

NEWS

Rolla-Richfield-Dermot

by Phoebe Brummett

Board of Education attends monthly meeting

USD 217 Board of Education met in regular session Monday, September 14 at the Hays Educational Center. President Jason LaRue called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link and Maria Wiebe were present. Daniel Dunn entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and Kimberley Hull entered at 6:49 p.m. Others present were Randy Rockhold - superintendent, Tracy Flanagan - principal, Traci Overpeck - BoE Treasurer, SaKya Milburn - BoE Clerk, Cassie Thrall - AD and Dean of Students, Priscilla Milburn, Tosha Wasmuth, Cambreya Milburn, Charlotte Wood and Hudson Wasmuth. Phoebe moved to approve the agenda as presented, Nick seconded and the motion carried, 4-0. Cambreya Milburn

and Charlotte Wood made a proposal for the return of high school cheerleading. The students presented their arguments for it and the board agreed to take their thoughts into consideration. No action was taken. Hudson Wasmuth joined the girls and presented potential fundraisers for the Class of 2030 since ball games will be more limited. The board agreed to discuss the pros and cons of their ideas. No action was taken. Cassie Thrall presented information about a potential increase in funds for the Rolla Recreation Commission in the future. Mr. Rockhold will research the information and bring it back to the board at the next meeting. Phoebe Brummett moved to

approve the consent agenda's items A, B, and D as presented, tabling item C's approval for next month's meeting due to the absence of the activities report at the board meeting. Jason LaRue seconded; motion carried, 5-0. Cassie gave an update on fall sports. Mr. Rockhold gave an update on grounds/maintenance. Tracy Flanagan gave the principal's report. Mr. Rockhold discussed the BoE Needs Assessment. Phoebe Brummett moved to approve the posting of the BOE Needs Assessment as discussed and evaluated. Jason LaRue seconded; motion carried, 6-0. Kimberly Hull moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. with Maria Wiebe seconding. Motion carried. The next BoE meeting will be October 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hays Educational Center.



Betty Clinesmith is honored at the Rolla Seniors Center for her September birthday. Photo courtesy of Wilene Burrows.

Meet the Second Grade Teacher

Priscilla Milburn is no stranger to Rolla, but this fall marks an exciting new chapter as she leaps from Special Education into the second-grade classroom. This transition comes on the heels of a major personal milestone: earning her Master's in Education with the steadfast support of her family.



Priscilla Milburn From Priscilla's Facebook page

Priscilla's life is as vibrant as her career. Married to Pete and a mother to three daughters—SaKya, Adynn and Cami—she is also a devoted aunt and a "second mom" to several children she considers her own. Her family circle is continuing to grow, as she looks forward to adding "mother-in-law" to her list of titles very soon. At home, the energy continues with three dogs and a cat. Her commitment to the community extends far beyond the classroom. A passionate leader for the Rolla All Around 4H Club, Priscilla loves cheering on her daughters as they show their animals. She is also stepping up her game on the athletic field, taking over as the new high school volleyball coach while returning to lead the track team. Way to go, Priscilla!



Time...Keeps On Ticking
But Our Deadline Is
Always The Same!

Monday at 5:00 p.m.
The Hugoton Hermes -
620-544-4321

Meet the High School Secretary

Hannah Dunn is a familiar face at Rolla, though she's kept things exciting by stepping into a new role almost every year. This year, she serves as the welcoming voice and face of the high school office, where she finds her greatest joy in watching students learn and grow. Outside of school, Hannah stays busy as a proud mom to fifth-grade twins and a dedicated 4H parent with a lifelong love for the fair. Her passion for the outdoors also keeps her connected to her roots; she has attended the Point Rock Riders trail

ride every single year since childhood. Rolla is grateful for Hannah's versatility and her continued commitment to making the community great.



Hannah Dunn Taken from Hannah Dunn's Facebook page

Meet the Staff

Sharmilla Hall is bringing her expertise to Rolla, joining the team from Elkhart as the new teacher for Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, and Healthcare Careers. A graduate of Elkhart who has spent most of her life in Morton County, Sharmilla is eager to meet her new students and inspire them by exploring the diverse opportunities within the healthcare field. When she isn't in the classroom, Sharmilla enjoys the great outdoors through gardening and fishing, and she is an avid sports fan. She is married and the proud mother of two grown sons and a grandmother to one grandson. Welcome to the team, Sharmilla!



