

Miss Stacey took brave Circle Time attendees on a bear hunt November 11. The featured book was We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and everyone sang "10 In the Bed" while practicing making numbers with their fingers. Circle Time is a great introduction to a school setting for ages birth through five. The final Circle Time of the fall session will be Wednesday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m.











Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

Stevens County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Naomi Hernandez, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States, that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Hernandez.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Hernandez.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Stevens County FSA office at 620-544-2261 or visit the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov.

Kansas Corn Commission continues to strengthen international markets for farmers

Kansas Corn Commission, in partnership with the U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council, has hosted five international trade missions from Mexico, South Korea and the European Union since early September. These missions focused on strengthening trade and market opportunities for corn, distillers dried grains with solubles, and ethanol.

Mexico, South Korea and the EU are vital for Kansas and U.S. corn exports. In the 2025/26 market year alone, they contributed to 53.2%, or 1.8 billion bushels, of total U.S. corn exports, according to USGBC data.

Bringing international buyers directly to Kansas lets them experience the quality and care that go into corn production. Each group visited for different intentions, with tours focusing on corn and DDGS, ethanol or white corn. Mission delegates toured farms, grain facilities, ethanol plants, railways and more, connecting them with farmers and agribusiness operators.

The most recent mission hosted the EU, with representatives from Portugal and Italy exploring opportunities to expand ethanol use in the EU. During their time in southwest Kansas, they visited Kansas Corn Commissioner Paige Clawson's farm in Satanta.

"To keep moving the pile of corn, we need to grow export markets," Clawson said. "Hosting trade teams helps potential buyers see firsthand how we are sustainably and efficiently growing a high-quality corn crop. Building personal relationships can only help Kansas farmers when international buyers are looking for corn and ethanol."

Expanding international markets is part of the Kansas Corn Commission's mission of supporting corn profitability. Trade is significant to farmers' bottom line and is needed to support the future of these operations.

"Developing long-term relationships with international buyers is fundamental to making sure farmers have access to diverse markets," Josh Roe, Kansas Corn CEO, said.

The Kansas Corn Commission will continue to work with industry partners to strengthen these relationships. The Kansas Corn Commission is committed to building market opportunities for years to come.

To learn more about the Kansas Corn Commission's work to expand corn exports and strengthen relationships with trading partners, visit kscorn.com/exports.

Market Report
As of Tuesday
Brought to you by:
Wheat 5.53
Milo 3.92
Corn..... 4.82
Soybeans 11.21

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Low income individuals may be eligible for the Lifeline Program, which provides discounts on the monthly plan charges for landline, cell phone, and internet service. Individuals may qualify through specified guidelines. Lifeline is a government assistance program, the service is non-transferable, only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, and the program is limited to one discount per household.
If you have any questions regarding this program or you want to apply for the Lifeline Program, application forms may be obtained from the following location:
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Visit getunited.com or contact United at 620-227-8641 for more information.

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have special hours Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., closed Thursday then open Friday at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Stevens County Pharmacy will close a little early Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. They will be closed Thanksgiving then back open Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Now if it is a meal you are looking for on Thanksgiving Day in the town of Hugoton - you are in trouble. **Pizza Hut** will be closed Thursday and back open Friday with regular hours.

Bonnie & Clyde Grill & Sports Bar will be closed Thanksgiving and reopen Friday with regular hours. The restaurant will also be closed December 15 after 2:00 p.m. and Christmas Day.

McDonald's is closed all day Thursday and will reopen Friday morning.

Las Agaves will be closed Thanksgiving Day and will reopen Friday at 2:00 p.m.

The **Senior Center** will not be serving meals Thursday and Friday, and all their activities are canceled for those two days. Saturday the card players will be back at it.

Frosty's Family Fun Center will be closed November 24 through November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jet Drive In plans to enjoy the holiday, they will close Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and be closed Thursday and Friday. They will reopen Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

Twisted H Liquor plans to have regular hours Wednesday, be closed Thanksgiving Day and reopen Friday with regular hours.

