HELP WANTED

HELP LAUNCH our new FACE program: Kickapoo Nation School is hiring: Two employment opportunities: Early childhood educator or In-Home family educator. Support children, strengthen families, build our community. Apply by email to fturacto@ketia.org or stop by Kickapoo Nation School to get an application. Background check and drug screening required. 26,3,10,17

BUS DRIVERS: Kickapoo Nation School is Hiring Bus Drivers. Please call 785 474-3364 or email info@ketia.org or stop by the school to get an application. thNov

SAC AND FOX NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY
JOB OPENING: OCCUPANCY CLERK (Full-Time) *Reserve, KS*

The Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority is seeking a detail-oriented **Occupancy Clerk**.

Responsibilities: • General office support (phones, mail, scheduling, filing, supply ordering) • Housing program assistance (HUD eligibility, recertification's, inspections) • Basic Accounts Payable (A/P) and Accounts Receivable (A/R) processing

Qualifications: • High School Diploma / GED required (2+ years clerical experience preferred) • Proficient in MS Word and Excel • Strong communication and organizational skills

To Apply:

Submit resume to Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, 305 N. Main St., Reserve, KS 66434, or email **tammy.epple@sacandfoxks.com**. 19,26

Brown County is accepting applications for a full-time Road & Bridge employee. Duties include road, bridge, and culvert maintenance and operation of heavy equipment. CDL preferred. Applicants without a CDL must obtain one within six (6) months of employment. Training will be provided if necessary. Drug testing is required. Starting wage is negotiable based on experience and certifications. Excellent benefits package including health, dental, and KPERS. Applications are available at www.brcoks.org and may be submitted to Brown County Road & Bridge, 601 Oregon Street, Suite 103, Hiawatha, KS 66434. Positions open until filled. Brown County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 25tfc

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY OF WILLIS
RESOLUTION NO. 26-1

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND SETTING THE APPLICATION AND PERMIT FEE FOR LOCATING A TRAILER, MOBILE HOME, OR MODULAR HOME WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WILLIS, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 99-1.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Willis, Kansas, did pass, approve, and adopt Ordinance No. 99-1 on the 16th day of June, 1999, relating to the application and permit requirements for locating a trailer, mobile home, or modular home within the city limits; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1, Clause C of Ordinance No. 99-1 expressly provides that upon finding an application in conformity with municipal requirements, the Governing Body shall authorize the Municipal Clerk to issue a permit upon the payment of the permit fee set by resolution of the Governing Body; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined it to be in the best interest of the city to establish and set the specific fee amount to be collected for such applications and permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WILLIS, KANSAS:

1. That the permit and application fee for locating a trailer, mobile home, or modular home within the corporate limits of the City of Willis, Kansas, pursuant to Ordinance No. 99-1, is hereby established and set in the amount of $100.00.

2. That every person desirous of parking or placing a trailer, mobile home, or modular home within the limits of the city shall submit a written application containing all required descriptions, measurements, setbacks, and ownership information as mandated by Ordinance No. 99-1, accompanied by the mandatory application and permit fee of $100.00 payable to the City Clerk.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published as required by law and that this fee shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

4. If any clause, sentence, or section of this Resolution shall be held void by any court, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution.

5. Any and all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby superseded and repealed.

ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2026.

Branden Thomas, Mayor
ATTESTED TO:
Linda Grimm, City Clerk (SEAL)

AUCTION

AUCTION: 2010 Honda Pilot, VIN#5FNYF3H57AB015410 to be auctioned on Dec. 8 at 10:00 a.m. at Tom's Towing, 1264 Kestrel Road, Horton. 1T

Real Estate Transfers

Moore, Miakela to Howard Farms Inc., QQ: NW Q: SW S: 34 T: 1R: 18 (+5).

Shefferd Incorporated to Koerperich, Kenneth, Utah Street Lot 125, Hiawatha.

Akins, Cindy to Taff, Ivan Nathaniel Isaia, Horton Heights addition L: 1 B: 18 (+18).

Hartter, Elijah to Davis Nathan Alexander, Miami Street L:136 (+1) Hiawatha.

White, Dalton to Fritzel, Connie, Everest City Lot 5 Block 2.

Mathewson, David K. to Mathewson, David K., Shawnee Street L: 82 (+1), Hiawatha.

Bourland, Danita J. to Bourland Danita J., Drapers Addition L:11 (+1), Robinson.

Brown County Sheriff to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, RC Chase Add. KS Ave. L:8 (+1), Hiawatha.

Alvarado, Carlos to Flewelling, Morgan, Utah Street L: 69 (+1), Hiawatha.

