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State Consultant Discusses Data Centers

BY JASON JUMP

Editor

Paul Hughes, owner of Catapult Kansas LLC, who won a \$180,000 single-bid contract with the Kansas Department of Commerce in 2023 to consult for the department, gave a presentation Tuesday night, at the county's Annex Building, about data center projects in Kansas, including Google's Project Helium.

Hughes, who's contract with the state was set to expire just hours after his presentation, was the former deputy secretary of business development at the KDC.

The presentation included a description of the differing types of data centers from hyperscale projects, such as

Project Helium, which is proposed for an area just north of Sharon, to shared data centers that include company specific spaces in one location.

Hughes, who was not aware of Barber County's lack of zoning regulations, said now was the time for the county and its residents to act in a number of different areas from zoning to creating a vision of what the county wanted to become over the next two to three decades.

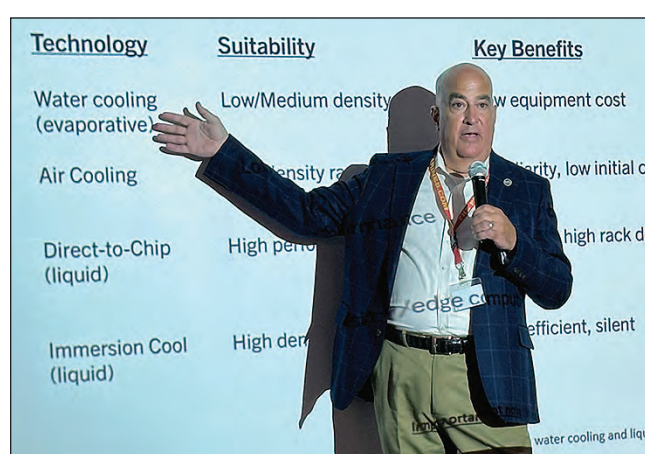
"What is your vision for your community – you're the only one that can have it because you live here," the consultant said. "I can't help with that."

Hughes said once the community has a vision, then, the next step is how to pay for the implementation of that

vision.

A communication pathway was also presented to the audience, as Hughes told residents that answers to their questions would not come from one person or one department, which he acknowledged could lead to frustration. He also talked about the differences between state and local government. Hughes said a lot of the protections people seek do not lie with state government, but need to be addressed on a local level – such as concerns about noise and light.

Hughes said ultimately he did not care whether a data center was built in Barber County. He said he just wants to make sure the data center is built



JASON JUMP / The Premiere

Paul Hughes, owner of Catapult Kansas LLC a consulting firm hired by the Kansas Department of Commerce, shares information regarding data center projects ongoing in Kansas with Barber County residents Tuesday night at the county's Annex Building.

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Dept. of Ag Announces Photo Contest

PRESS RELEASE

MANHATTAN – The beauty of Kansas agriculture can't be captured by a camera, but people are encouraged to try in the annual Kansas Department of Agriculture Photo Contest. KDA is now accepting photo entries, and will continue accepting entries through Aug. 16.

This year's KDA Photo Contest categories were selected to celebrate the hard work that happens all year long in Kansas agriculture by recognizing the seasons: Spring into the Fields, Life in the Summer, Fall on the Farm, and Winter at Work. These categories allow people to showcase Kansas agriculture in many ways – from spring planting through fall harvest, from the intense heat of summer to the bitter cold of winter.

As always, there is a separate Youth division, for young photographers age 18 and under. A video category will welcome drone footage, harvest videos or other short clips of under 30 seconds that showcase Kansas agriculture. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners in each of the six categories.

KDA serves to advocate for agriculture, the state's largest industry and economic driver. Photos which best

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Kelly Surveys Landscape as She Exits Government



GOV. LAURA KELLY

BY TIM CARPENTER
KansasReflector.com

TOPEKA – Gov. Laura Kelly said she appreciates that when Kansans think of economic development, their minds turn to deals for the Kansas City Chiefs' \$3 billion domed stadium in Wyandotte County and Panasonic's \$4 billion bat-

tery plant in De Soto.

"Obviously, those are sort of the crown jewels," Kelly said during a Kansas Reflector podcast interview. "Those are the things that people will remember. But what I think about, in addition to thinking about those two things, is all of the other kinds of things that we've been able to do."

Kelly, who leaves office in January at the conclusion of two terms as governor, said a pivot point in her administration's quest for capital investment and job growth in Kansas occurred in 2020 with the announcement that Urban Outfitters would build a massive distribution center in Kansas City, Kansas. Her adminis-

tration offered millions of dollars in tax credits and Wyandotte County delivered a 10-year, 75% property tax abatement.

"For a company like Urban Outfitters to even consider coming to Kansas was just amazing," Kelly said. "That was a major coup."

The Democratic governor said the move by Urban Outfitters, a retailer targeting young adults with trend-driven clothing and goods, contributed to a domino effect that led to \$35 billion in new capital investment and created or preserved 88,000 jobs in Kansas since she took office in 2019.

She said the surge in public-private investments

changed perceptions of Kansas.

"I really wanted that to happen," Kelly said. "When Urban Outfitters said yes, that gave us a pretty cool brand that said 'yes' to Kansas, and that, I think, attracted other businesses."

In the Beginning

Kelly, who represented a Topeka district in the Kansas Senate, said she had no interest in running for Kansas governor in 2017. She held a front row seat to the state's financial hardships during administrations of Republican Gov. Sam Brownback and his replacement, Gov. Jeff Colyer.

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Barber County Commissioners Discuss Wichita State Study on Jail Situation

BY JASON JUMP

Editor

Barber County commissioners have referenced a study conducted by Wichita State University while discussing the ongoing issues and concerns in regard to the Barber County jail facility during recent meetings.

The WSU Public Police & Management Center (PPMC) conducted a study, in 2024, with the aid of six different county sheriffs (Abilene, Dodge City, Great Bend, Kingman, Liberal and Hays), a representative from the U.S. Marshal's office with the district of Kansas and the supervising U.S. Deputy Marshall from the Wichita office.

The PPMC is a "independent research body unaffiliated with Barber County." The report was prepared by the research team and data collected from external sources.

"PPMC's findings are based on assumption of data accuracy received from internal and external sources," the report stated. "The report represents the findings, views, opinions and conclusions of the research team alone. The report does



JASON JUMP / The Premiere

Barber County jail cells remain empty since the facility was shut down by former Sheriff Jason LeClair several years ago.

not express the official or unofficial policy of Wichita State University."

Barber County's original jail was built in the 1950s as a "Navy brig," according to the report. The facility is not currently being utilized by the BCSO, and was closed before current Sheriff

Richard Garza took office. The county currently houses inmates in various south central Kansas counties, including Pratt, Harper and Cowley counties mostly, but the Kingman, Kiowa, Finney, Mead and Ford county facilities have also been utilized since the county jail

closed.

The study said the "best financial scenario" for the long-term (30 years) is constructing a large enough facility to house three Barber County inmates at a time, but also one that will house out-of-county and federal inmates, which could bring

\$2.8 million in revenue to the county over that time frame.

