

HOMECOMING ROYALTY



The Hanover Homecoming king and queen were Kadrick Cohorst and Gracie Bruna, middle. The other candidates in the homecoming court were Brody Sedlacek and Drew Bruna, left, and Max Dragastin and Kennedy Cohorst, right. Kindergarten attendants were Louie Dragastin and Emmy Jensen.

Photo by AMANDA COOK



The Washington County Homecoming king and queen were Michael Peterson and Macie Gepner. The other royalty candidates were Tanner Baker and Anna Goeckel, left, and Eli Crome and Kelly Annunziato, right. Kindergarten attendants were Cameron Hubbard and Janie Walter.

Photo by DAN THALMANN / WCN

County attorney stepping down to bring private law firm expansion to county

BY CYNTHIA SCHEER
Managing editor

County attorney Elizabeth Baskerville Hiltgen said at this week’s Board of County Commission meeting that she plans to step down as county attorney at the end of the calendar year. She said she will become a partner at a Salina law firm but will continue to have an office in Washington and work in Washington a majority of the time. “Serving as Washington County Attorney has been one of the great honors of my career, and choosing to step down was not a decision I made lightly,” she told the Washington County News.

“Joining Kennedy Berkley enables me to continue serving this community in a new way. As part of a full-service firm with offices across Kansas, I’ll be able to bring a broader range of legal services to area families, farmers, and businesses right here at home, from estate planning and farm and ranch succession to real estate, business, banking, employment, and family matters, with a team of attorneys behind me. My hope is that now more than ever the residents of Washington County and surrounding areas can stay close to home for their legal needs.”

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Hospital board discusses doctor coming in 2027

BY CYNTHIA SCHEER
Managing editor

The Washington County Hospital Board of Directors met Sept. 21. The open session portion of the meeting lasted 16 minutes followed by 40 minutes of executive sessions.

During the meeting CEO Roxanne Schottel said Dr. Kyle McGatlin is on schedule to begin seeing patients in Washington in August 2027. She said she has been working on plans for his arrival including making sure he has a nurse and advertising is completed before he

arrives. The hospital board and CEO met with McGatlin for 1.5 hours in executive session on Aug. 24 for contract negotiations. In other business from the September meeting: • Schottel said TK Elevator has the elevator up and running, and Apple Roofing was supposed to be there the week of the meeting to replace the membrane and add additional slope to the hospital roof to help with water leaks.

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Cell phone violations limited so far at USD 108

BY CYNTHIA SCHEER
Managing editor

USD 108 – Washington County school officials had confiscated about nine student devices in the first few weeks of school due to policy violations. High school principal Jordan Carlson told the Board of Education at the September meeting that two of the devices were Bluetooth earbuds, two were watches, and about five were cell phones. She said two of the cell phones were discovered when searching bags for vapes. She said adminis-

tration is not otherwise searching bags for cell phones. Carlson said at the September meeting that she had heard “zero” teachers who were complaining about cell phones or seeing students with cell phones. “Kids are talking at lunch, and after lunch now,” she said of the results of the statewide cell phone ban. In other business at the Sept. 14 meeting: • The board accepted the resignation of Greg Metz as assistant bowling coach.

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Voter registration ends on Oct. 13

BY CYNTHIA SCHEER
Managing editor

Voter registration ends at the end of the business day next week on Oct. 13 for the Nov. 3 general election. People must be registered to vote by then to vote in this general election. People must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Kansas, and be 18 years old before election day to register to vote. A photo ID will be re-

quired to vote. People wanting to register to vote should contact the county clerk’s office. Early voting for those wanting to vote in person in the courthouse is scheduled to begin next week on Wednesday, Oct. 14. That voting will be allowed in the courthouse during regular business hours until noon on Monday, Nov. 2. People must bring a photo ID to vote.

New sport classifications released
Clifton-Clyde moves to 2A, Linn up to 1A-1

Clifton-Clyde joins Washington County in Class 2A, Linn moves to 1A-I. Clifton-Clyde and Linn moved up a division in the new classifications released recently by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Clifton-Clyde will join Washington County in Class 2A, while Linn moves from Class 1A, Div. II to 1A-DII. Hanover will stay in 1A-DII. The classifications are assessed annually for all non-football sports and ac-

tivities and are based on students in grades 9-12. Washington County, with an enrollment of 109 students in grades 9-12, and Clifton-Clyde, with 107, are both in Class 2A for 2026-27. The Class 2A enrollment range is 102 to 162 students. The other two Washington County schools remain in Class 1A. Linn reported an enrollment of 69 students, while Hanover has 65. Class 1A includes schools with enrollments of 16 through 102. Linn is the 47th-largest

school among the state’s 112 Class 1A schools, while Hanover is 57th. That places the two schools on opposite sides of the midpoint of Class 1A, which is significant for two teams who have faced each other in girls basketball and volleyball championship games in Class 1A-DII the last couple years. The Twin Valley League as a whole continues to span Class 2A and 1A.

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Volleyball postseason placements listed

Postseason assignments for volleyball have been announced for Washington County’s schools following the release of the new KSHSAA classifications. In volleyball, Washington County and Clifton-Clyde will both compete in Class 2A but have been sent in opposite directions for regional play. Washington County has been assigned to Class 2A Regional 1, which will be played

Oct. 19. Washington County is joined in the 17-school regional by Atchison County, Cair Paravel, Doniphan West, Horton, Jackson Heights, Jefferson County North, Kansas City Christian, Maur Hillmount Academy, McLouth, Mission Valley, Oskaloosa, Rossville, St. Marys, Valley Falls, Valley Heights and Wabaunsee.

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Cross country runners learn of regional race locations

Washington County and Clifton-Clyde cross country runners won’t have far to travel for postseason competition, while Hanover’s sole runner will make a considerably longer trip. The Kansas State High School Activities Association has assigned both Washington County and Clifton-Clyde to the Class 2A regional meet at the Belleville Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 24. Republic County

High School will host the meet, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Hanover, competing in Class 1A, has been assigned to the regional at Cheney Lake’s Spring Creek Playground. Pretty Prairie High School will host the Oct. 24 meet, which begins at 10 a.m. The assignments follow the release of new KSHSAA classifications that placed

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OBITUARIES

Mary Alice Pacey

Mary Alice Pacey, 96, of Washington, died Oct. 2, 2026, at Washington County Hospital.



A funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Washington, with Pastor Dianna Webster officiating.

She was born Dec. 18, 1929, to Farel and Marian (Ward) Lobaugh at the family home. She was the last baby delivered by Dr. William Earnest.

She attended Washington schools and graduated in 1947 as valedictorian of her class. She attended the University of Kansas, graduating from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a major in sociology.

Throughout her early career, she worked for the Wichita Community Chest; H.L. Hunt, the legendary oilman, in Dallas, Texas; a newspaper in Manhattan, and the U.S. Army at Fort Riley. She later worked for Louis Walter & Co., a manufacturer of ladies' suits and coats in Kansas City, Mo.

On Oct. 21, 1956, she married Leonard Marvin Pacey.

In 1964, she became licensed as an abstractor of titles in Wash-

ington County. She and Marvin developed a complete abstract plant over the following year, and she continued working in the profession until 1977.

She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Washington. She was also a member of Chapter AN of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, where she served as an officer for many years, and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. While attending the University of Kansas, she was a member of Alpha Phi, Gamma Delta Chapter.

She was an active member of the Washington County Historical Society. She served on the original board of Colonial Acres and was also a member of the Library Board. She spent several years as a member of the Historic Fashion Group and volunteered with Meadowlark Hospice.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin, in 2003; and an infant sister.

A memorial fund has been established for the First United Methodist Church or the Washington County Historical Society. Contributions may be sent in care of Ward Funeral Home, 115 West 2nd St., Washington, KS 66968.

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Richard Adee

Richard Adee, 90, of Bruce, South Dakota, went home to meet his



Heavenly Father on Sept. 30, 2026. A gentle, humble man with a servant's heart, Richard lived a life deeply rooted in faith, a quiet dedication to his work, and a profound, abiding love for his family.

Born on Dec. 29, 1935, in Arnold, Neb., Richard was introduced to beekeeping by his father and uncles during his youth—a simple family pursuit that blossomed into a lifelong calling. Richard attended Kansas State University in Manhattan and North Park College in Chicago, Illinois. In 1957, along side his brother Stanley, he began building what would become Adee Honey Farms in Bruce, South Dakota. Following a devastating truck accident that claimed his brothers life in 1959, Richard quietly shouldered his grief and pressed forward, driven by a deep desire to honor Stanley's memory.

That same year, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Alice Bergstrom. For 68 years, Richard and Alice walked hand-n-hand through life, building a family defined by warmth, devotion, and grace. Though Richard's dedication and vision helped to grow Adee Honey Farms into a nationally recognized name, he never lost his grounded, unassuming nature. He viewed his work not as a quest for accolades, but as a daily blessing. He loved what he did every single day, finding Joy in the simple rhythm of the outdoors and treasuring the colleagues, friends and community members he shared it with. Beyond his own business, he quietly advocated for the broader beekeeping community, working tirelessly to protect the craft and the people and devoted to it. Richard served on many boards, He was a founding member of the American Honey Producers Association and served in many positions to include Pres-

ident for many years. Other boards included the Brookings Wesleyan Church board, Sioux Valley School board, National Honey Board, South Dakota Beekeepers Association and numerous industry boards. Yet, for all his accomplishments, his truest legacy was the love he poured into his family. He was a pillar of strength, kindness, and patience—a man whose gently spirit and steadfast love for the Lord carried him through 90 beautiful years.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Alice (Bergstrom) Adee; his sons, Bret (Connie) Adee and Kelvin (Darla) Adee; his daughter, Marla (Craig) Hoyer; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Richard was preceded in death by parents, Vernon and Mae Adee; siblings, Robert Adee, Donna Brown, Stanley Adee and Verna Mae Johnson.

Richard was deeply cherished by everyone who knew him. While his physical presence will be missed beyond measure by his family, they take profound peace and comfort in knowing that because of God's promise, they will be reunited with him in Heaven someday.

Faith was an important part of Richard and Alice's life and their journey to follow the bees around the country led them to worship in many different church communities to include Brantford Covenant of Kansas, Brookings Wesleyan Church of South Dakota, Woodville Baptist of Mississippi, Kihei Baptist and Calvary Baptist of Maui, and most recently Bible Baptist of South Dakota.

A family visitation service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Eidness Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be Friday, Oct. 9, at Gracepoint Wesleyan Church at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the funeral. Internment will take place at Elmwood Cemetery in Bruce, South Dakota.

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Norman Stewart

Norman E. Stewart, age 97, of Washington, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Marysville.



Visitation was Sunday, Oct. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Ward Funeral Home in Washington, with the family present to receive friends.

A funeral service was 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Washington Christian Church, with Pastor Eli Sweany officiating. Diana Enfield and Skyler Manning were the musicians, and hymn selections were "Victory in Jesus," "When We All Get To Heaven" and "I'll Fly Away."

Pallbearers were Ty Stewart, Casey Habr, Stewart Manning, Scott Manning, Skyler Manning, Robert Spence, Brian Spence and David Deters.

Burial was in the Washington City Cemetery.