Rector, Steven P. to Rector, Steven P Trust, QQ NW Q NE S: 27 T:3 R: 18 (+7).

KDOT employee anniversaries

The Kansas Department of Transportation expresses appreciation for employees celebrating state service anniversaries in December. KDOT is proud to acknowledge them for the long-term dedication they have provided to the state of Kansas. Listed below are the employees and their hometowns.

Trini Vega, Highway Maintenance Worker III, Horton, is among those celebrating 25 years.

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Call 1-877-835-0240 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-420-3509 Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

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Extension News

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Care and Handling of Deer from Field to Table

By Karen Blakeslee, M.S., Extension Associate, Food Science

The thrill of the hunt can continue at the dinner table if the game isn't handled properly along the way. Game meats are excellent sources of protein and similar in composition to domestic animal meats. Calorie and fat contents vary with the age and species of the animal.

Be prepared for the hunt. Remember to bring a sharp hunting knife, a small hatchet, a whetstone or steel, about 12 feet of light rope or nylon cord, plastic bags, and clean cloths or paper towels. Other essentials include proper clothing, binoculars, fresh water, a compass, a map, and matches. In warm weather you may want to bring ground pepper and cheesecloth. Sprinkle the carcass with pepper and cover with cheesecloth to repel flies. Abide by game regulations for hunting, transporting, and storing game.

Bleed, field dress, and cool the carcass promptly. Improper temperature is meat's worst enemy. The surface of the carcass may be contaminated with bacteria that can spoil the meat unless growth is stopped by chilling. Clean your hunting knife often with clean water and a cloth to prevent contamination of the meat.

Cool the animal quickly. Cool the carcass by propping the chest open with a clean stick and allowing air to circulate. Filling the cavity with bags of ice will also enhance cooling. To aid cooling in warm weather, the deer may be skinned if you have provisions to keep the carcass clean. Use ground pepper and cheesecloth to protect the skinned carcass from contamination by flies. In cool weather (28° to 35° F), wrap the carcass or quarters in a sheet and hang to chill in a ventilated shed. Do not allow the carcass to freeze. Freezing may toughen the meat.

Wear plastic surgical gloves during field dressing.

1. Place the animal on its back with the front end elevated and spread the hind legs. Support the carcass in position by placing rocks or sticks on each side.

2. Cut along the midline of the belly from the breast-bone to the anus. Avoid cutting into the paunch and intestines by using the handle of the knife and the heel of your hand to crowd the guts away. Cut around the anus, loosening the bung so it will come out with the guts.

3. Cut the diaphragm (the thin sheet of muscle and connective tissue between the chest and the abdo-men) free from the rib cage by cutting through the white tissue near the rib cage.

4. Reach forward to cut the windpipe, gullet, and blood vessels at the base of the throat.

5. Pull the lungs, heart, and guts out of the animal. If you like variety meats, save the heart and liver in a plastic bag and put on ice.

The game may be processed commercially or at home. Be sure to keep the carcass cool until it reaches the locker plant. Keep the carcass out of direct sunlight and allow for adequate air circulation.

For immediate use, store the meat in the refrigerator and use within two or three days. Keep raw meat and cooked meat separate to prevent cross-contamination.

Freeze game properly. Prevent "freezer burn" by using the right packaging materials. Divide meat into meal-size quantities. Use moisture/vapor-proof wrap such as heavily waxed freezer wrap, laminated freezer wrap, heavy-duty aluminum foil or freezer-weight polyethylene bags. Press the air out of the packages before sealing. Label the pack-ages with the contents and date. Avoid overloading the freezer. Freeze only the amount that will become solidly frozen within 24 hours. Game will keep nine to 12 months in the freezer if properly wrapped.

Do not can the meat unless you have a pressure canner. Low-acid foods, such as meat and most mixtures of foods, should never be canned using the water bath method. Pressure and adequate time are necessary to produce safe canned meat.

Thaw frozen meat in the refrigerator or microwave oven. Cook game meats thoroughly. Foods thawed in the micro-wave oven should be cooked immediately. Refrigerator-thawed meat should be used within one to two days.

Game meats should be cooked to at least 165° F to reduce the risk of foodborne illness. Big game animals usually exercise more than domestic animals, so game meats may be drier and less tender. Moist heat methods, such as brais-ing (simmering in a small amount of liquid in a covered pot), may result in a better product. Chops and steaks may be pan fried or broiled.

The distinctive flavor of game meats is mainly due to the fat they contain. To reduce the gamey flavor, trim the fat from the meat. You may wish to add other sources of fat to maintain the juiciness of the meat. Spices or marinades may be used to mask the gamey flavor. Meat should always be marinated in the refrigerator.

