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**- James Madison**

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## County Continues Discussion on Potential Biomethane Plant

### STAFF REPORT

Harper County commissioners brought back Blue Flame Biopower owner Robert Casad for another round of discussions regarding the potential of a biomethane plant being constructed within the county via a federal grant.

Chairman Darrin Struble said Casad got his "wheels turning" after the original meeting with the Blue Flame Biopower owner, who told the board about the county's ability to apply for a \$20 million federal grant to build a local plant, as well as convert county pickups to dual fuel vehicles.

The board included Waste Connections representative Rachel Hanigan in Monday's discussions via telephone. Waste Connections owns Plumb Thicket, which is a landfill located in Harper County.

Struble asked Hanigan if Waste Connections would be interested in partnering with the county to allow a small portion of non-captured gas and organic material to be utilized by Harper County residents, who were interested in a renewal gas resource.

The chairman said he would like to make CNG available to local residents at a discount, but

also allow the sale to non-county residents.

Hanigan told commissioners that Waste Connections already has a partnership for the gas that is captured at Plumb Thicket and any change in that agreement could jeopardize not only that agreement, but also the current agreement the county has with the landfill.

Hanigan said she would visit with some others within her company and then attend a future commission meeting in person to discuss the matter further.

Commissioners said they were

still interested in the project's potential even if Plumb Thicket was not involved in the partnership.

District 2 Commissioner Jeff Vornauf said he would like to see something done without the involvement of Plumb Thicket.

District 1 Commissioner Brian Waldschmidt said there are other opportunities that are available within the county to potentially collect organic waste from county residents, as well as a possibility of using deceased livestock from county ranchers.

Casad agreed that idea had merit.

In other county news, Vornauf recently suggested the county needed to see what entity was responsible for the maintenance of a paved road leading in and out of Plumb Thicket.

The landfill had originally asked the county to fix a pothole on the road, when it was discovered that a chip and seal application was needed on the pavement.

The county was set to complete the project, but when the original agreement was reviewed between the landfill and the county it states

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## CHS Wrestling: Planansky Signs With William Woods

Chaparral High School senior Josef Planansky has signed with William Woods University in Fulton, Mo., to wrestle for the Owls on an athletic scholarship. Pictured during the signing are (L to R), front, mother Christene Planansky, WWU wrestling coach Jacob Lorentz, Josef Planansky and father Nick Planansky; back, grandmother Barbara Bratcher (Grandmother), brother Christian Planansky and CHS assistant wrestling coaches Anthony Blubaugh and Randy Lemon. Not pictured is head wrestling coach Jeff Green.

## Roadrunner Baseball Continues to Improve

### BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The Chaparral baseball team faced two tough Central Plains League teams in its most recent doubleheaders.

The Roadrunners hosted Wichita Trinity last Thursday. They lost the first game 11-0 and the second game 5-4.

Head coach Tyler Clubine said that the Roadrunners have shown a lot of improvement this season, despite the losses to Trinity.

"We slipped in the first game against Trinity — we just didn't come out with focus and fire," Clubine said. "The second game, we competed our tails off and led most of the game but couldn't finish the job."

In the first game, the Roadrunners had just one hit while the Knights had 11. The game lasted seven innings, with Trinity scattering its runs throughout the game.

Conner Hostetler gave up eight runs, seven earned, in four innings off nine hits with three walks and two strikeouts. Carter Hostetler gave up three runs, two earned, in three innings with three walks and two strikeouts.

In the second game, the Roadrunners held a 4-3 lead going into the seventh

inning but the Knights scored a run to tie it up. Trinity then got another run in the eighth and Chaparral was unable to score in its half of the inning.

Both teams had seven hits in the second game and the Knights had five errors, while Chaparral didn't commit any errors.

Tyce Pfaff pitched three innings and gave up three runs off four hits with four walks and one strikeout. Daxton Hostetler pitched five innings and gave up two earned runs off three hits with four walks and eight strikeouts.

At the plate, Hadsall was 3-for-5 with a double, Daxton Hostetler was 4-for-5 with a double and three runs batted in and Tyce Pfaff had an RBI double.

On Monday, the Roadrunners played at Medicine Lodge and lost two low-scoring games, 2-1 and 3-1.

In the first game, the Roadrunners had five hits while the Indians had six. Chaparral led 1-0 going into the seventh inning but Medicine Lodge scored twice in the final inning to get the win.

Conner Hostetler gave up two earned runs off six hits with two walks and four strikeouts. Ty Hadsall drove in the lone run for the Roadrunners on

a solo home run to left field. Clubine noted that Hostetler had a no-hitter through four innings and the defense had a strong outing behind him.

In the second game, the Roadrunners had five hits and the Indians had just two, but Chaparral couldn't get enough hits with runners in scoring position.

Tyce Pfaff gave up two earned runs off no hits in two innings with four walks and one strikeout. Carter Hostetler gave up one earned run off one hit in two innings with four walks and four strikeouts. Hadsall gave up one hit in two innings with two walks and two strikeouts.

