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## Selden's Annual Stars & Stripes Festival

The Selden Events Committee is excited to announce the annual Selden Stars & Stripes Festival, taking place Saturday, July 4, with a full day of family-friendly activities, entertainment, food, and patriotic celebration throughout the community.

The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. with the Selden Stars & Stripes Color Run starting at the City Park. Participants can choose between a fun 1-mile run/walk or a full 5K route, making the event perfect for all ages and experience levels. Adults are encouraged to join the fun for just a \$5 admission fee. Kids participate free!

Participants are encouraged to wear white T-shirts and prepare to be covered in patriotic red and blue color powder throughout the course. Whether you are running competitively, walking with family, or simply coming for the fun atmosphere, everyone is welcome to participate.

Registration is required for planning purposes and can be found on the Selden Events Committee Facebook page.

Before the heat of the day settles in, festival attendees are invited to gather at the Park Pavilion beginning at 10:30 a.m. for coffee, donuts, and patriotic music performed by local talent Jentry Rhodes.

Though young in age, Jentry has already become well known throughout the community for her remarkably mature vocals and natural musical ability. The Selden Events Committee is excited to showcase Jentry's music as part of this year's Stars & Stripes celebration.

At noon, the community is invited to gather at the Park Stage for a Veteran Flag Display by, honoring those who have served our country. Veterans are encouraged to wear attire representing their branch of service or era of service.

Food trucks will be available throughout the day from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kansas and Main intersection.

Festivalgoers can enjoy a wide variety of activities throughout the afternoon and evening, including:

- Corn Hole Tournament at 2:00 p.m. at the tennis courts
- Foam Pit from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on the open lot south of the post office
- Antique Tractor Show from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at 5th and Kentucky
- Bounce Houses from 3:00-9:00 p.m. in the park
- Craft Fair Vendors throughout the park
- Barrel Train rides on Main Street
- Pedal Pull at 4:00 p.m. south of the library
- Steel Deer Archery Tournament at 5 p.m. near the southwest corner of the ball fields
- Golf Cart Parade at 5:30 p.m. on Main Street

A new and exciting addition to this year's celebration is the Steel Deer Archery Tournament beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday evening, located in the southeast corner of the ball fields. Entry fee is \$10 per contestant, while youth ages 15 and under may participate free of charge with registration and adult accompaniment.

The tournament will feature a steel deer target with a 10-inch vital opening. Distances will increase as rounds progress until a single winner is left standing. Even if you are not an archer, this event is fun and safe to watch with only one shooter participating at a time while all spectators and contestants remain safely behind the shooting line.

Closing out the evening's festivities will be live music by Daedozzin' from 6 to 9 p.m. on the stage near City Park. From southwest Nebraska, Daedozzin' is a talented musical trio blending the sounds of country, rock, and blues into a high-energy performance that appeals to audiences of all ages.

The group quickly became a fan favorite during last year's celebration. Their performance created the perfect atmosphere for a summer evening in small-town Kansas, and the response from the community made it clear—they had to be invited back.

Known for delivering spectacular, crowd-pleasing displays, Full Out Fireworks will light up the night at the Selden Ball Fields, bringing a full day of festivities to a memorable close. Attendees of all ages are invited to gather for an unforgettable fireworks finale under the Kansas sky. Festival organizers encourage guests to bring lawn chairs and blankets and settle in for this free event.

For additional event information and updates, follow the Selden Events Committee on social media.



## Becci Baker: Getting Patients Back to the Life They Love



In a small town, healthcare is about more than appointments and treatments—it's about helping neighbors return to the people, places, and routines that matter most to them.

For physical therapist Becci Baker at AmberMed, that personal connection

is one of the most rewarding parts of her work.

"You know your patients here," she said. "You know their families, their kids, and what their daily life looks like. That helps you understand exactly what you're trying to get them back to."

Since partnering with AmberMed, Becci and her team have continued expanding rehabilitation services available close to home.

"People are often surprised by everything we offer here," she said.

Today, AmberMed's rehabilitation team cares for patients of all ages—from infants to seniors—and offers services including women's health therapy, massage therapy, assisted exercise programs, and more.

Local access matters in a rural area, where traveling for care can quickly become a burden.

"With physical therapy, patients may need appointments two or three times a week," she said. "That's a lot of driving and time spent in the car if services aren't available locally."

For Becci, some of the most meaningful moments come from watching patients regain independence and quality of life. Because healthcare providers in small communities often know patients outside the clinic walls, those relationships naturally extend into everyday life.

"Getting to watch people progress and improve is incredibly rewarding," she said. "You'll see patients at the grocery store, at school events, or around town. People stop and check in with you. It's a unique dynamic."

Her message to the community is simple: "You can receive excellent care right here in our community. We're fortunate to have these services close to home, and we're committed to caring for our patients well."

## SC Fire Department Gets a New Truck



Firefighter Austin Sanders with the Sheridan County Fire Department showed off the department's new truck at Saturday's Rod Run. Kids of all ages had fun getting a close-up look and they even got to spray some water. (SCFD photo)

## Enjoy the 4th of July in Oberlin!

Oberlin is planning a full day of America 250 Birthday Celebrations events. The fun starts at 7am at the Oberlin Fire Hall with a Pancake Breakfast (free will donation). Following the breakfast a 5K Run, a Fun Walk, or a bike route is available to the City Park. Kid games and activities at the park are from 9:30am to 11am. The Oberlin Area Concert Band will present its 4th Annual 4th of July Concert at 11am, followed by a Patriotic Youth Program at noon. Food and beverages will be available from 11am to 1pm. Free swim at the Oberlin Swimming Pool 1pm until 6pm. At 2pm John Bremer will have a display of his antique guns and Gary Green will present the Constitution at the Oberlin Library. At 4pm the festivities move to the Oberlin Fairgrounds for more fun, food, and games that takes us up to a traditional fireworks display at 9pm. We invite our neighboring communities to join us for a full day of a great old-fashioned 4th of July.

**HAPPY 250<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!**

## Sheridan County Hit by "Beast" Storm

Saturday, June 20, a storm that has been called a "Beast" by storm chasers, hit northwest Kansas.

