

NCHS seniors practice job interviewing



The Ness City High School senior class of 2025 has been working on preparing for job interviews by taking part in numerous activities this spring semester. They began by updating their resumes. In mid-April, we had several community volunteers work with the students in small groups to give them interview pointers and help to improve their resumes.

On April 28, ten community members volunteered to interview the seniors. Each senior had to complete two interviews. Feedback was given from the volunteers to the seniors. The seniors not only gained knowledge from this experience, but they also gained confidence in themselves and their abilities.

A special thank you to Lindsey Boese, Ann Kuhlman, Jared Petersilie, Robyn Trussel, Diana Kuhlman, Dal Hawinson, Abby Tillitson, Sharla Schvien, Jean Kerr, and SSG Miguel Jimenez for volunteering for these special events.

Ness County Hospital District #2 Regular Board meeting

Monday, March 24

Members Present: Brent Whitley, Travis Sutton, Nancy Witthuhn, Joel Fitzgerald and Cindy Hawkinson. Three guests were also present.

Call to Order: Chairman Brent Whitley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: Cindy Hawkinson motioned to approve the February 24th, 2025, Board meeting minutes as written. Nancy Witthuhn seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Medical Records: Sonya Foos, HIM Director, reported that our current coding software has expired and does not meet the new requirements. Sonya proposed the implementation of a new Encoder which will integrate with our current billing system. Joel Fitzgerald motioned to approve the purchase of the 3M Encoder with a second by Nancy Witthuhn. Motion approved 5-0.

Sonya also stated that the hospital’s Utilization Annual Review Plan needed to be approved by the Board of Directors. The utilization review plan is used to assess the necessity of services and the most efficient use of these services. Cindy Hawkinson motioned to approve the Utilization Annual Review plan with a second by Joel Fitzgerald. Motion carried 5-0.

Director of Nursing Report (Acute): Sara Corsair, DON, presented new Acute Nursing policies for Board approval: Pediatric Dosing, Rapid Sequence Intubation, Ventilator Management Table and AirCare Humidifier. Travis Sutton motioned to approve the policies with a second by Nancy Witthuhn. Motion approved 5-0.

Director of Nursing Report (LTC): Boni Bright, DON, reported that the results of the LTC survey were received March 21, 2025. The LTCU received 8 tags. Boni will write up a Plan of Correction and will submit it to the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Financial Reports: John Clarke, CFO, reviewed the financial statements and statistics for the month of February. John noted that Agency Expenses for LTC have decreased from last year due to hiring more CNA’s of our own but Operating Income has also decreased due to a low census. Joel Fitzgerald motioned to approve the February financials with a second by Cindy Hawkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Richard Bergling reported that Andy Fahrmeier with Hutton Construction referred a Plumbing Company to check into our plumbing issues and what it will take to repair them. Tatro Plumbing out of Garden City, KS will be at the hospital on March 25th to begin scoping the pipes and connections.

New Business: John Clarke reported that the fieldwork for the 2024 Audit for Ness County Hospital and Long-Term Care was completed during the week of March 10th through 15th and no major issues were noted. An Audit Report will be issued in the next few months.

John also noted that a Certificate of Deposit is coming due, and his intention was to deposit the funds back into the main operating account. Future investments will be evaluated against the potential need for facility improvement and repairs needing addressed.

Other Business: There was no other business. Comments: There were no comments.

Executive Session: (Bad Debt) There was no bad debt.

Executive Session: (Personnel) Joel Fitzgerald made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss personnel with a second by Nancy Witthuhn. Motion carried 5-0. The Board came out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. Travis Sutton motioned to approve 2 weeks of interim pay or PTO to John Clarke and Shelly McDonald for stepping up to manage the hospital in the absence of a hospital administrator. Cindy Hawkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session: (Personnel) Nancy Witthuhn motioned to enter executive session at 8:00 p.m. for 15 minutes with a second by Cindy Hawkinson. The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. The Board entered back into executive session for 5 minutes at 8:15 p.m. with a motion by Joel Fitzgerald and a second by Nancy Witthuhn. The Board came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. and no decisions were made. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Correction Ness City Rotary Scholarship 2025 recipients

The Ness City Rotary Club is pleased to announce the 2025 Rotary Scholarship recipients. These fine students are highly recommended and have been very active in our community and school. We are honored that they will be representing the Ness City Rotary Club with the acceptance of this scholarship and we wish them the very best as they begin their college career.

