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## USD 361 Board Found In Violation of Open Meetings Act

### STAFF REPORT

A Harper County resident filed a Kansas Open Meeting Act complaint against USD 361 with the Kansas Attorney General's office, which responded to say that there had been violations for not consistently following steps when going into executive session.

The Attorney General's

office did not pursue formal penalties but told the board to take corrective action, to include improving procedures, completing training and providing meeting records for review moving forward, according to Jessica Reber in a Facebook post she shared.

Reber had filed the complaint against USD 361 after

noticing "repeated concerns with how BOE executive sessions were being handled during discussions about the superintendent and right-sizing decisions," she wrote in her Facebook post.

The "right-sizing" initiative has been undertaken by USD 361 Superintendent Chris Whetzel to address staffing amid budgetary

issues the district is facing.

Reber shared a letter she received from Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach — with some information redacted — on her Facebook post. The portion of the letter she shared revealed there had been a KOMA violation.

"In simple terms, this law exists to make sure public

business is handled openly," Reber wrote. "When a board goes into a private session, they are required to clearly explain what they are discussing, why it can be discussed privately, and when and where the public meeting will resume."

She further wrote, "According to the Attorney General, those steps were

not consistently followed. In several cases, key details were missing or unclear, and in some instances the legal reasons given did not match the discussion. The review also noted this was a repeated issue, not just a one-time mistake."

Whetzel shared a state-

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## Harper Man Arrested on Human Trafficking Charges in Butler Co.

### STAFF REPORT

A Harper man was one of four individuals arrested Monday afternoon following an investigation by the Butler County Sheriff's Department and Rose Hill Police Department of an alleged human trafficking operation.

Derek Vandolah, 44, was charged with attempted aggravated human trafficking, electronic solicitation of a child, commercial sexual exploitation of a child, indecent solicitation of a child, attempted indecent liberties with a child, possession of narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The other three arrested on multiple charges related to human trafficking were Dalton Raymond Spexarth, 23, of Colwich, Darcy Mundekeye, 20, of Valley Center and Osvaldo Guadalupe, 27, of Alton, Texas.

According to the KWCH story, the Butler County Sheriff's Office said that the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations assisted in the multi-agency operation.



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### CHS: Waldschmidt Honored

Chaparral High School Class of 2026 graduate Ethan Waldschmidt was recognized as a 2026 Kansas Governor's Scholars award winner during a program held Sunday in Topeka. Waldschmidt was one of 527 Kansas high school students recognized. The ceremony honors the top academic 1 percent of Kansas high school seniors who attended accredited public and private schools.



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Chaparral head boy's tennis coach Shawn Nulik, right, talks to Roadrunner tennis players Jack Walker, left, and Jesus Reyes in between sets of Walker and Reyes' first-round doubles match during the Class 3A Regional tournament Friday at Conway Springs. Walker and Reyes took second to advance to State. Ty Latta and Luke Misak took fourth in doubles and John Budd took fifth in singles to advance to State as well. The Roadrunners placed second as a team at Regionals.

## Five CHS Boy's Tennis Players Advance to State

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

The Chaparral boy's tennis team will send five players to the Class 3A State tennis tournament this Friday and Saturday at the Prairie Village-Harmon Park Tennis Complex in Kansas City.

Those who advanced to State after their performances at the Regional tennis tournament last Friday at Conway Springs are Jack Walker and Jesus Reyes, who took second in doubles; Ty Latta and Luke Misak, who took fourth in doubles, and John Budd, who took fifth in singles.

"I'm so proud of our players and the progress they have made over the season," said head coach Shawn Nulik. "They showed a great deal of adversity at the Regional tournament

and accomplished the goals we had set at the start of the season. The last time we had multiple state qualifiers was in 2017 and the last time we were Regional runner-ups was in 2015."

Chaparral scored 14 team points, behind first-place Conway Springs with 20 and ahead of third-place Meade with nine points.

In doubles, Walker and Reyes opened with a win over Cimarron's Mason Foster and Ezekiel Casas, 6-3, 6-4. They then beat Circeen Conley and Tate Jones of Meade 6-3, 6-4.

Walker and Reyes then faced teammates Latta and Misak and won 1-6, 6-1, 6-4. In the championship match, they lost to Conway Springs' Joseph Beck and Eli Bengé 6-1, 6-0.

Nulik said that Walker and Reyes had a rough start, battling nerves

against Cimarron, but showed confidence against a Meade duo they had beaten twice during the season.

"In the semifinals, they were finally able to relax as they had already advanced and were now playing against their teammates," Nulik said. "They had a solid day once they were able to relax and play their way."