Colby recorded 108 mph winds at one point. Hoxie received over 5 1/2" of rain. There were two tornadoes that also touched down. Flooding was prevalent everywhere, with roads impassable for quite some time after. Creeks were overflowing that have been dry for quite a while.

A large number of power poles were down in several areas, leaving many without electricity for quite some time.

With El Nino upon us, we can probably expect more of the same. It's going to be an interesting year or two!



(Photos by John Liester)

## SC Fire Department Receives Over \$20,000

Topeka — Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced, that the Kansas Department of Insurance has made its annual distribution to local Firefighter Relief Associations (FRAs). Pursuant to the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act, \$20,447.33 has been distributed among one local FRA in Sheridan County.

"Firefighters put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act acknowledges that by providing additional protections for firefighters and their loved ones," said Commissioner Schmidt. "The Act not only gives first responders needed safety nets, but it also allows local communities to provide their citizens with improved firefighting equipment and resources."

The funds from the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act are generated by a two percent tax paid by insurance companies on fire and lightning insurance premiums written in Kansas. Associations primarily use their distributed funds for insurance premiums and safety enhancements. The relief funds may pay for the health, accident, disability, and life insurance premiums of local firefighters. Safety enhancements such as new firetrucks, fire station building improvements, and firefighting gear can be purchased via relief funds loaned to local governing entities.

This year's statewide distributions totaled over \$20.7 million, distributed to 552 FRAs. The statewide distribution of the 2025 Kansas Firefighters Relief Act funds can be viewed at [insurance.ks.gov/otherservices/firefighters/fra-relief-distributions.php](https://insurance.ks.gov/otherservices/firefighters/fra-relief-distributions.php). Kansans can learn more about the Firefighter Relief Act by visiting [insurance.kansas.gov/consumers/firefighters](https://insurance.kansas.gov/consumers/firefighters).

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## KWEC Offers Nature Crafts Summer Programs

By FHSU University Communications

**Hays** - KWEC is offering four Drop-in Nature Craft workshops this summer, each Monday in July. These come-and-go style activities will be held from 1-4 p.m. No registration is required for these free programs. A short science lesson that fits the theme of the craft will help kids gain appreciation for the natural world.

Monday, July 6 - Craft a whimsical bird ornament using decoupage techniques to showcase delicate patterns and natural elegance.

Monday, July 13 - Create a unique hammered flower card that transforms petals and leaves into soft, natural watercolor like impressions.

Monday, July 20 - Make a stylish snake skin coaster that captures the intricate texture and pattern of reptile scales.

Monday, July 27 - Design reusable beeswax wraps that offer an eco friendly, nature inspired alternative to plastic food storage.

In addition to these hands-on crafts, the education center is offering the 2026 KWEC Summer Explorer Guide. With activities like Mate Match, Dung Detective, Trail Tracker, and more, this guide will keep kids exploring Cheyenne Bottoms and the Kansas Wetlands Education Center all summer long. Stop into the center and grab a copy. Complete the guide and turn in the ticket by August 14 to receive a sticker sheet and be entered into a drawing for various prizes.

Kansas Wetlands Education Center, affiliated with FHSU's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, is located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend at the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. More information can be found at 877-243-9268 or visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.

## WCE Announces 2026 Youth Scholarship Winners

WaKeeney - Western Cooperative Electric is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 Youth Scholarship Program. These scholarships reflect the cooperative's ongoing commitment to supporting the educational goals of local students and investing in the future of rural Kansas.

The Western Cooperative Electric Board of Trustees approved three \$1,000 scholarships and the \$250 Darrell Brown Memorial Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. A total of 38 students applied for this year's scholarship program, making the selection process highly competitive.

**Nicholas Robben** - Hoxie High School  
**Luke Zerr** - Wheatland High School

"Each year, we are inspired by the outstanding young people who apply for our scholarship program," said Christina Hayes, Member Services Manager at Western Cooperative Electric. "These students have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to making a positive impact. We are proud to support them as they continue their education and pursue their goals."

The Darrell Brown Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of Darrell Brown, a dedicated member of the Western Cooperative Electric family whose commitment to service and community continues to inspire future generations.

Western Cooperative Electric's Scholarship Program is designed to encourage and support students as they prepare for college and future careers. Through scholarship opportunities and youth leadership programs, the cooperative remains committed to developing the next generation of leaders within the communities it serves.

For more information about Western Cooperative Electric's scholarship and youth programs, visit Western Cooperative Electric Scholarship Program or email the Member Services Manager at [chayes@westerncoop.com](mailto:chayes@westerncoop.com).



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## Cross Country Hosts Summer Camp

**Colby** - Colby Community College will host the Trojan Cross Country Summer Camp from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on July 6-10. The camp will be on the college campus and is open to students entering kindergarten through 12th grade.

Led by Colby Community College alumnus and current coach Chayse McCullough, the camp will feature daily coached runs, drills and strides, strength and core training, nutrition education, and a final-day race. Participants will also receive a camp T-shirt.

Campers will have the opportunity to learn from former Trojan standouts, including Emily McCullough, a four-time NCAA Division II All-American, NJCAA national champion, and six-time NJCAA All-American. Also planned is a special Zoom session with Trojan alumnus Sanele Masondo, the 2022 NJCAA Cross Country National Champion, six-time NJCAA national champion, and NCAA Division I First Team All-American.

Early registration is \$175 through June 30. Registration after June 30 is \$225. Visit the Trojan Cross Country Summer Camp page for details.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals interested in supporting youth athletics and helping offset camp expenses. Sponsors assist in providing educational resources, shirts, snacks, awards, and supplies.

For more information about the camp or sponsorship opportunities, contact Coach McCullough at (785) 434-6516 or [chayse.mccullough@colbycc.edu](mailto:chayse.mccullough@colbycc.edu).

## FHSU Golf Programs Paused

By FHSU University Marketing and Strategic Communications

**HAYS, Kan.** - Fort Hays State University announced today it will pause its NCAA men's and women's golf programs effective immediately.

