

Sheriff's report

On May 7, deputies with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office arrested Benjamin Jay Fulghum, 27, of Wichita, on a charge of criminal threat. He is being held without bond with a next court appearance date.

On May 8, officers with the Neodesha Police Department arrested Brian Keith Fuller, 30, of Neodesha, on charges of driving under the influence, transporting an open container, defective muffler and window tint. He was processed and released on a \$2,500 own recognizance bond with a next court appearance date.

Wilson County deputies made two transports: on May 7, deputies transported Jordan Marshall, 32, of Cherryvale, from Montgomery County

where he was arrested on a Wilson County bond revocation warrant. He is being held without bond with a next court appearance date. On May 8, deputies transported Athena Marie Grassechi, 41, of Wichita, from Sedgewick County where she was arrested on a Wilson County probation revocation warrant. She is being held on a \$10,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

On May 8, Neodesha police arrested Jacqueline Nicole Hanna, 40, of Neodesha, on a Wilson County warrant for failure to appear, along with new charges of possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia. She is being held on a \$10,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

On May 10, Neodesha police arrested Mary Justine

Schlottauer, 34, of Neodesha, on a charge of interference with a law enforcement officer. She was processed and released on a \$2,500 own recognizance bond with a next court appearance date.

On May 11, Wilson County deputies arrested Larry Joseph Groth, 68, of Altoona, on a charge of violation of a PFA. He was processed and released on a \$2,500 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

On May 12, Wilson County deputies arrested Jevon T. Thomas, 31, of Wichita, on charges of battery, disorderly conduct, interference with official traffic control and driving while suspended. He was processed and released on a \$2,500 own recognizance bond with a next court appearance date.

SAVVY SENIOR

By: Jim Miller

Strategies for paying off credit card debt

Dear Savvy Senior,
My husband and I, who are retired, have accumulated about \$7,000 in credit card debt over the past few years and need some help paying it off. What can you tell us?
Living Underwater

Dear Living,
I'm sorry to hear about your financial woes but know that you're not alone. Credit card debt has become a big problem in this country for millions of older Americans. According to a recent AARP report, 52 percent of adults ages 50 to 64 have credit card debt, along with 42 percent of those ages 65 to 74.

Rising costs of basic expenses like food, housing, utilities and health care are the main culprits. But now, new tariffs on products made in China and other foreign countries will make many goods more expensive, which could make this problem worse. Of older adults carrying a balance, nearly half owe \$5,000 or more, and nearly a third owe upwards of \$10,000.

While paying off credit card debt can feel overwhelming, it's doable with a solid plan and a bit of belt-tightening and persistence. Here are some strategies to help you tackle it:

Create a Budget

Start by taking a close look

at your income and expenses to see where you can free up money to put toward your credit card debt. Also look for areas to reduce spending, such as dining out, entertainment or subscriptions. And see if you're eligible for any financial assistance programs (see Benefits-CheckUp.org) that can help boost your budget by paying for things like food, utilities, medicine and health care.

Call the Card Company

While the average credit card interest rate is more than 20 percent, some credit card companies may be willing to lower your interest rate or work out a payment plan, especially if you're struggling. It doesn't hurt to ask.

Pay More Than the Minimum

Credit card companies only require the minimum payment, but it's usually mostly interest. Try to pay more than the minimum every month to make a dent in the principal balance.

Choose a Repayment Strategy

If you have more than one credit card, pick one and get serious about paying it off. Start with the card that carries the highest interest rate, or the one with the smallest balance.

If you focus on paying off the card with the highest interest rate first, you'll pay less interest over time, saving yourself a lot of money. Once the highest-interest card is paid off, move to the next highest, and so on.

Or you may want to start with the card with the smallest balance. Paying off smaller debts quickly can give you a sense of accomplishment and motivate you to keep going.

Consolidate Your Debt

If you have multiple high-interest cards, look into consolidating your debt with a low-interest personal loan from your bank or credit union. Or consider moving your debts to a balance transfer credit card with 0 percent interest for an introductory period, which is usually 15, 18 or 21 months. This will eliminate the amount of interest you're paying temporarily. But be careful! Once the introductory promotion ends, the card company will charge interest on any remaining balance.

