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USD #412 Promotes 29 8th Graders



USD 412 promoted 29 8th graders this year from junior high to high school.
Front row: Khloe Hammond, Jenna Herl, Aubree Carver, Inara Cooper, Aubrey Diercks, Camden Slaubaugh, Axel Escobedo, Issac Gaede, Colton Shipley
Middle row: Kenzie Nondorf, Emily Haffner, Brody Brewster, Lexi Heskett, Jacob Reynolds, Charlie King, Brett Koster, Blayke Mauck, Priscila Meraz
Back row: Kacen Bieker, Sarah Rachel, Campbell Scanlon, Kye Scanlon, Hadley Juenemann, Corbin Pope, Gabby Schamberger, Knox Washington, Elijah Spillman, Isaac Giancola, Blake Dorenkamp



MSAC's Main Street Summer Theater Festival Schedule

Hoxie - The Main Street Arts Council (MSAC) is excited to present the 2026 Main Street Summer Theater Festival, bringing six youth musical theater productions to communities across northwest Kansas this summer. More than 235 young performers from across the region are participating in this year's festival, which remains free of charge for youth ages 5-18 thanks to the generosity of grant funders, sponsors, donors, and volunteers.

The 2026 festival productions include:

- Goodland** - Disney's The Lion King Jr. - June 26 & 27
 - Hoxie** - Disney's Moana Jr. - July 10 & 12
 - Atwood** - DreamWorks' Shrek The Musical Jr. - July 11 & 12
 - Colby** - Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr. - July 17 & 18
 - Quinter** - Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. - July 18 & 19
 - Oakley** - Disney's Frozen Jr. - July 31 & August 1
- MSAC Founder and Creative Director Bonnie Cameron serves as show director for the Goodland, Hoxie, Atwood, Colby, and Oakley productions, while Tori Grant directs the Quinter production. Festival operations are coordinated by Karl Pratt, MSAC Executive Director & Festival Manager.

Supporting the productions are choreographers Nicole Kibel, Skylynn Fulwider, Paige Fulwider, and Kirsten Lundgren, along with eleven student interns whose positions are funded through the Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Summer Internship Program. Student interns include Aubrey Diercks, Paige Fulwider, Michael Johnston, Payton Juenemann, Kati Kellogg, Mirari Linin, Rose Lowry, Claire Martin, Hailey Vaughn, Areya Weber, and Berkley Weigel. These talented young leaders assist with rehearsals, costumes, sets, props, marketing, and backstage operations while gaining valuable arts administration and theater experience.

A special highlight of the 2026 season will be the Main Street Summer Theater Festival Farewell Concert on Sunday, July 26, at 3 p.m. at the Oakley High School Auditorium. The concert will celebrate the contributions of Karl Pratt and Bonnie Cameron as they conclude their tenures with the organization after helping lead the festival's growth and success across northwest Kansas. The event will also feature performances by the festival's student interns, accompanied by pianist Sally Cameron.

"We are incredibly proud of the impact this program has had on thousands of young people and their families over the years," said Pratt. "This summer promises to be a wonderful celebration of youth, community, creativity, and the performing arts."

The Main Street Arts Council extends its sincere gratitude to the many organizations and individuals who have made this season possible, including the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Pete Henry Foundation, Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, the community foundations serving Sherman, Sheridan, Rawlins, Thomas, Gove, and Logan counties, Walmart of Colby, Walmart of Goodland, Oakley Tourism/City of Oakley, and the many area businesses, organizations, and individual sponsors supporting the festival. A complete sponsor listing will be added to the festival website soon.

For performance times, ticket information, cast lists, and festival updates, visit www.mainstreetartscouncil.com/msstf2026.

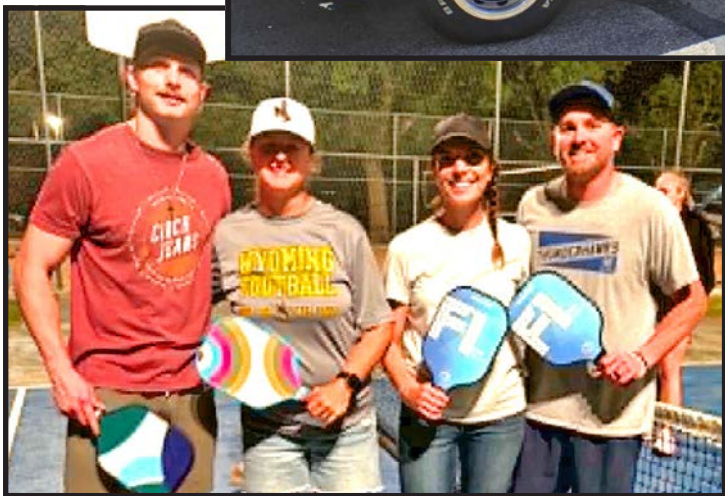
About the Main Street Arts Council

The Main Street Arts Council is an organization dedicated to promoting the arts, encouraging creativity, serving the arts community, and acting as an advocate for the arts. We strive to be a model organization for the Northwest Kansas region by ensuring access to the arts for all ages, encouraging a community passion for the arts and successfully supporting, partnering, and collaborating with others committed to the arts. Learn more at www.mainstreetartscouncil.com.

2026 Cruise, Shoes, & BBQs Winners



BEST of SHOW
1970 Plymouth GTX, Mel Eberle



Bryant & Brooke Briggs (couple on right) - Competitive Pickleball Champions



DXI-Burger Battle Winner-David Vilaysing

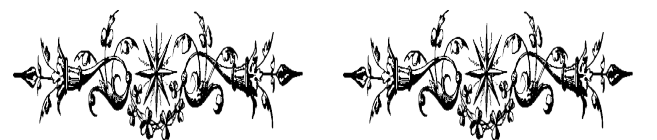


Sand Volleyball Champs-Natalie Bixenman, Evangeline Godek, Finley Heinrich, Braelynn Blackwill, Colt Werth, Riley Tuttle, Jackson Foster, Dominic Eilert, Broady Goetz



Youth Pickleball Winners-Carson Tuttle & Oliver Weis

(Grainfield Community Development Committee photos)



Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report	Thought of the Week
<p>Doubt is the origin of wisdom. ~Augustine of Hippo</p>	Reported on: Tuesday, June 9	Date	High
	Corn 3.85	5/31	86
	Milo 3.20	6/1	89
	Beans 9.94	6/2	80
	Wheat 5.66	6/3	84
		6/4	85
		6/5	93
		6/7	90
		Low	Moisture
		59	--
		63	1.05"
		62	.95"
		64	.11"
		62	.45"
		65	--
		66	--
		<p>It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor. ~Seneca</p>	



You Don't Need to See the Whole Way Out... You Just Need to Grab the Handrail

Listen up... Maybe you've been carrying something for so long that it feels normal now. Maybe you've gotten used to the weight. Used to the stress. Used to pretending you're okay when you're not. Maybe every day feels like you're just trying to make it to tomorrow. And if that's you, I want you to hear this:

You do not have to have everything figured out before God can help you.

