, Colorado peaches, bulk purchased poppy seed, homegrown apples, as well as the staples prune and cottage cheese. Prices for these quality fruits have risen astronomically. Dried apricots were purchased for \$.50/oz just before the price rose even higher.

The baking on August 10, produced 60 dozen kolaches, nearly all of which were sold within 24 hours. The plans are for another baking on August 28, and will be for sale on August 29, at the Jennings Firemen's Fun Day and 250th Birthday of America. Preorders may be called or texted to Marge Hartzog, 785-678-3010, and will be available for pickup beginning at noon at the former Jennings Masonic Hall on Saturday, August 29, prior to and following the parade.

Listening Post Schedule

Kansas Farm Bureau's Listening Posts are being scheduled. These meetings are part of KFB's year-long policy process where members can review and provide input on tentative resolutions. These resolutions are voted on by members at KFB's annual meeting in December.

Members are encouraged to attend the Listening Post location that is most convenient. The listing is by date of the event - soonest is first.

- Ottawa:** August 25, 6:30 p.m., PrimeTime Grille
- Palco:** August 27, 6 p.m., McKenna Youth and Activity Center
- Girard:** August 31, 6:30 p.m., Greenbush Service Center
- RSVP to Field Service Manager by Aug. 27
- Ulysses:** September 3, 6:30 p.m., Ulysses Church of Christ, 1102 Comanche
- Topeka:** September 9, 6:30 p.m., Viking Grille
- Clay Center:** September 10, 6:30 p.m., Clay Center Fairgrounds
- Dodge City:** September 10, 6 p.m., Hennessy Hall
- South Hutchinson:** September 15, noon, Gambino's Pizza
- Dighton:** September 24, 6 p.m., 542 Event Center
- Colby:** September 28, 6:30 p.m., Colby Community College Student Union

Hoxie's Moreno Earns Dean's List at Barton Community College

Hoxie's Etson Moreno among the 273 students Barton Community College named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. To qualify for this honor, students must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 on a 4.0 or "A" letter scale.

New Law Aims to Improve Safety in Construction, School Zones

With highway construction continuing and the beginning of the school year fast approaching, the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas State Department of Education are reminding drivers of a new law aimed at reducing distracted driving in construction and school zones.

Senate Bill 366 prohibits handheld mobile device use in active construction and school zones across the state. Governor Laura Kelly signed the bill this spring, which then became law on July 1. Devices are still allowed to be used in hands-free mode.

Law enforcement officers are issuing warning citations until June 30, 2027. Beginning July 1, 2027, violations may result in traffic citations with a \$60 fine plus court costs.

"Removing the distraction of handheld devices in construction and school zones is an effort to improve safety in locations where vehicles and pedestrians or construction workers can be in close contact with one another," said Gary Herman, KDOT Behavioral Safety Section Manager. "The safety of people in these zones must be a top priority."

An active construction zone means workers are present, and signs are posted at the beginning and end of the work zone to alert drivers. Active school zones are defined as areas where reduced speed limits are in effect. Devices are still allowed to be used in hands-free mode.

"People are walking and working in these areas just a few feet from passing vehicles," said Keith Dreiling, KSDE State Director of the School Transportation Safety Unit. "We urge drivers to use extra caution and remain aware of their surroundings when traveling through school and construction zones."

Colby Ranks Among Top US Community Colleges

Colby - Personal finance website WalletHub once again found Colby Community College to be one of the nation's elite public community and technical colleges, ranking No. 8 this year, up from fifteenth in 2025.

For its annual Best and Worst Community Colleges report, WalletHub evaluated 613 institutions based on cost and financing, educational outcomes, and career outcomes. Colby was the second-highest-ranked community college in Kansas.

Strong student outcomes have long been a hallmark of CCC. The college has recorded the highest graduation rate in Kansas in seven of the past 11 years and has led the state in fall-to-fall retention five times over the past seven years.

The institution has invested heavily in housing and other student-centered facilities. An 80-bed residence hall is under construction and expected to open for the fall 2027 semester to help accommodate enrollment growth. Since 2015, Colby's student headcount has increased 19.2%, the largest gain among Kansas community colleges.