This decision follows a comprehensive evaluation of Tiger Athletics' portfolio and resource allocation, aimed at preserving the long-term financial stability and competitive strength of the athletic department.

"Pausing our golf programs was an incredibly difficult decision," said FHSU Director of Athletics Dr. Lisa Goddard McGuirk. "The rapidly evolving landscape of college athletics presents financial challenges that require immediate, proactive management. These challenges are not unique to FHSU, but they require that we look critically at our resources."

FHSU remains fully committed to supporting all affected student-athletes. The university will honor all existing golf scholarships for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic year.

"Our golf student-athletes and coaches have done a tremendous job representing FHSU on and off the course," Goddard McGuirk added. "To support them through this transition, we are honoring their athletic aid and providing dedicated guidance. We hope they choose to continue their education at Fort Hays State, but we are fully prepared to assist them if they decide to pursue their athletic careers elsewhere."

"Our priority remains safeguarding our core educational mission, while navigating a challenging budget environment and a recent \$2.4 million reduction in state funding. The pause on our golf programs represents a step in a series of difficult, necessary budget reductions," said FHSU President Tisa Mason.



Some where  
Along the Way...  
We Forgot What  
Mattered

Look around. No, really look around.

How is it possible that we have more technology, more convenience, and more ways to connect than any generation before us...yet so many people feel lonely?

How is it possible that people are working harder than ever...yet feeling emptier than ever?

How did we become a world full of followers... while so many people feel lost?

Somewhere along the way, we forgot what mattered.

God gave us this incredible world. He gave us sunrises and sunsets. Families and friendships. Purpose and opportunity. He gave us another breath this morning.

Yet somewhere in the chase for more, we lost sight of the things that mattered most. We started measuring success by bank accounts instead of character. By followers instead of faith. By popularity instead of purpose. And while the spotlight shines on celebrities, influencers, and people with titles...the people who truly keep this world moving often go unnoticed.

The farmer feeding families. The parent sacrificing for their children. The teacher shaping young minds. The worker showing up every day without applause. The caregiver carrying burdens nobody else sees.

Those people matter. Because greatness was never about being famous. Greatness is being faithful.

Faithful to God. Faithful to your family. Faithful to the purpose He placed in your hands.

The truth is people are starving today.

Not for more possessions. Not for another app. Not for another argument. They're starving for meaning.

For connection. For hope. For peace. They're starving for God.

Because deep inside every human heart is a place that money can't fill.

Success can't fill it. Recognition can't fill it. Nothing in this world can fill it. That space was created for God alone.

Maybe that's why so many people have everything they thought they wanted... and still feel empty.

Because the soul was never designed to be filled by things.

It was designed to be filled by Him.

So maybe the answer isn't getting more. Maybe the answer is remembering.

Remembering who gave us life. Remembering who gives us every breath. Remembering that faith is greater than fame.

Character is greater than popularity. People are greater than possessions. And Jesus is greater than everything.

We didn't lose our way overnight.

But maybe today...we can start finding our way back.

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June 27 ~ July 3: 8am ~ 10pm  
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July 5: 8am ~ 10pm

It shall be unlawful at any time to discharge fireworks of any kind within the boundaries of the James L. Johnson Memorial Park. Please be courteous and follow the hours of discharge. YOU are responsible for cleaning up the firework debris from the street and surrounding area.  
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# OBERLIN~DECATUR COUNTY NEWS



## Pages from the Past

### Lightning Hits During Service

Oberlin Herald - June 20, 1946

It was a close call for a number of people gathered in the St. John's Lutheran Church, northwest of Oberlin, Sunday evening, when a bolt of lightning struck the chimney of the church during the evening service of the 60th anniversary program.

The evening worship, a confirmation reunion service, was being conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. F.A. Wegener of Lincolnville, Kansas, who was in the midst of his sermon when the lightning struck the building.

The church was filled with adults and children, and when the bolt struck, children screamed as what appeared to be a ball of fire shot through the north end of the church, near the pulpit and choir loft.

So close to those in the choir was the current that the dress of Marilou Berndt, a choir member, was scorched, and Caroline May was stunned, her left arm temporarily paralyzed. By Monday morning, she was recovering the use of her arm, and her condition was continuing to improve.

The electrical current followed metal stripping down the chimney to the furnace room, where papers were found smoldering when examination of the church was made. A few small holes in the north end of the church indicated where the bolt entered the church room, and some plaster was knocked off the wall.

After the inspection of the building and emergency care of those affected, the service resumed with thankful prayers that no one was seriously injured and that the church was not destroyed.

Picture below: The congregation spilled out the doors of St. John's Lutheran new brick church in Logan township. The church was built in 1931 after a New Year's Day fire that year burned the church's frame building.



## GROW Decatur County Foundation Awards Grant

GROW Decatur County Foundation has awarded a grant of \$1,975.82 to support the upcoming America 250 Celebration. This grant was made possible through the generosity of the Janelle and Gary Walter Fund for Decatur County and the Grafel Family Fund.

According to the America 250 Celebration committee, Oberlin is planning a full day of birthday celebration events to honor our nation's 250th anniversary—and it sounds like an amazing day for all ages!

The fun starts July 4th at 7:00 a.m. at the Oberlin Fire Hall with a pancake breakfast (free will donation). After breakfast, you can take part in a 5K walk, a fun walk, or hop on a bike route to the city park. Kids games and activities will run from 9:30-11:00 a.m., followed by the Oberlin Area Concert Band's 4th annual 4th of July concert at 11:00 a.m., and a patriotic youth program at noon.

Food and beverages will be available from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and the Oberlin Swimming Pool will offer free swim from 1:00-6:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., John Bremer will display his collection of antique guns, and Gary Green will present the Constitution at the Oberlin Library.

The celebration continues at the fairgrounds starting at 4:00 p.m. with more fun, food, and games—all leading up to a traditional fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. Neighboring communities are invited to join in for a great, old-fashioned 4th of July celebration!



What makes this grant especially meaningful is that it comes from family endowments. Funds like the Walter and Grafel Family Funds are created with a long-term vision—allowing gifts to keep giving year after year. Because of their generosity, events like this don't just happen once—they continue to bring our community together for generations.

