

**NEWS FROM  
LOWELL TOWNSHIP**

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We received 1.20 rainfall at the time of the Grinnell tornado last week. This past Saturday, the gauge had 1.10. This Memorial Day morning, there is another .95, so hopefully, all this is soaking in our dry soil.

A week ago, there was another coon in the trap, and this morning, I found a miserably wet coon trapped. That totals five in recent weeks. Maybe besides flies and mosquitoes, Noah should have left raccoons off the boat, and last week was an unexpected event.

On Tuesday morning, the inmate crew and their sergeant were able to help clean the Ash Rock Church. They did a super job in a short amount of time—just in time for Memorial weekend. I paid them with a pan of Brownies. Doug Wiltfong had the cemeteries looking beautiful.

That same Tuesday, Steve called to say he had laid over his loaded rock truck on the way to the Plainville Hospital. After being examined, he was sent by EagleMed helicopter to Wichita's trauma unit. It was Steve's first copter ride, and it was a little rough, but it couldn't be as bad as those ambulance trips. So, on the tenth floor, Wesley was home until late Friday, when he was released to come home. He needs to heal from a broken hip, pelvic fracture, and bruises, taking six to eight weeks. While at Wesley, visitors were Dan Melton, granddaughter, Daniele Melton, Linda's sister Nadine, and Delmar Iseli. Because of the pain, the patient was not a wonderful person at times, and Jane, a terrific nurse, handled him well. I wish we could have brought her home! The medical field needs young people to consider a career in nursing. Thanks to Doug Melton for doing our chores and hauling water.

Thanks to Larry Poore for caring for the Veteran flags at Woodston Cemetery. Our family had another injury last week. Cousin Vernon Zook, Abilene, fractured his arm working on a planter.

It's a dangerous time of year for farmers in a hurry with planting and work.

My niece, Jordan Bartlett, from Bennington High School, captured 1st place in javelin at the Regional Track Meet in Marion on May 22 and qualified for State. Last year, Jordan took 1st at State as did her grandfather when he was in high school. Jordan's mom was named Teacher of the Year at Bennington. On the trip home from Wichita, we could see the wheat beginning to change color in central Kansas compared to out here. The yucca is blooming, and I think it's the only time I think they are beautiful. Some call them Candles In Heaven.

I attended a Celebration of Life on Saturday afternoon, May 24, for Hans Bohi, hosted by his son, Markus Bohi. The Bohis were from Switzerland and built a Kansas home on the former Ivan Grimes farm. Hans passed away on February 19 at the age of one hundred at his home in Switzerland. His wife, Doris, passed away in 2019, and a service was held at the Ash Rock Church. Their ashes will be at Ash Rock Cemetery.

Next year is the Chinese Year of the Horse. It also will be America's Semiquincentennial. 2026 will be the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The celebration may be called America 250.

Ron Wilson, a Manhattan cowboy poet, wrote an article explaining the importance horses have played in the history of our country, telling of the horses ridden by military commanders during the

Revolutionary War and Civil War and even the importance of horses in World War I. We can't forget Paul Revere's famous ride. Then, in more recent times, Kansas' Mark Nutsch was one of the first soldiers sent into Afghanistan after 9/11. The territory was found to be too rough for motorized vehicles. Horses were deemed possible, so Nutsch, with rodeo experience, led his team on successful horseback missions.

The horse was also a huge part of the American West, transforming the way of life for the American Indian and the importance of providing transportation, power status, and more for the American cowboy.

At Cedar Church on Sunday morning, Pastor Darel Boston read a poem titled "The Real Battle." It told the thoughts of a young soldier joining the military. The poem is too long to print, so here are a few lines. "So why all this bloodshed? How did it begin? Who is so fond of war that we're always in one? Well, there are freedoms at stake, and there's butchery by men Whose only desire is to get all they can. There are women and children, whole countries of men, That will be left defenseless if we don't fight again. And fight not in joy; we kill not in pride. The memories we're making for a lifetime can't hide. But we fight this grim war feeling this way the less: Less tragic, less horrid than tyranny's mess. But the war we are fighting, we will never win, Because the enemy is not flesh and blood; the enemy's within."

Quote: "We never know the love of a parent till we become parents ourselves."—Henry Ward Beecher.

