

# NEWS/SPORTS

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ment with *The Harper Advocate*, signed by him and USD 361 Board of Education President Jan Misak, in response to the notice from the Kansas Attorney General's office.

"The Board of Education takes compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act seriously and appreciates the guidance provided by the

Attorney General's Office," the statement read.

"The matter identified was procedural in nature and related to the wording and documentation of executive session motions," Whetzel and Misak wrote in the statement. "The Attorney General's Office also noted the issue did not impair the public's right to know, and the matter was resolved informally."

The statement concluded,

"The Board has already implemented additional procedures and standardized protocols to ensure full compliance moving forward and remains committed to transparency and lawful governance."

In her Facebook post, Reber noted that the recent "right-sizing" decision have impacted families, students and staff "in real ways" and people had concerns about that.

"This is not about blame or creating division," Reber wrote. "It is about recognizing that transparency matters, especially during difficult seasons. When processes are not followed, it becomes harder for people to trust what is happening and to stay informed. Following open meetings laws helps ensure decisions are made in a way the community can see, understand, and be part of."

## KDOT Approves Bid for Signs on Area Highways

### STAFF REPORT

The Kansas Department of Transportation announced an approved bid for new signs along multiple highways in Kingman, Harper and Barber counties.

The approved bid for \$496,854.46 was from KOMO Construction LLC/DDA A&H Company out of Minnesota. The signs will be installed on U.S. Highway 160 and Kansas Highways 2, 14, 42, 44 and 179.

## 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.

### TUESDAYS TOGETHER TO BE HELD ON MAY 19

Tuesdays Together will be on May 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Patterson Health Center. "Safety with Your Technology" is the topic. On May 21, from noon to 4 p.m. is the AARP Smart Driver Course. To sign up call (620) 842-5104.

## Hostetler Places in Top 10 at CPL Boy's Golf Tourney

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

Chaparral's Carter Hostetler earned a medal after placing in the top 10 at the Central Plains League boy's golf tournament at Cheney Monday.

Hostetler shot 84 and placed eighth overall. This is his first year of playing golf for the CHS team.

"He steadily keeps getting a little better each meet and learns how to manage the game a little bit better," said head coach Steve Roberts.

Jack Walker just missed out on a top 10 finish, as he shot 87 and tied for 12th place.

"He's done real well," Roberts said. "Jack had one rough hole (Tuesday), otherwise he would have had a little better score, you know, and unfortunately that sometimes happens in the game of golf."

Christian Planansky shot 104 and placed 36th.

"Christian's improved

immensely from last year," Roberts said "It's great to watch him gradually just keep getting better and better. He's getting closer and closer to popping off a good score."

Rustin Denton shot 116 and placed 40th.

"It's Ruston's first year and he's gradually just getting better and better each time, learning more about how he wants to adjust his swing to score a little better," Roberts said.

The Roadrunners shot 391 as a team and placed fifth.

Wichita Trinity won the tournament with 313. Roberts said he knew the top teams at the tournament — which included Trinity, Cheney and Garden Plain — were going to score well. He said the Roadrunners were trying to get closer to Kingman, who took fourth with 375.

Chaparral will next attend the Class 3A Sub State tournament Monday at the Salina Municipal Golf Course.

Other teams that will attend



BOB MORRIS / The Advocate

Chaparral's Carter Hostetler tees off at Hole No. 4 during the Central Plains League boy's golf tournament Tuesday at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney. Hostetler shot 84 and placed eighth overall.

are Cheney, Council Grove, Ellsworth, Halstead, Haven, Hesston, Hoisington, Kingman, Lyons, Marysville, Minneapolis, Nemaha Central and Southeast of Saline.

"We're hoping we go

up and play well," Roberts said. "I like how we're doing some things and, you know, if the ball rolls in that hole some, it could be a fun day for some of them."

## TEFAP Food Distribution to be May 28

### PRESS RELEASE

Harper County's every-other month TEFAP Food Distribution will be available Thursday, May 28 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 201 N. Jennings in Anthony. Please note the time change as food will need to be picked up by 11 a.m. instead of noon.

