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Council Approves Two Assistant Fire Chiefs

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

Two new assistant fire chiefs were appointed by Medicine Lodge Mayor Tom Lee and approved unanimously, 4-0, at the city council meeting on Monday, Nov. 17.

Councilman Jason Taylor was not present, and Councilman John Hagood attended the meeting virtually.

Lee wanted to appoint the former assistant fire chief James "JJ" Smith to the position during the Nov. 3 meeting, however council members said it would be better for newly appointed MLFD Chief Ted Colborn to select his own assistants.

Cody Hamm will serve as the first assistant chief, while Josh Buck will serve as the second assistant chief.

Colborn also asked that his as-

assistants receive an annual stipend. Colborn receives \$250 per year. It was unanimously passed, 4-0, to pay each assistant chief \$100 per year.

In other city news, Police Chief John Defore said his department's body cameras and patrol vehicle cameras need to be updated.

"In this day and age we don't function without them," he said. "When we do, we don't do very well, because if it's not on paper it

didn't happen. If it's not on video, then there's some liability there that we don't want."

Defore said he plans to bring a "solution" to the city council during its next scheduled meeting on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

Lee said Defore should check with the Barber County Emergency Management department regarding the recent grant that was received by the county.

The police chief said he would

check, but thought the grant funding could potentially be for the in-operability of radio communication between first responder entities.

"Right now our fire department can't communicate with us, nor can an EMS person if they get out of their truck," Defore said. "Because we don't talk on the same radio frequency."

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Water Tower: City Councilman Asks Question Regarding Mold

The Medicine Lodge City Council introduced a new segment to its bi-monthly meetings where council members are allowed to make comments or ask questions regarding topics that are not officially on the agenda. Councilman Jon McDonald inquired as to the mold that can be seen at the base of the city's water tower during the meeting held on Monday, Nov. 17. The councilman was told by Public Works Director Wayne Ostrom the water tower is on a two-year maintenance cycle and the mold will be addressed in 2026.

City Council Tables Decision to Sell More Water to Rural WD1

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

The Medicine Lodge City Council voted unanimously, 4-0, Monday, Nov. 17 to table a decision on selling more water to Rural Water District 1.

Councilman Jason Taylor was not present, and Councilman John Hagood attended the meeting virtually.

City Administrator Brian Withrow said the city has had an agreement with RWD1 since 1968, but the latest agreement expired in 2013. He told council members the two entities have continued to work under the previous agreement, but they are currently working on a new agreement as RWD1 is seeking an 11 million gallon per year increase.

Withrow asked for the item to be tabled because he told the council he received a call from the city's engineer who wanted to look at the proposed water purchase agreement again before the council votes on the measure.

The city administrator

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BCD to Make Big Investments Into Local Communities

PRESS RELEASE

Barber County Development, Inc. (BCD) is making a big impact by fostering local business and cultivating the next generation of entrepreneurs.

BCD is preparing to inject significant support into the community this holiday season by funding a local advertising campaign. The organization is also advancing economic growth through its support of the Kiowa Economic Improvement Program and partnering with K-State Research and Extension for the 2026 Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

As the holiday season approaches, BCD is providing a significant funding boost

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NEWS

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City Council Refuses Offer to Purchase Former Drive-In

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

The Medicine Lodge City Council voted 3-1 to refuse an offer made to purchase the former drive-in property.

Councilman Jason Taylor was not present during the Nov. 17 meeting. Councilman John Hagood attended the meeting virtually and cast the lone no vote without offering a reason for his decision.

City Administrator Brian

Withrow recommended to the council to reject the offer of the property just east of town. He said in an email last Thursday that the property was purchased by a previous council for \$50,000. The funding came from a refund the city received for overcharged insurance premiums paid by insurance vendors.

“My recommendation to not sell it was based only in part on the difference between the offer and what the

city paid for it,” Withrow said in his email to *The Gyp Hill Premiere*.

Withrow said he was not at liberty to divulge who made the offer to the city or the price that was offered for the property.

The city administrator said while the property was originally a local drive-in theater, the city is under no legal obligation to “restore property to a functional drive-in.” He did say, however, the previous owner

was under the impression when the property was sold to the city that the drive-in theater would be restored on the property.

A local family owned and operated the drive-in theater for multiple generations. Withrow said the city’s current grant coordinator is seeking additional funding to restore the property, which would include the ability to show contemporary movies on digital format.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER NOV. 27

There will be a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 27 at noon at Medicine Lodge Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 108 E. Second Ave., Medicine Lodge. Meat, potatoes, stuff, bread, drink and table service are provided. Bring a salad, dessert or vegetable. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are appreciated. Call (620)886-3903. Leave a message if not answer. Reserve for yourself or a table for your family.

GYP HILL PREMIERE ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY HOURS

The Gyp Hill Premiere will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28.

Sunflower 4-H Club Holds November Meeting

ORGANIZATION REPORT

The Sunflower 4-H Club met on Nov. 9 at the Walstead Schoolhouse. The club was excited to have two new members join, Jada Brittain and Asher Brittain.

Did you know you can do more things with a banana than just eat it? Boyd Banks demonstrated how to inject vaccines into livestock with a syringe and a banana.

What do you call a turkey after Thanksgiving? Lucky. That was one of many jokes Janda Goodno gave for the other program. Jancey Goodno taught us the history of music in 4-H.

The club decided for their December community service

to help with drop off at Operation Christmas Child. Have you ever rescinded a motion before? With all the decisions the club made, a motion needed to be rescinded, which hardly ever happens. It was very interesting watching it and Callan Smith did a good job working through it.

Blaine Waggoner had a fun balloon game for recreation. Braylee Waggoner led the club in singing “Happy Birthday” to her dad, and we even made him stand for it. Jasper McNally brought chocolate chip and M&M cookies as well as pop and juice-boxes for refreshments. Till next time.

Paisley Marshall, Reporter

CITY

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A number of counties have dealt with issues between the lack of functionality between departments utilizing old 400 MHz technology and departments that have been required or chosen to switch to 800 MHz radios.

“I can tell you they are never going to change from 400 radios in Barber County,” the MLFD chief said.

The county has roughly 200 firefighters, according to Colborn. The cost of 800 MHz radios are around \$6,000 apiece, according to Defore.

“But at some point the federal government is going to make us (switch),” Defore said. “Right now they’re threatening, but

they’ve been threatening us for five years. So, it’s coming at some point.”

Colborn said he needs to at least get one 800 MHz radio so he can talk with the local police during an incident.

Defore said his department does have some 400 MHz radios left, but they don’t carry both sets. He told council members Barber County purchased a radio that has both frequencies within the same unit.