Clubine said that his pitchers did "labor a bit" with walks but got themselves out of jams with timely pitching and good defense. He added that Medicine Lodge's pitchers kept the Roadrunner hitters off balance.

"We competed but just couldn't get the timely hits," Clubine said.

Hadsall was 2-for-3 at the plate and Conner Hostetler drove in the lone run for Chaparral.

The Roadrunners (4-6) will head to Kingman Thursday for another league doubleheader. They are then off until April 25 when they play at Conway Springs.

## County Updated on Upcoming Tax Sale

### BY JASON JUMP

Editor

Harper County commissioners received an update on the next county tax sale for properties that are out of compliance for property tax payments.

Former county employee Melinda McCurley continues to provide support for the board regarding the tax sale. She told commissioners Monday morning that the next list of actionable properties has been sent to the title company to start the research process.

This year's lot of properties represents \$384,000 of back taxes owed by property owners, which is more than last year's lot.

Property owners can pay a portion of their back taxes to have their properties removed prior to the list going to the district court. Once that happens, property owners will have to pay the entire amount of back taxes owed on their property to have it removed from the tax sale.

"We want them (the properties) redeemed," McCurley said during the meeting. The last thing we want to do is auction them (the properties) off."

The county had 93 total properties that were in question. McCurley said 83 of those will definitely be auctioned if the taxes are not paid. There were still questions on 10 properties, which may or may not be included in the sale.

The list includes 42 residential properties, 24 vacant lots, four commercial properties and 13 farmland properties.

Board Chairman Darrin Struble said this was going to be a never-ending process for the county.

## CHS Softball Grabs Win Against Medicine Lodge

### BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The Chaparral softball team went 1-3 in a pair of Central Plains League doubleheaders during the past few days.

The Lady Roadrunners hosted Wichita Trinity last Thursday. They lost the first game 17-2, then lost the second game 9-2.

On Monday, the Lady Roadrunners went to Medicine Lodge and split the games. They lost the first game 12-3 and won the second game 9-7.

Head coach Clay Wilcox said the girls are doing well, considering that they have faced some tough teams.

"We have faced some tough competition so far and I feel like we are about to turn a corner," Wilcox said. "We have a lot of good pieces and have shown we can compete with any team. We just need to put it all together."

Chaparral (3-7) will head to Kingman Thursday for another Central Plains League doubleheader. The Lady Roadrunners will then play their next doubleheader on Thursday, April 26, at Conway Springs.



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## Roadrunners Host Boy's Tennis Tournament

### STAFF REPORT

The Chaparral boy's tennis team hosted its own varsity tournament April 9.

Toby Peake played No. 1 singles. He beat Kingman 6-0, lost to Meade 6-1, beat Fairfield 6-0 and lost to South Barber 6-1.

Laken Cowherd played No. 2

singles. He beat Kingman 6-0, beat Meade 6-4, beat Fairfield 6-0 and lost to South Barber 6-4.

Jack Walker and Jesus Reyes played No. 1 doubles. They lost to Kingman 6-2, lost to Meade 6-0, lost to Fairfield 6-2 and lost to South Barber 6-1.

Lincoln Watts and Joshua Welch played No. 2 doubles. They beat

Kingman 6-2, beat Meade 6-2, beat Fairfield 6-1 and beat South Barber 6-4.

The Roadrunners were scheduled to host another tournament Tuesday, then will attend a junior varsity meet this Monday at Meade. Chaparral will then compete at a JV tournament in Pratt on Tuesday, April 23.

## HARPER COUNTY DEEDS

**D108-1205** - Deed Trustees: Aunt Franie Overless Trust, Shawn Lea Nelson aka Shawn Garcia, Trustee to The EASB Revocable Trust, Edmund Alan Garcia Trustee, Shawn Lea Neslon, Trustee, Grantee, Sec: 9 Twp: 33 Range: 6 - All of the SW Quarter, Sec: 9 Twp: 33 Range: 6 - NW, SW Qtr/ Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter.

**D108-1206** - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Rachel Denton to Carson Denton, Brittini Denton, Grantee, Sec: 24 Twp: 32 Range: 7 - Part of the SW Quarter, Several Trs. SW/4, sec 24.

**D108-1207** - Deed Warranty: Kelby J. Connell to Wendelen Sprong, Grantee, Harper - Block: 18 Lots/ Units: 7.

**D108-1208** - Deed Warranty: Ruby Florence LLC to Jody Foster, Grantee, Sec: 18 Twp: 35 Range: 8 - NE Qtr/ Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter, reserved und. 1/2 min int.

**D108-1209** - Deed

**D108-1210** - Quit Claim Deed: Douglas W. Oliver, Pauline Oliver, Frances K. Ward, Judith A. Fisher to Oliver Farms, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 34 Twp: 32 Range: 9 - All of the NE Quarter, Sec: 34 Twp: 32 Range: 9 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, Sec: 36 Twp: 32 Range: 9 - All of the SE Quarter, Sec: 31 Twp: 32 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter, Sec: 31 Twp: 32 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter.

