

McCRACKEN NEWS

Birthdays: August 26- Chris Petz, Martin Pfannenstiel Rodney Taylor, Freddie Taylor, Christi Conner, Gary Walker, Lexi Legleiter, Ava North; August 27-Grace Beisner, Tayson Irvin; August 28-Dena Irvin, Crystal Hovey; August 29-Karin Casey, Daryl Casey, Lynn Miles, Sean Bookstore, Ella Prosser, Harrison Schmidt; August 30-LeAnn Knight, Brendon Peach; August 31-Kayla Trauer; September 1-Celeste Davis.

Anniversaries: August 27- Jesse and Jolene Showalter, Patrick and Angela Murray; August 29- John and Melanie Zeller; August 30-George and Marilyn Sommers; September 1-Barry and LeAnn Knight.

Museum News
Heritage Members: Ted and Shawna North. Wild Mustang Member: Mary McCormick. Blue and Gold Members: Sandra Emerson, Alicia Rues.

Memorials: Scott Wilson (son of Carol Robertson Wilson) by Sandra Emerson; Buck and Lucy Vogle by Mary McCormick.

Those attending coffee chat this week were Phyllis Conrad, Cynthia Ummel, Ruth Crawshaw, Sharon George, Jeanette Mc-

Cormick, Twila Higgins, Janice Stull, Susan Rebel, Signe Barnes, Lynn Litson, Arlene Gilbert, Susan Keith, Carolyn Thompson, and Jan North.

History Notes
1901: Small pox is in the county. Dr. Brownell now has a supply of vaccine virus to do vaccinations. The city band was reorganized on Monday with nine members. They are Clyde and Drew Robertson, Hays Floyd, Will Starrett, Will Lawrence, Will Grumbein, Del Snodgrass, George Ryan and Samuel Twiselton. Mr. and Mrs. E.T. West celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. The day was spent playing croquet, baseball and the ladies played childhood games such as "drop the handkerchief". The West brothers, Frank, Wilbur and Victor are first class musicians on the organ, dulcimer and guitar. The east bound passenger train ran into three cars of coal east of town causing the death of the engineer, burning a bridge and destroying the engine. Jake Dildine, T.R. Neal and W.H. Neal were old McCracken boys who were here this week helping clean up the wreck. Ordinance #28 published November 8, 1901 states, "It

shall be unlawful for any persons to sell or barter any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors in this city, unless such person have a druggist permit therefore from the Probate Judge of Rush County. Born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Elias, a nice baby girl.

News from Pat Petz
During this past week, I had the pleasure of being with a couple of my cousins. My cousin, Kay Ann Kjean, from Edmond, Oklahoma came to spend a few days with my cousins Debbie and Maurice Haas. Being the wonderful cook that she is, Debbie made a delicious chicken and noodle supper for us, mom, and Aunt Rita. The next day, I was invited to spend the day with Maurice, Debbie, and Kay Ann. We had a wonderful day together doing a little shopping in Hays, Salina, and McPherson.

It was a delight to be with my family and cousins this past week. Now, it's time for everyone to get back into the school mode. My great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Petz, is a new Kindergartner this year and I look forward to seeing her on the days that I sub.

The Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Terry Warner

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DAILY DECREE 6

Foundation Scripture: Job 22:27-28

"(27) You will make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows. (28) What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways."

"And they overcame him because of the [1], Blood of the Lamb and because of the [2], Word of their testimony and [3], they did not love their life even to the enduring of death itself

Revelation 12:11 says that through three main components; [1], The Blood of the Lamb would be referring to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is the Blood of Christ that redeems us from all sin and unrighteousness and takes us away from Satan's ability to accuse or condemn. [2], The "word of their testimony" refers to a believer's bold and verbal witness. Speaking openly about what God has done that will defend the Faith and resist fear. (2 Timothy 1:7) [3], And at last, it shows that the believer demonstrates total commitment. Believer's value eternal life and loyalty to God more than physical safety.

[Source = A.I. and my writings]

Anytime the devil is concerned or being involved, it invokes and relies on the unseen world. (Concerning us, namely, our soul.) Physical anything, is temporary. However, the devil prefers to operate in unseen ways so that he can continually deceive you and deceit works better when, we work and toil, in dimly lit places. We fail to see factors in the dimly lit room, and this lets the magician, or deceiver, do things that miss

our observation.

If evil [devil] comes, he will be subtle and non-threatening. Look at Lucifer deceiving Eve in the Garden of Eden. In Ezekiel 28: 11-17, we see Satan clothed in precious stones and music [pipes]. However, when he sets out to deceive Eve, he is seen as subtle, sly, and non-threatening.

