

Give FFA Day set for Feb. 26 to support Kansas students

MANHATTAN — The Kansas FFA Foundation will host its annual Give FFA Day on Thursday, Feb. 26, as part of National FFA Week, encouraging supporters across the state and country to contribute to agricultural education and leadership opportunities for Kansas students.

The 24-hour giving campaign supports nearly 14,000 Kansas FFA members and more than one million members nationwide, helping fund programs that promote leadership development, career exploration and hands-on learning through

school-based agricultural education programs. Organizers have set a statewide goal of raising \$50,000 during this year's event.

Donations made through Give FFA Day support initiatives such as providing official FFA jackets for members in need, funding leadership conferences and competitions, expanding career-readiness programs, and supplying year-round resources for agriculture instructors.

"Give FFA Day is an investment in the future of agriculture and in the young people

who will lead it," said Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation.

"Every single gift — large or small — creates opportunities for Kansas FFA members to learn, grow, and thrive."

This year, several supporters have pledged matching funds that will double donations up to \$30,000. Matching sponsors include Ag Partners Cooperative, Mustang Seeds, John and Jennifer Niemann, Jerry and Anita DeWeese, Mark Mayfield, S&S Rock Crushing, ICEV, Orrin and Beth Holle, Regional Veterinary Services (David and

DeRhonda Newby), and the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Foundation officials hope to surpass last year's total, when more than \$60,000 was raised in support of Kansas FFA programs.

"FFA shaped who I am as a leader, and I see that same transformation happening in today's students," said Yancy Wright, chairman of the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. "When we give on Give FFA Day, we're empowering young people with the confidence, skills, and experiences

they need to lead agriculture and our communities into the future."

Those wishing to contribute can make a donation online, call 785-410-7313, or email foundation@kansasffa.org for more information.

The Kansas FFA Association includes nearly 14,000 agricultural education students across 244 chapters statewide and is part of the National FFA Organization, which prepares students for leadership and careers in agriculture, science, business and technology.

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- Hometown Gym - regarding demolition and construction. No action was taken.

Following discussion regarding the Century Link Pole Attachment Agreement, the council voted all in favor of letting it automatically renew for the next five years.

The council discussed the request for utilities on Auburn Road for Carla Sloop, with no action taken.

Regarding the 2025 transfers, the council voted to do the transfers as budgeted and for the council and city employees to watch the expenses for 2026.

Council members

discussed the possible change to the ATV/UTV/Micro-Utility Trucks/Golf Carts. A motion was made for Police Chief Baker and Attorney Godderz to draft an ordinance with the requested changes. Motion approved, 3-2 (Sheila Curtis and Brandi Shaffer).

Multiple executive sessions were held, with action taken including hiring Tricia Kline as the city treasurer for the purpose of signing checks and other treasurer duties; asking City Clerk Patty Atchison posting on city sign and Facebook, seeking a utility laborer; and giving Kyle Bond a \$2 per hour raise to be acting superintendent until a superintendent is hired.

In reports, Building Inspector Chris Dubois reviewed the ordinance

on a tiny house on a skid, the tuck point at 105 West Santa Fe, and the trailer on Schuyler, and advised that the building next to City Hall needs to be demolished soon. Police Chief Baker reported he needs a burn barrel, reviewed the solicitor permit, and discussed the future use of opioid money for cameras. Atchison reviewed the CDBG grant timeline for the library.

In other action, the council:

approved payment of \$81,420 to KCAMP.

approved payment of \$8,846 to KMIT for Workers Compensation Insurance.

approved Mayor Michelle Mullinix to sign the KDHE request to access to drill on city right-of-way.

unanimous vote.

"Before anyone motions to adjourn, I would like to extend our search parameters for a full-time police chief to include advertisements for the position in Lawrence and Topeka," Mayor Lester said. The request was directed toward office staff and elicited a motion for vote from the council. The advertisement, which would mention benefits and a base pay of \$25 per hour, was accepted by unanimous vote.

a dozen tramps were in the council room cooking their supper.

1896—The Chronicle has purchased a gasoline engine to operate both presses. Turning the big press by hand was a hard job. —The old skating rink at Burlingame has been purchased to be remodeled and made into an armory for the military company. —An Osage City boy fell under the wheels of a freight train and was killed while trying to climb on board at Reading. —The Welsh people at Osage City are making preparations to celebrate St. David's Day. —A fellow arrested at Osage City for stealing a bicycle was released after convincing the prosecuting attorney that he had the owner's permission to sell it. He was immediately re-arrested for obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Croucher requested the city allow for eight members of the fire department to take a five-day SKAFFA class at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. The request was granted by unanimous vote.

