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KARL Program Makes Stop in Harper County

PRESS RELEASE

Last week, as part of its program making stops all around the state, the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) program visited Harper County.

The current KARL class is comprised of 29 individuals from across Kansas, including Harper County resident Juliana Whisman. The group spent time at the Southern Kansas Cotton Growers cotton gin, just south of Anthony, and then moved north to tour Harper Industries.

While at Harper Industries, the group spent some time hearing from company leadership (Tim Penner, Melissa Bergkamp, and Luke Thornton) about tools to work more effectively with teams and how to handle transitions and other

leadership challenges.

"It was really exciting to share our corner of Kansas with this group," Whisman said. "None of them had ever been to a cotton gin, and it was a really unique experience for them."

But what exactly is KARL? And why were they visiting Harper County?

The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program is a two-year leadership program comprised of up to 30 individuals from across Kansas. This 30-plus-year-old program aims to identify, prepare, and connect aspiring leaders to spark action that will positively impact Kansas agriculture and rural communities. During their time together, KARL associates explore the issues and opportunities within Kansas

through multi-day seminars facilitated across the state. In addition, KARL associates travel to Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg, Pa., participate in an out-of-state visit, and experience an intense 10-day international study tour.

The visit to Harper County, part of the larger program to visit each corner of the state, was a part of the three-day visit to south central Kansas, where the class also visited Textron, McConnell Airforce Base, the Cargill Innovation Center, and the Kansas Leadership Center.

"I applied to KARL, hoping to learn more about agriculture. As someone who didn't grow up around it, I have a lot to learn. Through this experience, I've learned way more than I expected about a wide variety



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Southern Kansas Cotton Growers opened its doors to the KARL Class members to share with them about how cotton is processed in Harper County. Matt Lingle points out where the cotton moves through the facility from bale to gin to cleaned cotton, ready to ship out.

of things impacting rural Kansas, and I've also gained friendships and connections across the state." Whisman said. "I'd like to thank the Harper County Community Foundation for sponsoring

my KARL experience, and I feel so honored to represent Harper County in this way." Applications for the next KARL class are open now until April 1, and information can be found at www.karlprogram.com.

Whisman said, "I'd be happy to talk with anyone about the program — it's a valuable experience for anyone who hopes to make a difference in Kansas."

Lady Roadrunners Second at Home Tournament

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The Chaparral girl's basketball team took second at the inaugural Women's Roadrunner Classic, pulling out a win in overtime Saturday against Belle Plaine 53-48.

Before Saturday's game, the Lady Roadrunners lost to Sunrise Christian Academy 58-32 Wednesday, then beat the Wichita Warriors 55-52 Thursday.

Head coach Mike Domnick said that the Lady Roadrunners didn't come out with a lot of energy for Saturday's game and, at times, let the game get away from them. They were trailing by four in the fourth quarter with two minutes left.

But Chaparral managed to tie the game 42-42 with a minute left, then Elle Swartz made a free throw to give the Lady Roadrunners a one-point lead. Belle Plaine's Addison Skaggs got to the line and made a free throw with 8.6 seconds left, forcing overtime.

Chaparral then outscored the Lady Dragons 10-5 in the overtime period, getting enough free throws and baskets to put the game away.

"For them to come back, put themselves in a position to win at the end of regulation and then come and win in overtime, I thought that was really good," Domnick said.

Freshman Keyaira Hodson gave the Lady Roadrunners a spark with multiple fast-break layups. She made three-of-four free throws in overtime and scored a layup to close it out. Hodson finished with 18 points to lead Chaparral.

"She hasn't played a lot of basketball, but she's a very good athlete," Domnick said. "She's a great character kid. So I think her future is very bright. If she'll put some time in the offseason, she could be a really special player for Chaparral."

Sophomore Makiya Maka added 13 points for the Lady Roadrunners, with Swartz and Emily Harding each

scoring 7, Avry Carothers with 6 and Hadley Hostetler and Nackenzie Macias each scoring 1.

Against Sunrise, Domnick said that the Lady Roadrunners did a good job of keeping it close for three quarters but let the game get away from them in the fourth. As for the Warriors game, Domnick said he thought that was the best the girls played all season.

"I thought that we did a really good job moving the ball around," he said. "So good things happened there."

Against Sunrise, Hodson and Swartz each scored 10 points, Maka had 6, and Harding, Carothers and Hostetler each had 2.

Against the Warriors, Swartz led with 18 points, Maka had 9, Hodson and Harding each had 8, Carothers had 4, Jocie Easter and Jaylin Easter each had 3 and Macias had 2.