“Pretty expensive,” the police chief said. “But they can now just switch a channel and talk to them (the fire department) switch (to) another (channel) and talk to us.”

Defore said another item to be aware of is the coming need for encryption to be added to the 800 MHz ra-

dios. That is a result of mandate from the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy which went into effect in December 2022.

The police chief said the fire department is “so far behind it’s going to take a lot of money to catch up.”

Colborn said he currently has 14 firefighters on the roster, but he would like to add four more as soon as possible. He also has three trucks. One suggestion was to equip each truck with an 800 MHz unit. The fire chief said he would like to have at least one mobile unit so he could continue to communicate outside of his truck.

“That can be down the line, and we can always find other ways of communication if we don’t have the

budget,” Colborn said.

Councilman Jon McDonald asked how the two departments currently communicate – “hand signals” he said tongue-in-cheek.

Colborn asked if he could have a total of six 400 MHz radios, because currently the department is down to just one. Lee asked about a check the department recently received. The fire chief said Pixley Solar Energy provided his department with a \$6,500 donation. He said he could definitely use that money for the radios if needed.

Colborn also asked if the fire department could be painted at the same time the new city hall building was painted.

“I’m tired of the green,” the newly appointed fire chief said.

OBITUARY

ESTHER PEARL CONAWAY

Esther Pearl Conaway, 92, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025 at her home surrounded by loved ones and her family.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1933 in Coats to Lester J. and Elsie A. (Martin) Wells. Pearl married Walter Glenn Conaway on Aug. 9, 1957 in Barber County. He preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 2024.



Pearl graduated from Medicine Lodge High School, then attended and graduated from Southwestern Assembly of God Bible College, with a degree in Bible and theology. Pearl was a homemaker, licensed minister, a business owner and a writer. She was a member of the First Assembly of God and Pink Ladies Auxiliary

of Medicine Lodge. Pearl and Glenn pastored together for 25 years, and she was involved in many different ministries before, during and after those years.

She enjoyed crafting, writing, painting, baking, sewing,

cooking, going to garage sales and thrifting and spending time with her grandchildren. However, most importantly she was a fervent prayer warrior for her whole family and many others.

She is survived by her daughters: Jeanette (Travis) McCauley of Medicine Lodge, Patty Barrera of Medicine Lodge, Christine (Jeff) Stacey of Mounds, Okla. and Glenda (Gary) Kelton of San Angelo, Texas; sister, Jean Kutz of Pratt; 38 grandchildren; 83 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren with four additional on the way, as well as numerous other family members.

Pearl is preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Elsie Wells; husband, Glenn Conaway; brother-in-law, Don Kutz; sister, Joyce Oakes; and granddaughter, Shala Washington.

Pearl requested bright colors to be worn in celebration of her home going. Visitation was held on Monday, Nov. 17 with family receiving friends at the Larrison Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Medicine Lodge First Assembly of God with Pastor Rodney Worsham and Pastor Brent Mettling presiding. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge.

Memorials may be made to Assembly of God Missions, Assembly of God Church Camp or Interim Hospice. Online condolences may be made at larrisonmortuary.com.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES DUVALL, deceased
Case No. BA-2025-PR-000026

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Billy Duvall, praying for the determination of the descent of James Duvall and pertaining to the devolution of title to the following interest in property:

- All of Block 10 in the City of Kiowa; Barber County, Kansas;
- and
- All of Block 11 in the City of Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas.

and all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber 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.

Billy Duvall, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
Heirs at Law of Beverly R. Barker; Lisa Rae Barker; United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; ; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)
Defendants.

Case No. BA-2025-CV-000013

Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Barber County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Barber County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Medicine

Lodge Barber County, Kansas, on December 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

All of Lots 1 and 18 and the North 5.70 feet of Lot 17, in Block 96 in the City of Hardtner, Barber County, Kansas, commonly known as 301 S Main St, Hardtner, KS 67057 (the “Property”)

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. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

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HOW TO COOK A TURKEY

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Ms. Sternberger Kindergarten Class South Barber

By Onyx
First you need to buy a turkey from the grocery store.
Before you cook the turkey you need to cut it
Cook the turkey in the microwave or stove at 5 degrees for 10 seconds.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to eat it.
You should eat the turkey with a plate and a knife and a fork.

By Layden
First you need to buy a turkey from the store.
Before you cook the turkey you need to cook it.
Cook the turkey.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to eat it.
You should eat the turkey with a plate.

By Ozzy
First you need to buy a turkey from the book fair.
Before you cook the turkey you need to put it in a pot.
Cook the turkey at 38 degrees for 4 minutes.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to eat it.
You should eat the turkey with a fork.

By Victoria
First you need to buy a turkey from the store.
Before you cook the turkey you need to wash it.
Cook the turkey in the oven at 11 degrees for 10 minutes.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to eat it.
You should eat the turkey with ranch.

By Adelyn
First you need to buy a turkey from the Wal-Mart. They have the best turkey!
Before you cook the turkey you need to unwrap it.
Cook the turkey in the oven for 10 degrees. That's hot enough for a turkey, right? Leave it in the oven for 10 minutes.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to season it.
You should eat the turkey with a salad.

By Charlie
First you need to buy a turkey from Wal-Mart.
Before you cook the turkey you need to put some oil on it and in the pan.
Cook the turkey on the stove at 10 degrees for 10 minutes.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to put it on a plate.
You should eat the turkey with a fork.

By Maddie
First you need to buy a turkey from the dollar store.
Before you cook the turkey you need to put it in the oven. Don't put it in the microwave or it will blow up!
Cook the turkey at 5 degrees for 5 hours.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to set the table.
You should eat the turkey with a fork.

By Ila
First you need to buy a turkey from a store.
Before you cook the turkey you need to put salt and pepper on it.

Cook the turkey in the oven at 1 degree for 1 minute.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to put it on a plate.
You should eat the turkey with your hands.

By Gabe
First you need to buy a turkey from the shop.
Before you cook the turkey you need to roast it.
Cook the turkey in the microwave at 30 degrees for one hour.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to eat it.
You should eat the turkey with a fork.

By Maudie
First you need to buy a turkey from the store.
Before you cook the turkey you need to get a pan.
Cook the turkey at 7 degrees for 7 minutes.
After the turkey is cooked, you need to cool it down.
You should eat the turkey with a knife and a fork.
Have your parents help you cut it up!