Colby has a strong record of delivering value for students and has also been recognized by other independent organizations, including SmartAsset and University HQ. In 2025, the Aspen Institute also named CCC one of 200 institutions eligible to compete for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.



When God Quiets the Inside... The Whole World Starts Looking Different.

You can stand in the most beautiful place on earth and still be miserable inside. Sun coming up. Mountains in the distance. Family beside you. Food on the table. Money in the bank. People who love you. And somehow...your soul is still restless.

I know that feeling. I spent years believing the next thing would finally fix what was happening inside me. Next dollar. Next accomplishment. Next distraction. Next good time. Next thing the world told me would make me happy.

But here's what I learned: WORLDLY HAPPINESS HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE. The excitement fades. The new becomes normal. And eventually, you're alone with yourself again. Because you can change your surroundings without ever changing your soul. You can move. Travel. Buy something new. Change jobs. Change relationships. Start completely over...and still drag the same storm with you. Because you cannot outrun something that only GOD can heal.

I had to learn that the hard way. Sometimes my biggest problem wasn't what was happening around me. It was what was happening inside me. Fear. Pride. Bitterness. Regret. Shame. Worry. Trying to control tomorrow while still fighting yesterday. Carrying things my Father never asked me to carry.

Then Jesus showed me something: PEACE ISN'T THE ABSENCE OF PROBLEMS. PEACE IS THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM.

Remember the disciples in that boat? The wind was screaming. The waves were crashing. These were experienced fishermen—and even they were terrified. And Jesus? Fishing. The storm was real. But so was the One in the boat. Maybe we spend too much time begging Jesus to calm everything around us...when sometimes He wants to calm something within us. Sometimes He stops the storm. Sometimes He strengthens you inside it. And sometimes the miracle isn't that the waves disappear...it's that you're no longer terrified of them because you finally know WHO IS IN YOUR BOAT. That's peace.

"My life isn't perfect, but my Father is here."

"I don't know tomorrow, but my Father is already there."

"I'm hurting...but I am not alone."

And when God quiets that war inside you, you start noticing life again. The sunrise. Your family laughing. A quiet morning. That first cup of coffee. The breath in your lungs. Things you once called ordinary suddenly look like blessings. Maybe you don't need a different life. Maybe you need a heart finally resting in GOD.

Jesus said, "My peace I give you." The world says, "I'll have peace when everything works out." Jesus says, "You can have peace while I'm working it out."

Same bills. Same questions. Same waiting. Same world. Different you. Because when GOD quiets the storm inside the whole world starts looking different. And that peace has a name: JESUS.

"The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:7

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." — John 14:27



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PUBLIC NOTICE
(Published in The Sheridan Sentinel August 20, 2026)
ORDINANCE NO. 229

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER RATES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SELDEN, KANSAS, that:

Section One: Water users of the city shall pay for their use and consumption of water furnished or supplied by the city at the monthly rate of \$20.00 for the first 3000 gallons or any part thereof; From 3001 gallons to 10,000 gallons the rate will be \$3.00 per thousand gallons or any part thereof. From 10,001 gallons to 50,000 gallons the rate will be \$4.00 per thousand gallons or any part thereof. Any amount in excess of 50,000 gallons will be at the rate of \$10.00 per thousand gallons or any part thereof. Water provided outside the city limits of Selden shall be charged at a rate of \$40.00 for the first 3000 gallons or any part thereof. From 3001 gallons to 10,000 gallons the rate will be \$3.00 per thousand gallons or part thereof. From 10,001 gallons to 50,000 gallons the rate will be \$4.00 per thousand gallons or part thereof. Any amount in excess of 50,000 gallons will be \$10.00 per thousand gallons or part thereof.

Section Two: These rates shall be effective for the billings occurring on and after August 1, 2026.

Section Three: All new water connections must be approved by the city council. All water meter repair, replacement or installation outside of the city limits shall be billed to the water customer at the actual cost of the city including labor. For any new water service connection or for any water service that has not been in service for one year or longer the actual cost of the city including labor will be billed to the customer. There will be a monthly meter charge of \$5.00 for all meters inside the city limits.