Harding and Swartz were both named to the all-tournament team.

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BOB MORRIS / The Advocate

Chaparral's Emily Harding readies to pass the ball to a teammate during the Women's Roadrunner Classic tournament game against Belle Plaine last Saturday. The Lady Roadrunners took second, beating the Lady Dragons and the Wichita Warriors, and losing to Sunrise Christian Academy in the round-robin tournament. Harding and teammate Elle Swartz were named to the all-tournament team.

County Health Department Confirms Pertussis Case

PRESS RELEASE

The Harper County Health Department has been notified of a confirmed case of pertussis in the county. This case is associated with a pertussis outbreak in a neighboring county.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a highly contagious respiratory illness and can be especially dangerous for infants and young children.

The county health department has the following recommendations for county residents:

- Stay up to date on vaccinations that protect against whooping cough (DTaP for young children and Tdap for older children and adults). Vaccination is the most effective protection against pertussis.
- Stay alert for symptoms in yourself and family members. Early symptoms may resemble a cold, but after one to two weeks can progress to severe cough-

ing fits, which may cause vomiting or difficulty breathing.

- Contact a healthcare provider if you have symptoms. Your provider may test for pertussis and prescribe antibiotics if needed. Antibiotics should be taken only as directed by a healthcare provider.
- Take precautions to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including staying home when sick, practicing good hand hygiene and sneezes. Wearing a face mask is also an option to provide an additional layer of protection.

The health department is actively monitoring the situation and will notify close contacts directly if needed.

For questions, contact the Harper County Health Department at (620) 842-5132. Learn more about whooping cough on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index>.

Meek Named to Emporia State University Honor Roll

PRESS RELEASE

Taryn Meek of Anthony was one of more than 700 Emporia State undergraduate students named to the university honor roll after the fall 2025 semester. Meek, a graduate of Chaparral High School, is majoring in Applied Criminology.

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

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LADY

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Dominick said he thinks the girls are trending in the right direction now that they know more about what to expect from him as a head coach.

“This game is just now starting to slow down for them a little bit,” he said. “So I just hope they are able to compete better than the first time around with some of the real good teams like Cheney and Conway Springs and make them a more viable, competitive game than they were the first time around.”

The Lady Roadrunners (6-8) then hosted Medicine Lodge Tuesday and lost in overtime 68-62.

They had a chance to win in regulation, leading by as much as eight in the third quarter, but despite controlling the rebounds in the fourth, they were unable to hit shots and had key turnovers down the stretch.

“We got out of position

when they’re playing their zone,” Domnick said. “And then we had a couple things happen in overtime. We didn’t protect the basket. They scored a layup and we had two people in position to stop that.

“And then we threw the ball away right after that out of bounds. Those little things, we’re trying to get better (at), discipline, understanding the game situation.”

Chaparral’s 45-37 lead with 5:45 left in the third quarter was the largest lead either team had at that point. Prior to that, neither team could get more than a three-point advantage.

The game was tied 57-57 when Chaparral freshman Keyaira Hodson got an offensive rebound with 1:26 left, was fouled, then made one-of-two free throws to give the Lady Roadrunners a one-point lead.

But Medicine Lodge’s Lindsay Vasquez hit a three-pointer with 34 seconds left. Chaparral got an

offensive rebound and putback from Elle Swartz with 12 seconds left to tie the game, then the Lady Indians were unable to get a shot to fall on the other end.

In overtime, it was another offensive rebound and putback for Chaparral, this time from Makiya Maka, that gave the Lady Roadrunners a two-point lead, 62-60, with 3:10 left.

But Chaparral never scored after that. Hodson missed two free throws with 2:38 left, then Medicine Lodge took over, getting a three-pointer from Adalynn Cope and a layup from Schreiner to put the Lady Indians up 65-62. Chaparral turned it over twice in the final minute and was forced to foul, allowing the Lady Indians to win it after Emmy Gerdes went three-for-four at the free-throw line.

Domnick noted that the Lady Roadrunners lost by 25 the last time they played Medicine Lodge and scored just 28 points. He noted Tuesday was the best

offensive output the Lady Roadrunners have had this season so they have shown a lot of improvement.

Hodson led scoring with 21 points, Avry Carothers added 16, Maka had 10, Swartz had 7 and Emily Harding had 6.

Domnick said he hopes the game motivates the Lady Roadrunners, given that they had a chance to win it in regulation.

