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CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS

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The Chase County Commission certified results of the Nov. 3 general election Monday following a canvass that included provisional ballots and election audit results.

County officials reported 1,162 ballots cast with a reported turnout of 62.19%.

Commissioners convened as the county board of canvassers and voted to accept valid provisional ballots before forwarding them to the counting board. After receiving the updated results, commissioners approved the official election abstract.



COURTESY PHOTO

Officials also reviewed election procedures, including state-required audits, and praised election staff for being the first county in Kansas to report results on election night.

During regular business, commissioners approved minutes from their Oct. 30 meeting and briefly discussed the proposed Coyne Creek Road vacation. No action was taken on the road matter.

Commissioners also entered an executive session with Deb Haglund and the county attorney to discuss nonelected personnel. No action was taken following the session.

A road and bridge work session is planned for Nov. 18 to discuss a five-year plan and other department matters.

Officials also announced a Grassland Fire Index training presentation by the National Weather Service at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the community building. The presentation is intended for farmers, ranchers and other interested residents.

The commission's next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16.

NEWS FROM THE TWIN CITIES

By Gayle Ingalls
The Chase County Leader-News

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy

Congratulations to the CCJSHS Football team. They have had an awesome season. It didn't end the way we would have liked but very proud of our Bulldogs, our coaches, the band and cheer and dance squad. Thanks for giving us a great season.

Junior High basketball is in full steam. The girls and boys teams are doing well. They are playing 2 games a week.

The Chase County Arts and Crafts Fair is scheduled for Saturday November 28th at St. Anthony's Hall in Strong City. Text or call Deanna Wessel at 620-794-6034 for more information and to reserve a table/space. This is held in conjunction with the Chase County Christmas and Courthouse Lighting. It's always a great place to get goodies.

There are many activities planned for Country Christmas in Chase County. I hope everyone gets out and enjoys the fun and games.

The Bazaar Bazaar Dinner and Auction will be held on December 5th at the Bazaar Schoolhouse. It begins at 6pm. Don't miss the good food and great auction prizes.

It was so good to see Karen Davis and Charlie at church this morning. Karen has spent some time in the hospital and rehab after a fall and broken bones. She is now at home recuperating. Get well soon, Karen.

Thanks to all who helped with the Veteran's Day Luncheon on Wednesday. This is in appreciation to all Veteran's and enlisted for your service. This is put on by the Chase County All Veteran's Organization. Many have worked hard to sponsor this lovely luncheon. Thank you all for your service.

Mrs. Rachel Matile's class, once again is responsible for the calf project at Chase County Elementary School. This is such a wonderful project. They have purchased 2 calves that they bottle feed. Every weekend, a student is responsible for feeding the calves. Each class member is responsible for a part of this project and have a job to do throughout the year. They have updates on Facebook showing what is going on. It is a great opportunity for these students to get hands on experience in livestock, money management and many other things.

Jason and Mandy Walker, Brooks and friend, Kadence, Baxter Springs arrived in time for the High School football game on Friday evening. They stayed the night and then drove to Manhattan to visit with Emma Walker. They all went to the game, toured Emma's work place, Wagyu Beef, north of Manhattan. They then had dinner and the Baxter group headed back to Chase County to spend the night. We all went to church and then had breakfast at my home with added guests, Jared and Katie Mann, Carter, Max and Piper. We had a fun time visiting before the Walker's headed back to SE Kansas.

St. Anthony's 18th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at the St. Anthony's Hall in Strong City from 11:30am to 1:00pm. There will be dine in, pick up or delivery. Please call Vicki Adcock at 620-366-1211 for information. Thanksgiving is just around the corner.

I hope everyone is having a great week. God bless you all.

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Father Andrew Seiler
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Fire on the Prairie H20 Church. TV
313 Broadway
Cottonwood Falls
Bible Study, Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Strong City Grace Lutheran Church
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273-8685
Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
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12/08/2026 at 6pm RETTIGER LAND AUCTION: 78.2+/- acres of Cropland, CRP, Prather Creek and Recreation in Chase County

REAL ESTATE

NEW LISTING: 209 Cottonwood St, SC (Liquor Store) - $199,000.00
NEW LISTING: 315 N Cottonwood Ave, SC (Multi-use Building in Strong City) - $150,000.00
NEW LISTING: 702 N Cottonwood Ave, SC (3 bed, 1 bath) - $69,500.00
NEW LISTING: 92 Lakeshore Dr, Marion Co Lake, Marion (3 bed, 3 bath) - $400,000.00
NEW LISTING: 318 Cottonwood Ave, SC (Restaurant in Strong City) - $125,900.00
NEW LISTING: 234 Broadway, CWF (Commercial Building in Cottonwood Falls) - $149,000.00
NEW LISTING: 411 Main, Florence (Commercial Bldg) - $99,500.00
UNDER CONTRACT: 603 S Cottonwood Ave, SC (3 bed, 2 bath) - $115,900.00
UNDER CONTRACT: 509 Main St, CWF (2 bed, 1 bath) - $154,900.00
SOLD: 1961 US HWY 50, SC (6 Ac Flint Hills) - $47,400.00
SOLD: 330 Pine, CWF (2 bed, 1 bath) - $39,000.00

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN S. UMBERGER, Deceased
CS-2026-PR 000008
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Elizabeth Douglas, a niece and one of the heirs of Martin S. Umberger, deceased, requesting:
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Chase County, Kansas:
Section 33, Township 18, Range 6 East of 6th P.M. in Chase County, Kansas
and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by Decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the city of Cottonwood Falls, Chase County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
SUBMITTED BY:
/s/ Elizabeth Douglas
ELIZABETH DOUGLAS,
Petitioner