Section Four: All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

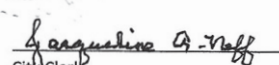
Section Five: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on this 10th day of August, 2026.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

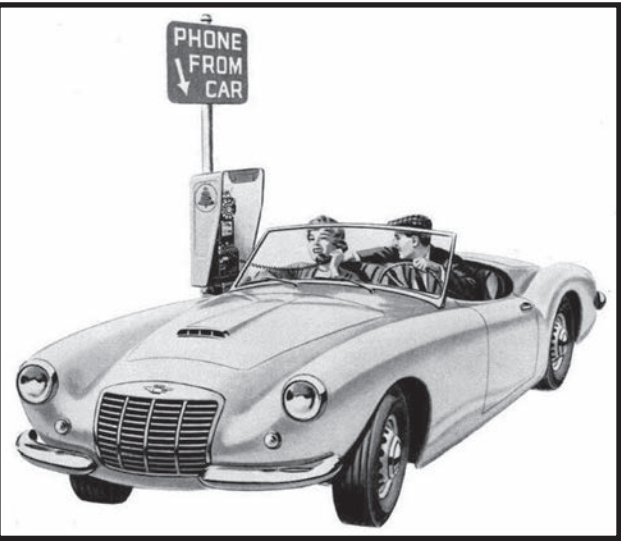
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Pages from the Past

65 years ago- Drive-in Telephone Service in Oberlin

Oberlin Herald - August 10, 1961
You may now drive in, roll down your window and use the dial pay telephone service that was recently installed at the main driveway in front of the Vickers station on Highway 36.
The drive-in phone is something new for this area, and very few are found in Northwest Kansas. This service by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is a first for Oberlin.



Visitors from Afar



The Decatur County Museum had a young couple, Gabriel & Marcos, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, stop in to visit on Friday, August 14. They mentioned that their son would soon be starting college at Mid-Plains Community College in McCook. (Decatur County Museum photo)

DCHS Back-to-School Bash

For the Decatur County High School juniors and seniors, be sure to get your school year going by attending the DCHS Back-to-School Bash on Sunday, August 23, from 6:30-8:30pm at Sappa Park.
Volunteers needed to help with cooking, providing food, and serving. Go to <https://bit.ly/4bVKe42> to sign up.

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The Sheridan Sentinel is looking for anyone who would like to write articles, as well as submit captioned photos, to earn some extra cash! We are looking for school journalists (academics, sports, club & organization activities, etc.); local area organizations who would like to share what great services, events, or programs they are providing to their community; and anyone who would like to let others know of the interesting, fun, and/or educational things going on in Decatur County.

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	Reported on: Tuesday, Aug. 18	Date	High	Low	Moisture
Vivo Travel Store	Wheat	8/10	102	73	.06"
		8/11	104	70	--
Crossroads Express	Corn	8/12	98	71	.02"
		8/13	90	66	.83"
Raye's Grocery	Milo	8/14	89	65	.98"
		8/15	88	67	.17"
	Beans	8/16	87	67	.04"

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
S/2 of Section 17-4-27 & N/2 of Section 20-4-27

FSA INFO:
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DRYLAND AC: 359.34±
GRASS AC: 265.98±

CROPS: Seller to retain 100% of the 2026 corn crop.
MINERAL RIGHTS: All Seller's interest will transfer to Buyer.
POSSESSION: Date of closing on open acres and after 2026 fall harvest on planted corn acres.
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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending August 16, 2026, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 25% very short, 35% short, 38% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 24% very short, 36% short, 39% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 12% very poor, 17% poor, 29% fair, 33% good, and 9% excellent. Corn silking was 94%, equal to last year, and near 95% for the five-year average. Dough was 78%, near 77% last year and 75% average. Denteds was 41%, ahead of 35% last year and 34% average. Mature was 8%, ahead of 1% last year, and near 4% average.

Soybean condition rated 3% very poor, 11% poor, 32% fair, 45% good, and 9% excellent. Soybeans blooming was 88%, near 86% last year, and equal to average. Setting pods was 67%, equal to last year, and near 65% average.