Ms. Donaldson's 1st Grade Class South Barber
First I would get my turkey at the store. Then I will bring it home and cook it in the oven at 100 degrees for 90 minutes. I will serve chicken, noodles, and some strawberry pie. I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my brother Cal, mom, dad, Wes, and all my family.
Rhett Allen

I would get a turkey out in the country and bring it home and put it in the oven at 100 degrees. I will cook my turkey for 1 minute. I will serve mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will share my turkey with my mom and dad and my whole family.
Eden Bushman

I would get my turkey from my grandma's house. I will cook it in a pan on the stove for 30 minutes. I will make a drink, a soda, and ice cream to eat with my turkey. I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, and sisters. When we are done with ice cream, we will eat strawberries.
Skie Earle

I would get my turkey from the supermarket. Then I will pay for it. I will cook it using my oven. I will cook it for about just 2 hours. I will have green beans, a casserole, and pumpkin pie with my turkey.
Kennadie Cox

I will get my turkey at the supermarket and buy some chicken. I will put my turkey in the oven for 5 minutes at medium heat. I will have pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will share it with everybody.
Matthew Jackson

I will get my turkey from the store. Then, I will take it home to heat it up in the microwave for probably 10 or 11 seconds. I will eat green bean casserole with dried onions on top with my turkey. I will cut my turkey up in little pieces to

eat it properly. For dessert, I will have pumpkin pie and vanilla ice cream and fruit salad and fruit bowl.
Kali McKinley

I will get my turkey from the store and bring it home. I will put my turkey in the oven for probably like 49 minutes at 100 degrees. Then I will have whipped cream with my turkey and ketchup. After I eat my turkey, I will have cookies and cream for dessert. I will share my turkey with my family.
Oen McNett

I will get my turkey from the shop. Then, I'm going to go to my house and cook it with seasoning. I will put my turkey in the microwave for 1 minute. With my turkey, we will have ice cream. I will share my turkey with everybody in my family.
Cruz Molz

First, I would get my turkey at a store or at Walmart. I will cook it in a pan in the oven for 10 minutes. With my turkey, I will have chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, and pumpkin pie. I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my mom and brother.
Avrianna Paasch

My dad will hunt a turkey and bring it back home. I will cook my turkey with a oven. I will cook my turkey for usually like 6 minutes, sometimes 10 minutes. We will have macaroni and mashed potatoes with our turkey.
Greyson Patrick

First, I would get my turkey by Kiowa's oil well. Then, I will take it home and cook it outside over a fire. I will cook my turkey for 2 minutes. Then, I will make some pumpkin pie to go with it. I will take my turkey and share with my whole entire family.
Beckett Schlegel

First, I will get my turkey at the store. Then, I will bake it once I bring it home. I will cook my turkey for two minutes at 4 degrees. I will serve pie with my turkey.
Henry Sena

I would probably get my turkey from a farm. Before I cook it, I will put seasoning on it. I will use the grill to cook my turkey for 50 minutes. With my turkey, I will have mashed potatoes and some cheesecake. I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my grandma and grandpa.
Beckett Wilcox

First, I will get my turkey from a farm. Then I will cook it at my house in the oven. I will cook my turkey for a little less than an hour at 120 degrees. I will serve pumpkin pie with my turkey.
Ashytn Williams

Mrs. Ricke's 2nd Grade Class South Barber

First, I went to Walmart. Next I went home with a turkey, then I cook the turkey in the oven. Cook at 600 degrees for 102 minutes. Serve with french fries

Brook H.
First, I got the turkey from Walmart. Next I take it to my car. Then I cook it in the oven at 6 degrees for 601 minutes. Serve it with cheese.
Paxton

First, I shoot it. Next I pull off the feathers. Then I cook it at 451 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve it with potatoes.
Oakley

First, I get the turkey at the store. Next I put it in the car. Then, I put salt and pepper on it. I cook it at 28 degrees for 22 minutes. I serve it with Dr. Pepper
Everly

First, I shoot the turkey. Next I put chic-fil-a sauce on it. I cook it at 40 degrees for 50 minutes. I serve it with cheetos and strawberries.
Sutton

First, I buy it at the store. Then I put salt on it. I put it in the oven and cook it at 24 degrees for 2 minutes. Serve with apples.
Issei

First, I buy the turkey at the store. Next I put seasoning on it. Then I cook it at 1,000 degrees for 60 minutes. Serve with potatoes.- Thomas

First, I shoot the turkey. Next, I put salt and pepper on it. Then I put mustard on it. Cook it at 142 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with lettuce.
Dawson

First, I buy the turkey from the grocery store. Next, I put it in the oven and cook it at 74 degrees for 5 minutes. Serve it with green beans, mashed potatoes, ham, and pumpkin pie.
Tenley

First, I buy it from a store. Next, I put butter in the turkey. Then I cook it at 31 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with potatoes on it.
Colter

First, I get the turkey from the store. Next we cook it and put it in the oven at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve it with Mac and Cheese.
Tucker

First, I got it at the store. Next I put it in the oven to cook it at 5 degrees for 6 minutes. Serve it with potatoes.
Jenna

First, my grandpa shoots one or we get one from the store. Next we cook it in the oven at 60 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve it with salad, condiments, vegetables, and fruit.
Remi

First, I buy my turkey at the store. Next, put seasoning on it. Cook it at 1,000 degrees for 60 minutes. Serve it with mashed potatoes and gravy.
Maddie

First, I get my turkey at a farm. Next, I dump salt on it. Next, cook it at 300 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve it with fruit, meat, and ice cream.
Brooklyn K.

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SPORTS

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Chieftains Challenge Defending Champs, Fall Short

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Barber Chieftains gave the defending 6-man State champions quite a fight in the Sub-State playoff game at Weskan last Friday night.

It came down to the final plays, in which the Chieftains got the ball to the Coyotes 2-yard line with a minute left and had a chance to score, but couldn't get the ball into the end zone.

The result was a 26-21 loss to Weskan. At one point, the Chieftains held a 21-18 lead before WHS scored midway through the fourth quarter.

Head coach Matt Cantrell said the first quarter was a factor, though, as the Chieftains made some mistakes and found themselves in a 10-0 hole. One difference was that the Chieftains made a mistake in kick-off coverage and gave up a return touchdown by junior running back Karsyn Wright.

"He was a tremendous back, probably one of the fastest kids that I've ever coached against," Cantrell said.

Still, the Chieftains held the junior running back in check. Cantrell noted that Wright rushed for more than 400 yards in the Sectional playoff win over Ingalls. The South Barber head coach said Wright never got a long, busted run on offense against the Chieftains defense.