Why? Because Eve was more responsive to a mere servant and lowly and humbling attire, whereas in the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11. So, how does one rule and reign in this world? Obviously, it is by the Words you speak, and the words are coming from the heart of man. (Luke 6:45)

We can have what we say we have, but most of us say, with our words, what we have.

The Bible says, "Let the weak say I am strong." (Joel 3:10)

I walk in divine health, (Psalm 41:3), Everything I set my hand to do prospers, (Deuteronomy 28:8, Deuteronomy 15:10)

"For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed upon us His precious and exceeding great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed) and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature. (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Bison Native earns Doctorate of Education from Drexel University



Jessica (Brack) Edeal

Jessica (Brack) Edeal, a native of Bison, has earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership and Management with a concentration in Special Education from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Edeal is a 2001 graduate of Otis-Bison High School and the daughter of Alan and Janice Brack.

Dr. Edeal's doctoral research examined the impact of successive superintendent turnover on rural school districts, exploring how frequent leadership changes influence school culture, staff morale, organizational stability, and the educational experiences of students. Her dissertation offers practical recommendations for strengthening leadership continuity and supporting rural school communities. The dissertation was published through Drexel University and ProQuest, contributing to the growing body of research on rural educational leadership and the unique challenges facing small school districts.

With extensive experience in special education, Dr. Edeal has dedicated her career to serving children, families, and educators. She is a licensed school psychologist and licensed community coun-

selor with specialized training in psychoeducational evaluation, behavioral consultation, counseling, and special education services. Throughout her career, she has served in a variety of leadership roles, including Director of Special Education, where she worked to improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities while supporting school teams in developing effective, individualized programming.

Today, Dr. Edeal is the owner and operator of Rural Roots Educational and Psychological Consulting, LLC, a private practice dedicated to supporting children, families, and schools. Through Rural Roots, she provides comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations, behavioral consultation, counseling services, educational records reviews, recommendations, and professional consultation for schools seeking additional expertise in meeting the needs of children with disabilities.

Licensed to practice in multiple states, Dr. Edeal combines her expertise as both a school psychologist and community counselor to provide a comprehensive, child-centered approach that addresses students' educational, behavioral, emotional, and mental health needs. Although her career has taken her across the country, she remains deeply committed to her rural roots and is passionate about improving educational opportunities for children and strengthening partnerships among families, schools, and communities. Through her research, professional leadership, and consulting practice, Dr. Edeal continues to advocate for individualized supports that help every child reach their full potential.

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 432 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 5:50 PM at 1105 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Actual		2026-2027 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	2,866,316	20.000	3,009,043	20.000	3,177,900	637,959	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	952,714	18.370	993,897	20.492	1,061,495	923,146	23.629
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	76,482		73,287		43,150		
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	10,351		14,038		20,000		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	198,165		274,000		328,692		
Capital Outlay	16	61,890	8.000	152,908	8.000	1,718,150	282,462	7.230
Food Service	24	246,529		224,804		295,529		
Professional Development	26	2,724		1,467		2,300		
Special Education	30	571,709		595,994		770,588		
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	162,012		151,200		175,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	56,342		57,311		89,197		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	251,466		243,712		264,793		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		0				
Activity Fund	56	55,854		68,375				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	117,550	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	5,512,554	46.370	5,977,586	48.492	7,946,794	1,843,567	50.859
Less: Transfers	105	999,464		1,024,124		1,042,328		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	4,513,090		4,953,462		6,904,466		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,667,650		1,771,222		1,843,567		
OTHER								
Recreation Commission	84	78,468	2.000	101,658	2.000	78,232	78,129	2.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	78,468	2.000	101,658	2.000	78,232	78,129	2.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,745,534		\$1,849,921		\$1,921,696		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$32,037,811		\$32,503,563		\$31,897,970		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$38,785,149		\$39,349,686		\$39,068,057		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$38,785,149		\$39,349,686		\$39,068,057		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 432 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 5:40 PM at 1105 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral						
	2025-2026			2026-2027		
	Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	\$650,071	20.000	\$650,049	20.379	\$637,959	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$806,354	20.492	\$811,560	20.773	\$923,146	23.629
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$314,797	8.000	\$316,841	8.110	\$282,462	7.230
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$1,771,222	48.492	\$1,778,450	49.262	\$1,843,567	50.859
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$1,121,151	28.492	\$1,128,401	28.883	\$1,205,608	30.859

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