

Werner steps away after building winning football program in Sedgwick

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HARVEY COUNTY NOW STAFF

SEDGWICK—Jeff Werner stepping down as the Sedgwick High School head football coach stunned many in the district and around town, but for him, it was the right time.

Werner, who hasn't had a losing season since his first one at Sedgwick in 2006, said he questions at the end of each season whether he can grind another one out, but then after spring break, he feels ready to go again.

This year after spring break, he felt differently, so he called some coaches he trusts, and they said when he's tired of doing the things that bring success, he'll know it's time to step down.

"That's where I came to that decision," Werner said. "I still loved being around the kids and being around the game, just the grind of the season had gotten to the point where I just wasn't, couldn't get myself ready to go again this year."

The toughest part was telling the players. He told them they lose seniors every year and have to regroup and reload; this time they're also losing him as part of the graduating class.

He'll still be around to watch and support them, though.

Werner transitioned to teaching elementary PE this year in anticipation that one day he'd step down from coaching before teaching, and that way the coach could run the weight program and have the opportunity to build relationships that are vital to the football program's success.

Werner's parents are still around, and his two children are in their 20s. His son got married last weekend, and he wants to spend more time with family, even in the fall.

That he would choose family over football shouldn't surprise anyone. In 2016, his son was a freshman at Southwestern College playing football, and Werner resigned so he could watch his son play. An injury shortened his son's career, so Werner decided to jump back into his old coaching role.

Building the Program

Werner said the team hadn't had a winning season in 20 years when he took over in 2006. The former 12-year assistant at Newton High School brought the running-based offense over and ran it with a Division 1 running back who played for the University of Kansas and ended the season with a 4-5 record.

"I thought, 'OK, well, I was four and five with a Division 1 kid in 3A football. This may be a tough chore,'" Wener said.

That offseason, he attended a Gus Malzahn clinic at the beginning of the hurry-up, no-huddle era. He also watched Darren Crumrine's basketball practices and saw how fast they played.

"We made the transition from huddling to no-huddle, because we wanted to speed up and try to mimic our basketball program," Werner said.

The next season, they went to a shotgun offense with four and five wide receivers and haven't taken a snap under center since. Werner said it probably took them about six years to develop the offense.

He said speeding up



Sedgwick head football coach Jeff Werner talks to the team after a playoff victory in the 2023 season.

the game got basketball players into football, and building a strong powerlifting program brought in other players. Werner said they built the program to where they won the 3A State Powerlifting Championship in 2009.

"We tried to make sure that we talked to every kid," Werner said. "We've always had outstanding numbers here, and getting every kid out that we can and getting every kid an opportunity to be legitimately involved has been important."

The other advantage he has over other schools is a strong junior football program. Werner said that Sedgwick has had a junior football program ever since he's been coaching and added that no other Heart of American League school has a town with a sustained program.

"That is a huge advantage," Werner said. "They're in the shotgun throwing the football as third graders, and so when we get them, they know a lot of this stuff. Even if they don't know they know it, they can all catch a football because they do it over and over and over again."

They also try to identify the best thrower in each class and put them at quarterback. He added that they've gotten lucky with the spread of good quarterbacks. Hooper Schroeder was a senior when Lance Hoffssommer was a freshman, and when Hoffssommer was a senior, Corey Crumrine was a freshman. The underclassmen got to practice every day with the senior mentors, learn from them, and then play in games where Sedgwick built big leads.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Notice
AHF Project Based Voucher Waiting List Opening

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON May 15, 2025 the Wichita Housing Authority will open the Project Based Voucher (PBV) Waiting List for Sedgwick, Butler and Harvey County (except the city of Newton). This list is only available for families who will qualify for a 3, 4, 5, or 6-bedroom voucher.

Applicants will be able to apply electronically for the AHF Project Based Voucher waiting list at <http://www.wichita.myhousing.com> on May 15, 2025 and will remain open indefinitely. Applications that are mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand delivered will not be processed.

Applicants will be placed on the waiting list based on the date and time that they apply, and any selection preferences established by the Wichita Housing Authority. This new waiting list is also available for existing applicants on our regular waiting list as long as they qualify for a 3, 4, 5, or 6-bedroom voucher. Existing applicants who want to apply for the AHF Project Based Voucher waiting list must log into the portal and update their application.

Applicants requiring assistance completing an application may contact Housing and Community Services Department, Shara Horton, 316-462-3721 at least 5 business days in advance. If you require an oral interpretation in a language other than English, please call (316) 462-3721. Si requiere una interpretación oral en un idioma que no sea inglés, por favor llame al (316) 462-3721.

state championship.

He said he's mostly proud that the program meant something to the players.