“I hope they’re upset that they should have won and just keep coming to practice and trying to get better,” Domnick said. “We didn’t have very good practice yesterday, and I let them know about it. So hopefully we can get better with our practice effort.

“We were pretty poor yesterday in practice, but that’s basketball. It’s such a long season. You’re going to have the ebb and flow of energy and no energy, and I thought we did a pretty good job with energy tonight. We just didn’t execute down the stretch.”

LEGAL NOTICES

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

ACB BANK,
Plaintiff,

v.

KYLE D. HUGHBANKS, and
TRINA HUGHBANKS,
Defendant.

Case No. BA-2024-CV-000015

Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 19, 2025, a Journal Entry of Judgment was entered into in favor of ACB Bank (“ACB”) awarding a judgment and foreclosure of ACB’s mortgage liens on the following property, to-wit:

A. Barber County Tracts (all together referred to as the “Barber Co. Tracts”):

1. All that part of the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 10, Township 34 South, Range 10 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Barber County, Kansas, lying North of the railroad and highway rights of way; and

2. All that portion of the West Half (W1/2) of Section 10, Township 34 South, Range 10 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Barber County, Kansas, lying South of the railroad and highway rights of way, and also excepting a tract described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said West Half (W1/2) of Section 10, thence North a distance of 592.68 feet, thence East a distance of 546.48 feet, thence South a distance of 592.68 feet, thence West a distance of 592.68 feet, thence West a distance of 546.48 feet to the place of beginning.

B. Harper County Tracts (all together referred to as the “Harper Co. Tracts”):

1. The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-seven (27), in Township Thirty-three (33), in Range Nine (9) in Harper County, Kansas.

2. The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twenty-sev-

en (27) in Township Thirty-three (33) in Range Nine (9) in Harper County, LESS a tract of Twenty-five acres (25A) in a square in the Northwest corner of Section Twenty-seven (27) in Township Thirty-three South (33S) in Range Nine (9) West of the Sixth (6) P.M., in Harper County, Kansas.

3. The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twenty-seven (27) in Township Thirty-three (33) in Range Nine (9) in Harper County, Kansas.

with the Harper Co. Tracts and the Barber Co. Tracts collectively being referred to as the (“Real Estate”).

You are further notified that on December 12, 2025, ACB assigned the Judgment and all rights and title ACB maintained in and to the Judgment to Famous Capital Shoes, LLC, who filed the appropriate notice of such assignment under Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-2405 in this Case on December 24, 2025.

The amount owed on the mortgages foreclosed on the date of said assignment (December 12, 2025) was \$1,311,123.24, plus additional interest that continues to accrue at the rate of \$570.94 daily, which is the interest rate provided in the Judgment from and after the date of said assignment, for reimbursement of costs and expenses, and attorney fees incurred by ACB and now Famous Shoes Capital, LLC to exercise this remedy under law.

You are hereby notified that pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Barber County, Kansas, a Sheriff’s Sale of the above-described property will take place at 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026, on the steps of the Barber County Courthouse, 118 E. Washington Ave, Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104.

The sale of the above described real property located in both Harper County, Kansas and Barber County, Kansas will be subject to a redemption period in the amount of three (3) months as provided by law, unless otherwise terminated by Court order under the requirements of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-2414(a).

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
Ruth E. Wharton, deceased
Harold Dean Wharton, deceased

Case No. HP-2026-PR-000003

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 Stephen A. Beal, requesting:

Descent be determined in all personal property and Kansas real estate owned by decedents at the time of death. And that all personal property and Kansas real estate owned by the decedents at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before

February 25, 2026, 9:30 a.m. in the District Court in the city of Anthony, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Stephen A. Beal, Petitioner

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NEWS BRIEFS

KANCARE ENROLLMENT EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY

A KanCare Enrollment Event will take place at the Harper County Health Department at 123 N. Jennings Ave. in Anthony. The event will take place every second Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A Healthy Kansas Kids community outreach representative will be available to answer questions and assist families with filling out the Children KanCare application. No appointments are necessary but people are asked to bring social security cards and proof of income for the past 30 days.

JODY IAMS TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

The 2006 Sequoyah High School undefeated Oklahoma State Championship football team coached by Jody Iams will be inducted into the Sequoyah Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Feb. 7. Iams has served as an assistant football coach for Chaparral High School.

HARPER SENIOR MEALS

Feb. 9: Turkey sandwich, potato soup, grape salad, milk

Feb. 10: Meatloaf, corn casserole, spinach salad, blonde bar, milk

Feb. 11: Chicken noodles, green beans, lettuce salad, biscuit, milk

Feb. 12: Pork roast, peas, apricots, bread, pudding, milk

Feb. 13: Hamburger with toppings, baked beans, fruit salad, milk

Please order/cancel by 1 p.m. the day prior. Call (620) 896-2063 for reservations.