You do not need a perfect plan.

You do not need perfect faith.

You do not need to see the entire path ahead.

Sometimes all you need is enough courage to reach out and take hold of the next thing God puts in front of you.

That's how people make it through the darkest seasons. Not by seeing the finish line. Not by having all the answers. But by refusing to let go of the handrail.

One prayer.

One step.

One day at a time.

Because when you're exhausted, overwhelmed, and unsure of what comes next, God isn't asking you to carry the whole journey. He's asking you to trust Him with the next step. And that small step matters more than you think. The enemy wants you to believe you're stuck. God wants you to know you're moving. Even if it's slow. Even if it's messy. Even if nobody else can see the progress. Keep holding on. Keep walking. Keep trusting. Because the same God who meets people in the darkness is the God who leads them into the light.

This one is for the person who's tired. The person who's lost. The person who's smiling on the outside... while falling apart on the inside.

Life is a lot like a cave. Most people don't realize how dark it is. We're born into it. We get used to it. We learn to survive in it. Every now and then...a little light shines through.

A good day.

A promotion.

A relationship.

A temporary distraction.

Little flashes of light.

But deep down? We're still standing in the cave.

Still carrying fear.

Still carrying shame.

Still carrying addiction.

Still carrying wounds nobody knows about.

Then something happens; A heartbreak; A funeral; A diagnosis; A betrayal; A moment when life breaks through the noise., and suddenly you realize:

"I can't do this anymore."

"I don't know where to go."

"I need help."

That's where God meets people. Not when they have all the answers. Not when they've got it all together.

He meets them at the end of themselves. Because God is like the handrail running along the side of that cave.

You can't always see the exit. You can't always see what's ahead.

But if you'll reach out...you'll find Him. And once you find Him...all He asks is that you take the next step. Not ten years. Not ten miles. One step. Then another. Before long...something starts changing. The darkness isn't as dark. Hope starts showing up. Peace starts showing up. Not because life got easier. Because you're getting closer to the Light. And the closer you walk with God...the brighter everything becomes. Until one day...you look back and realize the person you used to be is gone.

God walked you out. Step by step. Prayer by prayer. Grace by grace.

But hear me carefully. Don't get comfortable. One compromise. One distraction. One temptation. And you can find yourself slipping back toward the darkness.

That's why we stay close. That's why we stay prayed up. That's why we keep walking. Because this life isn't about surviving the cave. It's about leading others out of it. Eventually God does something beautiful.

The light you've been walking toward starts shining through you. And people still trapped in darkness start noticing.

"Why do you have peace?"

"Why aren't you giving up?"

"Why do you still have hope?"

And that's your moment. Because you get to tell them:

"It ain't me."

"I'm not the light."

"I'm just standing in it."

I'm just a mirror reflecting the goodness of God into dark places.

Maybe that's your purpose. Not to be famous. Not to be rich. But to stand so close to the Light...that people lost in the darkness can't help but see Him.

So, grab the handrail. Take the next step. Keep walking. And when you find the Light...help somebody else find their way out too.

AMEN.



NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liestner

Well, folks, here we are again. It's been an interesting few weeks since I've last written.

Turkey season has finally ended, and it has been a long one. But it's also been a lot of fun. We've seen a lot of turkeys, way more than in seasons past, but getting a tom that wanted to play was a whole other ball game. The fishing has been going good and less. Thursday, I got a really nice catfish out of Antelope Lake. But one thing I have to say is Thursday, when the sun came out, it got hot, and I find, as I get older, I don't like being out in the sun as much as I used to.

Is it just me or are crazy people coming out of the woodwork around Hoxie lately. Some of the stories I've heard up at the coffee shop make me wonder about the future of our town. When someone asks me to do something that is blatantly illegal, I'm going to blast them all over town, and they can just deal with it. Don't drag me down with your craziness.

I see Washington is just as loony as ever. But now we've got Democrats that claim that something they said even a week ago, well, that's old news. So, it's not allowed to be discussed anymore. I love how the Democrat Party screams about how us conservatives and Republicans are all racist when they belong to the most racist party this country has ever seen. What party started the KKK? The Democrats. Segregation? That was Democrats. But yet, they'll scream and holler and call all of us racists when they're the ones dividing the country, not the Republicans. I just thank the good Lord that Governor Kelly's time as our governor is coming to an end, and I pray we get a good decent Republican governor back in there.

On another note; there's a nice piece of land for sale northeast of Hoxie here, I encourage everybody to go take a look at it and consider it. A nice house is on it. Nice property and nice folks that are selling!

One last thing. To everybody with good birthday wishes back in May, I thank you! Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the outside!

CCC Spring Honor Roll

Colby - The Colby Community College registrar's office announced the students who earned academic honors for the Spring 2026 semester. To qualify, individuals must complete at least 12 credit hours with no failing grades.

A total of 130 students earned a place on the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average, while another 85 students secured spots on the Vice President's Honor Roll with GPAs between 3.75 and 3.99.

President's Honor Roll:

Oberlin: Lilianna Harris

Rexford: Dylan Wark

Vice President's Honor Roll

Hoxie: Duncan Bell, Draden Herl, Taylor Russell, Ezekiel Weiner

Selden: Siena Vargas

FHSU Announces Spring 2026 Graduates

Hays - Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,732 graduates during its spring commencement ceremonies Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Graduates who requested privacy are included in the count but omitted from this listing.

Students are listed by their hometown, degree, and major.

Hoxie:

Addison Campbell, Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Emily Diercks, Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance

Clay Johnson, Bachelor of Fine Arts

Reilly Jones, Education Specialist in Psychology

Crystal Kaur, Bachelor of Social Work

Zachary Spresser, Bachelor of Science in Geosciences

Alison Wessel, Master of Science in Special Education

Selden:

Alisha Brantley, Bachelor of Arts

Marissa Porsch, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business

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By Betty Otter

On May 2nd, Wesley James and sons, Luke and Kaden Solario, were in the area turkey hunting. They ate several meals with his parents, Tom and Gayle James. Roger and JoAnn Long attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Brooklyn Winkel, daughter of Joanie and Darren Winkel on May 2nd in Kansas City. Also attending were Deacon Brian and Stephanie Kirk and their sons Jonathan, Phillip and Brother Marion; Renee and Jack Cella and Roxie and Ed Schuster. Joseph Dale Corwin, son of Colton and Shannon Corwin, was baptized May 3rd at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo by Father Josuha Werth. God parents are Lloyd Toll and Ellie Kats. A reception was held in the Parish Hall after Mass. Bracelynn Meitl placed a crown on a statue of Mary during Mass on May 3rd. Russ and Marcia Aumiller attended the baptism of their great grandson, Henry Ruben, son of Sidney Vahling, in Minnesota on May 3rd. Dan and Shelly Wahlmeier spent Mother's day weekend with their daughter, Jazzmin and Alex Rein and Rocky at Omaha, NE. Bracelynn Meitl, daughter of John and Taylor Meitl, received her First Communion on May 10th. Graduates, Ayston Kats, son of Sean and Monica Kats, and Savana Rumback, daughter of Jeremy and Missy Rumback, were honored at the same Mass. A reception was held in the Parish Hall. Ayston and Savana graduated from Norton High School that afternoon. \ Jeremy and Missy Rumback attended the graduation of their niece, LaRynn Rumback from Oakley High School on May 16th. On the evening of May 16th, Bertise Bruinekool, Renee Persinger, Henry and Wesley, Alfred and Betty Otter visited with their brother, A rt and Karen Bates, Edmond, OK in Norton.