Latta and Misak opened with a win over Cimarron's Ben Koehn and Eric Hennings 6-1, 6-3. They then faced second-seeded Kaleb Zoglmann and Hudson Stevens of Conway Springs and won 6-4, 5-7, 10-6.

After facing teammates Reyes and Walker, Latta and Misak played Larned's Tristan Thompson and Troy Hemken and lost 5-7, 7-5, 6-1.

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## Roadrunner Baseball Sweeps Doubleheader, Set for Regional Play

### STAFF REPORT

The Chaparral baseball team swept a doubleheader at Belle Plaine, 16-1 and 15-0, and secured a home game for the first round of Class 3A Regional play.

The Roadrunners (15-7) were set to host Conway Springs (11-11) Wednesday at 5 p.m. to open Regionals. That game was played after *The Harper Advocate* went to press.

In Thursday's doubleheader, Kale Greve threw a no-hitter in the first game.

He gave up one unearned run with one walk and eight strikeouts. The run came on an error in the fourth inning. Chaparral had four errors in the first game.

The Roadrunners took care of business at the plate, tallying 11 hits. They scored just two runs in the first two innings and were held scoreless in the third, but the Roadrunners broke it open in the fourth inning with 13 runs.

Jay Cushenberry was 3-for-3 with with two runs

batted in, Trace Hadsall was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs, Carter Hostetler was 2-for-2 with one RBI, Michael Kirkpatrick was 1-for-2 with two RBIs and Daxton Hostetler and Ty Hadsall each had a double.

In the second game, pitchers Ty Hadsall and Carter Hostetler combined for a one-hit shutout. Hadsall gave up one hit in the third inning with two walks and six strikeouts, while Hostetler pitched a no-hit fifth inning with two

strikeouts.

The Roadrunners had better fielding with no errors in the second game. At the plate, Chaparral had 15 hits. Cushenberry was 3-for-3 with one RBI, Greve was 2-for-3 with a double, Austin Hazel was 2-for-3, Ty Hadsall was 2-for-4 with three RBIs, Daxton Hostetler was 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Carter Hostetler was 2-for-4 with one RBI and Logan Asper was 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

Should the Roadrunners

win on Wednesday, they would advance to further Regional action at a site to be determined, depending on the outcome of the first-round games. The highest-seeded team remaining will host the Regional semifinals and championship.

Also in Chaparral's Regional, No. 2 seed Burlington hosted No. 15 seed Fredonia, No. 7 seed Kingman hosted No. 10 seed Haven and No. 3 seed Southeast of Saline hosted No. 14 seed Hillsboro.

### Chaparral Softball Sweeps Belle Plaine

The Chaparral softball team swept both games of a doubleheader at Belle Plaine Thursday, 13-2 and 15-1.

In Thursday's doubleheader, the Lady Roadrunners tallied 15 hits and committed no errors, while the Lady Dragons had four hits and one error.

Chaparral took a 3-0 lead after two innings, then broke the game open with six runs

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## KOMA

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ment with *The Harper Advocate*, signed by him and USD 361 Board of Education President Jan Misak, in response to the notice from the Kansas Attorney General's office.

"The Board of Education takes compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act seriously and appreciates the guidance provided by the

Attorney General's Office," the statement read.

"The matter identified was procedural in nature and related to the wording and documentation of executive session motions," Whetzel and Misak wrote in the statement. "The Attorney General's Office also noted the issue did not impair the public's right to know, and the matter was resolved informally."

The statement concluded,

"The Board has already implemented additional procedures and standardized protocols to ensure full compliance moving forward and remains committed to transparency and lawful governance."

In her Facebook post, Reber noted that the recent "right-sizing" decision have impacted families, students and staff "in real ways" and people had concerns about that.

"This is not about blame or creating division," Reber wrote. "It is about recognizing that transparency matters, especially during difficult seasons. When processes are not followed, it becomes harder for people to trust what is happening and to stay informed. Following open meetings laws helps ensure decisions are made in a way the community can see, understand, and be part of."

## KDOT Approves Bid for Signs on Area Highways

### STAFF REPORT

The Kansas Department of Transportation announced an approved bid for new signs along multiple highways in Kingman, Harper and Barber counties.

The approved bid for \$496,854.46 was from KOMO Construction LLC/DDA A&H Company out of Minnesota. The signs will be installed on U.S. Highway 160 and Kansas Highways 2, 14, 42, 44 and 179.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

The Public Transportation Service assists all Harper County residents of any age to stay independent with accessible transportation to work medical appointments shopping errands Patterson Health Center and locations less than 70 miles. Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Equal access is provided to the public. Out of county rides need to be scheduled 24 hours in advance and the bus returns for Harper County by 3 p.m. at the latest. Call (620) 842-5104 for ride reservations and rates. First come first served. Advance reservations are recommended.

