Sheriff's report

On July 22, the Kansas Highway Patrol arrested Guillermo Garcia, 63, of Temple, Terrace, FL, on the charge of driving a commercial vehicle in violation of an out-of-service order. He was processed and released on a $2,000 cash bond with a next court appearance date.

Also on July 22, officers with the Neodesha Police Department arrested Alexander Bocephus Ritter, 22, of Web City, MO, on the charge of domestic battery. He is being held on a $5,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

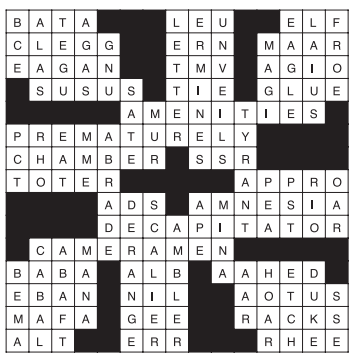
On July 22, officers with the Fredonia Police Department arrested Darrius Blake Spencer Scott, 26 of Cherryvale, on a Wilson County complaint in writing for felony aggravated burglary, felony flee or elude, violation of a protection order, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and reckless driving; a Wilson County warrant for violation of protective order; and a Wilson County warrant for violation of protective order. He is being held on a $20,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

On July 23, deputies with the Wilson County Sheriff's Department arrested James Russell Powers, 48, of Independence, for a probation violation. He is being held without bond with a next court date.

Also on July 23, Zachary Charles Hawley, 23, of Wolf Point, MT, turned himself in on a Wilson County failure to appear warrant. He is being held on a $10,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

On July 26, Fredonia police FPD arrested Niki Elaine Herzberg, 46, of Fredonia on a Wilson County failure to appear no-bond warrant. She is being held without bond with a next court appearance date.

On July 27, Wilson County deputies arrested Katelyn Renee Black, 28, of Fredonia, on a Wilson County no-bond recovery court warrant. She is being held with a next court appearance date.



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Keeping your chickens cool

Now is the time to evaluate your chicken coop/run and prepare to help your chickens stay cool during the summer.

To stay cool during hot weather, chickens need shade, water, and a well-ventilated chicken coop. Shade can be provided in a variety of ways, including trees or building shade structures. When making shade structures, it is important to ensure they are well ventilated to keep fresh air circulating.

While it is important for chickens to always have access to clean, fresh water, it is especially important in the summer.

Placing waterers in the shade will help keep the water cooler, encouraging chickens to drink more.

If chickens are roaming a larger area, placing a few waterers in shady spots throughout the area will help encourage them to drink by making it more convenient. Ice cubes, or frozen water bottles, can also be added to help keep the water cooler. An additional way to help chickens stay cool on extremely hot days is to provide water in shallow pans that they can wade in to cool their feet. Just make sure the water is changed daily to keep it clean and prevent coccidiosis.

During hot weather, chickens often eat less. Because of their decreased appetite, it is best to limit the number of treats and food scraps chickens are given to help ensure they eat enough of a feed ration to meet their nutritional needs and support egg production. If treats are given, those that are not very filling and provide hydration are best. A few treats that help provide hydration are cutting fruits and vegetables up and freezing them in blocks. Feeding chickens during cooler parts of the day, such as early in the morning or late in the evening, will also help encourage them to eat.

When it comes to nesting boxes, it is important to ensure the coop has plenty of ventilation to promote air circulation and reduce the risk of hens overheating. If a hen is trying to be broody (set on eggs to hatch chicks), it is best to discourage her by collecting eggs as soon as possible. Hens that are broody are more likely to become heat-stressed because they tend to only leave the nest box a couple of times a day for food and water.

Chickens do not sweat; they cool themselves by panting. Chickens that are heat-stressed may pant heavily and hold their wings away from their body.

If this behavior is seen, take the chicken to a cooler area with plenty of shade and water. Signs of heat exhaustion in chickens include panting hard, holding their wings away from their bodies, a paler waddle and comb, and being very lethargic. When a chicken has these symptoms, it is at risk of heat exhaustion and needs to be cooled down quickly. To cool them down quickly, place their body in a bucket of cool water (make sure their head is above the water) and place them somewhere cool until they have completely recovered.

It is much easier to prevent heat stress than to treat it. Providing chickens with plenty of shade and cool water will help them avoid heat stress on hot summer days.

For more information, contact Adaven Rohling, Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, Wildcat District, at 620-331-2690 or adaven@ksu.edu.

KDOT, KHP introduce new statewide standard for crash reporting

The Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Highway Patrol have announced the launch of the Kansas Crash Data System, a modernized platform that will serve as the new statewide standard for law enforcement crash reporting.

As part of this transition, the state is sunsetting the crash report forms in the Kansas Law Enforcement Reporting system. KDOT, the agency of record for Kansas crash reporting, developed the new system based on national Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria standards to improve data collection across the state.

This transition marks the future of Kansas crash reporting, bringing new technology and efficiency to law enforcement agencies.

"The Kansas Crash Data System streamlines crash reporting across the state," said Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed and KHP Superintendent Erik Smith in a joint statement.

