

# Women’s Empowerment Conference set for Oct. 15

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Local organizers Dezeræ Poole and Shannon Barbee have set a Women’s Empowerment Conference for Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the

Pleasanton Community Center.  
The event is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include

lunch for those who attend; as well as, speakers and a Q&A panel.  
Tickets for the event are \$15 each and can be

purchased online through a link provided on the event page on Facebook or by contacting Shannon Barbee either at the Clinch Realty office or on Facebook.  
Speakers scheduled for the event include Erika Gilbert, entrepreneur and owner of Events by Erika, and Regina Gail White, a national consultant

and entrepreneur. The Q&A panel features local business women, such as Rhonda Kellstadt, ARNP and owner of Dream Aesthetics, DeAnn Dawson, Director of Concern, Inc., entrepreneur and filmmaker Taylor Snyder, and entrepreneur and business owner Frankie Elder-Reedy.

# FILM CREW: WOMEN TREK TO NEW MEXICO

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And this film crew is doing its best to honor that, by interviewing those whose lives were impacted on that day 70 years ago; as well as interviewing others who have known grief, or helped others through hard times.  
“Grief is a personal journey with no timeline, that from personal experience, can be diminished by helping others,” Campbell stated, when asked what she hopes this film will accomplish.  
In mid-September, the film crew traveled to Albuquerque and set out to hike the Sandia Mountains to the crash site via the Domingo Baca Trail. This trail is not an easy hike, even for a seasoned hiker. The trail, almost four miles one-way, begins at around 7,000 feet above

sea level, and rises 2,200 feet at the crash site location. As our team would be carrying film equipment, and the difficulty of the trail, we were accompanied by four members of the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council Search and Rescue Team. Though one of the film crew members had to turn around after experiencing adverse side effects of the high altitude (that was me), the rest of the team were able to succeed in the filming we set out to do.  
“The most rewarding and beautiful part of this trip was capturing the hike up to the crash site and hearing Ginny tell her story,” Snyder said. “Ginny has put her heart and soul into this film in dedication to her father and grandparents who lost their lives on the flight. Seeing her emotions as we

approached the top of the crash site broke my heart and at the same time made me realize how grateful I was to be a part of such a moving story.”  
The entire time in Albuquerque was amazing, and our crew met and connected with a wide variety of individuals who are in some way or another affiliated with the crash and/or crash site. Additionally, our team was able to come together and bond in ways that we normally wouldn’t have if we hadn’t gone on location for this project.  
“We have met so many wonderful people and developed new friendships along the way,” Vicory shared. “I’m pretty sure this will not be our last project to work on together!”  
There is one more interview to be conducted

locally in late October, and then the interview transcripts will be handed to me to review. Then, I will be tasked with the difficult decision on what should be included in the telling of this story. My timeline to complete a feature-length script is late November. Once my part is completed, I will pass it along to Snyder, who will work her magic with the film footage and archives we have available. By the first of the year, we should have a film with an unforgettable story to share.  
Our hope is for the film to premiere in Albuquerque in early spring of 2026.  
You can follow the film’s progress on Facebook by searching A Beautiful Place the film and on Instagram abeautifulplace-the-film.

# ROADS: COUNTY ASKED TO ASSIST PLEASANTON

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and it’s our job as a city to take care of our community and get our roads back to where they need to be.”  
In other matters, the commissioners:  
- Heard from Fire Chief Randy Hegwald that Fire Safety Week is coming up the first full week in October.  
- Heard from Register of Deeds Kristie Schmitz regarding her upcoming retirement. Commissioners asked about the budget for this year for wages and if the department would be going over. Schmitz stated she had sent her

notice of intent to retire to the governor that morning with a retirement date of Nov. 7, 2025. Schmitz noted that one item taken out of her budget this year was an air conditioner that in her opinion should have been taken from building maintenance.  
- Heard from Jason Webber regarding the HVAC for the AMR building in Pleasanton. He noted it had frozen solid several times and needed to be completely replaced. He noted that the cost would be \$5,743 with the county discount. After reviewing the budget for the

building, commissioners approved the purchase as quoted.  
- Heard from engineer Kenny Blair, CFS Engineering, regarding the military bridge on the north side of Mound City. Blair told commissioners he had put in for a grant to repair the bridge and had been granted \$2 million with a county match of \$614,380, for right-of-way, etc. Blair added that he felt he could keep the county portion to around \$200,000. Commissioners asked for a timeline on the repair on the 110-year-old bridge. Blair noted that the design

work would be next year in 2026 with the bid letting and actual work not to begin until 2027. Commissioners opted to wait a week to make a decision.  
- Approved a bill of \$3,700 from TerraCon for the surveyor, Cornerstone Regional Surveying, for the landfill.  
- Discussed adding the changes to the employee handbook to the agenda for discussion. Commissioners set a discussion for two weeks out.  
- Approved the appointment of Jenny Cummings as Interim Planning and Zoning Director.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Hearing Notice

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name: A.K.  
Year of Birth: 2020;

A minor child

**Case No. LN-2024-JC-000005**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Any/All Unknown Fathers of A.K., and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the

foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 at 1:30 p.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents’ parental rights.  
An attorney has been

appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: Terra Tecchio – 417-986-5529 or baseleylawoffice@gmail.com. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or

both parents to pay child support.

