

Weather



Drawing by Garrett

Today's sunset: 8:32 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise: 6:23 a.m.

Today's Forecast
Sunny
High 91°
Low 66°
Wind north
9 mph
Saturday
Sunny
High 83°
Low 63°
Sunday
Sunny
High 87°
Low 63°

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Calendar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
— Water Wars 11 am - 2 pm
Humboldt Square.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
— Chanute Community Theatre Playhouse 1322 S. Central, Chanute, Auditions Women 18 years and older from 2pm to 4pm.
MONDAY, AUGUST 3
— Chanute Community Theatre Playhouse 1322 S. Central, Chanute, Auditions Women 18 years and older from 6pm to 8pm.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
— Main Street Chanute Farmers Market 5pm to 6:30pm at Main & Highland.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
— Class of '58 get together at Joe's Italian, 5. E. Main, Chanute at 11:30am.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
— Main Street Chanute Farmers Market 5pm to 6:30pm at Main & Highland.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
— Main Street Chanute Farmers Market 5pm to 6:30pm at Main & Highland.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
— Main Street Chanute Farmers Market 5pm to 6:30pm at Main & Highland.

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"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." — Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

City discusses Housing Investor Tax Credit Program

AJ KOHLER
Staff reporter

At the Chanute City Commission meeting on July 27, the commission discussed a resolution from Sharpe & Naff Apartments, LLC for them to submit an application to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) for the Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit program (KHITC). Sharpe & Naff want to apply for these tax credits to help construct the apartments and commercial units for the Sturdevant Lofts project. This comes after the city already established a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) for the project. The building is located at 29 West Main Street in Chanute. The property is owned by Sharp & Naff Apartments LLC. In 2024, Chanute Main

Street received a \$50,000 Residential Opportunities on Main Street (ROOMS) grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce to develop ten new apartment units ranging from studio to two-bedroom units in the building. Garrett Sharp, who is the resident agent of Sharp & Naff, told the commission that there will now be 15 apartment units and two commercial units. According to KHRC, builders and developers with projects located in counties with a population of 75,000 or less are eligible to apply for the KHITC program. Chanute Mayor Jacob LaRue seemed open to the proposal. "I think it's very exciting to see," LaRue said. "The uncertainty a couple of years ago with some buildings on that block. They're now being reinvested, and the historic downtown is still there." According

to City Manager Todd Newman, the city has added around 120 doors since their last housing analysis in 2020. Newman also lamented that many vacant buildings in the downtown may have to be torn down. "A lot of those buildings are privately owned unless we start going through the resolutions process," Newman said. "I'm going to be honest, I don't think those buildings are going to be worth what they put into them, and I think that's why a couple of them are sitting vacant now, is because of the appraisals on them." Vice Mayor Kevin Berthot added to the conversation. "The end result will be that the city will be the ones that'll tear it down and we'll never recover money," Berthot said. Newman also pointed out that tearing down the build-

ings isn't easy either. The city almost had to tear down the Masonic Temple over a year ago, and had they done that, H&R Block and the FireEscape Coffeehouse would've gone along with it because they all share the same interior walls. "You can pinpoint one building as a problem, but you might end up having to tear down a whole block," Newman said. The city commission also stated their thankfulness to the business owners downtown for investing in their buildings. The commission unanimously approved the resolution. In other business, the city also approved a public hearing for the city budget for the August 10 meeting. The city commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 101 S. Lincoln in Chanute.

Kansas Board of Regents names new president, CEO

MORGAN CHILSON
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — The Kansas Board of Regents on Tuesday selected Jennifer Bonds-Raacke to lead the state's top public higher education organization as president and CEO. Bonds-Raacke had served as the vice president for academic affairs at KBOR. She fulfills the Regents' goal to bring an "experienced, credible and inclusive leader" to the leadership role, chairwoman Alysia Johnston said. Bonds-Raacke replaces Blake Flanders, who led the state's top public higher education organization since 2015. He resigned in February. "We looked for a student-centered leader with strong understanding of access, success and completion, and experience aligning academic programs with workforce needs," Johnston said. "We wanted a leader with strong financial acumen and understanding of resource allocations and revenue strategies."

Bonds-Raacke has a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Christian Brothers University and a master's and doctorate in experimental psychology from Kansas State University. She previously held positions as university president at Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington, and held other leadership roles at Saint Norbert's College and Fort Hays State University. Bonds-Raacke said she has "tremendous confidence" in the Kansas higher education system. "Our governed and coordinated institutions have real distinct missions," she said. "They serve communities across Kansas, and they bring unique strengths to our system. But together, we create opportunities for Kansans in every part of our state."