Sorghum condition rated 11% very poor, 22% poor, 40% fair, 24% good, and 3% excellent. Sorghum headed was 62%, behind 70% both last year and average. Coloring was 20%, near 18% both last year and average.

Cotton condition rated 6% very poor, 16% poor, 41% fair, 30% good, and 7% excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 89%, near 88% last year and 87% average. Bolls opening was 8%, equal to last year, and near 9% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 12% very poor, 18% poor, 33% fair, 31% good, and 6% excellent.

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Bill Ziegler is building a new sod house on his land.

There are nine steam threshers at work in this county.

W. S. Quisenberry made proof on his homestead last Saturday.

Gregg is now living on roasting ears. How many did Seth get, Dad?

Ed Schropp of Valley township brought in a load of watermelons Tuesday.

The Schlicker engine did not prove a success so they ordered a new one.

Editor Decker took 400 head of sheep to Kansas City Wednesday morning.

Election bets were made the latter part of last week and somebody will get fooled.

Barney Kessler of Spring Brook township, transacted business in Hoxie last Saturday.

There was a good sized crowd in town last Saturday and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

The mill is progressing rapidly and will be in running shape in a short time. Mr. Dupree is a hustler.

H. H. Welty, auditor of the Western Lumber company was in Hoxie on Monday last, attending to the company's business.

Mrs. J. N. Walden and Mrs. Robert McCormack of Bow Creek township were in Hoxie on Tuesday forenoon doing some trading.

Van Epps was in town a couple of days this week looking up an editor for his railroad pass sheet. Ike Zeigler will assume the laborious duty.

At last John Roswall had decided to spend half the time in Hoxie to repair watches and mend jewelry. He can be found at the Little Gem meat market in front of the liver counter.

Joe Rocka is the boss thresher this year. He knocks pure wheat out of sunflower. He has a good crew that are honest, however Cris Jensen says he is new at the business but will soon catch on.

In the *Palladium* last week there appeared an article that seemed to be the same, only one was head The Crises is Coming, the other The Crisis is Coming. The next time you publish the article Mr. Decker call it The Crisis is Coming.

Ben Cooper of Adell township was in Hoxie last Tuesday and left for home in a bran new cart he purchased of Prince. Ben is an old stayer in Adell and like a good many other sensible persons of that township, he will read the *Sheridan County Democrat*.

The Western Lumber company has received a carload of lath, shingles and siding and has six cars of lumber on the way.

125 Years Ago August 22, 1901

Miss Mae Hedge, of Norton, is visiting in this city this week.

C. F. Cooper, of Grainfield, enrolled in the Sheridan county Institute Tuesday.

Charley Kane and his two sisters, Rebecca and Mary, were Hoxie visitors Tuesday.

W. J. Heiney, of Grainfield, has a few Buckeye Mowers on hand that he will sell on next year's terms.

Mrs. V. A. Hank, who has been visiting in Ellsworth county for the past two weeks, returned home the first of the week.

Normal closes Saturday and after the examination which will be held Monday and Tuesday, a number of familiar faces will be missed by the citizens of Hoxie.

Hoxie has an orchestra of which she can justly feel proud, as every one will say who heard the music at the dance Friday night and at the graduation exercises Monday evening.

Editor Hopkins and family returned home last Saturday morning from a month's visit with relatives in the vicinity of Wheatland, Wyoming. Brother Hopkins reports having had one of the best times of his life, trout fishing.

Misses Carrie Heiney and Eva Jones, of Grainfield, were in attendance at the County Sunday School Convention at this place last Thursday.

County Clerk Reed has been sorely afflicted for several days and the boys are charging him with having eaten a court house melon that had been doctored. For the past two weeks melons have been disappearing from the court house grounds and if the boys have not "doped" what remain they have overlooked a bet.

Elliott Clippings

Ed McKinney is laid up with rheumatism in his arm.

Miss Zora McVey visited at Geo Launchbaugh's last week.

Miss Cora Thompson went to Hoxie with the mail Monday.

Valley Verifications

Mrs. Hansen, of Oklahoma, visited with Mrs. Crick last Saturday.

Mr. Fundis, of Centralia, has made several business trips to Tasco in the past two weeks.