"It's not very often you see a 6-man game in a defensive slugfest," Cantrell said on Saturday morning. "That's what you saw last night, two great defenses, two well-prepared teams, two evenly matched teams,



STEPHANIE JUMP / The Premiere

South Barber quarterback Austin Swonger (5) looks up field as he out runs the long reach of Weskan defender Austin Smith (8) during last Friday's 6-man semifinal game against the defending State champions on the road. Also pictured is Steele Smith (10) and Garen Cantrell (15).

just playing their guts out."

He liked how the Chieftains competed, noting the players prepared well, something they have done for the past two weeks for their previous playoff games.

"I attribute that to our maturity," Cantrell said. "We were a bunch of freshmen and sophomores last year, still learning. The beginning of the year, they were still learning. They have grown and matured so much. They're understanding how to prepare on a daily basis."

But more than anything, Cantrell said, the players love to compete.

"They don't ever give up," he said. "Some nights are better than others. That's about all you can ask for as a coach, that your kids

play hard and compete and prepare like you want them to prepare. These games can go either way."

He noted that, once a team makes it to the Sub-State round of the playoffs, that team will face another quality team. Cantrell said he loved how his players were locked in, ready to play and left it all on the field.

The Chieftains (9-2) had two seniors, Wyatt Dotts and Brayden Duvall. Dotts played for two years and Cantrell said he came a long way and learned a lot in the time he was with the team.

As for Duvall, a three-year starter, Cantrell said he did a good job taking on a leadership role, something he hasn't been in before.

"He was an anchor for

us," Cantrell said. "We ask him to do a lot of 'dirty work' and he would take that on, he'd eat up blocks, he'd eat up two blocks, to let other guys run free on defense. That's not always the most fun job in the world but, as a senior, to take that role a lot of times defensively, that says a lot."

The Chieftains will return 10 of their 12 players on the high school roster. Cantrell said, while the Chieftains will have a great group of players, what matters is how hard the players work during the offseason.

"This one hurts and it should," the head coach said. "But I think they realize the level of play that you need to play at to win a State championship. Last night was the semifinals

for Sub-State but it was a championship style playoff game.

"I think we learned that this year and we need to remember our feelings and how to prepare, how we had to fight, how we had to keep our heads and, when we go in the offseason or in the weight room, we need to remember that and just put that back of our minds as we get ready for next year."

Cantrell added his thanks to all the community members who made the five-hour trip to Weskan to cheer on the Chieftains. He said that it seemed like the South Barber crowd was about to take over the game in the third quarter. Cantrell said that the fans have been great with their support all season long.

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LEFT: South Barber fans filled the visiting stands last Friday night to cheer on their favorite Chieftains as SBHS took on the defending State champs at Weskan. RIGHT: Brayden Duvall (22), one of two South Barber seniors, holds up the Sub-State runner-up trophy presented to the Chieftains following a tough 26-21 loss to Weskan in the State 6-man semifinal round.



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WATER

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said there was also a question about whether the city actually had the rights to sell the extra water. Withrow said he conducted an analysis of the city's water rights and asked the Kansas Rural Water Association to do the same analysis.

"His numbers agreed almost exactly with mine," Withrow said. "The conclusion is that the additional 11 million gallons a year by the district will not cause the city of Medicine Lodge to violate the qualities allowed (to be sold) by the water rights. We have sufficient water rights to meet the demands."

Withrow did say he had heard around town that water was needed for stock water usage, but he told council

members that would violate the terms of the agreement.

"That is a different type of water permit," City Attorney Hannah Molz said. "You can water like the cattle in corals at your house. That is still domestic use, but cattle in confinement in a feed yard setting is a different type of use. The way this agreement is drafted we are selling them water for domestic use."

Molz said she would need to look into whether or not the city could actually even sell water to RWD1 for stock usage.

"I think volume wise we probably can't from a practical matter," she said.

Councilman Jon McDonald asked if the water was needed for RWD1's expansion project. He also asked if it was "still ongoing." The water is needed based on the

expansion he was told. Molz said the district was able to get loans for their expansion and are still seeking grant opportunities to help keep customer costs "palatable." She said the current project is "doable" with the funding currently in place.

Councilman John Hagood asked if the city would still have a cushion for its own needs if additional water was sold to RWD1.

"Yeah there is sufficient cushion," Withrow said. "In the worst-case scenario that (added volume of sales) would not exceed more than 60 percent of our available water rights."

Withrow said the city is going to work on securing additional water rights "primarily for defensive reasons."

"There are a lot of people that really want water

rights," the city administrator said. "As luck would have it Medicine Lodge has access to some of the best water in the state at Elm Creek."

"That's a whole other project."

Molz also said there were some protections written into the contract for the city. The city attorney told the council the city is allowed to restrict water usage for RWD1 if the immediate needs of city residents were not able to be met. She said the only thing is "sufficient notice" would have to be provided to the district. She also said if the city had any drought restrictions in place for residents "those equally apply to the rural water district."

"They have to be reduced proportionally like everyone else," Molz said.

BCD

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for a local advertising campaign to draw traffic to Barber County businesses. The initiative is designed to encourage residents to shop locally and draw shoppers from surrounding areas. The campaign, which is designed to appear on mobile devices will promote shopping locally during the holiday season with our rural retailers, who often struggle to compete with large-scale stores and online vendors. The campaign highlights our hometown atmosphere which offers a more personal shopping experience than big-box stores.

BCD's commitment to regional economic development extends throughout borders through its support of the Kiowa Economic Improvement Program. The program provides funding to businesses in Kiowa for capital improvements, helping enhance facilities and offerings. This tar-

geted investment builds on a history of regional collaboration, strengthens the local business corridor by empowering enterprises to invest in their properties and services and encourages business retention and expansion, which is critical for the long-term economic health of small communities.

The collaboration with Kiowa and the South Barber Chamber of Commerce continues with a grant award from the South-Central Community Foundation. SCCF awarded a \$1,198 grant to BCD and the South Barber Chamber of Commerce. The funds will be used to purchase new community Christmas lights as part of an ongoing partnership with Kiowa and the Chamber led by Gayle McNett.

For the spring of 2026, BCD is focusing on developing young entrepreneurs in the region by collaborating with Robin Eubank-Callas and the

K-State Research and Extension Office on the Youth Entrepreneur Challenge (YEC). A statewide program through Network Kansas, YEC gives middle school and high school students a hands-on experience in entrepreneurship. The local YEC event includes a business plan development. Students will prepare and write a formal business plan for a new product or service. They also create an elevator pitch and present their concepts to a panel of judges composed of local business leaders. And they have the opportunity to showcase their business ideas to the public in a trade show format.