The recipients are Tyler Witthuhn, son of Toby and Tara Witthuhn; Sienna Brenner, daughter of Gary and Marya Brenner; Sabryn Copeland, daughter of Nathan and Angela Copeland; Izabella Reinhardt, daughter of Derek and Jennifer Reinhardt.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc. application for authorization to commingle production of the Sutton 'C' #8 from the Fort Scott and Mississippian formations.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all other persons whom-ever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc. has filed an application to commingle production of the Sutton 'C' #8, located in the N2-SW-NW-SW of Sec. 8, T18S, R24W in Ness County, Kansas, from the Fort Scott and Mississippian formations.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to the Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc. 929 West Douglas Avenue Wichita, KS 67213 Engineer: Cord Denton



2025 Ness City HS Awards night results

Ness City High School’s annual Academic/Athletic Awards were held on April 30, in the high school auditorium.

This year, we held our ceremony during the day to make sure all students could attend. Many parents and families were also in attendance. Below is a list of academic awards and honors earned by the students. Thank you to all coaches and sponsors for your hard work and dedication to all of the extra-curricular activities at Ness City High School this year.

American Legion Auxiliary unit to #152 Frank Stull Post

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit to #152 Frank Stull Legion met on May 7. There were 10 sr. members present.

Chaplain Connie Baker recited a short prayer before potluck supper. The supper was amazing as usual.

Vice-President Pam called meeting to order.

No opening rituals were observed.

Flags were posted. Roll Call was taken.

Minutes were read from last meeting in April and approved.

Treasurer report was given. It was not accepted as we still have four outstanding checks. Action will need to be taken in the fall if checks do not clear bank.

Connie Baker was asked to read Call to Department. A list of Delegates and alternates will be completed and sent in to department by Sherry Walker.

No old business to discuss

New business as follows.

Veterans Salute will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, during Old Settlers. Auxiliary members were asked to bring cookies. Anyone wanting to bring cookies for this great tribute or if you would rather donate water bottles, that would be appreciated also.

The hostess sheet for next year was passed around and completed.

Committee chairperson sheet was also passed around.

Sherry read a invitation letter from Charlene Lix, cemetery manager for the Kansas Veterans’ Cemetery at WaKeeney, to attend the 20th annual memorial day service. This will be held on Monday, May 26, at 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery in WaKeeney.

Poppy Day was discussed. Karen Depperschmidt was asked to co-ordinate Adult supervision, kids helping, ordering pizza for meal. Everyone will meet at 10:30 at Legion clubroom.

Election of officers was held prior to installation of next years officers.

The installation of next year officers was held, included: president, Lynette Stenzel, vice-president, Pam Pavlu, secretary/treasurer, Sherry Walker, Sergeant of Arms, Clara Marie Felts, Desary Yost, and Wanda Gabel as alternate, Historian, Connie Yost, and Chaplain Connie Baker, members at large, 1 year, Doninique Wilson, 2 years, Jaiden Perales and 3 years Linda Rupp.

Following installation, Connie Baker held the memorial program to honor deceased members, Ramona Ummel and Joan Van-Degrift.

Pam Pavlu adjourned meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 3, 2025.

Hostess for this meeting will be Alice Walter and Shelby Seib.