### TUESDAYS TOGETHER TO BE HELD ON MAY 19

Tuesdays Together will be on May 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Patterson Health Center. "Safety with Your Technology" is the topic. On May 21, from noon to 4 p.m. is the AARP Smart Driver Course. To sign up call (620) 842-5104.

## Hostetler Places in Top 10 at CPL Boy's Golf Tourney

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

Chaparral's Carter Hostetler earned a medal after placing in the top 10 at the Central Plains League boy's golf tournament at Cheney Monday.

Hostetler shot 84 and placed eighth overall. This is his first year of playing golf for the CHS team.

"He steadily keeps getting a little better each meet and learns how to manage the game a little bit better," said head coach Steve Roberts.

Jack Walker just missed out on a top 10 finish, as he shot 87 and tied for 12th place.

"He's done real well," Roberts said. "Jack had one rough hole (Tuesday), otherwise he would have had a little better score, you know, and unfortunately that sometimes happens in the game of golf."

Christian Planansky shot 104 and placed 36th.

"Christian's improved

immensely from last year," Roberts said "It's great to watch him gradually just keep getting better and better. He's getting closer and closer to popping off a good score."

Rustin Denton shot 116 and placed 40th.

"It's Ruston's first year and he's gradually just getting better and better each time, learning more about how he wants to adjust his swing to score a little better," Roberts said.

The Roadrunners shot 391 as a team and placed fifth. Wichita Trinity won the tournament with 313. Roberts said he knew the top teams at the tournament — which included Trinity, Cheney and Garden Plain — were going to score well. He said the Roadrunners were trying to get closer to Kingman, who took fourth with 375.

Chaparral will next attend the Class 3A Sub State tournament Monday at the Salina Municipal Golf Course.

Other teams that will attend



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Chaparral's Carter Hostetler tees off at Hole No. 4 during the Central Plains League boy's golf tournament Tuesday at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney. Hostetler shot 84 and placed eighth overall.

are Cheney, Council Grove, Ellsworth, Halstead, Haven, Hesston, Hoisington, Kingman, Lyons, Marysville, Minneapolis, Nemaha Central and Southeast of Saline.

"We're hoping we go

up and play well," Roberts said. "I like how we're doing some things and, you know, if the ball rolls in that hole some, it could be a fun day for some of them."

## TEFAP Food Distribution to be May 28

### PRESS RELEASE

Harper County's every-other month TEFAP Food Distribution will be available Thursday, May 28 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 201 N. Jennings in Anthony. Please note the time change as food will need to be picked up by 11 a.m. instead of noon.

This will be effective this month and going forward. Food is first come, first served and quantities of some foods are very limited. This program has income guidelines and participants must reside in Harper County.

The State of Kansas DCF office has changed food provider and trucking

company. DCF has warned the Aging Office this will very likely affect our July distribution date.

The July distribution date will be posted as soon as it is confirmed. Please continue to check the newspaper in July, public bulletin boards or call the Aging Office at (620) 842-5104.

## HARPER COUNTY JAIL

**May 5:** Ricky Dale Graham, 65, criminal trespass, released May 7, \$75,000 bond.

**May 5:** Richard Wayne Stark, 49, housed for Barber County, criminal damage to property, domestic battery and assault, release date N/A, \$75,000 bond.

**May 5:** Devin Quinones, 32, housed for Barber County, hold for Cherokee County, warrant arrest, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 7:** Donna Marie Beard, 35, served 72 hours.

**May 9:** Virginia Lynn Shelden, 41, possession of mar-

ijuana, possession of controlled substance, distribution of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 9:** Dusty James Shelden, 37, possession of marijuana, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 10:** Zachary Allen Snow, 28, domestic battery, release date N/A, bond N/A.

**May 10:** Travis Nicholas Tambunga, 33, possession of stolen property, release date N/A, bond N/A.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### RESOLUTION NO. 949-26

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE ORDER TO REMOVE OR RAZE THE STRUCTURE LOCATED BEG 408.8 E NW COR GOV LT 7 E 50 S 230 W 50 N 230 TO POB LESS RD R/W SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 32 RANGE 06 IN HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS, COMMONLY KNOWN AND REFERRED TO AS 607 E. MAIN ST. HARPER, KANSAS, PREVIOUSLY ISSUED IN RESOLUTION NO. 933-25, WHILE MAINTAINING THE FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE IS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A HEARING REGARDING THE CONDEMNED STATUS OF THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Harper, Kansas, previously adopted Resolution No. 933-25 on September 22, 2025, finding that the structure located at:

