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EDITORIAL

With Expansion Comes Possibilities But Challenges

BY JASON JUMP

Publisher

Hello everyone and welcome to the wild and wacky world as I see it.

We started our newspaper journey with one newspaper in June of 2012 – the *Kingman Leader-Courier*. Our first expansion project was taking over *The Harper Advocate* in October 2020. Then came *The Attica Independent* and the *Medford Patriot-Star* – our only Oklahoma title – in June of 2022.

At that point we really weren't looking to expand any more outside of the possibility of obtaining *The Cunningham Courier*, which

I had been actively pursuing basically since we moved to Kansas.

Nothing really seemed to take shape for a couple of years, although we did visit with a number of people about various scenarios, until the previous owner of *The Courier* decided she wanted to sell in 2025. We offered to purchase the paper at that time, but she wanted to try to find someone that would purchase the paper and move to Cunningham if she could not find a local buyer.

Fast forward a few months and we were contacted by the Kansas Press Association regarding the tragedy here in Barber County. Since we had been told Cunning-

ham was not going to be an option for us we stepped in to save *The Gyp Hill Premiere* from shutting down.

We get to 2026, and that is when the insanity that is our world now started to begin. All of a sudden a number of newspapers in south central Kansas needed buyers or face closure. And for some strange reason they all picked June as the month the doors were going to slam shut.

Skipping all the boring details, here we are with eight newspapers under the M³ Publishing umbrella now.

To be honest with you, I was really nervous about taking on

additional newspapers period with the limited staff we have in place much less taking on three new ones in a matter of just a few weeks.

My Fear

I know this is going to be a lengthy column, but please continue on.

When I was in college – Oklahoma City University in the early to mid-90s – we discovered a tiny Mexican food joint called Ted's Cafe Escondido – we fondly referred to it as just Ted's. Man they had the best Tex-Mex around at that time and for many years.

It was so new when we started

going, you could walk right in at any time and get a table with no wait. As this tiny little mom-and-pop restaurant grew in popularity, the longer the wait times. On a Sunday afternoon, after church, it was not unusual to wait far more than a hour to get a table and sometimes the waitlist was pushing two hours.

Eventually, we left Oklahoma City and moved to Texas. But every trip through Oklahoma into Kansas we would stop and rekindle our love for this tiny Tex-Mex spot. And every time we stopped I would leave the tip to expand.

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Impact on Local Hospital Uncertain

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

While the Kansas Department of Health and Environment recently announced the approval of a new plan to allow rural hospitals to receive enhanced Medicaid payments, Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital CEO Ashley Taylor said hospital staff is still evaluating the financial impact on the healthcare center.

A news release from Gov. Laura Kelly and KDHE announced that the Kansas Health Care Access Improvement Program (HCAIP) preprint by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received approval.

Taylor told *The Gyp Hill Premiere* that, while Medicaid does not represent a large portion of its patients, Taylor said, "any positive payment adjustment for rural and critical access is welcome and appreciated."

"Rural hospitals are vital to the health and strength of the communities they serve," Taylor said. "Maintaining access to quality health care close to home requires adequate and sustainable funding. With rising costs, workforce challenges and continued financial pressures, every additional investment helps support our ability to keep essential services available locally."

She said she appreciated the state working alongside the Kansas Hospital Association and rural hospital leaders for looking at ways to strengthen health care across the state. Taylor said the hospital appreciates their support and advocacy for state hospitals and the communities they serve.

"At Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, we are committed to building a healthier Kansas," Taylor said. "Keeping rural hospitals open, financially stable

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Daycare Receives Award



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The Medicine Lodge Daycare recently received a Child Care Community Champion Award. TOP: Pictured (L to R) are MLDC board member Julie Warner, early childhood education liaison Victoria Rickard, board member John Hagood and Jan Kuckelman, the community outreach and engagement program manager for Child Care Aware of Kansas. BOTTOM: Pictured (L to R) are daycare providers Kailynn Roland, Mandy Peters, Garrett Hall, LeyAnn Wampler and Kala Romine.

Local Daycare Group Wins Community Champion Award

BY FAITH COULTAS

Staff Writer

The Medicine Lodge Daycare (MLDC) has been recognized with the Child Care Community Champion Award. This award recognizes communities that are taking meaningful steps to strengthen child care

for families and providers.

What began as a mission to help address the childcare shortage within Medicine Lodge and meet the needs of parents in the community has grown into something huge that now includes five daycares all run by individuals with a passion to provide a loving, educational and caring envi-

ronment to help children grow.

The MLDC building opened its doors in August 2024 and has been an important place to many families in Medicine Lodge and includes several individual daycare businesses, all independently licensed and

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Report Predicts Mass Voter Challenges

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN

KansasReflector.com

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Mass voter challenges are likely to occur in the 2026 midterm elections, the Brennan Center for Justice warned Tuesday, with the potential to "undermine the democratic process."

President Donald Trump and the Republican Party have been laying the groundwork for questioning the election process in state after state, as Trump has made "election integrity" the centerpiece of his recent domestic policy initiatives, including in a July 16 address to the nation.

The center, at NYU School of Law, found in a report Tuesday that more than 185,000 challenges to voter eligibility were filed by private citizens in 2024, though "the real number is likely higher" since many election officials either were not contacted or sent incomplete responses to an inquiry. The center is regarded as left-leaning.

Mass challenges are a fairly recent development, spurred by improvements in election technology and transparency. Thousands of votes now can be challenged at once.

They've rarely been successful, but experts worry they create voter doubts about whether elections are being conducted fairly. Historically such challenges have also often been used to suppress the votes of people of color, a separate brief said.

"Eligible voters facing challenges sometimes don't vote simply because the process is too confusing. Responding to a challenge requires numerous steps that can trip up voters. They may not understand their options for verifying their identity," said the report by Brennan

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Sunflower 4-H Feature Story

Paisley Marshall, Reporter

Did you see the Sunflower 4-H club convoy rolling through town?

On Sunday, July 12, the Sunflower 4-H club continued their tradition of having a club tour that dates back to 1948! On the tour we visited each member's place to see and learn about the projects they are exhibiting at the Barber County Fair.

I think it's cool seeing everyone's projects so that at the Fair we already know what all of us are bringing. This year we had a total of 8 stops and about 100 miles!

After our fun-packed afternoon we ended at the Schoolhouse for our meeting, pizza, and ice cream.

The Barber County Fair is July 23-26 in Hardtner. I hope I see you all at the fair! Till next time.



July Sunflower 4-H Meeting

Paisley Marshall, Reporter

The Sunflower 4-H Club met on July 12 at the Walstead Schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by, "What is your favorite species and why?" Most of the members liked cattle the best. For the July Community Service, the club decided to donate ice to the County Fair that is used to cool down water for everyone.

In place of the program, the club held their tour, to see each member's animals and projects that will be exhibited at the County Fair. The club ended the tour at the Schoolhouse and enjoyed pizza and ice cream. Some of the members played hangman while the parents talked. Till next time.

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owned but operating under one roof to provide child care to families in the Medicine Lodge Community.

Included in the facility are MK's Daycare operated by Kailynn Roland, Shorty's Daycare operated by Garrett Hall, Peaceful Pines Daycare operated by Mandy Peters and Shining Stars Daycare operated by LeyAnn Wampler.

"One of the things I appreciate about this building is that it allows us to provide exceptional care for the children in our community while sharing a space with other incredible providers," Romine said. "We have the opportunity to learn from one another, grow together and support each other all while continuing to operate our own individual businesses."

This began as an effort with the city of Medicine Lodge, which partners with the Medicine Lodge Daycare Board, which consists of Julie Warner, John Hagood, Ashley Taylor and Diane Traffas to make this venture happen and help it continue running smoothly.

The Medicine Lodge Daycare Board also created a new position recently, the early childhood education liaison, which is filled by Victoria Rickard after having previously ran her own daycare out of the facility.

This award recognizes the hard work the providers and the daycare board have put into making this "unique" model successful.

"It acknowledges that Medicine Lodge has created something unique by supporting independently licensed providers in one shared facility," Warner said. "It also shines a spotlight on the providers who work every day to care for our community's children.

"They are the reason this project has been successful, and this recognition celebrates their commitment to families."