Miss Clara Field is visiting with Mrs. Kendrick, of Studley, this week. Mrs. Kendrick has sold out and will soon start

UNCLE SAMUEL SAID THE WORD

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for Iowa.

Jay Hawker

Bloomfield Items

Sheriff Korb was in Bloomfield last week.

Mrs. Kast has at last begun to build her frame house.

The farmers in this vicinity are still waiting on Bill Drew's threshing machine.

A Farmer

Seguin Squibs

Harvey Anderson is down from Selden, working with Collin's threshing machine.

Walter Lloyd, from Lincoln, Neb., arrived last Friday to look after his Logan township farm.

Mrs. Schmidt loaded her car last Saturday and left for her northern Minnesota home Monday morning.

Sam Weller

100 Years Ago August 19, 1926

Local News

Miss Lucile Timmons has returned to Hoxie and will make her home here.

Anna Mary Reed is visiting relatives at Norton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Launchbaugh spent Monday with relatives in Lenora.

Misses Vesta and Elinor Mort, of Hill City, spent several days this week with their sister, Mrs. Ralph Menefee.

Miss Mae Mowry, of Lucerne, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Johnson, in this city this week.

Mrs. Roy Tucker and daughters, Helen, Clarice and Peggy, left for Denver, Colorado, Sunday to spend two weeks with relatives.

J. L. Beckner came down from Colby Monday for a short visit with his son, Dr. Beckner, and family, and with his numerous friends.

Mrs. F. E. Bear and son accompanied Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rouse, of Colby, to Norton Sunday to visit the J. G. and T. J. Rouse families there.

Mrs. Payton has returned home from a two weeks' vacation. Her little daughter, Ila Mae, was sick during the time she was visiting her sister at Palco, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Knopp are visiting relatives at Esbon, Kansas. From there they will go to Lincoln, Nebraska for a short visit before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, of Plainville, were Hoxie visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom Pratt, Jr., and infant son returned home Sunday from the Norton hospital.

Alex Wingerd, of Lincoln, Kansas, is making his son, William and wife, an extended visit.

Mrs. Mariam Blum accompanied by her two children, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. English, Sunday.

Mr. Jack Colgan and Mr. and Mrs. Rummert Colgan, of Kansas City, Missouri, were Hoxie visitors Tuesday, while enroute to the mountains of Colorado.

Pleasant Ridge

Mrs. Haynes has been visiting at the Wm. Loof home.

Cass Breeden and N. F. McWilliams attended the Humphrey sale southeast of Hoxie, Tuesday.

Dal Jamison, of Morland, is building a cloak room on the east side of Square Top school house and also doing some much needed repair work on the school house.

North Fork News

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Demepwolf and family were trading in Selden, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Diebert and family called at Herman Roedel's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bishop and family visited at the M. Dunlap home, Sunday. Dayton and Dee remained for a few days

visit with their cousins before school begins.

75 Years Ago August 23, 1951

Annual 4-H Picnic to be Held Sunday

The annual Business Men's picnic, sponsored by the Sheridan County 4-H Clubs, will be held Sunday evening, Aug. 26, at the 4-H building in Hoxie.

This event is a method used by the 4-H Clubs to show their appreciation to the business men and all others who helped them during the fair and throughout the year.

B. P. W. Club Notes

The B. P. W. Club met Monday evening for an important business meeting at the home of Opal Samples. Committee chairman were appointed for the year. The Leaders Council meeting at Goodland Sunday was announced. Plans for a picnic are under way for the latter part of the month.

Broadway News

The Saline Valley Unit held their picnic Thursday evening at the Don McWilliams home.

Mrs. Vernice Foran and son of Denver spent the past week visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Leslie Sample and Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Epler were Sunday afternoon callers at H. M. Eplers, Mrs. W. C. Morgan spent the evening there.

Bow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Karnes and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Karnes spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jamison west of Quinter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Karnes and Ray were fishing at the Stephenson Lake north of Hill City, Sunday.

George Karnes is spending this week near Chicago, Ill., and plans to visit some of his World War II buddies before he returns.

Leoville News

Mrs. Clarence Wegman and children, of Seguin, spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meitl were visitors in Concordia last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Barnett spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heim and children.

