

# BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

I hope everyone is safe and enjoying the month of Love so far! Valentine's Day article coming soon! Attached is Hope Church Calendar for the month of February, and the 17th is Tuesday Prayer and Share at Tootle Books N' Such. If you're curious, reach out. Have a good week and stay warm!

## FEBRUARY

### HOPE CHURCH ..... 2026

<b>SUN</b> WEEKLY	<b>FELLOWSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b> <small>Coffee and Fellowship — 9:00 AM Worship and Service — 9:30 AM</small>
<b>WED</b> WEEKLY	<b>THE MEN'S GROUP</b> <small>All men are welcome — 7:00 PM Join for fellowship, connection, and study!</small>
<b>3RD</b> TUESDAY	<b>TOOTLE PRAYER &amp; SHARE</b> <small>A community prayer at Tootle Books &amp; Such. Join in or receive prayer — 7:00 PM on 02/21.</small>
<b>3RD</b> SATURDAY	<b>TOOTLE TEA @ THREE</b> <small>Women's tea time at Tootle Books &amp; Such. Join the fellowship at 3:00 PM on 02/21.</small>



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- “Too many of us blurt out what we think without thinking”...
- At the altar, she stops making over him and starts making him over...
- You're getting along in years, brother, when it takes twice as long to rest and half as long to get tired...

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### FEBRUARY 2026 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH	3 Parmesan Pork Chop, Long Grain Rice, Chopped Spinach, Brownie	4 CHOICE DAY	5 RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH	6 Citrus Fish, Hash Brown Casserole, Broccoli, Hush Puppies, Apple Pie
9 RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH	10 Beef Goulash, Mixed Veggies, Breadstick, Fruit Cobbler	11 Beef Stew, Mixed Green Salad, Biscuit, Ice Cream	12 Onion Sage Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Upside Down Pear Cake	13 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Buttered Corn, Roll, Banana Pudding

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### City of Glasco 2025 Treasurer's Report

	Begin Year Cash Balances	End of Year Cash Balance	2025 Revenues	2025 Expenses
<b>General Fund:</b>				
General	\$ 26,946	\$ 131,749	\$ 302,395	\$ 90,981
Code Enforcement				\$ 3,635
Fire Department				\$ 41,894
Street Department				\$ 32,482
Swimming Pool				\$ 28,255
Other				\$ -
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 26,946</b>	<b>\$ 131,749</b>	<b>\$ 302,395</b>	<b>\$ 197,247</b>
<b>Other Budgeted Funds:</b>				
Library	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,051	\$ 9,580	\$ 9,595
Employee Benefits	\$ 79	\$ 15,603	\$ 15,524	\$ -
Special Highway	\$ 51,669	\$ 44,912	\$ -	\$ 6,758
Electric Utility	\$ 545,765	\$ 104,076	\$ 468,977	\$ 623,416
Water Utility	\$ 101,838	\$ 164,562	\$ 158,163	\$ 95,439
Sewer & Waste Utility	\$ 39,812	\$ 57,915	\$ 182,291	\$ 164,188
Special Street Improvement	\$ 44,750	\$ 33,590	\$ -	\$ 11,160
Cemetery	\$ 20,318	\$ 20,407	\$ 34,303	\$ 34,214
<b>Total Other Budgeted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 505,296</b>	<b>\$ 442,115</b>	<b>\$ 868,839</b>	<b>\$ 944,769</b>
<b>Unbudgeted Funds:</b>				
Electric Reserve	\$ 191,854	\$ 216,854	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Water Reserve	\$ 200,234	\$ 200,234	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Reserve	\$ 35,387	\$ 35,387	\$ -	\$ -
Electric Meter	\$ 2,404	\$ 4,165	\$ 2,788	\$ 202
Community Improvement	\$ 11,389	\$ 20,482	\$ 9,093	\$ -
Tree Purchase Fund	\$ 36	\$ 36	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ 150	\$ 45,660	\$ 113,393	\$ 105,410
Machinery Reserve	\$ 37,677	\$ 35,485	\$ 4,100	\$ -
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 75,570	\$ 75,570	\$ -	\$ -
Demolition	\$ 378	\$ 378	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Unbudgeted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 586,463</b>	<b>\$ 634,250</b>	<b>\$ 154,374</b>	<b>\$ 105,612</b>
<b>Total City Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,118,706</b>	<b>\$ 1,208,113</b>	<b>\$ 1,325,608</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,629</b>
			<b>Total Revenue Received (Jan - Dec)</b>	<b>\$ 1,325,608</b>
			<b>Total Expenditures (Jan - Dec)</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,629</b>
			<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 77,979</b>
<b>Statement of Indebtedness:</b>				
KDHE - SEWER LOAN - C20-3040-01	\$ 380,168			
KDHE - SEWER LOAN - C20-1912-01	\$ 27,860			

I, Heather Bowles, City Clerk of the City of Glasco, Kansas do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Heather Bowles*  
Heather Bowles

# CVA: Old or New, Show Us Your Blue. FFA Blue Jacket Challenge

Central Valley Ag (CVA) would like to announce the Blue Jacket Challenge in celebration of National FFA Week. From February 2 - 13, 2026, the challenge invites past and present FFA members to show off their FFA blue jacket. From one generation to another, FFA continues to support and grow the leaders of the agricultural industry.