This model of childcare is relatively new and has never been tried in Medicine Lodge until the current facility was created and opened by the city of Medicine Lodge and the Medicine Lodge Daycare Board. The city recognized that child care is a critical part of the community's infrastructure and wanted to create something that would be sustainable and provide the care and support families in Medicine Lodge needed when it came to childcare.

"The Medicine Lodge Daycare Board has dedicat-

ed countless hours to planning, problem solving and creating a sustainable model that supports independently licensed providers," Warner, who also now serves as a city council member, said.

"The city council recognized that child care is essential infrastructure for our community and partnered with the board to help create a space where the providers could grow and succeed.

"Mayor Tom Lee has been a consistent advocate for Medicine Lodge Daycare and its providers, recognizing the important role quality childcare plays in supporting working families and strengthening the community."

The Medicine Lodge Daycare Board not only gets support from the city but also from various other partners including Barber County United and Ranson Financial Group, which helped provide the grant administration, the Kansas Department of Commerce, which invested in expanding child care opportunities locally and Child Care Aware of Kansas, which offered guidance and technical assistance throughout the process.

This award also impacts the families that utilize the daycare in a positive way. It reinforces that Medicine Lodge values the need for quality child care and the families that benefit from using this model of child care and ultimately means that there are more opportunities for accessible quality child care for families within the community.

"This award recognizes Medicine Lodge as a community that understands child care is essential infrastructure," Warner said. "Strong child care supports working families, helps employers attract and retain employees and makes it easier for young families to live and work in our community.

"Most importantly, this recognition belongs to the providers, the Medicine Lodge Daycare Board, the city council and everyone who worked together to make this vision a reality."

Warner said, "It demonstrates what can happen when a community comes together to solve a local need."

She said it is her hope that the project "serves as encouragement for other communities across Kansas that collaboration and local leadership can make a lasting difference."

Each of the providers are working to constantly improve the level of care they provide to families who utilize the Medicine Lodge Daycare building and are

committed to taking care of the children to the best of their ability, and this award celebrates and recognizes their hard work and dedication they show every day.

"This award is an incred-

ible opportunity not only for the providers but also for the Medicine Lodge Daycare building and our entire community," Romine said. "Having a daycare in our small town of Medicine

Lodge recognized with this plaque is something we can all be incredibly proud of. It reflects the dedication, passion and quality of care that our providers bring to the children and families we

serve every day."

The Premiere reached out to City Administrator Brian Withrow for comments on the award, but that request was not returned prior to the press deadline.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL 'MIKE' J. SEIPEL

Michael "Mike" J. Seipel, affectionately known to family as "Uncle Mikey" and to friends as "Lefty" passed away on July 15, 2026.

He will be remembered for his generous heart, steadfast faith, relentless work ethic, and the countless lives he touched through his compassion and willingness to help others.

Mike had an instinct to care for people. No matter the time of day, he would answer the phone and do whatever he could to help someone in need. His genuine manners, warm smile and caring spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

His belief in the importance of helping others was reflected in words he shared following a local tragedy. Mike said, "In the community, you rely on one another. If everybody can take a couple of minutes to help each other, it just makes all the difference in the world."

Those words captured the way Mike lived his life, with compassion, generosity and a sincere concern for those around him.

Mike spent much of his life working as an over-the-road truck driver and farmer. He was deeply proud of his nearly 40-year career as a truck driver, logging millions of miles as he traveled from coast to coast in his early years and later hauling agricultural loads throughout the region.

More often than not, Mike could be found rolling down the highway with AC/DC playing loudly, already looking forward to getting home and climbing onto his Harley-Davidson. When he was not behind the wheel of a truck, he was involved in farming. Both careers reflected his tireless work ethic, careful attention to detail, personal dedication and respect for a job well done.

As much as Mike valued his work, nothing meant more to him than his family. His greatest joy was being "Papa Mike" to his grandchildren Ryker, Rayne and Rivvy. The time he spent with them and the memories they created together will remain in their hearts forever.

Mike also loved his faithful Doberman Pinschers, Sable and Angus (named for AC/DC guitarist), who brought him comfort, loyalty, and companionship throughout the years.

In the final chapter of his life, Mike found a deep and unwavering faith that became the foundation of his strength. His relationship with God carried him through his greatest challenges and gave him courage, hope and peace until the very end.

Mike was preceded in death by his infant son, John M. Seipel; mother, Joyce A. Reid Seipel; and father, Charles L. Seipel.

He will be deeply missed by his daughter, Trishia Cooper and husband, Dylan; grandchildren Ryker, Rayne and Rivvy Cooper; son, Dwight Seipel; brother, Ken Seipel; sisters Connie Riley and Debbie Betz and their spouses; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, extended family members and close friends.

Mike lived with strength, worked with purpose and never hesitated to help someone in need. His faith, kindness, and generous spirit will continue to live on through his family, his friends, and every person whose life was made better because he was part of it. His final act of kindness was serving as an organ donor for countless individuals.

A funeral service celebrating Mike's life was held at on Tuesday, July 21, at the Prairie Rose Funeral Home, in Anthony, with Pastor Ron Eden officiating. Graveside services followed at Spring Grove Cemetery, in Anthony.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mike's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and may be sent in care of Prairie Rose Funeral Home, 602 E. Main Street, Anthony, KS 67003.

To leave a condolence online go to prairierosefuneralhome.com.



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OPINION

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PAID CONTENT

Dear Editor,

Recently our team was questioned about the placement of one of our political signs, so I thought it would be helpful to share how Kansas law supports political expression during election season. Under K.S.A. 25-2711:

“No city or county shall regulate or prohibit the placement of or the number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way for city streets or county roads on private property during the 45-day period prior to any election and the two-day period following any such election. Cities and counties may regulate the size and a set-back distance for the placement of signs so as not to impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons.”

This law was enacted to protect free political expression and ensure voters have the opportunity to see candidates’ messages during the election period. We appreciate everyone’s help in respecting these clear guidelines so that our democratic process remains fair and accessible to all.

Sincerely,

Dee Saddler

Supporter of Herb Landwehr for Kansas House District 116

Sharon, Kansas



PAID CONTENT

My name is Troy Waymaster and I have represented Kansas House District 109 in central Kansas since 2013. From the time that I was sworn in, Representative Kyle Hoffman has been one of my closest allies and friends in the Kansas House of Representatives. During my first term, Representative Hoffman served as the Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget committee, where I served as a member of that committee. He and I would together identify cost savings for the numerous agencies and departments that reported to that committee, while ensuring that we were serving the needs of all Kansans.

Representative Hoffman also served on the House Appropriations committee and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, where at that time he also served as the Vice-Chairman. Representative Hoffman has always been committed to the needs and concerns of the agriculture industry and the water needs for the state of Kansas.

In 2017, I was named as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, where Representative Hoffman served as a member where we worked together in addressing the budgetary needs for the state. He also served as my Vice-Chairman where he was instrumental in implementing solutions for an array of issues, though mainly focusing on how he could use his influence as Vice-Chairman of the Appropriations Committee to address the concerns of his constituents in the 116th Kansas House District.

There are many examples that I could share on how Representative Hoffman’s focus was not only to the state of Kansas, but specifically for his constituents. One example of how Representative Hoffman works for his constituency was when he proposed, and it passed an amendment for three small communities, Hardtner, Sharon, and Sawyer, to a long-term natural gas supply. In his amendment to the state budget, these communities were specifically named, and he provided for the funding for these connections with the Kansas Corporate Commission (KCC). This amendment that he had added went through the entire budgeting process and became law to help benefit these small communities.

Another example where Representative Hoffman assisted small communities was his instrumental proposal for the BUILD Kansas Fund. The money for the fund was introduced by Governor Kelly in her budget report to the Kansas Legislature at the onset of the 2023 Legislative session. Although the Governor proposed the money, which was \$200 million, she did not provide any criteria, guard rails, or stipulations on how the money would be spent. Representative Hoffman, advocating to protect the Kansas taxpayer’s money, created the parameters of the fund, advocated that the fund should be used to assist smaller communities, did not allocate the full \$200 million however had that dispersed the money for \$50 million over four years so the Legislature can evaluate the program. He even devised the name of the fund, who would administer it, and a Legislative committee to evaluate the applications before we forwarded them for final approval by the Federal Government. Representative Hoffman diligently worked on this program with me and is a sitting member on the Legislative committee that evaluates the applications. His actions on creating the fund and the parameters are a testament that his focus is on the communities in his district and the smaller communities throughout the state of Kansas.