It's a powerful reminder that when families invest in endowments, they're creating something lasting that grows right alongside our community.

We're so grateful to the Walter and Grafel families for believing in Decatur County and helping make celebrations like this possible. We hope to see everyone out enjoying the day!

GROW Decatur County Foundation is an affiliate of GNWKCF.

## Storm Damage From Saturday's "Beast" of a Storm



Saturday's storm was called a "Beast" by several storm chasers posting on social media. Some compared it to a hurricane in its strength and damage caused by the extreme high winds - some recorded close to 100mph. (Decatur County Emergency Management photos)

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Vivo Travel Store	Wheat 5.33	6/8	83	51	--
Crossroads Express	Corn 3.97	6/9	92	54	--
Raye's Grocery	Milo 3.17	6/10	90	66	--
	Beans 10.32	6/11	82	60	--
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**RETIREMENT AUCTION**

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By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

I can't help but think that all of the events planned for America's 250th birthday have been upstaged by World Cup visitors giving us fresh insight into how lucky we are to live in the United States.

Foreign visitors have reminded us that our everyday lives are extraordinary — from our giant gas stations to the overwhelming choices we have in grocery store aisles — compared with much of the world.

Usually, one has to leave the U.S. to experience such a revelation. Now, we can use the eyes and experiences of our visitors to rediscover how our ordinary is awe inspiring.

It's far too easy to become accustomed to our surroundings. I'm sure there are Italians who don't bother to look up if they're passing the Colosseum or Trevi Fountain. Or residents of Tokyo who don't see anything special about the endless stretch of skyscrapers that make up the skyline. And I'm sure even Egyptians don't so much as glance at the pyramids and contemplate the past 5,000 years of civilization.

One of the few benefits of social media is that we get to follow along as our visitors see with fresh eyes what we've previously considered mundane like free chips and salsa at a Mexican restaurant or gratis ice water basically anywhere. They've also experienced

## Cultural Exchanges

receiving severe weather alerts, have drunk Boston taverns dry and fallen in love with ranch dressing.

And, of course, it's good to finally have the rest of the world recognize that air conditioning is, in fact, a necessity and not a luxury for much of the continental U.S. Fortunately for our visitors, the World Cup will conclude well before August's sweltering temperatures.

If there is one lesson I hope both the hosts and guests take away from these encounters, aside from Europeans coming around to putting ice in drinks, it's that while borders do give shape to a country, the people are more alike than we appear.

Different cultures and their customs are shaped by geography, but at the end of the day, we all have much more in common than not. A good meal with friends both new and old is always welcome no matter where you're from.

As delightful as it is to have visitors genuinely enjoying our country, I know from past travels abroad the novelty of a new nation fades. Eventually the comforts of home will overcome all the new experiences here.

For me, after being out of the country for a few days, there's nothing like returning home and having a cheeseburger and fries as my first meal off the plane. I'm sure our guests will have similar experiences when they return home as well.

Until then, those of us in the U.S. can be thankful for a cultural exchange that hasn't required a passport, security lines or any travel anxiety. Rather, we've been given a golden opportunity to rediscover our own culture through the awe and astonishment of others. I can't think of a better way to celebrate America's 250th

birthday.  
"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

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Friday, June 26, 1891

W. F. Cardell is living on his farm.  
W. F. Fay is contesting a piece of land.  
David Taylor is delivering ice to our citizens.

Mrs. Shaw visited at Mr. Saathoff's last week.

Mike Scoville is all right for his \$12 per month.

W. L. Humes has sold his farm at a good figure.

J. S. Turner is visiting old friends in Logan county.

Mr. Horner is carrying the mail several days this week.

b. C. Decker lost a fine cow last week caused by eating weeds.

Mrs. Frank Lee has gone on a visit to Michigan and Frank will take a trip to Arkansas.

Grover Walker returned home Sunday. He looks as though his trip had been a benefit to him.

Walt Foreman is still hauling broom corn and storing it in the city waiting for a raise in the market.

Uncle Nat Simpson and A. S. Morgan are assisting the Probate Judge to examine the Treasurer's books.

Uncle Dan Ballard has been visiting friends in this county and reports all his people in good shape and doing well.

John Ibert has returned to Sheridan county and says he will not leave it again if the Lord and the people will let him stay.

Charlie Miles has quit working for McCracken and is building a house on his claim. It is whispered that a Mrs. Miles will help him to occupy it.

James McConchie was in the city Saturday and Sunday. He looks well and is traveling for an implement company and report says doing well.

Last week the team of James Yates living east of the city, ran away and it is a positive fact that Jimmy ran after them. This is vouched for by several witnesses whose veracity cannot be questioned.

Uncle Dan Ballard says he is willing to bet 160 acres of land that the next President will be a Democrat or an Alliance man, and will make a deed and place it with a bank along side of any other man's who wants to bet.

Godfried Mumm has received his pension of \$12 per month. This is a good thing for Mr. Mum mas he needs it even if he did not do much army hardship, he has seen the elephant in this country, being one of the first settlers in this county and seeing many hardships in pioneer life.

**125 Years Ago**  
June 28, 1900

Bob Lovine is back from Wallace county for a few days.

Hally Oltman is another to begin harvest the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Richardson visiting in Saline township Sunday.

The Masons had quite a do Tuesday evening. W. H. Shrader, of Slaine township, took his first step in the fraternity.

Sherm Herron and family spent last Sunday at Menlo.

Lew Korb's harvesting outfit commenced operations Tuesday morning.

Henry Suffecool is having plans made for a two-story residence on his farm.

Charley Hooke and family are back from Colorado Springs and will remain until after harvest.

Dr. Camp reports the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Robinson on June 22, making their fourth girl. The doctor says "Flip" takes his disappointment very philosophically.

Miss Cora Camp, daughter of Dr. Camp, arrived last Friday from Indianola, Iowa, where she has been attending a Conservatory of music. She has organized a good sized class here already. Her special line is string instruments, however, she is master of the organ and piano.

