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One of their first hires will be Derek and Paula's son, Will. "He always had aspirations to be in the business," Derek said. "He's been helping out already. He'll be a senior next year, and when he finishes school, this is what he wants to do. He's excited to join the work force, so once he turns 18 he can get qualified for the chemical stuff like spraying, and then we'll really get things going."

A lot of pest control businesses are now in the lawn business, as well, and Pro Techs is no exception. "Pro Techs works closely with Derek Henry and Southwind Lawn & Landscape on the ground sterilizer treatment," Derek said. "We will provide a full-service pest perspective for all lawn care."

As Pro Techs expands, they will go east all the way past Wakefield and south through Salina. "Salina is a huge opportunity for us," Ty said. "There's a lot of business there, and we expect to take on a good share of it. As fast as things are going now, I'll need help by this summer. It's definitely a goal to hire Will and several more technicians within a year."

In addition to staff, Pro Techs has added another full-size truck to the fleet, a power-sprayer, and is now licensed to spray yards. "We'll be offering mosquito control in the very near future, in addition to our other general pest control services: termites, bed bugs, rodent control, roaches, ants - ants are a big one," said Ty.

The two sons of two fathers deeply rooted in the pest control business have taken control of a company that they believe will flourish even more under their leadership. "This job is all about relationships - that's key for us," said Ty. "We don't push people into services they don't need. We want to keep this as cost-effective as possible for the customer and build that trust with our customers even more. That will always be our number one goal at Pro Techs."

"Our role models are our fathers, Martin Newlin and Todd Gennette, and also Tom Zugelder," said Derek. "They were in this business their whole lives, and Ty and I learned a lot from them. The pest control industry has always been a part of us, and we will continue that tradition into the next chapter of our lives."

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"That's why it was important to do this program and give back with the truck while Dan was retiring," Gallegos said. "We're involved with the high school because of him, and we got a great technician because of him too. Now I look forward to working with Allen (Jackson) and just continuing to build on this."

Now, with Turner returning to Concordia and witnessing the growth of the programs he attended just a few years prior, he's excited to see how much the students work on the used truck for that valuable hands-on experience.

"I'm very excited," Turner said. "I think it would be really good to get more students into this program. I feel like we could use a lot more techs than we have. I think you can find a job just about anywhere in this career."

Gallegos said he loves working with the CJSHS school district and intends to continue working closely with the school's automotive portion of its CTE programs.

Those who do not want to imitate anything,
produce nothing.
-Salvador Dali



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Almost two dozen volunteers help raise 199 flags for the Avenue of Flags event during the early morning hours of Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia.



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Workers spread hundreds of yards of concrete on the new Ross Doyen Memorial Bridge throughout the day on Tuesday, May 12, located just northeast of Concordia. According to Cloud County Commission Chairman Mike Cleveland, workers poured more than 500 yards of concrete for the entire bridge.

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Hubert reported that in 2025, the Center served 10,683 meals in-house and via the Meals On Wheels program.

Lindsey Kopsa, director of the Frank Carlson Library, reported to commissioners that the library had 17,502 visitors in 2025, and averaged about 337 visitors per week - a substantial increase from previous years. 232 people are new cardholders. 38,645 items were checked out, and 2,095 new books were added to the library's collection. 3,865 patrons attended the 274 events held at the library.

The commissioners will take all the budget requests under advisement as they prepare the City's next fiscal budget.

In the discussion item portion of the meeting, Dan Haist of Dano's Fireworks - Boom Baby! - requested that the licensing fees from fireworks stands in the City be donated to help fund the cost of the

City's fireworks display, which will be held at the fairgrounds on Friday, July 3. The City has donated the fees from the stands in past years, which amounts to approximately \$3,000.

After a brief discussion, commissioners approved donating the fees to the City's fireworks display.

In the action item portion of the meeting, commissioners approved Resolution 2026-2233 that set a public hearing date of July 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to begin the condemnation process for the property at 234 and 238 West 6th Street.

Tim Jessup, the City's building inspector, reported that the property exhibited severe structural deterioration and conditions constituting an unsafe and dangerous structure that posed an imminent threat to life safety and public welfare, and was unsafe for human occupancy.

Jessup also stated that the property is a multi-story mixed-use masonry

structure that contained six occupied residential dwelling units above a ground-floor commercial property. All residents were vacated from the property within 24 hours.

In their next item of business, commissioners approved the bid of \$8,500 from Diehl Enterprises for the demolition of the structures and the removal of blight from the property at 715 East 8th Street.

Jessup stated that at the city commission meeting on March 18, 2026, commissioners had approved Resolution 2026-2226 that approved condemning the property at 715 East 8th Street.

Commissioners then approved a request from Shane Kisby, the City's public works director, for staff to directly negotiate with a qualified concrete contractor for the completion of the 19th Street valley gutter project and the City Hall sidewalk project.

Kisby stated that the

City wanted to hire a contractor for the construction of a valley gutter across 19th Street to improve stormwater drainage, and also the removal and replacement of the sidewalk on the north side of City Hall.

The City solicited bids, which were due on May 12, 2026. No bids were received.

In further action, commissioners approved Resolution No. 2026-2234 that established Commission Policy Statement 2026-1 - with amendments - regarding multiple-user spaces at city-owned and operated public facilities.

City Manager Amy Lange reported that per SB 244, which the Kansas Legislature passed as a law in February 2026, the City must have a policy on changing rooms, restrooms, and locker rooms in city-owned and operated facilities with multiple user facilities.

Lange stated that while some of the park restrooms and City Hall have multi-user restrooms, the primary concern at this point is for the changing rooms at the swimming pool. The pool was scheduled to open on May 23, 2026.

Commission Policy 1 can be viewed on the City's website concordiaok.org.

Commissioners approved the reappointment of Lori Lowell and Alisha Sipe to new four-year terms on the Frank Carlson Library Board.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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