

Rolla- Richfield-
Dermot News

By Phoebe Brummett

Pirates Took on the Coyotes

Rolla Lady Pirates were not able to break out of their rough patch on Friday, January 31 as the team picked up their 15th straight defeat. They were dealt a 71-33 loss at the hands of the Weskan Coyotes. The Lady Pirates were in a tough position after the first half, with the score already sitting at 40-8. Rolla's defeat dropped their record down to 0-12. Rolla is looking forward to the support

Pirates Hosted the Moscow Wildcats

The Lady Pirates took on the Moscow Wildcats at home for the first game on Monday, January 27 at Rolla. This was the first game of the SFTL tournament. Scoring the most points they have all season, the Lady Pirates fought valiantly until the end. The final score was 36-45. Rolla's boys' team competed against Moscow

USD 217 Menu

USD 217 Calendar

Thursday, February 6 - (B) Breakfast Pizza, Grapes, Juice **(BK 2nd Chance)** Banana Bread, Yogurt, Grapes, Juice **(L)** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Strawberries
Friday, February 7 - No School
Monday, February 10 - (B) Cereal, String Cheese, Oranges, Juice (BK 2nd Chance) Same as Above **(L)** Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomato, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Bell Pepper Strips, Clementine
Tuesday, February 11 - (B) Pancakes on a Stick, Fruit Cocktail, Juice **(BK 2nd Chance)** Mini Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit Cocktail Juice **(L)** Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Grapes, Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Bread
Wednesday, February 12 - (B) Sausage Breakfast Sandwich, Pineapple, Juice (BK 2nd Chance) Same as Above **(L)** Baked Drumstick, Rice, Roll, Jelly, Broccoli Florets, Cherry Tomato, Mango
Thursday, February 13 - (B) Breakfast Bar, Banana, Juice (BK 2nd Chance) Same as Above **(L)** Sloppy Joe, Roasted Red Potatoes, Peas, Apple

Thursday, February 6 - TBA HS SB Regional
Friday, February 7 - 6:00 PM HS BB at Elkhart Lv at 5 PM • No School
Monday, February 10 - 4:00 PM JH SB at Rolla • 6:30 PM BOE Meeting
Tuesday, February 11 - 4:00 PM JH SB at Ulysses Lv at 2:30 PM • Site Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 12 - 6:30 PM Rolla Rec Meeting
Thursday, February 14 - Valentine's Day • No School Friday
Saturday, February 15 - TBA HS SB State
Monday, February 17 - No School • President's Day
Thursday, February 20 - 4:00 PM JH SB at Meade Lv at 2:15 PM
Friday, February 21 - 6:30 PM HS BB vs Ashland Sr. Night at 1/2 Time of Boys Game • School Day
Monday, February 24 - 4:00 PM JH SB at South Gray Lv at 2:15 PM
Tuesday, February 25 - 7:00 PM Morton County Spelling Been at Rolla 4th - 8th Grades

Kansas' Tuberculosis Outbreak is One of the Largest in the U.S. Since the 1950s

By Bek Shackelford-Nwanganga

A tuberculosis outbreak that started in Wyandotte County, Kansas, has grown to be one of the largest in the U.S. since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention started tracking the illness in the 1950s, health officials said.

In a state Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare meeting, Ashley Goss, a deputy secretary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, told committee members the outbreak is unprecedented.

She said although numbers are trending downward since the outbreak developed last year, the health department is working with two large employers to monitor for more cases.

“We do expect to find more, but we’re hoping the ‘more’ that we find is latent TB and not active, so that their lives are not disrupted,” Goss said.

Jill Bronaugh, the state health department’s communications director, said this is the largest tuberculosis outbreak documented in the U.S. since the ’50s. The CDC later said there have been larger outbreaks.

“This outbreak is still ongoing, which means that there could be more cases,” Bronaugh told the Kansas News Service in an email.

An outbreak in 2015-17 detected more than 170 cases of tuberculosis disease and over 400 cases of inactive tuberculosis across homeless shelters in Georgia. In 2021, a nationwide outbreak of tuberculosis disease involving 113 patients occurred after surgical implantation of contaminated bone allografts.

Bronaugh said people can access updated case counts and general information on tuberculosis on the KDHE website.

What is tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is a respiratory disease that is not typically widespread in the U.S. However, case numbers have been on the rise since 2023. Globally, tuberculosis killed 1.25 million people in 2023, according to the World Health Organization.

A person who is symptomatic and tests positive for tuberculosis has what is called an active case. It spreads through close, repeated contact. A person who tests positive for tuberculosis but is not symptomatic has been exposed to the bacteria causing the disease but isn’t contagious.