Some of our citizens will spend the Glorios Fourth at Kansas City seeing the Democratic national convention perform its labors, others will go to Rexford, some to Allison, some to Pratt's grove near Studley; some will scatter and the rest will remain at home and indulge in a quiet kind of a time.

Jim Eavis brought a load of hogs to market yesterday morning and after weighing up left his team stand untied for a moment, but that was all that was necessary, for they started to give the porkers a taste of what they might expect on an L & C train as they went to market. After making a wild run around the eastern part of town the team was stopped, the horses, the wagon nor the hogs, none the worse for their wild spin.

**Bloomfield**

Harry Moore has been making hay this week.

J. W. Christian is doing his own herding now.

Wm. Doubleday, J. W. Christian and L. S. Meeks appraised Mr. Ingersoll's school land last Wednesday.

**A Farmer**

**Spring Brook Itemettes**

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J. C. Houser spent Sunday in the alfalfa field.

Mrs. Ginter was enrolled on the sick list last week but has recovered at this writing.

The graduating exercises at Grainfield last Saturday night were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Pete

**Union Items**

Mike Campbell took three loads of hogs to Dresden last Friday.

T. J. McKinney, of near Hoxie, passed through this neighborhood last Thursday.

C. E. Montgomery, of Hoxie, put up spouting on Jim Baldosier's house sometime last week.

A Scribbler

**100 Years Ago**

**June 24, 1926**

Prof. Bacon, principal of the Grainfield high school, was a Hoxie business visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas and son, Dean Leroy, visited Hoxie Monday, on a business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. Effa Transue and sons, Harold and Billie, returned home last week from a week's visit with Mrs. Transue's sister, Mrs. Sadie Reed, of Stockton, Kansas.

Mrs. M. F. Wade returned home Thursday from a sight-seeing trip in the Rockies. Her son, Jack, and family, of Oakley, were with her. They visited Longmont and Denver while gone.

Frank Houseworth was in town Monday and reports a nice crowd out to the pavilion dance Saturday night in his park at Tasco. He intends to have this a regular feature of the park attractions in the future.

Mrs. C. H. Beers left Tuesday for Salina to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Samuelson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Launchbaugh visited relatives at Plainville, Kansas, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Forsyth enjoyed a visit recently from the latter's sister and family, of Decatur county.

Miss Clara E. Johnson, of Graham county, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson this week.

Little Mildred Blum, of Menlo, is spending part of the summer here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. English.

Prof. Ward Harold, teacher of English in the Atwood high school, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Harold, of Union township.

Mrs. Flowers will conduct the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. W. C. Davidson Friday afternoon the 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Conard and family, of Ransom, Kansas, spent a couple of days last week visiting relatives in Tasco and vicinity.

**Midway**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Montgomery and family visited Sunday at the L. E. Steinsouer home.

Miss Gladys Eavis spent Friday night with Miss Hazel Steinsouer.

Henry Duncan spent Saturday night and Sunday with Harold Duncanson.

**North Fork News**

Mr. and Mrs. John Stramel, of Arnold, Kansas, called at George Godfrey's Monday.

Miss Bertha Zodrow is attending institute at Hoxie.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Godfrey made a business trip to Rexford, Friday.

**Selden News**

Mr. C. F. Reed is visiting at the home of his son, Ira W. Reed, in east Selden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Teeters are visiting the John Teeter family at Alexandria, Kansas.

Mrs. R. O. Bishop returned to her home in Topeka Friday after visiting her mother and brother and sisters here.

**75 Years Ago**

**June 28, 1951**

**Establish New Cemetery**

On June 14<sup>th</sup> a new cemetery boundary, near Menlo, was established and new officers elected who are: C. O. Ferguson, president; W. E. Andregg, treasurer; and A. B. Cogdill, secretary. Other board members are J. E. Stieger and L. E. Burger.

The new cemetery will be called Fairview and is the former Menlo cemetery. The new boundary will involve 32 sections in Sheridan with the most part of the territory being in Thomas county. With the new boundary it is believed that enough revenue by taxation can adequately take care of the upkeep of the cemetery in the manner that it should be.

**Tasco Notes**

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schropp, Mrs. Dee Lewis and Deanna, and Mrs. Walter Ackerman and Nelda visited in the Floyd Karnes home Sunday afternoon.

Connie Wagoner spent Monday with Janet and Chuckie Timmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Timmons and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Charles Timmons family in WaKeeney.

**Lucerne Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kemper of Colorado Springs returned to their home after a week end with relatives here.

Lester and Ardith Kemper report they enjoyed the trip to Manhattan with the 4-H.

Bill Mowry is painting the Mowry house.

**Northwest Sheridan**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shaw were supper guests at the Gene Fortin home Tuesday.

Mrs. Leo Kleinsorge and Mrs. Tony Wachendorfer and Annabelle accompanied Mrs. Floyd Shaw to Hoxie, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarnece Maris and sons spent Sunday at the Fay Bricker home near Stratton, Neb. Bobby remained to spend a week visiting his uncle and family.

**Studley Items**

Cecil O'Dell is putting up alfalfa hay for Harry Madden.

One of the approaches to the bridge near Dave Pratt's washed out last week.

Eldon Stout and Foster Twell attended the 4-H Camp at Rock Springs last week.

**Allison News**

Mr. and Mrs. John Mangold and two daughters were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroup.

The Solomon has been out of its banks in this neighborhood.

Louis Randolph, Clarence Perrin, Blaine Steele and Edgar Williams are still baling alfalfa between the showers.

**East Co. Line Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Jacob and children of Hoxie, and Miss Loree Shotwell, of Denver, were Sunday afternoon callers on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heskett.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Deibert and children of Hoxie, were in Morland Sunday evening viewing the ruins caused from the bad fire Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hays were in Morland Friday and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heskett.

**50 Years Ago**

**June 24, 1976**

**Twilight Concert to Feature Local High School Talent**

The fourth Twilight Concert sponsored by the Sheridan County Bicentennial Committee will be held this Thursday evening, June 24 at 8 p.m. on the east lawn at the courthouse. High school

talent will be featured, with Sam Smith as master of ceremonies.

