

NEWS

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Scholarships Available for CHS Seniors, Graduates

PRESS RELEASE

There are multiple scholarships available for students who will graduate from Chaparral High School or have previously graduated from CHS.

The Harper County Area Retired School Personnel Association has announced applications are now available for a \$500 scholarship earmarked for college students who are getting their degree in education. This scholarship will be awarded to a person who will be a sophomore or above; therefore, those applying must be at least a freshman in college this year. Applicants must be a Chaparral or Attica high school graduate or current resident of Harper County.

According to the association, the scholarship is funded by contributions

from association members in an effort to help and encourage a student desiring to become a teacher. Applications may be obtained from the Chaparral or Attica high school counselor's office and must be returned by April 20.

Parents of students who may qualify are urged to pass the word along to their college students.

The Chaparral Junior-Senior High School faculty will award a \$400 scholarship to a Chaparral graduate who will be a junior or senior in college majoring in education. This scholarship, which has been awarded since 1985, is financed through faculty donations and projects.

Those wanting applications should call the Counseling office at Chaparral Junior-Senior High School at (620)

842-5155. Applications are due back to the counselor's office by April 20.

The Chester and Pauline Shepherd Scholarship of \$500 is available to a current college freshman or sophomore, male or female, who graduated from Chaparral High School and is enrolled in an accredited college program. While in high school, the applicant must have earned at least three credits in science or math courses with a 3.0 GPA in those courses, and using his/her maximum ability, participated in track, cross country, or football at the varsity level for at least two years.

Applications are available in the counseling office at Chaparral Junior-Senior High School and are due

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removing dedicated mental health support while increasing the responsibilities of another role does not reduce the need — it simply reduces the district's capacity to respond."

She added that one student shared something with her that stood out: "The amount of times we've changed administrators since our seventh-grade year. Every change brings new expectations and it's hard."

Zimmerman said that students notice that instability, adding that next year's senior class "will have experienced seven different administrators in six years. If the school social worker position is eliminated as well, many of these students will graduate without ever having a single consistent support person throughout their entire high school experience."

While some have said

that mental health services could be contracted out, Zimmerman said that might look like cost savings, but in reality it would cost more than the district retaining a salaried professional and that contracted services can't provide the "daily, consistent presence that allows students to feel safe enough to share personal struggles."

"Building trust with students takes time and those relationships are already in place," Zimmerman said.

Hostetler read a letter asking the board to reconsider possibly eliminating the social worker position. She noted that she had gone through drug rehab when her children were nine and four years old and both were struggling with school.

"During that time (in rehab), when I couldn't be there to help my children process what was happening, the school social worker stepped in," Hostetler said. "They spent time with my kids, helping them cope,

helping them feel safe, and helping them understand what was happening in a way that children could process."

Hostetler then cited another instance four years ago, in which the family underwent "a major change in our household" and strained her relationship with her children, now teenagers.

"Once again, the school social worker stepped in, not just to support my children, but to help support our entire family during that time," she said. "Because of that support, our family was able to work through things that we may not have been able to navigate on our own."

"That one person in the school made the difference that went far beyond the classroom, and I will forever be thankful for those social workers."

Hostetler added that mental health resources in rural counties are limited, with families often having to travel long distance, wait months for appointments or "simply go without the hope

they need."

"For many students, the school is the only place where they have consistent and immediate access to mental health support," she said.

While Hostetler said she understood that difficult decisions had to be made, she believe the social worker position was not a place to make budget cuts.

"For many students, the school social worker is the one safe place they have to go when things at home or in their lives feel overwhelming," Hostetler said. "They are often the person who notices when something isn't right and steps in before a situation becomes a crisis."

"My children are living proof of the impact that support can have. Without it, our story might have looked very different."

The board didn't take any action either way at Wednesday's meeting regarding the elimination of the social worker position.

HARPER COUNTY JAIL

March 9: Sarah Edith Drake, 35, failure to appear, release date N/A, \$100,000 bond.

March 10: Christopher Donovan Otis, 44, probation violation, release date N/A, \$20,000 bond.

March 11: Wynema Kathern Campbell, 46, probation violation (two counts), release date N/A, \$120,000 bond.