Latent tuberculosis can become active, so it is important for a person to seek treatment for both latent and active cases. Goss told lawmakers it takes months to fully cure tuberculosis.

“It is highly contagious,” Goss said.

Bronaugh said tuberculosis typically impacts a person’s lungs.

“It spreads through the air when infected people cough, speak, or sing. While there is a very low risk of infection to the general public in these communities, KDHE is working to ensure that patients are receiving appropriate treatment, which will limit the ability to spread this disease and prevent additional cases from occurring,” Bronaugh said in a statement.

Where is the outbreak in Kansas?

The Kansas health department recorded 109 active cases of tuberculosis statewide in 2024. In 2023, the CDC recorded 46 active cases in Kansas, Bronaugh said.

Bronaugh said the state recorded 79 active and 213 latent outbreak-related tuberculosis cases in Wyandotte and Johnson counties last year. She said those numbers may be subject to change.

“Those 2024 case counts are still provisional, as they will be reviewed and confirmed officially by the CDC near the end of March 2025,” Bronaugh said.

Bronaugh said as of Jan. 24, 67 people

(60 in Wyandotte County and seven in Johnson County) were being treated for active tuberculosis. She said cases associated with this outbreak were first reported in January 2024. Bronaugh said there were two deaths connected to the outbreak last year.

A spokesperson for Johnson County’s health department said in an email that its seven patients have completed their treatment as of Jan. 28.

What are tuberculosis symptoms?

According to the CDC, symptoms of active tuberculosis include a bad, consistent cough, coughing up phlegm with blood in it, fever, chills and weight loss. People who are immunocompromised, have conditions like AIDS, HIV or diabetes, or who drink alcohol or smoke are at a higher risk of developing tuberculosis.

The CDC recommends people get tested if they have been exposed to tuberculosis, have symptoms or are at high risk. If a person knows they’ve been exposed to another person with tuberculosis but does not have symptoms, it’s still important to get tested, as latent tuberculosis is not symptomatic.

How is the outbreak being contained?

The Wyandotte County outbreak started last year. By summer, the CDC and state health department stepped in to help contain it.

Goss told lawmakers CDC officials are still present and collaborating with state health workers to help end the outbreak.

“That’s not a negative. This is normal when there’s something unprecedented or a large outbreak of any kind,” she told lawmakers.

Bronaugh said the Kansas health department is working with and following the guidance of the CDC.

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KSU Weed Management School Feb. 11th in Liberal

A K-State Weed Management School, will be held Tuesday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Seward County Activity Center, 810 Stadium Ave. in Liberal.

This free agronomy informational meeting is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and Keating Tractor of Liberal.

Topics and speakers will include:

Weed Identification: Pat Geier, KSU Weed Scientist from the Garden City experiment station.

Weather Influences & Herbicides: Pat Geier, KSU Weed Scientist.

Perennial Grass Control in Cropland: Dr. Jeremy Kouame, KSU Weed Scientist from Hays.

Robots & Precision Technologies for Weed Management: Dr. Deepak Joshi, KSU Precision Agriculture Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, from Manhattan.

This meeting will provide producers

with information to use in their field crop weed control programs, including the latest technologies on precision applications and the role of robotics.

A BBQ lunch will be provided courtesy of Keating Tractor of Liberal.

Crop Advisor continuing education credits will be offered. For more information and to RSVP contact the Liberal Wild West District Extension office at 620-624-5604.

5 Tips to Outsmart Scammers

(StatePoint) Scammers don’t take days off. From phishing emails to package theft, fraudsters and scammers can cost you money. Fortunately, you can stay one step ahead of them with these simple tips to help protect yourself.

1. Strengthen your online security: Safeguard your accounts by using unique, 12-character passwords and enabling multi-factor authentication whenever possible. Avoid using public Wi-Fi, such as free internet connectivity in coffee shops or libraries, where cyber criminals might be lurking to access your information. Instead, it’s safer to use your phone’s mobile hotspot. Be cautious of unsolicited emails or messages promising prizes or freebies — if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Block and report anything suspicious before deleting it. And ask your provider what services they offer for safe browsing, such as Safe Browsing from T-Mobile 5G Home Internet to block malicious links.
2. Donate only to trusted charities: Before making charitable donations, check online reviews by looking up the organization and “complaint” or “scam,” or use trusted resources like Charity Navigator. Use a credit card instead of a debit card as they offer stronger fraud protections and don’t give scammers direct access to your bank account.
3. Use your wireless provider’s scam protection: Scammers often rely on robocalls and spoofed numbers to make calls look inviting to answer. Most providers have protection from robocalling and spoofing, including T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile, which give customers Scam Shield, a free feature that labels scam calls as “Scam Likely.” These calls can be blocked by dialing #662# or turning on Scam Block in the Scam Shield and T-Life apps. Scam Shield

blocked 19.8 billion calls in 2023, giving users peace of mind. Lastly, forward suspicious texts to 7726.