HARPER COUNTY JAIL

Jan. 27: Jeffrey Floyd Morrow, 44, failure to appear, court ordered release.

Jan. 30: Amos Christian Essary, 42, served 72 hours.

Jan. 30: Nathan Kelly Hurley, 58, driving with suspended license, released Feb. 1, \$1,000 bond.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARPER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Harper County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 16th day of February, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., an annual meeting of the Harper County Conservation District will be held at the City of Anthony Municipal Hall, 130 E Main Street, Anthony, KS 67003.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:
The supervisors of the Harper County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:
They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisor’s term to serve for a term of three years from the date of said meeting.

The terms of Bruce Miller and Justin McCartney are expiring.

All in the county of Harper in the State of Kansas.

By
Curt Miller
Chairperson
Harper County Conservation District

Attest
Robin Struble
District Manager

NEWS

COMMENTS, CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS? Contact Stephanie Jump at (620) 532-3151 or email sjump@kcnonline.com

HARPER COUNTY DEEDS

D109-160 - Deed Trustes: Patricia R. Coady Living Trust fbo Michael Francis Coady to Caleb Coady, Grantee, Sec: 33 Twp: 32 Range: 5 - Part of the SW Quarter, All less a Tr. beg. 1845.54' N. of SW cor. SW/4 Sec. 33, Sec: 32 Twp: 32 Range: 5 - Part of the SE Quarter, All less a Tr. beg. 1845.54' N. of SE Cor. SE/4 & less a Tr. beg. 1705.54' N. of SE Cor. SE/4 Sec. 3.

D109-161 - Timothy J. Rinke, Terri Linda Rinke to Sheryl Barnes, Grantee, Harper - Block: 51 Lots/Units: 5 - 6, Lot 5 & 6 less N. 50' & S. 31' in blk 51.

D109-162 - Deed Warranty: River City LLC to Nathan Allan Vap, Grantee, Sec: 16 Twp: 32 Range: 5 - Part of the NW Quarter, A Tr. beg. 768' N. & 203.1' E. of SW cor. NW/4, Sec: 16 Twp: 32 Range: 5 - Part of the NW Quarter, A Tr. beg. 768' N. of SW cor. NW/4 Sec. 16.

D109-163 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to DHS Trust, Cheryl Ann Dumire, Trustee, Anthony Original - Block: 82 Lots/Units: 4 - 5, S/2 Lot 4 & N/2 Lot 5 Blk 82, Anthony Original - Block: 3 Lots/Units: 2 - 3.

D109-164 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Schmidt Family Land and Cattle, LLC, Grantee, Midlothian Addition Freeport - Block: 5 Lots/Units: 4.

D109-165 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Jared E. McCaslin, Grantee, Danville - Block: 5 Lots/Units: - A Tr. Beg. NE Cor. Blk 5.

D109-166 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Leslie Meagan Struble, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 25 Lots/Units: 7 - 10.

D109-167 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Glenda L. Nelson, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 43 Lots/Units: 11 - 12.

D109-168 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Michael Paul Lanie, Grantee, Vicker's Addition Anthony - Block: 5 Lots/Units: - N 150' Blk 5, Vicker's Addition Anthony - Block: 4 Lots/Units: 1 - 3.

D109-169 - Sherrifs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Karen Sue Lambert, Grantee, Harper - Block: 43 Lots/

Units: 8 - E 12' Lot 8 Blk 43, Harper - Block: 43 Lots/Units: 9 - Anthony Original - Block: 75 Lots/Units: 12.

D109-170 - Sheriffs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Byron Glen Ridlen, Grantee, Anthony Original - Block: 78 Lots/Units: 4.

D109-171 - Sheriffs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Shela Sue Sanders, Grantee, East Addition Waldron - Block: 7 Lots/Units: - East Addition Waldron - Block: 3 Lots/Units: - Waldron - Block: 37 Lots/Units: 23 - 2, Waldron - Block: 37 Lots/Units: 22 - East Addition Waldron - Block: 4 Lots/Units: - [more details available].