PPMC's second-best scenario called for Barber County to continue transporting inmates to out-of-county facilities, but Under-sheriff Scott McCann said during last week's county

commission meeting that it's becoming more difficult for a number of reasons, which include facility availability, transportation concerns, medical issues, as well as staff limitations.

The study showed two different cost/revenue comparisons (three local inmates and seven local inmates) for a no-jail scenario, as well as ones for 12-, 16- and 24-bed facilities. All but one scenario showed deficit spending for the county. The only revenue-generating plan was the 24-bed facility, which could potentially generate the \$2.8 million.

Continuing to transport inmates would cost the county anywhere from \$3.23 million to \$7.54 million, depending on the number of inmates. A 12- and 16-bed facility for three local inmates increased that cost to \$4.77 million and \$4.07 million, respectively. The 12- and 16-bed options with seven local inmates would cost the county \$9.81 million and \$9.11 million, respectively.

"Overall findings indicate continuing to transport Barber County inmates seems

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Kobach Sues Kansas Employer Insurer Aetna for ‘Misappropriating’ State Funds



SHERMAN SMITH / Kansas Reflector

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach, shown here answering a reporter’s questions in March, filed a lawsuit June 24 accusing Aetna of using billing practices that misappropriate state funds.

BY MORGAN CHILSON
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach has filed a lawsuit accusing Aetna Inc. of “misappropriating” state funds through a mechanism found to violate federal law in other court cases, an allegation the health insurer denies.

Amber Smith, deputy attorney general of the Public Protection Unit, said Aetna failed in its fiduciary duty and has “chosen to misappropriate Kansas funds to pay itself.” Aetna is a third-party administrator for the State Employee Health plan, serving along with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas.

The lawsuit, filed June 24 in Shawnee County District Court, alleges that Aetna used a billing process called “cross-plan offsetting” to pay itself back using state money when Aetna overpays providers in unrelated insurance plans, a news release from Kobach’s office said. The Kansas lawsuit also accuses Aetna of charging

the state “hidden or obfuscated” fees for out-of-network claims using a repricing structure that’s been challenged in federal court. The lawsuit asks the courts to order Aetna to stop using practices that use state money to offset costs for other plans and that restitution be made to the state. An Aetna spokesperson

denied any wrongdoing in a statement emailed to Kansas Reflector. “Aetna is committed to safeguarding the money provided by Kansas taxpayers to fund the state employee health plan. We deny these allegations and will defend ourselves vigorously,” the statement said.

How Federal Law Defines Billing Practice

The lawsuit focuses on cross-plan offsetting, a process other courts nationwide have said violates federal law defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

In a lawsuit filed about the practice, the U.S. Department of Labor described how an insurance company used cross-plan offsetting. The department said the company overpaid a health-care provider for services

received by a plan participant. Instead of trying to recoup the overpayment, the company “took the payment it admits was due to the same provider for services rendered to a different plan participant in a different plan.”

The Department of Labor treats the practice as a federal law violation. In late 2023, the department settled with EmblemHealth, a New York-based healthcare company, for using the practice. The insurer agreed to stop cross-plan offsetting in Employee Retirement Income Security Act-covered health plans and to reimburse workers and families harmed by the practice, the department said in a release.

Aetna and Kansas
In the lawsuit, Kobach

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somewhere in Kansas. “Truthfully, I’m indifferent to where it (the data center) goes in Kansas, so long as it’s in Kansas,” he said.

The state currently has 19 data centers, according to a slide presented by Hughes, while 15 counties in Kansas are currently in some stage of discussions about the possibility of adding to that number. In central Kansas, action includes Barber, Reno, Sedgwick, Saline, Dickinson and Lyon counties.

“So they do have options,” Hughes said.

Kansas currently has 20 open projects of various sizes, which on the low end is a \$12 million project upwards of \$7-plus billion projects for a statewide total of \$25.4 billion.

Hughes talked about Senate Bill 98 and the protections built into that piece of legislation. He also discussed how data centers were being tossed around like a political football during this election year, which led to his concern that SB 98 could be eliminated in January 2027.

One protection in the SB 98 bill is the Intelligence Fusion Center, which falls under the office of the state’s Attorney General. Hughes said this is a highly classified department that analyzes each project as to national security. Google is in the very beginning stages of starting the application process for Project Helium, according to Hughes.

While SB 98 does provide protections through the IFC, Hughes said there was a loophole in that developers can bypass that process through use of industrial revenue bonds, which can be procured from local governments without involvement through the state’s IFC process. Hughes said that route has its own safeguards in that local government agencies do not have to agree to issue the bonds, which could leave developers on the line for a substantial amount of money to continue with a project.

The state’s consultant for megaprojects said Kansas is actually behind the curve when it comes to growth in the data center game. Hughes told residents that states with 100 or more data centers have been proactive in seeking out that growth. Virginia currently has the most of any state with 665, followed by Texas (413) and California (321). There are 11 other states that have 100-plus data centers, which vary in size from the small shared spaces up to the hyperscale versions.

Hughes said there are both pros and cons for the Sunflower State, which currently has 19 data centers. He said, on one hand the state has missed out on development, but on the other officials have been able to learn from what other states have done.

Some of the delays, according to Hughes, was Kansas’ lack of infrastructure for power, as well as how data can be moved. The Southwest Power Pool is one player addressing power needs, while Wichita will soon be the state’s first Internet Exchange Point.

Hughes talked about potential benefits to the local community. He said tax revenue is a large benefit, but he also talked about indirect benefits from full hotels and rental properties to more customers at local restaurants.

The consultant said he hears plenty of reasons why people don’t want data centers as he travels across the state giving presentations. What he said he is not hearing enough of in local communities is discussions of what residents do want.

“What do you want in your community and how do we enable that,” Hughes said. “How do we make that happen?”

“So that’s a big part of the conversation. Communities, for the first time in a very long time, are talking about what do we want to become. What do we want our kids to do? What opportunities do we want them to have 20 years from now.”

Hughes said data center discussions are a “rough way” to get these conver-

sations started, but he said he was glad to start seeing these discussions taking place on a local level.

As for Google, Hughes called the tech giant an “elite level player” in the market.

“There’s nobody better than them in this game,” he said.

He said the project developer wants to be a part of the community and reiterated how Google wants to be a “good neighbor,” hiring local people for good paying jobs and training students in areas that will be able to keep them closer to home upon graduation from high school and/or college.

“For the first time in a very long time, in this region, the youth graduating high school can go to work for a tech company and not have to leave the community,” Hughes said. “That’s important.”

Hughes also talked about potential energy benefits that could come from such a “large-load project,” which has to pay a 20 percent premium for power. That 20 percent then gets “sprinkled across the rest of the rate” payers to help insure those

rate payers “aren’t taking a hit.”

Hughes said ultimately it was the county’s decision whether or not to green light Project Helium, but he wanted that decision to be made on “factual, good data.”

