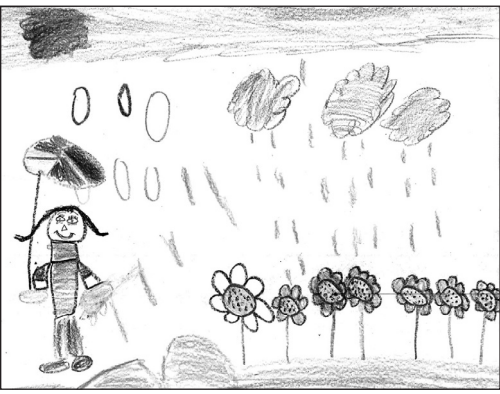


Weather



Drawing by Carley

Chanute statistics	High	Low
Year ago today:	78°	60°
Record today:	101°	38°
	(2022)	(1973)
Precipitation:	none	
Today's sunset:	7:24 p.m.	
Tomorrow's sunrise:	7:07 a.m.	

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Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

— Just Another Tuesday, 5 pm, Otterbein Community Church of Chanute. This is a free meal but donations are accepted to help pay for the food. It will be drive through only.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

— Neosho County Family Caregiver Lunch 11am-12:30pm at Opie's Pizza 122 East Main, Chanute.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

— Just Another Tuesday, 5 pm, Otterbein Community Church of Chanute. This is a

free meal but donations are accepted to help pay for the food. It will be drive through only.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

American Red Cross Community Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Central Park Pavilion, walk-ins are always welcome.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

American Red Cross Community Blood Drive from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Central Park Pavilion, walk-ins are always welcome.

Today's Forecast

Sunny, Clear
High 96°
Low 75°
Wind XXX
0 mph

Saturday
Sunny
High 97°
Low 72°

Sunday
Showers
High 90°
Low 66°

Deaths

Pauline Vitt



ST. PAUL — Pauline A. Vitt, 95, of St. Paul, passed away at 4:45 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at the Prairie Mission Retirement Village in St. Paul. Pauline Agnes Hammerbacher was born on Oct. 14, 1930, to Anthony “Doan” and Clara Agnes (Westhoff) Hammerbacher in rural Crawford County, Kansas. She grew up and attended school in the Girard area, proudly graduating from St. Mary’s High School in Pittsburg in 1948.

On Oct. 13, 1953, Pauline and Walter C. Vitt were united in marriage at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Girard. They lived on a farm near St. Paul for many years.

Pauline’s true calling in life was to be a mother. She made a loving home for her own children and always had a welcoming home to family and friends. While she enjoyed many years as a homemaker, Pauline also worked as a dental assistant in Girard for a time and as the secretary for the St. Paul schools for 14 years. She was fondly remembered as “The golden-haired lady who ran the school.”

A devout Catholic, Pauline was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in St. Paul, where she played the organ from 1953 to 2011.

Known as the “coupon lady,” Pauline collected over 3 million Betty Crocker coupons from

all over the United States to purchase two vans and play-ground equipment for Lake-mary Center in Paola. When Pauline dedicated herself to a cause, she pursued it with determination and purpose.

Pauline was a beloved member of the Prairie Mission Retirement Village communi-ty for 12 years. The family appreciates the compassionate and loving care of the Prairie Mission staff.

Pauline will be remembered for her smile, friendliness, and generosity. She leaves a last-ing impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Survivors include: Her nine children – Roberta Leon (John) of Leavenworth, Christine Vitt of Columbia, Missouri, Leo Vitt of Sidney, Nebraska, The-resa Vitt of Leavenworth, Mar-ilyn Lappin (Brian) of Prairie Village, Martin Vitt (Cathy) of Fontana, Marvin Kavana-gh of St. Paul, Francis Vitt (Luz Elena) of Erie, Colorado and Dennis Vitt (Lisa) of St. Paul; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Vitt, on May 4, 2009; three brothers, Frank Kavanagh, Tom Kavana-gh, and Dennis Kavanagh; and daughter-in-law, Becky Vitt.

The funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at St. Francis Catholic Church in St. Paul. Burial followed at St. Francis Cemetery in St. Paul. The rosary was prayed at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at St. Fran-cis Catholic Church, with the family receiving friends after the rosary.

Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Catholic Church or Prairie Mission Retirement Village. These may be left at or mailed to Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 374, Parsons, KS 67357.

Online condolences may be left at www.forbeshoffman.com.

Death notices

Michael “Mike” Muncy, 60, of Neosho, Missouri, formerly of Joplin, died at 12:12, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 at the Med-icalodge Nursing Home at Neosho, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Pierce-Carson-Wall Funeral Home at Erie. Memorials are suggested to he Joplin Humane Society and may be left at or mailed to the funeral home, P.O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357. Further obitu-ary details will be announced later. Online condolences may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

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and it will now go up to \$23,587 in 2027. As for the call volume error, Fire Chief Jeff Mitchell has said the depart-ment has had some issues with the system the department is using but has resolved that issue, and he offered to send Dillow some updated numbers. Mitchell also commented on the per-resident cost of the fire service.

“Each resident in the county that we provide protection for is roughly paying \$58 a year for fire service,” said Mitchell.

The commission also men-tioned that townships can opt out of fire protection from the city and can sign a contract with either another city’s fire department, a rural volunteer department, or can even pro-vide their own fire service. Big Creek Township’s boundaries

start at 9000 Road and 190th Road and extend west to 17000 Road and north to the Allen County line.

“The townships have the option to sign the contract or not,” said Commissioner Larry Taylor. “If they feel it’s not acceptable, then they have that out, but we do need to provide them with accurate informa-tion.”

The city commission unani-mously approved the increases.