Norman was born Jan. 6, 1929, on his mother's birthday in rural Charleston Township in Washington County, Kansas, to Raymond and Ethel Fay (Tegethoff) Stewart. He attended Emmons Country School up to 8th grade and then graduated from Washington High School in 1946.

He married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Lee Boston, on Oct. 1, 1950, on a very rainy day at the Washington Christian Church. To this union, four children were born: Ruth Ann, Gay Lynn, Kathy and Paul. Norman and Wanda celebrated more than 50 years of marriage before she passed away on Aug. 8, 2001.

Norman proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Following his honorable discharge, he was eager to return home to his young wife and farm.

Farming was more than Norman's livelihood. It was something he truly loved. He enjoyed caring for the land and tending to his animals throughout his life. He was a member of the Washington FFA and Hi-Y Christian Club all four years of high school. As a young man, Norman was a member of the Busy Bee 4-H Club. Over the years, he and Wanda loved square dancing, playing in a pinochle group, and enjoyed a special 25th anniversary trip to Hawaii with his sister, Sylvia and Neil.

Norman was a lifelong member of the Washington Christian Church, where he faithfully served as chairman of the board, trustee, deacon, and elder. He also served on the First National Bank Board for 24 years, C&W Electric Board from 1963-1969, a member of the Kansas Livestock Association, and was a lifelong member of the American Legion and VFW. He was awarded the Third Generation FFA Alumni Award in 2013. Norman was instrumental in preserving a piece of local history by helping to get the Emmons Country School moved into downtown Washington.

He farmed alongside his son, Paul, and grandson Ty. The family farmed north of Washington, raising cattle, including longhorns.

Norman married Marcella Holbrook on Jan. 1, 2003, and was blessed by sharing 23 years of marriage and being a part of the Holbrook family.

Over the last five years he has resided at Blue Valley Health and Rehabilitation in Blue Rapids. He especially enjoyed Marcella coming down to share Bingo Day, watch Wheel of Fortune, a good rodeo, or just listen to some good polka music on Molly B. He cherished visits from all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Fay Stewart; spouses, Wanda Stewart and Marcella Holbrook; brother, Adelbert Stewart and niece, Shari Ann Stewart; brother, Conrad Stewart; sister-in-law, JoAnn Boston; and great-grandson, Whitely Ray Stewart.

Survivors include his four children, Ruth Ann Finlayson (Keith) of Gypsum, Kansas, Gay Lynn Manning (Mike) of Washington, Kathy Spence (Steve) of Porter, Texas, and Paul Stewart (Susan) of Washington; sister, Sylvia Baird (Neil) of Overland Park, Kansas; brother-in-law, Darel Boston of Norton, Kansas; sisters-in-law, Lavone Stewart, Deanna Balthazor, and Gena Ketter; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial fund has been established in Norman's name and it will be shared with the Washington Christian Church and community. Contributions may be sent in care of Ward Funeral Home, P.O. Box 157, Washington, KS 66968.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

The Board of Washington County Commission met Oct. 5. Present were Scott Zabokrtsky, 1st District Commissioner, Arthur Schottel 2nd District Commissioner, Raleigh Ordoyne, 3rd District Commissioner, and Diana Svanda, county clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. There was no consent agenda.

Ryan Kern, ED/Tourism director, reported he will create an ad for holiday events. The board went into executive session under confidential data to discuss financial affairs for 20 minutes and to include Ryan. After returning to open session, no action was taken.

Jimmy Workman, Road & Bridge, said this last week they hauled rock, filled potholes, and cleared log jam at the Hanover river bridge.

Randy Hubbard, EM director, submitted Resolution 08-2026 for State of Local Disaster Emergency, which the board approved. The board went into executive session under security exception to discuss security cameras and to include Randy for 15 minutes. After returning no action taken.

Tanya Paul, DVACK, read a Proclamation on Domestic Violence, and the commissioners voted to proclaim October as domestic violence awareness month.

Elizabeth Hiltgen joined the meeting. The board went into executive session under Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss considering action for employee investigation for 20 minutes and to include Elizabeth. After returning no action was taken. The board went into executive session for 5 minutes under Attorney-Client to discuss preliminary contract and to include Elizabeth. After returning no action was taken.

The board adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

-- Unofficial minutes written by Svanda

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Farmers Cooperative		Central Valley Ag The Junction	
Wheat	\$6.87	Wheat	\$6.65
Milo	\$4.20	Milo	\$4.02
Soybeans	\$12.30	Soybeans	\$12.16
Corn	\$4.59	Corn	\$4.47

Palmer Grain

Wheat	Not available
Soybeans	Not available
Corn	Not available

Grain bids are from market closing on Monday (Price per bushel)

WEATHER RECORD

Date	2025 Hi Lo	2026 Hi Lo	Precipitation taken at 7am daily by the Washington Power Plant
Tues., Sept. 29	89 52	78 62	
Wed., Sept. 30	84 59	75 64	
Thur., Oct. 1	80 58	71 66	
Fri., Oct. 2	84 60	68 58	
Sat., Oct. 3	88 59	70 47	
Sun., Oct. 4	88 59	77 45	
Mon., Oct. 5	86 65	76 49	

Week's precip: 3.30"

Total for Oct.: 1.90"

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Total for 2026: 37.21"

Avg. total through Oct.: 29.69

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• The board accepted the donations of \$600 from Lions Club to the band and \$200 from Faith Connection Church to the district for paper usage during Faith Friends.

• Nobody from the public attended the revenue neutral hearing or the budget hearing, and the board approved the 2026-2027 budget and adopted the 2026-2027 LOB resolution.

• Board member Ryan Kern thanked administration for allowing some students and the

band to attend the 9/11 ceremony on the courthouse lawn.

• Kern said he thought the district needed to offer annual athletic passes in future years for convenience of patrons if the district wanted to encourage people to come to games. Administration said 13 season passes were sold last year, and 12 annual passes were sold the year before that. The passes are good only for home games. Carlson said the passes cannot be offered at a discount and would have to be sold at the gate rate.

• Carlson said the high school volleyball team has chosen to give up JV this season, primarily due to player numbers.

• Carlson said eight seniors are in work-based learning in the afternoons, which is more students in that program than in recent years. She said she thought the work-based learning was “very beneficial for those students” because it was a great incentive for students to have better behavior. “They’ve been nothing short of angels,” she said of those

students’ behavior in the mornings.

• Athletic director Ryan Sanneman said the Hudl cameras have been installed for games. He said it has been a long and challenging process to get the cameras installed and working correctly. The district paid a \$9,000 subscription fee for Hudl.

• Elementary Principal Amy Hoover said there is a new after school program created for K-12 students to have homework help for 30 minutes after school beginning Sept.

1. Teacher aide Jacque Keating is running the program, which qualifies the district to again offer an end of daysnack to all students now that PowerZone has ended. The program is Monday through Thursday and was averaging five students per night.

• The PTO purchased materials for the new wooden Gaga ball pit that Dan Ditmars built on the playground. The pit is very popular with students, Hoover told the board.

• Superintendent Denise O’Dea told the board that board mem-

bers set goals about every five years, and she wanted the board to begin thinking of goals to discuss at a meeting this fall. Board president Rod Stewart said he thought a special meeting was needed just to focus on board goals, but when administration struggled to find an available day this fall, the board decided to work on the goals at the November meeting but devote the majority of the meeting to goals.

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Washington County and Clifton-Clyde in Class 2A and Hanover in Class 1A. In cross country, there is no Class 1A split.

Several other Twin Valley League schools will join Washington County and Clifton-Clyde at Belleville. Valley Heights is also assigned to the Class 2A regional.

The Belleville field includes Belle Plaine, Bennington, Classical School of Wichita, Clifton-Clyde, Conway Springs, Ell-Saline, Ellinwood, Herington,

Hoxie, Hutchinson Trinity Catholic, Inman, Marion, Medicine Lodge, Moundridge, Oakley, Oxford, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Republic County, Sacred Heart, Sedgwick, Smith Center, Solomon, Stanton County, Sterling, Sublette, Thomas More Prep-Marian, Trego Community, Valley Heights, Washington County, Wichita County and Wichita Central Christian Academy.

Hanover’s running representative Lilly Bruna will see considerably more of her TVL rivals at the Class 1A regional at Cheney. Ax-

tell, Centralia, Frankfort, Onaga and Blue Valley are also assigned to the site.

Other schools assigned there include Bishop Seabury Academy, Buffalo-Altoona Midway, Burden-Central, Burlingame, Caldwell, Canton-Galva, Centre, Crest, Dexter, Elyria Christian, Fairfield, Goessel, Hamilton, Lebo, Madison, Marmaton Valley, Northern Heights, Pike Valley, Pleasanton, Pretty Prairie, Sedan, Skyline, South Barber, South Haven, St. John-Hudson, St. Xavier, Stafford, Tescott,

The Independent, Troy, Udall, Wakefield, Waverly and West Elk.

KSHSAA will conduct two seeded boys races and two seeded girls races at each regional site. The top three teams from each race will qualify for the state meet, along with the first 15 individual runners to cross the finish line in each race.

Qualifiers will advance to the Class 1A and 2A state championships Saturday, Oct. 31, at Wamego Country Club.



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CliftonClyde, meanwhile, has been assigned to Class 2A Regional 4, also scheduled for Oct. 19.

Other schools in CliftonClyde’s regional are Bennington, EllSaline, Ellinwood, Herington, Hoxie, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Republic County, Sacred Heart, Smith Center, Solomon, Thomas More PrepMarian, Trego Community and Wichita County.

The regional round is part of the postseason format KSHSAA introduced for the smaller classifications. Teams advancing from regional competition move

on to substate tournaments Oct. 24.

KSHSAA has not yet announced the host locations for the Class 2A substates.

Linn will compete in Class 1A Division I postseason play and has been assigned to Regional 4. Other schools in the regional are Decatur Community, Ellis, Hill City, Lakeside, Lincoln, Osborne, Quinter, Rawlins County, Rock Hills, St. Francis, St. John’s/Tipton and SylvanLucas Unified.

Hanover will compete in Class 1A Division II and has been assigned to Regional 1 on Oct. 20. The Wildcats are grouped with Axtell, Chase, Elyria Christian, Hutchinson Central Christian, Logan, Natoma, OtisBison, Pike Valley, Stockton, Tescott, Thunder Ridge and Wakefield.

Substate volleyball tournaments in all classifications are scheduled for Oct. 24, with the state tournaments to follow.

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Doctor

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• Schottel said the hospital needs RNs and has one travel nurse now and is looking to add a second travel nurse. She said help is needed in the lab because there are only two employees in there now. Schottel said she is exploring getting help from the Philip-

pires, which Washington County Hospital has never done before but surrounding hospitals do. She said the clinic needs a person who is a CNA and can room patients but can also answer phones. She said two people are currently going over to the clinic to help.

• Schottel said the daycare, which is locat-

ed in a house the hospital purchased on B Street, opened Sept. 8 and had four children as of the date of the hospital meeting but was expected to add another child soon. The daycare was not officially full as of Sept. 21.

• Schottel asked the board's opinion on changing a policy regarding vacation. Cur-

rently, employees receive pay for unused vacation if they are terminated. Schottel said she wanted to change the policy so that employees who are terminated for just cause do not receive vacation pay.