Bonds-Raacke said she looks forward to strengthening relationships with individuals throughout the higher ed system, as well as with policymakers and other partners. "We have important work to do to strategically position higher education to meet those evolving needs of our state," she said. Bonds-Raacke assumes her new role Aug. 2.

U.S. House candidate who lost job to DOGE campaigns on grassroots fundraising, rural Kansas issues

BAYA BURGESS
Kansas Reflector

LAWRENCE — Democratic candidate Lauren Reinhold decided to run for Congress in Kansas after the Trump administration's U.S. Department of Government Efficiency — better known as DOGE — eliminated her federal position. "It wasn't about me losing my job," she said. "It was about my commitment and faith in federal government, and watching what they did to break it." Reinhold and Colin McRoberts, both Lawrence attorneys, are challenging each other for the Democratic nomination in the state's 1st Congressional District in the Aug. 4 primary. The Democratic nominee is likely to face an uphill battle against Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. Tracey

Mann of Salina, who is seeking a fourth term in a district he has handily won since 2020. Mann is also facing GOP primary opponent, Craig Musser of Ellinwood. Reinhold has traveled 20,000 miles crisscrossing much of the state so far, she said, focusing on rural counties. The 1st Congressional District includes rural, western Kansas with an arm that stretches to Lawrence in the east. She said gerrymandering to maintain a GOP seat has divided the district. So, she ventures far from the largely Democratic city of Lawrence, despite facing conservative voters' skepticism of a candidate from liberal Lawrence. "The best thing I can do is just gain trust and listen and say, 'I'm dealing with the same crap you are,'" she said. "I lost my job. My 401(k) is dwindling."

Anticorporate upbringing, career, campaign
Reinhold worked for several years in the U.S. Social Security Administration from Kansas, first as an attorney and then as a human resources administrator. DOGE cuts to the Social Security Administration in 2025 slashed her job. Before her federal roles, she specialized in immigration law under her private practice. For two years she served as an officer in her federal employee union chapter. She received her law degree from the University of Kansas. Her parents, both government workers at one time, raised her in Topeka, Kansas City and St. Louis. "My dad represented unions as an attorney for many, many years," she said. "I come from a background of fighting for people."

Reinhold promised potential voters to fight corporate interests if elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Her plan involves strengthening unions and reversing tax advantages established by the Trump administration's One Big Beautiful Bill Act, particularly the tax cut program for private school donors Kansas joined in 2026.

Death notices

Scott Newton

Scott Dwayne Newton, 61, of Chanute, Kansas, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2026. A visitation will be held at Wickham Family Funeral Home, 500 North Forest Ave., Chanute, KS, Friday, July 31, 2026, from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery, Chanute, Kansas. Services are under the personal care of Wickham Family Funeral Home, 500 North Forest Avenue, Chanute, KS. A full obituary can be read at wickhamfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Corrections

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STEEL MAGNOLIAS AUDITIONS

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1322 S. Central, Chanute
Auditions - Women 18 years and older
Times - August 2 • 2pm-4pm
August 3 • 6pm-8pm

Performance dates: October 1-3,
Chanute Memorial Auditorium

Paws & Claws

FOR ADOPTION: CATS:
2 month old brownish red kitten - "Amber" (pictured)
4-6 month orange tabby- Female kitten "Harley"
2 month old -white and orange female kitten "Ginger"
3 month old brown tabby kitten male - "Scout"
8 week old black tabby kittens Male "Mumbo & Jumbo"
Adult short haired black cat semi feral - "Barn Potential"

DOGS:
Blue heeler / Pyrene mix 2 years old - male "Chance" (pictured)
Husky /shepherd mix 4 years old black with blue eyes "Tia"
5 mo. old Black and white Lab /Heeler /Pyrenes mix- Male- "junior"
5 mo. old Black and white Lab /Heeler /Pyrenes mix- Male- "Moovine"
5 mo. old Black and white Lab /Heeler /Pyrenes mix- Male "Spot"
5 mo. old Black and white Lab /Heeler /Pyrenes mix- Male- "Spud"
Black and white Lab / mix- Male- 7 years old "Tom Bill"
Rust and black Retriever mix - 1 year old female "Foxy"
White with black patches adult female bully /Heeler mix "Baby Girl"
Brown, black and white hound mix 1 year old "Copper"

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