Sydney Scheetz, daughter of Jared and Stacy Scheetz, received Confirmation at St. Francis Cabrini Church in Hoxie on May 17th. Her sponsor was Missy Rumback. Also attending was her brother, Braydon Scheetz, grandparents, Ray and Ardith Scheetz and Don Schurckman. Tom and Gayle James attended the Confirmation of their granddaughter, Alyvia Solario, daughter of Wesley and Lindsey James, at St. Mary's Church in Ellis on May 17th. Caitlin and Oliver Beall and family also attended Roger and JoAnn Long attended the funeral of her sister, Sister Donna Otter, at the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia on May 23rd. Jim and Cindy Otter, Pittsburg visited at the home of Alfred and Betty Otter on Sunday after decorating graves at the cemetery. Grandchildren coming to visit at the home of Alfred and Betty Otter on the 24th were Cheyenne Sheldon, Smith Center; Courtney DeAlmeida, Wichita; Anna Partida, Hays; Marshall Otter, Victoria; Allyson Ritter, Larned; and Carson Ritter, Olathe. Jolene Moss, Smith Center; Charles Otter, Salina; Mark and Sheila Otter, Ulysses; Karl Otter, Albert were family coming that weekend. Tom Otter came on the 27th. A Memorial Day service was held at St. Joseph Church which included the reading of the Roll Call of Veterans buried at the St. Joseph Cemetery. At the cemetery Deacon Dan Wahlmeier blest graves as the avenue of flags made a nice background. Savana Rumback and Ayston Kats, students at Norton High School took part in the State Track held in Wichita. The girls 4x800 team came in 3rd. The boys 4x800 came in 8th.

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Happy FATHER'S DAY

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Sunday, June 21
11am ~ 1pm
On the Menu ~ \$20/plate:
Roast Beef - Chicken & Noodles
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Proceeds go to the
Grainfield American Legion Post 301



CLOSED City of Hoxie

Friday June 19

in observance of Juneteenth

We will resume regular trash pickup on **Monday June 22**

BANKS CLOSED

Friday June 19, 2026



JUNETEENTH



OBERLIN~DECATUR COUNTY NEWS



Pages from the Past

Downtown Tavern Opens Wednesday

Oberlin Herald - May 14, 1986

Chris Brown, owner/operator of the Re-load, a tavern to be located in the former Deli House at 160 S. Penn Avenue, said the doors will open for business Wednesday.

Hours will be from 2 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from noon to midnight on Saturdays.

Brown has been involved in the tavern business since 1973 when she worked for Bob and Deanna Castle, former owners of the old Alibi, which at one time was located in this same building.

The new business will reflect a rustic atmosphere with old fishing baskets and reels, old utensils, knick-knacks and recent photos of customers with old-fashioned apparel.

In the remodeling process, the plastered walls have been cut through to the original brick at strategic locations on the north and south walls where this paraphernalia will be displayed.

A 40-foot bar made of solid red elm lumber with oak arm rails and root rails will be the focal point of the tavern with two ceiling fans and directional lighting over the bar area.

Stained-glass panels will be used in the sky lights and stained-glass arches will be installed in the front windows.

The original high ceilings have been painted black, and a new tile floor has been installed.

Eight booths will provide seating as well as 15 wooden bar stools with upholstered seats.

Storage areas are located behind as well as under the bar where the coolers are for long-neck bottles and keg storage.

Brown said customers will like the central heating and air conditioning that has been installed. Cable television will be available as well as a pool table, dart board, video trivia and juke box.

In the food line, Brown plans to serve pizzas, sandwiches, nachos and popcorn.

Employees will include Rita Sauvage, Judy Little, Mitch Pickett, Tom Neff, and Curtis Walston.

The owner expressed her thanks to the many local persons who attended a hearing in March before the local zoning board regarding the petition for a tavern in the downtown area.

Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce Hosts Annual Citywide Garage Sales

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to host its annual Citywide Garage Sales on June 12-13. Many area residents have signed up to participate, creating a great opportunity for shoppers to find bargains while supporting local families and organizations.

Printed garage sale lists are available at the Chamber Office, Ward Drug, The Bargain Box, and Raye's Grocery. The list can also be found on the Chamber's Facebook page, Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

With numerous garage sales taking place throughout the community, residents and visitors are encouraged to spend the weekend exploring all that Oberlin has to offer.

Among this year's participants are the Oberlin Rotary Club and Decatur Health, who are hosting a fundraising garage sale to support the purchase of a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) machine. TMS is a non-invasive treatment used to help individuals suffering from depression and other mental health conditions.

Bringing a TMS machine to Decatur County would provide local access to an important treatment option, reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for care. Increased access to healthcare services can improve quality of life for residents and help attract and retain individuals and families in the community. Additionally, expanded healthcare offerings contribute to local economic activity by keeping healthcare dollars within the county and strengthening Decatur Health's ability to serve the region.

The Chamber encourages everyone to support the Citywide Garage Sales and the many individuals and organizations participating in this year's event.

Oberlin City Library Youth Center

Our mural, The Jungle Books, welcomes kids of all ages to our Youth Center in the basement, but did you know there's a whole companion website, too? It's got games, puzzles, coloring pages, a short film, and behind-the-scenes looks at the creation of the mural! Be sure and check it out! <https://sites.google.com/view/the-jungle-books-mural/home>. (Oberlin City Library photo)



Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Businesses

A warm welcome was extended to the latest additions to our community following the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Stragey Laser Solutions, Oberlin American Legion, and Kindall's Penny Lane joined our local business community.

With the ribbon cuttings, these 3 will receive a free Chamber membership for the remainder of the year.

Helps us Welcome these businesses to our community. We will have more ribbon cuttings in July.

The American Legion's recent relocation has enabled them to expand their support for veterans and their families & the community. Thanks to the veterans of our community!



Stragey Laser Solutions offers expert laser engraving and cutting services, catering to your diverse project requirements. They also provide custom vinyl lettering solutions. Stop by and talk to Cole about your specific project needs.



Kindall's Penny Lane offers charming country accommodations, ideal for groups and nature lovers alike. Mindy and her late husband Kyle's vision for this country retreat continues to unfold under her guidance. Penny Lane sleeps up to 10 people. Sit out by the waterfall pond and watch the sunset, while listening to nature around you.