Date and time of hearing: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.  
Place of hearing: Linn County District Court; 308 Main St., Mound City, KS 66056

Tabitha Stults  
Clerk of the District Court

The City of Parker

is seeking sealed proposals for

• New siding and roof installation on the Community Building

• Roof repairs on the City Hall/ Maintenance Building

Qualified contractors are invited to submit proposals by November 12, 2025.

The full request for Proposals (RFP), including project specifications and submission requirements, is available upon request from the City Clerk by email at [cityhall@parkerks.com](mailto:cityhall@parkerks.com) or by calling 913-898-2710.

The City of Parker reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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## CROSSWORD

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Native American people of CA

5. Long periods of time (Brit.)

10. Classroom tool

12. Rods

14. One who renews

16. They start the alphabet

18. Periodical (slang)

19. Smooth singer Cole

20. Dorsal sclerites in insects

22. One from Utah

23. The world of the dead

25. Singer Redding

26. Mafia head

27. Wrongly

28. Unhappy

30. Anger

31. Dark olive black

33. Places to sit and eat

35. Made a mistake
37. Damp

38. Banned fuel type

40. Actor Damon

41. What thespians do

42. A polite address for a woman

44. Disallow

45. Swiss river

48. A banana has one

50. Afrikaans

52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

53. Agave

55. Journalist Tarbell

56. One-time tech leader

57. Incidentally (abbr.)

58. Intestinal bacterium

63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord

65. Accompanies nook

66. Vogue

67. Highly excited

### CLUES DOWN

1. Witch

2. Utilize

3. Writing utensil

4. Where rockers work

5. Becomes less intense

6. Consume

7. Type of catfish

8. 'Horsetown, U.S.A.'

9. Atomic #50

10. The Muse of lyric poetry

11. Brings back to life

13. Humorous critiques

15. Cool!

17. Worst

18. Wet dirt

21. Useful

23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity

24. High schoolers' test

27. Internet device

29. City in India
32. A place to rest

34. Chat responder

35. A way to move on

36. What consumers are given

39. Digital audiotape

40. More (Spanish)

43. Disfigured

44. White (Spanish)

46. Church building

47. Georgia rockers

49. Surgeon's tool

51. 'Much \_\_\_ about nothing'

54. Make by braiding

59. Local area network

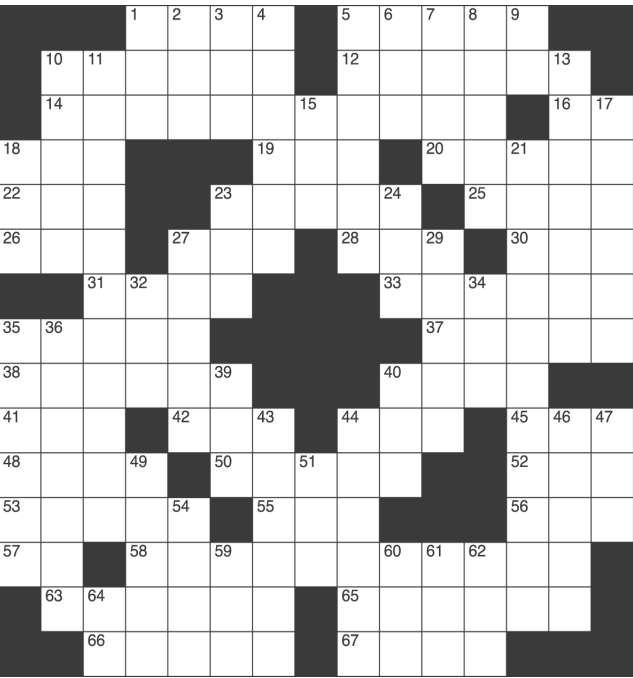
60. Unit of work

61. Indigenous person of Thailand

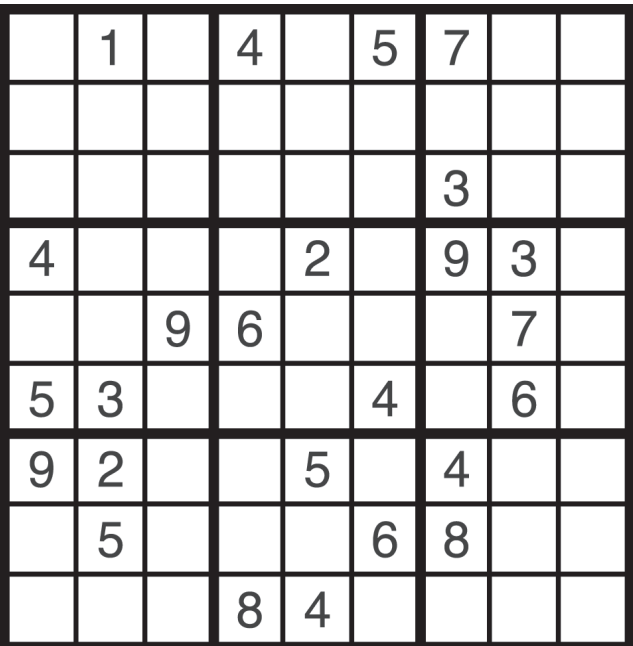
62. Liquefied natural gas

64. Distance to top

Answers on B7



## SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Answers on B7

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!