

# Commission allocates remaining LATCF funds

**Call to Order** - The Mitchell County Commissioners met in formal session on Monday, September 2, 2025. Chairman Tom Claussen and member Mike Riemann along with Heather Weston, County Clerk, were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum** – None  
**Consent Agenda** - The consent agenda was approved on motion by Mike Riemann. The motion was seconded by Tom Claussen and carried 2-0. The consent agenda consisted of the Agenda for September 8, 2025, the commission meeting minutes for September 2, 2025, and the Accounts Payable Warrants for September 8, 2025.

Jessy Bliss, IT, introduced his intern Logan Knight who attends Fort Hays Tech North Central in the IT program.

Cortney Murrow, County Health, and Terrence Silvia, Dispatch, were present to discuss the use of the remaining LATCF funds. Murrow requested \$5,400 towards her sewer project, Bliss requested \$2,500 towards wages for his intern, and Terrence Silvia requested the rest to go towards the purchase of a generator and server that need replaced. There is approximately \$33,000 in funds to expend. Mike Rie-

mann moved to transfer \$5,400 to County Health, \$2,500 to IT, and the remainder to Dispatch. The motion was seconded by Tom Claussen and carried 2-0.

The audit discussion was tabled until next week. Mike Riemann moved to sign the Management Representation Letter from Lindberg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chartered regarding the 2024 audit. The motion was seconded by Tom Claussen and carried 2-0.

Melinda Latham, Appraiser, explained the Mid-Year Ratio Study received from the state. The Mitchell County Appraiser's Office is at 99.45% for all sales from January to June 2025. Residential and Commercial properties are tracked.

Tony Perez, Sheriff, was present to inform the commission of two vehicle purchases. The department will be trading in a 2018 Dodge Durango and 2021 Chevy Tahoe and purchase two Chevy Tahoes at the cost of \$52,464.20 before trade in.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m. on motion by Mike Riemann and seconded by Tom Claussen. The motion was carried 2-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman  
Mike Riemann, Board Member  
Cole Eberle, Board Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

# Baetz

end of the Kansas State Fair. Landon also exhibited the Reserve Champion Chester White Market Hog at the Kansas State Fair. He has had much success with the barrow this season, hanging 12 banners and multiple buckles thus far. Landon had two market hogs in the Grand Drive, so his teammate, Tucker Goss of Ellsworth, Ks exhibited "Rick" the Chester market hog while Landon drove his light crossbred barrow in the drive. Landon has two more livestock shows to attend with his Chester, "Rick," at the AKSARBEN Livestock Show in Grand Island, Ne., on September 27th. They will finish out the season at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Hutchinson on October 5th. Landon's Chester market hog was purchased on an online sale from SixFifty Showpigs in Thorn-town, In. The barrow is sired by the boar "Fix Em Up" that stands at Upperhand Genetics in Roanoke, In.



## Q & A from the Canopy

By Landen Cleveland

Game Warden Mitchell & Osborne counties

KDWP LE Division

## Pronghorn Antelope

When people think of Kansas, people don't normally think of Pronghorn Antelope. But Kansas has them and it is fairly easy to hunt them.

Most people don't know that if you are a resident of Kansas, you can actually buy an over-the-counter permit to hunt them with archery equipment. If you want to hunt them with muzzleloader or rifle equipment there is a draw to apply for in June of every year.

We don't have them here in North Central Kansas, but they aren't as far as one might think. If you left this area and headed west, you would be in Pronghorn country in roughly 3 hours.

What you need to legally hunt them is just your hunting license and antelope permit.

There are some positives and negatives about hunting them though.

The positives are that most landowners will let you hunt them on their property, and they are Diurnal. Diurnal means they are active during the daytime as opposed to Nocturnal which means something is active during the nighttime.

The negatives are that Pronghorn are skittish and they stay out in the wide open. So, if you spook one it might run for a couple miles before it stops.

If you would like to read the regulations pertaining to this, they are in our hunting regulation booklet in the antelope section. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at: landen.cleveland@ks.gov.

# JH Knights take on the Cougars

**By Janet Parker,**  
The Lakeside Junior High volleyball team played host to the Sylvan-Lucas Cougars. The young Knights worked hard during the week on their passing, serving, and foot work.

The Knights did a good job but came up short as they were defeated 25-19. Nevaeh Myer had two and Ave Graf had three points for the Knights.

Once again in the second game of the match the young Knights stayed close to the Cougars, but the Cougars came out on top with a score of 25-20.

Top scores for the Knights were, Maddi Mick with three, Ellanna Beougher and Rose Moomey each had two, Aspen Martinez with one. Wesome job girls!