Beg 408.8 E NW Cor Gov Lt 7 E 50 S 230 W 50 N 230 To POB Less Rd R/W Section 06 Township 32 Range 06 In Harper County, Kansas

and commonly known and referred to as 607 E. Main St., Harper, Kansas, was unsafe and dangerous pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 933-25 further directed that the structure be removed and the premises made safe and secure; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body now finds it appropriate and in the best interest of the City to rescind the prior order requiring the structure to be razed or removed; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body nevertheless continues to find that the structure remains unsafe and dangerous and unsuitable for occupancy unless and until brought into compliance with all applicable codes and regulations of the City of Harper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS, THAT:

1. The governing body hereby rescinds the portion of Resolution No. 933-25 directing that the structure located at 607 E. main St. Harper, Kansas, be removed or razed.

2. The governing body expressly reaffirms and maintains its findings that the structure located at 607 E. Main St., Harper, Kansas, is unsafe and dangerous.

3. The structure shall remain condemned and shall not be occupied until such time as the owner has obtained all required permits, completed all repairs necessary to bring the structure into compliance with applicable building, housing, fire, zoning and related codes, and the structure has been approved for occupancy by the building official of the City.

4. A hearing before the governing body regarding the status of the condemned structure and any proposed remediation or compliance plan shall be held on the 22nd day of June 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 201 W. Main St., Harper, Kansas, at which time the owner and any parties of interest may appear and be heard.

5. Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit the City from initiating future dangerous structure proceedings, code enforcement actions, or other lawful remedies should conditions warrant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2026.

Kenneth Leu, Mayor  
(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

Tiffany M. Cooperrider,  
City Clerk

## HARPER SENIOR MEALS

**May 18:** Rope sausage, steamed broccoli, cornbread, peach crisp, milk

**May 19:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, pears, roll, milk

**May 20:** Catfish and hushpuppies, lettuce salad, five cup salad, milk

**May 21:** Teriyaki chicken and rice, stir fry vegetables, green peas, sliced tomato, bread, ice cream, milk

**May 22:** Biscuit and sausage gravy, bacon, tossed salad, kidney bean salad, fruit, milk

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## HARPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

May 4 Meeting

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Chairperson McCurley called the meeting to order with Commissioners Struble and Waldschmidt. Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk and Shonda Larson, Board Assistant, were also present.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve the 4/27/2026 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$29,786.03; the motion passed unanimously.

Teri Early, Deputy County Clerk was presented with the Employee of the Quarter Recognition Award for the 1st Quarter of 2026. Ms. Early received three nominations.

Ms. Larson noted receipt of the 1st Quarter Tonnage fees from Plumb Thicket Landfill in the amount of \$469,973.37.

Commissioner McCurley advised the Board that she will be unavailable Monday, May 11th, requesting they not reschedule the meeting.

Commissioner Waldschmidt noted he met with Representative Kyle Hoffman and representatives from PVD, and discussed Recreational Ag use of land and the valuation process involved. The opinion of PVD is that County Appraisers aren't utilizing this classification as often as they could.

Janet Slankard, Public Works,

reviewed road maintenance progress maps and discussed road barriers continuing to be removed from roads under construction. The Plumb Thicket annual inspection was completed 4/21/2026. The Board expressed their continued preference to not be a member of the Kansas Association of Counties organization.

Commissioner McCurley asked Ms. Slankard to look into culverts being replaced on a stretch of Freeport Road, and ensure we are not wasting material if landowners already have adequate access to their property. If these upgrades were requested by landowners, invoices should be sent.

Commissioner Struble asked Ms. Slankard to notify Alan Francis of the County's plans to straighten out a ditch on his land.

Ginger Carlisle, Arrowhead West, met with the Board to review their services, present the 2027 Budget request (\$42,908.00, a 3% increase from 2026) and to review the 2025 Annual Report.

Jan Harding, EMS, met with the Board. At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to enter Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:10 a.m. in this room; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Harding & Ms. DeLacerda remained in the meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 9:10

a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ms. Harding updated the Board about a fuel sensor issue on Medic 73, an upcoming inspection on the new ambulance, and the new medsafe being ordered and installed in the new ambulance. She also advised EMS Week begins May 17th.

Audrey Anderson, Register of Deeds, submitted a Travel request, which was approved, and gave a brief Department update.

Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, met with the Board. Commissioner McCurley signed the title for the new Health Department vehicle, and all Commissioners signed the updated Procurement Policy approved during the 4/27/2026 meeting. Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve signing the KCAMP Facility Use Agreement for the Show and Shine Car Wash scheduled to be held on the Courthouse grounds May 16th; the motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

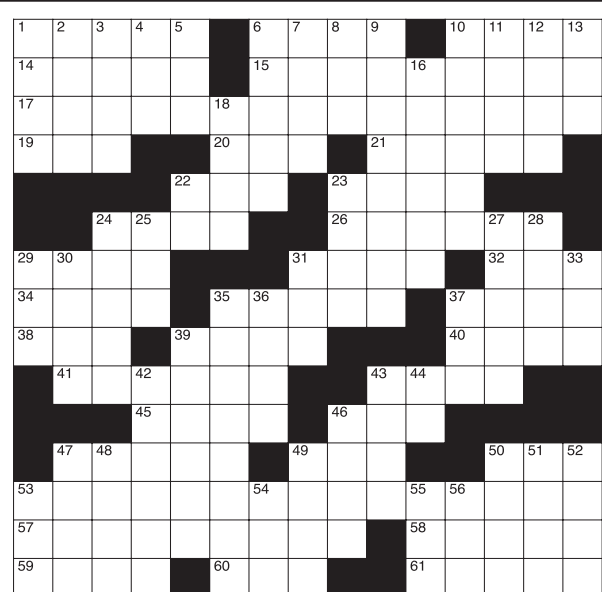
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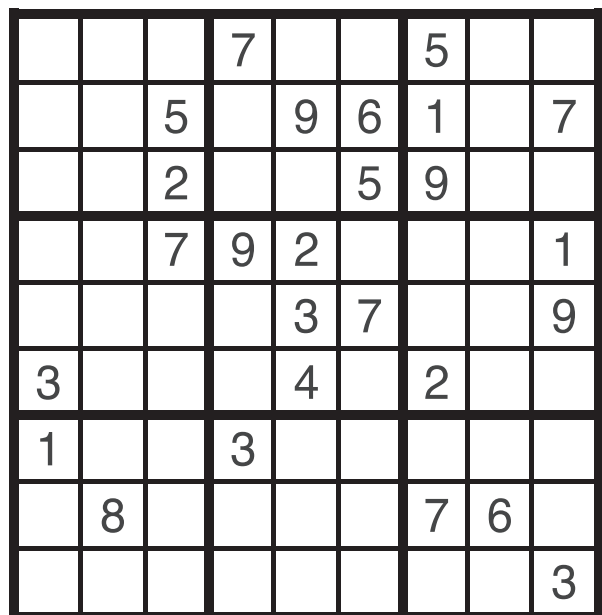


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6. Current units
10. Roman military unit
14. American lizard
15. Fates
17. The Yankees have lots of these
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20. Mimic
21. Remove from the record
22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
23. A way to fight
24. Turfs
26. Contract
29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
31. Tree species
32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
34. Perfect
35. "Partner" to groans
37. Jewish calendar month
38. Where wrestlers work
39. Egotistical
40. Potted plants
41. Containers
43. Large, flightless birds
45. Part of a book
46. American spies
47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Disfigure
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Early English council
59. Area units
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and \_\_\_

### CLUES DOWN

1. Animal jaws
2. Small water buffalo
3. An appliance has one
4. Every
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. Very skilled
7. No more than what is specified
8. Tire measurement
9. Towers
10. Forward
11. Jacob \_\_\_, American journalist
12. Vale
13. Former CIA
16. Middle Eastern nation
18. Exhausts
22. South Dakota
23. The complete duration of something
24. Kids love him
25. Singular
27. Cod genus
28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
29. Resistance unit
30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
31. Cast out
33. 60-minute periods
35. Most worn
36. European river
37. Atomic mass unit
39. Items of food
42. Body parts
43. Ireland
44. Partner to Pa
46. Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter
47. Dutch settler
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Sun or solar disk
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. A monthly expense
53. Young women's association
54. Brazilian state
55. Air freight provider
56. Pointed end of a pen



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## HARPER COUNTY DEEDS

**D109-310** - Deed Transfer on Death: Timothy L. Garancosky to Cricket B. Brizendine and Monica W. Grossman, Grantee, Bluff City Original - Block: 65 Lots/Units: 13 - 18.

**D109-311** - Deed Transfer on Death: Timothy L. Garancosky to Cricket B. Brizendine and Monica W. Grossman, Grantee, Bluff City Original - Block: 46 Lots/Units: 8 - 9.

**D109-312** - Deed Transfer on Death: Timothy L. Garancosky to Cricket B. Brizendine and Monica W. Grossman, Grantee, Harper - Block: 14 Lots/Units: 8 - E2 lot 8 blk. 14, Harper - Block: 14 Lots/Units: 9 - W. 45' lot 9 blk. 14, Harper - Block: 14 Lots/Units: 9 - E. 5 lot 9 blk. 14, Harper - Block: 14 Lots/Units: 10 - Harper - Block: 14 Lots/Units: 11 - W2 lot 11 blk 14.