He said Barber County needs to be working on a “wishlist,” creating a vision of where the county wants to be 20 years from now.

“So how do we build that road map,” he asked. “It’s a healthy exercise, regardless of whether you say yes or no on the project.”

Hughes did say the community needs to assess what it will gain from not only this project but any project that wants to do business in the county.

After the nearly 40-minute presentation, Hughes held a question-and-answer session that lasted just over an hour.

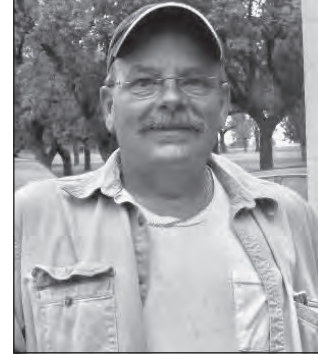
Tuesday night’s presentation was hosted by Barber County Development.

EDITOR’S NOTE: This is the first part in a multi-part series that will go into more detail about Hughes’ presentation, as well as the question-and-answer session.

OBITUARY

MICHAEL WILEY

With heavy hearts and deep love, the family of Michael Wiley, 69, of Derby, announces his passing on June 16, 2026. Michael passed away peacefully at home following a lengthy battle with COPD.



Michael was born on Dec. 14, 1956, in Russell, to Parker and Mildred Wiley. He graduated from South Barber High School in 1975 and later attended Salina Vocational College. He worked on the family farm and later in the aircraft industry with Honeywell and Cessna. Michael enjoyed golfing, traveling, photography and

watching game shows. On Oct. 17, 2015, he married his beloved wife, Susan Malone.

Michael was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Susan; his daughters, Dawn Pennel and Darcy Winingham; his nephew, Joshua Wiley; and his stepdaughters, Amy Malone-Torres (Ed) and Lisa O’Hara (Duran). He also leaves behind his six grandchildren, his great-grandson, his five step-grandchildren, Ed and his great-niece and great-great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Parker and Mildred Wiley, and his brother, Russell Wiley.

A celebration of life was held on Sunday, June 28. Friends and family were invited to gather, share memories, and honor the life of a man who meant so much to so many. The family will hold a private ceremony to scatter his ashes at a later date.

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capture the categories will be used throughout the year as we tell the story of Kansas agriculture. After submission, KDA is granted permission to use any photograph for publications, social media, websites, displays, etc. without payment or other consideration from the photographer.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to KDA.PhotoContest@ks.gov. Videos should be sent in .mp4 or .mov format. Entries must include a

title and brief description, where and when the photo/video was taken, the photographer's full name and age, entry category, hometown and email address.

Guidelines for the KDA Photo Contest, including deadlines, categories and prizes, can be found at agriculture.ks.gov/PhotoContest. Voting to select finalists will begin on KDA's social media sites in mid-August. For more information, contact Heather Lansdowne, KDA director of communications, at Heather.Lansdowne@ks.gov or (785) 564-6706.

North Barber County Recreation Summer League Teams

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public testing of vote counting equipment to be used in the August 4, 2026 Primary Election will be held in the Barber County Clerk's office. Pretest will be July 9, 2026 at 9 am and post test will be August 14, 2026 at 9 am, in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4411 and 25-4610

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a primary election to be held on August 4, 2026. Pursuant to the provision of K.S.A. 25-2311 A-3, notice is hereby given that at 5:00 pm on the 14th day of July, 2026, the books for registration of voters will close and will remain closed until the 5th day of August, 2026

Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm Polling places are located at:

Barber County Ambulance Building (in Kiowa)- Aetna, Elwood/Hardtner, Hazelton, Kiowa East, Kiowa West, and Moore.

Barber County Annex- Deerhead, Eagle, Elm Mills, Lake City, McAdoo, Medicine Lodge One, Medicine Lodge Two, Medicine Lodge Three, Medicine Lodge Four, Medicine Lodge Five, Mingona, Sharon, Sun City, Turkey Creek, and Valley/Isabel.

To Register to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or will have attained the age of eighteen (18) years at the next election, must register before he or she can vote.

The voter must register if:

1. The voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings
2. The voter changes residence

Any person may apply in person or by mail at 120 E. Washington, Medicine Lodge, KS Such applications shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of June, 2026

Amy Sill
County Election Officer/County Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:
VIOLET L. JACOBS, deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-000014
(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

ORDER FOR HEARING

NOW ON THIS ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED DATE, it is ordered that the Petition for Determination of Descent of this property of estate of Violet L. Jacobs, deceased; filed by Jana

S. Bollman, petitioner, be heard on the 16th day of July, 2026, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. by this Court at the courthouse in Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas; and that notice of the time and place of the hearing be given pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2209.

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LAWSUIT

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said Aetna was entrusted to determine medical claims, process provider payments and "administer the Plan fairly, lawfully, and in the best interests of plan participants."

Instead, Aetna treated those obligations as optional, the lawsuit said.

"Kansas is the first state to sue Aetna for misusing state health plan dollars to benefit the health plan administrator," Smith said in the release.

"However, in other private lawsuits, courts have ruled against Aetna's cross-plan offsetting scheme as a violation of the company's fiduciary

duty to its customers. Arizona has also sued Aetna in a far-reaching antitrust case related to its conduct for out-of-network claims."

In the lawsuit, Kobach says Aetna's role with the State Employees Health Plan allows the company "substantial discretion" over operations, including whether claims are approved, how they are priced, what portion of billed charges is paid to providers and whether payments are later reversed or recouped.

"That discretion is exercised over public assets, on behalf of public employees, under a contract that obligates Aetna to act in the interests of the Plan and its participants," the

lawsuit filing said. "It carries fiduciary weight regardless of the label the parties have given the relationship."

The Kansas Employee Health Care Commission recently chose to retain Aetna and Blue Cross as the two third-party administrators for state employees. The commission considered dropping BCBSKS because Aetna's bid was lower but retained both companies.

When asked if the commission had been aware of possible issues with Aetna's operations or that a lawsuit would be filed, Samir Arif, spokesman for the Kansas Department of Administration, said the department doesn't comment when a lawsuit is ongoing.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, a primary election will be held in the County of Barber, State of Kansas. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polling places are Barber County Annex, 211 E. Kansas Ave, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104 and Barber County Ambulance Building, 740 Main St, Kiowa, KS 67070

UNITED STATES SENATE

Democratic: Damon Anderson-Shawnee, Christy Davis-Cottonwood Falls, Adam Hamilton-Stilwell, Jason Hart-Wichita, Kevin Latz-Mission Hills, Erik Murray-Kansas City, Sandy Spidel Neumann-Overland Park, Anne Parekar-Overland Park, Patrick C. Schmidt-Topeka, Michael "Mike" Soetaert-Wellington, and Noah Taylor-Kechi

Republican: Roger Marshall-St. John and Pond Naramore-Lawrence

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE 4th DISTRICT

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Republican: Ron Estes-Wichita and Frank A. McCollum-Fall River