**D108-1211** - Quit Claim Deed: Kristina Morin, Travis Morin to Douglas W. Oliver, Frances K. Ward, Judith A. Fisher, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 25 Lots/Units: 1, Attica Original - Block: 25 Lots/Units: 2, N. 40' Lot 2, Blk 25

**D108-1212** - Quit Claim Deed: Douglas W. Oliver, Pauline Oliver, Frances K. Ward to Douglas Lee Ward, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 25 Lots/Units: 1, Attica Original - Block: 25 Lots/Units: 2, N. 40' Lot 2, Blk 25.

**D108-1213** - Deed Executors: Joshua J. N. Budd, Executor to Craig K. Denton, Angela Denton, Grantee, Eric James Budd Estate, THREE, Martin's 2nd Addition Harper - Block: 5 Lots/ Units: 4 - 6

**D108-1214** - Deed Warranty: Morgan Conaway to Brookwood Captial Group, LLC, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 21 Lots/Units: 13, Attica Original - Block: 21 Lots/Units: 14, S/2 Lot 14, Blk 21.

**D108-1215** - Quit Claim Deed: Charles Conaway to Brookwood Capital Group, LLC, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 21 Lots/Units: 13, Attica Original - Block: 21 Lots/Units: 14, S/2 Lot 14, Blk 21.

**D108-1216** - Deed Trustes: Revocable Living Trust of Marla M. Layman, Marla M. Layman, Trustee, Revocable Living Trust to Richard J. Layman, Trustee to Richard and Marla Layman Trust, Marla Marjean Layman, Co-Trustee, Richard Joy Layman, Co-Trustee, Grantee, Sec: 4 Twp: 34 Range: 5 - Part of the NW Quarter, Sec: 4 Twp:

34 Range: 5 - Pt of SW Qtr/ Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter, SW/NW/4 less Tr., sec 4.

**D108-1217** - Quit Claim Deed: Marla M. Layman, Richard J. Layman to Richard and Marla Layman Trust, Marla Marjean Layman, Co-Trustee, Richard Joy Layman, Co-Trustee, Grantee, Sec: 4 Twp: 34 Range:

5 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter.

**D108-1218** - Deed Transfer on Death: Carol Ellen Allen-Dickey aka Carol Ellen Allen to Jeffrey Lawrence Allen, Grantee, Avery Ellen Halsey, THREE, Elliot Manor Anthony - Lots/Units: 2, S. 23 1/3' Lot 2, Elliot Manor Anthony - Lots/Units:

3, Elliot Manor Anthony - Lots/Units: 4 - N. 18 1/3' Lot 6.

**D108-1219** - Deed Warranty: Marcia A. Woodward Revocable Trust to Flat Ridge 4 Wind, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 19 Twp: 31 Range: 6 - Pt of NW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NE Quarter, N. 500' of W. 435.63' of NE/4 Sec. 19.

## COUNTY

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Waste Connections is responsible for the property maintenance, as well as access roads.

The original bid to repair the access road was \$82,345, which the county will save as a result of the agreement.

Struble also wanted to remind county residents of

the board's constant work on the budget in an effort to try and save county taxpayers money on their property taxes.

The county only saw an increase from \$12,483,601 in 2023 to \$12,813,924 in 2024 despite rising costs the county faces.

Six of the 14 county funds actually saw budget decreases from 2023 to 2024.

## NEWS BRIEFS

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  - April 24: Catfish and hushpuppies, salad, five cup salad and milk.
  - April 25: Teriyaki chicken, stir fry veggies, rice and peas, sliced tomato, ice cream and milk.
  - April 26: Biscuit and sausage gravy, bacon, tossed salad, kidney bean salad and milk.
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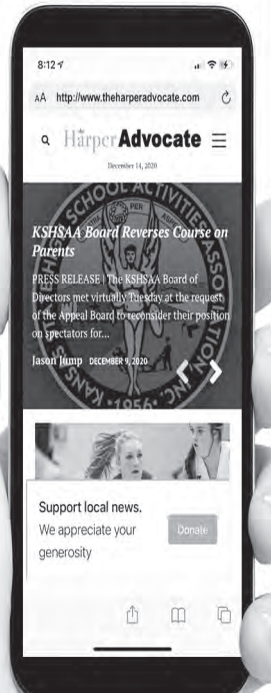
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# DEATH

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## CARL RICHARD GHERE

Carl Richard Ghere, 85, died Nov. 14, 2023.



He was born in Harper on Nov. 19, 1937, to Russel James Ghere and Mary Inez (Neighbors) Ghere.

He graduated from Harper High School in 1955. Carl proudly served in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia where he was a staff car driver. He worked at Eaton Corporation where

he retired after almost 40 years.

In 1971, Carl took a leap of faith and went on a blind date that turned into a marriage proposal.

He married Judith Ann Doane on Feb. 26, 1972.