Also on the agenda, the city approved a request to hold the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 and a request to hold Artist Alley on Sept. 26 of this year.

The next Chanute City Com-mission meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28 at the Municipal Building at 101 S. Lincoln Street in Chanute.

Briefly

NCCC

NCCC Board of Trustees will be holding a Board Retreat at the Ottawa campus on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026, they will have a brief meeting at the Chanute campus, Student Union Board Room, at 8 a.m. before heading to Ottawa.

Humboldt Job Fair coming Sept. 23

Community members looking for a new job, considering a career change, or interested in furthering their education are invited to attend the Humboldt Job Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 3–6 p.m. at the Cubs Community Care Center, 1323 Georgia Road in Humboldt.

The event will bring together local employers from Humboldt, Iola and Chanute who are currently hiring, along with education and training opportunities from Allen Community College, Neo-sho County Community College and Humboldt Virtual School. Attendees can explore job openings, learn about earning a high school diploma online, discover new college qualifications, and take advantage of an on-site resume clinic and free interview clothing booth.

The event is open to the community. Attendees are encouraged to preregister for a chance to win a \$30 Our Market gift card. Prereg-istration is available using the QR code on event posters or on the Facebook event page; Job Fair in Humboldt.

U.S. 169 work will now start in late October

From KDOT

A short stretch of U.S. 169 in Labette County will receive an asphalt overlay starting in late October, according to the Kansas Department of Trans- portation.

The 1.8-mile project bound-aries are in Labette County from the Montgomery County line to near the Neosho County line. The contractor will mill the existing pavement and add a 4-inch asphalt overlay. Other work includes paving the shoulders and adding center and shoulder rumble strips and pavement markings.

Flaggers and a pilot car will

guide motorists through one-lane traffic in the work zones. Motorists can expect delays of 15 minutes or less. Work will occur during daylight hours Monday through Friday.

Bettis Asphalt and Construc- tion Inc., of Topeka, has the primary contract for the \$1.5 million project.

KDOT urges motorists to stay alert, follow posted signs and refrain from hand-held mobile device use in all active work zones. For current road conditions, visit kandrive.gov or call 511. For updates on construction projects in south-east Kansas, visit [ksdot.gov/ projects/southeast-kansas-proj-](http://ksdot.gov/projects/southeast-kansas-proj-)

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our insurance, our gas, food — have gone up, and I understand the same thing has happened for the county. The county has incurred higher costs and dif-ferent things. I moved to Thay-er to retire, and right now I’m looking at an estimated 9.98% on my home’s tax valuation. It’s ironic to me that you didn’t get it to 10%, so you can’t say you increased it by 10% after I complained. I notice that we got evaluators coming into our community, and that makes no sense to do after the fact unless you’re trying to justify it after the fact.”

Commissioner Gail Klaassen commented on the reasoning for the increase.

“It goes beyond the need,” said Klaassen. “The county, unlike the cities, is an agency of the state, and the state has things that are required of us, and they keep putting things on us every year without funding it, so we have to continue to fund those.”

A 2025 audit conducted by the Kansas Legislature showed that Johnson, Labette, and Gove counties spent \$28.8 mil- lion to provide three state-man- dated government services last year, but received around one-third of that total in state, federal, or user-fee funding to cover those administrative costs. The auditors showed the

state didn’t compensate the counties for the \$19.1 million for compliance with minimum levels of service.

During the meeting, Klaas- sen was asked if the state knew that they can’t afford it.

“That’s something that can’t be solved at the local level; that’s something that has to be solved on the state level,” Klaassen responded. “We just have these mandates that are brought down upon us. We’re getting two new representa- tives in November because our old representatives either retired or got voted out, so we need to make sure they get on that.”

According to Klaassen, the county’s RNR first notice that it sent out was at 48.465 mills; in the latest notice the coun-ty sent, it was 43.825 mills, which is under the notice of 5.14, and that they would be going over the RNR by 3.836.

The county has to let the county clerk know what the budget is by Oct. 1. Commis- sioner Nicholas Galemore said he wants the county to go neu- tral, but the county has until Oct. 1 to figure out how to do it. Both Klaassen and Com- missioner Paul Westhoff voted for the resolution for the RNR increase, whereas Galemore voted against it. The motion passed two to one.

Corrections

In Tuesday’s Tribune, it stated the Chanute Chamber and its members were hosting several events. The events listed are orga- nized by others – Humboldt Job Fair by Humboldt USD 258, Artist Alley by Main Street Chanute, and the Hot Rods and Hot Dogs Car Show by Heritage Health Care. These events are part of those listed on the Chamber’s community calendar listed on their website. The Community calendar on the website is open to all area events, not just Chamber member events.

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“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, what- ever 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)

Paws & Claws

FOR ADOPTION: CATS:

- Adult grey/white female tabby “Poppy”
- Adult short haired grey and white Female “Morticia”
- 2 month old male grey and white “Fester”
- 2 month old female grey “Wednesday” (Pictured)
- 2 month old male grey and white “Pugsley
- Adult female spayed grey tabby “Orlana”
- 4 month old female white and black kitten “Pinky”
- 2 month old male orange & white tabby kitten “Garfield”

DOGS:

- Black and white husky/collie mix 2 years old “Sopheria”
- 5 month old Black and white Lab /Heeler /Pyrenes mix- Male- “Moovine” (Pictured)
- 5 month old Black and white Lab /Heeler /Pyrenes mix- Male- “Spud”
- Black and Brown Hound mix female “Arya”
- Red and white Female terrier hound mix “Ginger”
- 6 month old white and brown lab mix female “Callie”
- Black and Brown Hound mix male “Spike”
- Black and White male American Pitbull Terrier “Frodo”
- Black and Brown female Rottweiler “Mya”

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