March 13: Christian Zavala Beltran,

22, aggravated indecent liberties with a child and interference with parental custody, release date N/A, bond N/A.

March 13: Rowdy William Bazer, 34, served 72 hours.

March 13: Michael Lawrence Baldwin, 66, held for Barber County, arrest warrant out of Woods County, Okla., release date N/A, bond N/A.

March 13: Keith Alan Jones, 62,

served 48 hours.

March 13: Seamus Alan Lee Blackburn, 38, transporting open container, release date N/A, bond N/A.

March 14: Preston Grey Mills, 18, DUI and transporting open container, released March 15, bond N/A.

March 14: Tony Lee Tinin, 76, DUI and transporting open container, released March 15, bond N/A.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): 2026-02 DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURE 604 OAK ST. HARPER, KS

The City of Harper is accepting sealed bids for the demolition of the dangerous structure located at 604 Oak St. Harper, KS. The successful bidder will be responsible for the demolition and removal of the structure, foundation and all other concrete on the lot except for city sidewalks, and the safe disconnection and capping of existing utilities where appli-

cable. The successful bidder is responsible for following all applicable federal, state and local laws related to demolition of structures. For a full list of requirements, bid documents can be picked up at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 or downloaded from the city's website: www.cityofharper.com. All proposals must be SEALED and clearly marked "RFP 2026-02 DANGEROUS STRUCTURE - 604 OAK ST." Sealed bids will be received until April 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and opened publicly at the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 13, 2026, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Harper County, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

PrimeLending, A PlainsCapital Company
Plaintiff,

vs.
Marlene Christensen, Jane Doe, John Doe, and United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, et al.,
Defendants

Case No. HP-2026-CV-000002

Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trust-

ees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Harper County, Kansas by PrimeLending, A PlainsCapital Company, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

TRACT 1: LOTS 9 AND 12, BLOCK 74, ORIGINAL CITY OF ANTHONY, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS. TRACT 2: LOT 8, BLOCK 74, ORIGINAL CITY OF ANTHONY, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. / Tax ID No. 1372502017005000;137250201700600. Commonly known as 318 S Pennsylvania Ave, Anthony, KS 67003 ("the Property") MS 231717

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 29, 2026 in the District Court of Harper County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

The Public Transportation Service assists all Harper County residents of any age to stay independent with accessible transportation to work, medical appointments, shopping, errands, Patterson Health Center and locations less than 70 miles. Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Equal access is provided to the public. Out of county rides need to be scheduled 24 hours in advance and the bus returns for Harper County by 3 p.m. at the latest. Call (620) 842-5104 for ride reservations and rates. First come, first served. Advance reservations are recommended.

HARPER SENIOR MEALS

March 23: Ham and beans, steamed broccoli, cornbread, peach crisp, milk

March 24: Tater tot casserole, green beans, pears, roll, milk

March 25: Catfish, lettuce salad, apricots, hushpuppies, milk

March 26: Parm chicken spaghetti, green peas, sliced tomato, ice cream, milk

March 27: Turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, milk
Please order/cancel by 1 p.m. the day prior. Call (620) 896-2063 for reservations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Harper County Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a meeting on March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Harper County Senior Center, Harper, Kansas.

The meeting will include discussion of wind energy, solar energy, battery farms, and AI data centers. The purpose of the committee is to develop proposed guidelines for corporations seeking to locate within Harper County and to discuss information that will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of County Commissioners.

The public is invited to observe only. No public comment will be accepted.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): 2026-03 DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURE 1912 PINE ST. HARPER, KS

The City of Harper is accepting sealed bids for the demolition of the dangerous structure located at 1912 Pine St. Harper, KS. The successful bidder will be responsible for the demolition and removal of the structure, foundation and all other concrete on the lot except for city sidewalks, and the safe disconnection and capping of existing utilities where applicable. The successful bidder is responsible for following all applicable federal, state and local laws related to demolition of structures. For a full list of requirements, bid documents can be picked up at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 or downloaded from the city's website: www.cityofharper.com. All proposals must be SEALED and clearly marked "RFP 2026-03 DANGEROUS STRUCTURE - 1912 PINE ST." Sealed bids will be received until April 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and opened publicly at the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 13, 2026, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

To advertise your service or to make changes to your listing call Jason at (620) 896-7311.

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