(Seniors) Sienna Brenner - Knights of Columbus Mark Goodman Memorial Scholarship; Ness County Healthcare Foundation; Ness City Rotary Club Scholarship; Orville & Beulah Klitzke Memorial Scholarship; President’s Award; Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar; Dale M. Dennis Award; Craig Horchem Athletic Courage Award

Savannah Buller - Ness County Healthcare Foundation; President’s Award

Nathan Campfield - President’s Award

Gretchen Copeland - President’s Award

Sabryn Copeland - Ness County Healthcare Foundation; Ness City Rotary Club Scholarship; Orville & Beulah Klitzke Memorial Scholarship; Thomas & Roberta Harkness Memorial Scholarship; President’s Award

Issy Fuchs - Knights of Columbus Mark Goodman Memorial Scholarship; Orville & Beulah Klitzke Memorial Scholarship; President’s Award; Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar; Principal’s Leadership Award

Diego Guzman - Ness County Healthcare Foundation; President’s Award; Principal’s Honor Roll Award; Craig Horchem Athletic Courage Award

Brooke Henning - American Legion Scholarship; President’s Award

Trevor Housholder - Tiny House Scholarship

Chris Luciano - Diana & Dale Fehrenbach Memorial Scholarship; President’s Award; CPL Honor Scholar

Blake Madden - GBT Telecommunications & Network Technology Scholarship; President’s Award

Izzie Reinhardt - Foundation for Rural Services Scholarship; Chapter FW PEO Scholarship; Ness City Rotary Club Scholarship; President’s Award; Lyle C. Goff Award

Karina Rios - American Red Cross Scholarship; President’s Award

Katie Schmidt - Wet Walnut Creek Watershed District Scholarship; Foundation for Rural Services Scholarship; President’s Award; Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar; Kansas Governor’s Scholar

Angela Tavarez - Amer-

ican Red Cross Scholarship

Ashlyn Tillitson - President’s Award

Tyler Witthuhn - Wet Walnut Creek Watershed District Scholarship; Emily Smith Memorial Scholarship; Dianna & Dale Fehrenbach Memorial Scholarship; Ness City Rotary Club Scholarship; Thomas & Roberta Harkness Memorial Scholarship; President’s Award; Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar

(Juniors)

Ethan Flax - CPL Honor Scholar

Jewel Hurst - Principal’s Honor Roll Award

Emma Petersilie - Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar

Brynlin Schwindt - Hunter Stenzel - Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar

Wyatt Sutton - CPL Honor Scholar

Riya Young - Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar

Hannah Younger - Hunter Stenzel - Principal’s Honor Roll Award; CPL Honor Scholar

(Sophomores)

Zaylee Lopez - Principal’s Honor Roll Award

Hunter Stenzel - Principal’s Honor Roll Award

Dracen Weeks - Principal’s Honor Roll Award



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Lunch SPECIALS

May 19
Oven Fried Chicken
Tuesday, May 20
Hard Taco / Soft Taco
Wednesday, May 21
BLT & Cucumber Salad
Thursday, May 22
Chicken Fried Steak
Friday, May 23
Cheeseburger

Open
6:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

National Poppy Day Friday, May 23 Why did the Poppy Flower become a symbol of Veterans Day?

After World War I, few poppies grew in Flanders, an area spanning parts of present-day Belgium, France and Netherlands. But due to the heavy bombing during the war, the chalk soils became rich in lime from rubble, and poppies began to flourish. When the war ended, the lime was quickly absorbed and the poppies disappeared once again.

Cemeteries were established in Flanders for fallen soldiers. The fir person responsible for the adoption of the poppy flower as a symbol of remembrance was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian medical officer during the war. In 1915, he wrote “In Flanders Fields”.

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce hear amid the guns below.

By 1918, the poem was well known throughout much of the world.

Each nine-piece poppy is made by veterans for veterans in Auxiliary sponsored Poppy Shops that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disable veterans. The Auxiliary provides the materials and the volunteers. The veteran makes the poppy and is paid a small amount for each painstakingly made flower. For some it is their only income.

No mater what the cost of maintaining and supplying the Poppy Shops, the memorial poppy is never sold, but given in exchange for a contribution.

Because Flanders had heavy fighting during the war, the flourishing poppies symbolized the blood that was shed.

Frank Stull Post Unit #152 American Legion Auxiliary.