Representative Hoffman is now the Assistant Majority Leader and a well-respected legislator, he constantly works for the benefit of his constituency, the state of Kansas, and for you. I am grateful to call him a colleague, a member of the leadership team, and, most importantly, a friend. My simple ask is that you please re-elect Representative Kyle Hoffman on August 4.

Troy L. Waymaster

State Representative, Kansas House District, 109

The Bowl

By Stephanie Jump, Co-Owner M³ Publishing

As I write this, I am sitting in the kitchen at “home.” When you are an adult, you now have two of them. The home that is where you are now with your family, and the one where you grew up that is attached to so many of your core memories.

This “home” is the latter. I am in the kitchen that even though it has been remodeled once, is the kitchen of my youth. The dishes in the cupboard are still the same Corel pattern they were when I emptied the dishwasher 40 years ago, the measuring cups are still the same Tupperware yellow and green they have been for ages. One is missing a handle but all still remain accounted for in the drawer with the baking utensils.

And the bowl, the bowl

has continued to be used for baking cookies and other recipes for years and years and years.

This bowl, I pulled out this weekend and made up a batch of my Grandma Aldridge’s famous zucchini cookies at the request of my brother who I had come home to see. Many don’t know that he has been battling cancer and has been through several rounds of chemo, surgery and now on the tail end of the treatments to hopefully treat this awful disease for good. And this weekend he mentioned he could “go for” some of Grandma’s cookies with chocolate chips. So in true me fashion, I would much rather bake than have to help do any yard work, so of course I took the opportunity

to make up a batch.

In our family, this recipe is treasured. I have shared it before and will again this week so apologies for those readers who will have this one a second time around but it was the bowl that got me thinking today.

That bowl has been through a lot. I am pretty sure it has been carried to multiple potlucks, held a million pounds of cookie dough – well maybe not, but 50 plus years worth has to add up – and I don’t even know what else. It hasn’t been switched out for a newer, sleeker, modern version. Just the same glass bowl. Still does the job, still holds up to anything newer on the market.

We live in a society that romanticizes everything on

Instagram even down to which cookware is used. It should match the “vibe” or “decor” to make sure that the process holds the most views or likes or shares, or whatever people do with that stuff anymore. But being here, mixing up another batch of dough in a 50 year old bowl, that is what holds the most meaning to me because it isn’t about how the bowl looks or what matches or what brand it is or what celebrity slapped their name it, it just holds the dough of something my brother thought might taste good to eat during this phase of life.

And maybe, just maybe, if you are lucky enough to have something that is so constant in your life, it will

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COLUMN

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Ted’s, at some point, decided expansion was needed, and the ownership bought or rented a spot across the street from their original location in a strip mall. But it was still the same one location with more seating.

Fast forward and now Ted’s has eight different locations in Oklahoma. The restaurant did have two other locations in Kansas at one point, but they have closed down.

While begging for expansion to help ease wait times and make it more convenient for fans to visit their favorite Tex-Mex spot in other locations, we got what we wanted. But what has happened is somewhere along the way the quality of the product has suffered.

Ted’s today is just not the same Ted’s of 1991. Really the only thing that has remained consistent through the years is their flour tortillas and queso, which are both free. Well, that is unless you don’t order a meal. They used to be free for everyone, but people started coming in and just getting the chips, tortillas, salsa and queso and maybe ordering some drinks. Ted’s eventually implemented a setup charge, so if that’s all you come for – and it’s still worth it – you have to pay for it.

But the food just doesn’t have the same quality it once did.

That is where my fear comes in. I don’t want M³ Publishing to end up like my once favorite Mexican food place. I don’t want any of our titles to suffer because of our expansion. I want to produce the same award-winning content and advertising for all of our papers from the smallest title to the largest.

The problem is we just don’t have

the staff capacity to do that. We have three full-time staff members that are producing seven of our eight newspapers.

And I don’t really count as a full-time employee, because far more of my time has been devoted to our largest newspaper than I was originally intending, which means I have less time to devote to our other seven titles.

We have two part-time employees that help us as well with our seven titles. And we are very thankful for their contributions, but there are still some steep learning curves to maneuver with our newbies.

What Does This Mean

The nuts and bolts of what this all means is that we are having to take a hard look at our rate structures for all of our newspapers. We have taken the blows for our increased costs by adding papers in the past to help with revenue and then making internal cuts as necessary.

We have reduced expenses to the point we have no room left to cut other than to make drastic changes to reduce coverage, reduce the amount of content in the actual newspaper each week and rely more on our website or change the printing format. And there isn’t much savings if any in the last option.

Final Takeaway

We fully intend to continue producing all eight of our papers as long as we are capable. But our company as a whole is going to have to find more help. That’s just the bottom line. It is not mentally or physically possible for three full-time people – and again I don’t really count as full-time – and two part-time folks that are just learning the ropes to produce seven

newspapers of any kind of ongoing quality.

But with adding more help comes more expenses. And the ship is already sailing as tight as it can.

With the ever increasing price of doing business and added costs of more employees, we simply have to have your help to continue “your newspaper.” I can’t tell you how many increases we’ve had over the last couple of years just to mail the newspaper.

We found out last week that at least one of our newspapers costs us more than \$1 per paper just to mail it to some of our customers. That’s more than what we are charging for the paper, and that doesn’t even count the cost of printing or labor or any of the other expenses associated with operating a business. I’m hoping that is limited to just one of our papers, but we are going to have a forensic analysis of our postage costs conducted to see if that is true for all of our other papers as well.

So when you see a house ad that says we need your support – that’s no joke. We need your support. We just simply cannot stay in business by doing business the way it was done in the past. Trust me – if we could, I would. We have been holding out for as long as we can. I know everyone is struggling, and we are navigating the same treacherous waters as everyone else.

We just continue to ask for your grace and understanding in that our time and attention right now is being pulled in eight different directions all at the same time. It feels a lot like a real-life version of Plastic Man.

Now, just as I open with the same line each time, my new tradition is to close my columns the same way with a good line from a bad movie, “And that’s all I have to say about that.”

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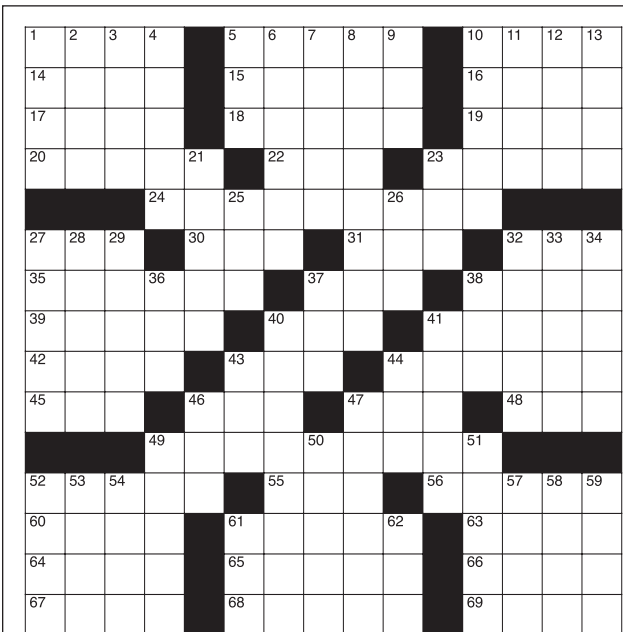
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Listen to

5. Presents

10. A type of guitar

14. Actor Idris

15. A citizen of Iran

16. Pretentiously artistic

17. Harness

18. Diamond weight measurement

19. "Better Call ____"

20. Fervent support

22. Male cat

23. Jewish spiritual leader

24. Disposed to venture or take risks

27. A way to nail

30. Cool!

31. Women's ____ movement

32. "Losing My Religion" rockers

35. Step-shaped recess

37. A princess can detect it

38. Tractor-trailer

39. Leslie and Leon are two

40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn

42. Dodgers great Hersher

43. Floor covering

44. Traveled aimlessly

45. Rocker Stewart

46. Body art

47. Congressman (abbr.)

48. No seats available

49. Breaks apart

52. Hand gesture

55. Ballplayer's tool

56. Sword

60. Baseball team

61. Upper bract of floret of grass

63. Italian Seaport

64. Mars crater

65. Tube on a shoelace

66. U. of Miami mascot

67. South American nation

68. Video game series "Max ____"

69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title

2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy

3. Jewish calendar month

4. Family of long-legged frogs

5. Photo

6. Delivered a speech

7. Lute used in Indian music

8. Decorated

9. Cease to stand

10. The bottom layer

11. Member of a Semitic people

12. Part of a ticket

13. Defunct monetary unit

21. Challenges

23. Body part

25. Tell on

26. By way of

27. Shady green alcove

28. Egyptian city

29. ____ and flowed

32. Widens a hole
33. Eurasian wheat

34. Act incorrectly

36. "Be back later"