He is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, his children Tara Ghere and Tyson Ghere (Shalah O'Callaghan); his grandchildren Danielle Ghere (Devon Dodge), Chance Ghere, and Cassidy Ghere; four great-grandchildren Jalen, Liliana, DeAndre, and Joaquin Dodge; one brother Clyde (Sharol) Ghere of Harper, one sister Pauline (Doug) Oliver of Harper, one sister-in-law Marilyn Ghere of Sedgwick, one brother-in-law Jerry (Janet) Doane; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Howard (Donna), Leonard, Raymond, and Floyd Ghere.

Carl's biggest passion was his family and helping others. His favorite hobbies were motorcycles and horses. He used to race his motorcycle in Marquette before he started his family. He was a member of Sand Hill Saddle Club where he would take his horses Blaze, Star, and Ocho to participate in fun shows.

He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, growing giant sunflowers with his grandkids, western movies, and reading. He loved entertaining his kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and all their friends with his long-winded tales of whatever he decided to talk about that day that usually surrounded hunting, fishing, being a cowboy, his time in the military, or growing up on the farm in Harper.

When you knew Carl long enough, you got to see the ornery side of his personality with practical jokes. He kept his friends and family on their toes because you never knew what he was up to.

At Carl's request, cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 27, at Fairview Cemetery in Danville at 11 a.m.

A time to meet with the family and celebrate Carl's life will be immediately following at the Harper United Methodist Church 1268 E. 14th St Harper, KS 67058.

In lieu of flowers, memorial suggestions are to the Sand Hill Saddle Club or a worthy nonprofit close to your heart.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0408

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 361, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS (CHAPARRAL SCHOOLS) DETERMINING THE ADVISABILITY OF EXECUTING AND DELIVERING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Governing Body") of Unified School District No. 361, Harper County, Kansas (Chaparral Schools) (the "District") has considered the need of the District and its residents to acquire, construct, furnish, and equip: (a) a new synthetic track facility and all improvements related thereto; and (b) roofing system improvements at the District office and Harper Elementary School (collectively the "Improvements"), and has found and determined that acquiring and making the Improvements is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to finance the costs of the Improvements and has considered various means of such financing, and has found and determined that it would be in the public interest to finance the costs of the Improvements through the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1149, and subject to the conditions set forth in K.S.A. 101116c, the District has legal authority to authorize the Improvements and the financing of the same through the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 361, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS (CHAPARRAL SCHOOLS):

Section 1. Authorization of the Improvements. The District is hereby authorized to acquire, construct, furnish, make and equip the Improvements, at an estimated cost of not to exceed \$1,405,000.

Section 2. Intent to Enter into Lease Purchase Agreement. The Governing Body shall commence negotiations to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") to provide financing for the Improvements, which Lease shall contain such terms, conditions and provisions as shall be acceptable to the Governing Body.

Section 3. Conditions to Execution and Delivery of the Lease. The execution and delivery of the Lease is subject to the publication and protest period requirements of K.S.A. 10-1116c, adoption of a Resolution approving the forms and authorizing the execution

of the Lease and a site lease, if necessary (the "Site Lease"), and execution and delivery of such legal documents as may be necessary in connection with it, the terms of which shall be satisfactory to the Governing Body and to the lessor.

Section 4. Expenditure of Funds in Anticipation of Financing. In order to permit and expedite the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of the Improvements and realization of the public benefits to be derived from it, the District may expend lawfully available funds prior to execution and delivery of the Lease, to be reimbursed upon execution and delivery of the Lease.

Section 5. Declaration of Official Intent. Proceeds of the Lease may be used to reimburse costs of the Improvements made on and after the date which is 60 days before the date of this Resolution, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 6. Total of Payments; Publication of Resolution. The expected total of all payments to be made by the District pursuant to the Lease (excluding amounts required for maintenance, taxes or insurance on the Improvements) is \$1,885,000. The Clerk of the District is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the District. If a valid protest petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of the District, as determined by the vote for secretary of state at the last general election, is filed with the Harper County election officer within 30 days following the last publication of this Resolution, the proposed Lease shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the District voting at an election to be held thereon as prescribed in K.S.A. 10-1116c.

Section 7. Further Authority. The officials and staff of the District, the District's attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., and other consultants are authorized to proceed with the planning and document preparation of the Improvements, the Lease, the Site Lease, and other legal documents necessary in order to comply with the intent of this Resolution, subject to final approval of such documents by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the District on April 8, 2024.

(SEAL)  
/s/ Dusty Albright  
President  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Robyn Liebelt  
Clerk

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### ORDINANCE NO. S-435

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURES LOCATED ON THE WEST HALF OF LOT 03 AND ALL OF LOT 04 IN BLOCK 06 OF THE ORIGINAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HARPER, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS, ALSO KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS 216 W. 7TH ST., IN THE CITY OF HARPER, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF THE COSTS OF SUCH REMOVAL BY THE SALE OF SALVAGE FROM SUCH STRUCTURE, IF ANY, AND/OR FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY; AND, THE LEVYING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ON WHICH SUCH STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED.