Need to pick up some cash before the big weekend or maybe tuck some away for safe keeping *from* the big weekend? **Equity Bank** will be there for you with regular hours Wednesday and Friday and be closed Thanksgiving Day. **Citizens State Bank** plans to close a little early Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. then enjoy their Thanksgiving Day with their loved ones. They plan to close early Friday at 3:00 p.m. **Dream First Bank** will be closed Thursday then back to normal Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

As for **The Hugoton Hermes** - we will have the paper out in office, the post office and in stores Tuesday. Our office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to enjoy time with our loved ones.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us to all of you!!

Pecan pie makes a perfect dessert this Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving dinner table can be a sight to behold. For foodies and others who love the array of comfort foods on display comes the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving is a day to circle on the calendar each year.

While a mouthwatering turkey and sides like mashed potatoes and stuffing garner the bulk of the attention on Thanksgiving, the dessert table also can be a tempting place to direct one's eyes. Though no dessert is off limits on Thanksgiving, pie is a particularly popular option on Turkey Day. With that in mind, those tasked with crafting something for dessert this Thanksgiving can consider the following recipe for "Pecan Pie" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Pecan Pie

Makes 8 servings

1 9-inch unbaked frozen deep dish pie shell, thawed
1½ cups pecans, coarsely chopped
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup light corn syrup
½ cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon molasses
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Spread pecans along the bottom of the prepared pie shell.
3. In a large bowl, mix the remaining ingredients and pour over pecans. The pecans will rise to the surface of the pie.
4. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes until the filling has set. Pie is done when the center reaches 200 F. Pie center when lightly tapped should spring back. Remove pie from oven and let cool on a wire rack for at least 2 hours.
5. Serve.

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Cooling time: 2 hours
Total time: 3 hours, 20 minutes

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In the Twenty-sixth Judicial District
District Court, Morton County, Kansas
Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of John Milburn, a/k/a John E. Milburn, Deceased.

Case No. MT-2026-PR-14

Notice of Hearing

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November, 2026, a Petition for Determination of Descent was filed in this Court by Lana Rodriguez, an heir of John Milburn, a/k/a John E. Milburn, deceased, asking descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Morton County, Kansas, and other personal property owned by the Decedent:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the Sixth P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W/2 NE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to Lot Three (3) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E/2 NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W/2 NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to a parcel of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Morton County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows by Thad C. Reynolds, L.S.#1354, on August 27, 2025:
Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Quarter,
Thence S87°47'54" E along the North line of said Quarter a distance of 2641.77 feet to the Northeast corner of said Quarter;
Thence S02°03'01" W along the East line of said Quarter a distance of 756.07 feet;
Thence N60°47'57" W a distance of 107.77 feet;
Thence N39°01'14" W a distance of 469.66 feet;
Thence on a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1202.07 feet, an arc length of 826.99 feet, a chord length of 810.78 feet and a chord bearing of N63°14'33" W;
Thence N88°47'27" W a distance of 292.02 feet;
Thence on a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1254.69 feet, an arc length of 1307.30 feet, a chord length of 1248.97 feet and a chord bearing of S56°27'04" W;
Thence N80°28'02" W a distance of 192.67 feet to the West line of said Quarter;
Thence N01°52'43" E along said West line a distance of 727.14 feet to the Point of Beginning; and

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Five (5) through Ten (10), and Thirteen (13) through Twenty-four (24), Block One Hundred Twenty (120), City of Richfield, Morton County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Twelve (12), Twenty-one (21), and Twenty-two (22), Block Thirty (30), City of Richfield, Morton County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof;

and that such property owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in said Court, in the City of Elkhart, Morton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 255-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of 0 Road Y (near the intersection of Road 9 and Highway 56), Moscow, Stevens County, KS 67592. Lat: 37-19-19.64, Long: -101-12-52.65. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Linnea Turner, l.turner@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.