

HAVE A GREAT FOURTH OF JULY

Remember when ...

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CASA GOLF TOURNAMENT (photo caption) ~ 31st Judicial District Chief Judge Daniel D. Creitz greets golfers at the 16th Annual CASA Fathers’ Day Charitable Golf Tournament held at the Allen County Country Club near Iola June18. CASA serves children in Allen, Neosho, Woodson and Wilson County courts.
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR LOCAL DAYCARE FACILITY (photo caption) ~ Kelly Diller, director of the Erie Community Childcare Center, cuts the ribbon presented by Linda Weidert, Erie Area Chamber of Commerce president, on Thursday, June30. The Childcare Center has been a welcome addition to our town since January.

FIVE YEARS AGO
LEGION ANNOUNCES PARADE MARSHALL FOR BEAN WEEK ~ American Legion Post #102 has announced the name of this year’s Parade Marshall - Wallace A. Hartzell.

Hartzell earned his membership in the American Legion by serving 22 years and 4 months in the United States Air Force. He enlisted in the USAF in February 1952, and received Electrical and Gunner Training flying in the B29. He then received combat crew training on the B-36 as Tail Gunner and transferring to the B-52 E Model.
His total flight hours in these two aircraft total 8,232 hours with 47 flights in excess of 20 hours. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and 8 Air Medals. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in July 1974.
CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (photo caption) ~ Erie Area Chamber of President Linda Weidert, left, presents Shirlene and Dave Mahurin, owners of Stub’s Market, with the chamber’s “Business of the Year” award at a recent event. The chamber’s “Volunteer of the Year” was Carol Hole (photo unavailable as of press time).

SIX YEARS AGO
LEGION RELEASES PARADE MARSHALL ~ American Legion Post #102 has selected Charles McColm from Columbus as this year’s Parade Marshall. He is a 60 year member of the American Legion. He served in the Army from 1953-55. And, McColm is one of our own having numerous friends and family in the local area and coming to the reunion for more than 20 years. He has been a member of Post #102 for the past 10 years.

McColm’s favorite part of the reunion is where he helps serves beans on Bean Night.
USD #101 OUTLINES DISTRICT GOALS ~ With thoughts of the future at the fore front, the Board of Education of U.S.D. #101 met in special session Tuesday, June 25. In addition to the seven board members, Superintendent Troy Damman, each building principal (Noah Francis, Erie High School; Jared Han, Galesburg Middle School; and Barney Pontious, Erie Element-

tary School) and Connie Buskirk, board clerk, were in attendance.
The topic of discussion for the special meeting was district goal planning, both for the short term and long term.
Short term was defined as one to three years. Long term was defined as three to five years.

SEVEN YEARS AGO
ERIE MEMBERS OF GIRARD WARRIORS QUALIFY FOR AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS ~ Five Erie kids who are members of the Girard Warriors Track Club competed in the AAU Regional Track Qualifier in Joplin. Three of them qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics. They are: Ashlynn Aikins placed third in the Heptathlon (Women’s 17-18 year old division) ;Hailey McGowen tied for fourth place in the Pole Vault (Girls 14); and Nicole Aikins placed fourth in the Javelin (Women’s17-18). Ella Burnett, daughter of Andy and Meleia Burnett, qualified in both the Turbo Javelin and the High Jump (Girls 10).

TEN YEARS AGO
POTLUCK SUPPER PLANNED AT STARK ~ The Grant Community Club is sponsoring a pot luck picnic supper at the Stark ballfield on July 4 at 7 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and table service. There will be a fireworks display beginning at dusk.

ENTREPRENEURS ~ Recent Erie High School graduate Garek Peters mans the fireworks shop he and his older sister, Lesan, are operating this week behind Pete’s.
Last year, Garek worked in the fireworks store as part of a fundraiser for the EHS Class of 2015. The year before, Lesan did the same thing. According to Garek, none of the school groups opted to run the fireworks store, so he and his sister decided to do so.