“FFA shaped me into the person I am today, from getting involved in CDE’s to leading meetings as President, it’s where I gained confidence and learned how important relationships and networking are in life,” said Amanda Jackson, grain specialist with Central Valley Ag and a current FFA Alumni member. “There are relationships I still cherish today with friends that stemmed from FFA.”

The Blue Jacket Challenge invites FFA alumni or current members to participate by submitting a photo

with your FFA jacket, old or new, for a chance to have CVA donate \$250 to the local FFA chapter of your choice. The challenge celebrates the lasting impact of FFA throughout communities and the pride shared across generations.

Through this promotion, CVA continues its commitment to support and recognize the next generation of agricultural leaders and strengthening the communities it serves. National FFA Week is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of agricultural education and leadership development. CVA is proud to stand alongside FFA members and alumni as they celebrate the organization’s legacy and its future.

Participants can find full contest details and instructions for submitting photos on CVA’s social media channels. Each eligible entry will be entered for a chance to have CVA make a \$250 donation to an FFA chapter of their choosing.

# K-State to host Junior Beef Producer Day on March 7

BY PAT MELGARES,  
K-State Extension news service  
MANHATTAN, Kan.  
— Kansas State University will host the 2026 Junior Beef Producer Day on March 7 to encourage youth – and adults – to expand their knowledge of beef projects.

University officials describe the event as a “fun-filled, educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers and extension agents.” The event begins at 8 a.m. at K-State’s Bilbrey Family Events Center, which opened in Fall, 2025.

Registration costs \$20, which includes a t-shirt and lunch, and is due by Feb. 13. Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>. Late registration costs \$30 and does not include a t-shirt. Anyone attending – including youth and

adults – must register in advance.

Lexie Hayes, the youth livestock coordinator in K-State’s Department of Animal Sciences, said faculty and staff “are excited to welcome young beef enthusiasts to the new Bilbrey Family Event Center for a fun day of learning.”

“This is a great opportunity for youth and their families to hear about a wide range of beef-related topics, from selection to nutrition, meat science, health, grooming, showmanship and more.”

She added that K-State faculty, staff, students, guests and members of K-State’s nationally rec-

ognized livestock judging team will be among the day’s presenters.

In addition, attendees can opt in to a class after the main program to become certified in the national youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, or YQCA, which is available to those aged 8 to 21 and focuses on food safety, animal well-being and character development.

More information on the 2026 Junior Beef Producer Day is available on the event’s website, or by contacting Hayes by email, [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu), or by phone, 785-532-1264.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – Miltonvale Playground Project - CDBG Proj. No.: 25-PF-011

OWNER:  
City of Miltonvale  
107 Starr Ave.  
Miltonvale, KS 67466

ARCHITECT:  
Dean Randolph  
CES Group, Inc.  
605 Broadway  
Marysville, KS 66508  
(785) 562-5148  
[drandolph@cesgroup.biz](mailto:drandolph@cesgroup.biz)

The City of Miltonvale will receive sealed bids for the construction of updates to **Tootleville Playground** at City Hall, 107 Starr Ave., Miltonvale, Kansas 67466 until **Monday, March 9th at 2:00 pm**. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall immediately after Bid Closing time.

The major items of WORK include: Demolition of existing play equipment structures, replacing the existing play equipment structures and installing surfacing. All parts of the project will be ADA compliant.

Issuing Office for Bidding Documents is: CES Group, Inc., 605 Broadway, Marysville, KS 66508,  
Ph: (785) 562-5148, email: [drandolph@CESgroup.biz](mailto:drandolph@CESgroup.biz). Bidding documents may be examined at City Hall in Miltonvale, KS and at Engineer's office Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bidding Documents. Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained through: [www.cesgroup.biz/plan-room](http://www.cesgroup.biz/plan-room). Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. **Bidders must register with the Issuing Office website to receive updates to bidding information.**

Bid Security of 5% will be required in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidder qualifications may be required in accordance with Instructions to Bidders. Owner reserves the right to reject Bids and to waive irregularities.

Project Funding. This project is funded by the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC) CDBG program.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED: Federal **Davis-Bacon** minimum wage rates under the contract (Davis Bacon Act)-applies to Prime and all subcontractors; **Copeland "Anti-Kick-back" Act**; **Fair Labor Standards Act**, and the **Contractor work Hours and Safety Standards Act**. Attention of bidders is called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and Federal prevailing wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3 of the 1968 Housing Act, Segregated Facility, Section 109 of the 1984 Housing and Community Development Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.  
**Equal Employment Opportunity**- Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the presidents Executive Order 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the project manual.  
**Build America Buy America**- This agreement is for services related to a project that is incorporated into the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-24-02, "Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure." Contractor shall include Manufacturer's Certification for BABA requirements for all BABA-covered items to be incorporated into the infrastructure project. Contractor shall comply with BABA requirements, including coordination with manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers to correct deficiencies in any BABA documentation. For any change orders, Contractor shall provide BABA documentation for any new products or materials required by the change. Contractor shall designate the responsible parties for determining the final categorizations for all project items.  
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This Advertisement for Bids is issued by the City of Miltonvale, KS

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