

Letter to the Editor

A Correction

I offer a correction to some of Mr. Hallauer's statements in his Letter to the Editor on the "Trump Economy" (The Kansas Chief, July 30, 2026). In the letter Mr. Hallauer states several times that the inflation rate during the Biden Administration was 91/4%. That statement is not true.

For one month during the Biden Administration the rate of inflation came close to that figure. The rate of inflation for June of 2022 was 9.1%, but only for that one month. That was the only month in the entire four years of the Biden Administration that the inflation rate was above 9.0%. These statistics are provided by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index,

While inflation was high during parts of the Biden Administration, he brought the rate of inflation down by the end of his term. Mr. Hallauer stated that the Biden inflation rate ended at 91/4%. That is a totally false statement. When Biden handed the reins of power over to Trump on January 21, 2025, the rate of inflation was 3.0%. The rate of inflation currently stands at 3.5%, so the rate of inflation has gone up under Trump.

The United States had a strong economy during all four years of the Biden Administration, with the average GDP growth rate for the four years being above 3.0%. Our post-Covid economy was the envy of the world. While the economy of the last year of the Biden Administration was not as strong as it was during the first three years of the Biden presidency, we still had a healthy economy when we handed the economy over to Trump, with the GDP growth rate be-

ing 2.8%. The GDP growth rate during Trump's first year (2025) was 2.2%. During the first quarter of 2026 it was 2.0%, and during the second and most recent quarter it was 1.5%. So far, no sign of the roaring economy that Mr. Hallauer says Trump will bring us. In fact, the economy is going in the opposite direction.

Mr. Hallauer says that Trump is a businessman who understands how the economy works. Let's look at the record. Trump's businesses have had six bankruptcies. Beyond his bankruptcies, sources report at least a dozen (at least a dozen!) high-profile business failures, including Trump airlines, Trump steaks, Trump fragrances, Trump vodka, Trump University, to name a few of his business failures. Some businessman.

Trump apparently still believes that tariffs are paid by the nations against which they are leveraged. That is not the case, as any first-year econ student knows. Tariffs are a tax on imports, paid by the importer, and a significant portion of their cost is passed on to us, the consumers. The Yale Budget Lab has estimated that the recent trade tariffs which Trump has proposed or put into place will cost the average United States family \$1,100 per year. Many people are already struggling to get by. They don't have an extra \$1,100 to pay for Trump's tariffs.

Have you noticed? Prices are still rising. Wages are not keeping up with inflation. Still, Mr. Hallauer predicts that under Trump we will have a roaring economy with little inflation. I'm not holding my breath.

Ron Ruhnke
St. Joseph

Euler Reunion held Aug. 2

The annual Euler Reunion was held Sunday August 2nd at the Wathena Baptist Church. A meal was shared and a Euler family trivia game was enjoyed by all. Prizes were awarded for the youngest person in attendance: Emilia Jewell; oldest person in attendance: Bill Euler Jr. born in 1930; best dish: Juanita Euler for homemade chicken and noodles; person who traveled the farthest to attend: Mike Reipen from Seattle Washington; most colorful outfit: Tamarah Pritchett; person with the most children and grandchildren present: Donna Thornton; and the person with the most correct answers on the Euler family trivia game: Joan Oyerly. It was decided that Joan Oyerly would plan the reunion in 2027.

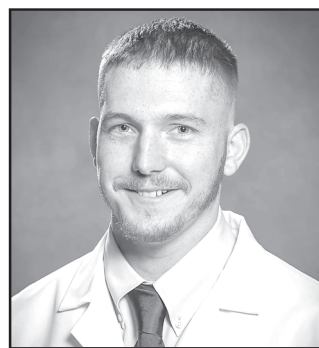
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Troy Pioneer Center News

Greetings from the Pioneer Center in Troy, KS. August is here and school will soon be starting. The 4H fair is over and we hope everyone enjoyed it!

Our Site Council met on August 4th for our monthly meeting. Our BINGO date for August is the 21st at 10:00 AM. Hope to see new faces there. Coffee Hour will be August 27 at 10:00 AM, where we provide coffee of all flavors, a sweet snack and lots of laughs and great conversations!

We are continuing with plans for a Garage/Porch Sale on September 4th and 5th at the home of Judy Hubbard, 1198 East Chance Road, Troy, KS. Watch for info on this in the Kansas Chief and Facebook! All proceeds go to the Pioneer Center for purchasing items the Center needs. (any money made at the sale is used for the Center's needs only.) If you would like to donate any items to help the Pioneer Center out, please contact Tina at 785-985-2296, or send a message to our Facebook page, The Pioneer Center!

