



The eighth grade class was presented to the audience during the Promotion ceremony held May 12.

Eighth grade promotion ceremonies were held

Lakeside Junior High held the annual Awards and Promotion night May 12 in the gymnasium.

The evening began with presentation of awards to the Sixth Grade class and was followed with awards to the seventh grade class.

The promotion ceremonies started with a welcome by Principal Jeremy Long.

Eighth grader Citizenship Award Winners Hannah Reinert and Eli Coupes then addressed the audience.

The Eighth grade class then crossed the stage for presentation of certificates.

Class members were Devon Ackerman, Kylian Alvis, Colson Cline, Daltan Edwards, Jeremy Janssen, Hannah Reinert, Austen Remus, Milo Schreuder, Caroline Long, Emma McCra, Jonathan Mick, Kyra Keller, Eli Koops, Byron Smith, and Ella Wyman.



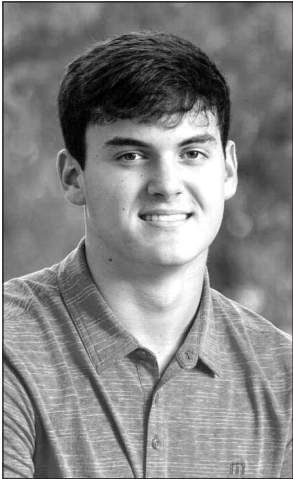
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Cunningham named Governor’s Scholar

At the invitation of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, Jace Cunningham of Lakeside High School, was selected to attend the 42nd Annual Governor’s Scholars Awards Program on May 4, 2025, in Topeka.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.

“These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They’ve earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement,” Governor Kelly said. “We also should recognize their families, teachers, and men-



Jace Cunningham

tors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals.”

This program is coordinated for the Governor by the Confidence in Kansas

Public Education Task Force. The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force was formed 42 years ago to strengthen confidence in public education.

The following organizations are members of the Task Force:

- American Association of University Women, Kansas
- State Board of Education, Kansas
- Association of School Boards, Kansas
- Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas
- State Department of Education, Kansas
- State High School Activities Association, Kansas
- National Education Association, Kansas
- League of Women Voters, Kansas
- United School Administrators of Kansas.

•Enroll

Accepted offers once ranking and scoring for all offers is completed. In addition to annual rental payments, approved General CRP participants may also be eligible for cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative cover.

Continuous CRP (Signup 63)

Unlike General CRP, Continuous CRP offers are not subject to a competitive bid process. To ensure enrolled acres do not exceed the current statutory cap of 27 million acres, FSA is accepting Continuous CRP offers on a first-come, first-served basis through June 6. However, should allotted CRP acreage remain available following the June 6 deadline, FSA will accept continuous CRP offers from interested landowners through July 31, 2025, and may be subsequently considered for acceptance, in batches, if it’s determined that the offered acres support USDA’s conservation priorities.

Continuous CRP participants voluntarily offer environmentally sensitive lands, typically smaller parcels than offered through General CRP including wetlands, riparian buffers, and varying wildlife habitats. In return, they receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative cover.

Continuous CRP enrollment options include:

- State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Initiative: Restores vital habitat in order to meet high-priority state wildlife conservation goals.
- Highly Erodible Land Initiative: Producers and landowners can enroll in CRP to establish long-term cover on highly erodible cropland that has a weighted erodibility index greater than or equal to 20.
- Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative: Prioritizes water quality practices on the land that, if enrolled, will help reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings, and harmful algal blooms. The vegetative covers also contribute to increased wildlife populations.
- CLEAR30 (a component of the CLEAR Initiative): Offers additional incentives for water quality practice adoption and can be accessed in 30-year contracts.
- Conservation Reserve

•Mower

for Road & Bridge which is a decrease from 2025. A total budget of \$286,150 was requested for the Special Bridge Fund, the same as 2025. A total budget of \$500,000 was requested for the Solid Waste Fund which is a decrease from 2025. Hernandez requested permission to purchase a used mower from Carrico Implement in Beloit for the landfill. The cost of the mower is \$2,350 and the board’s approval was unanimous.

Brian Streit, Maintenance, presented a budget for the Courthouse for FY2026. A total budget of \$280,515 was requested which is a significant decrease from 2025.

Cortney Murrow, Health Department, requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Mike Riemann moved the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners recess into an executive session per the non-elected personnel exemption for an employee of the health department with Murrow, Weston, and the three commissioners. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0. The executive session began at 9:42 a.m. and the open meeting will resume at 9:52 a.m. in the county commissioner’s room. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes on motion by Mike Riemann and seconded by Cole Eberle. The motion was carried 3-0. The executive session began at 9:53 a.m. and the open meeting will resume at 9:58 a.m. in the commissioner’s room. No action taken.

Mike Riemann moved to increase the wage for Jenny Lundine, Health Department, from \$18.25/hr. to \$19.25/hr. effective June 1st. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0.

Tony Perez, Sheriff, requested an executive session for 10 minutes. Mike Riemann moved the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners recess into an executive session per the non-elected personnel exemption for an employee of the sheriff’s department with Perez, Weston, and the three commissioners. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0. The executive session began at 10:08 a.m. and the open meeting will resume at 10:18 a.m. in the county commissioner’s room. No action taken.

Cole Eberle moved to increase the wage for Kayia Crouch, Sheriff’s Department, from \$16.00/hr. to \$17.00/hr. effective June 6th. The motion was seconded by Mike Riemann and carried 3-0.

Clerk’s Comments – None

Commissioner’s Comments – None

Announcements – There is a meeting tonight for the Mental Health Task Force.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. on motion by Cole Eberle and seconded by Tom Claussen. The motion was carried 3-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

Mike Riemann, Board Member

Cole Eberle, Board Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

Prepare your home this Wildfire Awareness Month

Topeka, Kan. – This time of year calls for preparation for many storms and hazards. May is designated as National Wildfire Awareness Month because it is the time of year that wildfire risks rise significantly due to increased heat and dryness. The Kansas Department of Insurance reminds homeowners to evaluate their property for fire risks.

“Wildfire season is upon us; risk is typically higher from about May to November” said Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “Taking a few precautions could help you prevent or lessen potential damage.”

Some precautions to take to protect your home against wildfires:

- Keep all vegetation and grass groomed within 105 feet of any structure. Make sure to pick up any sticks or scattered branches. Keep your wood pile and fuel tanks at least 30 feet from any structure.
- The Kansas Forest Service provides resources on how to be prepared, how to forecast and report a wildfire

and a Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal. To access these resources, visit www.kansas-forests.org/fire_management/. If you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Kansas Department of Insurance’s Consumer Assistance Division at 785-296-3071 or email KDOI.complaints@ks.gov.

Legal Notice

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Public Hearing Notice

The City of Cawker City will hold a public hearing on May 29, at noon in the city office at the Cawker City City Hall, 804 Locust St, Cawker City, KS, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Community Facilities category.

A specific project application to be discussed is purchasing a Pumper Truck for the City of Cawker City Fire Department that will serve the City of Cawker City and be housed at the Cawker City Fire Department at 715 Redwood St, Cawker City, KS. The City of Cawker City proposes to replace aged fire equipment with the purchase of a newer pumper truck with a top mount pump, 1,000-gallon poly tank and a foam system. Additional activity will include grant administration. The estimated total project cost is \$79,750 with \$71,775 requested from CDBG funding.

Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of City of Cawker City CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to Denelle Mick by May 27 at noon.



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