(All photos by Decatur County Chamber of Commerce)

Newsstands	Grain Report	Weather Report			
	Reported on: Tuesday, June 9	Date	High	Low	Moisture
Vivo Travel Store	Wheat 5.46	5/31	86	60	--
Crossroads Express	Corn 4.05	6/1	88	61	.2"
Raye's Grocery	Milo 3.25	6/2	81	62	.29"
	Beans 10.22	6/3	84	64	.55"
		6/4	85	62	.04"
		6/5	92	63	--
		6/7	90	66	--

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The Hoxie Democrat Friday, June 21, 1891

Charlie Cantrell broke his buggy this week.

A. Pratt was in the city doing business, Saturday.

The railroad case will be appealed, so the attorneys say.

Mose Thorpe is stopping for the summer at the Ellithorpe.

J. B. Beal made us a visit last week, while attending court.

Alcyone post office has been re-established, with Mrs. McMullen as post mistress.

The Ellithorpe is now strictly first-class and Korb is catching his share of the trade.

Mr. Jackson of Salina, was in the city last week selling goods to our merchants.

W. T. Guisinger, of Oklahoma, arrived in the county this week and is glad to get back.

Gregg is doing some fine painting, having fixed up a workshop in the old City Hotel building.

Van Epps did well last week and many of our people had their countenances placed on glass.

Jas. Grinnell was in the city Sunday the first time in ten years, but he says it was worth his while to come.

Mr. D. C. Bavard succeeded Mr. Rush as superintendent of the Smoky Hill division of the K. P., last Wednesday.

David Taylor received word this week that his pension would not be allowed, as he had no pensionable disability.

Mr. Troutman and son Bert were in the city several days this week and they expect to reap a large harvest this summer.

The steam plow has been running south of town and all that country is being turned upside down and will be sown to wheat this fall.

Walt Foreman was in the city Tuesday and says he has been raising broom corn for the past fifteen years and he never had so good a prospect as now.

The barber shop has been moved onto Main street and occupies the building north of the Hoxie State Bank, with the Hon. Seth Buck in charge.

W. F. Cardell drove in Sunday and says everything in Oklahoma is prospering and the people contented. He is satisfied that they have a rosy future before them.

J. F. Colman has his hands full this week attending to his office and looking after the interests of the people who are away. It is in good hands and everything will be all right.

Tom Palmer has arrived home from the mountains and report says he is going to move his family as soon as possible. That is right Tom, take them away this summer and come back in the fall.

125 Years Ago June 13, 1901

Charley Monteith and Tom Pointer, of Selden, were in Hoxie Tuesday and reported a disgustingly dry spell at Selden.

Misses Nellie and Anna Quisenberry are enjoying the pleasures of riding a tandem lately purchased for them by Mr. Quisenberry.

A man by the name of Williams, and his wife are making the trip from Boston to San Francisco on bicycles. They passed through Hoxie Tuesday afternoon after having been out about two months.

J. T. Patterson, the Selden Nasby, was in the city a couple of days the first of the week, this being his first visit for several months. Mr. Patterson has become tired of being a servant of the people and has resigned as postmaster.

After spending the greater part of last week at Selden, County Attorney Trimble came down Monday, but how long he will stay, no one knows, as a matter of economy we don't know but it would be better for him to bring her to Hoxie.

Stakebake & Shafer were awarded the contact for building Long's Art Studio last Saturday and work began on same Monday morning and at this writing it looks as if it was about completed. We understand that Mr. Long expects to be ready for work in a short time or as soon as the building is ready for occupancy.

Grainfield Items

Grainfield will celebrate the 4th of July this year.

Our friend, Elmer Ellsworth and family, have moved to Nebraska.

We understand that there will be no Sunday school at Harmony next Sabbath, so as to give one and all a chance to attend the S. S. Convention at Grinnell.

Liberty

Valley Items

A brother of Clem Willis is visiting him.

Will Conard has a runaway last week.

Tom L. Pratt shipped in a car load of salt to Grainfield. Geo. Pratt took Willis Woods with him and went down Monday for two wagon loads of it.

Reporter

Elliott Clippings

George Fundis spent Sunday on his ranch.

HENS PAY DIVIDENDS

Everything else may fail on the farm but hens keep on laying, therefore it is good economy to save all the baby chicks. We have the balanced ration for chicks. They sure grow and keep healthy when fed this food. Ask about it. We have several different kinds—all leading brands.

No need to have flies and disease. Ask about our many fly eradicators.

25 lb. Box Prunes\$2.00

Block and Crushed Salt for the Stock

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This week we will have New Potatoes, Cabbage, Strawberries, Grapefruit, Cucumbers, Cantaloupes, Green Beans, etc.

Bring us Your Cream and Eggs.

Davidson Grocery

W C DAVIDSON PROP **PHONE 49—Residence**
PHONE 18—Store.

From The Hoxie Sentinel, 1926. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

Miss Emma Shaeffer was quite sick the first of week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Launchbaugh and son returned from Jewell county Wednesday.

Katie Dyd

Seguin Squibs

W. J. Robertson was in this vicinity last week buying steer calves.

Two nephews of Frank Barnes arrived from Fairbury, Nebr., last week.

Mr. Bryan still continues to improve and is able to walk around by the aid of crutches.

Sam Weller

100 Years Ago June 10, 1926

Local News

Mrs. J. S. Lovin spent a few days in Oakley the first of the week.

Miss Bernice Reed is home from K. U. to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Reed.

Miss Valeria Bradbury returned to Lawrence where she will continue her work in the university, after spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bradbury.

Mrs. Frank Houseworth and grandson, Carl Houseworth, arrived home Friday from Harveyville, Kansas, where Mrs. Houseworth spent several days visiting her son, Court, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sloan, of Selden, came down to Hoxie Tuesday afternoon to meet Mrs. Sloan's sister, Miss Vivian Wilkins, of Salina, who will attend the University of Colorado, at Boulder, this summer and is on her way out there. She will spend a few days at Selden with her sister and family before going on to her school work.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Douglas on May 22, a baby daughter, Virginia Helen.

Mrs. Grover Walker left the first of the week for Kentucky where she will spend several weeks.

Miss Gertrude Ruttan, of Grainfield, was visiting in Hoxie Tuesday. She will spend a part of her vacation visiting in the east.

Miss Eula Hamilton, who is now making her home in Colby, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Mae Hamilton.

Miss Neva Hill returned home Saturday from a week's visit with relatives and friends at Jamestown, Kansas.

Lucerne Items

Mrs. Ira S. Shoemaker and children spent Monday afternoon at Mrs. Esther Duckett's home.

Mr. H. F. Shoemaker assisted Mr. Everett Duckett in moving the first of this week.

Miss Florence Shoemaker spent Tuesday afternoon with Miss Opal Small.

Sun-Shine Items

Herb Cressler and family spent Sunday, May 23, with Walt Cressler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lacey and children ate Sunday dinner with Herb Cressler and family.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simons has been seriously ill for several days but they think she is on her way to recovery.