This initiative provides invaluable, real-world experience, mentorship opportunities and the chance to compete for prize money, with winners advancing to the state championship. By supporting the YEC, BCD and the extension office are investing in the entrepreneurial spirit of Barber

County's youth, helping to ensure a dynamic and innovative future for this area.

In Sharon, a towns grant for major improvements to the local park was received. BCS is continuing to work on a funding solution for the roof of the city building/school.

In Isabel, BCD is a funding supporter of the community store improvements in addition to supporting the grant application.

In Sun City, BCD has begun a campaign to renovate the civic center – a historic part of Barber County with the goal is to make it a revenue producing entity for Sun City as a destination rental. It will also continue to be a community meeting and event space for years to come with the proposed renovations.

For Hardtner and Hazelton BCD has upcoming proposals for improvements or assistant for 2026.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of:

RORY C. DAVIS, Deceased.

Case No. BA-2025-PR-000028

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You are hereby notified that on November 17, 2025, a Petition For Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Robyn Davis, petitioner, appointed by this Court to administer the Estate of Rory C. Davis, deceased.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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USD 255

Art Show: Students Selected for Red Dirt Review

South Barber students Ayna Wilson and Elizabeth Patrick pose for a photo with their artwork which was recently selected to be displayed at the Red Dirt Review High School Art Contest exhibition at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla. The art exhibition will take place at the Gallery Sophia Dec. 1-12. The gallery is located in the Jesse Dunn Building.



USD 255

Donation: SBES Receives \$15K

Members of the Kiowa General Store staff pose with South Barber Elementary School under a new playground canopy that was purchased with a \$15,000 donation from the organization. Wilkey Brothers Fencing installed the new equipment.



USD 255

Spotlight: Careers on Display

Barber County Emergency Management Director Mike Loreg, left, and EMT Nicole Perez shared insight regarding careers in healthcare recently with South Barber students.



USD 254

School Play: MLHS Students Present 'Elsewhere'

Medicine Lodge High School students recently presented the all-school play entitled Elsewhere, which is a story of four high school students who revisit memories of their childhoods. The play was directed by Meagan Henry, MLHS language arts instructor.



USD 254

MLGS: Students Help Others

Medicine Lodge Grade School students spent last week learning about turkeys and Thanksgiving.

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Audit Firm Gives Medicine Lodge Clean Audit for 2024

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

Pat Friess, a CPA with Kennedy McKee & Company LLP, presented the 2024 city audit to the Medicine Lodge City Council during the Nov. 17 meeting at city hall.

The audit firm provided a clean audit for the city. Friess said there were no new accounting policies implemented by the city in 2024.

“We noted no transactions entered into by the city that they didn’t have proper authoritative guidance and

consensus and they were all in the correct period,” he said.

Friess said the information provided to the audit firm was “fairly” presented.

“No difficulties encountered while performing our audit dealing with management,” Friess said. “We did make a few adjustments.

“There were no disagreements with management as far as financial, accounting, reporting or auditing matters.”

Friess said the only finding the firm had was the small size of the office staff. He said the council needs to

make sure it is approving all bills payable and reviewing the bank statements regularly.

“Other than that, everything looked pretty good,” he said. “Management’s responsible for the preparation and the presentation of the financial statement. Our job is to – our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance that all of the numbers are fairly stated. We do believe that we did obtain sufficient evidence to be able to express the opinion that we did.”

The city council voted unanimously, 4-0, to accept

the 2024 audit, as well as to hire Kennedy McKee & Company LLP for another three years to provide their auditing services.

Councilman Jason Taylor was not present, while Councilman John Hagood attended the meeting virtually.

The city will pay not more than \$18,125 plus out-of-pocket costs, such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc, for 2025. That will increase to not more than \$18,670 in 2026 and \$19,230 in 2027.

Mayor Tom Lee originally

asked if the matter could be tabled until more information could be gathered.

“The only thing I’m saying here is that sometimes we – city entities – can get locked into working with the same firm all the time,” he said. “We got burned big time with our insurance doing that kind of mindset. You remember that.”

City Clerk Kandi Williams said it has been difficult to find an auditing firm that will conduct a single audit, which is why the council originally went with Kennedy McKee & Company LLP.

Lee said the fees charged in the agreement letter do not reflect the cost of a single audit. Williams said that was correct. A single audit will be an additional expense for the city.

The clerk said the city looked at multiple firms, but went with KMC because of the ability to conduct a single audit.

Councilman Matt Forsyth said he had “been very happy with them.”

In other city news, the council unanimously approved an amended bonus

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BARBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BLOTTER

November 10

1:12 a.m., Deputy McCullough and Deputy Brown executed a search warrant in the 900 block of Miller Street, Kiowa

4:56 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Sharon

5:39 a.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 160 and Pixley Road, verbal warning for speed and defective taillights on trailer

7:19 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted North Barber school zone, on Walnut and Second Streets, Medicine Lodge

7:30 a.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on Iliff and Osage, Medicine Lodge, verbal warning for speed and no driver’s license

7:51 a.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on Iliff Street, Medicine Lodge, written warning for speed

9:15 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted follow up on previous case initiated, Kiowa

9:21 a.m., Sergeant Fisher and Deputy Hyrst responded to animal call on U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 20, Medicine Lodge

9:27 a.m., Deputy Hyrst attempted to serve civil process in the 400 block of S. 11th, Kiowa

9:34 a.m., Deputy Hyrst attempted to served civil process in the 500 block of S. 10th, Kiowa

1:20 p.m., Sergeant Fisher returned a request to speak to officer call, Greensburg

1:44 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on U.S. 281 AND Osage Road, Medicine Lodge, written warning for speed

2:33 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281 and Rattlesnake Road, Kiowa, verbal warning for speed

3:08 p.m., Sergeant Fisher returned a request to speak to officer, Wyandotte County

3:34 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa

3:40 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop at 7th and Miller Street, Kiowa, no action taken

5:34 p.m., Deputy Brown responded to a reckless driving complaint on U.S. Highway 160 and west of Medicine Lodge

9:19 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Sun City and Lake City

11:02 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hardtner

11:42 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Kiowa

November 11

12:10 a.m. Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hazelton

12:42 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Sharon

1:43 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Isabel

9:23 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted a VIN inspection, Kiowa

9:29 a.m., Deputy McCullough responded to a fire call in the area of 2700 SE U.S. Highway 160, Medicine Lodge, Medicine Lodge Police Department Chief Defore, Fire and Rural Fire responded

10:16 a.m., Deputy McCullough returned a request to speak to officer, Kingman

3:11 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and NW Elm Mills Road, verbal warning for speed

