

Senior Lifestyles

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Hello everyone. I hope you have been well. It's dance time! The dance will be this Saturday for 6:30-9:30pm. Craig Stevens will be here to perform and Ag 1st Insurance is the sponsor. We greatly appreciate all the support we receive from our local businesses. The next Grace and Gather Table meal is October 12. You can dine at the VFW Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. or call for a delivery. The first Community Concert of this season is at 3:00 p.m. October 25. We will take a bus for those interested in attending. We hope to see you soon!

Menu

October 7Roast
.....Beef
October 8Country
.....Fried Steak
October 9Spaghetti
October 12Crispy

.....Chicken Wrap
October 13Beef Pot
.....Pie
October 14Pork
.....Loin
October 15Chicken
.....and Noodles
October 16Lasagna

Activities

Wednesday, October 7
Cards12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 9
Bingo12:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 10
Dance- Craig Stevens
6:30p.m.
Cards6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 12
Grace and Gather
Table5:30-7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13
Dominoes12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14
Cards12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 16
Bingo12:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 17
Cards6:00 p.m.



Miss Stacey read Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina at Circle Time September 30. The kids enjoyed reading about a mischievous troop of monkeys who stole colorful caps from a sleeping peddler. Afterward, they read Book-o-Hats by Donald B. Lemke and sang a new favorite, Icky Sticky Bubble Gum. Circle Time is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Invite your friends!



Chamber Chatter

By Tina Fernandez, Executive Director of the Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce

WELCOME NEW GOLD CHAMBER MEMBER IdeaTek

The Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome IdeaTek as our newest Gold Chamber Member! IdeaTek is bringing high speed fiber internet to Hugoton and communities throughout Southwest Kansas, helping provide another important connection for our local homes, businesses, and families. We are especially excited to see a company investing in Hugoton and Southwest Kansas and becoming involved in the communi-

ties they serve.

Thank you, IdeaTek, for choosing to support the Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce. We're happy to have you as part of our Chamber family and look forward to working together!

Chamber Quarterly Luncheon

October 28, 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

Since Flora Food Group established itself here in Hugoton, many in our community have wondered how the business is doing and how things are progressing.

Flora Food Group is a global food company

specializing in culinary products such as butters and spreads, creams, cheeses, sauces, and other cooking essentials. Its well-known brands include Country Crock, I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!, Flora, and Violife. In 2024, the company expanded its U.S. manufacturing presence by acquiring its facility right here in Hugoton, Kansas. Frosty's Family Fun Center will be catering the meal.

We hope to see you there. To RSVP please contact the chamber at 620-544-4305.

Thank you to our Gold

Members City of Hugoton, Bonnie and Clyde Grill & Sports Bar, Ghumms Auto Center & Napa Auto Parts, Stevens County Healthcare, Aqua Shield Roofing & Construction, Flying C Aviation, Citizens State Bank, Ag Oasis, Pioneer Electric, Pioneer Communications, Seaboard Energy, Dream First Bank, Equity Bank, Invenergy, Stevens County Gas & Historical Museum, and Flora Food Group, Freedom Team Trading, IdeaTek

Notes from Nancy

by Wild West Extension District FACS Agent Nancy Honig



Celebrate 4-H!

This is National 4-H Week. An opportunity to not just celebrate the almost 125 years of the organization. But an opportunity to take a look at 4-H in our local community.

Like everything, years bring changes to organizations. We have had a number of 4-H Clubs over the years in Stevens County. Some of these such as the East Side Kids, Daisy Dells, Glendale, Bethel and Moscow Zippers, were all long gone before I came 30 years ago. Others have endured through multiple generations with our current club being the Cloverleaf Cowboys, Heartland and Wranglers. Our county runs between 100-125 4-H'ers each year on average. With approximately 25 volunteer club and project leaders assisting those youth in their club work.

Beside the monthly club meetings and occasional project meetings, 4-H in Stevens County offers young people a variety of other experiences. During the year who hold youth leadership trainings for club officers, camp councilor trainings, and opportunities for our older youth to attend leadership events such as Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and Discovery Days. For our younger 4-H'ers we offer 4-H camping opportunities to Scott Lake as well as day

camp opportunities.

Each year we host a spring show, the Gas Capital Livestock Show, and have also offered the Super Star livestock show for special needs youth to participate in along with our 4-H members.

