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CCCC back-to-school fun!

CCCC students at the Concordia City Pool as part of the back-to-school festivities. —

Elidjah Savane and other CCCC students moving in on campus.

COURTESY PHOTOS

City Commission hears public opinion on \$17 M. community center project

BY OLIVIA BERGMEIER

Concordia Blade-Empire

More than 50 Concordia residents appeared at City Hall on Wednesday evening, for a public hearing regarding a proposed \$17 million community center for the town.

Concordia City Mayor Amy Jackson opened the meeting with a few statements and directed the large audience on acceptable conduct during the hearing. She also provided the purpose for the hearing, which is part of the process to apply for a \$2.5 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Blueprint to Build program.

After her introduction, Jackson first

invited parks and recreation director Chris Atkins to speak at the podium for some foundational information.

“We started this process about three years ago, and our objectives have been the same. Support wellness and community, provide a high quality of life for residents and to promote social connection through this facility,” Atkins said.

According to Atkins and other city staff, the \$17 million facility would have three major funding sources — cost-share grant programs, private donations and a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Loan.

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Police continue investigating alleged attempted murder

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Late Sunday evening, Aug. 17, Concordia Police Department (CPD) officers responded to the 300 block of East First Street for a report of an adult male with a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

According to a press release from CPD Chief Brent Gering, officers responded to this call at 11:04 p.m. On the scene, they found the adult male actively bleeding, and Concordia Fire Department (CFD) assisted in rendering life-saving aid at the scene.

CPD officers secured the scene, interviewed witnesses and gathered investigative information. According to the press release, officers identified individuals

connected to this incident, and detained them for questioning.

Officers continued working through the night to identify a primary suspect. Search warrants were then executed at the scene of the shooting and at a secondary location, and CPD officers continue working with outside agencies in an effort to locate and apprehend the suspect.

CPD officers have forwarded charges for first-degree attempted murder and two counts of aggravated robbery to the Cloud County Attorney. All involved individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

For those with information regarding this case, contact the CPD at 785-243-3131.

TOOTLEFEST IS BACK!

Three days of fun! August 22-24

Tootlefest returns to Miltonvale August 22 - 24, 2025. The three-day event features lots of fun and games. It's all part of Discover Miltonvale!

Some of the highlights of TootleFest 2025 include:

Friday, August 22
5-9 p.m. Chalk Art Competition, downtown, with multiple age groups. The event is sponsored by Little Feet Daycare. For information, contact Jordan Willis, 427-8383.

Baby Show registration (the show begins at 6 p.m.), downtown, in front of Starr Avenue Salon. The event is sponsored by 58 LLC, Farm Bureau Justin Tadtman, Halepeska Farms, and Christian Women's Fellowship. For information, contact Lindsey Forslund, 317-4760.

Registration/Check-in for Glow Walk/Run, by the pool at Tootle Park (303 East 1st St.). Early registration and more information at FB Page: 10th Annual Tootlefest Glow 5k Run/Walk or contact Tiffany Wagner, 820-7315.

Saturday, August 23
8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Car & Tractor Show, in Tootle Park. For information, contact Mark Coleman, 427-6897.

9 a.m. Parade Registration, corner of Ash & Starr. For information, contact Dona Schultz, 413-0345.

12 p.m. Calvin Schultz Memorial Tractor Pull (Farm-Class Tractor Pull-Divisions 1, 2 & 3), City Park football field. Sponsored by Heartland Pullers. For information, contact Arnold Baker 407-7182 or Francis Baker 392-0150.

The Swimming Pool is open. 303

East 1st St., Free swim sponsored by CM Welding. BBQ Dinner, Fire/EMS Building, Benefit for Miltonvale Fire & EMS Departments. Sponsored by The First National Bank of Hope, Twin Valley Telephone, Miltonvale Lumber Company, and Schultz Brothers

9 p.m. - Midnight, street dance with Monkey Business, downtown Miltonvale. Beer Garden by Blake's Bar & Grill.

Sunday, August 24
9 a.m. Community Church Service, Wesleyan Church, 520 Tootle, Sam Flick speaker.

10:30 a.m. 2-person Golf Scramble, Miltonvale Country Club. Shotgun start, limit to 27 teams. For information contact Blake Graham, 427-6513.

1 - 5 p.m. Pickleball (2-person team) tournament. Pickleball Court north of the Swimming Pool. For information, contact Tiffany or Becky Wagner, 820-7315

For a complete list of events, visit the TootleFest Facebook page or the Cloud County Tourism website www.cloudcountytourism.com/event/miltonvale-tootlefest-4/

The Miltonvale Citizens for Progress (formerly the Chamber of Commerce) wants to thank Cloud County Tourism and the various event sponsors for their support of Tootlefest! Stay current with Miltonvale Citizens for Progress activities on their Facebook page (Miltonvale Citizens for Progress Inc.- Miltonvale Chamber)! Also, watch for our upcoming Discover Miltonvale website!

(Not responsible for accidents; schedule subject to change.)



Concordia City Manager Amy Lange, left, U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, center, and City Commissioner Ashley Hutchinson, right, stand in front of the first complete home at the St. Joseph Subdivision during Marshall's short visit to Concordia on Thursday, Aug. 14, in Concordia.

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