**Leoville News**

Mrs. Ray Heim, Dave and Bobby and a friend came Friday to the Barney Schieferecke home. Mr. Heim and Louise came Saturday and helped out at the Schieferecke home. The Heims attended a family reunion at the Vernon Barnett home at Colby on Sunday. The Heims returned to Denver on Monday.

Mrs. Magdalen Gassman, Mary, Ann and Teresa and Mr. and Mrs. George Gassman and baby visited Sunday with Mrs. Gassman's father, Jacob Weber in Park. Enroute home they visited at the Francis Gassman home in Grainfield. Francis left Monday for Salina to attend Brown Mackie College. His family will join him later this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moellering and Donna of rural Hoxie were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs.

**McGraw News**

Mrs. Hallie VanVleet spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Boyles to visit Mrs. Evelyn Keith.

Steve Launchbaugh, Mrs. Ura Long and Mrs. Mary Olson went to New Orleans last Monday for a week's visit.

Mrs. Lee Walker spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Kersenbrock of Colby.

**Broadway News**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sheehan of San Diego, Calif., called on Mrs. Nella Simon on June 16.

Stan Smith left Thursday on his cycle for Waco, Texas to attend a "Wings for Christ" meeting and was to be a guest of the Keith Hall family.

Mrs. Edwin Simon and children attended a 4-H meeting in Hoxie Friday.

**Valley E.H.U. Met with Joy Bretz**

The regular meeting of Valley E.H.U. was held at Joy Bretz's on June 9. Roll call was answered with an idea for a fair booth.

The meeting was mainly centered around getting a fair booth together. Another rmeeting was scheduled for June 15 to bring supplies for the booth.

No meeting is planned for July, but a picnic for member and their families is planned for August. - Reporter

**Ladies Golf**

Sixteen ladies were on hand for golf Tuesday, June 22. Ruth Pieshl won the prize for guest day last week for closest to the pin on No. 5 hole.

The prize next week will be for the longest drive on No. 6 hole.

Ladies, don't forget to turn in your score cards so that your handicap can be figured. - Reporter

**25 Years Ago**

**June 21, 2001**

**Kennedy Wins Award at National History Day**

Hoxie High School freshman, Jenna Kennedy, was an award winner at the National History Day Contest held June 10-14 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Although Kennedy did not reach the finals, she was named Kansas' Outstanding Entry in the senior division. For her exceptional media presentation, she received a gold medal and the Thesaurus. "It was a very nice surprise," Kennedy commented. "It was the best possible way to end the year!"

**Wessel Wins Top Award in State Essay Contest**

Amy Wessel, 15, of Hoxie, was the winner of the Kansas "Voice of Kansas Kids" contest sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation.

Wessel's essay took first out of 31 finalists - a field that had been narrowed from 3,200 essays.

The essay's main question that Kansas children had to answer was, "What do you need from adults to grow up healthy and safe?"

**Rexford**

Several descendants of the Art and Lavernie Miller family held a family gathering at The Shepherd's Staff Center last weekend. The Miller Family lived in this area in the 30s and 40s. At one time he was the Marshall in Rexford and also served as custodian at the school. Saturday afternoon several visited the museum.

The Worthwhile Club met at The Red Barn on Wednesday afternoon for a time of visiting. Berry Carswell was the hostess.

A crowd of 94 guests attended the High Plains Kansas After 5 dinner meeting on Tuesday evening at the Shepherd's Staff Center.

**Broadway**

The Vacation Bible School children sang two songs for the special number at church Sunday morning. Stan Smith preached the evening message after Cheryl Schwarz had Prairie Time singing and witnessing.

Ladies from Mt. Pleasant attending the Camp Christy Conference on Saturday were: Alma Maude Smith, Oneita McWilliams, Sarah Simon, Barb Popp and Gwen Herder.

Alma Maude Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Breeden Monday.

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## Cultural Exchanges

*By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau*  
I can't help but think that all of the events planned for America's 250th birthday have been upstaged by World Cup visitors giving us fresh insight into how lucky we are to live in the United States.  
Foreign visitors have reminded us that our everyday lives are extraordinary — from our giant gas stations to the overwhelming choices we have in grocery store aisles — compared with much of the world.  
Usually, one has to leave the U.S. to experience such a revelation. Now, we can use the eyes and experiences of our visitors to rediscover how our ordinary is awe inspiring.  
It's far too easy to become accustomed to our surroundings. I'm sure there are Italians who don't bother to look up if they're passing the Colosseum or Trevi Fountain. Or residents of Tokyo who don't see anything special about the endless stretch of skyscrapers that make up the skyline. And I'm sure even Egyptians don't so much as glance at the pyramids and contemplate the past 5,000 years of civilization.  
One of the few benefits of social media is that we get to follow along as our visitors see with fresh eyes what we've previously considered mundane like free chips and salsa at a Mexican restaurant or gratis ice water basically anywhere. They've also experienced receiving severe weather alerts, have drunk Boston taverns dry and fallen in love with ranch dressing.  
And, of course, it's good to finally have the rest of the world recognize that air conditioning is, in fact, a necessity and not a luxury for much of the continental U.S. Fortunately for our visitors, the World Cup will conclude well before August's sweltering temperatures.  
If there is one lesson I hope both the hosts and guests take away from these encounters, aside from Europeans coming around to putting ice in drinks, it's that while borders do give shape to a country, the people are more alike than we appear.  
Different cultures and their customs are shaped by geography, but at the end of the day, we all have much more in common than not. A good meal with friends both new and old is always welcome no matter where you're from.  
As delightful as it is to have visitors genuinely enjoying our country, I know from past travels abroad the novelty of a new nation fades. Eventually the comforts of home will overcome all the new experiences here.  
For me, after being out of the country for a few days, there's nothing like returning home and having a cheeseburger and fries as my first meal off the plane. I'm sure our guests will have similar experiences when they return home as well.  
Until then, those of us in the U.S. can be thankful for a cultural exchange that hasn't required a passport, security lines or any travel anxiety. Rather, we've been given a golden opportunity to rediscover our own culture through the awe and astonishment of others. I can't think of a better way to celebrate America's 250th birthday.  
"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