Special contest such as 4-H and Regional Club Days, Creative Cooks, Shopping in Style, and Diced, offer 4-H'ers hands on experience competing in areas such as foods, public presentations, modeling, and performing arts. Of course we have our traditional 4-H experiences with the county and state fair, but 4-H is about so much more than just the fair.

We also encourage our youth to help with community events such as putting up the flags on Veterans Day, helping at community events such as Fall for Jesus, Pheasant Heaven Dinner, and our annual senior adult prom at the Senior Center.

All of these things happen with the assistance of club leaders, volunteers and parents. Unlike some other youth organizations, 4-H is truly meant to be a family affair. 4-H began in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as a way to reach adult farmers who often resisted new agricultural methods and technologies discovered by university researchers. Educators and researchers found that children and teenagers were open to new ideas

and willing to try hands-on experiments. When youths succeeded with projects like growing better corn or canning vegetables, they shared those positive results with their parents, which helped convince entire communities to adopt the new practices.

Today 4-H continues to teach young people, but help change the lives of parents and communities through that work. This year's theme is "Beyond Ready", celebrating how 4-H equips young people with leadership, career readiness, and life skills to succeed in a changing world.

Thursday, October 8 is 4-H's Thankful Thursday. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in our community that supports 4-H in any way. If you lead a club, volunteer as a project leader, accompany your child to a club meeting, donate to the food auction, or just show up to the fair to support our youth, you are appreciated.

If you aren't currently a 4-H supporter, but would like to be involved in any way, we would love to help you find ways you can serve. We have an amazing program in our community, let's all help it to continue to grow and flourish and to "Make the Best Better"!

Kansas State University, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LARRY DWAYNE QUILLEN a/k/a LARRY D. QUILLEN, deceased (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. SW-2026-PR-000027

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Carol J. Quillen, mother and sole heir of Larry Dwayne Quillen a/k/a Larry D. Quillen, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Stevens County, Kansas, to-wit: The surface and surface rights only in and to a parcel of land located in the southwest quarter (SW/4) of section thirty (30), township thirty-one (31) south, range thirty-seven (37) west, the 6th P.M., being more particularly described as follows: From a 8'x8' concrete block being accepted as the southwest corner of said section 30, south 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 33seconds east, along the south line of section 30, a distance of 1,610.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of this parcel; thence north 00 degrees, 04 minutes, 27 seconds

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 1. Qualifications of electors. Every(a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person: (1) Is a citizen of the United States who; (2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who (3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she the such person seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector.

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her such person's removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her such person's former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she the such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole: "Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

PUBLIC NOTICE

east, perpendicular to the south line of said section 30, a distance of 683.08 feet to a #5 rebar w/plastic cap set as the northwest corner of this parcel; thence south 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 33 seconds east, parallel with the south line of said section 30, a distance of 132.29 feet to a #5 rebar w/plastic cap; thence south 35 degrees, 52 minutes, 24 seconds east, a distance of 456.03 feet to a #5 rebar w/plastic cap being the northwest corner of the Deanna Quillen parcel; thence south 00 degrees, 04 minutes, 27 seconds west, perpendicular to the south line of said section 30, and along the west line of said Deanna Quillen parcel, a distance of 313.90 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 33 seconds west, along the south line of said section 30, a distance of 400.00 feet to said Point of Beginning. Said parcel contains 5.14 acres, more or less and Commencing at the southwest corner of the southwest quarter (SW/4) of section thirty (30), township thirty-one (31) south, range thirty-seven (37) west of the 6th P.M., Stevens County, Kansas; thence S87°59'30"E along the south line of said quarter, a distance of 1,610.00 feet to the southwest corner of a parcel described in Book 225, page 54 in the Register of Deeds Office in Stevens County, Kansas; thence N02°00'31"E along the west line of said parcel, a distance of 683.08 feet; thence S87°59'29"E, a distance of 132.29 feet to the Point of

Beginning of parcel to be described: thence S33°57'08"E along the northeasterly line of said parcel, a distance of 456.01 feet to the northwest corner of a parcel described in Book 218, Page 424 in the Register of Deeds Office in Stevens County, Kansas; thence N50°27'49"E along the north line of said parcel, a distance of 125.97 feet; thence N37°46'12"W, a distance of 371.58 feet; thence N87°59'29"W, a distance of 124.32 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel contains 1.06 acres, more or less and any personal property and any other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death, and that such property be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 5th day of November, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the City of Hugoton, Stevens 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.

Carol J. Quillen, Petitioner

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