Hospital board member Staci Cardenas said the goal is to get people to use their vacation

time, not bank it.

Schottel said that in the case of the hospital, people are not taking vacation time because there is not enough staff to cover.

It was said that if employees give 2-4 weeks' notice and are not terminated, they would receive unused vacation pay when they leave. Board members said

they had no problem with changing the policy.

• The board met in executive session for 20 minutes for contract negotiations and 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Class

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Four of the league's 11 schools are in Class 2A: Doniphan West (119), Washington County (109), Clifton-Clyde

(107) and Valley Heights (107).

The remaining seven are in Class 1A: Centralia (98), Onaga (93), Frankfort (78), Linn (69), Blue Valley-Ran-

dolph (69), Hanover (65) and Axtell (44). The 11 schools make up the current Twin Valley League.

Clifton-Clyde's enrollment puts the Ea-

gles only five students above the bottom of Class 2A. Washington County is seven students above the cutoff.

Meanwhile, Linn and Hanover are separated

by just four students, but their positions within Class 1A can place them in different postseason divisions in sports where KSHSAA splits the classification.

Linn and Blue Valley make up the lower part of Division 1 while Hanover is in the upper part of Division 2.

KDOT announces bid for Highway 36 work

The Kansas Department of Transportation announces approved bids for state highway construction and

maintenance projects. The letting took place on Sept. 16 in Topeka. Some of the bids may include multiple proj-

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Happy Workers 4-H share what they are most excited for this year

Members of the Happy Workers 4-H Club answered the question, What are you most excited for this year in 4-H?

This year in 4-H I'm excited to see and do the photography project because I was amazed by the pictures. —Amelia Kruse, 4th grade

This year in 4-H I'm excited to show pigs and dairy cows. —Boyd Meyer, 4th grade

The thing I am most excited for in 4-H this year is shooting sports because it is one of my favorite projects. —Trevor Clark, 8th Grade

One of my favorite things to do is crafts, so I am looking forward to being in the visual arts project. —Lexie Clark, 6th Grade

This year in 4-H, I am excited to show my new heifer. I'm also excited about my arts and crafts projects. I have already started planning. And I can't wait to look at new recipes and try them

for fair entries and grow my recipe collection. —Jaelyn Landis, 4th Grade

This year in 4-H I'm most excited to do arts and crafts and show my horses. —Lorelei Beckmann, 3rd Grade

This year in 4-H I am excited to show a first and second year bucket calf. I am also excited to try the fashion revue for the first time this year. —Kenna Kruse, 3rd Grade

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- **KSDS graduation** - 11 a.m. at KSDS in Washington and open to the public. See ad this page for more information.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- **Flu clinic** - The health department will be visiting towns in Washington County for flu shots. See the schedule this page.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

- **Washington County Rodeo and Saddle Club annual meeting** - 6 p.m. at the Christian Church in Washington.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

- **Annual turkey and ham loaf supper** - Serving 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cougars Den in Morrowville.

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A farewell to Mary Alice Pacey, who compiled Museum Musings

Mary Alice Pacey, a faithful volunteer of the Washington County Museum since its beginning, has made sure the Museum Musings articles were sent to the newspaper the last 10-plus years. On her last day at the museum, she left a little early. Her parting words were, “The Musings article is in the top drawer.” The Musings torch has now been passed on -- Mary Alice passed away Friday afternoon at the Washington County Hospital. She will be greatly missed by all the museum volunteers and her many friends.

This week's Museum Musings article, from Mary Alice Pacey:

SILK – IN KANSAS?
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The following was printed in the Washington Republican, May 27, 1887.

SILK CULTURE IN KANSAS: Satisfactory Results from the State Experiments at Peabody.

Dr. Charles Williamson, one of the State Silk Commissioners, arrived in the city last night and exhibited to his friends a reel of beautiful silk, the first reeled from cocoons at the State Silk station, located at Peabody. The doctor is more enthusiastic than ever before in his advocacy of silk culture in Kansas. He states that the worms at the station are doing exceedingly well, notwithstanding the inadequate facilities, an old church edifice being utilized temporarily. The new state building is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy during the coming week. Then new machinery and improved reels will be put in and started in operation within a month. The silk exhibited by the doctor in this city was reeled from the cocoon by a Mennonite woman after only one week's experience. The commissioners expect to obtain about \$3,000 worth of silk this year, besides supplying a large number of amateurs with worms, eggs, and mulberry seed.

It is a novel and interesting industry, as well as a profitable one, and in the course of time will afford lucrative employment to hundreds of people, is it proves successful. Women, children, and even invalids, the doctor says, will be enabled, by this means, to earn a comfortable livelihood after the people have been induced to investigate the subject. The processes are so simple that a child can acquire all the requisite knowledge in a very short time. The commissioners will make a splendid exhibit at the state fair next fall, and Dr. Williamson individually will make an exhibit as an amateur.

The first requisite in silk culture, after acquiring the necessary information, is a supply of mulberry, and the state has planted seed sufficient to raise a million trees, in anticipation of a great demand from amateurs throughout the state as soon as the successful results of the experiment become known. The doctor is convinced that from the state's little \$13,000 plant at Peabody will spring a manufacturing industry in Kansas that will astonish the world. It is carried on successfully at San Jose, California, and the manufactures from the looms of that city are shipped to all parts of the United States and some are exported.

The Kansas cocoons are free from parasitic diseases, and are much healthier than those in the vicinity of Lyons, France, where the government has spent millions of dollars in fostering the industry. The climate of Kansas is admirable, with reference both to the health of the insect and the cultivation of the mulberry.

The state commissioners are placing the cocoons in schools, where they can, and the children, especially girls, manifest deep interest in the study of this wonderful insect and its coveted product. Each cocoon produces in its brief life time 250 years of fiber and one individual having practical knowledge of the business can raise 60,000 worms, equivalent to 75 pounds of cocoons. It is thus seen that the profits of sericulture will be enormous if this demonstrated beyond doubt that it is practicable in this country. This the Kansas Silk Commissioners fully believe will be done, to the satisfaction of even the most skeptical.

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trict's expense, or they can be obtained at my office in Washington. Dr. Chas. Williamson

The Hanover Democrat on April 20, 1888 stated: The Washington Republican says: “We were shown, Wednesday morning, by Jacob Miller, two skeins of silk ready for the loom, grown and manufactured entire in Washington. They were a beautiful cardinal red, 600 twists to the yard and twelve strands to the thread, fine enough for ordinary silk good. The Kansas State Women's Relief Corps have decided to have a banner made of Kansas grown and manufactured silk, and Mr. Miller has been selected to do the work entire, being himself a practical silk weaver. The two skeins shown weighed about one pound, and Mr. Miller says it will make fifteen yards of goods. The silk is pronounced by Belding Bros. New York, to be first-class.

In the September 14, 1888 paper has a long article which outlines Mr. Miller's desire to expand his venture, with the financial aid from local government. He proposed to make ribbons and gros grain silk in black and other staple colors which would find a ready sale right here at home. He was willing to deed the house and lot, Lot 13 in Block 32 to those parties furnishing the necessary funds. This proposal must have failed, since Miller owned the lot until 1896 and had left Washington by then.

Thoughts from Mary Alice Pacey:

A cloud upon this enterprise from the beginning was the fact that there was no tariff on foreign silk. Without enough political clout to enact legislation for such a tariff, it was impossible to compete with Asian silk and the project soon failed to be economically feasible.

I remember a huge mulberry tree that stood near the 1880s era home in which I was raised. Could it have been planted at the time of the silk worm mania in Washington?

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Cattle Chat: Monitor water sources to protect health

By Chevy-Lynn Vaske, K-State Extension news service

When cattle have been without water, a producer's first instinct may be to give them unlimited access as quickly as possible. But Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute experts say that response can sometimes create a life-threatening situation.

During a recent Cattle Chat podcast produced by K-State's Beef Cattle Institute, veterinarians discussed water management challenges and the risks associated with poor water quality, limited water access and improper rehydration of severely dehydrated cattle.

"In western Kansas and other drought-prone areas, sometimes a producer will discover that a well has gone dry and cattle have been without water for a period of time," said K-State veterinarian Brad White. "When you find that situation, it is important to not simply give cattle all the water they can drink."

According to K-State veterinarians Scott Fritz and Bob Larson, cattle that have been severely dehydrated can develop a condition known as salt toxicity if they consume large quantities of water too rapidly.

"We call it salt toxicity," Larson said. "The cattle don't have to be eating a high-salt diet. If a cow becomes really dehydrated and then suddenly gets all the water she wants, that rapid change can cause a brain lesion and often leads to death."

Because of that risk, Fritz recommends

gradually rehydrating cattle that have been deprived of water.

"As difficult as it sounds, you have to allow them to have a little bit of water at a time," Fritz said. "If cattle have been without water, the best approach is to try and rehydrate them over a 24-hour period."

While emergency situations can occur, the veterinarians emphasized that prevention is the best strategy. Larson encouraged producers to regularly monitor water sources and develop contingency plans before problems arise.

"Just because you have a pond doesn't mean you don't need to monitor that water source," Larson said. "You need to think about alternative water sources as well, whether that's hauling water or encouraging cattle to utilize more than one water source."

If hauling water becomes necessary, Fritz said producers should be careful about the equipment used.

"Hauling water is stressful and labor intensive, but sometimes it becomes necessary," Fritz said. "One concern is using tanks that have previously been used for crop chemicals. Even small amounts of residue can create severe health issues for livestock."

Fritz recommends using water tanks dedicated exclusively to hauling water rather than repurposing containers previously used for pesticides, herbicides or other agricultural products.

The veterinarians also discussed water quality concerns, par-

ticularly the threat posed by blue-green algae blooms in ponds.

"There are several types of algae that can occur in ponds, including blue-green algae," Fritz said. "If you suspect a problem, you can have a water sample tested."

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, can produce toxins harmful to livestock. Fritz noted that blooms often develop following large rainfall events when nutrients wash into ponds and create favorable growing conditions.

"If blue-green algae is present and blooming, livestock should not be allowed to drink that water," Fritz said.

In those situations, producers may need to temporarily fence cattle away from the affected pond and provide an alternative water source until testing confirms the water is safe.

"Fencing cattle out and keeping them away until the pond tests clear may seem expensive up front," Fritz said. "But it can save producers significant losses and cattle health problems in the long run."

"Water is one of the most important nutrients cattle consume every day," Larson said. "Making sure it is available, safe and properly managed is a critical part of herd health."

Lawn care starts with proper lawnmower winterization

K-State Extension news service

Taking care of a home lawn can be time consuming but rewarding for many homeowners. Kansas State University horticulture expert Matt McKernan said as mowing season ends, it is important to service mowers before storing them for winter.

Always begin lawn mower maintenance by disconnecting the battery cable or spark plug wire to prevent accidental engine starts and ensure safety, McKernan recommends.

"Make sure you drain the gas tank of gasoline-powered engines, run the engine until it is out of gas, or use a gasoline stabilizer," McKernan said. "Untreated gasoline can become thick and gummy."

Spark plugs should be replaced. Before putting the new one in, place a few drops of clean oil inside the spark plug hole in the engine and turn over the engine a few times to lubricate the cylinder. Battery terminals usually corrode during the season, so they should be cleaned with a wire-bristle brush before being removed and stored for winter.

