


# VALEDICTORIANS



CRYSTAL McGOWEN/For The Erie Record  
Erie High School valedictorians Makenzie LaRue, above, and Rylee Palser, below, provide speeches as part of the Class of 2025 graduation ceremonies Saturday.



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# ACROSS THE TRACKS

## KDOT Renews Warning About Toll Scam Texts

The Kansas Department of Transportation is warning the public about a new scam involving fraudulent text messages – known as smishing – that falsely claim to be from KDOT and demand payment for unpaid tolls.

KDOT does not collect tolls for any roadway and does not request or collect payment via text message.

These messages are not legitimate. Do not click or open links. Clicking links may expose your personal and financial information to scammers.

Never share sensitive personal or financial information via text message or by clicking on unknown links.

If you've received a scam message, delete and report as junk. If you've provided payment information at a fraudulent web site, contact your bank or credit card company immediately.

Stay informed about official KDOT information by visiting our official website at [ksdot.gov](http://ksdot.gov) and our verified social media channels.

## RSVP for Erie All-School Reunion Scheduled for July 19

The Erie All-School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, at the Neosho Valley Event Center at the fairgrounds with a start time of 5:30 p.m.

All former students, teachers, staff and friends are welcome. Please RSVP by July 1. For additional information or to make a reservation, please email: [erieallschoolreunion@gmail.com](mailto:erieallschoolreunion@gmail.com)

## Place your event in The Record

To place your event in "Across the Tracks," email the information to [erierecord@hotmail.com](mailto:erierecord@hotmail.com). Information may also be sent via mail to P.O. Box 159, Erie KS 66733.

# City Council

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

The two other requests involved delinquent utility accounts. One was granted a two-week reprieve to make the payment. The other request was not granted due to already failing to the previously agreed payment structure.

Currently, the city has approximately \$120,000 in delinquent utility accounts.

As part of the annual Mayoral Appointments, the council approved roughly half the appointments, and tabled action until the next meeting on the remaining positions.

The council approved the following: Jake Tromsness, superintendent; Jessica Altman, clerk; Tricia Page, treasurer; Ross Albertini, municipal judge; Brett Ross, police chief; Jeff Bohrer, fire chief; Melissa Miller, city attorney; Eddie Hibbs III, zoning administrator; city newspaper, The Erie Record (primary), Chanute Tribune (contingent); and Bank of Commerce – Erie branch, Commercial Bank, and the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool as city depositories.

The council tabled action on the Planning Commission, Library Board, Recreation Commission, Zoning Appeal Board, Park Board/Tree Committee and the Economic Development Committee. The council had questions pertaining to the Library Board and the Economic Development Committee in particular, leading to the tabling of moving forward on the appointments.

Prior to the start of Monday's meeting, a hearing was conducted in regards to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. With no public comments, the council unanimously approved passage of the program.

The council's next meeting is Tuesday, May 27, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Weekly Deputy Activity Report**

05/05 Single vehicle accident report; Trego Rd. .1 mile north from K39 Hwy., Stark.

05/05 Agency assist; U59 Hwy. and 220th Rd., Stark.

05/06 Incident report; 111 Julia St., Thayer.

05/06 Incident report; 21310 Lakewood Pl., Chanute.

05/06 Car/deer accident report; 160th Rd. .5 mile west from U59 Hwy., Erie.

05/07 Incident report; 402 E, State, Erie.

05/07 Traffic stop; U169 Hwy. and Chetopa, Thayer. Cited the driver, Vincent Turner, 33, Indianola MS, for speeding, Expired vehicle registration, and driving without a valid license.

05/07 Incident report; 13825 Brown Rd., Chanute.

05/07 Incident report; 402 E, State, Erie.

05/07 Battery report; 402 E, State, Erie.

05/07 Incident report; 215 Chetopa, Thayer.

05/08 Car/deer accident report; U59 Hwy., 150 ft., south-west of Queen, Erie.

05/09 Traffic stop; K47 Hwy. and 1st, St. Paul. Cited the driver, Raymond Hensley, 80, Bolivar MO, for speeding and no proof of insurance.

05/09 Violation of registered offender report; 929 S. Steuben, Chanute.

05/09 Incident report; U59 Hwy. and 135th Rd., Erie.

05/10 Car/deer accident report; 160th Rd. .4 mile east from Jackson, Chanute.

05/10 Car/buzzard accident report; 160th Rd. .2 mile west from Ottawa, Erie.

05/10 Car/deer injury accident report; 20th Rd. .2 mile west from Jackson, Parsons.

05/10 Car/deer accident report; K39 Hwy. .5 mile west from Lyon, Chanute.

05/10 Car/deer accident report; Lyon Rd. .1 mile south from 243rd, Chanute.

# FINISHING STRONG



Submitted photo  
Despite a slow start on the front nine, the Erie High School boy's golf team battled on the back nine to finish in third out of 13 teams at Fort Scott May 8 to end the regular season. Ty Barnhart finished seventh and Tanner Strathe placed 10th.

# CITY SUPERINTENDENT

The typed report provided to the Erie City Council Monday evening by City Superintendent Jake Tromsness:

**POOL** – Work has begun on the pool and it should be ready to go by the time it is expected to open.

**WATER PLANT** – We have been working through some minor issues at the plant with the chlorine residual. It has been within regulations but has been at the lower end of them. With some help from KRWA, I think we have issues resolved, but we continue to monitor them.

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