37. Al Bundy's wife

38. Ocean

40. Large root eaten as a vegetable

41. Units of subjective loudness

43. Music genre

44. A way to drench

46. Popular hot beverage

47. Silk-like cotton fabric

49. Rumanian city

50. Come back

51. Vaccine developer

52. Canadian law enforcers

53. Wings

54. Observational comedian Bill

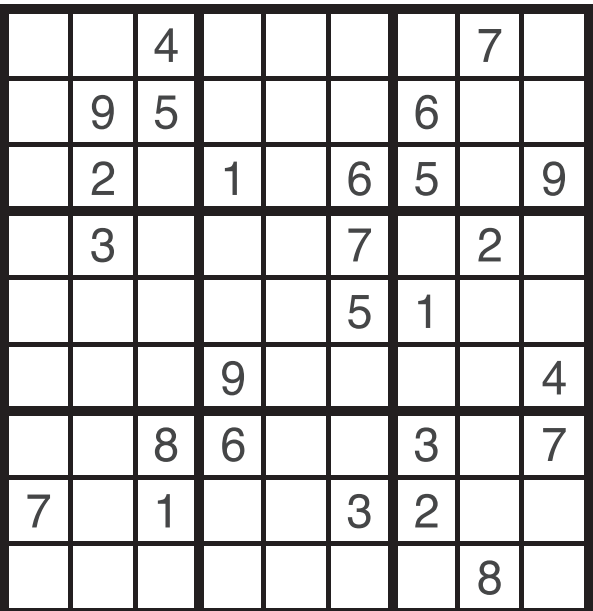
57. Small fry

58. ____ Clapton, musician

59. Take a chance

61. Semi-liquid food for babies

62. Consumed food



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DIVE RIGHT IN WORD SEARCH

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GUESS WHO?

I am a singer/dancer/actress born on July 24, 1969 in New York. I danced before I took up acting, and my breakout performance was playing the lead character in a biopic about a slain singer. I have sold more than 80 million records worldwide, and I've starred in many hit films.

Answer: Jennifer Lopez



Rhyme Line

Waiting takes patience. While she waits for lunch, Gabriella is thinking of words that rhyme with things she sees in the cafeteria. Look at this picture. How many rhymes can you make?

Use the rhyming words to write a short poem.



Observation Game

While you wait, find:

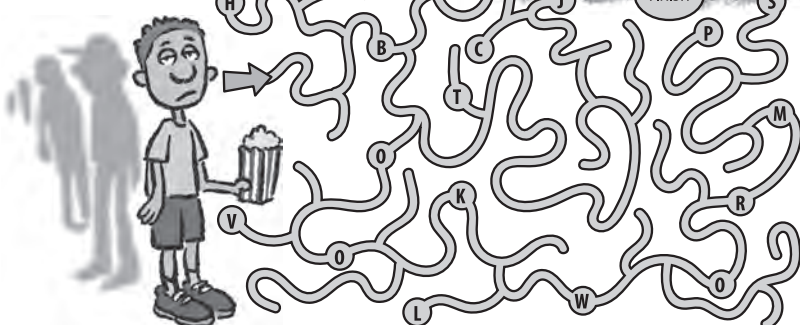
- Someone wearing red
- A clock
- Something that rolls
- Someone yawning
- A pair of glasses
- Someone reading
- Five circles

Fun House Find

It's a long wait for the Fun House at the fair. Use the letters you find on the correct path to discover the punch line to this riddle.

Q: WHAT DO YOU USE TO CATCH A WHOLE SCHOOL OF FISH?

A: B _____ R _____



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Use the code to discover an important message about waiting.

20 12 12 23
7 19 18 13 20 8
26 9 22
4 12 9 7 19
4 26 18 7 18 13 20
21 12 9

TRY IT! Send a message to a friend using this code!

SECRET CODE
26 = A 13 = N
25 = B 12 = O
24 = C 11 = P
23 = D 10 = Q
22 = E 9 = R
21 = F 8 = S
20 = G 7 = T
19 = H 6 = U
18 = I 5 = V
17 = J 4 = W
16 = K 3 = X
15 = L 2 = Y
14 = M 1 = Z

Double Word Search

BOREDOM
CLOCK
DREAM
FUN
GAME
NEWS
LUNCH
NEWS
PATIENCE
PLAY
RED
ROLLS
SHOE
START
TURN
WAIT
WORDS

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

T M O D E R O B Q J
S L L O R G A M E Y
D B N J W E O H S T
K E M E T Y A C P U
S D R O W C T M L R
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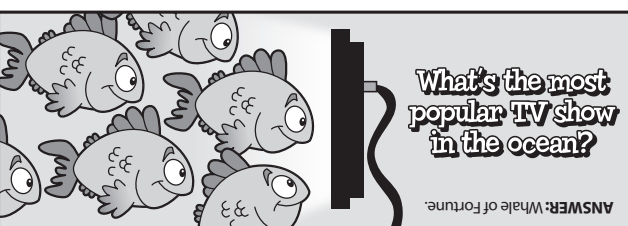
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Silly Words

Look for words in the newspaper that create a silly-sounding word when you say them backwards. Create a meaning for three of these silly new words. Think of these words next time you have to wait.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.



Write On! Star Poem

Write a poem all about the stars.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers: 1. Missing umbrella 2. Missing straps on life vest 3. Buoy in water 4. Older girl's hairstyle is different

PUZZLE SPONSORS



NEWS

REPORT

• From Page 1

Center Counsel Andrew Garber.

Garber found that “mass voter challenges have become a key element in the campaign to use election integrity as a pretext for voter suppression.”

In 2024, he found, election deniers lodged challenges, “in addition to spreading lies about widespread voter fraud, refusing to certify elections, discrediting voting machines, engaging in bad faith poll watching, filing frivolous lawsuits, and threatening election officials with physical harm or criminal penalties.”

This year, Garber warned, such challenges are likely to be an “integral strategy in the playbook to undermine the democratic process.”

Mass challenges, he said, “add basically zero value to elections while creating new costs.”

One big worry, though: “There are instances of eligible voters being removed from the rolls and learning of their removal after the deadline to register and vote in the next election,” the report said. “As is often the case with voter suppression, vulnerable individuals frequently suffer the effects.”

Mullin Threats

The Trump administration is pushing state officials to examine their voter rolls and tighten their election security, thus opening the door for the help of the federal government in conducting mass challenges, the report predicted.

Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said last week that hundreds of thousands of noncitizens are registered to vote in California, New Jersey, Nevada and Pennsylvania and threatened to prosecute election officials in states that don’t

“participate in securing the elections” ahead of the November midterms. He has not specified the source of his data.

Trump has demanded Congress require people to show proof of citizenship when they register to vote and photo IDs at the polls. So far, lawmakers have so far been reluctant to approve the SAVE America Act that in various versions would restrict voting, and it remains stalled in the U.S. Senate.

Trump and his allies have maintained for years the 2020 election was marred by voter fraud.

Election officials have largely maintained their rolls are accurate and up to date.

“In most states, list maintenance practices tend to keep pace with natural changes in voters’ lives, such as moving,” said a report this month by the non-partisan Center for Election Innovation & Research.

Mass Challenges

Recent mass challenges have rarely been successful.

The report cited efforts in Georgia, Michigan, Texas, Florida and Iowa in 2022.

“These challenges were widely rejected for lack of evidence or failure to comply with state law,” the Brennan Center found.

In 2024, Brennan’s research found that private citizens filed at least 185,232 voter challenges in the states studied. Of those, the center found officials accepted at least 5,477. That means they may have removed the voter from the rolls, declared them inactive or taken other steps to make it difficult for them to vote.