"If you remove the battery, be sure to store it in a protected

location for the winter; a cool basement works best," McKernan said.

Cleaning and storing mowers properly is just one part of end-of-season-care. McKernan also suggests using this time to sharpen mower blades.

"Sharpening rotary mower blades is fairly straightforward," said McKernan, who listed the steps to guide the process:

- Check for major blade damage and replace what can't be fixed.
- Remove grass and debris with a damp cloth. Dry the blade before sharpening.
- Use a grinding wheel or hand-file to remove nicks from the cutting edge. If using a grinding wheel, match the existing edge angle to the wheel. If hand-filing, file at the same angle as the existing edge.
- File edges to 1/32 inch, or about the size of a period at the end of a sentence.
- Avoid overheating the blade as this could damage it.
- For optimum winter storage, clean the blade with solvent or oil. Avoid using water

because it will promote rust.

"Following these tips can help you better prepare your mower for winter storage and also save you some steps (next) spring," McKernan said.

McKernan and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

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In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES M. VOTIPKA, deceased

Case No. WS-2026-PR-000022

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 22, 2026 a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Grayson Votipka, adult son and an heir of Charles M. Votipka, deceased.

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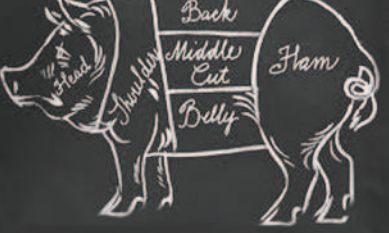
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NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 22, 2026, a petition was filed in this court by Christine J. Stewart and Cynthia J. Stewart a/k/a Cynthia J. Morris, an heirs-at-law and co-executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Jean I. Moser, deceased, dated January 5, 2023, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executors, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court of Washington County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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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 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 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.

Farmers urged to start thinking about ARC, PLC decisions

By Pat Melgares, K-State Extension news service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency announced Sept. 15 that election and enrollment for the 2026 crop year will run from Sept. 16 through Dec. 11. The election and enrollment period for the 2027 crop year will run from Nov. 2 through March 15, 2027.

K-State Extension farm economist Robin Reid said the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs provide income protection based on revenue or commodity prices. Producers can choose ARC-County or PLC on a crop-by-crop basis, and make different decisions on different FSA farm numbers.

According to Reid, the delayed 2026 decision

deadline gives farmers an unusual opportunity to have more information about their crop before making their election.

“There is a real advantage this year by harvesting this crop before we are required to make the ARC/PLC decision,” Reid said. “Especially on wheat base, the marketing year has already started and we have a couple of prices already published from USDA.”

Other crops have just begun their marketing years, Reid said, but price estimates are available.

The timing of the decision could make this year’s harvest particularly useful in evaluating ARC and PLC. If relatively high grain prices persist through the marketing year, Reid said, the choice could depend largely on county yields.

“If there were dry conditions during the growing season and lower yields across the county, ARC might be the way to go because it will pay even at higher prices since it is a revenue-based program,” Reid said.

Conversely, if county yields are above average, ARC would require a lower price to generate a payment, potentially making PLC more relevant, Reid said. Farmers should use their own individual farm information when comparing the programs, however.

“Farmers need to run the numbers for their individual farm,” Reid said. “As each farm has its’ own established program yield with FSA, that will determine how large PLC payments would be in relation to potential ARC payments”

K-State has devel-

oped an online spreadsheet to help producers evaluate potential ARC and PLC payments. The tool compares payment levels under different marketing-year average prices and is designed to help farmers examine the tradeoffs between the programs. A tutorial video and highlights from the video also are available through Ag-Manager.info, a website maintained by the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics.

Reid said farmers should begin considering their options but do not need to immediately visit their local FSA office.

“As many have started or will soon be starting harvest, I would encourage farmers to be thinking about the decision but there is no need to rush into the local FSA office at this time,” she said. “Get through har-

vest and evaluate how yields turned out, and then do the election and enrollment.”

Reid also encouraged producers not to wait until the deadline because FSA offices could face heavy workloads and staffing constraints.

The USDA announcement also included an update on new base acres, which farmers could qualify for if they were planting more acres than they had in base. More than 30 million acres were eligible for new base-acre allocations, exceeding the national cap. As a result, FSA applied a 3.69% reduction to newly allocated base acres. Existing base acres are not affected, according to Reid.

Meanwhile, ARC and PLC payments for the 2025 crop are scheduled to begin in October 2026. As a result of the One Big

Beautiful Bill Act, farmers will receive the higher of the calculated ARC or PLC payment for that crop year, regardless of the program they elected.

Reid said corn, soybeans, wheat and grain sorghum will receive PLC payments for 2025, although ARC payments are higher in some cases for corn and soybeans. K-State shows estimates for these payments for farmers to use on their cash flow.

For the 2026 crop, Reid said producers can use the harvest results, available price information and K-State’s decision tools to make a more informed election before the Dec. 11 deadline. K-State’s Department of Agricultural Economics will also be having informational webinars as the deadline gets closer.



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FOOTBALL STATS

Friday, Oct. 2 at Hanover

Hanover	24	22	6	-	52
Frankfort	6	0	0	-	6

Passing – Cohorst 5/11 for 101 yds, 3 TDs.
Receiving – Stallbaumer 2 for 50 yds, 2 TDs; B. Sedlacek 1 for 27 yds, 1 TD; C. Bruna 1 for 14 yds; Kickhaefer 1 for 10 yds.
Rushing – C. Bruna 12 for 107 yds, 3 TDs; Cohorst 5 for 62 yds, 1 TD; Kickhaefer 1 for 1 yd.
Tackles – Kickhaefer 6.5, B. Sedlacek 5.5, C. Bruna 4.5, Stallbaumer 4, M. Dragastin 3, Schlabach 2.5, Cohorst 1.5, R. Sedlacek 1.5, Fritschi 1.5, Simpson 1.5, Cook 1, D. Dragastin .5, H. Bruna .5, Kyner .5.
Sacks – B. Sedlacek 1, M. Dragastin 1.
Forced fumbles – Schlabach 1, Kickhaefer 1.
Fumble recoveries – Schlabach 1.

Friday, Oct. 2 at Washington

Solomon	6	14	0	0	20
WaCo	12	12	6	32	62

Passing – Ea. Finlayson 3/6 for 24 yds.
Receiving – Keesecker 1 for 13 yds; Peterson 1 for 12 yds; Baker 1 for -1 yd.
Rushing – Crome 13 for 206 yds, 2 TDs; Ea. Finlayson 12 for 131 yds, 3 TDs; Peterson 5 for 58 yds, 3 TDs.
Tackles – Peterson 14, Willbrant 10, Baker 9, Novak 9, Ea. Finlayson 8, Crome 7, Chandler 7, Hernandez 5, El. Finlayson 4, Bruna 3, Keesecker 3, Kern 2.
Interceptions – Crome 1, Baker 1, Willbrant 1.

Friday, Oct. 2 at Randolph

Linn	-	-	-	-	58
Blue Valley	-	-	-	-	46

Passing – G. Ohlde 11/17 for 128 yds, 4 TDs.
Receiving – C. Stunkel 8 for 93 yds, 3 TDs; Klima 2 for 33 yds, 1 TD; H. Stunkel 1 for 2 yds.
Rushing – G. Ohlde 23 for 170 yds, 2 TDs; H. Stunkel 7 for 51 yds, 1 TD; C. Winter 9 for 44 yds.
Tackles – Klima 13, C. Stunkel 11.5, Herrs 9, Schoenberger 6.5, G. Ohlde 6, C. Winter 5, Crosby Winter 4.5, H. Stunkel 3.5, Alverado 3, Nicolas-Castro .5, D. Ohlde .5.
Interceptions – C. Stunkel 1, Ohlde 2.
Forced fumbles – Ohlde 1, Herrs 1.
Defensive TDs – C. Stunkel 1.

Friday, Oct. 2 at Cottonwood Falls

Clifton-Clyde	-	-	-	-	42
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Passing – Damman 4/6 for 58 yds.
Receiving – Benne 2 for 25 yds; Tiemeyer 1 for 18 yds; Newton 1 for 15 yds.
Rushing – Damman 35 for 233 yds, 3 TDs; Newton 12 for 96 yds, 2 TDs; Germann 4 for 27 yds; Benne 2 for 9 yds, 1 TD; Goeckel 1 for 4 yds; Pruser 3 for 2 yds.
Tackles – Goeckel 12, Benne 11, Damman 10, Affolter 6, Knox 6, LeClair 5, Tiemeyer 4, Germann 4, Newton 2.
Interceptions – Benne 1, Germann 1.

TVL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 9
11-man, Class 1A
Centralia at Riverside
Doniphan West at Jeff. Co. North
Jackson Heights at Onaga
Valley Heights at Valley Falls

8-Man Division I
Canton-Galva at Clifton-Clyde
Washington County at Herington

8-Man Division II
Axtell at Linn
Blue Valley-Randolph at Frankfort
Hanover at Troy

KPREPS FOOTBALL WEEKLY RANKINGS

TVL schools in bold				Rankings as of Oct. 6			
8-MAN DIV. I							
1	Lincoln			5-0			
2	South Central			3-1			
3	Wichita County			5-0			
4	Oswego			5-0			
5	Decatur County			4-1			
8-MAN DIV. II							
1	Hanover			5-0			
2	Axtell			5-0			
3	Little River			5-0			
4	Sylvan-Lucas Unified			5-0			
5	Hodgeman County			5-0			

VOLLEYBALL

TVL VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

Tuesday, Sept. 29
Hanover def D-West 25-12, 25-14
D-West def Onaga 25-9, 25-20
Hanover def Onaga 25-11, 25-9
WaCo def Frankfort 25-13, 26-24**
Centralia def WaCo 25-22, 25-10**
Centralia def Frankfort 25-4, 25-14**
Linn def Axtell 25-14, 25-19
B. Val. def Axtell 28-26, 20-25, 25-20
Linn def Blue Valley 25-14, 28-26
Clifton Clyde def Valley Heights 25-21, 23-25, 25-15
Valley Heights def Clifton Clyde 19-25, 25-18, 25-20**

Thursday, Oct. 1
Hanover def Clif-Clyde 25-11, 25-20**
Hanover def Onaga 25-1, 25-11**
Clif-Clyde def Onaga 25-13, 25-12**
Centralia def V. Hgts 25-18, 25-20**
Centralia def Axtell 26-24, 25-23
Valley Hgts def Axtell 25-18, 25-20**
D-West def Frankfort 25-22, 25-16
Linn def Frankfort 25-14, 25-11**
Linn def D-West 25-21, 25-11**
**non-league match

VOLLEYBALL GAME STATS

Saturday, Sept. 26 at Wakefield Tourney

Clifton-Clyde	25	25
Pike Valley	-	-

Kills – Wurtz 11, Close 8, Baker 5, Joy 2, Kieffer 1, Sacco 1.
Aces – Joy 6, Wurtz 1.
Blocks – Close 2, Sacco 1.
Set assists – Sacco 22, Kieffer 3, Skocny 1.