"The young men that have gone through the program, it's been a good experience," Werner said. "We always tell them, 'This is your career. This is what you'll remember.' We always wanted them to have the best experience they could. We think they did."

Doug Mabry started at Sedgwick at the same time as Werner, the 2006-07 year. Mabry has served as Werner's assistant every year except 2016, when he stepped in as head coach when Werner stepped down. Mabry has been the head baseball coach since the 2008-09 season, and Werner was Mabry's assistant from 2014-23.

Mabry said that Werner's ability to connect with the players is what has made him an outstanding coach.

"In small communities like Sedgwick, building relationships is everything," Mabry said. "Coach Werner has been able to build strong relationships with student-athletes and their families, many of whom have become close friends. This doesn't happen by accident. It happens when people are genuine and invested in their community."

Werner said he won't miss worrying about the weather or if the scoreboard will work or any of the myriad of things coaches can't control anyhow.

He will miss the connectivity he's had with both players and coaches.

"Most young men get four years," Werner said. "I've come out of the locker room on a Friday night and felt that excitement for a long time. I've been fortunate, and I'll miss that. Ultimately, what I'm going to miss the most is just being around the players."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Case No. HV-2024-PR-000099 BARBARA A. HAXTON, deceased.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Susan D. Werth, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Barbara A. Haxton, deceased, praying Petitioners' acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed, upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Barbara A. Haxton, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 16, 2025, at 8:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, in Newton, Harvey County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Emma Mayhew, center, waits on a customer in 2019 at the Harvey County Farmers Market in Newton. Also pictured is her brother, Josiah Mayhew, right.

Two farmers markets set to open in May

By WENDY NUGENT
HARVEY COUNTY NOW STAFF

NEWTON—The local Farmers Market started in 1983 because some people were interested in growing and selling locally grown produce.

Out of that birth, the name Harvey County Farm & Art Market was used until it was shortened to Harvey County Farmers Market, said Scott Eckert, horticulture agent with the Harvey County Extension Office.

The other farmers market is called Newton Farm & Art Market. Both markets will open on May 17, and hours are 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

That latter farmers market has a core group of vendors.

"They know what they're growing and how to grow it," Eckert said.

Items sold there are locally grown and locally produced.

"That includes the beef

and poultry," Eckert said.

The last pork seller they had sold bacon for \$18 a pound, and they'd sell out.

The vegetable growers are outstanding at what they do, Eckert added.

"Occasionally, we'll have some berries," he said. "They go fast."

Sold at the farmers market are onions, garlic, vegetables, melons, and an assortment of baked goods, like banana bread and zucchini bread. There was a coffee vendor last year there.

"Really interesting to have," Eckert said. "Hope they come back."

That farmers market will be in the same location as it has in past years at 301 N. Main west of The Breadbasket.

Those wishing to sell need to pay a \$20 annual fee and 3 percent of sales. Those wishing to sell can contact the extension office at 316-284-6930.

There is an application

process, and people who sell have to reside in Harvey County or bordering counties.

"We had our spring meeting, and we had 20 vendors there," Eckert said. "Of course, we won't start with 20. It starts low and builds up—number of vendors. If you want to get early-season vegetables, earlier is better."

A lot of people attend, Eckert said, and they advertise by putting signs that morning to direct people to the sale.

The event usually dies down are 11:30 a.m.

"The good stuff goes early," Eckert said. "We start at 8. Don't try to buy anything before 8."

The items that sell well include green beans, okra, tomatoes, sweet corn, radishes, beets, cucumbers and melons.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC.

Plaintiff, vs.

JESSICA HOYT, JOHN DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), JANE DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, NEWTON HEALTHCARE CORPORATION D/B/A NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER D/B/A NMC-HEALTH, ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No. : HV-2025-CV-000053 Division No.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successor trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Harvey County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Eight (8) and the South 16.33 feet of Lot Ten (10), all in Block Seven (7), Plumbers Second Addition to the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 408 N Jefferson Avenue, Sedgwick, KS 67135 ("Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before June 11, 2025, in the District Court of Harvey County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692o(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information will be used for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE SECTION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF No. HV 2024 PR 000051

MICHAEL FRED JACKSON, DECEASED.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition was filed in said Court on the 14th day of

April, 2025, by Lacey A. Littrel, Executor of the above entitled estate, praying for final

settlement of said estate, approval of her accounts, acts and proceedings as Executor;

allowance for her attorney fees and expenses; that the Court determine the heirs, legatees

and devisees 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 Will of

decedent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before

the 30th day of May, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., of said day in said Court, in the City of Newton,

Harvey County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail

therein judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Lacey A. Littrel, Executor

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