**KANSAS KLIPS**

**Driver hospitalized in Hays after car lands in a creek**

ELLIS COUNTY—One person was injured in an accident just before 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18th, in Ellis County. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported a 2003 Chevy Impala driven by Austin J. Smith, 26, Bennlevel, North Carolina, was eastbound on Interstate 70 just west of the Victoria exit. The driver became distracted. The car traveled into the south ditch, through a KDOT fence, struck several trees, and came to rest at the bottom of a creek. EMS transported Smith to Hays Medical Center. The KHP did not have information on seat belt usage. (Hays Post)

**Kansas paramedic dies during emergency call**

BUTLER COUNTY—A Kansas paramedic died Friday, May 16th, in the line of duty. Paramedic Justin Lauppe experienced cardiac arrest and lost his life during an emergency call; according to a statement from Butler County EMS, "Lauppe, a 14-year veteran of emergency services, was a pillar of our team, known for his unwavering commitment to saving lives and compassionate care. His loss is deeply felt by colleagues, friends, and the countless individuals he served in Butler County. We are heartbroken by the loss of Justin, whose dedication to our community was truly extraordinary. His sacrifice reminds us of the risks our first responders face every day. We honor his legacy by continuing to serve with the same passion and bravery he embodied. Butler County EMS is providing support to Justin's family and colleagues during this difficult time. The circumstances of his passing were medical in nature, and further details will be shared as appropriate. Emergency Service agencies are encouraged to help us honor Paramedic Justin Lauppe's memory. (Hays Post)

**NWS confirms the strength of tornado that struck Grinnell**

GOVE COUNTY—The preliminary damage survey on the tornado in Grinnell confirms that at least an EF2 moved through the community on Sunday night, May 19th, according to the National Weather Service in Goodland. The storm damaged homes and caused significant damage to the community's electric and gas systems. There were no injuries reported. (Hays Post)

**Woman killed in terrorist shooting in D. C. was from Kansas**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two staff members of the Israeli Embassy in Washington were shot and killed while leaving an event at a Jewish museum, and the suspect, identified by police as Elias Rodriguez, 31, of Chicago, yelled "Free, free Palestine," after he was arrested, police said. The stunning attack on Wednesday evening, May 21st, prompted Israeli missions to beef up their security and lower their flags to half-staff. It came as Israel has launched another major offensive in the Gaza Strip in a war with Hamas that has heightened tension across the Middle East and internationally, and as antisemitic acts are on the rise. The two people killed, identified as Yaron Lischinsky, an Israeli citizen, and Sarah Milgrim, an American (Overland Park community), were a young couple about to be engaged, according to Yechiel Leiter, the Israeli ambassador to the U. S. The couple was leaving an event at the Capital Jewish Museum when the suspect, who had been seen pacing outside the museum, approached a group of four people and opened fire. (Hays Post)

**Tiger rodeo hand headed to College National Finals Rodeo**

HAYS—Standout Tiger Rodeo Cowgirl Hailey Witte has qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo to be held in Casper, Wyo., from June 15th through June 21st. This is the first national qualification for Fort Hays State in many years, so the excitement for the program is at a high level. Witte, a freshman from Crookston, Nebraska, was the year-end regional reserve champion at the barrel racing event. (Hays Post)

**Former WaKeeney police chief faces criminal charges**

WAKEENEY—The former WaKeeney police chief was charged Monday, May 19th, with crimes of mistreatment of suspects after an investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Michael Allen Romero was put on administrative leave in March and ultimately removed as police chief. Romero is charged with one count of mistreatment of a confined person and two counts of battery. (Hays Post)

**COUNTY** FROM 7A

The commissioners will consider their budget request when they work on the 2025 budget.

Clerk Laura Montgomery would like to apply for a grant for election security for cameras. The commissioners asked her to visit with emergency management director Adam Bryant about the grant.

Montgomery would also like to set up a text alert for the department heads to use for public announcements and reminders. The commissioners would like more information before a decision is made.

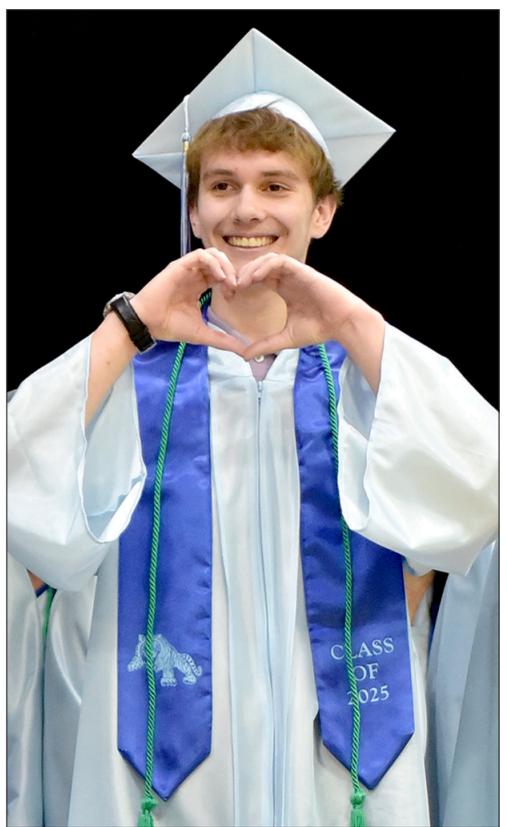
Commissioner Jake Prockish reported on the economic development meeting and the e-community quarterly meeting he had attended. The economic development department pledged \$30,000.00 of funds toward the Rooks County racetrack project.