Researchers sent requests to Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas and to numerous counties in those states, the report methodology said.

“One takeaway is evident: With only around 3 percent of challenges clearly accepted, challenges contributed little to list maintenance in 2024,” Brennan found.

For instance, Georgia got in touch with about 875,000 voters in 2023 who had moved or had not voted for several years. That was more than a hundred times the number of Georgia voters who were successfully challenged the next year.

The center compiled the report by sending public records requests to 42 state and local government entities. It asked for any documents involving voter challenges in 2024 and how officials dealt with those challenges. It also looked at court filings, public reporting and election board meetings.

“Acquiring a complete record of challenges is impossible: They are often made ad hoc, officials may have no obligation to track them, and the records produced are often incomplete,” the center noted, adding that some officials refused to provide records or said they got no challenges.

TOUGH. TESTED. *Trusted.*

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Kyle Hoffman
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PAID FOR BY HOFFMAN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, STEPHEN HOKANSON, TREASURER

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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SCR 1611 Constitutional Amendment

A PROPOSITION to amend sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to the supreme court; providing for direct election of justices; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission; permitting justices to make contributions to and hold office in a political party or organization and take part in political campaigns.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas are hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 5. **Selection of justices of the supreme court.** The citizens of Kansas who are qualified electors shall elect the justices of the supreme court. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Justice positions 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected at the general election in November of 2028, justice positions 4 and 5 in November of 2030 and justice positions 6 and 7 in November of 2032, and every six years thereafter, respectively. Any vacancy occurring on the supreme court for an unexpired term shall be filled by election as provided by law.

(a) Any vacancy occurring in the office of any justice of the supreme court and any position to be open thereon as a result of enlargement of the court, or the retirement or failure of an incumbent to file his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself as hereinafter required, or failure of a justice to be elected to succeed himself, shall be filled by appointment by the governor of one of three persons possessing the qualifications of office who shall be nominated and whose names shall be submitted to the governor by the supreme court nominating commission established as hereinafter provided. (b) In event of the failure of the governor to make the appointment within sixty days from the time the names of the nominees are submitted to him, the chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment from such nominees. (c) Each justice of the supreme court appointed pursuant to provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall hold office for an initial term ending on the second Monday in January following the first general election that occurs after the expiration of twelve months in office. Not less than sixty days prior to the holding of the general election next preceding the expiration of his term of office, any justice of the supreme court may file in the office of the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy for election to succeed himself. If a declaration is not so filed, the position held by such justice shall be open from the expiration of his term of office. If such declaration is filed, his name shall be submitted at the next general election to the electors of the state on a separate judicial ballot, without party designation, reading substantially as follows:

—“Shall

(Here insert name of justice.)

(Here insert the title of the court.)

—be retained in office?”

—If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining him in office, the position or office which he holds shall be open upon the expiration of his term of office; otherwise he shall, unless removed for cause, remain in office for the regular term of six years from the second Monday in January following such election. At the expiration of each term he shall, unless by law he is compelled to retire, be eligible for retention in office by election in the manner prescribed in this section. (d) A nonpartisan nominating commission whose duty it shall be to nominate and submit to the governor the names of persons for appointment to fill vacancies in the office of any justice of the supreme court is hereby established, and shall be known as the “supreme court nominating commission.” Said commission shall be organized as hereinafter provided. (e) The supreme court nominating commission shall be composed as follows: One member, who shall be chairman, chosen from among their number by the members of the bar who are residents of and licensed in Kansas; one member from each congressional district chosen from among their number by the resident members of the bar in each such district; and one member, who is not a lawyer, from each congressional district, appointed by the governor from among the residents of each such district. (f) The terms of office, the procedure for selection and certification of the members of the commission and provision for their compensation or expenses shall be as provided by the legislature. (g) No member of the supreme court nominating commission shall, while he is a member, hold any other public office by appointment or any official position in a political party or for six months thereafter be eligible for nomination for the office of justice of the supreme court. The commission may act only by the concurrence of a majority of its members.”

“§ 8. **Prohibition of political activity by justices and certain judges.** No justice of the supreme court who is appointed or retained under the procedure of section 5 of this article, nor any judge of the district court holding office under a nonpartisan method authorized in subsection (a) of section 6 of this article shall directly or indirectly make any contribution to or hold any office in a political party or organization or take part in any political campaign, except when such judge is a candidate for election to a position on an appellate court.”

“§ 15. **Removal of justices and judges.** Justices of the supreme court may be removed from office by impeachment and conviction as prescribed in article 2 of this constitution. In addition to removal by impeachment and conviction, justices may be retired after appropriate hearing, upon certification to the governor, by the supreme court nominating commission that such justice is so incapacitated as to be unable to perform adequately his duties. Other judges shall be subject to retirement for incapacity, and to discipline, suspension and removal for cause by the supreme court after appropriate hearing.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“Explanatory statement. This amendment gives the voters the right to elect the justices of the Kansas supreme court. The justices shall serve terms of six years, with the elections of justice positions 1, 2 and 3 to occur in 2028, positions 4 and 5 to occur in 2030 and positions 6 and 7 to occur in 2032, and every six years thereafter. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Any vacancy on the court for an unexpired term shall be filled at an election as provided by law.

“A vote for this proposition would give Kansas citizens the right to elect Kansas supreme court justices as provided by law. Justices will hold office for terms of six years. The Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, would be abolished.

“A vote against this proposition would continue the current system in which the Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, provides the governor a list of three individuals to choose from for vacancies on the Kansas supreme court. Justices hold office for a term of six years and retain their offices if they win a retention election in which they do not face an opponent.

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at a special election, which is hereby called on August 4, 2026, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the primary election held on such date.

NEWS

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Jason Jump at (620) 886-5654 or email ghp@gyphillpremiere.com

June ICE Arrests Reach New High in United States

BY TIM HENDERSON
Stateline

Immigration arrests reached 1,593 per day in early July in a new push to detain and deport immigrants that has led to deaths in traffic stops. There were more than 43,000 arrests in June, the highest recorded by the Trump administration, according to statistics released Monday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement reflecting new bookings into detention facilities.

The June monthly total sur-

passed the 42,000 arrests in December, which included Operation Metro Surge in Minneapolis. If the rate for the first 11 days of July continues for a month it could be even higher, about 49,000 arrests.

Arrest numbers reached as high as 2,000 per day over a five-day period in late June, according to a New York Times report. The Department of Homeland Security has said it is “delivering on President Trump’s promise to the American people to arrest and deport pedophiles, murderers, rapists, and other criminals,” though

less than a third of current detainees have a criminal conviction and 40 percent have never been accused of anything but non-criminal immigration violations, according to the statistics.

The Department of Homeland Security posted a list Monday of 15 immigrants previously convicted of serious crimes it said were arrested “while Americans enjoyed the weekend and the FIFA World Cup Finals.”

The statistics also show that about 2,000 detainees a month have been freed by court-ordered

bond hearings, as many federal judges, even many Trump appointees, rule against the administration’s policy of mandatory detention for many immigrants. The U.S. Supreme Court is likely to rule on the legality of the policy in its October term.

Two immigrants were shot and killed during enforcement traffic stops in Texas and Maine this month. After a brief pause, President Donald Trump ordered traffic stops to continue. ICE officers will wear body cameras during such stops, according to border czar

Tom Homan.

A man from Mexico, apparently on a valid tourist visa for a vacation, was also killed in traffic in Florida after an encounter with ICE in July. Arrests in New York City immigration courts have also continued despite a court order banning the practice.

Some of the unusual arrests that have come to light in the current crackdown include a nun from Nigeria walking to church in Texas (she was released the same day) and an Alaska state attorney from China.