We have some folks in town that would LOVE to start a card playing group at the Center! Anyone interested in playing some cards, please call the center! It will be FUN!!!

Kay Clark, Public Relations

Commissioners-

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sioners agreed to obtain dozer rental prices to be used to replace tubes on Diamond Springs Road, with the road crew to perform the work.

At 9:49 A.M. Commissioner Grable made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to attorney-client privilege exception regarding roads and bridges, with open session to reconvene at 10:04 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. County Attorney and County Clerk remained. No action was taken.

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grable seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Special Meeting, August 11

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 8:15 A.M. in the office of the Doniphan County Commission, with Second District County Commissioner Wayne Grable, Chairman, calling the meeting to order for the purpose of opening Coronado Road, north of Highland City limits, following concrete box repair. First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Third District County Commissioner Bobby Hall, County Clerk Peggy Franken and Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins absent.

Others present included Pat Urban, Urban Construction, LLC, Roger Engemann, Engemann Drainage Co. Inc., and Roger Hopkins.

Commissioner Collins called a special meeting to open to thru traffic Coronado Road, approximately 10' north of Highland City limits, in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2, Range 19E, following concrete box repair. Commissioner Grable said the road was closed by Urban Construction, LLC, after safety concerns made by Matt Cluck and Commissioner Collins during the August 10, 2026 County Commission meeting. Commissioner Collins stated the concern was not with the roadway itself, as it is better than it has been, but with 90' of tube installed instead of 120' and slope of banks; as laid out in the project scope and contract. Discussion was held between Pat Urban, Contractor, and the County Commission regarding the size of tube used in order to prevent water from backing up on neighboring properties. Commissioner Hall asked why Urban didn't come to the County Commission prior to changing the project scope, saying in the future all changes need prior approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to open Coronado Road to thru traffic. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Urban Construction, LLC, will haul rock and finish side repair, all which can be done while the roadway is open. Concrete barriers will be placed along the east edge of the road until metal guardrail can be installed.

Commissioners Collins and Hall both stated an engineer needs to be hired to oversee road projects. Commissioner Grable suggested hiring a county engineer to oversee the entire road department, running it as a single county unit.

Commissioner Grable asked Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris the status of work agreements for culvert replacement and rebuilding of 175th Road, west of Oxide Road, near 1669 175th Road, Section 27, Township 3, Range 21E. Contract and work agreements will be drawn up in order for Engemann Drainage, Co. Inc., to begin work as time allows.

Discussion was held on notifica-

tion to bidders on road projects. Road Office Manager Lindsay Norris said sometimes she notifies the successful bidder; other times the County Commissioner in the District does the notifications. It was agreed upon by the Board of County Commissioners that the Road Office Manager will notify the successful bidder on road projects going forward.

Commissioner Collins informed the County Board he would be utilizing his spending authority of \$2,000.00 to complete necessary projects within the First Road District. Commissioner Hall asked Collins to bring the projects up to the Board and reminded him to make sure the work being performed is by an insured contractor and legal.

There being no further business before the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 A.M. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Gail Clary

Gail Elaine Clary, 77, of Troy, KS passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 9, 2026. Born June 23, 1949, in Troy, KS to Alvin and Esther Kostman. She was one of eight children. Gail married Gary "Hobert" Clary on July 1, 1967.

Gail was a lifelong resident of Troy and worked as a secretary for the Troy School District for 34 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Troy. Gail loved spending time with her family and friends. She also loved to travel, work in her garden sew and read.

She was preceded in death by her father Alvin Kostman, her mother Esther Weis, stepfather Leo "Pete" Weis, and sister Linda Donahue.

She is survived by her husband, Gary "Hobert" Clary; her children, Pam (Philip) Miller, Danny (Tara) Clary and Chad (Kari) Clary; her grandchildren, Courtney (Gabe) Owens, Ashley (Shane) Hart, Shane Miller, Erin (Will) Nash, Luke Clary, Mason (Lauren) McCall, Jayden (Lexy) McCall, Ryker Clary, and Haiden "Castle" Clary; and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Cherry (Garry) Schacht, Marian (Eddie) Smith, and Janet Kostman; and her brothers, Steve (Pam) Kostman, Carl (Vicky) Kostman, and Rick (Sandy) Kostman.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, including her extended family, who will forever cherish the memories they shared with her. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will live on through her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Two Timbers Alternative Living in Highland, KS, and Amberwell Health Hospice Care for the compassionate care, kindness, and support they provided to Gail and her family. Their dedication and gentle care brought comfort to Gail and those who loved her during her final days.