D109-172 - Sheriffs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Alivia Ann Vargas Martinez, Grantee, Fractional Addition Anthony - Block: 8 Lots/Units: 3 - E 60' S/2 Lot 3 Blk 8 & W 80' S 2 Lot 3 Blk 8, Fractional Addition Anthony - Block: 8 Lots/Units: 6 - E 60' Lot 6 Blk 8 & W 80' Lot 6 Blk 8, East Highland Addition Anthony - Block: 3 Lots/Units: - Beg. 82.5' N SW Cor. Blk 3, Cade's Addition Anthony - Block: 2 Lots/Units: 10 - Cade's Addition Anthony - Block: 2 Lots/Units: 12.

D109-173 - Sheriffs Deed: Sheriff of Harper County to Jonathan Allen Yipe, Grantee, Harper - Block: 16 Lots/Units: 6 - Harper - Block: 15 Lots/Units: 12 - E/2 Lot 11 Blk 15 Harper - Block: 15 Lots/Units: 11.

D109-174 - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Kelly Ann Deen, Branson James Dean to Karen Studebaker, Edward Bennett, Grantee, West Highland Addition Anthony - Block: 3 Lots/Units: - Beg. 250' N. SW Cor. Blk 3.

D109-175 - Deed Transfer on Death: Bruce I. Bell, Sandra Lee Bell to Vance Herbert Bell, Grantee, Emily Bell, Sophia Bell, Three, Sec: 17 Twp: 31 Range: 6 - All of the SE Quarter, Sec: 20 Twp: 31 Range: 6 - All of the NW Quarter, Sec: 17 Twp: 31 Range: 6 - All of the SW Quarter, Sec: 17 Twp: 31 Range: 6 - All of the NW Quarter.

D109-176 - Deed Transfer on Death: Elizabeth Ann Witters to Craig L. Witters, Michelle D. Barnett, Jacob L. Witters, Grantee, Joseph

Jaxon Barnett, Brody Lee Barnett, Brady Zane Barnett, James Lee Witters, Three, Sec: 24 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - Pt of NE, Pt of NW Qtr/

Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter, A Tr. Beg. 1130' W. & 150' N. of SE Cor. N/2 SW/4 Sec. 24, Sec: 24 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - Pt of NE, Pt of NW Qtr/ Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter, A Tr. Beg. 960' W. of SE Cor. of N/2SW/4 Sec. 24.

D109-177 - Deed Warranty: Patricia M. Mortenson to McCord Property Management, LLC, Grantee, College Addition Harper - Block: 1 Lots/Units: 3 - College Addition Harper - Block: 1 Lots/Units: 6.

D109-178 - Deed Warranty: Allmetal Recycling, LLC to AM Acquisition, LLC, Grantee, Lamunyon's Addition Harper - Block: 5 Lots/Units: 4 - 6, Lamunyon's Addition Harper - Block: 4 Lots/Units: - Lamunyon's Addition Harper - Block: 6 Lots/Units: - Lamunyon's Addition Harper - Block: 7 Lots/Units: - Lamunyon's Addition Harper - Block: 8 Lots/Units: 4 - [more details available].

D109-179 - Deed Trustes: James R. Hoath Living Trust, James Iren Hoath, Trustee, Gregory Leon Hoath, Trustee, Bryan Douglas Hoath, Trustee to Sand, Land & Water, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 34 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - Part of the SE Quarter, W. 110 Acres SE1/4 Sec. 34, Sec: 34 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter, E. 50 Acres SW1/4 Sec. 34.

D109-180 - Deed Trustes: Gordon E. Hoath, Trustee, Thomas C. Hoath, to Sandm Land and Water, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 34 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - Part of the SE Quarter, W. 110 Acres SE1/4 Sec. 34, Sec: 34 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter, E. 50 Acres SW1/4 Sec. 34.

D109-181 - Deed Warranty: Bobbie D. Wootonn, Jason W. Wootonn to 1551, LLC, Grantee, Sunrise 2nd Addition - Block: 2 Lots/Units: 1, Sunrise 2nd Addition - Block: 2 Lots/Units: 4 - 5.

D109-182 - Deed Warranty: Daniel K. Graham, Whitney Suzanne Graham to Flower Moon, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 9 Twp: 34 Range: 6 - Pt of NE Qtr/Qtr(s) of

the NE Quarter, A Tr. Beg. 1316.05' S. of NE Cor. NE/4 Sec. 9.

D109-183 - Deed Warranty: William W. Grant, Julie Renee Grant to Flower Moon, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 24 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - Pt of NW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter A Tr. Beg. NW Cor. NW1/4 Sec.24.

D109-184 - Deed Warranty: William W. Grant, Julie Renee Grant to Flower Moon, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 24 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - Pt of NW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter, A Tr. Beg. 450' S, & 95' E of NW Cor. NW/4 Sec. 24.