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Barber County Clerk's Claims Publication Report

For the Selected Date Range of: 4/1/2026 thru 6/30/2026

Include Only Budgeted Funds: Yes

Fund Range: ALL

Fund / Fund Name	Beginning Cash Balance		Receipts	Expenses	Ending Cash Balance	
	As of: 4/1/2026				As of: 6/30/2026	
002 AMBULANCE	\$621,704.15		\$240,480.46	(\$138,257.52)	\$723,927.09	
006 APPRAISER COST	\$243,305.17		\$73,067.74	(\$51,002.92)	\$265,369.99	
026 CONSERVATION	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
028 COUNCIL ON AGING	\$5,092.70		\$32,615.29	(\$5,469.97)	\$32,238.02	
030 ELECTION	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
031 EMERGENCY 911	\$39,626.32		\$17,445.16	(\$19,070.70)	\$38,000.78	
032 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,173,417.45		\$538,925.77	(\$448,800.54)	\$2,263,542.68	
034 EXTENSION COUNCIL	\$7,338.23		\$44,891.68	(\$518.03)	\$51,711.88	
036 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
038 FAIR MAINTENANCE	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
040 GENERAL	\$3,554,703.76		\$904,499.00	(\$693,861.21)	\$3,785,241.55	
044 HOME HEALTH SERVICE	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
046 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
048 MENTAL HEALTH	\$35,169.16		\$15,259.14	(\$176.10)	\$50,252.20	
050 MENTAL RETARDATION	\$35,745.52		\$15,506.97	(\$179.05)	\$51,073.44	
051 NOXIOUS WEED CAP. OUTL	\$31,551.68		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,551.68	
052 NOXIOUS WEED	\$154,553.80		\$44,040.50	(\$18,590.22)	\$180,004.08	
054 PUBLIC HEALTH	\$510,319.98		\$67,672.50	(\$59,634.54)	\$518,357.94	
060 ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$1,686,381.06		\$635,401.30	(\$1,048,919.92)	\$1,272,862.44	
062 RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1	\$174,568.43		\$61,335.85	(\$85,040.22)	\$150,864.06	

Fund / Fund Name	Beginning Cash Balance		Receipts	Expenses	Ending Cash Balance	
	As of: 4/1/2026				As of: 6/30/2026	
066 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$442,304.95		\$62,467.80	(\$54,418.59)	\$460,354.16	
070 SPECIAL ALCOHOL	\$19,224.82		\$997.23	(\$15,600.00)	\$4,622.05	
072 SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
074 SPECIAL HIGHWAY IMPRO	\$560,792.31		\$63,957.33	(\$470,218.44)	\$154,531.20	
076 SHERIFF SPECIAL K9 FUND	\$500.00		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	
080 VEHICLE OPERATING FUND	\$17,384.47		\$10,794.50	(\$10,780.37)	\$17,398.60	
100 BOND AND INTEREST	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
366 USD 332 - BOND & INTERES	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Report Grand Totals:	\$10,313,683.96		\$2,829,658.22	(\$3,120,638.34)	\$10,022,703.84	

County Clerk: Amy Sill

Clerk's Statement:

I do hereby certify the above is a true and correct summary of expenditures to the best of my knowledge and belief. A detail statement of expenditures is available in the County Clerk Office.

County Treasurer: Sheri Weeks

Treasurer's Statement:

I do hereby certify the above is a true and correct summary of expenditures to the best of my knowledge and belief. A detail statement of expenditures is available in the County Clerk Office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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State of Kansas
Township

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
South Central Kansas Library System, Kansas
Reno County

will meet on August 21, 2026 at 9:00 AM at SKCLS, 321 N. Main, South Hutchinson, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at SKCLS, 321 N. Main, South Hutchinson, KS and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Reno County (home county) Harper, Stafford, Kingman, Rice, Harvey
Cowley, Sumner, Barber, McPherson, Butler, Sedgwick

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	3,223,426	1.061	3,763,630	1.062	7,098,194	3,613,901
Debt Service						
Employee Benefits	271,590	0.099	409,332	0.098	513,838	335,029
Capital Improvement	73,211		75,000		839,825	
Non-Budgeted Funds	217,634					
Totals	3,785,861	1.160	4,247,962	1.160	8,451,857	3,948,930
					Revenue Neutral Rate**	
					1.093	
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	3,785,861		4,247,962		8,451,857	
Total Tax Levied	3,594,225		3,734,866		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Assessed Valuation	3,099,698,497		3,216,588,887		3,401,575,748	

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,

G.O. Bonds

Revenue Bonds

Other

Lease Pur. Princ.

Total

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Paul Hawkins

Director

No assurance is provided.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
VALLEY TOWNSHIP
BARBER COUNTY

will meet on August 21, 2026 at 7:30 pm at 113 S. School St, Isabel, KS 67065 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at 113 S. School St, Isabel, KS 67065 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	648		16,588	4.845	21,833	4,394
Road	92,659	41.215	75,968	41.984	75,520	62,868
Tort Liability	9,067	3.240	7,330	1.105	9,130	7,577
Special Machinery	24,215					
Totals	126,589	44.455	99,886	47.934	106,483	74,839
					Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**	
					42.031	
					Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**	
					5.862	
Less: Transfers	0		0		106,483	47,893
Net Expenditure	126,589		99,886		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Total Tax Levied	70,534		63,973		2,042,279	
Total Assessed Valuation	2,120,599		2,011,757		1,495,738	
Township Assessed Valuation Only						

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1

G.O. Bonds

Other

Lease Purchase Principal

Total

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Cade Lonker

Treasurer

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SPORTS

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Smith, Indians Go Camping

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

New Medicine Lodge head football coach Robert Smith got to work in more detail with the football players during a camp held last week.

The camp had 24 players attend. There was also a middle school camp, plus a camp for elementary school players that Smith put together late.

Smith has had the chance to work with the players during the summer weight program, but this was a chance for him to go more in-depth with the players about the offense and defense.

Though Smith has had

the chance to work in some football specific things during weights, the camp was the chance to get more involved with the offense and defense the Indians will run.

“It was nice to get a little more in depth, get some of the offense installed and get all the basics of the defense installed, so I thought it went really well,” Smith said.

He was impressed with what he saw from the players during the camp.

“I didn’t get any sleep Sunday evening because I was nervous about how things would go,” Smith said. “Then by Wednesday, I didn’t get much sleep because I was so excited

about how it was going, so I was pretty happy with how it went.”

The Indians graduated a number of seniors and Smith said he expects a lot of new faces on varsity this season. But he is happy with the players who return from last year.

“We’ve got a real solid group of seniors that are really trying to lead by example,” Smith said. “They’ve been at weights a lot.”

He added that the Indians might not have as much size as they did last year, but he will have quality athletes on both sides of the ball. Smith believes the Indians have a chance to be a strong team.

“We’re not going to be big but that’s all right,” he said.

He believed the summer weight sessions have averaged about 20 athletes for each workout. Smith noted that Joe Dohrmann has taken the lead on the weights program and that Smith has helped out on Tuesdays and Thursdays. But Smith said the turnout has been good and the players are getting stronger

“Coach Dohrmann has come out and he’s talked to some other programs around the area with successful weight programs and he got some ideas there, so yeah, I think we’re definitely getting stronger,” Smith said.

He added that, while you would always like to see more athletes attend, the seniors have been there al-

most every time and they’ve shown good leadership.

As for the upcoming season, Smith said he “hopes it cools down a little bit” but he’s excited for practice to start in August. The Indians will have a tough schedule ahead, with the likes of Chaparral, Sterling, Conway Springs and Douglass to open things up.

“There’s some tough teams out there but I like our chances. We’ll be competitive with everybody out there,” Smith said, adding that he remembers something that he learned from a fellow coach at Bishop Carroll High School: “Don’t fear anybody but respect everybody, so that’s kind of my attitude.”

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Swim Team: Medicine Lodge Swimmers Wrap Up 2026 Season

The Medicine Lodge summer swim season has come to a close. Nearly 40 local swimmers, including 12 new team members, held 24 practices and competed in six different swim meets this summer. Seven local swimmers received All-Around honors, while five swimmers recorded perfect attendance.

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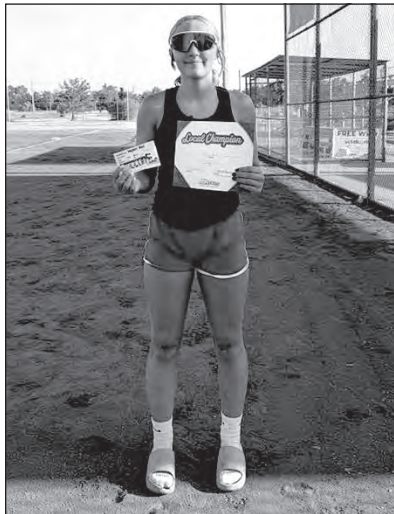
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U.S. Geological Survey Study Shows Rising Nutrient Loads in Rivers

Miller said the data will soon be available on a USGS interactive data server to more readily show collected information on specific rivers and regions.