Prockish also attended the Rooks County

Fair Board meeting. The Plainville VFW was at the meeting to protest the Fair Board selling beer during the Fair since the VFW has a beer garden as their yearly fundraiser during the event. It was decided to rescind the vote the Fair Board made at a prior meeting and change it to the Fair Board being able to sell beer at two infield events, which include the Brew Fest and a concert. During the weeklong event, the Plainville VFW will now have two beer garden sites on the fairgrounds.

The commissioners then spent the remainder of the morning meeting with department heads to review their proposed budgets for 2025.

At the start of the meeting, the commissioners approved Jason P. Johnson as a land surveyor on the County's approved list. It was also noted that the County is financing one of the ambulances through Farmers National Bank, not First State Bank, as reported in the May 22nd article.



SHS Graduate Holden Burton at Commencement

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of PAUL L. LOWRY a/k/a PAUL LEROY LOWRY, deceased

Case No. RO-2025-PR-000009

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Donald Leroy Lowry, heir-at-law of Paul L. Lowry a/k/a Paul Leroy Lowry, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Rooks County, Kansas:

Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) in Block Forty-four (44), in the First Addition to the City of Palco, Rooks County, Kansas

and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 12, 2025, by 10:30 a.m. in the City of Stockton, in Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ALLAN J. LeROCK, deceased

Case No. RO-2025-PR-000011

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Sheryl M. LeRock, heir-at-law of Allan J. LeRock, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Rooks County, Kansas:

Lots Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-four (24), in Block Seventeen (17), in the Original Townsite of Plainville, Rooks County, Kansas

and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 12, 2025, by 11:00 a.m. in the City of Stockton, in Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Dogs can tell time. Researchers found that dogs have neurons in their brains that encode time memories that tell them when dinner is and when it's time for a walk, among other things on its schedule.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE**

The deadline to file for City, School Board, or RO/PH Extension District #5 positions is June 2nd at 12:00 noon.

The filing fee is \$20.

To file and or get filing papers, please contact the County Clerk's Office, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 785-425-6391.

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**High School Honor Roll released**

The 2025 Stockton High School (Grades 9-12) Semester 2 Honor Rolls have been released.

To be eligible, the student must be considered full-time and have no D's, F's, or incomplete for the grading period. Students are recognized for their academic achievement based on the following scale: A = 4.00; B = 3.00; C = 2.00; D = 1.00; and F = 0.00.

The Stockton Jr/Sr High School has three levels of honor roll.

**Superintendent's Honor Roll:** Requires a 4.0 grade average (95% and above in all classes.)

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Requires a 4.0 grade average (90% and above in all classes.)

**Academic Honor Roll:** Requires a grade average between a 3.3 and 3.00.

**Superintendent's Honor Roll—**Cason Iwanski, Cheyenne Hoeting, Mia

Odle, Shae Yohon, Kelsie St. Clair, and Meredith Gasper.

**Principal's Honor Roll—**Ava Dix, Kagan Dix, Ashlyn Hahn, Carolina Northup, Dayton Carpenter, Kolby Dix, Sierra Jackson, Jace Kesler, Camille Lowry, Brenna Odle, Dalton Ard, Teagann Shamburg, and Vincent Thayer.

**Academic Honor Roll—**Kourtney Bigge, Holden Burton, Katlyn Couse, Jaxon Dunlap, Lillie Ferguson, Ryleigh Gardner, Jackson

Gasper, Aubrey Kesler, Kayden King, Rivver Long, Emerson Lowry, Jozie Ludy, Brin Muir, Ella Snyder, Bodye Stithem, Karleigh Horn, Temprance Northup, Saj Snyder, Skylar Amlong, Zachery Chandler, Keckem Hilbrink, Christine Jurgens, Kourtne Bird, Brylea Elias, Kolt Kuhlmann, Damon Muir, Tanner Post, Lyric Snyder, and Cailee Miller.