D109-185 - Deed: Dark Properties, LLC to Solutions Co-mar Coop, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 34 Lots/Units: -Attica Original - Block: 33 Lots/Units: 1 - 2 Attica Original - Block: 33 Lots/Units: 3 - W/2 Lot 3 Blk 33 Attica Original - Block: 33 Lots/Units: 3 - E/2 Lot 3, Blk 33 Attica Original - Block: 33 Lots/Units: 4 - 5.

D109-186 - Deed Warranty: Albert E. Droughard III to Alejandra Betran, Grantee, Attica Original - Block: 33 Lots/Units: 4 - 5, NE. Cor. Lot 5, E. 42' Lot 5.

D109-187 - Deed Warranty: Mike W. Coggins, Shana K. Coggins to Daniel Beaty, Grantee, Sec: 20 Twp: 33 Range: 9 - Pt of NE, Pt of NW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter, E/2NW/4 Lying N.&W. RR. R/W & NE/4 Lying N.&W. RR. R/W.

D109-188 - Jana S. Ricke, Trust to Ricke Holdings, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 9 Twp: 34 Range: 9 - All of the NW Quarter, Sec: 9 Twp: 34 Range: 9 - All of the SW Quarter.

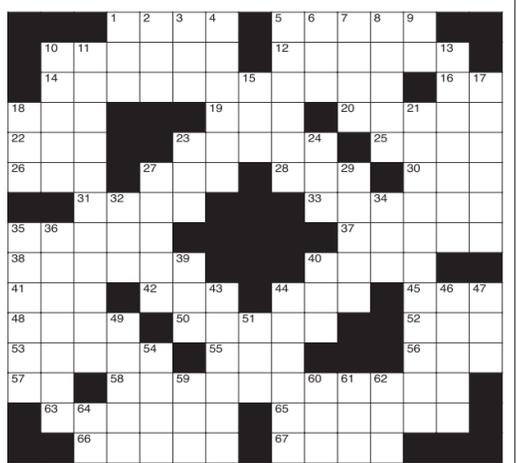
D109-189 - Quit Claim Deed: Kevin McCurley, Melinda McCurley to Kevin McCurley and Melinda McCurley Revocable Trust, Grantee, Sec: 26 Twp: 32 Range: 5 - Pt of NE Qtr/ Qtr(s) of the NE Quarter, A Tr. beg. 1141.4' W. of NE Cor. NE/4 Sec. 26.

D109-190 - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Charles R. Wescoat, Bonnie J. Wescoat to Patrick E. Hall, Jewell Hall, Grantee, Sec: 24 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - Pt of SW Qtr/ Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter, Beg. 810' W. 295' N. SE. Cor. N/2SW/4 Sec. 24.

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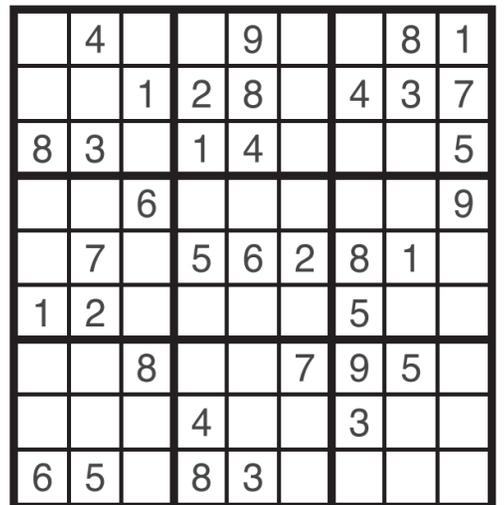


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- Tool to remove
- Rods
- One who renews
- They precede C
- Chatter incessantly
- King Cole, musician
- Insect parts
- One from Utah
- The world of the dead
- Singer Redding
- NBA legend Nelson
- Indicates wrongly
- Unhappy
- Anger
- Dark brown
- Some are in kitchens
- Made a mistake
- Damp
- Type of fuel
- Actor Damon
- What thespians do
- One's mother
- Disallow
- Swiss river
- A banana has one
- Philippines lake and volcano are two
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Agave
- Journalist Tarbell
- One-time tech giant
- Indicates upon
- Intestinal bacteria
- Loose sheaths around the spinal cord
- It goes with nook
- A fashion
- Very eager to hear or see