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Republican: Ty Masterson-Andover/Jeffrey Klemp-Lansing, Charlotte O'Hara-Overland Park/Michelle Dombrosky-Olathe, Nick Reinecker-Inman/Katy Reinecker-Inman, Stacy L Rogers-Wichita/Michael W. Smith-Lansing, Philip Sarnecki-Overland Park/Joy Eakins-Wichita, Vicki Schmidt-Topeka/Joe Newland-Neodesha, and Scott Schwab-Overland Park/Ken Rahjes-Agra

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Republican: Daniel Hawkins-Wichita

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Democratic: Nathan Bales-Pratt

Republican: Kyle D. Hoffman-Coldwater and Herb Landwehr-Sharon

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Democratic: Ann Zimmerman-Salina

Republican: Alana McWilliams-Abilene

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

Democratic: None filed

Republican: Mike Roe-Medicine Lodge

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Republican: Aetna-None filed, Deerhead-Kenton Marsh-Sun City, Eagle-Allan Maze-Medicine Lodge, Elm Mills-Rex A. Robinson-Sawyer, Elwood-None filed, Hazelton- Keith Rathgeber-Kiowa, Kiowa-Brent Diel-Kiowa, Lake City- Russell B. Lake III-Lake City, McAdoo-None filed, Medicine Lodge-Ted Colborn-Medicine Lodge, Mingona-None filed, Moore-None filed, Sharon- Jeff England-Sharon, Sun City-Teena Thurber-Sun City, Turkey Creek-Sammye Hoss-Coats and Valley-Andrew Waggoner-Isabel

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN AND WOMAN

Democratic: None filed in any precinct

Republican: Aetna-None filed, Deerhead-None filed, Eagle-Allan Maze-Medicine Lodge, Patricia A. Maze-Medicine Lodge, Elm Mills-None filed, Elwood-Wesley King-Hardtner, Barbara King-Hardtner, and Helen (Annie) Meyers-Hardtner, Hazelton-None filed, Kiowa East-None filed, Kiowa West-None filed, Lake City- Michael Stull-Lake City, and Jeff Woods-Lake City, Courtney Pilkington-Lake City, and Gina R. Woods-Lake City, McAdoo-None filed, Medicine Lodge One-Dr. Steve Garten-Medicine Lodge, and John D. Platt-Medicine Lodge, Sherry Colborn-Medicine Lodge, and Tina Wolgast-Medicine Lodge, Medicine Lodge Two-Michael Roe-Medicine Lodge, Lorelei L. McFarland-Medicine Lodge, and Christine Roe-Medicine Lodge, Medicine Lodge Three-Michael Sill-Medicine Lodge, Amy Sill-Medicine Lodge, Medicine Lodge Four-Rick Fitzgerald-Sharon, Yvonne D. Colle-Burden-Medicine Lodge, and Susan M. Fitzgerald-Sharon, Medicine Lodge Five-Richard L. Swayden-Medicine Lodge, Betty Jo Swayden-Medicine Lodge, Mingona-Jeff J. Clarke-Medicine Lodge, Robbie Clarke-Medicine Lodge, Moore-Paul Harbaugh-Kiowa, No Committeewoman filed, Sharon-Larry D. Conner-Sharon, and Herb M. Landwehr-Sharon, Billie Jo Fischer-Sharon, and Dee Saddler-Sharon, Sun City-Brendon Woods-Sun City, No Committeewoman filed, Turkey Creek-None filed and Valley-None filed

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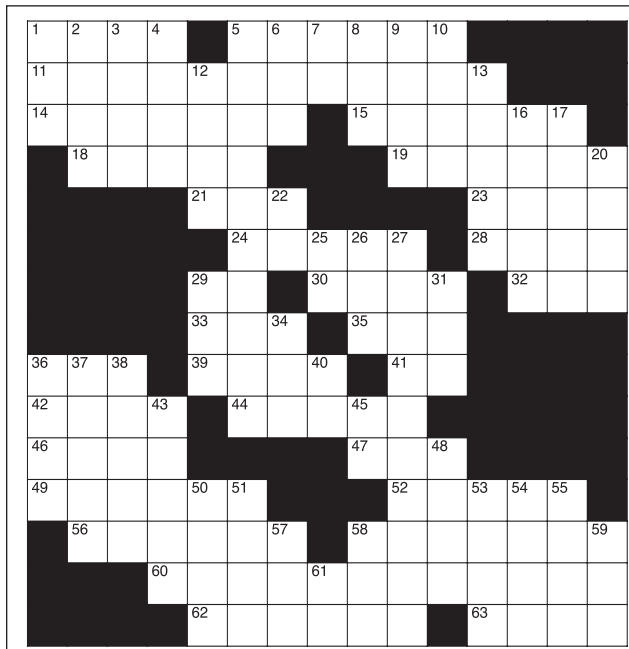
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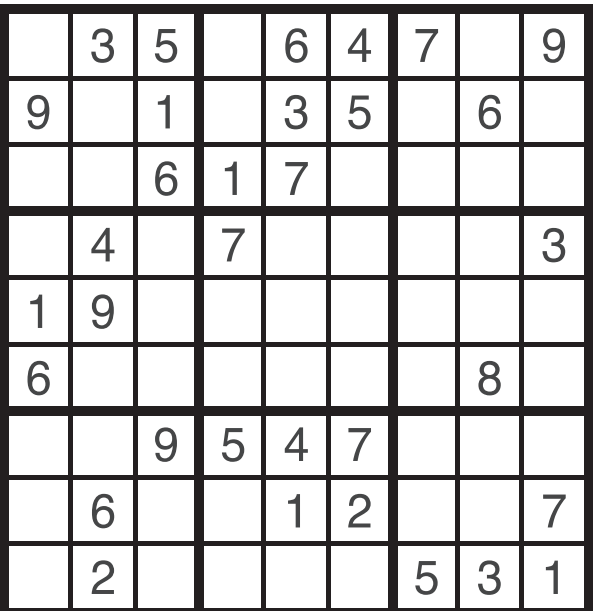


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ___ chat
- 5. Statue near the Pyramids
- 11. A process to change the look
- 14. Herb
- 15. Think about excessively
- 18. Bass vocal part
- 19. Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO
- 21. A major division of geological time
- 23. New Zealand parrot
- 24. Cognitive contents
- 28. Lump of yarn
- 29. Atomic #109
- 30. Let go of
- 32. Indian title of respect
- 33. Whereabouts unknown
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Drivers' licenses count
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. They precede C
- 42. Popular personal computers
- 44. Intermediate community stage in ecological succession
- 46. Wings
- 47. Indicates position
- 49. Pleasantly smooth or soft
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Reassertions
- 62. Eras
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Corporate executive
- 2. A plant used for flavoring food
- 3. Opinion or belief
- 4. Sheep in their second year
- 5. Intensities of sound
- 6. Indicates support for
- 7. Expression of laughter
- 8. OJ trial judge
- 9. Pointed ends of pens
- 10. True bugs genus
- 12. Lawyers argue their
- 13. Body parts
- 16. Closes tightly
- 17. World Heritage site in Nigeria
- 20. Islamic calendar month
- 22. Commercial
- 25. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 26. They ___
- 27. Religious guilds
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 34. Brew
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Older citizen
- 43. Scad fish genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double S-shaped curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Older
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the ___ degree
- 59. Residue
- 61. It cools your home