Clifton-Clyde	25	25
Wakefield	11	23

Kills – Wurtz 7, Baker 5, Joy 4, Kieffer 1, Sacco 1, Close 1.
Aces – Wurtz 3, Joy 3, Close 2, Sacco 1, Skocny 1.
Blocks – Close 3, Wurtz 2.
Set assists – Sacco 15, Fahey 2, Kieffer 1.

Clifton-Clyde	22	25	25
Bennington	25	16	18

Kills – Wurtz 11, Joy 11, Close 6, Baker 3, Kieffer 2.
Aces – Fahey 2, Joy 2, Close 2, Sacco 1, Wurtz 1.
Blocks – Baker 2, Joy 2, Sacco 1, Close 1.
Set assists – Sacco 31, Joy 1.

Clifton-Clyde	11	19
Blue Valley	25	25

Kills – Baker 6, Wurtz 3, Close 3, Joy 2, Sacco 1.
Aces – Sacco 1, Joy 1.
Blocks – Kieffer 1, Joy 1, Close 1.
Set assists – Sacco 9, Kieffer 3, Skocny 1, Close 1.

Saturday, Sept. 26 at Axtell Tournament

Washington Co	8	5
St. John's	25	25

Kills – Gepner 2, Goeckel 1, Lutjemeier 1.
Blocks – Lutjemeier 2, Goeckel 1.
Set assists – Beikmann 3.

Washington Co	25	21	24
Diller-Odell	23	25	26

Kills – Goeckel 11, Lutjemeier 8, Gepner 4, Turner 2.
Aces – Lutjemeier 8, Gepner 2, Goeckel 1, Beikmann 1.
Blocks – Goeckel 3, Turner 1.
Set assists – Cheely 25.

Washington Co	16	23
Maur Hill	25	25

Kills – Goeckel 10, Lutjemeier 6, Gepner 1.
Aces – Lutjemeier 3.
Set assists – Cheely 16.

Washington Co	10	13
Johnson-Brock	25	25

Kills – Goeckel 10, Lutjemeier 2, Gepner 1.
Blocks – Goeckel 1, Lutjemeier 1.
Set assists – Cheely 12.

Washington Co	25	26
Frankfort	7	24

Kills – Goeckel 12, Lutjemeier 6, Gepner 3.
Aces – Goeckel 1, Lutjemeier 1.
Set assists – Cheely 14, Gepner 2, Leduc 1.

Hanover	25	25
Valley Heights	21	14

Kills – G. Bruna 6, L. Bruna 6, D. Bruna 5, E. Bruna 3, E. Stallbaumer 3, Meyn 1.
Aces – G. Bruna 2, Cohorst 1, D. Bruna 1.
Blocks – E. Stallbaumer 3.
Set assists – Meyn 18, D. Bruna 2.

Hanover	25	25
Axtell	14	12

Kills – D. Bruna 10, E. Stallbaumer 8, G. Bruna 7, E. Bruna 2, L. Bruna 2.
Aces – L. Bruna 2, Meyn 1.
Blocks – E. Stallbaumer 2, L. Bruna 1, D. Bruna 1.
Set assists – Meyn 22, O'Dell 2, Z. Stallbaumer 1, L. Bruna 1, E. Stallbaumer 1.

Hanover	25	25
Sacred Heart	10	9

Kills – D. Bruna 7, L. Bruna 4, E. Stallbaumer 4, G. Bruna 3, E. Bruna 2, Meyn 1, O'Dell 1.
Aces – Cohorst 3, G. Bruna 1, D. Bruna 1.
Blocks – E. Stallbaumer 3, D. Bruna 2, L. Bruna 1.
Set assists – Meyn 17, Z. Stallbaumer 4.

Hanover	25	25
Frankfort	12	16

Kills – D. Bruna 8, L. Bruna 7, G. Bruna 4, O'Dell 3, E. Stallbaumer 2, Meyn 1.
Aces – Jueneman 2, D. Bruna 2, Blocks – O'Dell 2, E. Bruna 1, D. Bruna 1.
Set assists – Meyn 19, G. Bruna 2, Cohorst 1, Z. Stallbaumer 1.

Hanover	25	27
Johnson-Brock	17	25

Kills – G. Bruna 10, D. Bruna 9, E. Stallbaumer 7, L. Bruna 6.
Aces – D. Bruna 2, L. Bruna 1.
Blocks – D. Bruna 3, L. Bruna 1.
Set assists – Meyn 28, G. Bruna 1, D. Bruna 1.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Linn

Linn	25	25
Axtell	14	19

Kills – Bott 12, S. Hiltgen 8, Ba. Peters 6, Meier 3, Oehmke 1, Wert 1.
Aces – S. Hiltgen 4, Bott 3, Turk 1, E. Hiltgen 1, Br. Peters 1.
Set assists – S. Hiltgen 14, Bott 13, Turk 4.

Linn	25	28
Blue Valley	14	26

Kills – S. Hiltgen 12, Ba. Peters 5, Bott 5, E. Hiltgen 1, Meier 1, Wert 1.
Aces – Bott 2, S. Hiltgen 2, Turk 1, E. Hiltgen 1.
Blocks – Oehmke 3, Wert 1, Meier 1.
Set assists – Bott 13, S. Hiltgen 6, Turk 4, Ba. Peters 1, Br. Peters 1.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Hanover

Hanover	25	25
Doniphan West	12	14

Kills – E. Stallbaumer 8, L. Bruna 7, D. Bruna 6, G. Bruna 3, E. Bruna 1.
Aces – Cohorst 2, Meyn 2, Jueneman 1, L. Bruna 1, D. Bruna 1.
Blocks – E. Stallbaumer 1, D. Bruna 3.
Set assists – Meyn 25.

Hanover	25	25
Onaga	11	9

Kills – E. Stallbaumer 6, D. Bruna 6, L. Bruna 4, G. Bruna 3, E. Bruna 1.
Aces – G. Bruna 3, Jueneman 2, D. Bruna 2, Martin 1, Cohorst 1, Meyn 1, Z. Stallbaumer 1.
Blocks – D. Bruna 2, E. Stallbaumer 1.

Set assists – Meyn 14, Z. Stallbaumer 6.

Thursday, Oct. 1 at Clyde

Hanover	25	25
Onaga	-	-

Kills – D. Bruna 7, E. Stallbaumer 6, L. Bruna 3, G. Bruna 2.
Aces – G. Bruna 7, L. Bruna 1.
Blocks – D. Bruna 2, E. Bruna 1, L. Bruna 1, E. Stallbaumer 1.
Set assists – Meyn 18, O'Dell 1.

Hanover	25	25
Clifton-Clyde	11	20

Kills – D. Bruna 10, L. Bruna 7, G. Bruna 5, Meyn 3, E. Stallbaumer 1.
Aces – G. Bruna 3, D. Bruna 2, Jueneman 1, Cohorst 1.
Blocks – D. Bruna 5, E. Stallbaumer 1.
Set assists – Meyn 21, G. Bruna 1.

TVL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 6
@Doniphan West – Valley Heights, Washington County
@Blue Valley – Centralia, Clifton-Clyde
@Hanover – Frankfort, Manhattan CHIEF
@Onaga – Linn, Axtell

TVL VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

As of Thursday, Oct. 1				
	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Linn	9	0	21	0
Centralia	8	0	24	0
Hanover	7	2	22	5
Doniphan West	6	4	12	8
Blue Valley	5	4	18	4
Axtell	5	5	12	11
Clifton Clyde	3	6	14	11
Valley Heights	3	6	13	13
Frankfort	1	7	3	19
Washington Co.	1	7	5	17
Onaga	1	8	7	12



WCHS homecoming king Michael Peterson tries to balance the crown on the head of queen Macie Gepner. The duo were homecoming attendants when they were kindergarteners.



Eli Crome sprints to the outside and picks up some yardage for the Tigers.



Washington County quarterback Easton Finlayson keeps his knees off the ground and reaches across the goal line for a touchdown.



The Washington County Tiger defense converges for a group tackle against the Solomon running back during Friday's football game.

Photos by **Dan Thalmann**



Members of the WCHS pep band perform.

CROSS COUNTRY

Top 3 runners overall, TVL runners in top 10, local runners in top 40 (in bold)

Republic County Cross Country Meet

Thursday, Sept. 24 at Belleville Country Club

Boys			
1	C. Girard	Clifton-Clyde	17:12.6
2	J. Luong	Rock Hills	17:16.5
3	G. Wright	Beloit	18:21.6
6	R. Girard	Clifton-Clyde	18:55.8
22	I. Jackson	Clifton-Clyde	21:21.8
Girls			
1	T. Reeves	Pike Valley	20:51.8
2	Rodriguez	RepCo	21:22.6
3	L. Bruna	Hanover	22:16.4
7	E. Begnoche	Clifton-Clyde	23:54.2

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

CLIFTON-CLYDE

FOOTBALL (4-1)
Sept. 4 Blue Valley W 82-50
Sept. 11 Axtell L 0-56
Sept. 18 @Linn W 56-32
Sept. 25 @Herington W 48-0
Oct. 2 @Chase County W 44-12
Oct. 9 Canton-Galva
Oct. 16 @Washington Co.
Oct. 23 Solomon

VOLLEYBALL (14-11)

Sept. 1	Clifton-Clyde	0-1	1-1
Sept. 8	@Blue Valley	0-2	1-3
Sept. 12	@SylvLucas Trn.	5-0	6-3
Sept. 15	@Hanover	1-1	7-4
Sept. 19	@Rep. Co. Tourn.	2-2	9-6
Sept. 22	@Centralia	0-2	9-8
Sept. 26	@Wakefld Tourn.	3-1	12-9
Sept. 29	Clifton-Clyde	1-113	10
Oct. 1	Clifton-Clyde	1-1	14-11
Oct. 6	@Blue Valley		
Oct. 10	TVL Tourney		
Oct. 13	@Valley Heights		

HANOVER

FOOTBALL (5-0)
Sept. 4 @Thayer Central W 62-20
Sept. 11 Washing. Co. W 46-0
Sept. 18 Ell-Saline W 52-0
Sept. 25 @Linn W 48-0
Oct. 2 Frankfort W 52-6
Oct. 9 @Troy
Oct. 16 @Axtell
Oct. 23 Blue Valley

VOLLEYBALL (22-5)

Sept. 1	@Valley Heights	2-0	2-0
Sept. 8	@Centralia	0-2	2-2
Sept. 12	@NemCent Tourn	4-2	6-4
Sept. 15	Hanover	2-0	8-4
Sept. 19	@RepCo Tourn.	4-0	12-4
Sept. 22	@Washington	1-1	13-5
Sept. 26	@Axtell Tourn.	5-0	18-5
Sept. 29	Hanover	2-0	20-5
Oct. 1	@Clifton-Clyde	2-0	22-5
Oct. 6	Hanover		
Oct. 10	@TVL Tourn.		
Oct. 13	@Doniphan West		

LINN

FOOTBALL (2-2)
Sept. 11 Lakeside W 52-6
Sept. 18 Clifton-Clyde L 32-56
Sept. 25 Hanover L 0-48
Oct. 2 @Blue Valley W 58-46
Oct. 9 Axtell
Oct. 16 Frankfort
Oct. 23 @Troy