## NEK-CAP, Inc. CSBG Expansion

**Hiawatha -** NEK-CAP, Inc. has some exciting news that we would like to share! After the recent closing of another agency, NEK-CAP, Inc. was given an opportunity to apply for expanded funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Western Kansas counties. Our application was approved by the CSBG State Lead, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, and NEK-CAP, Inc. will expand our ability to provide CSBG-funded services into 22 counties in Northwest Kansas: Barton, Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Rush, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace, and Wichita.  
Agency staff will begin the process of creating partnerships and identifying resources in those counties. Planned services will include Service Coordination, Foundations for Stability, and Filling the Gap. NEK-CAP, Inc. intends to continue providing the same level of CSBG-funded services that are currently available to the 16 Northeast and North Central Kansas counties.  
In addition, the agency will begin the process of recruiting to our Multi County Board, we will be looking for three new board members from the Northwest Counties to fill new positions. The agency will need one public representative from an elected office, one private member from a community business, church, or community group, and one member who will be nominated from the communities to represent low-income households. The low-income representative can either be someone who is low-income themselves, or someone who is nominated and elected by their peers to represent their voice.  
To learn more about how NEK-CAP, Inc. supports the community, visit [www.nekcap.org](http://www.nekcap.org) or contact Jeanette Collier, Executive Director by phone at 785-742-2222, ext. 140 or by email at [jcollier@nekcap.org](mailto:jcollier@nekcap.org).

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What a great turnout for the 2026 Sheridan County Benefit Walk! You came, you donated for your meal; you bought raffle tickets, cookies, and balloons; you bid on the silent auction items; you signed up for door prizes, and you helped families remember loved ones, no longer with us, who left memorials to the SCBW. It was a fun evening visiting with friends and

**GRACE in MOTION**  
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Solomon Valley 4-H helped set up for the Sheridan County Benefit Walk Friday, June 5, 2026. (Photo by Nicole Moser)

viewing the luminaries, while listening for your name to be called for a door prize or as the winner of one of the many raffle items.

*Because of your generosity, over \$85,000 was raised at this year's event. This money will stay in Sheridan County to help those people undergoing life-altering situations.*

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Next year's Benefit Walk date is June 11, 2027

## Fall 2026 Women's Communications Boot Camp Applications Open

The American Farm Bureau Federation will host Fall Women's Communications Boot Camp Oct. 26-29. To date, 353 women have graduated from this intensive training, which is open to all female members interested in building the skills needed to communicate about agriculture and for Farm Bureau.

The application period for Fall 2026 Women's Communications Boot Camp is now open and will close at 4 p.m. ET on Monday, Aug. 10. Applicants will be notified of their application status by email on or around Aug. 18. Selected applicants must remit a \$350 registration fee to offset materials, equipment and group meal costs.

For more information, visit the Women's Communications Boot Camp page on the AFBF website.

## Enrollment Period and Payment Rates for Specialty Crop Farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will issue \$1.625 billion in payments to eligible specialty crop producers in response to elevated input costs and market disruptions resulting from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impeded specialty crop exports through the Assistance for Specialty Crops Farmers (ASCF) program. Producers who have a Login.gov account can access and submit their pre-filled application. Producers who do not have a Login.gov account or prefer to enroll in person at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office can request their pre-filled application. The ASCF enrollment period closes on Aug. 7. Full details are available at <https://bit.ly/4eK3ulD>.

## Upper Republican Regional Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Upper Republican Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will have a meeting to discuss current water issues affecting the region as well as the state.

The hybrid meeting will be Monday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m. in Colby at the GMD4 Office located at 1290 W 4th Street. The agenda will include RAC budget discussion and input, updates on regional projects, and discussion from RAC members on regional issues.

The agenda and meeting materials will be available at [www.kwo.ks.gov](http://www.kwo.ks.gov) or you may request copies by calling (785) 296-3185 or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283). An online meeting link is available upon request.

If accommodations are needed for a person with disabilities, please notify the Kansas Water Office at 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404, Topeka, KS 66612 or call (785) 296-3185 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

## Day 7, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

By **Shelby Priddle**, assistant director of communications, Kansas Wheat

This is day 7 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Harvest has come to a halt for many in the state of Kansas due to thunderstorms starting Saturday afternoon. The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service crop progress report ending June 21, 2026, states that the Kansas wheat harvest is 58 percent complete, well ahead of the 26 percent five-year average. Winter wheat conditions were rated 23 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 14 percent good and 0 percent excellent.

Jeanne Falk Jones, K-State Northwest Area Agronomist in Colby, Kansas, reported violent storms in Colby and surrounding areas on Saturday night and early Sunday morning. This series of storms produced tornado-like winds, significant hail damage and lots of precipitation in a very short amount of time.

"We have had some pretty substantial hail in some pockets and a lot of severe wind that came with pretty significant amounts of rain that fell fairly quickly," said Jones. "We're going to be out for at least a few days before we can get back into even thinking about harvesting some more."

One of Jones's concerns going into the planting season is the volunteer wheat that creates the "green bridge" for the wheat curl mite — which causes the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus Complex (WSMV). She highlighted the importance of killing volunteer up to a month before drilling time to prevent WSMV.

"Anytime that we have hail or late termination, there's always a concern about viable seeds being on the ground and creating an opportunity for volunteer," said Jones. "We're going to have to be pretty vigilant about spraying volunteer wheat, up to a month before drilling time."

Chris Tanner, a farmer in Norton County, began harvesting about a week ago and is around 20 percent done.

"From January 1 up until this month, I have had less than 2 inches of rain all year," said Tanner. "The plant integrity is not that good; the heads are breaking off, and with the straw being drought stressed, it is shattering and falling over."

Tanner reports continuing to battle with the weather now that harvest has approached.

"It's not harvest weather," said Tanner. "It has cooled off, the humidity is high and there is a chance of rain again."

Tanner Brown, a producer in Thomas County, reported completing harvest before the storms hit Saturday afternoon.

"We took our first load on June 17, and finished up all that we could harvest Saturday," said Brown. "We had around 60 acres of irrigated wheat that was still too green to harvest that got rained on."