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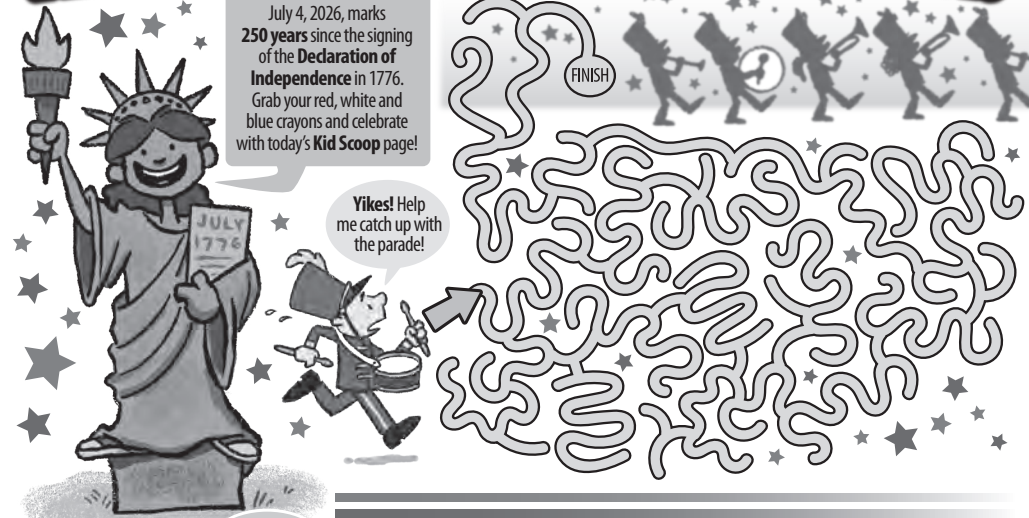
GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on July 2, 1990 in Australia. I earned my first acting role shortly after graduating from college, and I went on to play a character on the soap opera "Neighbours." Eventually I found fame in the United States, bringing life to films about a fallen ice skating star and a beloved doll.

Answer: Margot Robbie



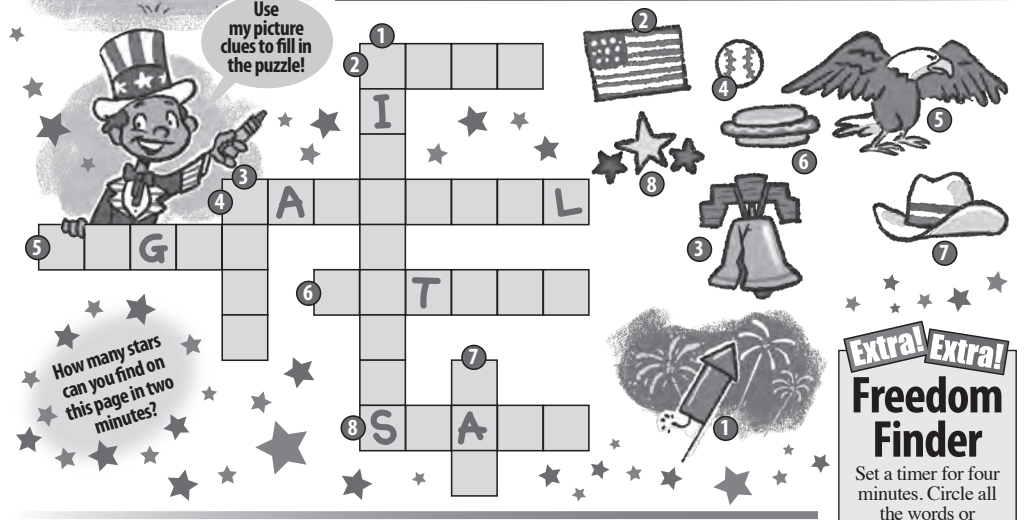
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



July 4, 2026, marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Grab your red, white and blue crayons and celebrate with today's Kid Scoop page!

Yikes! Help me catch up with the parade!

Use my picture clues to fill in the puzzle!



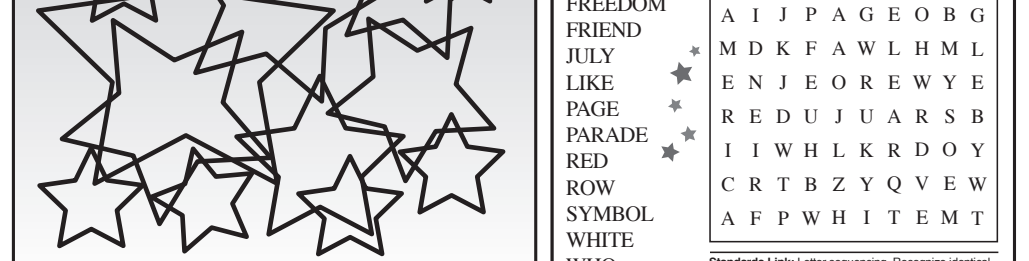
Freedom Finder

Set a timer for four minutes. Circle all the words or pictures in the newspaper that describe what you like about the United States. Reset the timer and have a friend or parent look for more. Who found the most words?

Standards Link: Reading: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Patriotic Pattern

Draw the missing symbol in each row to continue the pattern. Have a friend check your work.



Standards Link: Math: Recognize continuous repeating patterns.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

There were 13 stars on the first American flag. Can you find 13 stars here?



Standards Link: Reading: Follow simple, written instructions.

Double double Word Search

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

- AMERICA
- BIRTHDAY
- BLUE
- EAGLE
- FOUR
- FREEDOM
- FRIEND
- JULY
- LIKE
- PAGE
- PARADE
- RED
- ROW
- SYMBOL
- WHITE
- WHO

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

American Celebration

Look through the newspaper for articles and pictures about the different ways people are celebrating America's 250th birthday. Clip the articles and photos and save them to look at again on America's 275th birthday!

Standards Link: Reading: Use the newspaper to locate information.



ANSWER: Alabama. It has four A's and one B.

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Draw lines to connect each matching cupcake pair.



Standards Link: Reading: Follow simple, written directions.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PATRIOTIC**
 The adjective **patriotic** means showing pride or respect for your country.

Our high school band played **patriotic** music before the big fireworks show.

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

Write On! Freedom

What does freedom mean to you? Write about it. Share what you write with your family members.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers: 1. Missing watch on man. 2. Bow in woman's hair. 3. Sea gull by dock. 4. Missing mast in background.