Next up for the evening was the varsity girls. The young ladies came out firing on all cylinders, awesome serving and great passing. The Knights prevailed at the end as they defeated the Cougars 25-17.

Top servers for the game were, Alexis Marquina with four, Jo Koops and three, Karis had two and Riley Frasier added one.

The second game found the Knights slowing down and not concentrating, as they fell to the Cougars 10 to 25. They had two ace serves in the game, Alexis Marquina and Jo Koops.

On to the third and final game for the match. The Knights fell behind in the rotation but came roaring back to take the game and the match, 15-9. Awesome serving down the stretch from Korbin Hamilton and Karis Christians as they each added four points apiece. Korbin Hamilton also had two aces in the game. Wahoo!!

The sixth graders ended out the evening by splitting their games with the Cougars.

The Knights came up short the first game by a score of 12-25.

The second game found the Knights playing hard and staying with the

Cougars all game. As the minutes ran out the Knights took the lead and won the game by a score of 17-16.

The sixth grade girls have been working hard on their serving. They are so excited when it goes over the net. Awesome job girllies.

## Help Wanted

The Downs News & Times is seeking someone to take newspapers to the Downs and Cawker City post offices, drop off newspaper sales copies other simple tasks. Four to five hours per week. To apply call 785-454-3514 or email: downsnews@ruraltel.net

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE TO ALL WILSON TELEPHONE COMPANY CUSTOMERS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has recently increased the amount needed to maintain the federal universal service fund. Due to this adjustment, after October 1, 2025, you may see a change in the amount on your bill going to the Federal Universal Service Fund. This amount may continue to change quarterly, depending on actions taken by the FCC. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone services rates affordable for all customers in all areas of the United States.

(Published in the Cawker City Ledger on September 28, 2025)

# Cawker City Methodist Church

Sunday September 21, 2025 Cawker City Methodist Church morning message by Pastor Ian Beevers was Survive and Advance: Living the Faith of Champions.

Special music a piano solo by Steve Richardson was Be Still and Know by Steven Curtis Chapman.

Pastor Ian's message began with story of 1983 NCAA Basketball Tournament and the underdog North Carolina team. They chose to Survive and Advance to Live the Faith of a Champion, they chose to not give up against all odds. Romans 8:37 In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

What big obstacles do each of us face in our lives? Sometimes challenges/troubles come daily, how will we choose to overcome? Each day can seem to be enough, we can wait for tomorrow's challenges. Only with believing God's promise can our faith help us each meet life's daily challenges.

TRUST today do not wait till tomorrow; TURN to live by God's scripture ; CELEBRATE all victories . Romans 8:37 reminds us in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. Every believer can be a conqueror, even when we feel all is against us. God with us

gives victory for our lives. II Corinthians 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.

Everyone is welcome to Weekly Bible Study each Thursday 4:00-5:00.

DON'T MISS AN ISSUE!

Call 454-3514 to renew your subscription.

## School Calendar

**Thursday, Sept. 25:** JH Volleball @ Osborne 4 p.m.  
JH Football @ Osborne - 6 p.m.  
Cross Country @ Osborne - 4 p.m.  
**Friday Sept. 26:** HS Football @ Clifton/Clyde 7 p.m.  
**Saturday Sept. 27:** HS Volleyball @ Osborne  
**Tuesday Sept 30. :** HS Volleyball @ Stockton  
**Thursday, Oct. 2:** JH Volleball vs. Rock Hills & Paradise 3 p.m.  
JH Football vs. Rock Hills - 6 p.m.  
Cross Country @ Beloit - 3:45 p.m.

Help shape mental health services in your community.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Complete our quick, anonymous needs assessment survey.

Scan the code. Share your voice. Support your community.

## HELP WANTED

### Ringneck Ranch, Inc.

is looking for kitchen staff to join our 2025-2026 team. These jobs are seasonal, from late September through early March. No experience necessary, we will train.

**Evening meals (Mon.-Sun, 4-5 to 9 pm) and Weekend breakfast, lunch (6-8 am and 8-2pm)**

Meals are served family-style at a set time with no orders to be filled. Shared responsibilities would include: cooking, baking, setting tables, serving and clean-up. Beautiful professional kitchen and dining room. A great place with family-friendly environment and staff. Breaks over Thanksgiving and Christmas. Generous hourly pay and gratuities. Shift meals provided. Staff housing available for short stays if available. **We are willing to work with all schedules whether you're available 2 days a week or all 7!**

Please contact Ringneck Ranch office 785-373-4835 or [dina@ringneckranch.net](mailto:dina@ringneckranch.net) for more information. Visits to the ranch are welcome!

## Fine Art Auction

Birger Sandzen | Lester Raymer

September 28th at 1pm

Lone Jack | Kansas City • SoulisAuctions.com