"It allows for automated verification, improved data quality and faster access to statewide safety data. Law enforcement officers and staff will save time, improve accuracy and have better data available for statewide safety analysis."

Kansas law enforcement agencies have until Sept. 1 to choose how they will interact with the new system. Agencies can choose to integrate their internal records management systems directly with KCDS or use a new web-based data entry form.

Law enforcement agencies seeking more information about the transition or requesting account access can visit www.ksdot.gov/KCDS.

Students in the news

WICHITA — Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 3,650 students who were on the WSU Dean's Honor Roll for spring 2026.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Area students include Mykkah S. Carlburg, Fredonia; Brooke L. Allen, Alyssia M. Johnson, Conner A. Pelton, and Callie A. Ray, all of Neodesha.

EMPORIA — Area residents are among more than 500 students who completed undergraduate and graduate degrees at Emporia State University during the spring 2026 semester. During ceremonies on May 15 and 16, Neelima Parasker, a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, gave remarks.

Graduates from this area include Allison Funk, who earned a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology, and John Milligan, who earned a B.S. in Education in Health and Physical Education, both from Fredonia.

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CITY OF FREDONIA — *Quarterly Treasurer's Report 2nd Quarter 2026*

Fund Number	Fund Name	Beginning Cash	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Cash
10	GENERAL FUND	$1,002,580.59	$361,692.29	($571,794.32)	$792,478.56
15	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	$26,501.80	$159.43	($1,878.00)	$24,783.23
16	LIBRARY FUND	$5,640.77	$35,976.91	($35,640.77)	$5,976.91
17	BOND AND INTEREST FUND	$23,277.59	$16,907.52	$0.00	$40,185.11
19	SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND	$82,657.77	$13,655.69	($8,843.76)	$87,469.70
20	SPECIAL PARKS& RECREATION FUND	$82,196.50	$1,383.46	($4,077.58)	$79,502.38
21	WATER UTILITY FUND	$67,580.05	$238,242.18	($267,724.55)	$38,097.68
22	ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND	$1,614,745.08	$841,720.86	($599,702.87)	$1,856,763.07
23	SEWER UTILITY FUND	$545,589.20	$175,217.74	($76,641.25)	$644,165.69
24	WATER BOND RESERVE	$127,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$127,500.00
25	WATER EMERGNCY/DEPR RESERVE	$30,779.23	$3,068.59	$0.00	$33,847.82
26	SOLID WASTE FUND	$5,555.48	$64,176.65	($89,228.34)	($19,496.21)
28	FIRE CAPITOL RESERVE	$10,099.87	$0.00	$0.00	$10,099.87
29	CITY 1/2% SALES TAX FUND	$5,046.76	$0.00	$0.00	$5,046.76
31	BANK ACCT: OFFICE PETTY CASH	$1,278.64	$0.00	$0.00	$1,278.64
32	WATER METER FUND	$7,195.50	$0.00	$0.00	$7,195.50
33	LIGHT METER FUND	$17,695.71	$0.00	$0.00	$17,695.71
34	GRANT REIMB ACCT	$977,418.51	$0.00	($152,036.07)	$825,382.44
35	CDBG FUND	$13,731.00	$0.00	$0.00	$13,731.00
36	WATER RESERVE FUND	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00
39	LIGHT DEPR/REPLACEMENT RESERVE	$289,525.15	$19.78	$0.00	$289,544.93
40	ELECTRIC CAPITAL RESERVE	$414,018.38	$0.00	$0.00	$414,018.38
42	TOURISM	$74,598.96	$26,212.14	($2,083.93)	$98,727.17
43	1/2% SALES TAX	$633,577.57	$65,391.39	$0.00	$698,968.96
44	1% Sales Tax	$812,944.82	$130,132.82	($18,273.25)	$924,804.39
45	HE FLEX BANK ACCT	$18,486.86	$4.33	($4,756.66)	$13,734.53
46	FREEDOM CHOICE BANK ACCOUNT	$41,723.12	$6,323.32	($10,948.87)	$37,097.57
60	KMIP FUNDS: 2017 GO BOND	$256,801.73	$3,964.68	$0.00	$260,766.41
79	FREDONIA BUSINESS COMMITTEE	$1,962.80	$0.00	$0.00	$1,962.80
80	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION FD	$300.00	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00
81	BANK ACCT: K9 UNIT	$316.35	$0.00	$0.00	$316.35
82	PD VIN Program	$263.00	$200.00	$0.00	$463.00
85	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	$531,088.92	$0.00	($161,689.21)	$369,399.71
86	SEWER RESERVE FUND	$356,744.62	$0.00	$0.00	$356,744.62
87	CITY FUNCTIONS SPECIAL FUND	$65,997.22	$2,437.00	($5,701.46)	$62,732.76
88	Money Market Overflow	$9,226.10	$509.06	$0.00	$9,735.16
89	Municipal Court Diversion	$3,817.35	$2,300.00	$0.00	$6,117.35
90	PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	$1,441.37	$4,247.03	($4,208.46)	$1,479.94
91	SALES TAX CLEARING FUND	$66,669.84	$171,587.17	($198,997.28)	$39,259.73
92	ANIMAL SHELTER MEMORIAL	$20,777.43	$4,041.00	($2,130.93)	$22,687.50
93	MUNICIPAL COURT BONDS	$24,118.45	$4,720.00	($2,950.00)	$25,888.45
94	POLICE DRUG FUND	$3,217.55	$0.00	$0.00	$3,217.55
95	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	$388.25	$0.00	$0.00	$388.25
97	FIRE DONATIONS	$10,265.87	$0.00	$0.00	$10,265.87
98	FREDONIA FAST FORWARD	$30,087.16	$1,586.94	$0.00	$31,674.10
		$8,365,428.92	$2,175,877.98	($2,219,307.56)	$8,321,999.34

