

# NEWS

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## Troyer Signs: Music Career to Continue at Washburn

Chaparral High School senior Addison Troyer has signed with Washburn University, receiving scholarships in their music programs. Seated alongside Troyer, middle, during her signing are parents Paul, left, and Samantha Troyer.

## RESULTS

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in third grade, 38 percent in fourth grade, 43 percent in fifth grade and 40 percent in sixth grade.

At Chaparral High School, math proficiency was 34.3 percent and ELA proficiency was 26 percent. For each grade level tested, math showed 47 percent in seventh grade, 29 percent in eighth grade and 47 percent in 10th grade, while ELA was 28 percent in seventh grade, 27 percent in eighth grade and 23 percent in 10th grade.

Per the USD 361 news release, the assessment data shows that

“one of the district’s primary challenges is maintaining the high levels of achievement demonstrated in elementary school as students transition into junior and senior high school.”

Thus, the district will focus on improving student achievement and literacy outcomes, strengthen instructional consistency across grade levels, support student success from elementary through high school and align resources and programs to best meet student needs.

“We believe strongly in the potential of our students and staff,” Whetzel said. “Our focus moving forward is not only celebrating areas of success, but also working together to improve outcomes for all students across the district.”

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Harper Planning Commission on June 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of amendments to the Zoning Regulations of the City of Harper, Kansas.

PERMITTING BOARDINGHOUSES AND LODGINGHOUSES AS A SPECIAL USE OR CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICTS AND R-2 TWO-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICTS WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS.

If as a SPECIAL USE, the proposed amendments would include, but are not limited to:

To be added to:

CHAPTER 50 ARTICLE VII. DIVISION 8. SECTION 50-381(b). Use Regulations (R-1)

(11) Boardinghouse or lodginghouse.

If as a CONDITIONAL USE, the proposed amendments would include, but are not limited to:

To be added to:

CHAPTER 50 ARTICLE VII. DIVISION 8. SECTION 50-381(c). Use Regulations (R-1)

(4) Boardinghouse or lodginghouse.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations are available to be reviewed at the City Clerk’s office at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, Kansas during regular business hours. After hearing the views and wishes of the public, the Planning Commission may close the hearing and consider the adoption of the amended Zoning Regulations and, if adopted, may be referred to the Governing Body of the City of Harper, Kansas for consideration of approval by Ordinances. Said public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

DATED this 18th day of May, 2026.

Doug Ricke, Chairperson  
Harper Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Glenn Barker,  
Secretary

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### HARPER BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

Notice is hereby given that on June 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 201 W. Main St. Harper, Kansas, the Harper Board of Zoning Appeals will consider the following applications:

Applicant: Dean & Joy Hufford

Location: Lot 07 and N/2 of Lot 10 of Block 16 in the College Addition to the City of Harper, Harper County, Kansas.

Commonly referred to as: 2117 Oak St. Harper, KS 6758.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Zoning

CASE NO: SU-2026-04

REQUEST: To operate a home-based business, which will include the storage of product for a mobile bartending business.

Copies of the applications are available to be reviewed at the City Clerk’s office at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, Kansas during regular business hours.

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of the public, the Board of Zoning Appeals may close the hearing and make a decision. Said public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

DATED this 13th day of May, 2026.

/s/

Glenn Barker, Secretary  
Harper Board of Zoning Appeals

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### 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

## 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.

### TEFAP COMMODITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED MAY 28

On May 28 at 8:30 a.m., TEFAP Food Commodities will be distributed at 201 N. Jennings. Income guidelines apply.

## HARPER SENIOR MEALS

May 25: Closed for Memorial Day holiday.

May 26: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach salad with vinaigrette dressing, roll, milk

May 27: Sloppy joe, asparagus, fruit, milk

May 28: Tuna noodle casserole, green beans, tossed salad, bread, sherbert, milk

May 29: Chili, collard greens, sunshine salad, cinnamon roll, milk

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

## HARPER COUNTY JAIL

May 14: Joshua Newton Smart, 44, served one week for Barber County.

May 15: Justin Wayne Morris, 52, failure to appear, released May 15, bond N/A.

May 15: Kevin Brandon Perez, 22, aggravated intimidation of victim/witness, criminal threat, aggravated battery, kidnapping and criminal deprivation of property, release date N/A, bond N/A.

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Call 620-896-7000 for appt.

We will be **CLOSED** for



Monday, May 25

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