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Fall Colors of Trees

Part of the allure of fall foliage is color variation. There are trees that turn red, purple, yellow, orange and brown.

Specific plant pigments determine individual colors. Foliage derives its normal green color from chlorophyll, the substance that captures the energy of the sun. Other pigments produce fall colors. Reds and purples are caused by anthocyanins, yellows by xanthophylls, and oranges by a combination of carotenes and xanthophylls. Browns are the result of tannins present in the leaf.

Most of these substances are present throughout the growing season but are masked by the green color produced by chlorophyll. Anthocyanins are the exception and are produced after the chlorophyll is destroyed in the fall.

If you have ever seen pictures of New England in the fall, you have probably wondered why trees in Kansas usually do not color as well. This difference is partly because of the tree species prevalent in New England. Certain oaks and maples naturally produce good color. Coloring also is influenced by the weather.

Warm, sunny days and cool nights are ideal for good color. The sunny days encourage photosynthesis and, thus, sugar accumulation in the leaves. As fall progresses, each leaf develops an abscission layer at the base of the petiole, or leaf stem, that prevents these sugars from being transported down the trunk to the roots for storage. This high sugar content in the leaves produces more intense colors. Cloudy days and warm nights prevent some of the sugar accumulation in the leaves and results in less vibrant colors.

Weather during other parts of the growing season also can have an effect. Heavy rains in the early spring or hot, dry weather during the summer can both have a deleterious effect on fall color. The length of time a tree maintains fall color also depends on weather. Reds, yellows and oranges are short-lived when trees undergo frosts and freezes.

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BROWN CO. TAX LEVY SHEET

2026 BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS TAX LEVY SHEET - Levies shown are taxes per $1000 valuation 10/28/2026

TOTAL VALUATION 229,483,937 TOTAL VALUATION WITH PENALTY 229,484,649

Comparison to 2025 Levies:			2025	2026	
District	2025 Valuation	2026 Valuation	Levy	Levy	Change
State	229,432,725	229,483,937	1.500	0.000	-1.500
County	229,432,725	229,483,937	40.353	40.343	-0.010
Cities:					
Everest	2,162,520	2,243,060	26.970	26.002	-0.968
Fairview	4,572,088	4,715,506	5.961	5.779	-0.182
Hamlin	282,617	309,542	32.903	30.041	-2.862
Hiawatha	36,738,347	38,686,517	36.301	34.741	-1.560
Horton	10,238,496	10,703,910	44.547	42.611	-1.936
Morrill	1,815,049	1,918,012	13.565	12.825	-0.740
Powhattan	612,391	644,685	10.614	15.007	4.393
Reserve	348,976	379,832	33.615	30.877	-2.738
Robinson	1,357,118	1,462,558	46.711	43.344	-3.367
Sabetha	6,759,623	7,292,527	33.928	34.740	0.812
Willis	403,126	438,986	46.802	42.979	-3.823
Townships:					
Hamlin	11,175,208	10,913,897	16.401	16.791	0.390
Hiawatha	26,158,348	26,476,083	12.528	12.378	-0.150
Irving	13,152,370	12,309,171	16.360	17.481	1.121
Mission	28,786,249	28,074,338	8.328	8.539	0.211
Morrill	11,650,258	11,102,906	10.703	11.240	0.537
Padonia	12,371,942	11,988,509	11.905	12.995	1.090
Powhattan	13,731,456	12,976,494	15.250	16.131	0.881
Robinson	12,111,071	11,647,069	11.918	12.381	0.463
Walnut	22,657,954	23,041,349	13.927	13.694	-0.233
Washington	12,347,518	12,158,986	15.136	15.336	0.200
School Districts:					
USD 415	150,243,219	150,118,385	49.355	49.362	0.007
USD 430	46,481,396	44,976,740	55.801	58.253	2.452
USD 111	2,830,581	2,720,534	44.980	46.061	1.081
USD 113	29,245,258	29,744,115	47.699	47.570	-0.129
USD 335	2,008,818	1,924,163	49.035	49.010	-0.025
USD 441 B&I	31,204,014	29,744,115	5.043	0.000	-5.043
Cemetery Districts:					
Cem # 1 Hamlin	7,713,434	7,644,765	0.785	0.792	0.007
Cem # 2 Kennekuk Jt	9,827,031	9,820,143	0.354	0.354	0.000
Cem # 3 W. Powhattan	2,121,561	2,030,041	0.603	0.630	0.027
Cem # 4 Miller	8,238,101	8,210,621	1.192	1.196	0.004
Cem # 3(5)Wolf River Jt	1,593,991	1,549,945	0.678	1.518	0.840
Cem # 6 Pleasant Hill	16,500,095	15,420,829	0.747	0.800	0.053
Cem # 8 Walnut Twp	27,230,042	27,756,855	0.292	0.286	-0.006
Cem # 9 Rose Hill	14,231,279	13,926,554	0.980	1.001	0.021
Cem #10 Wheatland Jt	3,791,742	3,629,251	1.217	1.271	0.054
Cem #11 Padonia-Hart	11,904,459	11,717,705	0.872	0.886	0.014
Cem #12 Granada Jt	1,105,148	1,057,845	0.592	1.390	0.798
Cem #13 Powhattan	13,836,741	13,153,463	0.896	0.943	0.047
Cem #14 Hiawatha	60,430,359	62,668,643	1.920	1.851	-0.069
Watershed Districts:					
WS # 1 Walnut Creek	39,542,914	36,695,110	1.131	1.126	-0.005
WS # 5 Mission Creek Jt	22,998,827	22,611,170	1.790	1.820	0.030
WS # 7 Nemaha-BrownJt	20,874,334	20,279,150	3.079	3.138	0.059
WS #66 Wolf River Jt	55,478,543	54,636,841	0.898	0.913	0.015
WS #75 Roy's Creek	10,471,953	9,839,279	1.986	2.114	0.128
WS #78 Pony Creek Jt	11,882,936	11,557,732	2.334	2.400	0.066
NEK Library	173,533,739	170,557,923	1.210	1.426	0.216