WHEREAS, the governing body did after proper notice and hearing as provided by law make findings by Resolution No. 865-23, dated October 23, 2023, that the structures hereinafter described are unsafe and dangerous and did direct the owner of such structures to repair or remove the same and make the premises safe and secure, together with a statement that if the owner failed to commence the repair or removal within the time fixed by such resolution or failed to diligently prosecute the same until the work was completed, the city would cause the structures to be razed and removed; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution was published in the official city newspaper and copies of such resolution were mailed to each owner, agent, lienholder of record and occupant of such structures and all other parties having any legal or equitable interest in the property, or was otherwise served as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the owner has wholly failed to commence the repair or removal of said structures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS:

Section 1. The enforcing officer is hereby authorized and direct-

ed to cause the structure located on the West Half of Lot 03 and all of Lot 04 in Block 06 of the original addition to the City of Harper, Harper County, Kansas, also commonly known and referred to as 216 W. 7th St. of said city to be razed and removed and the premises made safe and secure, and for this purpose is authorized to invite bids, negotiate a contract, or cause the work to be done by city employees.

Section 2. The enforcing officer shall keep an account of the costs of the work and may sell salvage from such structures and shall keep an account of the receipts therefrom as provided by law.

Section 3. All costs incurred by the city in the razing and removal of such structures and the making of the premises safe and secure shall be paid from moneys received from the sale of salvage therefrom and all moneys in excess of that necessary to pay such cost shall, after the payment of all costs, be paid to the owner and the premises upon which said structures were located; PROVIDED, that if there is no salvage or if the proceeds received from the sale of salvage are insufficient to pay the costs of such work, such costs or any portion thereof in excess of the amount received from the sale of the salvage shall be assessed as a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which the structures were located and may be financed until the assessment is paid out of the general fund of the city and/or may be pursued as a personal debt pursuant to the procedure allowed under K.S.A.12-1,115 and any amendments thereto.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official city newspaper.

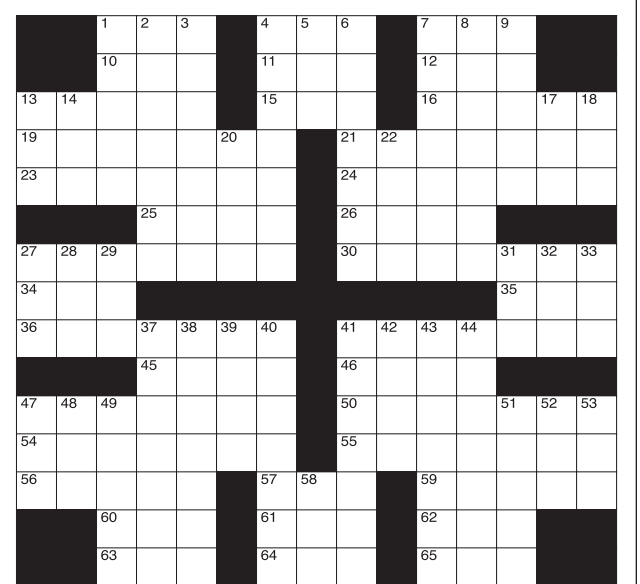
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Harper, Kansas this 8th day of April, 2024.

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Eric Latta, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Tiffany M. Hartson,  
City Clerk

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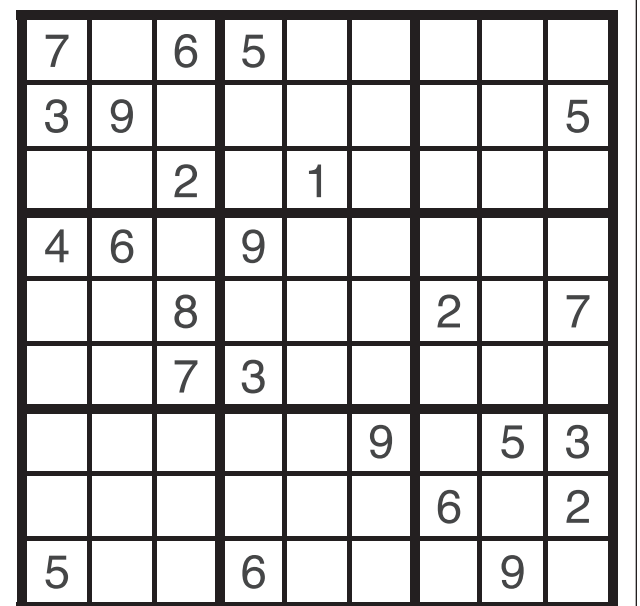


### CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between south and southeast
- For each
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Photographs
- They \_\_
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Cool!
- A son of Jacob
- Cut off
- Devour
- Agent of one's downfall
- Best
- Network of nerves
- Partner to "oohs"
- Origins
- Sewing utensil
- Alias
- Swiss river
- Greek mythological figure
- Type of whiskey
- Lay to rest
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Select jury
- Feeling
- Action regarded as morally wrong
- Makes angry
- Act incorrectly
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Class of escort aircraft carrier
- To what degree
- Buzzing insect
- The human foot
- "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- A place to stay
- Sun up in New York