Helping Hands Club Meets

H. H. Club met with Mrs. Baird May 27 for half a day meeting. The afternoon was spent in sewing for Mrs. Smith. Three dresses were completed. Refreshments were served ice cream and cake.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Cheney at Selden.

Members present were: Baird Collins,

Hatten, Hays, Fox, Feldt, Luckinbill, and Mrs. Smith. The visitors were Edna Fox and Mrs. Jensen.

75 Years Ago June 14, 1951

Gas Goes on Rampage

Gas from the local Co-op seemed to go begging here Monday evening, so much so that no one seemed to want it at all even for the taking. It all happened when someone noticed a stream flowing down the curb to main street then on south past the theatre giving off a potent odor of gasoline. Investigations were soon under way when it was discovered to be gas, cars were quickly pushed away from the curb. The source of outlet was at the Co-op where one of the pumps was leaking and a steady stream of gas was flowing into the curb. The city water hydrant was turned on at the bank corner and washed the gas into the sewer system and away from town. Manager Rowilson said right at the moment he would have given the stuff away, but now that the remainder is securely harnessed folks will have to pay for it.

Lucerne Items

Art, Bill and Buck Mowry were in Lenora on business, Saturday.

Roy Tedro has returned from his visit to the northwest. He reports a fine trip.

Clifford Mowry is the owner of a nice looking Hudson car.

Kenneth Homemakers

Kenneth Homemakers met last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Alva Goff with 15 members and eight children present. Mrs. Nelda Cooper had charge of the lesson, "Living Wit Your Friends." Mrs. Jake James received the hostess prize. A lesson was also given on tooling leather and making billfolds. Mrs. Goff served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting. - Reporter

Harmony Club

Harmony club met Wednesday, June 6, with Myrtle Shafer with eleven members and one visitor present. The afternoon was spent doing embroidery work for the hostess. The next meeting will be June 20 with Amelia Wood.

Allison News

Albert Dale Dwyer is home from school. He is helping his father on the farm this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Steele.

Mrs. Ruby Stroup spent Sunday afternoon at the Clyde Stephens home. Mrs. Stroup's sister, Mrs. Clara Stephens of Hood River, Ore., is visiting in the Clyde Stephens home.

Tasco Notes

E. E. Schropp has been a patient in the Quinter hospital since last Wednesday.

Rex and Jon Getz spent Monday at Ralph Getz's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rawson returned home last week after spending several weeks at Norman Twells.

50 Years Ago June 10, 1976

Hoxie O. E. S. to Present 50 Year Pin
Special plans have been made for the meeting of Hoxie Chapter No. 317, Order of the Eastern Star on Monday, June 14 beginning at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Jennie Nichols will receive her 50-year pin at this time. Mrs. Kenneth Miller and Mrs. Nina McGurk will be receiving their 25-year pins.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Eastern Star members to attend. Officers will wear formals.

Rick Weber Strikes Out 20, as Hoxie Defeats Quinter

On Tuesday, June 8, the Hoxie K-18 baseball team won both ends of a doubleheader from Quitner in games played at eh local baseball park.

In the seven inning regular league game, Hoxie won by the score of 11-0. Rick Weber went all the way on the mound for Hoxie, giving up only tow hits and striking out 20. So far this season, Weber has pitched 18 innings and has struck out 50 opposing batters.

McGraw News

The Victory Club met with Mrs. Ura Long a week ago Thursday afternoon. This was their last meeting of the summer.

Sunday afternoon visitors at the Russel Bainter home were Mrs. Sadie Smith of Oberlin and Mrs. Harold Wright.

Mrs. Mary Olson of Topeka came week ago Friday and stayed until June 5 with Mrs. Ura Long.

Mickey Want Ads

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Mike: "That fellow's the laziest man I've ever seen. He's been sitting on that rock for two hours doing nothing."

Ed: "How do you know?"

Mike: "I've been sitting here and watching him."

Folding cots for camping - wood and aluminum.

Ringneck Campers Met at Red Willow Lake

The Ringneck Campers Club met at Red Willow Lake, Nebr., June 4-5-6 for a campout. In observance of the Bicentennial, a flag-raising ceremony was held on Saturday at 12 noon. A U. S. flag was presented to Lem Marsh to be flown over the TMR School in Atwood. Pioneer clothing was worn for the occasion.

In the evening 28 members and six visitors gathered for the potluck supper and the regular meeting.

The next campout will be at Trenton, Nebr., July 2-3-4. - Reporter

Hoxie K-18 Wins 15-3

On Sunday afternoon, June 6, the Hoxie K-18 baseball team defeated Grainfield by the score of 15-3 at the local ballpark. The game was a real pitching duel with Hoxie leading 2-1 until the fourth inning when Hoxie erupted for five runs. Hoxie went on to score five more runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth.

25 Years Ago June 7, 2001

Kennedy to Compete at Nationals

Hoxie High School freshman Jenna Kenedy will compete in the National History Day Contest from June 9-16 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

She will enter the Senior Individual Media category with a presentation entitled "Frontiers of Freedom: An Unending Quest." The program tells of the struggles of the Volga-Germans who remained in Russia while many of their family members immigrated to the United States in the late 1800s.

Rexford

On Memorial Day the Rexford American Legion conducted memorial services at the Gem, Hawkeye, and Rexford cemeteries. Ceremonies consisted of display of colors, placing of a wreath on one veteran's grave, rifle salute and playing taps.

Jim Rogers of Selden assisted the Rexford Legionnaires. Jack Knuson was squad commander. The wreaths were made by the Rexford American Legion Auxiliary. Coffee and donuts were provided for the legionnaires by Rexford Seniors in Action.

The Missionary meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Rexford Community Church with six present. Letters from missionaries were read with prayers for them and others in the community. A potluck lunch was served for a time of fellowship.

Broadway

The Sunday night wiener roast and program with cowboy poet, Myles Henderson of Ness City, wasn't quite so well attended due to the threatening weather and the holiday.

Marvel Matt was a Sunday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Don McWilliams. They were Sunday breakfast guests of Alma Maude Smith.

Pastor Charles and Mrs. McClelland visited with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Simon at Ila Pierson's Wednesday evening. Becky Bruna and Taylor were also guests.

Jennings

The Big Timber Cemetery put up a new veterans memorial sign - oak veneer covered back board with gold lettering on black back plates - before Memorial Day.

Peggy R. Foster, a sophomore at Jennings High School, will be attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar on Friday. The three-day leadership seminar is held at Kansas State University for more than 170 young leaders. She is the daughter of Jerry and Patty Foster.

KWEC Summer Discovery Day Camps

By FHSU University Communications

Hays - The Kansas Wetlands Education Center is offering eight discovery camps, all designed to get kids outside and exploring nature. Dive into the exciting world of the Cheyenne Bottoms marsh and sign up your camper for a summer of adventure. Camps are for participants who have completed 1st-6th grade. Each camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the days offered. Campers can sign up for single camps or for all camps.

A camp fee of \$10 is required per day to cover materials. Participants can register by calling 877-243-9268. Campers must provide their own lunch; a morning and afternoon snack will be provided.