3:25 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted North Barber school zone, Walnut and Second Streets, Medicine Lodge

3:32 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on Robie and Main Street, Medicine Lodge, Verbal warning for speed

4:23 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to cattle out on U.S. Highway 281 and College Hill Road

5:38 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop 300 block of S. Iliff, verbal warning for driving with no headlights on, Medicine Lodge

5:56 p.m., Deputy Hyrst and Deputy Brown responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of U.S. Highway 160 and Cedar Hills Road, Medicine Lodge ambulance, Rural Fire, Sharon Fire and Medicine Lodge Rescue responded

6:20 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in area of U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 12

7:15 p.m., Deputy Hyrst stopped on a motorist assist on U.S. Highway 281 and SW Pleasant Hill Road

November 12

12:14 a.m., Deputy Brown responded to a residential alarm in the 200 block of N. Main, Sharon, Medicine Lodge police officer, ambulance and Sharon Fire responded

1:39 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Isabel

2:36 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Sun City and Lake City

4:33 a.m., Deputy Brown responded to an abandoned vehicle on U.S. Highway 281 and Highway K2, Kiowa

4:42 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hardtner

5:26 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted follow up on a previous case, Kiowa

5:27 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hazelton

6:49 a.m., Deputy Eger responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of 7700 U.S. Highway 281, Medicine Lodge

7:26 a.m., Deputy Eger responded to a residential alarm in the 1700 block of S. 7th Street, Kiowa

10:19 a.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 400 block of Campbell Street, Kiowa

10:55 a.m., Deputy Eger with Kiowa Chief Salinas did a school walk through at South Barber elementary school, Kiowa

11:40 a.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 800 block of Main Street, Kiowa

11:47 a.m., Deputy Eger attempted to serve civil process in the 400 block of 11th Street, Kiowa

6:03 p.m., Deputy McCullough responded to a reckless driver complaint on Main and Washington, Medicine Lodge

7:04 p.m., Deputy McCullough served civil process x 2, in the 400 block of 11th Street, Kiowa

7:11 p.m., Deputy McCullough served civil process in the 200 block of N. 10th Street, Kiowa

7:18 p.m., Deputy McCullough served civil process in the 1000 block of Dickinson Street, Kiowa

8:29 p.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Lake City

9:14 p.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Sun City

November 13

2:01 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Kiowa

2:07 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Hazelton

2:27 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Sharon

4:12 a.m., Deputy McCullough responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of Aetna Road and Estill Road, Lake City

7:15 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted North Barber school zone at Walnut and Second Streets, Medicine Lodge

9:24 a.m., Undersheriff McCann returned a request to speak to officer call, Medicine Lodge

10:01 a.m., Deputy Eger returned a request to speak to officer call, Sharon

12:27 p.m., Transport Deputy McNally escorted inmate to out of county jail facility, Kingman

1:00 p.m., Deputy McCullough

responded to an abandoned vehicle, Kiowa

3:35 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted North Barber school zone, Walnut and Second Streets, Medicine Lodge

3:41 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted a VIN inspection in the 100 block of E. Kansas, Medicine Lodge

6:05 p.m., Deputy McCullough attempted to serve civil process in the 200 block of Central, Hardtner

8:14 p.m., Deputy McCullough responded to a welfare check in the 5700 area of NW River Road, Medicine Lodge

10:28 p.m., Deputy McCullough responded to a traffic hazard complaint on U.S. Highway 281 and 99 Springs, Medicine Lodge

11:38 p.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Lake City

11:50 p.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Sun City

November 14

1:14 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Sharon

2:02 a.m., Deputy McCullough conducted extra patrol in Kiowa

5:08 a.m., Transport Deputy McNally transported inmate to out of county facility, Winfield

7:21 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa

8:38 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a motorist assist at U.S. Highway 281 and Scott Cayon Road

9:22 a.m., Sergeant Fisher attempted to serve civil process x 2

11:24 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a vehicle unlock, SWS Driftwood and SWS Crown Point Roads, Kiowa

2:14 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to mock fire drill at the North Barber school, Medicine Lodge, Medicine Lodge Chief Defore, police officer, ambulance, Fire and Rural Fire responded

3:20 p.m., Sheriff Garza conducted North Barber school zone, Medicine Lodge

5:45 p.m., Deputy Hyrst and Deputy Brown assisted Medicine Lodge police officer on a robbery call in the 100 block of N. Iliff, Medicine Lodge

9:28 p.m., Deputy Brown assisted Medicine Lodge police officer on a suspicious activity call in the 200 block of S. Cherry, Medicine Lodge

November 15

1:53 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Isabel

2:10 a.m., Deputy Brown initiated a traffic stop on Isabel Road and K42

verbal warning for speed, Isabel

2:45 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Sharon

3:14 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hazelton

3:44 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Kiowa

4:17 a.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hardtner

8:33 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of U.S. Highway 281 and Grandview, Medicine Lodge

8:42 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a noise complaint in the 900 block of Walnut, Medicine Lodge

9:42 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a criminal damage to property call in the 500 block of S. 7th, Kiowa

4:18 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of K2 and Rattlesnake Road, Kiowa ambulance and Rural Fire responded, Kiowa

6:34 p.m., Deputy Hyrst returned a request to speak to officer call in the 500 block of S. 7th, Kiowa

8:42 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Sharon

9:30 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hazelton

10:07 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Kiowa

10:29 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hardtner

11:57 p.m., Deputy Brown responded to a poaching call, Hardtner, Medicine Lodge police officer responded

November 16

9:55 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted follow up on previous case, K2 and mile marker 8

10:09 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted follow up on previous case in the 500 block of S. 7th, Kiowa

11:43 a.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and Hardtner Shortcut, verbal warning for speed

12:04 p.m., Deputy Hyrst returned a request to speak to officer call, Sun City

3:32 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop 2400 block of Isabel Road, citation issued for speed and no insurance

6:46 v. Deputy Hyrst responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the 12000 area of U.S. Highway 160

7:15 p.m., Deputy Brown returned a request to speak to officer call, Medicine Lodge

9:42 p.m., Deputy Brown conducted extra patrol in Hardtner

BARBER COUNTY COURT REPORT

BA-2025-CV-000028; Ryan Laney vs. Brian J. Sternberger; CV Other Real Property; Case; Pending.

BA-2025-LM-000184; Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jason Sorell; LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection); Case; Pending.

BA-2025-PR-000027; in the Matter of the Estate of Carolyn A. Twiname; PR Probate Record, other state; Case; Post Judgement.