**D109-313** - Deed Transfer on Death: Jim Leo Bergman, Tanatcha Khampliw Bergman to Brandon Bergman, Grantee, Sec: 23 Twp: 32 Range: 7 - All of the NW Quarter.

**D109-314** - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Robert C. Mack, Karen F. Mack to Charles Wescoat, Bonnie Wescoat, Grantee, Spring Creek Addition - Lots/Units: 23 - 24, Lots 23W and 24W

**D109-315** - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Four J, Inc. to Dennis W. Newberry, Penny J. Newberry, Grantee, Sec: 22 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - Part of the NW Quarter, A tr. beg. NW. cor. NW4 sec. 22, Sec: 22 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - SW, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter, Sec: 22 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter.

**D109-316** - Deed Warranty: City of Anthony to William B. Steward, Grantee, Sec: 31 Twp: 33 Range: 6 - Part of the NE Quarter, A tr. beg. NE. cor. NE/4 sec. 31

**D109-317** - Deed Warranty: William B. Steward to City of Anthony, Grantee, Sec: 31 Twp: 33 Range: 6 - Part of the NE Quarter, A tr. beg. 809' W. of NE cor. NE/4 sec. 31.

**D109-318** - Deed Trusts: Lawrence and Nellie Korbelt, Trust, Lori J. Loe, Trustee to Cade Holmstead, Lindsay Holmstead, Sec: 33 Twp: 34 Range: 5 - NE, SW, SE Qtr/

Qtr(s) of the NE Quarter, Sec: 33 Twp: 34 Range: 5 - SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter.

**D109-319** - Deed Warranty: Robert Weeks to Patrick Monroe, Grantee, Sec: 15 Twp: 33 Range: 5 - Part of the NE Quarter, A tr. beg. 1670.35' W. NE. cor. NE/4sec. 15.

**D109-320** - Deed Transfer on Death: Samuel P. Drouhard aka Samuel Drouhard, Susan Drouhard aka Susan K. Drouhard to Samuel P. Drouhard and Susan K. Drouhard Trust, Grantee, Sec: 18 Twp: 31 Range: 5 - Part of the SW Quarter, Sec: 18 Twp: 31 Range: 5 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter, Sec: 29 Twp: 31 Range: 5 - All of the SE Quarter, Sec: 4 Twp: 32 Range: 6 - Part of the NW Quarter.

**D109-321** - Deed Warranty: Daniel Aaron Kraus to LeFarmland, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 7 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - All of the SW Quarter, Sec: 7 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - SW, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter.

**D109-322** - Deed Warranty: Michael Andrew Kraus, Klaudia Kraus to LeFarmland, LLC, Grantee, Sec: 7 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - All of the SW Quarter, Sec: 7 Twp: 33 Range: 7 - SW, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter.

**D109-323** - Deed Warranty: Rusty's Channel Cat Bait, LLC to Santiago Diaz, Grantee, Anthony Original - Block: 34 Lots/Units: 18 - 21, including erected wall on W. side lot 18.

**D109-324** - Deed Administrators: Ethan Bergman Administration of the Estate, Ethan Bergman to Brannon Bergman, Grantee, Sec: 27 Twp: 32 Range: 7 - Part of the SE Quarter, A tr. beg. in the SW. cor. or the SE4 sec. 27, Sec: 20 Twp: 32 Range: 7 - Pt of NW, Pt of SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NE Quarter, W. 23 a. of the NE4 sec. 20 und. 1/6 int. W. 23 a. of the NE4 sec. 20 und. 1/6 int.

**D109-325** - Deed Warranty: Connie V. Vardy, Dennis Vardy to Dennis and Dennis Vardy Revocable Inter Vivos Trusts, Grantee, Sec: 2 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - Part of the NW Quarter, Lot 3 & SE/4 less 22.5 rods off, E. side

Sec, 2, und. 1/2 int. Sec: 34 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - NW, SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, und. 1/2 int., Sec: 34 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter und. 1/2 int., Sec: 34 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter, A tr. beg. SE Cor. SW/4 Sec. 34 und. 1/2 int., Sec: 3 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - All of the NE Quarter und. 1/2 int.

**D109-326** - Deed Warranty: Larry J. Wharton, Roxana G. Wharton to Larry J. and Roxana G. Wharton Revocable Trust, Grantee, Sec: 2 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - Part of the NW Quarter, Lot 3 & SE/4 less 22.5 rods off, E. side Sec, 2, und. 1/2 int. Sec: 34 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - NW, SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, und. 1/2 int, Sec: 34 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, und. 1/2 int. Sec: 34 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter, A tr. beg. SE Cor. SW/4 Sec. 34 und. 1/2 int., Sec: 3 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - All of the NE Quarter und. 1/2 int.