Allison News

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Getty and daughter, of Illinois, are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Getty.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley attended the fair at Norton, Monday.

Louis Randolph and Clarence Perrin have been bailing hay.

Fairview

Miss Mildred O'Dell assisted Mrs. Don McWilliams with her house work on Wednesday and Mrs. Cass Breeden on Friday.

Mrs. Albert Smith and her music pupils will give a piano recital at the Mt. Pleasant church Tuesday evening, Aug. 14.

Kenneth Cooke and family were dinner guests of the Don McWilliams' on Sunday.

50 Years Ago August 12, 1976

Seguin Church to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

St. Martin's Parish, Seguin, Kansas will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Sunday, August 15, 1976. There will be a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m., followed by a half hour program and benediction in the church. Table service and drinks will be provided.

All former members, friends and their relatives are invited and welcome.

Mickey's Want Ads

For Back to School - Hamilton Beach Lil' Mac and Presto hamburger cookers.

Little Mac cooks hamburgers on one side and grills on the other, all in 2 minutes. Just the thing for the busy student or for that matter the busy homemaker.

Gertie: "Why do you go to dances with a guy like Joe? He can't dance."

Lulu: "Maybe he can't dance - but boy, how he can intermission."

Alarm clocks for the student that can't get up in the morning.

Studley Items

Ladies Aide met with Mrs. Mable Treu at her home in Hoxie Tuesday afternoon. Eight members were present. Mrs. Esther Brandt had charge of the lesson. Mable served refreshments.

Mrs. Esther Brandt went to Hoxie Thursday for her doctor's appointment. Mrs. Rachel Niblock accompanied her.

Mrs. Dorothy McRae and Paula visited Mrs. Anna Moore Saturday evening.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simon and children attended the Hill City Fair Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ross Boone, Mrs. Ormond Breeden and Mrs. Curtis Simon were hostesses to a shower honoring Beth Jamison on Thursday evening. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Stan Smith met a plane at Hill City Saturday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hull and daughter of Waco, Texas arrived there. They were supper guests at Albert Smiths. The Hulls are staying with Edwin Simons this week.

Leoville News

Mrs. Magdalen Gassman and daughters visited with Ralph and Lawrence Gassman in Goodland last Monday.

Mr. Gus Karls had surgery Wednesday, Aug. 4 in St. Joseph Hospital, Denver. He is getting along very well and plans to be home soon.

Mrs. Joe Radnor and children of Scott City spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke.

Ladies Golf

Six ladies enjoyed golfing on Tuesday morning, Aug. 10 at the Hoxie course.

Next Tuesday, Aug. 17, ladies from several other towns have been invited to be our guests, so bring your salad for the noon luncheon, and come out and enjoy golf. Tee off time will be 8 a.m. - Reporter

25 Years Ago August 16, 2001

Fugitives Steal Local Vehicle

A white 1991 Jeep Cherokee belonging to Gus and Patty Ochs, Hoxie, has become part of a nationwide manhunt.

According to the Sheridan County Sheriff's office, the vehicle was reported stolen on Aug. 9.

The vehicle had been parked in the parking lot of the Hoxie Grian Company the preceding day, and when Gus arrived there last Thursday morning the Jeep was gone and in its place was a black 1998 Ford Escort with Thomas County tags.

Six Down, One to Go - Tour of Continents Continues

The goal of stepping foot on all seven of the world's continents is one that Hoxie resident Cindy Schnelle has nearly attained.

In July, Schnelle traveled to China - the sixth of the seven continents she's toured - leaving only Antarctica.

Schnelle, a librarian at Hoxie High School for the past 20 years, began her travels while earning her master's degree in library science in 1982. As part of a class project, members of the class traveled to London, England and surrounding areas.

Rexford

Louise Schielke of Oakdale spent two weeks visiting Jay and Nancy Dahl and other family members in the area.

Members of the Barnhart family held a family reunion on Aug. 5 at The Red Barn.