MAKING THE GRADE AT NCCC ~ Three local students were named to the Neosho County Community College President’s Honor Roll for the recently completed spring semester. They are Samantha Wade, Erie; Kately Shepard, Stark; and Savannah Smith, Walnut..

THE LONG CRUISE ~ The Tri-County (Neosho, Allen and Bourbon) Tractor Cruise was held Saturday, June27, at Stark. The 43-mile trek, mostly county roads, was sponsored by the Plowboys Tractor Club and consisted mostly of late 1930’s to early 1960’s tractors.

The cruise started in Stark and included visits to Uniontown and Savonburg before re turning to Stark. There were participants from Stark, Thayer, Independence, St. Paul, Erie, Chanute, Bartlesville and Richmond. (Pictured: Larry Lindberg, Allen Martin, William Martin, and Larry Isom.)

15 YEARS AGO
COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT ~ Dr. John Wyrick, superintendent of the Erie-Galesburg #101 School

District, will be hosting “Coffee with the Superintendent” July6 and 9 in the district office.
These sessions are being held to provide the community with the opportunity to learn about school funding, the impact of State of Kansas fiscal crisis on the101 School District, and also provide Dr. Wyrick with feed back on topics of importance.

20 YEARS AGO
NEW LOCATION ~ The Erie Record was one of many businesses damaged during the storm late Thursday night.
Due to roof damage, the newspaper is now located at 702 W. State St. in the former Snoop Shoppe building. The newspaper is in the south half of the building next to Wood-Dulohery Insurance.

35 YEARS AGO
GALESBURG EVENTS ~ Galesburg will be celebrating the 120th anniversary of the town. Activities will begin with registration for a car show. Part of the entertainment will include an amateur and talent show. At dusk, street movies will be shown just like they were in the 1940s and 1950s. This will be followed by a fireworks display.

60 YEARS AGO
EVERYONE IS INVITED ~ Yes, everyone is invited to observe Independence Day, July5, at the Erie Golf Club located 11/2 miles north of Erie. The Erie Golf Club, Erie Chamber of Commerce and Erie Kiwanis Club invite you to play golf (no green fees to be charged all day), fish in the stocked pond, plan a picnic and enjoy the free fireworks display (which will begin at 9 p.m.).

85 YEARS AGO
DORIC MAKES IMPROVEMENTS: New Sound System To Be Dedicated This Weekend ~ With the showing of “Two-Fisted Rangers” as the opening vehicle, Leon Pugh, manager of the Doric Theatre, announces the public inauguration Friday and Saturday of the revolutionary new RCA Photophone sound reproducing system, the Magic Voice of the screen which has been installed the last few days.

A new loud-speaker system which insures uniform distribution of all sound frequencies to every part of the theatre has been put in place behind the screen. The sound waves penetrate tiny perforations in the screen.

110 YEARS AGO
ERIE WINS PRIZE AT WORLD FAIR ~ Erie has already won a prize at the big Frisco World Fair. E.C. Lembach, who lives just northwest of the city, was awarded third premium on oats. This is a great honor for the state as well as Neosho County.
For a number of years, Kansas people have known that Kansas was the leader from an agricultural point of view and now the world knows it.