VOLLEYBALL (26-0)

Aug. 29	@Ellis	3-0	3-0
Sept. 1	@Clifton-Clyde	2-0	5-0
Sept. 8	Linn	2-0	7-0
Sept. 10	@St. John's-Bel.	2-0	9-0
Sept. 15	@Frankfort	2-0	11-0
Sept. 19	@Fairbury Tourn.	4-0	15-0
Sept. 22	@Washington	2-0	17-0
Sept. 29	Linn	2-0	19-0
Oct. 1	@Frankfort	2-0	21-0
Oct. 3	@CantGalv.Tourn	5-0	26-0
Oct. 6	@Onaga		
Oct. 10	@Washington		
Oct. 13	Linn		

WASHINGTON CO

FOOTBALL (3-2)
Sept. 4 Frankfort L 28-44
Sept. 11 @Hanover L 0-46
Sept. 18 @Man. Eagles W 56-8
Sept. 25 Rock Hills W 54-6
Oct. 2 Solomon W 62-20
Oct. 9
Oct. 16 @Herington
Oct. 16 Clifton-Clyde
Oct. 23 @Canton-Galva

VOLLEYBALL (9-18)

Sept. 1	Washington	1-1	1-1
Sept. 8	@Onaga	0-2	1-3
Sept. 12	@Frankfort Tourn.	2-3	3-6
Sept. 15	@Doniphan West	0-2	3-8
Sept. 21	Washington	0-2	3-10
Sept. 22	Washington	0-2	3-12
Sept. 26	Axtell tourney	1-4	4-16
Sept. 29	@Frankfort	1-1	5-17
Oct. 3	@Rock Hills Tour.	4-1	9-18
Oct. 6	@Doniphan West		
Oct. 10	TVL Tourn.		
Oct. 13	@Valley Heights		

Board minutes from around Washington County

Clifton City Council

The Clifton City Council met Aug. 31. Present were mayor J.Tillinghast and council members D.Detrixhe - J.Lange- - B.Cyphers. A.LeClair and G.Pruser were absent. Employees present were R.Stephens - C.Finkbiner- C.Vancampen. Guests present were Matthew Jorgenson, Airika Ohlde.

PWO CCLIP project Started Highway 9 chip sealed, Center lines and Crosswalk to be painted after 30days.

Ball shack and pool have been winterized.

Clerk: Becky will be going to CCMFOA conference Nov 16-18th in Wichita. Becky will be out of the office October 5th-9th, J.Wunderle will cover these days from 8 a.m. to noon. Horse permit application reviewed. Council voted to approve a new permit for 3 horses pending purchase of property and a secure fence is maintained per the application. Any additional horses will require a new permit.

Unfinished business: Playground update-Sept. 30 will be the last day to play on the existing playground structure, Oct 1-2 the park will be closed to start demolition, Airika Ohlde with the Park Improvement Committee gave update, Oct 5th Kyle Brabb is scheduled to do dirt work. The new playground equipment will be in around Oct 19th, the park committee has about 8 volunteers lined up for install that week. Council voted to donate water and cce from T's Grocery or Kisby's Pit Stop for the volunteers during the installation. Council voted to approve

NCRP invoices totaling \$10,000 to be sent to Kansas Commerce to release grants funds for administration fees.

Curb/Gutter at Grade School- CP concrete is expecting to start in Oct, date to be announced, weather permitting.

New business: The city is helping to facilitate a BLOCK grant for the businesses and property owners on Parallel between Clifton and Cloud street. The grant will allow the building to be updated and give our downtown street a more cohesive and welcoming look, to promote economic growth in our community. The application is due Sept 30th and will be awarded around Oct 9th.

The Clifton City Council met July 27. Present were mayor J.Tillinghast, council members A.LeClair- D.Detrixhe - J.Lange- G.Pruser - B.Cyphers, employees R.Stephens - C.Finkbiner- C.Vancampen, and guests Matthew Jorgenson, Rachel McHenry, Shirley Leiszler, Daniel Deaver, Judy Deaver.

Swimming pool: 2027 Financial review of pool season.

PWO Annual Clay Center Highway department Chip Sealing has been completed, and stayed under budget. CCLIP project is scheduled to start 9/7-9/8 on Highway 9. Four waterline leaks were repaired this month, Birchwood, Linden and 2 on Strand. New service line on Mulberry for the new Green Acres RV park and old water line removed from new Catholic Church project. Lead and copper

water tests competed with no concerns.

Clerk: Council aapproved donating the current playground to Green Christian school, with signed weaver. Green Christian School is responsible for removal of playground. Contract with Aspire-2play complete, Park Improvement Committee has change order before the order is placed. Council approved the change order. City will be working with businesses on promotional materials to welcome contractors with the Sunflower Electric Project.

Unfinished business: New City Hall Sign- - Installation planned for week of September 14th.

Kansas employee health benefits - Council approved three-year contract. Curb/Gutter at Grade School- CP Concrete was lowest bid, USD 224, City and Robert Wunderle accept bid, will work together on scheduling.

City of Barnes

The Barnes City Council met July 8. Present were mayor Shannon Height, council members Garrett Cudney, John Diederich and Marilyn Rogers, Nik Sedivy, Seth Wurtz, treasurer Shelley Parker and clerk Kim Perkins. Council voted to allow Brian Turk to get five gallons of Round-Up and charge to the city.

The Council okayed having Colby Smith help clean out the gutters and other miscella-

neous jobs if needed.

The Barnes City Council met Aug. 3. Present were mayor Shannon Height, councilmembers Garrett Cudney, John Diederich, Marilyn Rogers, Nik Sedivy, Seth Wurtz, treasurer Shelley Parker and clerk Kim Perkins.

The 2027 Budget for the City of Barnes was presented and reviewed. The council approved the 2027 Budget. The budget was signed by all council members and delivered by clerk Perkins to the Washington County Clerk.

A bill from Hanover Insurance was presented to the council for special event insurance for the Barnes 150th Celebration for the weekend of Aug. 14-15. Also, a donation to Kennedy Anne Music was discussed for her performance during the Barnes 150th Celebration. Council voted to pay insurance bill and the donation.

Council voted to approve the liquor license the Barnes Fire Department applied for for the beer garden for the Barnes 150th Celebration.

Washington County Hospital

The Washington County Hospital Board of Directors met Aug. 17. Present were Jana Rollman, Mike Kongs, Staci Cardenas, Lawson Babb and Scott Bokelman. Others present were Roxanne Schot-

tel, CEO, and Cynthia Scheer, Washington County News.

Schottel informed the board that a kick-off meeting with HFG regarding a new Rural Health Clinic will be Aug. 19. Kongs and Babb will represent the board at that meeting.

Apple Roofing still has not contacted the hospital with a timeline of replacing the section of roof that needs repaired.

Schottel reported that the daycare remodel is progressing well. It will be at full capacity with a wait list when it opens in September.

Kim Francis, nurse practitioner student, will be doing a clinical rotation at FMWC in September and October.

The north elevator is still down. TK Elevator is planning to be here this week to start repairs.

Schottel reported that a clinic meeting was Aug. 10. Plans are to have monthly meetings.

Tony Blake with Strategic Impact Group was in-house August 10-12.

Kongs and Rollman recently toured the new Wymore Clinic and gave a report.

The board went into executive session for contract negotiations to include the CEO for 20 minutes.

The board went into executive session for

non-elected personnel to include the CEO for 20 minutes.

The Washington County Hospital Board of Directors met Aug. 24. Present were Jana Rollman, Mike Kongs, Staci Cardenas, Lawson Babb and Scott Bokelman. Others present were Roxanne Schottel, CEO.

The board went into executive session for contract negotiations at 7:03 a.m. to include the board and CEO and return to regular session at 7:25 a.m.

Dr. Kyle McGatlin joined the meeting at 7:28 a.m. The board went into executive session for contract negotiations at 7:30 a.m. to include the board, CEO and Dr. Kyle McGatlin and return to regular session at 9 a.m



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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, KANSAS
Plaintiff,

vs.

THAINE HARRIS, et al.,
Defendants,

Case No. WS-2026-CV-000006

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 60 AND 79 OF
KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO DEFENDANTS WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN:

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Parcel No. 9 & 11: Russell J Dimartino, C/O Kathleen Vaught, 27455 Basin Ct., Menisee, CA 92584; Russell J Dimartino, 702 Kansas Ave, Haddam, KS 66944; Russell J Dimartino, 513 Kansas Ave, Haddam, KS 66944

Parcel No. 10: Garot Plumm, 11816 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66203; Garot Plumm, 415 Kansas Ave, Haddam, KS 66944; City of Haddam, Attn: City Clerk, P.O. Box 25, Haddam, KS 66944

Parcel No. 12: Margye M Bobbitt, 344 20th Rd, Haddam Twp, KS 66944; Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20220; United States of America, c/o U.S. Attorney, 1200 Epic Center, 301 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67202; Todd Blanche or Current Attorney General, US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20530-0009

Parcel No. 16: Jeanne A Elsasser, 100 E Elm St., Hanover, KS 66945; Gary A Cornett, 100 E Elm St., Hanover, KS 66945; Wesley Jorgenson, 100 E Elm St., Hanover, KS 66945; Stephanie Jorgenson, 100 E Elm St., Hanover, KS 66945; Regina L. Thompson, Attorney for Shayna Jorgenson, Aka Shayna O. Jenks, Aka Shayna O. Swearingen, 310 4th St., P.O. Box 166, Scandia, KS 66966-0166; Steve Kraushaar, Attorney for Wesley Jorgenson, 1017 Broadway, Marysville, KS 66508; Donna J. Long, 12th Judicial District Court Trustee, Re: WS 2012-DM-000010, P.O. Box 292, Scandia, KS 66966

Parcel No. 20: Concordia Travel Center LLC, 2599 US Hwy 36, Cuba, KS 66940; Concordia Travel Center LLC, 1159 17th Rd., Coleman Twp, KS 66968

Parcel No. 21: Jeanette Hoerner, 207 N Pine St., Linn, KS 66953; Jeanette Hoerner, 2007 N. Pine St., Linn, KS 66953; Shelly McClain, 309 W. Elm St., Hanover, KS 66945; Kansas Estate Recovery for KDHE, 4011 SW 29th St., #373, Topeka, KS 66614

Parcel No. 23: Gilbert S Jorgenson, 2276 11th Rd., Greenleaf, KS 66943; Gilbert S Jorgenson, 112 Main St., Greenleaf, KS 66943

Parcel No. 24: Charles Justis, 214 W Elm St., Waterville, KS 66548; Leila L Justis, 214 W Elm St., Waterville, KS 66548; Charles Justis, 604 Main St., Greenleaf, KS 66943; Leila L Justis, 604 Main St., Greenleaf, KS 66943

Parcel No. 25: Edward Anthony Eaton, 108 N Center St., Barnes, KS 66933; Kansas Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 12005, Topeka, KS 66612-2005; Kansas Attorney General's Office, 120 SW 10th Ave., #2, Topeka, KS 66612

Parcel No. 28: Tawnya Klataska, 509 Main St., Greenleaf, KS 66943; Tawnya Klataska, 2442 3rd Rd., Kimeo Twp, KS 66943; Rickey Klataska, 5115 Manzana Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911; Kansas Attorney General's Office, 120 SW 10th Ave., #2, Topeka, KS 66612; Kansas Secretary of DCF, Re: WS-2016-DM-000021, 555 S. Kansas Ave., 4th Floor, Topeka, KS 66603

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO DEFENDANTS WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN OR ARE NO LONGER AT THE CURRENT ADDRESSES FOUND:

Parcel No. 3: Rosemary Pifer, Deceased; Unknown Heirs of Rosemary Pifer, Deceased, Addresses Unknown; Orville J. Graham, Deceased; Unknown Heirs of Orville J. Graham, Deceased, Addresses Unknown ; Maurice Graham, Deceased; Unknown Heirs of Maurice Graham, Deceased, Addresses Unknown; Raymond Willbrant, Deceased; Unknown Heirs of Raymond Willbrant, Deceased, Addresses Unknown; Gayle Kuchera, Deceased, Un-known Heirs of Gayle Kuchera, Deceased, Addresses Unknown **Parcel No. 21:** Jeanette Hoerner, Deceased; Unknown Heirs of Jeanette Hoerner, Deceased, Addresses Unknown

Together with the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of Defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of Defendants; the un-known officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such Defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such Defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of such of Defendants as are minors or are in any way under legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and made Defendants as such.