This will be effective this month and going forward. Food is first come, first served and quantities of some foods are very limited. This program has income guidelines and participants must reside in Harper County.

The State of Kansas DCF office has changed food provider and trucking

company. DCF has warned the Aging Office this will very likely affect our July distribution date.

The July distribution date will be posted as soon as it is confirmed. Please continue to check the newspaper in July, public bulletin boards or call the Aging Office at (620) 842-5104.

## HARPER COUNTY JAIL

**May 5:** Ricky Dale Graham, 65, criminal trespass, released May 7, \$75,000 bond.

**May 5:** Richard Wayne Stark, 49, housed for Barber County, criminal damage to property, domestic battery and assault, release date N/A, \$75,000 bond.

**May 5:** Devin Quinones, 32, housed for Barber County, hold for Cherokee County, warrant arrest, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 7:** Donna Marie Beard, 35, served 72 hours.

**May 9:** Virginia Lynn Shelden, 41, possession of mar-

ijuana, possession of controlled substance, distribution of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 9:** Dusty James Shelden, 37, possession of marijuana, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 10:** Zachary Allen Snow, 28, domestic battery, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 10:** Travis Nicholas Tambunga, 33, possession of stolen property, release date N/A, bond N/A.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Harper Advocate on May 14, 2026) 2t

### RESOLUTION NO. 949-26

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE ORDER TO REMOVE OR RAZE THE STRUCTURE LOCATED BEG 408.8 E NW COR GOV LT 7 E 50 S 230 W 50 N 230 TO POB LESS RD R/W SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 32 RANGE 06 IN HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS, COMMONLY KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS 607 E. MAIN ST. HARPER, KANSAS, PREVIOUSLY ISSUED IN RESOLUTION NO. 933-25, WHILE MAINTAINING THE FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE IS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A HEARING REGARDING THE CONDEMNED STATUS OF THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Harper, Kansas, previously adopted Resolution No. 933-25 on September 22, 2025, finding that the structure located at:

Beg 408.8 E NW Cor Gov Lt 7 E 50 S 230 W 50 N 230 To POB Less Rd R/W Section 06 Township 32 Range 06 In Harper County, Kansas

and commonly known and referred to as 607 E. Main St., Harper, Kansas, was unsafe and dangerous pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 933-25 further directed that the structure be removed and the premises made safe and secure; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body now finds it appropriate and in the best interest of the City to rescind the prior order requiring the structure to be razed or removed; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body nevertheless continues to find that the structure remains unsafe and dangerous and unsuitable for occupancy unless and until brought into compliance with all applicable codes and regulations of the City of Harper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS, THAT:

1. The governing body hereby rescinds the portion of Resolution No. 933-25 directing that the structure located at 607 E. main St. Harper, Kansas, be removed or razed.

2. The governing body expressly reaffirms and maintains its findings that the structure located at 607 E. Main St., Harper, Kansas, is unsafe and dangerous.

3. The structure shall remain condemned and shall not be occupied until such time as the owner has obtained all required permits, completed all repairs necessary to bring the structure into compliance with applicable building, housing, fire, zoning and related codes, and the structure has been approved for occupancy by the building official of the City.

4. A hearing before the governing body regarding the status of the condemned structure and any proposed remediation or compliance plan shall be held on the 22nd day of June 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 201 W. Main St., Harper, Kansas, at which time the owner and any parties of interest may appear and be heard.

5. Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit the City from initiating future dangerous structure proceedings, code enforcement actions, or other lawful remedies should conditions warrant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2026.

Kenneth Leu, Mayor  
(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

Tiffany M. Cooperrider,  
City Clerk

## HARPER SENIOR MEALS

**May 18:** Rope sausage, steamed broccoli, cornbread, peach crisp, milk

**May 19:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, pears, roll, milk

**May 20:** Catfish and hushpuppies, lettuce salad, five cup salad, milk

**May 21:** Teriyaki chicken and rice, stir fry vegetables, green peas, sliced tomato, bread, ice cream, milk

**May 22:** Biscuit and sausage gravy, bacon, tossed salad, kidney bean salad, fruit, milk

Please call 620-896-2063 to reserve you meal by 1 p.m. the day prior.

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