Bank Balances as of: 06/30/2026

Bank Name	Current	Investments	Balance
FirstOak Bank	$2,459,351.88	$1,844,217.15	$4,303,569.03
Community National Bank	$22,687.81	$400,000.00	$422,687.81
First National Bank	$88,693.49	$1,427,928.05	$1,516,621.54
CASH ON HAND	$170.62	$0.00	$170.62
Kansas Municipal Invest Pool	$2,078,950.34	$0.00	$2,078,950.34
			$8,321,999.34

I, Joseph Morris, City of Fredonia Treasurer do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements showing the conditions of the 2nd Quarter of 2026 being reported is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and beliefs.

I, Allen Miller, Mayor do hereby certify that the above financial statement of the City of Fredonia has been approved by the Commissioners for the 2nd Quarter of 2026 being reported.

GRANT recipients include The Building Community

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learning opportunity offered earlier this year by Sunflower and its partners. The series included sessions on creating a culture of philanthropy, making your organization's case for support, donor advised funds, discovery conversations, corporate giving, and prospective donor research. Subsequent grant funds provided support to organizations wanting to develop and implement strategies gleaned from the learning series.

Grantees are working on projects that include:

- engaging new donors;
- using storytelling to connect prospective donors to their organization's work;
- using data to understand their donors;
- improving their donor relationship management approaches.

"Knowledge creates possibility, but resources create momentum. Intentionally pairing curated learning with implementation funding helps organizations move from ideas to action," said Kelli Mark, Sunflower's director of Healthy Communities. "This investment equips nonprofits with the tools they need to cultivate stronger donor relationships and build a more sustainable future."

A total of 867 individuals from 183 organizations registered for the donor development virtual learning series, with 27 organizations applying for accelerator grants. Go to www.sunflowerfoundation.org/donor-development-virtual-series/ to learn more about the virtual learning series, watch recordings of the sessions, and download resources related to donor development.

Help celebrate 90th birthday with cards

Shirley Spoon celebrated her 90th birthday on July 28.

She would love hearing from friends; cards may be sent to her at 13043 Jade Road, Fredonia KS 66736.

Hoggatt to discuss 'smart hives' at Aug. 13 beekeepers' meeting in Indy

Do you ever feel like a bee hive is a black box that you have to break open to gain any meaningful insight? Do you wish that you could monitor your swarm traps or remote hives without driving miles out of your way? Want to know when the nectar flow really started? Turn guesswork into informed decisions by transforming your existing hive into a smart hive and learn how to use technology to your advantage at the Thursday, Aug. 13 meeting of the Montgomery County Beekeepers. Donnie Hoggatt will provide information on what the right data can tell you, looking at options for gathering data with or without internet access and exploring how to scale to a larger number of hives.

Starting at 6:3 p.m., the meeting will be held at Independence Community College West, 2615 West Main.A door prize related to beekeeping will be given. All beekeepers and anyone interested in honeybees is welcome to attend. For more information call 620-423-2721, 620-331-9394, 620-249-4864, 808-347-1557, 620-688-0000 or 918-977-1502 .

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FEED $3.50/ton (1.26% of purchases)

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State of Kansas
Special District

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Southeast Kansas Library System

Allen County

will meet on August 28, 2026 at1:00 p.m. at SEK Impact Conference Center, 1500 W 7th, Chanute, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of tax to be levied and the revenue neutral rate.

Detailed budget information is available at Southeast Kansas Library System Headquarters, 218 E. Madison, Iola, KS and will be available at this hearing

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Allen County (home county), Anderson, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford
Elk, Greenwood, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho
Wilson, Woodson

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,015,012	1.354	2,154,094	1.301	2,360,379	1,950,675	1.369
Debt Service							
Employee Benefits	138,840	0.092	146,279	0.093	150,779	133,094	0.093
Capital Improvements	38,791		30,000		40,000		
Non-Budgeted Funds	208,533						
Totals	2,401,175	1.446	2,330,373	1.394	2,551,158	2,083,768	1.462
						*Revenue Neutral Rate ***	*1.339*
Less: Transfers	3,000		1,000		1,000		
Net Expenditures	2,398,175		2,329,373		2,550,158		
Total Tax Levied	1,878,228		1,907,695		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,299,880,984		1,367,869,451		1,424,904,482		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Sharon Moreland
System Librarian

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