4. Monitor deliveries and protect packages: Mail and package theft happen all year round, especially as online shopping continues to grow. Track your shipments in real-time using delivery notifications and apps. Consider installing a smart door camera to monitor activity on your front porch. Many models offer live video feeds and motion detection, sending

real-time alerts so you can quickly contact authorities if needed.

5. Stay informed and report suspicious activity: Stay updated on the latest scams with resources like T-Mobile’s Privacy Center and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). If you encounter suspicious or fraudulent activity, report it to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint) and the National Center for Disaster Fraud. By reporting scams, you can help protect others and reduce the spread of fraudulent schemes.

Legal Notice

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MORTON COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025	
GENERAL	\$ 3,890,085.55
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$ 1,102,010.99
NOXIOUS WEED	\$ 276,011.02
AIRPORT	\$ 66,995.08
SHERIFF	\$ 503,278.04
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 911,545.33
AMBULANCE	\$ 397,899.00
HEALTH	\$ 202,043.32
FIRE DISTRICT	\$ 54,752.56
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 229,967.36
BOND & INTEREST	\$ 182,956.72
SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 128,014.98
AMBULANCE GIFTS & GRANTS	\$ 7,826.50
GOLF COURSE GIFTS & DONAT	\$ 1,474.11
SALES TAX-HEALTH SYSTEM	\$ 19,267.18
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 50,138.68
SPECIAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$ 245,469.97
SPECIAL HWY IMPROVEMENT	\$ 6,019.14
SPECIAL NOXIOUS WEED	\$ 128,961.53
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	\$ 161,520.16
SPECIAL FIRE	\$ 186,459.00
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$ 97,130.30
CURRENT TAX	\$ 145,640.96
REDEMPTIONS	\$ 87,601.87
DELINQUENT PER PROP TAX	\$ 5,734.85
ESCROW TAX	\$ 34,993.45
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$ 19,725.41
PAYROLL WITHHOLDING FUND	\$ 64,891.94
SALES TAX	\$ 30,262.77
AUTO TAGS	\$ 450.96
TREASURERS MOTOR VEHICLE	\$ 6,540.78
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUNDING	\$ 9,403.91
OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT FUND	\$ 14,052.17
SPECIAL PROSECUTORS TRUST	\$ 573.90
PROSECUTOR TRAINING	\$ 8,568.56
SPECIAL ALCOHOL & DRUG	\$ 2,680.44
COUNTY ATTORNEY DIVERSION	\$ 28,412.38
CIMARRON TOWNSHIP	\$ 238.80
JONES TOWNSHIP	\$ 395.11
ROLLA TOWNSHIP	\$ 4,549.58
WESTOLA TOWNSHIP	\$ 2,180.42
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY	\$ 23,765.65
E COMMUNITY LOAN FUND	\$ 34,564.55
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$ (522.53)
RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP-BUILDING	\$ (34.33)
REVOLVING MICRO LOAN	\$ 1,721.86
CIVIC CENTER DEPOSIT	\$ 6,505.00
911	\$ 329,333.37
COUNTY CLERK TECHNOLOGY	\$ 9,288.80
COUNTY TREAS TECHNOLOGY	\$ 10,510.31
EQUIP RESERVE-AN/FILL	\$ 25,000.00
EQUIP RESERVE-GOLF	\$ 5,759.04
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 9,762,567.40
I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.	
<i>David Seaward</i>	
County Treasurer	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of February, 2025.	
<i>Tiffany Haynes</i>	
Notary Public	
My commission expires 5/1/28	
<div>TIFFANY HAYES NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF KANSAS My Commission Expires 5/1/28</div>	

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS	
Victoria Noh White, Individually, and as Trustee of the White Family Trust dated May 20, 2020; David Groves; and Ronald Shaw)
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Plaintiffs,)
)
v.)
Donald Parsley, deceased and the Administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in a partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors and assigns of any alleged to be deceased,)
)
Defendants.)
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)
NOTICE OF SUIT	
TO: Donald Parsley, deceased , and the Administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in a partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, beneficiaries, creditors and assigns of any alleged to be deceased;	
You are notified that a Petition to Quiet Title has been filed in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Morton County, Kansas by Victoria Noh White, Individually, and as Trustee of the White Family Trust dated May 20, 2020; David Groves; and Ronald Shaw , Plaintiffs, praying for clear title of the SE¼ of Section 5-T34S-R43W Morton County, Kansas, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before March 19, 2025, in the court at Elkhart, Morton County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.	

/s/ Jeremiah Johnson
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