CLUES DOWN

- Witch
- Utilize
- Writing utensil
- Where rockers go to work
- Subsides
- Consume
- Greek mythological figures
- California mountain town
- Tin
- Muse of lyric and love poetry
- Animates anew
- Humorous criticisms
- Cool!
- Worst
- Wet dirt
- Designed to be useful
- Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- High schoolers' test
- Computer device
- Indian territory ___ and Diu
- A place to sleep
- AI tool
- Pass or go by
- Indicates a purchase
- A digital tape recording of sound
- More (Spanish)
- Disfigured
- White (Spanish)
- Church building
- Georgia rockers
- Type of surgery
- Much ___ about nothing
- Make by braiding
- Local area network
- Unit of work or energy
- Member of indigenous people of Thailand
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- Distance to top



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LEGAL NOTICE

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HINKLE LAW FIRM, LLC
 1617 N. Waterfront Parkway, Suite 400
 Wichita, Kansas 67206-6639
 (316) 267-2000 / (316) 264-1518, facsimile

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

BANCCENTRAL, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,

v.
 KYLE D. HUGHBANKS,
 Defendant.

Case No. HP-2024-MV-000012
 Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 24, 2024, a Journal Entry of Judgment was entered into in favor of BancCentral, N.A. ("BCNA") awarding a judgment against Kyle D. Hughbanks in the amount of \$109,386.58 in Woods County, Oklahoma ("Judgment").

You are further notified that BCNA registered the Judgment in Harper County District Court on September 11, 2024 initiating the above-captioned action.

You are further notified that on January 16, 2026, Dream First Bank ("DFB"), successor in interest to BCNA, assigned the Judgment and all rights and title DFB maintained in and to the Judgment to Famous Capital Shoes, LLC, who filed the appropriate notice of such assignment under Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-2405 in this Case on January 26, 2026.

The amount owed on the Judgment on the date entered

was \$109,386.58, plus additional interest that had accrued on the Judgment from June 3, 2024 and continues to accrue daily, which is the interest rate provided in the Judgment, for reimbursement of costs and expenses, and attorney fees incurred by BCNA, DFB, and now Famous Shoes Capital, LLC until the Judgment is satisfied.

You are hereby notified that the Court issued a Writ of Special Execution on January 26, 2026 in the above-captioned case directing that the following real property, to wit:

A Tract of Twenty-five acres (25 A) in a square in the Northwest corner of Section Twenty-seven (27) in Township Thirty-three South (33 S) in Range Nine West (9 W) of the 6th P.M. in Harper County, Kansas

be sold at a sheriff's sale to apply to the amount owed on Judgment and that such sheriff's sale will take place at 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026, on the steps of the Barber County Courthouse, 118 E. Washington Ave, Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104 pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-2410(b).

The sale of the above described real property located in both Harper County, will be subject to a redemption period in the amount of three (3) months as provided by law, unless otherwise terminated by Court order under the requirements of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-2414(a).

Richard Garza
 Sheriff, Barber County, Kansas
 Nicholas R. Grillot, #22054
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 1617 N. Waterfront Pkwy, Suite 400
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 Famous Shoes Capital, LLC

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Roadrunners Fall Short Against Indians

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Chaparral boy's basketball team didn't have its best outing against Medicine Lodge Tuesday night, as the Indians hit six three-pointers in the first half, then never lost the lead in the second half.

The Roadrunners made a late run but couldn't never close the gap enough and lost 54-49 in Central Plains League action at Chaparral High School.

Chaparral head coach Corbin Hostetler said it was one of those games in which Medicine Lodge came to play and it showed.

"They played hard, very intense defense, and we were not able to, I would say, get the ball inside like we wanted to, and then when we got the double team, be able to kick out a double team and hit guys open," Hostetler said. "They played physical enough and we didn't respond well enough to their intensity."

Though it was just a one-point game at halftime, with the Indians up 23-22, Medicine Lodge was able to extend its lead to six toward the end of the third quarter. Medicine Lodge then took

an eight-point lead, 46-38, with six minutes left. The Indians then ran a delay on offense but, once they got open looks, they couldn't finish. That allowed Chaparral to cut the lead to 46-43 with 3:20 left.

The Indians' Cole Fischer got a jumper in the paint with 2:12 left to make the score 48-43, then Chaparral cut the lead to two after Daxton Hostetler hit a three-pointer with 1:52 left.

But in the final minutes, it was senior Jack Schreiner who got it done for Medicine Lodge. He made four free throws and a layup, countering a three-pointer by Chaparral's Ty Hadsall to ensure the win for the Indians.

Coach Hostetler said he had a couple of players who were sick but didn't use that as an excuse.