The meeting ended with the council members passing ordinance 2026-01, which raised the cost of the minimum monthly water usage charge to \$40 for residents and \$45 for commercial use. The ordinance was passed by

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addressed. We cannot hire someone right now, but I do not mind handling it on the short term."

"I would especially like to see the code that prohibits lawn clippings in the road enforced," Palacio said during the ensuing discussion, which also included issues of general aesthetics of properties within the community.

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Kansas City hospital Friday after being caught between the cars and the coal chute.

New gasoline lights were put in at the Carbondale Methodist Church last week.

From the Files:

1871—There was a necktie party in Burlingame last night. The ladies made neckties to match their dresses and each gentlemen drew an envelope containing a necktie from a box and went to find his partner for the evening.

1876—The county commissioners purchased a farm on Dragoon Creek southwest of Burlingame recently for a county poor farm. —Two teams of horses, frightened by a train in Osage City, ran

side by side down Sixth Street Saturday. —The owner of Crum's Mill at Burlingame called the engineer's attention to a missing nut on the blow-off valve on the boiler last week. The engineer, thinking nothing was wrong, tapped the valve with a wrench. It released a two-inch stream of water under 50 pounds of steam pressure that hit the engineer in the chest. Both men left the engine room abruptly. —Some Burlingame citizens celebrated the arrival of the new fire engine Saturday by charging it and saluting the mayor's office, to the damage of considerable clothing. —There are three establishments in Burlingame manufacturing brooms.

1886—The regular meeting of the board of education at Osage City had to be adjourned Monday night because

(2/1/26) Rosales Engracia Nunez, speeding.

(1/31/26) Howard Udell Bradford, speeding, driving while license is cancelled, suspended or revoked.

(1/31/26) Jordan Marie Garza, speeding.

(1/30/26) Jeremy Adam Mayfield, operate vehicle without a valid license.

(2/2/26) Troy Randolph Gilchrist, operate vehicle without registration or with expired tag.

(2/2/26) Gerardo Rocha Garcia, speeding.

(2/2/26) Alyzah Jane West, speeding.

(2/2/26) Dustin Wayde Terry, speeding.

(2/1/26) Ashleigh Michelle Wright, speeding.

Public Notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of RELLA ANN MORGAN, Deceased.

No. OS-2024-PR-000038

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court by Kristal Morgan and Kristina H. Overman, Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Rella Ann Morgan, deceased, praying for final settlement of said estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as Co-Executrixes, for payment of fees and expenses; and also praying that the Court determine the heirs, devisees, and legatees entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the Last Will and Testament of Rella Ann Morgan; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Co-Executrixes be discharged and released from further liability; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of February, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the city of Lyndon, in Osage County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Kristal Morgan and Kristina H. Overman, Co-Executrixes

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NOTICE

The City of Osage City staff and possibly 5 or more members of the Osage City Council will be attending the Mayor's Summit, scheduled for Thursday, February 12th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., located at Santa Fe Depot. We are providing notice to our community per KOMA guidelines that we will potentially have a majority of our governing body in attendance.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Travis E Welch aka Travis Welch, et al. Defendants,

Case No. OS-2025-CV-000064

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court

of Osage County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Osage County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on March 11, 2026 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Osage County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

LOT 22 AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 21, IN BLOCK 19, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BURLINGAME, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, IN OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS., Parcel ID No. 070-075-15-0-10-12-001.00-0. Commonly known as 403 W Dayton Ave., Burlingame, KS 66413 ("the Property") MS216378

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Osage County Sheriff

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of Rural Water District No. 5, Osage County, will be held at 7:00 pm February 25th 2026 at the district office. 101 S. Maple St Overbrook, KS.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-221 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES NOT IN CONFORMITY HERewith

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 15-221 of the Scranton City Code is amended as follows:

RATES. (a) The following monthly rates are hereby established and shall be paid for water furnished and sold by the city within the corporate limits of the city:

Minimum monthly water charge (includes first 1,000 gallons per month) -- \$40.00
Each 1,000 gallons per month thereafter -- \$17.00
Minimum monthly water charge -- \$40.00

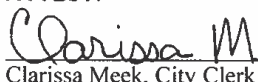
(b) Rural Rates. The following monthly rates are hereby established and shall be paid for water furnished and sold by the city outside the corporate limits of the city:

Minimum monthly water charge (includes first 1,000 gallons per month) -- \$45.00
Each 1,000 gallons per month thereafter -- \$19.00
Minimum monthly water charge -- \$45.00

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall serve as a revocation of all prior ordinances not in conformity herewith. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 3rd day of February, 2026.


Brian Lester, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clarissa Meek, City Clerk