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BARBER COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

June 12
 5:48 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a reckless driver call, Lake City
 6:54 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 7:10 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 9:05 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 9:17 p.m., Deputy Hyrst assisted Medicine Lodge police on suspicious incident in the 200 block of S. Cherry Street, Medicine Lodge
 9:26 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 9:55 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 11:01 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 11:35 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash on U.S. Highway 160 and mile marker 205

June 13
 2:46 a.m., Deputy Hyrst, Kiowa ambulance and rural fire responded to an unknown crash on Stateline Road and Bare Road, Medicine Lodge
 4:38 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 5:56 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 6:34 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 7:51 a.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 900 block of N. Cedar Street, Medicine Lodge
 8:23 a.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 4200 area of Falcon Road, Sawyer
 8:49 a.m., Deputy Manning responded to an abandoned vehicle on U.S. Highway 281 and Grandview Road,
 9:10 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 9:31 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 11:17 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 12:08 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 1:19 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted a business check at the Medicine Lodge Swimming Pool, Medicine Lodge
 1:43 p.m., bay initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281

and mile marker 15, citation issued for speed
 2:39 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 3:13 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted a business check at the Kiowa Swimming Pool, Kiowa
 3:30 p.m., Deputy Manning, Deputy Hyrst, Kiowa ambulance, fire and rural fire responded to a vehicle and motorcycle crash in the 3600 area of State Highway K2, Kiowa
 7:09 p.m. Deputy Hyrst and K9 Raider conducted K9 narcotics detection training at the range. Training was completed successfully.
 7:52 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop 307 S. Iliff Street, Medicine Lodge, verbal warning for no lights
 10:05 p.m. Deputy Hyrst conducted a business check in The Lunchbox Diner, Medicine Lodge
 11:25 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel

June 14
 12:11 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 12:28 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 1:31 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 1:48 a.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop Tri City Road and Kochia Road, citation issued for speed
 2:16 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 2:45 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol and conducted business checks on Main Street, Kiowa
 3:36 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 5:58 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 6:25 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 8:06 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 8:28 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 12:49 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 1:23 p.m., Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop Isabel Road and Cream Road, citation

issued for speed
 1:59 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 3:07 p.m., Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 15, citation issued for speed
 5:53 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a 911 open line in the 6600 area of Cedar Hills Road, Sharon
 6:36 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 7:43 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281 and Pleasant Hill, written warning for speed
 7:59 p.m. Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281 and College Hill Road, written warning for speed
 8:51 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 9:21 p.m., Deputy Hyrst removed a traffic hazard in the area of State Highway K2 and Little Mule Road
 9:25 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 10:12 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 10:41 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon

June 15
 12:04 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a citizen assist at the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Medicine Lodge
 12:51 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted business checks periodically at the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Medicine Lodge
 12:54 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 1:09 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 2:44 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 3:50 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 4:31 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 5:02 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 5:25 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted a transport from the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Medicine Lodge
 6:35 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 4, citation issued for no proof of insurance

9:13 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted a VIN inspection at the Barber County Sheriff's Office, Medicine Lodge
 1:16 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 1:29 p.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on 7th and Campbell Street, Kiowa, verbal warning for speed
 1:49 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 2:08 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 2:48 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 7:34 p.m., Deputy Luck and Medicine Lodge police officer responded to a 911 open line in the 2300 area of U.S. Highway 281

June 16
 6:11 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 8:53 a.m., Deputy McClellan responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash on U.S. Highway 160 and mile marker 230
 9:50 a.m., Undersheriff McCann and Kiowa police conducted a funeral escort, Kiowa
 12:29 p.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 2, verbal warning for speed
 12:47 p.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 2, verbal warning for speed and written warning for no insurance
 1:03 p.m., Undersheriff McCann and Deputy McClellan served 1 arrest warrant and escorted inmate to the Barber County Jail
 3:59 p.m., Deputy McClellan returned a request to speak to officer call in the 300 block of S. Main Street, Hardtner
 5:34 p.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281 and Rattlesnake Road, verbal warning for speed
 6:33 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a 911 open line call in the 300 block of N. Main Street, Sharon
 6:56 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 7:39 p.m., Deputy Hyrst and Medicine Lodge police responded to a traffic complaint at

the Barber County State Lake, Medicine Lodge
 8:31 p.m., Deputy Hyrst returned a request to speak to officer call, Kingman
 9:50 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 10:16 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 10:56 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 11:45 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel

June 17
 2:12 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 2:31 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 2:59 a.m., Deputy Hyrst backed up Medicine Lodge police on a traffic stop at 307 S. Iliff Street, Medicine Lodge
 3:05 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to an abandoned vehicle U.S. Highway 160 and Lake City Road
 3:39 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted a business check in the 100 block of E. Washington Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 5:58 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 6:29 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 7:52 a.m., Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop River Road and Forrest Road, citation issued for speed
 8:12 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 8:26 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 9:25 a.m., Sheriff Garza, Deputy Manning, and Children's Advocacy Center representatives for the Barber County Sheriff's Youth Safety Camp, Kiowa
 11:05 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted a VIN inspection in the 5800 area of Pleasant Hill Road, Sharon
 11:10 a.m., Deputy Manning attempted to serve civil process in the 200 block of N. 10th Street, Kiowa
 11:27 a.m., Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 8, citation issued for speed
 11:39 a.m., Sheriff Garza, Deputy Manning and Medicine Lodge police responded to a

disturbance in the 200 block of W. Washington Avenue, Sharon
 1:25 p.m., Deputy Manning returned a request to speak to officer call
 2:29 p.m., Sergeant Fisher initiated an investigation on a sexual assault call, Hazelton
 2:52 p.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 200 block of E. First Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 4:47 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 7:22 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop U.S. Highway 160 and Pixley Road, verbal warning for speed
 8:20 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 9:04 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted a business check in the Barber County Courthouse, Medicine Lodge
 9:14 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded for Kiowa police on a dog at large call in the 300 block of Miller Street, Kiowa
 11:05 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 11:29 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City

June 18
 1:23 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 2:40 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 3:30 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 4:20 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to unknown trouble at the Kiowa District Hospital, Kiowa
 5:18 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 6:02 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 6:35 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 9:26 a.m., Sheriff Garza, Deputy Manning, and Children's Advocacy Center representatives for the Barber County Sheriff's Youth Safety Camp, Medicine Lodge
 9:41 a.m., Sheriff Garza responded to a 911 open line in the 12000 area of Spring Creek Road, Sawyer
 10:34 a.m., Sheriff Garza and Medicine Lodge police conducted a funeral escort, Medicine Lodge
 11:42 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted a VIN inspection in the 200 block of Robie Street, Medicine Lodge
 12:27 p.m., Deputy Manning attempted to serve civil process in the 300 block of W. First Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 1:03 p.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 4400 area of U.S. Highway 160, Medicine Lodge
 1:23 p.m., Deputy Manning attempted to serve civil process in the 1200 area of Mill Road, Medicine Lodge
 1:33 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted a VIN inspection in the 400 block of E. Washington Avenue, Sharon
 1:46 p.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 1200 area of Mill Road, Medicine Lodge
 1:51 p.m., Deputy Manning attempted to serve civil process in the 5000 area River Road, Medicine Lodge
 2:32 p.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 600 block of Main Street, Kiowa
 2:36 p.m., Deputy Manning served civil process in the 200 block of N. 10th Street, Kiowa
 3:00 p.m., Sheriff Garza located abandoned vehicle on Rattlesnake Trail, Undersheriff McCann deployed K-9 Loki for narcotics detection of the vehicle
 3:27 p.m., Undersheriff McCann and K9 Loki conducted routine K9 maintenance training at the Medicine Lodge City Park, Medicine Lodge
 3:33 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 3:56 p.m., Deputy Manning attempted to serve civil process in the 400 block of W. Central Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 6:36 p.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to a reckless driver call on River Road
 6:42 p.m., Deputy Hyrst initiated a traffic stop River Road and Clover Road, negative results on DUI, citations issued for failure to signal and transportation of open container

