

Cloud County commission discusses horse-and-buggy caution signs, Columbus Day training for employees

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The Cloud County Commission held its regular meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, where commissioners Ron Copple, Dannie Kearn and chairman Mike Cleveland tackled a proclamation, employee management and routine business matters.

Cloud County Clerk Shella Thoman also attended the meeting, along with Sheriff Ken Davis, County Appraiser Kim Winsett, Highway Administrator Rod Michaud and County Treasurer JoDee LeDuc.

Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) Rural Outreach Victim Advocate Julie Willoughby also attended the

meeting and presented a proclamation for the month of October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month, which the commissioners approved.

In routine business, commissioners approved a Cloud County Sheriff's Department promotion, alongside a new hire for corrections. Commissioners continued routine business discussions with a request for new horse-and-buggy XING signs in the newly established Amish community near Concordia.

"Further research and study is being done," Cleveland said.

In other routine business, commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting and the week's

abatements. Winsett and LeDuc met with the commission together to discuss the county's Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Cloud County Health Administrator Tonya Sulanka also joined the meeting and provided a department update. Sulanka said that the county will not be accepting new home health patients.

The Cloud County Courthouse will be closed next Monday due to Columbus Day, and multiple county departments will commence trainings for employees. The next Cloud County Commission meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Cloud County Courthouse, 811 Washington Street, in Concordia.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

On November 4, all residents living within the Concordia city limits will have the opportunity to vote on a project that has the potential to transform our town for generations to come — the proposed Community Activity Center.

This isn't just about a building. It's about creating a vital hub where people of all ages can come together, connect, and build meaningful relationships. A place where youth programs, adult classes, educational workshops, fitness activities, cultural events, and indoor/outdoor markets bring new life to our community.

An activity center would also allow us to host festivals and community events that attract visitors and support our local businesses. These events bring energy and excitement to Concordia, create pride in our town, and help strengthen our local economy. Over time, this momentum can boost property values, attract homebuyers, and inspire small business growth.

Just as importantly, an activity center makes our town more appealing to families, retirees, and entrepreneurs. It's a place where kids can grow up safe and engaged, adults can stay active and involved, and everyone can feel like they belong. It sends a clear message: Concordia invests in people and values connection and quality of life.

This is a smart investment — socially, economically, and emotionally. A YES vote for the activity center is a vote for a stronger, more vibrant Concordia. It welcomes new neighbors while enriching the lives of those who already call this place home.

Sincerely,
Laurie Deal

Looking Back

75 YEARS—OCTOBER 9, 1950
WEATHER: Weatherman A. D. Robb said warmer temperatures will prevail over the entire state tonight and over eastern and southern portions tomorrow. Highs 71. Low 45... Concordia High School will again host the Kansas State High School Activities Association student council conference on Tuesday, Oct. 10...

50 YEARS—OCTOBER 9, 1975
WEATHER: Forecast for Concordia and vicinity: Clear and cooler tonight. Low in the upper 30s. Mostly sunny and warmer Friday. High in the upper 70s... Community Calendar Thursday—Lions club "Sweets for Sight" candy sale... At the movie theater: JAWS—The terrifying motion picture from the terrifying No. 1 best seller - Fri.-Thru.-Tues, 7:30 ONLY... LOCAL GRAIN MARKETS: Wheat \$3.97. Beans \$5.03... Concordia will compete in the K-State band festival on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to noon...

25 YEARS—OCTOBER 9, 2000
GRAIN MARKETS | EAST ELEVATOR: wheat up \$3, milo down \$3.15... in football the surging Panthers blow away the Eagles, 56-8... The Cloud County Health Fair and Resource Council Soup Lunch will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the American Legion Hall in Concordia... WEATHER: Highs on Monday were forecast to reach 55 to 60, with overnight lows dropping to the mid-30s...

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COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, October 8, 2025— Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

3RD SATURDAY CHICKEN DINNER

• **Saturday, October 18** — Every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **American Legion Riders, Chapter 76 Concordia—All You Can Eat Buffet Style Chicken Dinner** (2nd meat option available). Dine In or To Go Orders. American Legion, 506 Washington, Concordia. (785) 243-9834.

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Participants can register online at www.manna-house.org. Cost: Part One - \$10 per session or \$25 for all three. Part Two: - \$10 per session or \$25 for all three.

The Theological Institute is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. It is an adult learning experience aimed at deepening our roots in the Christian tradition and exploring its implications for living the Gospel in the contemporary world.

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Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m., at Manna House of Prayer, 323 East 5th St., Concordia, KS., on September 24, 2025, October 1, 2025, October 8, 2025, October 22, 2025, October 29, 2025, November 5, 2025, November 12, 2025, November 19, 2025

Registration deadline: September 18, 2025.
Cost: \$100 or \$15 per session (materials provided)
To register: Call-(785)243-4428 or Email-retreat-center@mannahouse.org

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Cloud County Commodities distribution is scheduled for **Every 2 Months from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the Month**, at the First United Methodist Church, 740 W. 11th Street, Concordia, Kansas. 785-243-4560.

To be eligible your household's total monthly income must be below •1 person, \$2,322 •2 people, \$3,152 •3 people, \$3,981, • 4 people, \$4,810. For each additional family member add \$830.

Scheduled date: NOVEMBER 19, 2025.

POW CAMP NEWS

The POW Camp Concordia Preservation Society held its monthly meeting at 5:50 p.m., on Oct. 6, at the Cloud County Historical Museum Annex. There were six members present.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved, as was the Treasurer's Report. The visitors report revealed that in August, the guard tower had 49 visitors and the museum in T9 had 79. In September, the guard tower had 38 visitors and the T9 museum had 148. The visitors came from 21 different states and Canada.

Old Business

- The person doing the restoration on the Seep will not be able to finish the project. He recommended another person and will take the Seep there if that is our wish. Lowell May said he knows of military vehicle restoration places that could finish the project. He will contact them.
- T-64 and T-9: The northwest door of T-9 has been sealed to stop water from blowing in. The work on T-64 is proceeding nicely. The electrical wiring has been completed, and the interior is ready for the drywall. Doors are being repaired and will be installed with storm doors. The windows are yet to be done.
- The 80th Anniversary of the closing of Camp Concordia will be celebrated, the event will be at 7 p.m., on November 8, at the Brown Grand Theater. The event will include a showing of "Prisoners of Plenty," followed by a panel discussion consisting of Tom Nelson, the producer of "Prisoners of Plenty," Lowell May, author of "Camp Concordia;" and Jack Meister, translator of "Pride and Honor: The Diary of Franz Kuester."
- Some artifacts from the camp will be on display.

New Business

- There was no new business discussed.

There will be a special meeting held on Nov. 3 to finalize preparations for the event coming up on Nov. 8.

BID NOTICE

The City of Concordia is accepting bids for a new ambulance. Sealed bids are due Oct. 29, 2025 at 3 p.m. Please see City's website for further information, or contact Chief John Christensen at 785-243-4411.

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