### CLUES DOWN

- An involuntary muscular contraction
- Earnest
- Cuts out surgically
- Can't move
- Baseball stat
- British soldier
- Traditional medicine plants
- Political party controlled by managers
- Hebrew prophet
- Supporter
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Liberty Mutual mascot
- Georgia rockers
- A place where building is done
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Clothing retailer
- Supplement with difficulty
- Annoy constantly
- Founder of Babism
- Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- Sea eagle
- Leave behind
- Time of day
- Colorless crystalline compound
- They lay out course requirements
- A diamond has three
- Algerian coastal city
- Remove cover
- Rechristened
- Distinctive practice
- Defunct phone company
- Turkish officer of high rank
- Eliminate from the body
- Witness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Founding Father Franklin



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## Kid Scoop Together Water Maze

Race against a family member to see who can reach the water first.

## Clean Water for the World

Replace the missing words.

SHORTAGES CLEAR HEAVY FIND DRINK

Clean, \_\_\_\_\_ drinking water is something every person needs. Droughts (long periods of time with very little rain) cause water \_\_\_\_\_.

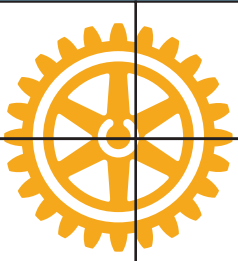
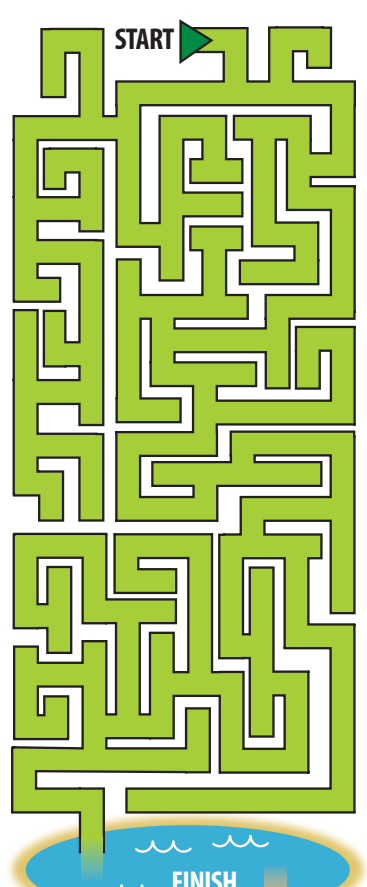
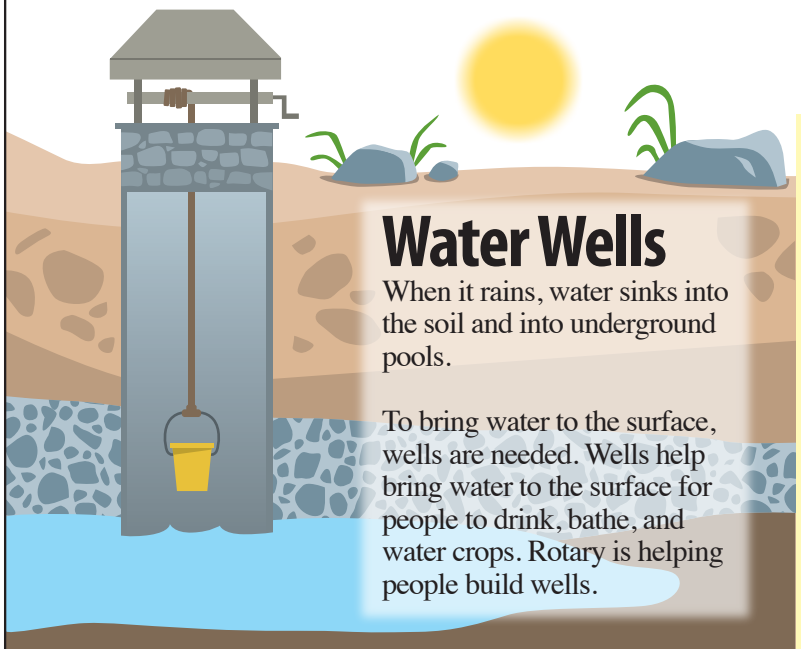
Clean water keeps our bodies and homes clean. **Only 3% of the water on Earth is drinkable, fresh water. The rest is mostly ocean water and glaciers.** In some places, people must walk several miles a day carrying \_\_\_\_\_ containers to bring water home.

In parts of the world, people struggle to \_\_\_\_\_ clean water to keep their families healthy. Often this water is dirty and unhealthy to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Rotary to the Rescue

Rotary International is an organization with 1.4 million members around the world. Rotary members, called Rotarians, volunteer their time and raise money to help solve many problems in the world. And one of the biggest problems in the world is the need for clean drinking water.

In the lower grid, draw what you see in each space on the upper grid to draw the Rotary logo.

### Water Wells

When it rains, water sinks into the soil and into underground pools.

To bring water to the surface, wells are needed. Wells help bring water to the surface for people to drink, bathe, and water crops. Rotary is helping people build wells.