Tuesday, July 7 - Wetlands Wrigglers

Always a camp favorite; campers put on waders and explore the biodiversity of Cheyenne Bottoms. They will search for aquatic invertebrates, catch terrestrial invertebrates with nets, construct critter catchers, build a pollinator puddler to assist your backyard bees and butterflies, and use mealworms to create an artistic masterpiece.

Thursday, July 9 - Critter Codes

How do animals talk to each other? Campers will decode some of the mysteries of animal communication. They will use all of their senses to find out the different methods animals can use to communicate, including interpretive dance, a lovely scent, speaking bird squawk, and more. They will also make animal communicators to take home.

Tuesday, July 14 - Herp Haven

Become herpetologists, or people who study reptiles and amphibians. Campers will go herping (safely looking for reptiles and amphibians) and learn about some amazing adaptations herpetofauna have, such as turtle shells, frog slime, snake venom, and so much more. Make and take home a toad abode for the toads in your backyard.

Thursday, July 16 - Mudflat Masters

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wilds of Cheyenne Bottoms? This camp will test your navigation abilities, hone your knot-tying skills, and ensure your campfires start quickly, safely, and efficiently. Campers will learn the importance of boater safety and put this knowledge into practice by canoeing at Vet's Lake. Wilderness first aid will also be covered.

Tuesday, July 21 - Marsh Makers

Den, Drey, Warren, Gall, Nest - in this engineering-focused camp, campers will explore the unique habitats and shelters that animals construct. Campers will build a bee hotel and a 3D printed critter to take home. A team-building activity and service project enhancing the Cheyenne Bottoms habitat will help round out the day.

Thursday, July 23 - Weather Wonders

Campers will be meteorologists for the day. How do storms form, or how does lightning work? We'll conduct experiments to find out. Campers will also make a weather safety kit list, learn how wildlife survives extreme weather, and make a tornado to take home!

Tuesday, July 28 - Bottoms BioLab

Calling all Mad Scientists. If you love explosions, mysteries, and solving problems, this camp is for you. Campers will dissect owl pellets, use microscopes, and test bird feet adaptations. Grown-ups are invited to a live chemistry show performed by the campers at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 30 - Hoots and Howls

When the sun goes down, a whole world of nocturnal critters comes to life. In this camp, we'll explore the creatures of the night found around Cheyenne Bottoms and beyond. Campers will test hearing and night vision with an echolocation activity, a flashlight game, some glow-in-the-dark art, and an eye shine activity!

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.

News on Grinnell After Harvest Festival

We're looking for vendors to set up at the 5th Annual Grinnell After Harvest Fest Community Market! If you are interested, please go to this page and send a message and we'll send you a registration link.

All communication will be through this page only!

Make sure you are following the event also for more updates! Grinnell Community Market 2026

Plans for the Grinnell After Harvest Festival are coming along. The dates are July 17 & 18, with the Cow Paddy 4-person scramble on Sunday, 19th. Friday night will again be a great band sponsored by NWKS Radio. This year the band is Smokin' J's from Kansas City. There will be a pulled pork supper from 6 - 8 and then the band plays. Saturday will be the usual 5 K Run/Walk by the Alumni Assn. Breakfast in the Park by and for the GP3 group from 8-10, while we watch the Motorcycle Poker Run take off at 9:00. There will be a Farmers Market in the Fire Station from 9 til 2. The Parade line up will be at 10:00 along the Pathway Ag road east of town. The Parade will be at 10:30, and afterwards all the games will be played in succession, starting with the Kiddie Tractor Pull. A great Harvest Fest Show & Shine will be from 11 to 5 PM on Main Street. Lunch will be hamburgers, beans & chips with free will offering for the Harvest Fest. There will be an afternoon Water Slide for the kids, a softball tournament to watch, and many games for young and old. From 4 to 6 will be a Bounce House, and Laser Tag. The Iron Order Motorcycle Club will serve supper from 5 to 8, while the Corn Hole Tournament gets going, and after that the Dart Tournament. Stay for Music by DJ Doug, and then the Fireworks show at 9:45. It will be a full day of fun, so mark your calendars for July 17 & 18th at the City Park in Grinnell. For further info, call Leona at 785-672 1201.

Museum News

By Shari Buss, Director, Hansen Museum

You just never know who—or what—might show up at the Hansen Museum!

On Wednesday, June 3, the Museum welcomed a rather unusual visitor: a Canada goose. Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor Dave discovered the goose shortly before 7:00 a.m. happily enjoying a shower in the Museum's sprinkler system. Throughout the day, the feathered guest wandered from spot to spot across the Museum lawn, seemingly enjoying the lush green grass and beautiful surroundings. Occasionally, the goose would waddle across the street to visit neighboring yards, but he always seemed to find his way back to the Museum. Whether he was simply taking a break from his travels or nursing an injury, we may never know. He spent all day Wednesday with us, lingered a while Thursday morning, and then was gone. One thing is certain—you never know who might stop by the Hansen Museum!

Another new arrival this past week was our June Artist of the Month. Sheri Dinkel has transformed the AOM space into a sweet celebration of Prairie Star Honey. Visitors will find a variety of honey sizes and price points, along with both light and dark honey selections. Sheri has also included a wealth of information about her apiary and the fascinating world of beekeeping. The display is educational, delicious, and sure to create quite a buzz among visitors.

There is still time to experience SPECTACLE, the stunning National Geographic photography exhibition currently on display at the Museum. The exhibition will remain open until June 14 and features extraordinary photographs from around the globe. Each image offers a unique glimpse into the wonders of our world, allowing visitors to take a remarkable journey without ever leaving Phillips County. If you have not yet seen SPECTACLE, be sure to visit before it closes.

Following the departure of SPECTACLE, the Museum will be closed

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The Grinnell- Angelus Area Heritage Center Is Open!

The Grinnell - Angelus Area Heritage Center is open. Our hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. You can call for an appointment at 785.673.3309, 785.824.3456, or 785.673.6016. We are also open for special occasions. We are members of the Northwest Kansas Museum Coalition of 16 museums in the region. The Northwest Museum Coalition is excited to announce "Piecing Together Our Past - Celebrating America's 250th Birthday" project. Each participating museum will feature a founding father of their community or county and participants must find this special display. Once found, participants will receive a puzzle piece and puzzle board. By visiting all 14 museums, you will complete the puzzle and will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. This program is free, open to all ages, and runs from May 1 through December 31, 2026.