Jena Hawkins had eye surgery on Thursday at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Jennings-Allison

The Jennings Boy Scouts recently enjoyed a camping trip to Kirwin Reservoir. Those attending were Seth Ritter, Marcus McKenna, Brian Miller, Josh Lahnanen, Nick Wahlmeier, Adam Wahlmeier, Grant Bailey, Brett McKenna, Andy Coiner, Adam Miller, Tony LaRue, Chris McKenna, Ben Rhodes, Jared Foster, Larry and Mary Miller, and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier. The group enjoyed fishing, swimming, water sports, and camp fire cooking. Par for the course, they also experienced some stormy weather.

McGraw

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter visited Pat Ault Duell last week Thursday. Last Friday the Bainters visited Mrs. Jim Gaumer and Gerra Gaumer. Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter went to the Rotary Foundation seminar in Russell on Saturday.

Kyle Broxson spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann this week. Adam Smith and Noah visited the Herrmanns on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Reynolds of Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Reitchek this week.

Kansas Jobseekers, Employers Encouraged to Participate in August Job Fair

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland invites jobseekers and employers to take part in the August Virtual Statewide Job Fair, hosted by KANSASWORKS, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27.

“If you’re wanting to kickstart a new career — or looking for new talent to add to your team—you’ll be sure to find it at the KANSASWORKS Virtual Statewide Job Fair,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Kansas has plenty of good-paying jobs available right now in a broad array of industries and our team is ready to help you advance your career.”

The virtual format allows anyone searching for a new job to fill out applications, chat live and interview with participating employers.

This month’s Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features helpful information such as a jobseeker training video, a list of participating employers and channels for attendees to register and log in. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress professionally, as they might be asked to engage in an interview.

Candidates can participate through any digital device. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event.

Registration is required to participate in virtual job fairs, regardless of previous participation. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/4cJbNOg>.

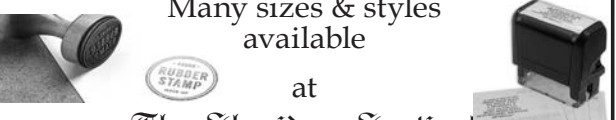
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New Round of SEED Grants Available for Rural Quality-of-Life Initiatives

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced a new round of funding totaling \$250,000 available through the Strategic Economic Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program. Now in its fifth round, the SEED initiative continues to support economic development and quality-of-life improvements in Kansas’ smallest communities.

“Over the last eight years, we’ve worked strategically to bring economic opportunities to all of our Kansas communities — including the rural and smaller parts of our state,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “SEED funding creates transformational change in communities that might not otherwise have the means to complete necessary economic development projects on their own.”

Administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce, SEED grants are available to communities in 78 eligible counties, with populations of 5,000 or fewer. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded in the following categories:

- Childcare and Senior Programming– Projects that support or enhance services, such as building improvements, educational materials, supplies and equipment
- Community Vibrancy– Projects that re-energize and beautify rural communities through public art, signage and placemaking initiatives
- Food Retail– Projects that increase access to food through new, expanded or renovated retail spaces
- Libraries– Projects that expand access to information and community resources through reading materials, technology upgrades, furnishings and facility improvements

Eligible applicants include local government, economic development organizations, chambers of commerce and other community-based organizations in towns that have not received a SEED grant in the past year. A 10% local match is required, and all funded projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving grant funds. Grants will be distributed in two installments: half at the time of award and the remainder once the project has reached at least 50% completion.

Awarded grants are having a real impact on real Kansas communities. In 2025, a \$25,000 SEED grant paired with \$43,450 in local matching funds, is helping the City of Larned build a greenhouse at the Larned Community Garden for students, volunteers and seniors to utilize. A “Senior Saturdays” program will have seniors planting vegetables and flowers during the winter, then returning in the spring to take them home. The city also is creating programming with cooking classes and a county-wide equipment share co-op that will give seniors more opportunities for socialization.

“We’re excited about the impact that the equipment share program and the greenhouse will have on our community,” City of Larned City Manager Bradley Eilts said. “Together, they create opportunities that simply wouldn’t be possible in a small rural community. Through programs like Senior Saturdays, we’ll be able to provide meaningful hands-on experiences, social connections and access to resources that enrich the lives of our older adults.”