BA-2025-ST-000062; Kansas Department of Revenue vs. Grant Doan; ST State Tax; Case; Post Judgement.

BA-2025-ST-000063; Kansas Department of Revenue vs. Kristine A. Saunders; ST State Tax; Case; Post Judgement.

BA-2025-TR-000153; Valentin Magallanes; TR Traffic; Drving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, misd, Unk. Conv; Guilty Plea.

Kansas, Missouri Officials Agree to Share Voter Registration Details

BY TIM CARPENTER
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA – The Republican secretaries of state for Kansas and Missouri signed a memorandum of understanding to exchange voter registration information in a bid to identify people who failed to cancel registrations after moving from one state to the other.

Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab and Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins said the partnership

would enhance voter roll maintenance by “securely” sharing personal details on 1.87 million registered voters in Kansas and 4.13 million registered voters in Missouri.

Two organizations dedicated to advancing voter rights expressed skepticism the two-state agreement would do much to strengthen election security.

Neither secretary of state offered an estimate of the number of people in Kansas and Missouri who might

have active registrations in a state where they used to reside.

“We can reduce duplicate registrations, created when residents move across the state line, by updating voter registration records timely and as allowed by law,” said Schwab, a candidate for the 2026 GOP nomination for governor in Kansas.

Hoskins said Missouri engaged in rigorous voter registration maintenance in accordance with state and federal law, but the deal “al-

lows us to improve accuracy even further.”

He said the risk of duplicate registrations was real because thousands of Missourians and Kansans relocated each year across the state line in Kansas City metropolitan counties.

“This partnership is good government, plain and simple,” Hoskins said. “When voters move, their information should follow them and our local election officials

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130 Years Ago

Taken from the Nov. 20, 1895 files of *The Barber County Index*

On last Friday morning at about five o'clock the roof of Conductor Knight's dwelling house southeast of town caught fire accidentally and was damaged considerably. Mr. Knight had left about a half hour before on a stock train and had it not been for the aid of a force of men who were working there, the entire house would have been consumed. The casualty in itself was unfortunate, but what followed is still more unfortunate and what all who heard the proceedings, style an injustice and persecution on an innocent man. John W. Pierce, who was in the employ of Mr. Knight, was arrested on complaint of Henry Morris, another employee, for intentionally committing the act, and stood trial on Saturday. The Gem Drug Store managed by George Southworth is now handsomely and attractively fitted up in the block formerly occupied by O.L. Day. The furniture fixtures are of neatly finished cherry timber and the store is one of the best in quality ever in Medicine Lodge. To add to the lustre of the house, Fin Wilson is an assistant behind the counter which is a high card of itself. Our city is now equipped with two of the best drug stores in southern Kansas and both should be liberally supported by the citizens of the town.

120 Years Ago

Taken from the Nov. 15, 1905 files of *The Barber County Index*

On Friday Claude E. Walter entered complaint before Police Judge Stevens against Sam Kenerly, charging that he molested him the previous night by calling him vile and obscene names. A warrant was issued and on Monday Sam appeared and paid the price which was \$4.50. About the same time of this occurrence there was a free for all at the south livery barn and after it was over, Levi Myers hunted up Justice Collins and asked permission to pay for his fun. After some debate the request was granted and the applicant deposited \$2.50. Another party to the combat was Benjamin McQuinn, and when he learned how Levi had

stolen a march on him, just to get even he held up Judge Stevens and asked to drop in something also, and the Judge accepted two plunks for city revenue. Marshal Stockstill is carrying several other invitations of like nature and he will present them at the first opportunity. Dr. George Washington Ayer celebrated his 87th birthday on Monday by building a large poultry fence for J.O. Wheat. He says this is the last fence he will build. He used the same stretcher on this job that he used twenty-eight years ago when he built the first fence build in Barber County. When Tom McNeal went to the legislature for this county he took the Doctor's pattern with him and introduced a bill making it a lawful fence. The Dr. looks back to the incident with pride and thinks it fitting that he would close his fence making on his 87th anniversary. Maude Strickland passed from her earthly to her heavenly home Wednesday morning, November 8, 1905. The deceased was a daughter of Thomas Strickland and was born in Mingona township in 1886. At the opening of the Cherokee strip the family removed to Oklahoma where death claimed her. Her ailment was typhoid fever. We join with her numerous other Mingona friends and schoolmates in sending words of sympathy to her bereaved parents, brothers and sisters.

105 Years Ago

Taken from the Nov. 17, 1915 files of *The Barber County Index*

Lew Roberts and Lloyd Rogers were arrested by county officials last Thursday evening on a cattle stealing charge sworn to by D. D. Brownback of Hardtner and W. M. Berchard of Falconer, Oklahoma. Roberts and Rogers are brother-in-laws and are charged with two counts. Roberts was Brownback's tenant and has been under suspicion for some time, Mr. Brownback having missed calves from his herd a number of times. Rogers had in his possession, at the time of his arrest, a calf that had been marked and one of the calves which Brownback claims had Roberts brand on it. Roberts and Rogers were brought to Medicine Lodge Thursday night and lodged in the county jail until Friday afternoon when

bondsmen were secured. The preliminary hearing was held before Justice Kenney yesterday morning. The two gentlemen were bound over to district court. County Attorney Simpson and Noble & Tincer represent the state and Samuel Griffin and Seward I. Field represent the defendants. Editha Holmes was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on June 5th, 1843 and passed into the life beyond on November 9th, 1915, at the honorable age of 72 years. She was united in marriage to Dennis Donovan in 1862 and there were born to this relationship three sons and two daughters.

85 Years Ago

Taken from the Nov. 21, 1940 files of *The Barber County Index*

Floyd Phillip Lingo, Kiowa youth, will be the first young man from Barber County to be inducted into Uncle Sam's army for military training as the result of the recent draft registration. However, Lingo is a volunteer. Announcement of the election of John Michael, Medicine Lodge school teacher, as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce here, was made at a dinner meeting of the group in the high school last Wednesday evening. Miss Rilla Nelson, member of the Medicine Lodge high school faculty, assumed her duties as president of the local Business and Professional Women's Club at the regular dinner meeting of the group in the high school banquet room. Orville Smith returned Saturday evening from Kansas City, Mo., where he went after a new Pontiac for his firm. He is inviting the motoring public to inspect the new attractive model he has on display. The car's performance is as outstanding as its appearance, Smith says.