The list of participating museums includes:

- Cheyenne County Museum - St. Francis, Cheyenne County
- Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Association - Bird City, Cheyenne County
- Decatur County Museum - Oberlin, Decatur County
- Grinnell-Angelus Area Heritage Center - Grinnell
- Gove County Gove County Museum - Gove
- Gove County Fick Fossil Museum - Oakley
- Logan County Herndon Community Museum - Herndon, Rawlins County
- Rawlins County Historical Society & Museum - Atwood, Rawlins County
- Sheridan County Historical Society & Mickey's Museum - Hoxie, Sheridan County
- High Plains Museum - Goodland, Sherman County
- Kanorado Community Museum - Kanorado, Sherman County
- Prairie Museum of Art & History - Colby, Thomas County
- Trego County Museum - WaKeeney, Trego County
- Fort Wallace Museum - Wallace, Wallace County

The Heritage Center will be participating in the puzzle activity from Memorial Day until we close in October. Come in and give it a go, and while you are at it, learn a lot about the founding of our communities. Our nation's 250th Anniversary and the Northwest Kansas area's founding are both opportunities for celebrations. Hope to see you!

June 22 through June 26 as staff installs our next major exhibition, Going Places. Created by Scitech in Perth, Australia, Going Places is an immersive, hands-on science exhibition that explores the technology humans have developed for travel and transportation. Have you ever wanted to pilot an airship or ride a hovercraft? This exhibition will give visitors that opportunity and much more. Going Places officially opens June 29 and will remain on display through November 1.

Saturday also brought a wonderful basket weaving

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel June 4, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of ZITA M. SCHAMBERGER, Deceased

Case No.: SD-2025-PR-000024

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Debra Keith, executor of the estate of Zita M. Schamberger, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executors, allowance for the services of the executors and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executors be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 22nd day of June 2026, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.

/s/ Debra Keith
Debra Keith, Executor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

On August 5, 2026, beginning at 10 a.m. CDT, the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing regarding the District's proposed 2027 Operating Budget. The hearing will be held in the District office at 1290 West Fourth, Colby, KS. The budget being proposed at this hearing was approved for said hearing by the eligible voters present during the 51st Annual Meeting held on February 18, 2026. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection in the District office during normal office hours. Should a board quorum not be possible on August 5, Wednesday, August 12, 2026, will become the alternative date - with all other meeting details remaining unchanged.

ATTEST

Brett Oelke, President
Jeff Deeds, Secretary

requested authorization to transfer funds at the time payment is issued.

The hospital's provider assessment payment is due May 30, 2026, with the first half estimated at \$192,000. She stated that an update is expected regarding receipt of funds to offset this payment and that, if necessary, a payment plan could be arranged until the reimbursement issue is resolved.

Rebecca further reported an estimated \$389,000 in quarterly enhancements compared with a provider assessment of \$382,000, noting that the enhancement distribution has not yet been approved.

A motion was made to give Rebecca permission to move funds for the Medicare cost report. 5-0

Operational

Chad discussed the Cooking for Life - Food is Medicine Pilot Program contract, which had previously been reviewed and approved by the FQHC Board. The grant is reimbursed through Sunflower Health. Participants must be clinic patients, self-refer, and demonstrate motivation to participate. The program uses an app to collect data, includes a small participant financial contribution on a sliding fee scale, and requires follow-up reporting. Services include exercise consultations, fitness-level and restriction evaluations, recipes, and videos designed to support improved health and wellness. The pilot program will include three cohorts of 10 to 15 participants each, with funding budgeted for up to 15 participants per cohort. A motion was made to approve the Cooking for Life contract. 5-0

The Virtual Server Platform Replacement was submitted by Adam Bieker. He included three quotes and recommended the ITOutlet's Proxmox proposal for a 1-year cost of \$12,500. A motion was made to approve the transfer to Proxmox as presented. 5-0

Long Term Care Signage was discussed, with the possibility of utilizing remaining funds from the previous year's LTC

fundraiser to partially finance the project. Chad presented the options and quotes from Commercial Sign Company. The quote that includes the illuminated option has not been received. By consensus the board agreed to vote on the final quote via email. Update: Via email to board members on 4/24/26; Chad sent the updated quotes from Commercial Sign. The lighted option costing \$9,267 and the sign without lighting totaling \$7,925. A motion was made to approve the proposed Long Term Care Sign with the logo and lighting for 9,267. 5-0

Emergency Room Bed - Multiple quotes were presented for the purchase of a new bed for ER2. The bed that we currently have from Stryker in ER 1 is the option that is preferred. The board suggested Anna Marie Johnson enter the meeting for discussion about the bed.

A break was taken at 10:23am; regular session resumed at 10:32am.

Anna Marie Johnson entered the meeting at 10:32am.

Anne Marie explained the three different bed options and corresponding quotes. She emphasized the need for consistency across all beds, noting they will be used for multiple purposes. She also expressed that other vendors do not offer the same variety of bed options that Stryker provides.

Operating Bed - The foot section is failing and requires attention. Bid proposals were presented for review. A motion was made to approve the Stryker quote totaling \$16,628.49 for the purchase of the same bed model currently in ER 1, as well as the Stryker OR stretcher priced at \$5,488.72. 5-0

Anna Maria also shared that Jessica Gilson submitted a grant application for mannequins through the KDHE Upskilling and Training Grant, and the department was awarded \$37,500. The funding will provide one adult mannequin and one child mannequin. She also provided an update on policies, noting that several were retired and new

policies will be in SQSS and EBSCO.

Anna Marie exited the meeting at 10:43am.

Strategic

The Board reviewed available options for facilitation of the upcoming strategic planning process. Members discussed the resources offered through the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) and governWell, which are included as part of the organization's membership at no additional cost. KHA can provide an overview session of approximately one hour or longer that includes staff engagement and a SWOT analysis. governWell may also provide onsite facilitation for a fee or, alternatively, a virtual board assessment at no charge, with results provided to the organization. The Board also acknowledged VVV Consultants as another potential option for strategic planning support. The preferred timeframe for conducting the strategic planning session is late fall or winter, with the understanding that scheduling must occur well in advance. By consensus, the Board agreed to proceed with KHA for strategic planning facilitation at no charge.

The countywide strategic planning session is scheduled for May 27, 2026. The Community Foundation will be present that day to conduct a community meeting involving local nonprofit organizations. Prior to their larger forum, which is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., the Foundation has requested an opportunity to engage with the Board to discuss county needs and priorities. This preliminary discussion has been tentatively placed on the May agenda for 10:00 a.m.

Chad presented an update on the Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative. KCIC is in the process of finalizing its board structure, with the size of the executive board still to be determined but expected to range between nine and fifteen members. Approximately thirty hospitals have joined the collaborative to date. The clinical committee will be smaller than originally anticipated, with the primary organizational focus centered on price negotiation for insurance contracts. KCIC has requested closed claims data for 2024 and 2025 from participating members and will compile this information across the collaborative to support future negotiations. Although the negotiation process is not expected to begin until 2028, preparatory work is anticipated to begin within the next six months.

Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) we have received the required practice agreements and will now begin the internal work necessary to secure program funding. Under the program, the hospital will receive a payment of \$100,000 and the clinic will receive \$50,000. We are also working on additional funding for submitting quarterly data for the July-

September reporting period, with the hospital eligible for an additional \$50,000 and the clinic eligible for \$25,000.