Funding for the SEED program is made possible through the Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions (TEFFI) Development and Expansion Fund, established through bipartisan legislation in 2021 to promote economic development statewide in rural communities.

SEED grant applications will open Monday, August 17, and close at 5 p.m. Monday, October 19. Awardees will be announced in December.

A webinar to learn more about this opportunity will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 18. Those interested in participating can register at <https://bit.ly/4x5kPgZ>. The webinar also will be recorded and available on demand following the meeting.

For information about program guidelines, the list of eligible counties, or to view previous awardees, visit the SEED Grant webpage at <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/seedgrants/>.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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State of Kansas
Township

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Bowcreek Township
Sheridan County

will meet on **8-31-26** at **6pm** at **South Shaw residence** for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Sheridan County Courthouse and will be available at this hearing.

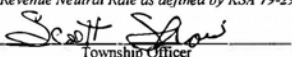
BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,545	0.463	1,555	0.482	4,195	1,531	0.487
Special Machinery							
Totals	1,545	0.463	1,555	0.482	4,195	1,531	0.487
Revenue Neutral Rate** 0.487							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	1,545		1,555		4,195		
Total Tax Levied	1,531		1,531				
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	3,306,631		3,173,000		3,143,631		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1							
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988



Scott Shaw
Township Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel on August 20, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Case No.: SD-2026-PR-000002

FRED L. MOSS, DECEASED

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Kristine P. Moss, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Fred L. Moss, deceased, requesting that Petitioner’s acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys’ and accountants fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Fred L. Moss, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before September 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Hoxie, Sheridan 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.

Kristine P. Moss, Petitioner

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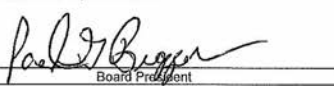
State of Kansas
Budget Form USD-A

USD #316
2026-2027

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Actual		2026-2027 Proposed Budget		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	82	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,265,503	\$1,290,410		\$1,349,037		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$21,287,549	\$21,571,507		\$21,584,582		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$23,556,015	\$23,901,475		\$23,971,907		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$21,725,907	\$22,213,007		\$23,971,907		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024	2025	2026			
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0			
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0			
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0			
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0			
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0			
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0			

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills



Paul D. Bigger
Board President



Lucas Schreyer
Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 316 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 6:45 PM at 335 Soxhool St., Rexford, KS 67753 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral

	2025-2026			2026-2027		
	Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	\$431,430	20.000	\$431,411	19.987	\$431,692	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$666,975	27.793	\$664,298	27.711	\$725,570	30.268
Adult Education	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$192,005	8.000	\$191,200	7.976	\$191,775	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate	Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	Proposed Taxes to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$1,290,410	55.793	\$1,286,897	55.674	\$1,349,037	58.268
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$858,980	35.793	\$855,486	35.687	\$917,345	38.268

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 316 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 6:50 PM at 335 School St., Rexford, KS 67753 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Actual		2026-2027 Proposed Budget			
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)	
OPERATING								
General	06	2,155,778	20.000	2,260,044	20.000	2,298,488	431.692	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	714,960	27.490	768,314	27.793	785,004	725,570	30.268
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	61,444		71,027		42,096		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	21,813		21,951		116,208		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	361,020		315,233		301,919		
Bilingual Education	14	23,909		38,023		103,716		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	494,359	7.991	312,100	8.000	1,247,502	191,775	8.000
Driver Training	18	12,782		16,160		46,790		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	168,475		170,541		285,910		
Professional Development	26	6,537		11,145		67,108		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	358,301		366,138		620,780		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	65,360		108,483		423,849		
Gifts and Grants	35	55,450		107,550		434,972		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	217,254		219,981		259,303		
Contingency Reserve	53	150,260		118,174		118,174		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	43,776		54,645		54,645		
Activity Fund	56	16,594		16,140		16,140		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	4,928,081	55.481	4,965,653	55.793	7,123,645	1,349,037	58.268
Less: Transfers	105	1,221,022		1,469,193		1,035,254		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,707,059		3,496,460		6,088,391		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,265,503		1,290,410		1,349,037		

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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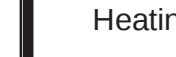
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