

## William Lee Martin brings “The Funny Life” tour to Concordia

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RHOME, Texas — Laughter has never felt more necessary, and no one delivers it with more heart than William Lee Martin. On Saturday, Sept. 6, the acclaimed stand-up comedian will bring his celebrated “The Funny Life Tour” to the beautiful Brown Grand Opera House, promising an unforgettable evening that’s as hilarious as it is heartfelt.

“Comedian by trade. Motivator by accident. Philosopher by 2 a.m.” That’s not just a tagline, it’s a blueprint for the rollercoaster of emotion Martin delivers in every performance. One minute you’re wiping away tears of laughter, the next you’re nodding along, thinking, “That’s exactly what I needed to hear.”

Martin’s humor is relatively clean (but never boring), honest and fearlessly human. He’s not trying to shock you, he’s here to connect. Martin is the rare kind of comic who leaves you feeling better than when you walked in.

So, grab your people—friends, family, or that date who needs to laugh—and join us for a night where comedy meets connection, and joy takes center stage. Come see William Lee Martin’s “The Funny Life” tour at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Brown Grand Theatre Opera House. Tickets range from \$20-\$45 and are available for purchase at [WilliamLeeMartin.com](http://WilliamLeeMartin.com) or [BrownGrand.org](http://BrownGrand.org).

# Community foundation announces recent grant recipients

CONCORDIA—The Community Foundation for Cloud County recently awarded a total of \$72,503.50 in grants to six area organizations. The July grants were funded through the Impact Fund for Cloud County, the Patterson Family Foundation Fund, the Youth Activity Fund, the Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Cloud County and the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund.

The City of Concordia received \$50,000.00 for the potential Community Activities Center Construction project. Neighborhood Initiatives, Inc. received \$1,632 for the Reading with Friends program. Ducks Unlimited of Cloud County received \$502.50 for a Cloud County Ducks Unlimited Youth Hunting and Fishing License. K-State

Research and Extension River Valley District received \$3,500 for the Fire Back for Mental Health program. The Davies-Crook American Legion Post 76 received \$15,000 towards the 2025 HVAC Equipment replacement project. Lastly, the Concordia Senior Citizens Center received \$1,869 for the addition of a commercial refrigerator.

CFCC continues to award monthly grants to support charitable projects that benefit Cloud County.

The Community Foundation for Cloud County accepts online grant applications year-round and awards grants on a monthly basis. The complete funding criteria and grant application are available at <https://communityfoundationforcloud-county.org/grants/>.

# Cloud County Commission talks infrastructure, department updates

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Serious road discussions opened up the first September Cloud County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2, with Cloud County resident Ryan McMillan visiting with just two commissioners, Ron Copple and Dannie Kearn, due to chairman Mike Cleveland’s absence.

County clerk Shella Thoman and appraiser Kim Winsett joined this conversation, which mostly centered around Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations. The main point of conversation was some recent communication that McMillan shared with commissioners about Trail Road, but didn’t divulge much further.

According to Copple,

he would prefer to wait until Cleveland’s return to continue conversations with McMillan, so most of the conversation ended there.

“At the end of the day — I want to get a road built,” McMillan said.

Cloud County Highway and Weed Administrator Rod Michaud then joined the meeting after McMillan exited, and began discussing a little more than the routine.

Michaud first brought forward a proposal from Cloud County Community College for its commercial driver’s license (CDL) program, which is about \$100 more expensive than the previous program through Fort Hays Tech North Central, which was about \$2,300.

Commissioners stated that they didn’t mind the higher price because it also supports the local college, and so the county will enroll two new CDL candidates for the eight-week fall program. In other updates, Michaud said that Re-

public County road staff will help begin Cloud County’s yearly sealing project this week.

“Usually you get 3 miles a day — that’s how it used to be anyway,” Michaud said. “So 10 miles, we should be done Friday afternoon. That’s with everything going good.”