"It wasn't a great week of practice," Hostetler said. "So yeah, the challenge was with the guys tonight, we should be motivated to have two great days of practice, get ready for Cheney now."

The CHS head coach added that the Roadrunners need to remember that every team will bring its best against them, particularly as the Roadrunners are a ranked team in Class 3A.

Chaparral was ranked fourth in 3A in this week's Kansas Basketball Coaches Association poll.

"I mean, playing well like what we've done, being ranked, all of that, you know, we knew that we got their best game and they brought it and we just, we didn't have the counter to it tonight," Hostetler said.

Walker led the Roadrunners (12-2) with 16 points, Daxton Hostetler had 12, Daniel Schmidt had 7, Carter Hostetler and Hadsall each had 5, Brody Latta had 3 and Braxtin Francis had 1.

Coach Hostetler said he hopes the loss motivates his players to keep up the intensity in practice.

"There's no messing around, what they call no jacking around in practice. And we've got to get better," he said. "I think they accepted the challenge and look forward to executing it this week."

Chaparral will play at Cheney this Friday. The Roadrunners then host Conway Springs this Tuesday.

The Roadrunners are currently ranked third in their Class 3A Sub State field, with Wichita Collegiate ranked first and Hesston second.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



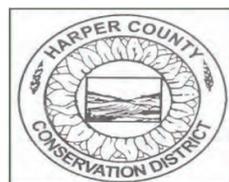
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HARPER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 81ST ANNUAL MEETING

When: Monday, February 16, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Anthony Municipal Hall
130 E Main St., Anthony, Kansas



Board Elections:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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RESOLUTION NO. 945-26

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER,

KANSAS, AT WHICH THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Harper, Kansas, did on the 26th day of January, 2026, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, is unsafe and dangerous.

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

That a hearing will be held on the 9th day of March, 2026, before the governing body of the city at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 201 W. Main, Harper, Kansas 67058 at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at:

Lot 01, 02 and 03 in Block 11 of the original addition to the city of Harper, Harper County, Kansas

704 Oak St.
Harper, KS 67058

may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned as an unsafe or dangerous structure and ordered repaired or demolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law. Adopted this 26th day of January, 2026.

Eric Latta, Mayor
(SEAL)
ATTEST:

Tiffany M. Cooperrider, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF HARPER

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(Published in the Harper Advocate, on January 28, 2026 and on February 4, 2026), and on the website of the county election office of any county where the election is to be conducted not less than 21 days prior to the election and shall remain on the website until the day after the election)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS

The Governing Body of the City of Harper, Kansas, has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to impose a special purpose sales tax. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City that a special question election has been called and will be held on March 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Harper, Kansas, be authorized to impose a one percent (1.0%) City-wide retailers' sales tax, the revenue from which will be used to pay costs to construct and equip a recreation center facility and make other recreation improvements, and to pay recreation center facility operation and maintenance costs, including debt service on bonds issued for improvements, with collection of such sales tax to commence July 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as is legally permitted, and to terminate after 10 years; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended?

To vote in favor of the question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

YES
 NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on March 3, 2026, the election day. The voting places in the City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In

City of Harper

Will Vote At

Harper Senior Center
821 Central St
Harper, KS 67058

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the Harper County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following additional information is provided by the City with respect to the aforementioned sales tax proposition. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the City and is based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate due to changing conditions,

Projected Annual Sales and Use Tax Revenues of 1.0% City-Wide Retailers' Sales Tax

\$377,861

(based on Kansas Department of Revenue data and historical collection in City)

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk/Election Officer of Harper County, Kansas, whose address is Harper County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 201 N. Jennings, Anthony, Kansas 67003.

DATED January 22, 2026.

(Seal)



Ami DeLacerda
County Clerk & Election Officer
Harper County, Kansas



CITY OF HARPER SPECIAL ELECTION MARCH 3, 2026:

REGISTRATION for the March 3rd Election will close at 5pm on Tuesday, February 10th; this is also the last date for this election that you can change your name or address.

ADVANCE BALLOTS will be mailed beginning Wednesday, February 12th. The deadline to request an Advance Ballot is Tuesday, February 24th. These Ballots can be returned in person to the Election Office any time until 7pm Election Day; if they are mailed, they must be received on or before Election Day to be counted.

EARLY VOTING will be available in our office, during regular business hours, beginning **Wednesday, February 11th, until noon Monday, March 2nd.**

Machine Testing will be held in the office at 2pm, Friday, February 13th.

Ami DeLacerda
Harper County Clerk & Election Officer
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