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MEDICINE LODGE POLICE BLOTTER

July 11 1:38 a.m., Suspicious Activity, S. Main St. and Benton, Sharon, Officer Miranda. 2:23 a.m., Juvenile Complaint, Medicine Blv. and Robie, Medicine Lodge, Officer Miranda. 4:08 a.m., Extra Patrol, Medicine Lodge, Officer Miranda.	9:20 a.m., Escort - Funeral, General Escort, First Christian Church, Officer McLemore. 1:15 p.m., Citizen Arrest, E. Second Ave. and N. Main St., Medicine Lodge, Officer McLemore. 2:15 p.m., Request to Speak to Officer, Medicine Lodge, Officer McLemore.	July 12 12:00 a.m., Traffic Stop, Rodeo Drive, Medicine Lodge, Officer Miranda. 12:35 a.m., Welfare Check/Adult, Bowe Chevrolet Buick, Officer Miranda. 4:35 a.m., Extra Patrol, Caboose Check, Medicine Lodge, Officer Miranda. 5:34 a.m., Request to Speak to Officer, Copa Budget Inn, Officer Miranda.	6:49 p.m., 27/28/29 - 27/28/29, Medicine Lodge, Officer McLemore. 7:21 p.m., Non-Injury Accident, 505 N. Main St., Medicine Lodge, Officer Miranda. 11:26 p.m., Gunshot - Gunshot/Injury Shooting, 308 W. Second Ave., Medicine Lodge, Officer Miranda.
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BARBER COUNTY COURT

BA-2026-LM-000111 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Marissa J Atchinson, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000112 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Kari Davis, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000113 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Travis Campbell, et al, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000114 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Chelsea Fleming, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000115 Medicine Lodge Memorial	Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Stephanie D Borden, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000116 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Davide Blackwell, et al, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000117 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Dawn Henry, et al, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000118 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Jessica Dawn Sanders, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000119 Medicine Lodge Memorial	Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Kayla R Space, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000120 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Kyle D Wesley, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000121 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs James C McLemore, II, et al, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000122 Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital and Physicians Clinic vs Danielle Nothdurft, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000123 Credit Management Services, Inc. vs Mandy Peters, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt	Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-LM-000124 Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs Savannah R Dutton, LM Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection), Case; Pending. BA-2026-PR-000019 In the Matter of the Will of Judith S Hoagland, PR Filing Will and Affidavit, Case; Post Judgment. BA-2026-PR-000020 In the Matter of the Estate of Jon David McCormick, PR Probate Record, Case; Post Judgment. BA-2026-ST-000047 Kansas Department of Revenue vs Kimberly A Blevins, ST State Tax, Case; Post Judgment. BA-2026-ST-000048 Kansas Department of Revenue vs Sierra Cargill Marketing An Creative LLC, ST State Tax, Case; Post Judgment. BA-2026-TR-	Maximum speed limits, TR Traffic, Case; Pending. BA-2026-TR-000126 Joshalin Danae Smith, maximum speed limits, TR Traffic, Case; Closed, Guilty Plea. BA-2026-TR-000140	Grant Thomas Olstead, maximum speed limits, TR Traffic, Case; Closed, Guilty Plea. BA-2026-TR-000143 Joshua E Arce, maximum speed limits, TR Traffic, Case; Closed, Guilty Plea.
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BARBER COUNTY DEEDS

D152-448 - Warranty Deed: Marlina Cunning to Bryan Investments, LLC, Grantee. D152-450 - Warranty Deed: Bryan Investments, LLC, Thomas Michael Forbis et al to Ashley Marie Kuhr, et al, Grantee. D152-452 - Quit Claim Deed: William A. and Bonnie Bailey to Shawn Solie, et al, Kari Solie, et al, Grantee. D152-453 - Quit Claim Deed: Marjorie and James Shaw to Marjorie and James Shaw, Grantee. D152-454 - Corporation Quit Claim Deed: End of the Trail Reclaiming, Inc. to Randy Crockett, Grantee. D152-455 - Warranty Deed: Michael J. Rucker to Taber, Inc., Grantee, Mineral Conveyance/Reservation, Mineral Right. D152-456 - Warranty Deed: Country Place, LLC to Ashlynn Paige Rogers, Grantee.
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KIOWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June Meeting