## Clean Hands Prevent Disease

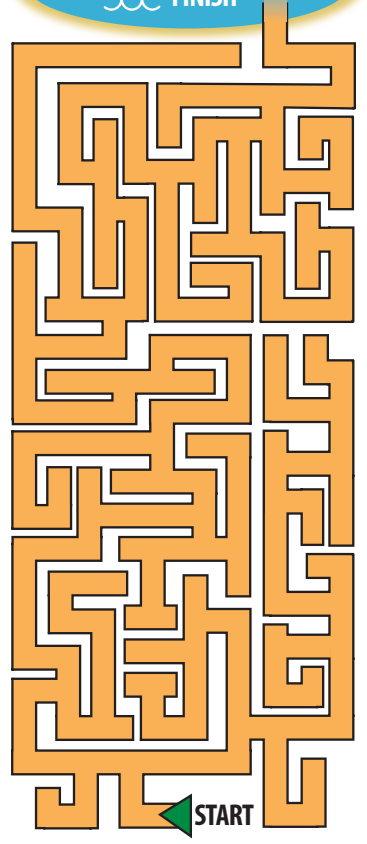
When clean water and soap are available, people don't get sick as often. That's because regular hand-washing helps prevent germs from hanging around to cause trouble.



Find the two bars of soap that are exactly the same.

In some places, schools don't have enough restrooms and clean water for students. Rotary International works hard to build restrooms in schools in many countries.

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



## Bubbles Take Away Troubles

Washing your hands with warm soap and water several times a day helps keep you healthy. Sing the "Happy Birthday" song as you wet your hands with warm water, lather them with soap, and rinse the soap away. Be sure to dry them completely.



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



## Clean Water Poster

Look through the newspaper for photos of things that require clean water. Look for photos of people, fruits and vegetables, animals, etc. Cut them out and paste them on a large sheet of paper to create a poster. Write "CLEAN WATER MAKES A BETTER WORLD" at the top of your poster.

Standards Link: Life Science: Illustrate the importance of water in humans, agriculture, and wildlife.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Dry Desert Danger

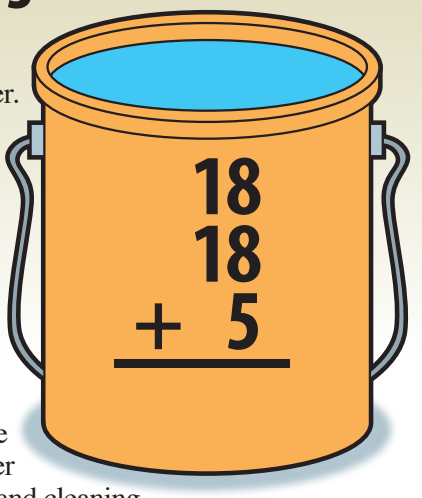
This is a five-gallon pail. Do the math to see how much it weighs when filled with water.

5 gallons of water weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds!

Can you lift this much? Do you weigh more or less than this bucket of water?

Children in some dry desert areas must spend a lot of time helping carry buckets of water home for drinking, cooking, and cleaning. It's not at all easy, especially under the hot desert sun.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences below 100.



## Double Double Word Search

- BATHE
- BUILD
- CLEAN
- DRY
- HEALTHY
- HELP
- HOME
- PAIL
- POOLS
- RAIN
- ROTARY
- SOAP
- WATER
- WELLS
- WET

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

K	D	A	E	P	Q	Y	S	J	A
N	Y	R	R	A	I	N	L	U	H
V	H	C	Y	O	P	H	L	X	O
P	O	O	L	S	T	N	E	Z	M
B	A	Y	R	E	T	A	W	L	E
A	C	I	X	D	A	I	R	O	P
T	F	Y	L	W	C	N	W	Y	J
H	W	G	B	U	I	L	D	E	Q
E	R	Y	H	T	L	A	E	H	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **WELL**

The noun **well** means a hole dug in the ground to reach water below the surface.

I used a bucket on a rope to pull up water from the well at my aunt's farm.

Try to use the word **well** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Community Heroes

Rotarians are community heroes. Look through the newspaper for stories about people in your community who are helping others. Make a list of the kinds of problems they are helping solve. Share the list with a family member.

Standards Link: Write to express an opinion.



### How do shellfish get to the hospital?

ANSWER: In a clam-bulance!

## Write On! Kids Care About the Earth

What are ways you and your friends take care of our planet?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.



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# SPORTS

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## Chaparral Track Competes at Garden Plain

### STAFF REPORT

The Chaparral track teams attended the Garden Plain meet Friday, their third meet of the season.

Head coach JC Zahradnik said that he has been pleased with the progress his athletes have made thus far.

“They have been working hard and it shows in their performances,” Zahradnik said. “I think we still have some room for improvement, but I’m confident that we’ll continue to see positive results as the season progresses.

“The athletes’ confidence is improving due to their positive self-talk, which is reflected in their ability to show up and compete at their best.”

