

NEWS

County Extension Office Seeks Increase in 2026 Budget

STAFF REPORT

Harper County K-State Research and Extension representatives met with county commissioners on Monday morning seeking a 2.5 percent increase in its operating budget for 2026.

Commissioners asked if Kansas State University was going to increase its financial contribution to the organization. County Extension Agent Jenni Carr said there is a potential KSU will increase its contribution in 2026, but only by \$300 or \$400.

“That aggravates me,” Chairman

Brian Waldschmidt said.

Commissioners also asked Carr if her office was “full staffed.” She told commissioners she is trying to fill one position within her office, but is utilizing a paid intern during the summer.

Carr said there is also a huge push for county agents to encourage local 4-Hers to attend Kansas State University.

The local county agent said the organization will also no longer be known as K-State Research and Extension. As of July 1, the organization will lose research from its name and

go by K-State Extension. She also told the commissioners the group will be moved out of the umbrella of the College of Agriculture at KSU.

“Politics,” District 2 Commissioner Melinda McCurley said.

Carr also sought the approval of having a tent placed in front of her office during the Harper County Fair for the community feed. She said last year there was an issue with the placement of the tent on Central Street just south of Main Street due to access to local businesses. The commissioners approved of the move.

NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

The Public Transportation Service assists all Harper County residents of any age to stay independent with transportation to work, medical appointments, shopping, errands, Patterson Health Center and locations less than 70 miles. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Every county resident can ride with public transit regardless of age or mobility. Equal access is provided to the public. Although out of county trips are available, rides need to be scheduled 24 hours in advance, and the bus returns for Harper County by 3 p.m. Call (620) 842-5104 for reservations and rates. First come, first served. Advance reservations are recommended.

TEFAP FOOD COMMODITIES AVAILABLE JULY 10

TEFAP Food Commodities will be available to pick up Thursday, July 10 from 8:30 am to noon at 201 N. Jennings. Park on the west side of the courthouse. Food is first come, first served and new income guidelines apply.

Deadheading Can Be Beneficial for Flower Gardens

HARPER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

It may feel a bit gloomy to pick off fading flowers from the yard’s plants but you’re actually setting plants up for success by pinching off spent flowers, a process called deadheading.

Some plants will bloom more profusely if the old, spent flowers are removed.

Annuals, especially, focus their energy on seed production to ensure that the species survives. If you remove the old flowers, the energy used to produce seed is now available to produce more flowers.

Normally, gardeners can deadhead flowers by simply pinching them off with a thumb and finger, but some tougher stems may

require scissors or pruning shears.

Some perennials also benefit from deadheading, which essentially extends the blooming season by encouraging an additional burst of flowers. But in the case of perennials, some gardeners actually enjoy the look of spent flowers, such as sedum or purple coneflower. And the seed

produced can be a good food source for birds.

Other plants that do not need to be deadheaded include sedum (Autumn Joy), melampodium, impatiens, most flowering vines, Lythrum, periwinkle (Catharanthus) and wish-bone flower (Torenia).

For more information, contact Jennifer Carr at jlcarrksu.edu

HARPER CITY JAIL

June 17: Robert Andrew Stinson, 54, failure to appear, released June 17, \$303 bond.

June 17: Larry Dee Paasch, 65, held for Barber County, endangering a child, sexual exploitation of a child and lewd or lascivious behavior, realized June 20, bond N/A.

June 18: Craig Wayne Freed, 30, disorderly conduct and domestic battery, release date N/A, bond N/A.

June 20: Christopher Charles Blevins, 47, held for Barber County, returned to Barber County June 21.

June 22: Linda Carol Stacy, 57, domestic battery and assault, release date N/A, bond N/A.

OBITUARY

SHAWN LEE HARDING

Shawn Lee Harding passed away June 17, 2025, surrounded by family in Wichita.