Brown stated he had a wide range of protein levels, the lowest being 10.4 percent to the highest being 14.7 percent.

"Across the farm, we averaged 14 bushels an acre," said Brown. "This year has been way below an average harvest year for us."

The 2026 Harvest Report is brought to you by the

## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

**Manhattan** - For the week ending June 21, 2026, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9% very short, 17% short, 56% adequate, and 18% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 20% short, 56% adequate, and 12% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 23% very poor, 32% poor, 31% fair, 14% good, and 0% excellent. Winter wheat mature was 94%, well ahead of 70% last year and 69% for the five-year average. Harvested was 58%, well ahead of 18% last year and 26% average.

Corn condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 30% fair, 52% good, and 12% excellent. Corn emerged was 96%, near 94% last year and 95% average. Silking was 12%, ahead of 4% last year and 5% average.

Soybean condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 29% fair, 58% good, and 7% excellent. Soybeans planted was 91%, ahead of 85% last year, and near 89% average. Emerged was 80%, ahead of 75% last year, and near 77% average. Blooming was 1%, equal to last year, and near 2% average.

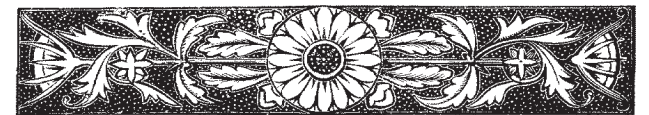
Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 39% fair, 50% good, and 4% excellent. Sorghum planted was 77%, near 76% last year and 78% average. Headed was 1%, equal to average.

Cotton condition rated 10% very poor, 17% poor, 47% fair, 25% good, and 1% excellent. Cotton squaring was 23%, ahead of 5% last year and 18% average. Setting bolls was 1%.

Sunflowers planted was 66%, behind 71% last year and 74% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7% very poor, 12% poor, 30% fair, 44% good, and 7% excellent.

Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates on X, use #wheat harvest26. Tag us at @kansawheat on Facebook, Instagram and X to share your harvest story and photos.



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## Commission Minutes 6/16/26

Now on this 16th day of June 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Kyle Emigh, Mike "Buck" Mader, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

At 8:00 a.m. Stithem called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hirsch discussed the taxes owed on a mobile home which are unpaid. The real estate was just sold at the tax sale, but the mobile home is considered "personal property", so no tax sale could be done on it. Once the mobile home has been physically removed from the property, it can come off the tax roll after five years.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that he will look at the guardrail Aumiller has after the meeting today.

Herskowitz discussed with the Board a CAT 815 Soil Compactor for sale. The auction ends on Thursday, June 18. Herskowitz distributed information on a new CAT Grader 140-15J, trading in one of the older models. No decision was made.

At 8:25, Stithem made a motion to enter into

executive session for a period of five minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Hirsch, and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:30.

There was discussion about roads, blading and culverts.

The June 9, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0

Mader made a motion to approve the TK Elevator Agreement for a period of five years. Emigh seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bracht will ask a Republican and Democrat to watch while old election ballots are shredded. There was a discussion about the airport and hangars.

At 9:20 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, David Stithem, Chairman

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### Public Hearing Notice

The City of Selden will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the Selden Community Center, located at: 110 N. Kansas Ave, Selden, KS 67757, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for a Community Block Grant under the Community Facilities Large Grants category.

A specific project application to be discussed is a coordinated package of street and stormwater improvements across five priority locations within the community. The project was scoped and engineered by Schwab Eaton, a professional engineering firm, and addresses both pavement preservation needs and longstanding stormwater drainage deficiencies that are accelerating infrastructure deterioration, damaging adjacent property, and creating ongoing safety concerns for residents and visitors.

The estimated project cost is \$490,500.00 with the grant request for \$408,790.00 of the project cost. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become part of the City of Selden's CDBG citizen participation program.

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Roger Marshall  
Pond Naramore, 1339 Maple Ln, Lawrence, KS 66044

#### Democratic

Damon Anderson, P.O. Box 860010, Shawnee, KS 66226

Christy Davis, 715 1st St, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845

Adam Hamilton, PO Box 6, Stilwell, KS 66085

Jason Hart, 302 N. Pershing, Wichita, KS 67208

Kevin Latz, 6341 Belinder Ave, Mission Hills, KS 66208

Erik Murray, P.O. Box 3032, Kansas City, KS 66103

Sandy Spidel Neumann, PO Box 2159, Mission, KS 66201

Anne Parelkar, PO Box 25174, Overland Park, KS 66225

Patrick C. Schmidt, 303 SW Woodlawn, Topeka, KS 66606

Michael "Mike" Soetaert, 815 N Woodlawn Ave, Apt 127, Wellington, KS 67152-2837

Noah Taylor, 7130 W Maple St, Suite 230, Wichita, KS 67209

#### United States House of Representatives – 1st District Republican

Tracey Mann, PO Box 1084, Salina, KS 67402

Craig Musser, 570 SE 50th Road, Ellinwood, KS 67526

Democratic  
Colin McRoberts, #326 645 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044

Lauren Reinhold, 4000 W. 6th Street, Ste B #241, Lawrence, KS 66049

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Ty Masterson/Jeffrey Klemp, 1539 Phyllis Ln, Andover, KS 67002

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Democratic  
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Samuel Lane, 6302 Hallet St, Shawnee, KS 66216

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

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Chris Mann

#### State Treasurer Republican

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

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

Democratic

Dinah Sykes, 10227 Theden Cir, Lenexa, KS 66220

State Representative – 118th District  
Republican

Jim Minnix, 1213 Jackson St., Scott City, KS 67871

Democratic

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Kelly Ancar, 2004 Hall St, Hays, KS 67601

Jean Clifford, 102 Drury Lane, Garden City, KS 67846

Democratic

Lorie Wood, Dresden, KS 67635

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David Stithem, Hoxie, KS 67740

Democratic

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#### AmberMed Board of Trustees Member

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No Candidates

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The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of August 2026.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of my office this 19th day of June 2026.

Heather Bracht  
Sheridan County Clerk/Election Officer  
Sheridan County, Kansas

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