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Casey's General Store coming to Arma

Council approves rate increases

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ARMA, Kan. — In addition to its agenda items, the Arma City Council shared exciting news at the tail end of Mon-

day night's meeting. Plans to build a Casey's General Store have been approved within city limits. The fifth-largest pizza chain in the country by sales as well as one of the largest convenience store chains, Casey's announced in June that it planned to increase its reach by adding at least 80 stores in the next fiscal year.

Currently in Crawford County, Casey's has three sites in Pittsburg and one in Girard. In Arma, Casey's plans to be positioned "across the street from Dollar General" directly south of the discount store company along W. South St. In other business, the council discussed a potential increase for its water and

electricity rates. The council approved an electric increase of 1.5 percent in November 2024. They revisited that topic one year later while discussing its review of utility rates. The council additionally talked about water rates in February 2025, ultimately deciding to revisit the topic at a later date. The decision to

raise water and electric rates on Monday featured a conversation on the financial state of the water department, noting that its expenditures are exceeding its revenues. "In the sense of the revenue that you made this year up to the end of October, for water service, which was budgeted

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Alumnae, students and guests line up to get their first look inside of the new Sigma Sigma Sigma chapter house at 1901 S. Joplin Street, Saturday. The sorority celebrated the completion of the house with a ribbon cutting and tours. RON WOMBLE/THE MORNING SUN

Home sweet home

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PITTSBURG, Kan. - Saturday marked a significant milestone in the long life of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority on the Pittsburg

State University campus. Alumnae, current students and university officials cut a ribbon to officially mark the completion of a new chapter house for the "Tri Sigs." The new building, which will house 25 sorority mem-

bers, is at 1901 S. Joplin and sits on the edge of campus, across the street from the Wilkinson Alumni Center. Cathy Linaweaver, who chaired the committee that oversaw the effort to build a

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Pittsburg resident featured in 'Squid Game: The Challenge'

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — It is interesting what a small quick response (QR) code can lead to. For Pittsburg resident Marlon Dewey, the QR code led to a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to appear on the second season of a popular Netflix reality competition show — "Squid Game: The Challenge." It all began for Dewey, a Neosho County native and Pittsburg State University graduate, he was watching the end of the first season of the show and a QR code popped up on the screen. "It's a crazy deal," he said. "The very end of the first season, no other show I've seen do this, the very last episode of season one. It had a QR



Marlon Dewey

code and it said if you want to sign up for season two, scan the QR code and I was like 'Well, what's the worst that can happen?' I just took a leap of faith and said, 'Let's

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Activities increase for police and fire

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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Activities in each category increased last week for both the Pittsburg Police and Pittsburg Fire departments. From Oct. 27 to Nov. 2, police officers responded to 283 calls for service, conducted 80 traffic stops, engaged in 181 self-initiated activities, arrested 22 people and took 73 reports. From Oct. 27 to Nov. 3, the fire department extinguished one fire, provided basic life support during 17 incidents, restored nine fire alarm sys-

tems, assisted two physically disabled people, investigated nine occasions, removed one hazard, provided emergency medical services during two occasions, provided manpower during two incidents, provided first aid and checked for injuries during two situations, acted as incident command during 11 incidents, provided equipment on one occasion, salvaged or overhauled during one situation, and provided assistance during one incident. One call was cancelled en route. From Oct. 26 to Nov. 1, the

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What to watch at County

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GIRARD, Kan. — The Crawford County Commissioners held a relatively light session on Tuesday, mainly filled with executive sessions. Much of the meeting was standard fare, but there are a few things on the horizon to be aware of. First, there will be no public meetings on Friday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 11. The next time the commission will meet officially is on November 13 for the Mulberry annexation. The commission will hold a



public hearing on the third floor of the county courthouse beginning at 5:30 p.m. The next regular commission meeting will be on Friday, November 14, at 10 a.m. at which Jasmine Kyle

and Sabina Brackett of the SEK Humane Society will be discussing funding. During public comments on Tuesday, Becky Willard asked about extending the moratorium on wind and solar projects. County Counselor Jim Emerson said the board is focused on the Mulberry issue right now and will have enough time before the end of the year to consider an extension. This reporting is made possible, in part, by the Support Local Journalism Project Fund. Learn more at: south-eastkansas.org/Localnews

CATO DAYS

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9:00 A.M. - SIGN-IN
9:30 - MUSIC AND HISTORY IN THE CHURCH
10:30 - CAVALRY SABER DRILLS
10:45 - ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE PRESENTATION
11:30 - HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT (1860 SETTLER REMOVAL)
12:00 - LUNCH WITH MUSIC. FOOD SALES TO BENEFIT THE CHPA
12:30 - DRAWING FOR QUILT
1:00 - WAGON RIDE AND HISTORY TOUR.

You are welcome to arrive at any times; however, we kindly request that you sign our guest book.

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