



Coffee Shop

Harvest House in downtown Oswego is hosting Food Truck Friday and Saturday. Food trucks are usually open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. (or until sold out or advertised). Food truck for Fridays: May 2: Outsiders Tacos; May 9: Skinny Hen; May 16: Bacon Me Krazy. Watch Harvest House Facebook page for updates on food trucks.

Oswego High School Cheer Team is having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this Saturday, May 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., or until sold out at Oswego High School, 1501 Tomahawk Trail. The dinner menu includes: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Green Beans and dessert, there is a minimum \$10 donation; tea and water provided. All proceeds will benefit the OHS Cheer Squad. The fundraiser is help for their summer camp fees; along with learning new things at camp, OHS cheer will be competing against other teams and have the opportunity to tryout for the All American Cheer team.

Bingo this Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. at the Oswego Senior Center.

At the Labette County Fairgrounds, last week 350-tons of sand was spread and worked in the arena area.

The Oswego Indians Archery Team thanks everyone who purchased ribs for their archery fundraise. Their goal was to sell 100 racks of ribs and they sold 200. It was very much appreciated.

Regional Vet Service in Oswego will be closed Saturday, May 3.

Chetopa City Library has new hours. Hours are: Monday:12-5 p.m.; Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday: 12-5 p.m.;Thursday: 12-5 p.m.; and Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Closed: Saturday and Sunday. The library is located at 409 Maple; their phone number is 620-236-7194.

Free food and clothing every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Oswego Christian Church.

Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 3 at the First Baptist in Oswego, starting at 7:30 a.m., all men welcomed.

Oswego Spring City Wide Garage Sales is Saturday, May 3.

USD 505 Chetopa is hosting a retirement party for Mike Ferraro on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m., in the new gym at Chetopa Schools, 430 Elm Street, Chetopa.

West Mineral Eagles 918 is holding a benefit dinner for Dan Groves on Saturday, May 10. Dinner is to be served at 1 p.m., until gone. The menu is Chicken fried steak, with mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable. Cost is \$15 per plate. There will be a dessert and item auction following the dinner. Members and guests are welcome.

Happy Anniversary to Kevin and Rochelle Sheddrick of Oswego on May 4.

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Tariffs are still taxes say farmers in Kansas

It's the most talked about subject in farm and ranch country --- tariffs. On April 2, President Donald Trump declared that foreign trade and economic practices have created a national emergency, and his order imposes responsive tariffs to strengthen the international economic position of the United States and protect American workers.

According to WhiteHouse.gov, Trump is invoking his authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 to address the national emergency posed by the large and persistent trade deficit that is driven by the absence of reciprocity in trade relationships and other harmful policies like currency manipulation and exorbitant value-added taxes perpetuated by other countries.

Trump will impose an individualized reciprocal higher tariff on the countries with which the U.S. has the largest trade deficits. Those countries include China, Mexico, Canada, and European Union. All other countries will continue to be subject to the original 10% tariff baseline. This took effect on April 9.

In China's case, the goods imported from that country face a 54% tariff rate as a result of the reciprocal rate of 34% on top of existing 20% rates.

It should be noted countries also charge tariffs for products that come from the U.S. and many have indicated they will also impose additional tariffs on American products.

As expected, many in agriculture have diverse views. Grain farmers depend on global markets, and they are concerned tariffs will hurt sales.

Mark Nelson, director of commodities at the Kansas Farm Bureau, who was a presenter on Kansas State University's Winning the Game webinar on April 2 spoke briefly about tariffs and potential on crop producers. The webinar was before Trump's announcement.

"Tariffs are a tax," Nelson said. "Economic theory suggests that the efficient use of resources, plus trade, results in greater prosperity for all."

In the short run the uncertainty and concern over retaliatory tariffs can negatively impact perceptions of the U.S. economy and commodity prices, he said.

In the long run, Nelson believes it will be a negative for agricultural trade.

"The U.S. is demonstrating that we are an unreliable source, and our trading partners, as we speak, are working on infrastructure and forging agreements and relationships with our competitors."

China has now opened improved docks on both coasts South America, he said. China has spent money to help the Brazilian government dredge and widen the Amazon River so the Chinese can get their big tankers farther up the river.

The Chinese have an agreement with Brazil to accept Brazilian grain sorghum, Nelson said. Five years ago, China did not accept grain sorghum from Brazil.

Leaders in the American Farm Bureau Federation and National Farmers Union voiced concern about the impact on the bottom lines of farmers and ranchers and they urged quick resolution.

Taxes due May 10

The second half 2024 Tax Deadline is Saturday, May 10. If you paid your first half on/by Dec. 20, your second half payments may be paid on-line at <http://www.kansas.gov/propertytax> or you can mail the payment to Labette County Treasurer, PO Box 388, Oswego KS 67356.

Mailing them on Saturday, May 10, is not considered being paid late, as we accept postmark date.If you did not pay the first half of your 2024 tax, you must first call the treasurer's office at 620-795-2918 ext. 2 or 4 to get the interest amount that will be



State officials tour USD 506 construction site at Bartlett

Representatives of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission and the Kansas Department of Commerce visited the USD 506 home construction site in Bartlett on Friday as part of the KDOC's statewide tour of businesses and entities who have received state assistance. USD 506 received \$100,000 through a Community Development Block Grant for youth job training. Under the program, Labette County High School students have spent the past year building a new residential home in Bartlett. KDOC officials toured more than 20 places across Kansas last week to learn how their state dollars are being put to use at the local level. Representatives of USD 506 joined KDOC officials on the tour of the Bartlett property. (Photo courtesy of Kansas Department of Commerce)

Amy Wilkinson tabbed to become city clerk for Chetopa

Many friends turn out to honor retiring Toni Crumrine

By Marna Taylor
Labette Avenue

Amy Wilkinson will succeed long-time Chetopa City Clerk Toni Crumrine beginning today, May 1.

Amy McKibbon Wilkinson has been a Chetopa native all of her life. She graduated from Chetopa High School and later married her Junior High School sweetheart, Lucas Wilkinson.

She worked at the Labette County Courthouse as a payroll clerk for three years before beginning at the City of Chetopa for three years as Assistant City Clerk.

Amy and her husband Lucas have two adult children, daughter, Darci and her husband, Rogan and son, Damon. Darci and Rogan have three grandchildren (Trevor 7, Blakeleigh 2, and Cohen 5 months). Amy attends Community Bible Church. Every game which their grandson, Trevor plays as his grandparents looking on.

"I am looking forward to moving Chetopa in a positive direction. I want to make a difference in my hometown and help to make us all proud," said Amy.



Amy McKibbon Wilkinson



Toni Crumrine poses with Happy Retirement banner at reception

Bartlett plans its monthly breakfast on Sunday

The Bartlett Community Church will host a Sunday Country Breakfast on Sunday, May 4. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-9:30 a.m. The all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet menu will feature homemade sausage gravy served with biscuits, hash browns, scrambled

eggs, egg casseroles, ham, sausage, fresh fruit, breakfast sweets, donuts, homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice, and milk. Donations will be accepted to support the ministry and mission work of the church. The public is invited to attend.

Carryout will be available for

those that do not want to dine in. The church is located at 712 Main on the south side of Bartlett. In case of severe weather conditions, you can call 620-423-1789 or 620-778-4635 to check for cancellation.



Senior luncheon draws neighborly crowd

Members of the Oswego community enjoyed their Senior Luncheon last Friday in the Family Life Center of the Oswego Assembly of God. Pork tenderloin was the featured menu item plus sides, and there was plenty of visiting to make the day a pleasure one. (Photo by Penny Addis)