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County holds 2026 budget hearing

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GIRARD, Kan. — With the beginning of the end of budget season in sight, the Crawford County Commission held its annual budget hearing, which is open to the public. Given the frustration of rising property taxes, the commissioners were waiting to see what the public response would be like.

About a dozen Crawford County residents waited in the commission room — a pleasant surprise for Commissioner Tom Moody, who, in his nearly 30 years as a commissioner, has never seen anyone attend a budget hearing.

And there were no pitchforks or torches.

“This is probably the most important meeting of the year,” Moody said, “and no one comes to it. But if I don’t keep the dust down (on county roads), I hear about it.”

Moody sincerely thanked those that attended, adding, “it shows that you care.”

Despite the frustration everyone feels about rising property taxes, the crowd was not angry but simply wanted to understand the process with most questions focused

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Representatives of Arvest Bank in Pittsburg made a visit to Girard Friday afternoon, presenting a \$6,250 check to the Crawford County Sheriff’s Office for its K-9 program. AARON PYLE / THE MORNING SUN

Donation supports CCSO K-9 program

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GIRARD, Kan. — Kane, a 15-month-old German shepherd, is currently training to serve with the Crawford

County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO). On Friday, the Arvest Foundation stepped up to make sure Kane is safe when he’s on the job.

The Foundation presented a \$6,250 check to the Sheriff’s

Office (CCSO) to be used to purchase a protective ballistics vest for the dog and to properly equip the handler’s vehicle for K-9 duty.

Arvest employees joined alongside the CCSO officers

and staff on the front lawn of the sheriff’s office on a warm Kansas afternoon, to present the check to support the department’s K-9 program.

The funds given are made

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Senate president visits Pitt State

Ty Masterson campaigning for governor

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Republican president of the Kansas Senate made a stop on the Pittsburg State cam-

pus Thursday evening at the invite of the PSU Campus Republicans. Masterson spoke to a crowd of about two dozen about his blue-collar background as a home builder, family man and grandfather.

Campaigning for the GOP nomination to the governor’s mansion, Masterson is a long-time veteran of Topeka. Hailing from Butler County east of Wichita, he was first elected to the Kansas House

of Representatives in 2005 and to the Senate in 2009. He has presided as president of the Senate since 2021.

It was a quiet affair with Masterson briefly talking about his life and then taking questions from those in attendance. Touring on a platform of “Take Back Kansas,” Masterson is touting lower property taxes, improving educational outcomes, and reducing violent crime, saying

that he “doesn’t see the same opportunities” for his kids and grandkids that he had at their age.

One priority Masterson has while still in the legislature is to change the way Kansas Supreme Court justices are selected. Kansas has a unique method of selecting justices born out of the Triple Play Scandal in 1958 when the

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Library book sale approaches

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — The Friends of the Pittsburg Public Library have been working overtime, recently, to prepare for their Book Sale, which takes place during Little Balkans Days, from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Aug. 30, in the Pittsburg Public Library Courtyard, 308 N. Walnut. Books will be available for all ages, including hardcovers, paperbacks, library discards and more. There will be a wide selection of titles for adults, teens and children.

Prices range from 50 cents to a couple dollars. From 8 to 11 a.m., books will be regular

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Pittsburg Public Library I.T. Specialist Tanner Stout looks through fiction books for sale on the second floor of the library. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

KS measles outbreak officially over

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TOPEKA — State health officials have declared the measles outbreak over in southwest Kansas, where dozens of cases affected mostly unvaccinated children.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment announced Thursday that no new cases have been reported or confirmed in the past 42 days after cases peaked at 87. Health officials announced in March the first case of measles in

Kansas since 2008.

“The end of the recent outbreak does not mean the threat of measles is over,” officials said in a Thursday press release. “Since there are many ongoing outbreaks of measles in North America and around the world, it is possible that there will be additional cases of measles introduced into Kansas this year.”

Eight people were hospitalized as a result of the outbreak. Children made up more than 80% of cases, and more than 90% of cas-

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