

NEWS

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HARPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION Sept. 28 Meeting

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman McCurley called the meeting to order with Commissioners Struble and Waldschmidt. Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, was also present.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$77,085.41; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve 9/14/2026 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve 9/21/2026 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve 9/24/2026 special meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve payroll funding in the amount of \$172,357.29; the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:34 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to enter Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at

8:45 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 8:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mike Bennett and Janet Slankard, Public Works, met with the Board. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to accept the bid from Wichita Tractor for a Landpride RC4715 15' mower for \$22,700.00; the motion passed 2-1 (Struble opposed).

The Board approved a travel request and the group discussed current and future maintenance and repairs needed throughout the county. The Board approved the department to price and purchase small amounts of fuel as needed until a new contract is in place.

Sheriff Tracy Chance entered the meeting.

At 9:02 a.m. Commissioner Struble moved to enter Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:15 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Chance and Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting re-

sumed at 9:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Sheriff Chance advised that a draft has been drawn up and is being reviewed for a year to year contract to house Barber County inmates, and the group discussed the potential impact of the Barber County data center on law enforcement activity and resources.

Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, met with the Board. Multiple Personnel Status Forms were reviewed and approved, the upcoming Employee Appreciation event was discussed, along with the final draft of the Special Use Application, Review and Approval Criteria for Solar Energy document.

Members of the local 4-H chapter were present to meet with the Board and request the Board proclaim that October 4-10 will be recognized in Harper County as National 4-H Week. The Board approved the request.

Jenni Carr, Harper County Extension, met with the Board and gave an update on recent and future activities. They took forty exhibits to the State Fair, and are working on a project to share agents with neighboring counties to help fill the void created by a staffing

shortage.

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to recess for five minutes; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

Richard Raleigh, County Counselor, entered the meeting.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to recess the regular meeting and convene the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Public Hearing; the motion passed unanimously.

There were no additional attendees at the hearing, and no public comments submitted. Mr. Raleigh advised that he is in the process of collecting executed Interlocal Agreements from participating entities, and will submit them to the State Attorney General's Office when received. Upon approval from the Attorney General, we will begin accepting applications for the program. Commissioner Struble moved to adopt the submitted NRP policy; the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting; the motion passed

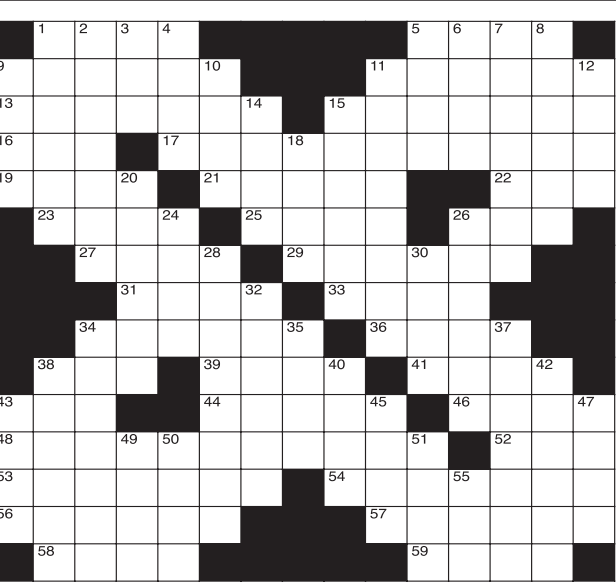
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. A group of similar things ordered one after another

11. Loved Romeo

13. Something to solve

15. Pelvic areas

16. Informal debt instrument

17. Ineffective

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother's side

22. "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"

23. Astronomer Sagan

25. C. Utah city

26. Turkey

27. Informal terms for money

29. Awakens

31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed

34. Looked through

36. Rhode Island rebellion

38. A type of "cast"

39. One's duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic Sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Removed someone's head

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. "Dennis" is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Examination

59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. A state of excitement

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted from a horse

7. Small vehicle

8. Irked

9. A disreputable man

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. A list of woes

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Broadway legend Bernadette

18. Monetary unit of Serbia

20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions

26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. Branch of U.S. Congress

34. Swinish

35. Russian assembly

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Set up in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