Consider a Debt Management Plan

If you need more help, use a nonprofit credit counseling agency (see NFCC.org) to create a debt management plan for you. At no cost, a counselor will go over your income and debts and determine what's workable. The counselor will then negotiate with your lenders, to get a payment plan that will lower your interest and monthly payments and maybe forgive some debt.

If you accept their negotiated offer, you'll start making one monthly payment to the counseling service, which will in turn pay the issuers. You'll likely pay the agency a small fee and give up the cards included in the plan, but over time you'll be able to pay off your debt.

Send your questions or comments to savvy@senior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Wilson County Citizen Thursday, May 15, 2025)
BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: SEK ENERGY, LLC – Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the Burghart Lease, well #SWD 1; located in Wilson County, KS.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that SEK Energy, LLC has filed an application to commence the disposal of saltwater into the Arbuckle formation utilizing the Burghart #SWD located in Section 34 of T27S-R15E, 1269' from the East section line and 4037' from the South section line of the section in Wilson County, Kansas. The water will be disposed at a depth of 1505' to 1644' at a maximum operating pressure of 200 psi and at a maximum disposal rate of 4000 BBL per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of the publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested of concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

SEK ENERGY, LLC
Operator
P.O. Box 55

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Wilson County Citizen, Thursday, the 8th day of May, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

JOHNNY L. COHEE A/K/A JOHNNY COHEE, Deceased.
CASE NO. WL-2025-PR-000018

(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of Kansas Statutes Annotated)

NOTICE FOR HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by MARTHA COHEE owner of an interest in property of JOHNNY L. COHEE A/K/A JOHNNY COHEE deceased, praying for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 29, 2025, 9:30 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Fredonia, in Wilson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

MARTHA COHEE, Petitioner
Submitted by:

/S/ JOHN K. CHENOWETH
JOHN K. CHENOWETH – SC#11066
Attorney for Petitioner

USD 461 personnel changes include resignation of high school principal

With most personnel items included in the consent agenda, the USD 461-Neodesha board of education approved, and accepted, several resignations, transfers and hirings at their Monday regular meeting, with Kelly Birk presiding.

It was not until the end of the meeting, after three executive sessions, that the board following three executive sessions, the board accepted the resignation of Eric Swanson as the middle school and high school principal, effective June 30, 2025. Swanson was new to the Neodesha district last year.

Other personnel matters included the following resignations: Paige Voth as a 3rd Grade teacher at Heller Elementary School; Adam Speaks and Shyloh Smith as lead teachers at the Early Learning Center; Nancy Carpenter as part-time nurse at North Lawn Elementary School, due to the dissolution of the KDHE grant effective at the end of the school year.

Employment was approved for the 2025-26 school year: Erin Cox as elementary music teacher; Shawn Hale as the After School Program coordinator; Roxie Drawdy as assistant high school spirit squad coach; Ty Jaquess as the head

middle school STUCO sponsor; and Scott Webb as the assistant middle school STUCO sponsor.

Transfers approved included: Kylee Taylor as 3rd grade teacher at Heller; Alcy Comer and Kendall Walters into lead teacher positions at the ELC effective Aug. 4 and May 9, respectively; Jake Carpenter from the head girls' middle school basketball coach to the assistant high school girls' basketball coach; and Mendi Clark from the girls' middle school assistant basketball coach to the girls' middle school head basketball coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

The board heard from two bond councils, Clayton Kelley with Piper Sandler, and Bret Shogren with Stifel, regarding moving forward with the pursuit of a bond issue. Superintendent Juanita Erickson reviewed the updated draft of the bond survey the committee worked on, with their next meeting to be held later in May. The board did not act on appointing a bond council, nor on a bond resolution.

In her report, Erickson recognized the Kansas STAR awards, and shared that the IDEA State Performance Plan met requirements, so the banner has been posted on the district website. She informed board members that the Summer Learning Program would be held in June, and said summer meals would be provided at Heller during June and July, at no cost for all kids aged 1-18 with breakfast served from 8-9 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She indicated negotiations will be held June 10 the at the high school library, and reviewed the current open positions for next year and provided a legislative update.