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MEDICINE LODGE POLICE BLOTTER

June 22
 5 p.m. Medicine Lodge, Officer McLemore.
 6:13 p.m. Misc., citizen assist, Walnut St., Officer Miranda.
 6:46 p.m. Request to speak to officer, 800 blk N Oak St., Officer McLemore.

June 23
 12:38 a.m. Traffic/driving complaint, 281 and MM 45, Officer Miranda.
 7:37 a.m. 911 hangup/open line, 300 blk W Gremont, Chief Defore.
 8:33 a.m. 10-6 busy, 114 W First Ave., Chief Defore.
 12:25 p.m. VIN Inspections, Black-sheep Roustabout, Officer McLemore.
 3 p.m. Traffic hazard, 400 blk, W Kansas Ave., Officer McLemore.
 5:10 p.m. Welfare check/adult, 210 S Illif St., Officer Miranda.
 8:46 p.m. Vehicle unlock, 1100 blk

High St., Officer Miranda.
 8:55 p.m. Dog at large, Stolp and Main St., Officer Miranda.

June 24
 10:14 a.m. Non injury accident, 114 W First Ave., Officer McLemore.
 4:30 p.m. 911 hangup/open line.
 7:20 p.m. Vehicle unlock, 225 S Illif St., Officer Jackson.

June 25
 8:49 a.m. Civil standby, 100 blk E Washington Ave., Officer Brown.
 9:44 a.m. Civil standby, 118 E Washington Ave. Officer Brown.
 1:27 p.m. Vehicle unlock, 1800 blks S Rodeo Dr., Officer Brown.
 3:02 p.m. Suspicious activity, W First Ave. and Oak St., Officer Brown.
 3:10 p.m. Weather, Baco, Officer Brown.
 5:34 p.m. Reckless driver, SW US

HWY 160, Officer Jackson.
 6:07 p.m. 911 hangup/open line, 200 blk N Lincoln Ave., Officer Brown.
 8:29 p.m. Animal call, 700 blk N Oak St., Officer Jackson.
 11:28 p.m. Traffic stop, W Stolp Ave., and N Walnut St., Officer Jackson.

June 26
 7:71 a.m. 911 Hangup/open line, 1674 SE US HWY 160, Chief Defore.
 9:18 a.m. Request to speak to officer, Medicine Lodge, Officer McLemore.
 4:38 p.m. Medicine Lodge, Officer McLemore.

June 27
 1:39 a.m. Traffic stop, NE Well Rd., Officer Miranda.
 11:43 p.m. Information only, Pratt, Officer Miranda.

BARBER COUNTY DEEDS

D152-371 - Trustee's Deed: Mark W. and Janice C. Aberle Living Trust to Amber Renee and James Nathanael Sciara, Grantee.

D152-373 - Warranty Deed: Medicine Valley Properties, LLC to Tom L. and Patricia J. Inslee.

D152-375 - Warranty Deed: Medicine Valley Properties, LLC to Sierra Cargill, Grantee.

D152-376 - Warranty Deed: Charleen Annette Cade to Cade Family Trust, Grantee.

D152-377 - Warranty Deed: Janice J. Hoagland, et al, Pamela Sue and Louis Bradley Starks, et al, Jeffery D. and Charlotte C. Hoagland to Pamela Sue and Louis Bradley Starks et al, Jeffery D. and Charlotte C. Hoagland, Grantee, Mineral Conveyance/Right.

D152-383 - Quit Claim Deed: Spring Creek Cow Company, LLC to South Central Telephone Association, Inc. Grantee.

D152-384 - Warranty Deed: Western Flight Farms, LLC et al, Elkins Ag and Land Investments, LLC et al, Mauney Hunting LLC et al to G.R. & W Investing, LLC, Grantee.

D152-389 - Wesley W. McConnell Family Trust to G.R.& W. Investing, LLC. Grantee.

KIOWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES May Meeting

Monday 7:00 pm May 11, 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 Clerk Sameta Thayer
 1. CALL TO ORDER
 Mayor Garrett England completed roll call at 7:04 pm: Councilmembers Robison, Duvall, Hill, Thayer, and Molz were present, quorum reached. Mayor England led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Jason Thayer said the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to approve the agenda. Councilmember Jason Thayer seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES
 a. Councilmember Janet Robison motioned to approve the April 13, 2026, regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jason Thayer seconded. The motion was carried 5-0.

3. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE
 a. Monthly Expense Report - Councilmember B.J. Duvall moved to approve the Monthly Expense Report. Councilmember Dylon Molz seconded. The motion was carried 5-0.

b. The governing body reviewed the Monthly Budget Report. Councilmember Brian Hill asked if the Equipment reserve fund was for use by all departments excluding the Fire Department, he would like to have a better idea of how much money is available and what accounts it is in before going in

partially unprepared to purchase a loader. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that there are CDs for every utility.

4. NEW BUSINESS
 a. City Ordinance 26-487 – Councilmember Jason Thayer stated that because this ordinance was already discussed at last month's meeting, he motions to approve Ordinance 26-487. Councilmember Brian Hill seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.

b. Football Field Lights – City Administrator Ty Piper advised that there were two drawings and cost estimates done by City Superintendent John Duvall. City Administrator Ty Piper has already visited with the Superintendent at South Barber Schools about whether they have a preference between the options, and none was expressed. City Superintendent John Duvall advised that putting an easement in place continuing from the current easement at the tennis courts would be a good idea. He also advised that with option B there would be one more power pole required near the tennis courts, and power switches for the football field lights would be one on each side instead of in the press box. Councilmember Brian Hill suggested that lockboxes with padlocks be used at the power switches. Councilmember B.J. Duvall motioned to accept option B, with the understanding that if the school does not like the two power switches and would like to change to one switch, they will be responsible for the difference in costs. Councilmember Brian Hill seconded. The motion was carried 5-0.

c. Kiowa District Hospital Requests - City Administrator Ty Piper advised that city crew and office staff are continuing to work

on the water issue, with both manual and auto-read of the meters being done every month. Councilmembers had a lengthy discussion of how to best help solve this current issue. Solutions presented were to do readings with KDH staff, show them how to read the meters, and explain what the readings mean. Councilmembers also mentioned that it is an offense to tamper with city meters. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that manual and auto-reads will continue, then when city staff become available to meet with KDH staff and go over meters we will get that planned. The city received the building permit for the new parking lot put in at KDH, but the work had already been done, therefore the permit did not follow proper procedure or guidelines. On May 1st, Utility Clerk Robin Kilmer received an e-mail from Hutton requesting electrical usage information for KDH. It appears that KDH is requesting plans for a commercial Solar & Battery Energy Storage option (BESS) for their facility.