70 Years Ago

Taken from the Nov. 17, 1955 files of *The Barber County Index*

Tommy Bedwell received a broken nose in high school football practice Tuesday. The team was working out indoors to avoid cold weather. He was the victim of a block. Don Holmes, former operator of a television shop in Bazine, began work last week as a radio and television technician

at Rinke's Radio and TV Service. Enjoying themselves while serving up generous slices of choice Barber County beef at the Methodist Church Veteran's Day barbecue last week are Harry Burriss, H. A. Palmer, Clarence Voss, Winford Cummins, Dillman Shaw and Willis Wenrich. About 700 persons enjoyed the meal. ML High School News: MLHS had two new students join the sophomore class. They are Judy Jones of Wichita East and Claude Pearce from Ulysses. This makes a total of 52 students in the sophomore class. - Terry N. and Jo G. what do you girls try to practice up on in home ec. class? - Say Jessie C. who is that little doll you've been riding around with every weekend? - We hear Leroy W. is going steady with Marilyn Monroe. - It looks like Carolyn W. is still writing to her "Marine." Good luck, Carolyn. Second Grade News: Our officers for Citizenship club this week are Bobby Axline, president; Jimmie Irion, vice president and Susan Snyder, secretary.

60 Years Ago

Taken from the Nov. 18, 1965 files of *The Barber County Index*

Appointed to staff positions this week on the Barber County INDEX are Carolyn Tedrow and Peggy Aufleger. A group of 30 Intermediate school students made up one of the largest first quarter honor rolls in the history of the school, according to Harold Hosey, principal. Seven seventh and eighth graders made up the schools High Honor Roll. They include: seventh grade: Steve Cline, Lona Groves, Bonnie Koerner and Randy Rodgers; eighth graders: Lynn Krehbiel, Janice Sawyer and Robert Slamal. These students had a 2.5 overall grade point average or better. On the school's 2.0 grade point honor roll were: seventh grade: Lavonne Barton, Lurinda Burge, Roger Cole, Cathy Chapin, Larry Dubbs, Terri Farrar, Martha Frederick, Mike Hauck, Cathy Holser, Janis Lyman, Mark Tate, Barbara Warren, Emma Lou Williams. Eighth grade: Jerry Blackwell, Gary Catlin, Beth Ann Dodge, Regina Glynn, Ricky Griswold, Teena Hosey, Artie Kime, Jolene Warren, Vicki Warren and Tommy Wortman.

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- D151-575** - Trustee's Deed; Dona Mae Gottsch Living Trust, et al, Harold A. Gottsch Living Trust, et al; Grantee: Jordan A. Lytle; Mineral Right: Mineral Conveyance/Reservation
- D151-579** - Trustee's Deed; Grantor: Dorothy Brown Trust No. 1; Grantee: Eva Millicent Frieden
- D151-584** - Warranty Deed; Grantor: Eva Millicent; Grantee: Eva Millicent Frieden Trust No. 1

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deserve every available tool to keep the rolls clean, current and transparent." Esmie Tseng, spokesperson for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas, said the organization's concerns with the Missouri-Kansas arrangement were comparable to those shared in September when Schwab announced a voter registration collaboration between Kansas and Texas. She said both states must carefully guard personal information, and the states ought to proceed with the understanding that databases could be flawed. "It should not be used as a way of simply scaring people about election integrity," Tseng said. Some states – but not Kansas – are striving to upgrade election security in the past decade turned to the Electronic Registration Information Center. ERIC an organization of member

states worked to collate motor vehicle department data, Social Security Administration death reports, address information from the U.S. Postal Service and state voter registration records to search for possible illegal voting. Schwab's predecessors as Kansas secretary of state operated the now-defunct Crosscheck program that promised to improve accuracy of state voter registration rolls. A lawsuit was filed challenging Crosscheck's security shortcomings and a high rate of false positives. Settlement of the lawsuit in 2019 led to shelving of Crosscheck. "Given the history of voter data mismanagement and its negative impact on Kansans, our big question is: How is this better than ERIC and different from Crosscheck?" said Melissa Stiehler, advocacy director for Loud Light, a Kansas organization focused on civil and voting rights. Whitney Tempel, direc-

tor of communications for Schwab, said all data sharing relevant to maintaining accurate voter rolls would be conducted in accordance with mandates of state or federal law. She said the Kansas agreements with Missouri and Texas were part of a trend in which states proactively sought to update voter rolls through direct cooperation with other states. "This is part of a national surge in one-to-one state agreements as opposed to multistate groups," Tempel said. "This is one more tool for voter roll maintenance." Hoskins, the Missouri secretary of state, said Kansas and Missouri were part of a growing trend among states that voluntarily partnered on data-sharing projects to streamline work on election security. In early 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice requested states turn over voter registration lists as part of a national inquiry

into potential voter fraud. The Justice Department said the goal was to guarantee compliance with federal laws. DOJ subsequently revealed information was shared with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for inclusion in the Systemic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, database. On Tuesday, election officials in 10 states sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and DOJ asking for clarification of statements about uses for voter registration data by the administration of President Donald Trump. DOJ filed lawsuits against eight states for declining to comply with demands for information, which included driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers. In response, the Kansas secretary of state praised the federal SAVE database. Schwab committed to providing DOJ with publicly available voter information.

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Case No. BA-2025-PR-000027

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USD 254

Fire Training: Local Firefighters Drill at MLHS

The Medicine Lodge Fire Department used local schools for training drills recently under newly appointed Fire Chief Ted Colborn. Colborn gave the city council an update during the meeting held on Monday, Nov. 17.



USD 254

PCC: Peters Receives Recognition

Brett Peters, left, receives his "True Blue" Certificate of Achievement from PCC College Start Coordinator Troy Johnson, this past week while he was in Attica for class.

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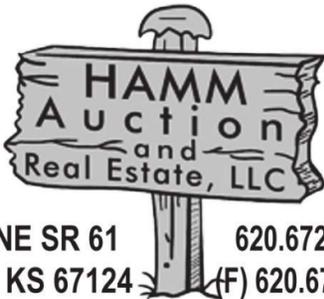
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pay structure for city employees ranging from 1.5 percent to 3 percent based on the individual employee. The council voted 4-0 to retain the services of City Attorney Hannah Molz. Molz will receive \$2,000 per month starting in January 2026.

The council voted 4-0 to table a decision on a street sweeper for the second straight meeting. A representative from Agri Center gave the board a presentation, however, council members still wanted to see an actual unit in action. The representative said he would try to locate a unit in close proximity that the council could see and he would get back with them.

The council voted 3-1 in favor of reimbursing several city employees for their use of the local wellness center. Councilman Jon McDonald cast the lone no vote, but he did not offer his reason for voting against the measure.

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