You are hereby notified that an Amended Petition has been filed in the Twelfth Judicial District, District Court of Washington County, Kansas, by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Kansas, praying that the Court determine the particular tract, lot or pieces of real estate described below, and the name of the owners and persons who have an interest therein; that the Court thereupon adjudge and decree such amount so found to be due to be the first and prior lien upon such property; that each Defendant be required to appear and establish their claim, estate, title or interest in said property, and that the Court shall adjudge and decree that such property be sold at public sale for the satisfaction of such lien, charges and costs, that Plaintiff be given such other necessary relief as it may be entitled to or shall be necessary and proper; and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before November 18, 2026, in the Court at the Washington County Courthouse, Clerk of the District Court, 214 C. Street, Suite 6, Washington, KS 66968. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. The parcel number shown above each of the names of Defendants is the parcel number of each real estate tract in which each Defendant is believed to claim such interest. The real estate identified by parcel number which is the subject matter of this action is as follows:

Michelle L. Brenwald #19287
Christopher A. McElgunn #13359
KLENDAAUSTERMAN LLC
301 N. Main, Ste. 1600

Wichita, KS 67202
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Parcel No. 1
Tax ID No. 1-00279
Legal Description: Lots Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), and Nineteen (19), in Block Two (2), in Clapps Addition, in the City of Hollenberg, in Washington County, Kansas.
Approximate Location: 313 EAST ST, HOLLENBERG, KS 66946
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$1,004.08
Current Owners: HARRIS, THAINE

Parcel No. 3
Tax ID No. 1-00590
Legal Description: A tract of land described as follows;-beginning at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter (NE1/2) of section number ten (10), in township number two (2) south, of range number three (3) east of the sixth principal meridian and running thence south along said quarter section line for a distance of eighteen (18) rods; thence east twenty-five (25) feet; thence north parallel with the west line of said quarter section eighteen (18) rods; thence west twenty-five (25) feet to the place of beginning, Washington County, Kansas.
Approximate Location: OSAGE RD, FARMINGTON TWP, KS 66968
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$857.91
Current Owners: ORVILLE, GRAHAM

Parcel No. 5
Tax ID No. 1-00899
Legal Description: Lots Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9) in Block Five (5), in the City of Mahaska, formerly the town of Bonham., Washington County, Kansas.
Approximate Location: 307 N MAPLE ST, MAHASKA, KS 66955
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$3,167.81
Current Owners: HARRIS, CAROLYN

Parcel No. 6
Tax ID No. 1-00965
Legal Description: A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at a point 620 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Seven (7), Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the 6th P.M., then running West parallel with the North line of the Quarter Section 330 feet, thence South parallel with the East line of said Quarter Section 100 feet, thence East parallel with the north line of said Quarter Section 330 feet, thence North along the East line of said

Quarter Section 100 feet to the place of beginning; said tract being designated as the South Half (S½) of Lot Fourteen (14) in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township One (1) South. Range One (1) East of the 6th P.M. in Washington County, Kansas, including the Commodore Mobile Home #2133629 which is installed on a foundation on this real property;
Approximate Location: 127 S SCHOOL AVE, MAHASKA, KS 66955
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$1,364.59
Current Owners: SOMMERVILLE, RAYMOND E & SARAH E

Parcel No. 7
Tax ID No. 1-01000
Legal Description: A tract of land described as follows: Beginning 1500 feet south of the northeast corner of Section Seven (7), in Township One (1) South, of Range One (1), East of the 6th P.M., running thence west 357.5 feet; thence south 609.25 feet; thence east 357.5 feet; thence north 609.25 feet, to the place of beginning, all in Washington County, Kansas, and designated as Lot 21 in the North East Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 7, in Township 1 South, of Range 1 East, on the Tax Rolls of Washington County, Kansas.
Approximate Location: 2857 ARROW-HEAD RD, UNION TWP, KS 66955
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$1,398.12
Current Owners: ROLEN, CHARLES A & F JUNE, GULLION CAROL

Parcel No. 9
Tax ID No. 1-01404
Legal Description: Lots Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13), in Block Thirteen (13), in the City of Haddam, in Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 513 KANSAS AVE, HADDAM, KS 66944
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$1,027.80
Current Owners: DIMARTINO, RUSSELL J

Parcel No. 10
Tax ID No. 1-01415
Legal Description: Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Eleven (11) in the City of Haddam, Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 415 KANSAS AVE, HADDAM, KS 66944
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$2,412.03
Current Owners: PLUMM, GAROT

Parcel No. 11
Tax ID No. 1-01489
Legal Description: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and Pour (4) in, Block Forty-seven (47), in the City of Haddam, in Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 702 KANSAS AVE, HADDAM, KS 66944
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$949.09
Current Owners: DIMARTINO, RUSSELL J

Parcel No. 12
Tax ID No. 1-01496
Legal Description: The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N½NW¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township two (2) South, Range One (1) East of the 6th P.M., Washington County, Kansas; LESS a tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of the NW/4) of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 1 East, of the 6th P.M., in Washington County, Kansas, being more fully described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast (NE) corner of said NW/4; THENCE North 90°00'00" West along the North Line of said NW/4 for 720.00 feet to a 1/2" x 30" rebar with plastic cap (w/PC); THENCE South 00°00'00" East through a 1/2" x 30" rebar w/PC at 30.00 feet for a distance of 414.33 feet to a 1/2" x 30" rebar w/PC; THENCE North 90°00'00" East for 332.90 feet to a 1/2" x 30" rebar w/PC; THENCE North 62°23'39" East for 436.63 feet to a 1/2" x 30" rebar w/PC on the East Line of said NW/4; THENCE North 00°02'53" East along said East Line through a 1/2" x 30" rebar w/PC at 182.00 feet for a distance of 212.00 feet to the point of beginning. Approximate Location: 344 20TH RD, HADDAM TWP, KS 66944
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$4,162.96
Current Owners: BOBBITT, MARGYE M

Parcel No. 16
Tax ID No. 1-02431
Legal Description: Lots 8 and 9, in Block 3, in THOMPSON'S SECOND ADDITION to the City of Hanover, Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 100 E ELM ST., HANOVER, KS 66945
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$2,976.15
Current Owners: ELSASSER JEANNE A; CORNETT GARY A; JORGENSEN WESLEY & STEPHANIE

Parcel No. 20
Tax ID No. 1-04401
Legal Description: A tract of land in Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Two (2) Township Three (3) South, of Range Two (2) East of the 6th P.M., Washington County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning at point 2,011.17 feet West and 75 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 2, Township 3 South of Range 2 East; thence West along the North line of U.S. Highway No. 36 right of way distance of 250 feet; thence North a distance of 300 feet; thence East a distance of 230 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction along the West right of way line of Kansas Highway No. 15 a distance of 304 feet to the place of beginning, all in Washington County, Kansas, subject to highway, easements, restrictions, and rights-of-way; and subject to driveway, water and sewer systems use agreement, commonly known as 1157 and 1159 17th Road, Morrowville, Kansas.
Approximate Location: 1159 17TH RD., COLEMAN TWP, KS 66968
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$7,157.31
Current Owners: CONCORDIA TRAVEL CENTER LLC

Parcel No. 21
Tax ID No. 1-05321
Legal Description: Beginning at a point 1174½ feet east and 564 feet south of the northwest corner of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Four (4) South, Range Three (3) East of the 6th P. M., in Washington County, Kansas, said beginning point being 66 feet east of the southeast corner of Block Nine (9) of the City of Linn, Kansas, and running thence east 105 feet, thence south 123 feet, more or less, to the north line of the right of way of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, thence in a southwesterly direction along the north line of said right of way 120 feet, more or less, to a point due south of the point of beginning, thence north 130 3/4 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, except a roadway 20 feet wide off of the south side of said tract and adjoining said railroad right of way on the north, said roadway extending from "D" Street in the City of Linn northeast a distance of 120 feet, subject to easements and restrictions, visible and of record.
Approximate Location: 2007 N. PINE ST., LINN, KS 66953
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Re-

demption Amount: \$4,264.69
Current Owners: HOERNER, JEANETTE
Parcel No. 23
Tax ID No. 1-05680
Legal Description: Lots Sixteen (16) Seventeen (17), and Eighteen (18), in Block Eight (8), in the City of Greenleaf, in Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 112 MAIN ST., GREENLEAF, KS 66943
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$4,741.27
Current Owners: JORGENSEN, GILBERT S

Parcel No. 24
Tax ID No. 1-05904
Legal Description: The South One-Half (S 1/2) of Lot Two (2) and all of Lot Three (3), Block Four (4), Lenoux Addition a/k/a South Greenleaf, Greenleaf, Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 604 MAIN ST., GREENLEAF, KS 66943
Delinquent Years: 2021-2025; Redemption Amount: \$3,173.86
Current Owners: JUSTIS, CHARLES & LEILA L

Parcel No. 25
Tax ID No. 1-06163
Legal Description: Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), in Block Two (2), in Claypool's Addition to the City of Barnes, in Washington County, Kansas
Approximate Location: 108 N CENTER ST., BARNES, KS 66933
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$2,667.59
Current Owners: EATON, EDWARD ANTHONY

Parcel No. 28
Tax ID No. 1-08152
Legal Description: A tract in the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 4 East of the 6" P.M., Washington County, Kansas, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, thence South 466.7 feet, thence West 466.7 feet, thence North 466.7 feet to the Section line, thence East 466.7 feet along the Section line to the point of beginning.
Approximate Location: 2442 3RD RD., KIMEO TWP, KS 66943
Delinquent Years: 2020-2025; Redemption Amount: \$4,186.32
Current Owners: KLATASKA, TA

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Lobbying For Grassy Lot

Mike Hadachek of Astra Bank, shown left, spoke to members of the Belleville City Council on Monday concerning the formation of a task force for the possible redevelopment of the downtown grassy lot.

- Telescope Photo by Fred Arnold

Council Softens Stance On Grassy Lot Development
OK's 12-Month Moratorium On Any Sale

By Fred Arnold
Telescope Publisher

Local civic and economic development leaders have had a tough time getting members of the Belleville City Council to decide what, if anything, to do regarding the fate of the vacant downtown grassy lot.