The Sunflower Health Network had a presentation from Centrus Health Direct, powered by Healthcare Highways, outlining their direct-to-consumer pricing model. It is designed for self-insured plans and large employers seeking additional options for healthcare purchasing.

CEO Report
Chad had nothing additional to add to his written report.

Personnel/HR

Justine gave an employee update. Ongoing efforts continue to fill the Laboratory Tech position. Options are to work with external recruiters, agency and H1B transfers. She had an interview with an H1B transfer. By consensus the board agreed to offer the applicant the position. An interested Occupational Therapist candidate has been interviewed and is prepared to begin work. Justine will prepare the employment agreement and present it at a future meeting for review. Jackie will be providing registration coverage in the dental department for consistency on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. She will be on site Wednesday and Friday. The Board received two Senior Scholarship applications. Both applicants indicated their intent to work throughout the summer. By consensus, the Board agreed to award a \$750 scholarship to both students.

Chad and Justine reviewed the organization's 403(b) and 457(b) retirement plan options following conversations with Empower representatives. Empower confirmed that both plans offer flexibility and can be adjusted to meet organizational needs. Current participation in the 403(b) plan is approximately 50 percent, and any desired plan changes must be finalized by December to allow employee enrollment beginning in January. The proposed employer match is a dollar-for-dollar contribution up to five percent of salary. We will reestablish a structured matching plan to begin at the start of the calendar year.

The 457(b) plan was discussed. Because the organization is a government entity, it qualifies to offer both a 403(b) and a 457(b). The recommendation is to open the 457(b) plan to all employees and allow contributions to begin after a 90-day probation period. Vesting options, including a five-year vesting period or a staged vesting schedule, were reviewed, with the understanding that vesting decisions are internal policy choices. Empower will support employee education as part of the rollout.

A motion was made to allow all employees to contribute to the 457(b) retirement. 5-0

A motion was made to enter executive session for personnel matters for ten minutes at 11:58am. 5-0

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AmberMed Board of Trustees Minutes 4/22/26

Chairman, Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 9:27am in the AmberMed Conference Room. Members present are Renae Kersenbrock, Marcella Cameron, Teri Moss and Jenny Kennedy. Others present are Chad Koster, Rebecca Bird, Shelby Moss and Dana Geisinger.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of the Emergency Room and Operating Room Beds. 5-0

FQHC report was presented by Shelby Moss.

Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected with two noted changes to the regular meeting and newspaper minutes. A correction was made to the Operational section to clarify the company name of the Hematology Analyzer along with the cost. Also clarified in the Operational section was the company name of

the ER beds. (5-0)

a) Board Minutes- Regular Meeting 3/25/26 and Newspaper minutes
b) Bad Debt Write-offs - March 2026 (Clinic - none to report) (Hospital \$4,876.21)

c) Accounts Payable - March 2026 (\$1,123,459.33)
d) Treasurer's Report
e) Overtime Report
f) Board Education - Board Brief; Planning for 2026 & Beyond
g) Credentialing
Presented for recommendation for appointment to Consulting Staff:

o Frederic Joseph, MD - Radiology

Presented for recommendation for reappointment to Consulting Staff:

o Scott Lowe, MD - Radiology

o David J Hadford, MD - Radiology

o Pamela Braxton-David, MD - Radiology

Presented for recommendation for reappointment to Allied Health:

o Gregory Seiler, CRNA - Nurse Anesthetist

o Jodi Dumler, LCSW - Social Work

Presented for recommendation for appointment to Avel Telemedicine:

o 21 Avel Providers - Emergency Medicine (attached)

Finance

Rebecca reported that a Medicare payable obligation is expected upon submission of the cost report, with an estimated payment of \$330,000. She

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1025 Queen, Hoxie

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900 12th St, Hoxie

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924 17th, Hoxie

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Paul Wisinger, Chief
Hoxie Police Department

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class with Marsha Jensen of Flint Hills Fiber, Manhattan, Kansas. Participants created Jillian's Basket, which combined three different weaving techniques. The middle section proved challenging for some students, but with Marsha's expertise — and help from attendees who caught on quickly — everyone completed their baskets in a timely and beautiful fashion. Throughout the day there were many smiles and lots of laughter, and each participant left with a lovely basket. It is always amazing to see how everyone can start with the same materials and still end up with baskets that are all unique. Weaving with Marsha is always fun, and she is scheduled to return for another class on September 12. The Hansen Museum is located at 110 W. Main Street in Logan, Kansas. Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Museum is handicapped-accessible, and admission is always free courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For additional information, please call 785-689-4846. We hope to see YOU at the Museum soon!

Commission Minutes
6/2/26

Now on this 2nd 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. Steve Hirsch presented a proposed draft of a Rental Agreement between the County and USD #412 for their use for sporting events. Stithem will talk with a board member and see if it is something they are still interested in. There was a discussion about tax dollars that had been distributed to Twin Creeks Extension. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. The Board and Herskowitz discussed dragging. Herskowitz will talk with the draggers about when they go out. There was a discussion about someone in Tasco who is dumping cat litter in the county right-of-way across from their property. Law enforcement has been involved. The County will clean up the mess this time and if it continues, further action could be taken. Millings and gravel have been hauled to several places in the county.

Mowing is about to begin. The Selden Cemetery has a "lip" that is a danger when driving over. The County will take care of it. There is a CDL class being held in Quinter and a couple of guys might be interested in going. Sheriff Brandon Carver came to the table. Carver advised the Board he had met with Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering at the site for the law enforcement building. DeBoer will work on a blueprint for bond purposes. Carver will contact two more engineers for blueprints for the law enforcement building. Mold testing came back for the Sheriff's Office and there is mold, moisture intrusion and elevated mineral dust. Carver was advised that if there are any health issues by employees they need to get checked. Carver will get the VIN numbers from the vehicles in Studley and start the process to get the vehicles removed. Roco will be taken to Omaha to the trainers who will try and sell him. Rhonda Gaede, Dalene Oelke, Shelby Moss, and Rachel Farber came to the table to discuss Sheridan County Extension. K-State is still actively looking for an agent. There was discussion about the happenings in extension currently. There is no office help so 4-H kids, parents, and others are pitching in to get things done for the fair. They are requesting keeping the budget at \$120,000. The May 26, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0. Stithem made a motion to purchase two backup units for the AS400 at a cost of \$1,355/each. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. IOT on Main Street will order the units and install them. At 10:35 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 9, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, David Stithem, Chairman

AmberMed
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Everyone exited the meeting except the board members, Chad, and Justine. Justine exited and regular session resumed at 12:08pm. A motion was made to approve the renewal contract with Dr. Joshua Gaede as presented. 5-0
Teresa Poage entered the meeting at 12:09pm. A motion was made to enter executive session to discuss Risk Management for 10 minutes at 12:10pm. 5-0
Teresa exited the meeting at 12:19pm. Regular session resumed at 12:20pm with no action taken. Monica Reuber submitted a written Public Health narrative for the Board's review. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th, 2026, at 8:00am in the AmberMed Conference Room. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:29pm. 5-0
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