FFA Adviser Emma Lehmann and Chapter Secretary and SEK Vice-President Delaney Bradford reviewed FFA activities in April and May, including results from recent state competitions. Ten students attended the state FFA convention at the end of May. Board member Christine Smith provided the Tri-County re-

VANDALS

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donations to and work by civic organizations, those locations are meant to provide fun or exercise, or just a peaceful place to spend time in a safe environment. The plaques that have been ripped from benches are memorials to people who provided the wherewithal, be it financial or sweat equity, to make parks even possible — a disrespectful theft at the very least, and certainly a criminal act that is punishable by fines, community service or even incarceration.

City officials are working with law enforcement to review security options in an effort to thwart further vandalism, and residents' assistance is also welcome by reporting suspicious activity, and reinforcing to young people the importance of respecting public property.

Fredonia Pharmacy

- Insurance Plans Accepted
- Text/E-Mail Alerts
- Photo Kiosk
- Free Kids Vitamins
- Diabetic Supply Billing

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Brad Haun: 620-485-4530

May 13, 2025 - Headcount: 979

Nice run of cattle for the second week of May. High market still bringing cattle to town. All cattle were steady to higher, up to \$15 higher on 5 weight steers & heifers. Feeders were fully steady to \$6 higher. Weigh cows were steady to \$3 lower while weigh bulls were fully steady to \$6 higher. Check us out on Facebook. Call with your consignments or to have cattle videoed. If you have grass to lease, please give us a call.

No sale Tuesday May 27, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day

No sale Tuesday July 8, 2025

Video Sale & Special Grass Lot Cattle Sale

Friday July 11, 2025 - Expecting 50 loads.

Steers	Heifers
2hd,blk,Copan,433lbs.,\$459	6hd,blk,ElkCity,443lbs.,\$396
5hd,blk,LaHarpe,459lbs.,\$426	4hd,mix,Parsons,471lbs.,\$376
4hd,blk,Chanute,524lbs.,\$426	3hd,blk,Fredonia,480lbs.,\$380
7hd,blk,LaHarpe,581lbs.,\$400	2hd,mix,Stark,485lbs.,\$380
6hd,blk,StPaul,656lbs.,\$340	3hd,blk,Copan,512lbs.,\$357
2hd,blk,Thayer,723lbs.,\$334	4hd,mix,Dennis,540lbs.,\$358
44hd,mix,Erie,820lbs.,\$299.50	43hd,mix,Parsons,601lbs.,\$312.50
122hd,blk,Lngnt,867lbs.,\$294.50	5hd,blk,Parsons,605lbs.,\$319
	5hd,blk,StPaul,669lbs.,\$314.50
	41hd,mix,NeoshoFlls,813lbs.,\$275.50

The market report is based on choice stocker and feeder calves.

Pairs \$2,700 to \$3,650 Weigh Cows \$120 to \$163
Bred Cows \$2,150-\$3,150 Weigh Bulls \$185-\$212

Fredonia Livestock Auction, L.L.C... Where top dollar and customer satisfaction meet.

FREDONIA

City Wide Garage

SALE

Friday and Saturday

May 16th & 17th, 2025

ADMISSION IS FREE

A list of all participating addresses will be compiled. You can find the finalized list at local businesses by May 15th.

Call or text: **Bobby Houdashelt**
Cell: 620-433-7608

If you would like to be added to the list, contact us no later than **May 13th, 2025**

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Wilson County Citizen Thursday, May 1, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
SITTING IN FREDONIA

In the Matter of the Estate of CLYDE R. LOWE a/k/a CLYDE RAYMOND LOWE, deceased
Case No. WL-2025-PR-000013

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Probate of Will & Issuance of Letters Testamentary has been filed in this Court by DWAYNE M. LOWE praying that the Will of the decedent filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; for appointment of an executor without bond; and that Letters Testamentary be granted and issued to him.

You are hereby required to file your written

defenses thereto on or before the 29th day of May, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. of such day in this Court, Wilson County Courthouse, Magistrate Courtroom, Upper Level, 615 Madison Street, Fredonia, Kansas 66736 at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

DWAYNE M. LOWE,
Petitioner

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