Michaud asked the commission to delay drone trainings for two of his employees due to missing the initial start of the semester at CCCC, but would like to enroll them in the spring.

After Michaud finished his report, commissioners then moved into handling routine business. This included approving the previous meeting’s minutes, a permit for some broadband infrastructure work on Camp Road and a class change for a county employee.

Cloud County Maintenance Manager Jeff Thoman then attended the meeting, and provided a quick update on some recent courthouse

work he’s completed, alongside a new card program for wheelchair users to easily contact the courthouse when they plan to visit.

Thoman also announced that the District Court Offices are now closed over the lunch hour, and that part of the courthouse will be inaccessible until staff return.

Cloud County Health Department Administrator Tonya Sulanka arrived at the meeting for the commission’s next appointment with health department updates.

Sulanka first notified commissioners of her current investigation into 11 cases of high levels of lead contamination to the blood of a few residents, and what might cause it. Sulanka also mentioned that her department saw an increase in tuberculosis cases, and that tests for international students at CCCC cause no concern for her department.

Sulanka also stated that more Medicare funding cuts are likely coming from the state. Sulanka said that usually her department expects a 2% cut to their funding each year, but with some new policy discussions, it may be larger.

Commissioners also announced sheriff’s office employee Roger Garrett as Employee of the Month, highlighting his work for the courthouse’s security.

The total sales tax for August 2025 totaled to \$94,367.62, which is around \$3,000 more than last year’s August sales tax total.

With a few more discussions about the upcoming Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) conference in December and the county staff’s logistics, the meeting concluded for the day.

The next Cloud County Commission meeting will occur at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 8, at the Cloud County Courthouse, 811 Washington Street in Concordia.

Have a Great Day & Weekend! Enjoy the Sun!

### BID NOTICE

The Cloud County Community College Foundation is seeking bids for Construction of a Baseball Clubhouse. Specifications may be obtained at <https://www.cloud.edu/about/foundation/baseball-clubhouse-project/> or by contacting the CCCC Foundation, (785) 243-1435. Cloud County Community College Foundation reserves the right to refuse any and/or all bids. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on September 4 at 10:00am in the President’s Addition at CCCC, room PA259. All Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cloud County Community College, Attention: Heather Gennette, P.O. Box 1002, 2221 Campus Drive, Concordia, KS 66901. Please mark the envelope, SEALED BID – CCCC BASEBALL CLUBHOUSE. All Project questions should be emailed to Eric Gilliland, Head Baseball Coach, at [egilliland@cloud.edu](mailto:egilliland@cloud.edu). Bids will be accepted until 2:00pm, Friday, September 19, 2025. Any bids received after 2:00pm will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Bid opening will be held at 2:30pm, Friday, September 19, 2025, in Cook Theatre of Cloud County Community College.

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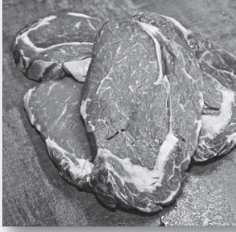
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## USD #333 SCHOOL NEWS

### CONCORDIA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Sept. 8—State Fair Video Contest - C.S.  
Sept. 12—Midnight Pancakes 10 p.m.  
Sept. 16—Picture Day  
Sept. 17—NO SCHOOL PLC DAY!

### CONCORDIA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Sept. 4—Cosmosphere Outreach  
Sept. 4&5—Starbase  
Sept. 8—Home & School Meeting 7:40 a.m.  
Sept. 11&12—Starbase  
Sept. 17—NO SCHOOL PLC DAY!

### CONCORDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Sept. 17—NO SCHOOL PLC DAY!

**Meet the Teachers!** *Four-year-old preschool:* Charity Brown and Jackie Kindel. *Third grade:* Trey Kuhlman, Katie Nease, Megan Pearson, Karen Reedy. *Fourth Grade:* Jill Krier, Bethany Richard, Sidney Ripp, Carrie Stensaas. *Paras:* Alyssa Edwards and Trish McHugh.

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