Celebration of Life: Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM, First Baptist Church, Troy, with visitation to begin at 10:00 A.M. one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, Troy, KS. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

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Historical Society BBQ Aug. 27

Bring your appetite, family, friends and lawn chairs and join us for an evening of food, music and games. The Doniphan County Historical Society will host a barbecue beginning at 6 pm on Thursday, August 27, 2026, on the grounds of the Doniphan County Historical Museum at 138 East Walnut Street, Troy, Kansas. Pulled pork, hot dogs, baked beans, drink and table serve will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

The museum will be open to tour. Music will be provided by Rustin and Marcola Smith. Please come and enjoy!

Extension News

Katharine Sharp
Doniphan County Extension Agriculture and 4-H Agent

2026 Doniphan County Corn Plot Tour and Demonstration

Please join us on Tuesday August 18th, 2026 at 6:00 pm for the 5th Annual Doniphan County Corn Plot Tour and Demonstration. This year's corn plot location is located in Sparks, Kansas with Kyle Jeschke, plot co-operator.

At 6:00 pm we will begin with the corn plot tour where each of the corn plot entries will speak on their entries. This year's corn plot looks a bit different as each entry was replicated in the plot three times. We have 12 seed varieties this year. Corn plot participants include:

- AgriGold - Luke Rush
- Becks - NEK Ag Services LLC (Dustin Libel)
- Brevant - Riverbend Ag Services LLC (Gage Emmendorfer)
- Channel - RM Seed Solutions Inc (Ryan Grable)
- Croplan - Ag Partners Coop Inc (Joyce Rush)
- Dekalb - Ag Partners Coop Inc (Joyce Rush)
- Hoegemeyer - Thompson Seeds LLC (Kevin Thompson)
- Mustang - Clark Agronomics LLC (Jesse Clark)
- NC+ - Hoffman Seeds (Rick Hoffman)
- Renk - Garrett Meng & Vern Kettelhake
- Rob-See-Co - Pierce Seeds LLC

Senior Center Lunch Menus

Aug. 17-21

Monday: McRib, fried rice, winer blend, wheat bread, fruit pie

Tuesday: Chicken leg quarters, red potatoes, vegetable blend, wheat roll, jello cake

Wednesday: Chili with crackers and cheese, carrots, celery, cinnamon roll.

Thursday: Swedish meatballs, au gratin potatoes, vegetable blend, wheat roll, fruit crisp

Friday: Catfish, baby bakers, carrots, hushpuppies, ambrosia.

Call your center at least one day in advance to order a meal: Troy 785-985-2296. Wathena 785-989-3501. Highland 785-442-5550. Elwood 913-365-2409.

(Rhett Pierce)

• Taylor - Taylor Seed Farms Inc (Jason Rockhold)

The meal will be catered by Tailgate Crew BBQ. Ice cream will be served by Dean and Brenda Diveley.

We will have two speakers this year. Beginning with Jarrett Pitman, of Pitman Consulting, LLC. He has scouted our corn plot twice this year. He will share his findings. Our second speaker is Rodrigo B. Onofre, K-State Extension Row Crop Pathology Specialist. He will share updates on corn diseases and fungicide application.

Please RSVP by Monday, August 17th by calling 785-985-3623 or emailing astock@ksu.edu as the meal is free. We hope that you join us on Tuesday, August 18th in Sparks, Kansas.

The 2026 Doniphan County Agriculture and Natural Resources Programming Development Committee includes: Joyce Rush, Dean Diveley, Andrew Meng, Pat Urban, and Jeremiah Harring.

Morris Reunion

The Morris family reunion will be August 29th, 2:30 p.m. Wathena Community Building. Bring your favorite snacks, photos and memories. Hope to see you there. Any questions contact Perri Armes or Teresa Lamme

Ruhnke Reunion

The Ruhnke reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 at noon. A potluck dinner will be hosted at Christ Lutheran Church in Wathena. A short meeting and bingo will follow the dinner. Table service and beverages will be provided. All Ruhnke descendants are welcome to attend.

Greub Reunion

The Greub family reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 29, 12:30 at the Wathena Community Building with a potluck dinner. Drinks and table service supplied by Clement Greub family. Any questions text or call Nancy Drake 816-244-3735.

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