CITIES:	General 12-101a	Library 12-1215	Industrial 12-1617h	Recreation 12-1932	Emp Benefit 12-16,102	Bond Interest 10-113	Library Employee 12-16,102	Fire Police 12-110b	Fire Equip 12-110b	TOTAL
Everest	17.886	4.255						3.861		26.002
Fairview	5.779									5.779
Hamlin	30.041									30.041
Hiawatha	12.649	6.615		7.814	7.663					34.741
Horton	36.647	5.964								42.611
Morrill	10.899				1.926					12.825
Powhattan	15.007									15.007
Reserve	30.877									30.877
Robinson	37.374									43.344
Sabetha	27.194	4.975				1.501	1.070			34.740
Willis	42.979									42.979

TOWNSHIPS	General 79-1962	Road 68-518c	Fire 19-2717	Cemetery 19-3105	Library 12-1220	TOTAL
Hamlin	0.972	15.453	0.366			16.791
Hiawatha	1.582	10.103	0.693			12.378
Irving		17.481				17.481
Mission	0.216	8.138	0.185			8.539
Morrill	0.651	9.854	0.386	0.349		11.240
Padonia	0.377	12.098	0.520			12.995
Powhattan	1.114	13.774	1.243			16.131
Robinson	0.92	11.461				12.381
Walnut		12.012	1.682			13.694
Washington	3.514	11.059	0.650		0.113	15.336

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS:	GEN VAL	General 72-5142	Supp General 72-5147	Capital Outlay 72-53,115	Bond & Interest 10-113	TOTAL
USD 415	131,261,144	20.000	18.512	6.000	4.850	49.362
USD 430	36,959,843	20.000	24.253	3.000	11.000	58.253
USD 111	2,579,454	20.000	18.061	8.000		46.061
USD 113	27,140,209	20.000	19.646	7.924		47.570
USD 335	1,725,190	20.000	15.030	8.000	5.980	49.010
USD 441 B&I					0.000	0.000

State Levies:	K.S.A.	Levy
State General		0.000
Education Building	76-6b01	0.000
State Institutions Building	76-6b04	0.000
Total		0.000

County Levies:		
General	79-1946	13.473
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	10.107
Health	65-204	0.280
Historical Society	19-2651	0.254
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	10.017
Election	25-2201a	0.571
Extension Council	2-610	0.542
Mental Health	19-4007	0.378
Developmental Services	19-4004	0.146
Soil Conservation	2-1907b	0.126
Appraiser	19-436	1.100
Ambulance	65-6113	2.575
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.141
Services for Elderly	12-1680	0.633
Total		40.343

NEK Library:		
General	75-2551	1.241
Employee Benefit	12-16,102	0.185
Total		1.426

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAXES AND INTANGIBLE TAXES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE LEVIES.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE IS A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE TAX LEVIES FOR BROWN COUNTY, KS, FOR THE YEAR 2026

Nicole M. Lee
NICOLE M. LEE, BROWN COUNTY CLERK