**D109-327** - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Dennis L. Barker, Judy Barker aka Judy J Barker to David Glen Eslinger, Azure Dee Eslinger aka Azure Dea Eslinger, Grantee, Sec: 14 Twp: 33 Range: 9 - All of the SW Quarter, S/2W/2 Sec. 14.

**D109-328** - Joint Tenancy Warranty: Joseph W. Duhon Jr., to Joseph W. Duhon Jr, Josephy W. Duhon III, Sarah Duhon, Grantee, Anthony Original - Block: 82 Lots/Units: 3 - Anthony Original - Block: 82 Lots/Units: 3.

**D109-329** - Deed Trusts: Darrin M. Eck Revocable Living Trust, Darrin M. Eck, Trustee to Elizabeth York Covington, Grantee, Sec: 16 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - NW, SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, Sec: 16 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, Sec: 18 Twp: 32 Range: 7 - Part of the SE Quarter, S. 100 acres of SE/4 less a Tr. Sec. 18.

**D109-330** - Quit Claim Deed: Tina Harbert to Shawn Harbert, Cynthia Harbert, Grantee, College Addition Harper - Block: 2 Lots/Units: 1 - Lot 1 & S. 30' vac. st. blk. 2.

**D109-331** - Deed Warranty: New Residential Mort-

gage Loan Trust 2016-2 by Onity Mortgage Corporation ska PHH Mortgage Corporation to Garth Frederick Mager, Grantee, Anthony Original - Block: 58 Lots/Units: 1 - Anthony Original - Block: 58 Lots/Units: 4.

**D109-332** - Deed Transfer on Death: Keith L. Smith, Jessie I. Smith aka Jessie Smith to Aaron Smith, Grantee, Sec: 9 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - NE, NW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SE Quarter, Sec: 10 Twp: 33 Range: 8 - NE, SE Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NE Quarter, Sec: 21 Twp: 31 Range: 8 - NW, SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter.

**D109-333** - Deed Transfer on Death: Ketih L. Smith, Jessie I. Smith to Aaron Smith, Grantee, Sec: 25 Twp: 31 Range: 9 - Part of the SW Quarter, A Tr. Beg. SW Cor. Sec. 25 See record surface only, Sec: 25 Twp: 31 Range: 9 - Part of the NE Quarter, A Tr. Beg. 1539.52' W. of NE cor. Sec. 25 See record, surface only, Sec: 4 Twp: 32 Range: 8 - NW, SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the NW Quarter, 50% min. res., Sec: 5 Twp: 32 Range: 8 - All of the NE Quarter.

**D109-334** - Deed Warranty: Shawnee Services LLC to Dustin J. Newberry and Lynda Newberry Trust, Dustin J. Newberry, Trustee, Lynda Newberry, Trustee, Grantee, Sec: 7 Twp: 32 Range: 8 - Part of the NW Quarter, Sec: 7 Twp: 32 Range: 8 - Part of the NW Quarter.

**D109-335** - Deed Warranty: Gerald Wells aka Gerald D. Wells, Gloria Wells aka Gloria K. Wells to WRKN LLC, Grantee, Madara's Addition Harper - Block: 10 Lots/Units: 5 - W2 lot 5 in blk. 10, Madara's Addition Harper - Block: 10 Lots/Units: 6.

**D109-336** - Quit Claim Deed: Jennifer M. Starks to Timothy D. Starks, Grantee, Sec: 27 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - SW Qtr/Qtr(s) of the SW Quarter, Sec: 34 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - All of the NE Quarter, Sec: 34 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - All of the NW Quarter, Sec: 34 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - All of the SE Quarter, Sec: 34 Twp: 34 Range: 8 - Part of the SW Quarter, All less a 9.70 a. tr. beg. SW. cor. SW/4 sec. 34, 9.70 a. tr. surface only.

# SPORTS

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## TENNIS

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“Ty and Luke played really well from the start to the finish,” said Nulik, adding that the Conway Springs duo had beaten them earlier in the season, but the two kept working for points.

“It was back and forth the entire match, but Ty and Luke got an early lead in the third set and didn’t look back,” Nulik said. “Every changeover, they just kept telling me ‘we’re not losing to them.’ They went in confident and it was a great win for them.”

As for the third-place

match, Nulik said that Latta and Misak started off well but Larned turned things around. Still, the head coach said, the Chaparral duo has shown a lot of progress and are confident they will do well at State.

Budd opened with a win over Fairfield’s Kaidyn Lobban 6-0, 6-1, then lost to Cimarron’s Garrison Kite 6-3, 6-3, who went on to take third. He then beat South Barber’s Tyler Archuleta 6-0, 6-2, and beat Cimarron’s Evan Tatro 6-3, 6-4.