Sharmilla Hall Photo courtesy of Hannah Dunn

What's for LUNCH?

September 23		L: Sweet & Sour Nuggets, Asian Veggies, Brown Rice, Tomatoes, Celery, Tropical Fruit
B: Sausage Breakfast Sandwich, Pineapple, Juice		
L: Taco Burger, Tortilla Chips, Salsa Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Banana		
September 24		B: Pancakes, Sausage, Tropical Fruit, Juice
B: Breakfast Bar, Cereal, Banana, Juice		
L: Chicken Patty, Roll, Mashed Potato, Pears		
September 25		B: Mini Bagels, Applesauce, Juice
No School: Staff Development		
September 28		L: Cheese Breadstick, Marinara Sauce, Corn, Salad, Kiwi
B: Mini Waffles, Pears, Juice		

Morton County Football

Still Undefeated!

The combined Elkhart /Rolla high school football team turned a tense homecoming game into a thrilling victory Friday, September 18. Facing off against Clayton, NM, the fighting ER Wild Pirates found themselves in a deep 0-14 hole during the first quarter. However, they rallied for a stellar comeback, clawing their way back to secure a nail-biting 40-38 win. With this victory, the E/R team remains undefeated at 3-0!

Community Calendar

September 24
4:30 pm: JH Volleyball at Rolla vs FBA
4:30 pm: JH Football at Elkhart vs Springfield
5:30 pm: HS Volleyball at Rolla vis FBA (Senior Night)
September 25
No School: Staff Development
HS Football at South
Congratulations to the players and coaches on an incredible start to the season. The action continues this Friday, September 25, as the team

Gray
September 28
No Pre-K
4:30 pm: HS Volleyball at Rolla
4:30 pm: JH Volleyball at Syracuse
September 29
6:00 pm: Family Engagement Night
September 30
Fall Portraits
travels to South Gray/Montezuma for a 7:00 p.m. kickoff. Best of luck to the Wild Pirates as they chase more wins!

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD WARD ADAMS, ALSO KNOWN AS DONALD W. ADAMS, ALSO KNOWN AS DONALD ADAMS, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2026-PR-000022

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Stephen Eugene Adams, as and as heir of Donald Ward Adams, also known as Donald W. Adams, also known as Donald Adams, deceased, praying for the determina-

Stephen Eugene Adams
Petitioner

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State of Kansas Candidates
2026 General Election –
November 3
Candidatos del estado de Kansas
Elecciones generales de 2026 –
3 de Noviembre

FEDERAL OFFICES
CARGOS FEDERALES
United States Senate / Senado de los Estados Unidos:
Democratic / Democrático
Adam Hamilton, Stilwell
Republican / Republicano
Roger Marshall, St. John
Libertarian / Libertario
David C Graham, Overland Park
United States House of Representatives – 1st District / Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos – Distrito 1:
Democratic / Democrático
Lauren Reinhold, Lawrence
Republican / Republicano
Tracey Mann, Salina
Libertarian / Libertario
Steven Jacob, Lawrence

STATE OFFICES
CARGOS ESTATALES
Governor/Lt. Governor / Gobernador/Vicegobernador:
Democratic / Democrático
Cindy Holscher / KC Ohaebosim, Overland Park/Wichita
Republican / Republicano
Ty Masterson / Jeffrey Klemp, Andover, Lansing
Secretary of State / Secretario de Estado:
Democratic / Democrático
Jennifer Day, Overland Park
Republican / Republicano
Pat Proctor, Leavenworth
United Kansas / Kansas Unido
Scott E. Morgan, Lawrence
Attorney General / Fiscal General de Kansas:
Democratic / Democrático
Chris Mann, Lawrence
Republican / Republicano
Kris Kobach, Lecompton
State Treasurer / Tesorero del Estado:
Democratic / Democrático
Juan C. Luengo, Olathe
Republican / Republicano
Steven Johnson, Assaria
Libertarian / Libertario
Eric Lund, Paola
Commissioner of Insurance / Comisionado de Seguros:

Democratic / Democrático
Dinah Sykes, Lenexa
Republican / Republicano
Daniel Hawkins, Wichita
Libertarian / Libertario
Ric Koehn, Cimarron
Kansas House of Representatives – 124th District / Cámara de Representantes de Kansas – Distrito 124:
Republican / Republicano
Marty Long, Ulysses
District Court Judge – 26th District, Div. 1 / Juez del Tribunal de Distrito – Distrito 26, División 1:
Republican / Republicano
Bradley E. Ambrosier, Elkhart
District Court Judge – 26th District, Div. 3 / Juez del Tribunal de Distrito – Distrito 26, División 3:
Republican / Republicano
Linda Gilmore, Liberal
State Board of Education – 5th District / Junta Estatal de Educación – Distrito 5:
Democratic / Democrático
Lorie Wood, Dresden
Republican / Republicano
Jean Clifford, Garden City

LOCAL OFFICES
CARGOS LOCALES
County Commissioner – 1st District / Comisionado del Condado – Distrito 1:
Republican / Republicano
Joe D. Thompson, Hugoton
Moscow Township Clerk / Secretario del municipio de Moscow:
NO CANDIDATE / SIN CANDIDATO

KANSAS JUDGES for Retention / *Jueces de Kansas para la continuidad en el cargo*
Supreme Court Justice, Position 4 / Magistrado de la Corte Suprema, Cargo 4
Eric S. Rosen – Topeka
Supreme Court Justice, Position 6 / Magistrado de la Corte Suprema, Cargo 6
Larkin E. Walsh – Leawood
Court of Appeals Judge, Position 2 / Juez del Tribunal de Apelaciones, Cargo 2
Lesley Ann Isherwood - Wichita
Court of Appeals Judge, Position 3 / Juez del Tribunal de Apelaciones, Cargo 3
Amy Fellows Cline - Wichita
Court of Appeals Judge, Position 5 / Juez del Tribunal de Apelaciones, Cargo 5
Kim R. Schroeder – Hugoton
Court of Appeals Judge, Position 7 / Juez del Tribunal de Apelaciones,

Cargo 7
Lori Ann Bolton Fleming - Weir
Court of Appeals Judge, Position 13 / Juez del Tribunal de Apelaciones, Cargo 13
Jacy Hurst - Lawrence

GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. All voters in Banner, Center 1, Center 2, Harmony, Hugoton 1, Hugoton 2, Hugoton 3, Pioneer, Voorhees, and West Center will vote in Memorial Hall – 200 E. 6th Street, Hugoton. Voters in the Moscow area will vote in the Moscow Christian Fellowship Church – 304 Main St, Moscow. EARLY IN PERSON VOTING will begin on October 21st, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Monday, November 2nd from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) in the Stevens County Clerk's office. MAIL BALLOTS will be mailed out on October 14, 2026. You may request a mail ballot anytime until October 27th. PIONEER MANOR – MOBILE VOTE – Will be held on October 14th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) at the Pioneer Manor for residents and staff.

ELECCIÓN GENERAL – MARTES, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026, de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m.. Todos los votantes de Banner, Center 1, Center 2, Harmony, Hugoton 1, Hugoton 2, Hugoton 3, Pioneer, Voorhees y West Center votarán en Memorial Hall (200 E. 6th Street, Hugoton). Los votantes del área de Moscow votarán en la iglesia Moscow Christian Fellowship Church (304 Main St, Moscow). La votación anticipada en persona comenzará el 21 de octubre; se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes, de 9:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m., y el lunes 2 de noviembre, de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m. (mediodía), en la oficina del Secretario del Condado de Stevens. Las boletas para votar por correo se enviarán el 14 de octubre de 2026. Puede solicitar una boleta por correo en cualquier momento hasta el 27 de octubre. PIONEER MANOR – VOTACIÓN MÓVIL – Se llevará a cabo el 14 de octubre, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m. (mediodía), en Pioneer Manor, para los residentes y el personal.