On Monday, the council took a step forward on allowing the area to be developed as a venue, ok-ing a measure that would take the area off the market as a "for sale" property for a period of 12 months.

A delegation of downtown business owners were present at the meeting, along with Chamber & Main Street Director Molly Springer and Republic County Economic Development Director Chris Zach. The group asked that the city be open to the idea of developing the lot as a venue.

"All of us are very thankful that the council discussed the measure and kept an open mind about seeing what our vision for the area could be," Springer told the Telescope.

Council members have been hesitant to greenlight any potential development of the area over concerns about who would be responsible for maintaining the area.

"I'm not against it at all," said Council Member Andrew Bates. "I really admire Molly's passion, and while her vision for the area and mine aren't the same, my biggest concern is who is going to maintain it?"

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County Looks For CVA Response This Week

By Katy Duryea
Telescope News

Discussions on the Narka blacktop are continuing between Republic County and CVA. County Highway Administrator Ken Robbins told the Republic county commissioners Monday he is hopeful some offer in compromise will be made this week.

"We're still really positive about the alternate truck route, or at least talking about it before they haul," he said.

Robbins said Vice-President of Operations Wes O'Bannon alluded that he would be presenting the idea to the Central Valley Ag board for a yes or no vote.

"The important thing is that we're communicating," Robbins said. "I don't think we're going to see any really large grain shipments without communicating, and that's really all we want."

Robbins said the county is working on a possible route where grain haulers can loop around a one-way route loaded up and one-way back empty. The possible solution may be an agreement enacted by the county and the company to alleviate additional stress on the recently repaved Narka road.

Hot temperatures and excessive heavy truckloads during summer harvest have caused the asphalt road to have above-normal wear and tear. Robbins has been reporting to commissioners weekly about the pending costs associated with repairing the road and the departmental efforts to reduce further unexpected damage.

Douglas Brothers Receive Lifetime Public Service Award
A Commitment To Belleville's Downtown Redevelopment

By Fred Arnold
Telescope Publisher

Dan and Dave Douglas have deep roots in the Belleville community.

The twin brothers grew up in Belleville and have spent more than 10 years reinvesting in and growing the community they consider "their hometown."

Last week, the brothers along with their wives Monica and Ashley were honored by North Central Regional Planning Commission with its Lifetime Public Service Award. The honor was bestowed during a special event in Minneapolis.

According to Belleville Chamber & Main Street Director Molly Springer, the award was very special and very well deserved.

"Those guys do so much for Belleville," she said. "There are the obvious things people see like growing their business, Hometown Lumber, and buying vacant lots and turning them into housing, but there are a ton of things they do that people never see. Those are the little things that make Belleville a better community."

She added that their impact can be seen throughout Republic County.

One of their most significant efforts has been their work to address the need for housing in rural Kansas. Dan and Dave have constructed three new homes at no profit, rehabilitated existing homes, and removed unsafe structures to create new buildable lots. There are currently plans in the works to build up to 16 additional new houses in Belleville on existing vacant lots.

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\$12⁹⁹
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Digiorno Pizza 21.9 - 26.4 Oz. Selected Varieties

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3 Ct.



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7.44 - 10 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁹⁹

Starburst Or Skittles Fun Size Candy
7.31 - 9.65 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$5⁹⁹

Mars Fun Size Candy
9.69 - 11.5 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁴⁹

Kraft Caramels
11 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Frito Lay Sunchips
7 Oz.
And Munchies Snack Mix
8 Oz.
Select Varieties



\$5⁹⁹

Frito Lay
10 Ct. Multipacks 5.875 - 10.375 Oz.
Select Varieties



\$2⁹⁹

Nabisco Belvita
5 - 8.8 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁹⁹

Nabisco Snack Crackers
3.5 - 10.3 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁹⁹

Nabisco Ritz Crackers
8.8 - 13.7 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Nabisco Teddy Grahams
10 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$4⁴⁹

Quaker Popped Rice Cakes
6.06 - 7.04 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$1⁹⁹

Act II Popcorn
3 Ct.
Selected Varieties



69¢

Maruchan Cup Of Noodles
3.3 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Maruchan Cup Of Noodles
6 Ct.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁹⁹

Musselman's Applesauce
24 Oz. Or 4 - 6 Ct.
Selected Varieties



4/\$4

Old El Paso Taco Seasoning Mix
.85 - 1 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁴⁹

Heinz Yellow Mustard
20 Oz.



\$3⁴⁹

Ken's Salad Dressing
16 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$1⁴⁹

Kraft Family Size Mac And Cheese Dinner
11 Oz.



\$2⁹⁹

Irresistible Pro Gut Pasta
14.5 Oz.
Selected Varieties



2/\$4

American Beauty Protein Pasta
14.5 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Kellogg's Cereal
10 - 17.3 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$10⁹⁹

Maxwell House Wake Up Roast Ground Coffee
24.8 Oz.



\$15⁹⁹

Brawny Paper Towel
8 Double Roll Or Quilted Northern Bath Tissue
12 Mega Roll
Selected Varieties



4/\$5

Delectables Lickables Cat Treats
1.4 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁴⁹

Delectables Cat Treats
4 Pk
Selected Varieties



\$12⁹⁹

Gravy Train Dog Food
13 Lb.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁹⁹

Vanity Fair Napkins
80 - 100 Ct.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Dixie Bowls, Plates, Or Cups
14 - 50 Ct.
Selected Varieties

Best Choice

Save on Our Brands



2/\$5

Best Choice Tortilla Chips
9.25 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$1⁸⁹

Best Choice Sweet And Tangy Bbq Sauce
18 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Best Choice Salad Dressing
24 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁹⁹

Best Choice Non-dairy Coffee Creamer
10.2 - 22 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$1⁹⁹

Best Choice Cookie Mix
17.5 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁹⁹

Best Choice Pancake Or Waffle Mix
28 - 32 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁹⁹

Best Choice Water
24 Pack



\$3⁴⁹

Best Choice Cooking Oil
48 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$10⁹⁹

Best Choice Paper Towels
12 Roll



\$5⁹⁹

Best Choice Lawn And Leaf Bags
18 Ct.

Home & Health



\$6⁴⁹

Topcare Cold And Flu Daytime Or Night
12 Oz. Or Children's Allergy 4 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$4⁹⁹

Topcare Cold Remedy Zinc Tabs
25 Ct. Or Cold And Flu Severe 12 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$8⁹⁹

Dollar Shave Club Razor Handle
6 Bt And Refills
Selected Varieties



\$5⁹⁹

Poise Pads Or Liners
12 - 48 Ct.
Selected Varieties



\$4⁹⁹

St Ives Facial Scrub
6 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$6⁹⁹

Soft Soap Body Wash
20 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$3⁴⁹

Snuggle Liquid Fabric Softener
27.2 Oz.
Selected Varieties



\$12⁹⁹

Persil Liquid Laundry Detergent
84 Oz.
Selected Varieties

DESTINATION: TAILGATE

WIN \$3,500 TOWARDS THE DESTINATION OF YOUR CHOICE!

SWEETSTAKES DATES:
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 27, 2026.

REGISTER TODAY

9 GRAND PRIZES AVAILABLE!

Prices Effective October 7 - 13, 2026

pop-tarts
FROSTED BROWN SUGAR CINNAMON

pop-tarts
FROSTED STRAWBERRY

\$2.99

Kellogg's Pop-Tarts
5-8 ct.,
Selected Varieties

PREMIUM
SOUP & OYSTER CRACKERS

PREMIUM
original topped with sea salt
SALTINE CRACKERS

\$2.99

Nabisco Premium Crackers or Soup and Oyster Crackers
9-16.96 oz.,
Selected Varieties

Hunt's
TOMATO KETCHUP

Hunt's
TOMATO KETCHUP

2/\$3

Hunt's Ketchup
20 oz.

CLUB minis
Original

PRINGLES
ORIGINAL

CHEEZ-IT
ORIGINAL

\$2.49

Pringles Potato Crisps, Club Originals or Cheez-Its
4.9-7 oz.,
Selected Varieties

Blue Bunny

Blue Bunny
VANILLA BEAN

\$2.99

Blue Bunny Dairy Dessert
46-48 oz.,
Selected Varieties

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL SEAFOOD MONTH

Prices Effective October 7 - 13, 2026

Aquastar
41-50
Cooked Shrimp

Sea Best
Argentine Red Shrimp

\$7.99

Aquastar 41/50 Cooked Shrimp

\$17.99

Sea Best Argentine Red Shrimp
2 lb.

Aquastar
26-30
Raw Shrimp

Starkist
Chunk Light TUNA

\$6.99

Aquastar 26/30 Raw Shrimp

\$3.39

Starkist Chunk Light Tuna
12 oz.,
Selected Varieties

IQF Catfish Fillets

\$5.99 lb.

IQF Catfish Fillets

Bagged Lemons

\$2.99

Bagged Lemons
2lb

Green Giant Gold and Red Potatoes

\$2.99

Green Giant Gold and Red Potatoes
5lb

Spice World
chopped garlic

Spice World
minced garlic

2/\$5

Spice World Chopped or Minced Garlic
4.5oz



Buy 5 SAVE \$5!

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MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$2.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.99

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Pillsbury Grands or Cinnamon Rolls

8 ct.,
Selected Varieties



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or
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~~\$2.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.99

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Pillsbury Toaster Strudels or Scrambles

7.2-12 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$3.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$2.99

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Totino's Pizza Rolls

50 ct.,
Selected Varieties



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or
MATCH

~~\$2.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Progresso Soup

18-19 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$1.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
99¢

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Betty Crocker Potatoes

4 oz.,
Selected Varieties



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or
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~~\$2.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks, Gushers, Roll-Ups, or Fruit by the Foot

6-10 ct.,
Selected Varieties



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or
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~~\$2.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.99

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Betty Crocker Brownie, Cake, Cookie or Muffin Mix

9.3-19.1 oz.,
Selected Varieties



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or
MATCH

~~\$2.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Chex Mix, Bugles or Gardetto's Snacks

7-8.6 oz.,
Selected Varieties



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or
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~~\$2.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Nature Valley, Fiber One, Mott's or General Mills Bars

5-8 ct.,
Selected Varieties



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or
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~~\$2.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

General Mills Cereal

8.9-12 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$1.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
99¢

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Annie's Mac and Cheese

6 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$3.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$2.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Annie's Protein, Gluten Free or Organic Mac and Cheese

6 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$1.99~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
99¢

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Old El Paso Green Chiles, Enchilada Sauce or Refried Beans

4 oz., 10 oz., 16 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$2.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$1.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Old El Paso Shells, 8-12 ct. Taco Sauce or Beans and Rice

8-12 oz.,
Selected Varieties



MIX
or
MATCH

~~\$3.49~~
~~-\$1.00 OFF 5~~
\$2.49

Final price when you buy 5 participating items

Old El Paso Taco Shells, Bowls or Pockets, 8-10 ct. Kits, 8.8-13.25 oz. Enchilada Sauce, 19 oz. Queso or Sauce 9 oz. or Taco Seasoning Mix 6.25 oz.,

Selected Varieties