“John went into the tournament as the (No) 5 seed, so we had high hopes

for him to advance,” Nulik said, adding that Budd took care of business against the Fairfield and South Barber players who he had faced before.

Kevin Ricker also competed in singles. He beat South Barber’s Ethan Anderson 6-0, 6-0, lost to Conway Springs’ Ian May 6-1, 6-1 and lost to Tatro 6-4, 6-2.

Nulik noted that Ricker faced a tough player from Conway who went on to take fourth. As for the match against Tatro, Nulik said Ricker played a great match but “ran out of gas.”

“Kevin improved tremen-

dously as a singles player and had a great run at the Regional tournament,” Nulik said. “His play helped our team finish as the Regional runner-up.”

As for the State tournament, the head coach is confident that the Roadrunners will be able to compete with many of the teams that will attend.

“There are many teams we have not seen, so it will be a fun experience to play some unfamiliar opponents,” Nulik said. “We’ll use this week to polish some of our weaknesses and work on being the more aggressive team.”



JESUS REYES



JACK WALKER



TY LATTA



LUKE MISAK



JOHN BUDD



KEVIN RICKER

## PLAY

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in the fifth inning. They added four more runs in the sixth, with Belle Plaine getting two in the bottom of the sixth but unable to get any more than that.

Chloe Cannon was 3-for-3 with a triple and two runs batted in, Savannah Baker was 3-for-4 with two triples and one RBI, Aliya Davis was 3-for-4 with three RBIs, Alyvia Rhodes was 2-for-4 with one RBI, Nackenzie Macias was 2-for-4 with

a double and one RBI and Jocie Easter had a two-run double.

Kaslynn Schurle pitched five innings and gave up four hits with three walks and four strikeouts. Alyvia Rhodes gave up two runs with three walks in the sixth inning, then Emily Harding took over and got three straight outs.

In the second game, the Lady Roadrunners had nine hits and four errors, but the Lady Dragons managed just one hit and committed eight errors.

Chaparral scattered its runs throughout the game with four in the first, three in the second, six in the third and two in the fourth. Belle Plaine scored its lone run in the second inning.

For Chaparral, Baker was 3-for-4 with two doubles and one RBI, Easter was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Gracie Drouhard had three RBIs. Harding had a solo home run in the fourth inning.

Harding gave up one unearned run off two hits in five innings of work with no

walks and three strikeouts.

On Monday, the Lady Roadrunners split with Conway Springs, losing the first game 12-2 and the second game 4-3. Chaparral trailed 3-0 in the second game, but rallied to score two runs in the sixth and two in the seventh to come away with the win.

Chaparral (9-15) will now prepare for the Regional tournament. The 14th-seeded Lady Roadrunners will travel to No. 3 seed Osage City (22-4) for the first round this Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

**Help Wanted**  
The City of Harper is accepting applications for a Seasonal Public Works Employee. The position will be full-time, 7am-4pm, M-F, for the months of May through August, 2026. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, and have a valid KS Driver's license. Primary responsibilities will include assisting with the parks, cemetery, water and wastewater maintenance (mowing, weed-eating, facility maintenance, etc). Pay dependent on qualifications. Applications can be found online, [www.cityofharper.com](http://www.cityofharper.com) or at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS.

**CHIEF OF POLICE – Position Opening**  
The City of Harper is seeking qualified applicants to fill the position of Chief of Police due to the upcoming retirement of the current Chief at the end of the year. Requirements: A high school diploma or GED and a technical degree or some college credit in Criminal Justice or related field is required. Applicants should have a minimum of ten years of law enforcement experience, current KLETC certification (or ability to obtain), and valid driver's license. This is a working chief position, combining leadership, administrative responsibilities and active participation in patrol and law enforcement duties. The Harper Police Department consists of the Chief with two full-time officers, three part-time officers and two reserves. The successful candidate must be able to pass a physical exam and background check after an offer of employment has been made. Residency within the city limits is required within 6 months of employment. For a full job description please visit [www.cityofharper.com](http://www.cityofharper.com)  
Salary/Benefits: Salary range for this position is \$58,500 - \$87,700 DOQ. Benefits include health, dental, vision and life insurance; KPERS retirement and 457(b) deferred compensation options with employer match; paid vacation, sick and funeral leave. Resumes should be addressed to City of Harper, Attn: City Administrator, 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 or submitted via email to [tcooperrider@cityofharper.com](mailto:tcooperrider@cityofharper.com). Please contact Tiffany Cooperrider at (620)896-2511 for any additional questions.  
Position open until filled.

## LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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