45. Witnesses

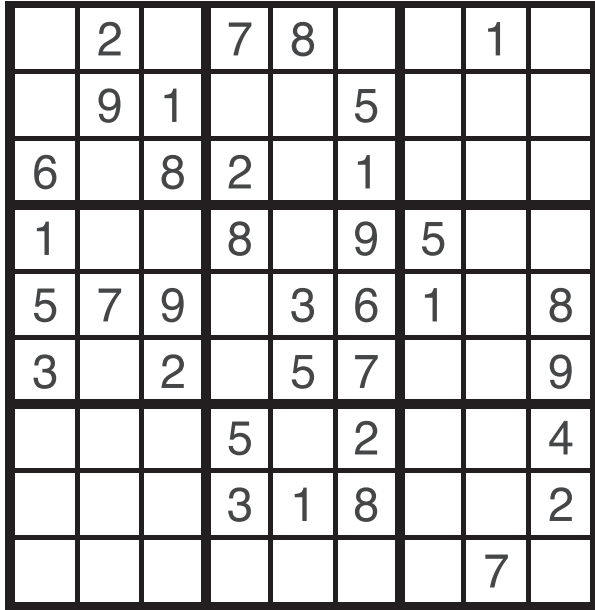
47. Strong insects

49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unhealthy



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HARPER COUNTY JAIL

Sept. 21: Nicholas Glenn Suhler, 53, housed for Barber County, criminal threat, violation of protection order (two counts), release date N/A, \$30,000 bond.

Sept. 23: Eric Charles Little-Coyote, 36, failure to pay fines and fees, released Sept. 23, bond N/A.

Sept. 24: Gala Delia Schaffer, 65, theft by deception, release date N/A, \$15,000 bond.

Sept. 26: Lucas James Bell,

37, housed for Barber County, DUI, released Sept. 28, bond N/A.

Sept. 28: William Keith Tippet, 66, violating protection order, released Sept. 29, \$5,000 bond.

Oct. 2: Colton Lee Kitchen, 26, served 72 hours.

Oct. 2: Travis Richard Lettman, 37, criminal deprivation of property, released Oct. 3, bond N/A.

Oct. 2: Adrien Justice Grun-

dlock, 22, served 24 hours.

Oct. 4: William Charles Morin, 41, driving with suspended license, possession of narcotic or stimulant and possession of drug paraphernalia, release date N/A, bond N/A.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Notice for Operating and Capital 5311

Harper Co. Dept. on Aging is submitting an application for capital and operating assistance for transportation under the U.S.C. 5311 (rural public transportation) of the Federal Transit Act. The application will be for capital funds to replace vehicle(s) in our current fleet and for operating funds to help provide transportation services in the area. Written comments and questions in regards to this application are encouraged and will be accepted until Nov 1, 2026 and should be sent to : Harper Co Dept on Aging Attn: Director 201 N. Jennings Anthony, KS 67003

Public Notice for DBE Vendors

Harper Co. Dept. on Aging receives Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating dollars. This funding is utilized for the purchase of fuel, insurance, equipment maintenance and storage. This agency is seeking Kansas Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certified companies as potential vendors for these services. Please contact Harper Co Dept on Aging Director 620-842-5104 if you are a DBE or are interested in learning more about the DBE program.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in The Attica Independent on Thursday, October 1, 2026) 3t
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MARGARET ANNE MELLOTT, DECEASED
CASE NO: HP-2026-PR000016

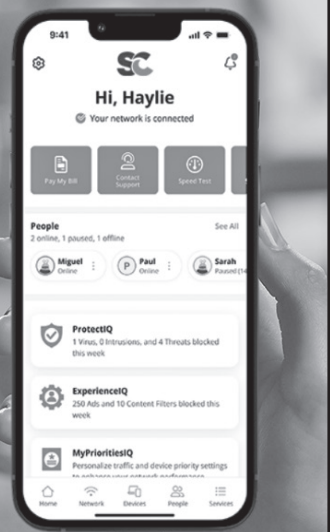
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2026 A PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WAS FILED IN THIS COURT BY JULIE JO MELLOTT, PETITIONER AND NAMED EXECUTOR IN THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARGARET ANNE MELLOTT, DECEASED. ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED TO EXHIBIT THEIR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ESTATE WITHIN FOUR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE AS PROVIDED BY LAW. IF THEY'RE DEMANDS ARE NOT THUS EXHIBITED THEY SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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