Complete results for the boys were:  
 100-meter dash: Charlie Jacobs, 11.99; Jimmy Stolsworth, 12.40.  
 200-meter dash: Jimmy Stolsworth,

25.00; Cole Bergman, 25.13.  
 800-meter run: Dravin McCammon, fourth, 2:16.76.  
 1600-meter run: Duke Christner, 5:35.41.  
 3200-meter run: Duke Chirstner, 12:24.22.  
 110-meter hurdles: Dalen Blair, first, 16.67.  
 300-meter hurdles: Charlie Jacobs, first, 44.02.  
 4x100-meter relay: Chaparral, second, 46.52.  
 4x200-meter relay: Chaparral, third, 3:48.91.  
 Long jump: Cole Bergman, 17-11.5; Jimmy Stolsworth, 17-1.25.  
 Pole vault: Dravin McCammon, second, 9-6; Duke Christner, 8-0.  
 Discus: Jason Swinde, 100-0; Evan Jefferis, 75-0.

Javelin: Evan Jefferis, 68-11.  
 Shot put: Jason Swindle, 30-0.5; Evan Jefferis, 27-0.25.  
 Complete results for the girls were:  
 100-meter dash: Auburn Hill, third, 13.67.  
 200-meter dash: Kaylee Swartz, 30.47.  
 800-meter run: Cate Jensen, second, 2:40.28; Avry Carothers, 2:56.45.  
 1600-meter run: Cate Jensen, first, 5:50.25.  
 100-meter hurdles: Auburn Hill, second, 17.20.  
 High jump: Cate Jensen, 4-6.  
 Long jump: Auburn Hill, fifth, 15-6; Kaylee Swartz, 13-6.  
 Triple jump: Kaylee Swartz, 30-7.25; Avry Carothers 28-3.25.  
 Javelin: Kaylee Swartz, 93-0; Avry Carothers, 75-0.



LEFT: Chaparral's Cate Jensen battles with Kingman's Mary Pearce in the final stretch of the girl's 1600-meter run at the Garden Plain track meet Friday. Jensen took first with a time of 5:50.25. RIGHT: Chaparral's Dalen Blair clears a hurdle en route to taking first in the boy's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.67.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(First published in The Harper Advocate on Thursday, April 4, 2024)3t

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): 2024-01 HEALTH NUISANCE (TALL GRASS/WEEDS) MOWING

The City of Harper is accepting sealed bids for the mowing of properties found to be in violation of the City of Harper's health nuisance codes, commonly referred to as Tall Grass/Weed Violations. The contract will be for the 2024 Summer Mowing Season (May – October). 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. Sealed bids will be received until April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and opened publicly at the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The successful bidder will be coordinating efforts with the Chief of Police.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Harper Advocate on Thursday, April 18, 2024)3t

### NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held August 6, 2024. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

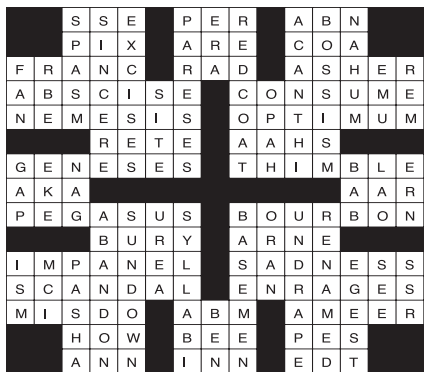
- 1 Candidate for US House of Rep, 4th District
- 1 Candidate for State Senate, 32nd District
- 1 Candidate for State Rep, 116th District
- 1 Candidate for Member, State Board of Educ, 10th District
- 1 Candidate each, for County Commissioner 2nd & 3rd Districts
- 1 Candidate each, for County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and County Attorney
- 1 Candidate for Trustee and 1 Candidate for Treasurer of each Township, 1 through 6

The following officers will be elected in each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

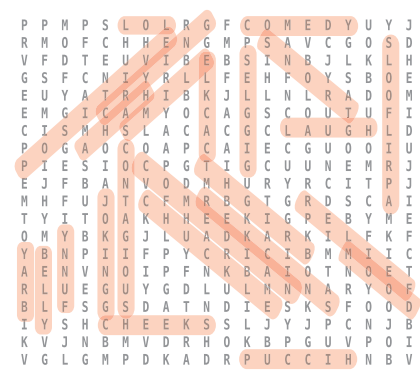
- 1 Precinct Committeeman and 1 Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct
- Candidate Filing Deadline:  
 Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at Noon.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2024.  
 Ami E DeLacerda, Harper County Election Officer

## PUZZLE ANSWERS



7	4	6	5	9	3	8	2	1
3	9	1	8	6	2	4	7	5
8	5	2	7	1	4	9	3	6
4	6	5	9	2	7	3	1	8
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6	8	4	2	7	9	1	5	3
1	7	9	4	3	5	6	8	2
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2024 ANNUAL MEETING

# ILLUMINATING CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

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**BUSINESS MEETING 12 P.M. CST**

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Anthony 707 N Jennings Spacious 5 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Office, Basement, Covered Porch, Garage

**New Listing**

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