Monday 7:00 pm July 13, 2026 City Council Chamber, 620 Main St., Kiowa, KS 67070 Mayor Garrett England Council President Brian Hill Councilmember Janet Robison Councilmember B.J. Duvall Councilmember Jason Thayer Councilmember Dylon Molz City Administrator Ty Piper City Attorney Matthew Metalf City Clerk Sameta Thayer 1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Garrett England completed roll call at 7:00 pm: Councilmembers Duvall, Hill, Thayer and Molz were present. Councilmember Janet Robison was absent, quorum reached. Mayor England led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Jason Thayer said the opening prayer. Approval of Agenda: Councilmember Jason Thayer motioned to approve the agenda. Councilmember Brian Hill seconded the motion. The motion was carried 4-0. 2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES a. Councilmember Jason Thayer motioned to approve the June 8, 2026, regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember B.J. Duvall seconded. The motion was carried 4-0. 3. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE a. Monthly Expense Report - Councilmember Brian Hill moved to approve the Monthly Expense Report. Councilmember B.J. Duvall seconded the motion. The motion was carried 4-0. b. The governing body reviewed the Monthly Budget Report. 4. NEW BUSINESS a. City Attorney Appointment – Mayor Garrett England read aloud the appointment of Matthew Metcalf for City Attorney. Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to approve the appointment of Matthew Metcalf as City Attorney. Councilmember Jason Thayer seconded the motion. The motion was carried 4-0. b. BFR Audit Contract for FY 2026 – City Administrator Ty Piper advised that the contract for the yearly audit has been received. The price this year is \$13,500.00, a small increase from last year. Councilmember Brian Hill asked if the city staff was happy with the services provided. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that this last audit went very smoothly. Most paperwork was sent in	digitally and on the final visit day the auditors were only here about half a day and had less than 10 questions. Councilmember Jason Thayer asked that, since the audits have improved and are getting easier if there was a break in the price. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that he is going to speak with BFR about that. Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to approve the contract for FY 2026 BFR Audit. Councilmember B.J. Duvall seconded the motion. The motion was carried 4-0. c. ADA Website Compliance – City Administrator Ty Piper advised that at the budget meeting this year, the teachers pushed hard the upcoming changes involving taxable entities getting up to ADA compliant standards. City Clerk Sameta Thayer reached out to Municipal CMS, the company that hosts the city’s website and the response was that they would upgrade the website to their new platform, resolving any existing accessibility issues. The new platform meets the standards and includes built-in tools to help stay compliant going forward. The cost would be \$470.00, which includes a one-time scan, which will flag any accessibility issues for their team to correct. Councilmembers agreed that this is the best, most cost effective and simplest way to get the website up to compliance, and to have it done long before any deadlines approach. d. Curb and Guttering Project – Miller St (Between 7th & 8th) – City Administrator Ty Piper advised that a quote for curb and guttering at the north of the fire stations has been obtained. The gutter will have a small slope the entire way so that it drains. The work will likely begin in late fall. Councilmember Jason Thayer asked if the funds for this project were coming out of the street department. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that yes, that is correct. Councilmember Jason Thayer motioned to accept the bid for \$18,624.00 for the removal and replacement of curb and guttering on Miller St between 7th & 8th streets. Councilmember Brian Hill seconded the motion. The motion was carried 4-0. 5. STAFF REPORTS a. City Superintendent: City Superintendent John Duvall advised that he has had to get a few parts for the mowers. Randy Robbins	worked on the Grasshopper for us, it’s better, still working out some kinks. I visited with Western Equipment about the tractor, parts are coming from overseas, so it’s taking longer than expected. Councilmember B.J. Duvall was in Alva, so he stopped by and visited with Western Equipment about the tractor. The water pick-up is being taken to Vehicle Upfitters to have the Tommy Lift gate put on. A quote has been requested for 3/8” chip rock for at least 300 tons. The dig safe locates for the High School electrical project have been called in. There are 2 swim meets at the city pool this week. City staff keeps spraying weeds in the streets that just won’t seem to die. Councilmember B.J. Duvall asked City Superintendent John Duvall where his proposed plan for upcoming electric project work would be, so he can get an idea. City Administrator John Duvall advised that last time there were about 165, he will get with Councilmember B.J. Duvall, and they can go look together. b. Chief of Police: Police Chief Jose Salinas gave his monthly report. He advised that he had over 16 speak to officer requests, 1 911 hang-up call, 2 domestic calls, 6 animal calls (skunks or racoons being caught in traps), 1 dead animal an armadillo I think, 2 motorist assists, 3 dog at large calls, over 10 VIN inspections, 1 reckless driver call, 1 theft call, 2 juvenile calls, several cattle out calls, a found firearm call that is now in the city’s possession, a trespass call. I sent out 5 mowing violation letters, helped the sheriff’s office with a funeral call that started in Kiowa, met with the county attorney several times following up and trying to finish cases. Had the repeater worked on today because of the continuing issues with my radio. The Tech advised that he didn’t believe the repeater had been touched or updated since 2016. Lastly, the Tango Tango app that I had been evaluating, will be of any benefit. I can’t very well stop in the middle of a chase or fight and grab my phone to open the app and request backup from the county. c. Fire Department: Fire Chief Bill Duvall advised that the tanker is ready to get DOT inspected and would like the council’s blessing to get it done. Hazelton township got theirs done and it was right around \$1000. There is a spot	in the exhaust under the cab that needs to be fixed. 1 truck has been loaded with the new 5” hose. The ISO lady should be here on the 21st. Originally it was going to be at 1:30 pm, but asked for my help with Dispatch, so we are now meeting at 9:30 am. There is an airline that we are continuing to work on, all donated by Bill’s Repair. E-Dispatch is still down on the fire side, has been since mid-June, we are struggling and therefore relying heavily on our radios. 6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT a. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that he had been asked by the Labor Day 5K committee to allow for a Color Run this year, which he obliged. It shouldn’t stain the streets but might have to wash down with a bit of water. City Clerk Sameta Thayer reached out about the Burn-out and was advised that due to insurance costs rising so tremendously there will be no burn-out this year. The server at the Chief Theater crashed, a new one has been ordered. The city paid half down initially, and the Hays Foundation is going to cover that expense. A letter addressed to me and members of the City Council was received asking us to consider adopting a “Property Maintenance Ordinance”. City Attorney Matthew Metcalf advised that many cities have adopted all or portions of the 2015 IPMC - International Property Maintenance Code. He suggests looking into Kiowa’s city codes and ordinances as to what exists or may have already been adopted. After much discussion and banter between members of the council, city attorney, and city administrator there was a definite decision not wanting to infringe on people’s rights or come across as anything like a HOA. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that he would have the IPMC available for all members of the council at the next meeting. City Administrator Ty Piper and City Superintendent John Duvall met with Don Helmke of KRWa (Kansas Rural Water Association) to review water allotments and Don has offered to help with water applications. Councilmember Dylon Molz had Western Equipment send a quote on a loader that would cost \$97,500.00, trade-in value \$24,50.00 leaving \$73,000 total. Agri-Center has sent a quote for a	new Hyundai HL 930 warranties included which is a \$20,000 trade-in value, \$132,650.00 remaining cost. City Superintendent John Duvall and I are also going to go look at some roll offs from Alva Public Works, to see if we can reasonably purchase one or two to help store our scrap metal so we don’t have to keep moving it around. I have received 2 written complaints which I am investigating and using follow-up protocol, that I wanted to make council aware of. The Hays Foundation has been asked to cover the cost to paint the east and north doors of the Community Building. 7. COUNCIL / MAYOR REPORTS a. Councilmember B.J. Duvall would like to address the kids riding around and racing on lawn mowers. Especially the ones he’s seen on Main Street and the Highways going through Kiowa. He suggested to Police Chief Jose Salinas that speaking to the parents might be a good place to start, and progress from there if needed. Police chief Jose Salinas advised that one of his statutes advised that lawnmowers can be considered an ATV. Scooters are more like bicycles, where they should use hand signals and ride on the shoulder, etc. He will be keeping watch and speaking to both kids and parents. 8. PUBLIC COMMENT a. A Kiowa resident brought up what she thought was 12th street, and how another resident has been dumping their grass clippings down the middle of the road all summer. Also, Drumm Street between 11th and 12th needs to be better taken care of, such as weeds and maybe re-sealed. 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION a. Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege, including City Administrator Ty Piper and Attorney Mathew Metcalf. K.S.A. 60-437. Executive session will begin at 8:17 pm and end at 8:37 pm. Councilmember Jason Thayer seconded the motion. The motion was carried 4-0. No action was taken. 10. ADJOURN a. Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Jason Thayer closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.
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**IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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In the Matter of the Estate of

JON DAVID McCORMICK

a/k/a JON D. McCORMICK,

a/k/a JON McCORMICK, deceased

Case No. BA-2026-PR-000020

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to all Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed
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a/k/a Jon McCormick, deceased, praying for the for-
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D. McCormick, a/k/a Jon McCormick, deceased, be

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**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION**

Re: David A. Barker, Application for an exception to
the 10 year time limitation of

K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the #1 Smith A, Section 17-T31S-
R13W Barber County, Kansas

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R13W, Barber County, Kansas.

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Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15)
days from the date of this Publication. These protests
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BorderCzar: ICE Officers to Wear Body Cameras at Traffic Stop

BY ARIANA FIGUEROA
States Newsroom

WASHINGTON, D.C – In the wake of two fatal shootings in Texas and Maine, U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement officers will wear “at least one body camera” during traffic stops, Tom Homan, the president’s border czar, said over the weekend.

Homan, who President Donald Trump has tasked with leading his mass deportation campaign, said in a Sunday interview on Fox News that ICE’s acting director has instructed officers to wear a body camera “whenever possible” during vehicle stops.

This month, two immigrants – 25-year-old Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero and 52-year-old Lorenzo Salgado Araujo – were shot and killed by ICE agents who stopped their vehicles. Neither man was an initial

enforcement target, the Department of Homeland Security said.

During Sunday’s Fox and Friends Weekend program, Homan said he supported body cameras because “they exonerate more law enforcement than they convict.”

“I want officers to wear body cameras because I want the American people to see what the officers saw when they took that action,” Homan said.

Federal immigration officers have shot 22 people and killed six, including three U.S. citizens, during the second Trump administration. Most shootings have stemmed from traffic stops, which Homan said officers were continuing.

After the back-to-back shootings of Salgado Araujo in Texas and Guerrero in Maine, DHS instructed agents to pause vehicle stops, but Trump quickly reversed those plans.

Congressional Standstill

Homan blamed Democrats for the reason immigration agents don’t have body cameras, pointing to the weeks-long shutdown of DHS. He also accused traffic stops of becoming more dangerous because of Democrats criticizing ICE.

“They’re more dangerous now than ever because Democratic members of Congress, Democratic mayors and governors have preached for the past year ‘ICE isn’t a real law enforcement agency. ICE has no authority. Resist,’” he said.

Democrats refused to approve funding for DHS unless restraints were placed on ICE and Border Patrol officers, such as the requirement for body cameras, after two U.S. citizens were killed by federal immigration officers in Minnesota in January.

Congressional Republi-

cans last year used a special legislative maneuver to allocate roughly \$175 billion to DHS for immigration enforcement, detainment and deportations, without needing Democratic support.

GOP lawmakers used the same move following the

shutdown this year to fund \$75 billion for ICE and Border Patrol until September of 2029.

In a separate interview, on CBS’s Face the Nation Sunday, Homan again gave his support for body cameras on ICE officers and blamed Democrats for a lack of

body cameras.

“I think body cameras are the way to go,” he said.

After the two killings in Minnesota in January, then-Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said DHS would be issuing body cameras to immigration officers.

Community Leaders for Kyle Hoffman

Kyle Hoffman
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bring a little more meaning to you. So make the cookies, in the mismatched kitchen, with the broken measuring cups and know that those who mean the most to you, don’t care about any of those things. They just want a cookie.

Grandma’s Zucchini Cookies

1 cup of sugar
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1 egg
2 cups of flour
1 tsp. Of vanilla
1 tsp. Of baking soda
½ tsp. Of cloves
1 tsp. Of cinnamon
½ tsp. Of salt
1 cup grated zucchini
Optional add ins: raisins, pecans, chocolate chips
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