Shawn was born on June 17, 1957, in Harper, the son of Lloyd Tommy and Rose Arlene (Wohlschlegel) Harding. The family made their home in Harper, where Shawn attended grade school before going on to Chaparral High School. Excelling in track as a runner, he also enjoyed baseball, basketball, and football.

After high school, Shawn worked for the Barkers’ Custom Cutting crew for six years. He then worked for a few businesses in Harper before going to work at Asplundh Tree Service. Shawn worked for Asplundh for several years working his way up to foreman of a crew.

On June 5, 1988, Shawn married Charlotte Hixson out by the Wohlschlegel pond near Harper. The couple resided in Harper with varying combinations of their seven children.

Shawn’s hobbies included driving the back roads of Harper County, watching traffic from the back porch, and

talking to friends at the Copper Lounge. He enjoyed watching the grandkids play in the yard and watching Dallas Cowboys football. He spent the last few years traveling with Charlotte to Montana, Wyoming, California, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Missouri, and South Dakota.

Shawn battled cancer in 2020. Overcoming cancer Shawn still struggled with his health.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Harding; mother, Rose (Wohlschlegel) Washburn and stepfather, Guy Washburn; and granddaughter Rhylee Harding.

Shawn is survived by his wife, Charlotte of the home; children: Amber Harding of Wichita, Michael Harding (Emily) of Honeywell, Matthew Harding (Kinsey Nemecheck) of Wichita, Carrie Kelly (Michael) of Norwich, Cassie Bohrer (Sedrick Woods) of Haysville, Shelby Heitz (Jason) of Topeka, and Shalie Byers (Bryan) of Udall; siblings: Eliane Armstrong, Joe Harding (Mary Ellen), Shelle Mathes (Ron), and Troy Harding (Jan), all of Harper; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Graveside Service was Friday, June 20 at the Harper Cemetery with Roy Jacobs officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kingman County Humane Society and can be sent in care of Prairie Rose Funeral homes, 613 W 14th St., Harper, Kansas, 67058

Online condolences can be left at www.prairierosefuneralhomes.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Harper County, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Matthew Eslinger aka Matthew W. Eslinger, Laura L. Eslinger, Harper County Treasurer, Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al.,
Defendants

Case No. HP-2025-CV-000015

Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Harper County, Kansas by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the

following described real estate:

A TRACT IN THE EAST HALF (E/2) OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-ONE (31) SOUTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT 1887.0 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-ONE (31) SOUTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES A DISTANCE OF 520 FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO SOUTH SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 496 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 520 FEET TO SOUTH SECTION LINE, THENCE WEST 496 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. 039-019-30-0-00-00-005.00-0. Commonly known as 750 NE 110 Rd., Danville, KS 67036 (“the Property”) MS 228013

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before August 6, 2025 in the District Court of Harper County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

HARPER SENIOR MEALS

June 30: Taco bake, brussel sprouts, fruit, cookie, milk

July 1: Breaded chicken sandwich, fried potatoes, cucumber salad, milk

July 2: Smoked pork, baked beans, spinach salad, roll, fruit, milk

July 3: Beef stroganoff, tossed salad, fruit, brownie, milk

July 4: Closed for the 4th of July

Please order/cancel by 1 p.m. the day prior. Call (620) 896-2063 for reservations.

Opinions come in all different colors, shapes & sizes!

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Thank You City of Harper!

The City of Anthony would like to extend a special thank you to the City of Harper and Operator Stan Ryberg for providing Backhoe assistance during our recent geologic research project on the Anthony 16” Water Main.

In addition, the City of Harper has graciously stepped forward to utilize their remaining Rural Champions Grant Funds to hire a Land Bank Specialist to assist the Cities of Harper, Attica and Anthony in their Land Bank development and implementation. This wasn’t something the Harper City Council was required to do; they elected to share this service generously to aid all three communities in their local efforts to address housing. We commend this leadership and want to extend a true appreciation for the partnership opportunities that continue to bring benefits to all our citizens. The Cities of Attica and Anthony extend a Thank You to the Harper City Council Members!

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