Travel Time

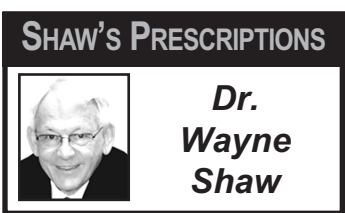
It’s travel time, once again. This time the Neosho County Family Community Education Council is sponsoring an overnight (2-Day) trip to Kansas City, MO., Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 21- 22.
The last trip was to the Kansas Flint Hills, Manhattan and Topeka. This trip will explore and visit four special venues in Kansas City, Mo. One is the Steamboat Arabia. For more than 25 years visitors have enjoyed this unique KC attraction as it is what you might call a “time capsule” of the American frontier before the Civil War. It has been declared one of “Kansas City’s Favorite Hidden Gems.” It is the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world and it is almost at our front door. We know how dangerous rivers can be such as the Mississippi and our own Neosho River. Did you know the Missouri River is the longest river in the United States and it claimed 400 boats over it’s 2,500 miles in the 1850’s? In September 1856 the Arabia and it’s 200 tons of cargo sank just 6 miles west of KC. The boat and it’s cargo were eventually covered with mud and it was more than 100 years later that it was located and it’s contents brought to the light of day, all intact, buried 45 feet beneath a Kansas cornfield. It’s cargo was all intact - a buried museum. This is a stop you won’t want to miss.
The trip will also include a visit to the Negro Baseball Hall of Fame which is the only national museum that is preserving and celebrating the rich history of African American Baseball. This unique museum also shares some of the racial divide in KC in the first half of the past century.
Another stop will be the Harry S. Truman Museum and Library in Independence, MO. Even if you visited this site in the past you will be surprised with the venue that celebrates the Truman Presidency and Legacy.
The last stop will be at the John Wornall Home just south of the current Country Club Plaza. John’s parents purchased 500 acres here when they came from Kentucky about 1843 and upon their return to Kentucky about 1847 or 1848, their son John stayed and turned to farming where he made his fortune. Learn how the Greek Revival Home he built in 1858 on the “Road to Santa Fe” played an important part in the history of that area of Kansas City and the Civil War Battle of Westport.
This unique trip is open to anyone wishing to make the trip. For more details and pricing contact Lois Carlson, 620-244-3622. If you leave a message, be sure to include the date of your call, your name and contact information. Pick up points will be Chanute, Erie and Arma. Reservations will be taken until Sept. 1.



The old are not the only ones that die

This is Thursday. I sit in my office trying to be prepared for the weekend. Usually by this time of the week I have finished everything I need for the weekend, but this week is uniquely different. I not only have to preach Sunday—that sermon has been done for a few days—I have to do a funeral Saturday, not one funeral but two. One is for someone who has lived a good life and reached the age when the body simply wears out. The other is but a lad who has not yet reached his teenage years.
One was natural and expected, the other a tragic accident and unexpected. Both are gone.
May I just reflect with you for a few moments? First, death is no respecter of persons. The old are not the only ones who die. We don’t know when we will die, so we need to live each day as if it were our last, for one day it will be. Life is not com-

plete without death. We all will die one day. Then it will be too late to do all the things we wish we had done.
Staring death in the face causes you to think seriously and ask the hard questions. What is the purpose of life? Have I achieved my purpose? What will be my legacy? What will happen to my belongings? What will happen to my loved ones? Is there life after death? Am I prepared for it? Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment. (Heb. 9:27)
The truth is, I could not do a funeral if I did not know that Jesus died and rose again, offering us hope. Do you have that hope?



Chanute students visit Osage Mission Museum

The second grade class of Lone Elm one-room school-house featuring a lesson aimed at fostering patriotism among young students.
The event kicked off with the reading of the book “F is for Flag,” introducing students to the history and the importance of the American flag. Following the story, each student received a small American flag, and Jolene Born, dressed as Betsy Ross, presented a 1777 replica of the U.S. flag. The highlight of the day was the flag coloring activity. Their art work was displayed at the museum.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Zion Cemetery# 18
Neosho County
will meet on July 28, 2025 at 7:00 AM at Zion Cemetery, Neosho-Wilson County Line, Hwy 39, for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied. Detailed budget information is available at Neosho County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.
BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	8,150	0.747	11,935	0.674	10,915	4,183	0.610
Totals	8,150	0.747	11,935	0.674	10,915	4,183	0.610
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	8,150		11,935		10,915		
Total Tax Levied	4,183		4,183		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	5,606,934		6,204,288		6,862,154		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Marsha Carter
Treasurer