5. STAFF REPORTS
 a. City Superintendent: John Duvall advised that he and staff are working on the pool, power wash, clean, paint, and repair. Spring cleaning has been completed, although it did not look like it – there was quite a lot of trash this year. John stated that he had a chance to run the street sweeper, it has water back in it, so the dust will be cut down. The list of repairs on the trash truck is in the works.

b. Chief of Police: Police Chief Jose Salinas gave his monthly report. He advised that he had complaints for an open door, debris in the road, a parking complaint, at least 15 speak-to-officer calls, 2 dogs at large, over 10 follow-ups,

1 driving complaint, 1 accident, a suspicious activity call, an assist to Railroad with closing Highway 8 for a quick repair, attended an alarm with the Sheriff's Office, and at least 18 VIN inspections. Also there has been some extensive office cleaning. The Cert program is complete. The training went well. The person that was interested in purchasing the drone has not yet returned the call of whether they are still interested or not.

c. Fire Department: Fire Chief Bill Duvall advised that the fire hose has come in. It is five-inch hose. The fire hydrants have all been flow tested, there are approximately nine that need to be re-tested. Late July when ISO will be down here. There are two trucks that are having charging issues, a new receptacle has arrived, and the rest will be in on Thursday. A request of the city council's blessing would be no cost to the City of Kiowa; the City of Hazelton currently has a two-inch main line that they are wanting to upgrade to a four-inch line. City Superintendent John Duvall advised that the Jockey Pump would not be big enough to feed the increase in line size, and a bigger pump would be required at the city's expense.

Councilmember Brian Hill asked for details and pricing for a bigger pump. Councilmember Janet Robison asked what the current ISO rating is. Fire Chief Bill Duvall advised that the current rating is 6.

6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
 a. City Administrator Ty Piper advised that the pet clinic went well. We had 27 dogs and 5 cats. The numbers were up from last year, 11 dogs and 3 cats. The audit is scheduled for Wednesday.

Robin experienced a fall and we are awaiting doctor's determinations for her return. The reclosure for the substation will arrive in late May. City Clerk Sameta Thayer received an e-mail with multiple violations ranging from 2021 – 2024 for lead and copper testing results that were not distributed to consumers or documented correctly. She has already corrected a few and is currently working with KDHE staff to compile the rest into a single letter to distribute to all consumers.

7. COUNCIL / MAYOR REPORTS
 a. No comments
 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
 a. No public comment
 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 a. Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to recess into executive session for up to 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter about non-elected personnel, including City Administrator Ty Piper and Chief of Police Jose Salinas. K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Councilmember Jason Thayer seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0 at 8:00 pm. Executive session ended at 8:21 pm. No action was taken.

b. Councilmember Brian Hill motioned to recess into executive session for up to 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter about non-elected personnel, including City Administrator Ty Piper. K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Councilmember Jason Thayer seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0 at 8:22 pm. Executive session ended at 8:33 pm. No action was taken.

10. ADJOURN
 a. Councilmember Jason Thayer moved to adjourn and closed with a prayer.
 The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Indians Wrap Up Summer Season on Hardwood

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Medicine Lodge boy's basketball team didn't have its full team for summer leagues and tournaments, but head coach Joe Dohrmann said he was happy with how the boys fared.

The Indians participated in the Attica summer league and took third. Dohrmann said he thought the kids played well but a lot of players were unavailable. He noted that some of the kids attended a church camp or had other commitments.

MLHS also played in a tournament in Wichita on June 20-21 and went 4-0. The Indians also played at Halstead last Wednesday and had three games against the host team, Pratt Skyline and Garden Plain.

Dohrmann said that the boys looked solid against Halstead and good against Skyline, but by the time they faced Garden Plain, they looked tired. He noted that the Indians had played the Attica Summer League the night before and got up early for the trip to Halstead.

"It was kind of a long day, two long days back-to-back, but overall, I was pretty pleased with them," Dohrmann said.

The Indians graduated some key players but Dohrmann said he should have a quality group of juniors this coming season. Players such

as Slayton Stone, Preston Cunningham and Kycen Schaffer should be part of a strong junior class.

Dohrmann added that he has some quality seniors who will be back, such as Mavrik Inslee, Stuart Schmucker, Phoenix Taylor and Mason Ricke.

"We still have a good mix coming back, but yeah, we'll definitely have some guys that are going to play a lot more varsity minutes than what they have in the past," Dohrmann said.

Again, he didn't get to see all of the players together more than a couple of times, but when all the players were together, they did some good things.

Dohrmann is also overseeing the summer weights program and he said that the turnout has been pretty consistent, averaging 20 boys per day. Again, commitments such as church camp have affected the numbers.

But after this week, for which all high school athletes will have the week off from summer activities, Dohrmann said he expects the number to increase and, then, the Indians can really get after it in the weight room.

As for the upcoming season, regardless of sport, Dohrmann said the expectations are high and there's plenty of excitement.

"We got a new football coach, Bob Smith, coming here," Dohrmann said.

"He's been helping me with



FILE PHOTO

Medicine Lodge senior guard Mavrick Inslee drives around a Wichita Trinity Academy defender during a road game last season. Inslee is going to be counted on along with Stuart Schmucker, Phoenix Taylor and Mason Ricke to provide senior leadership to the 2026-27 squad.

weights all throughout the summer, so the kids like him quite a bit."

Smith is new to Barber County, but Dohrmann said he brings "fresh eyes on the kids" and is just starting to get to know the players. But Dohrmann said the football team should have a strong showing.

He added that cross country should have a good boy's team, with Jaxon Baird returning after he qualified for State last season. The Indians also have an incoming freshman who is a talented runner. Dohrmann said, if the boys can get a couple more runners out, they could have

a chance to qualify a team for State.

Regardless of what sport the boys play, though, Dohrmann said the athletes are enthused about what's to come this season.

"I think a lot of the kids are just kind of really, really excited to get back into the sports," he said.

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GOVERNOR

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Colyer was seeking a full term as governor in a race against then-Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

"I really had to be talked into it," Kelly said, "and the reason I finally agreed was because, as many people know, I'm Irish Catholic, so I've got a double dose of guilt, and you know, I'm also not a native Kansan. I moved here 40 years ago, and Kansas has just been so good to me and so good to my kids. In 2017, when it became apparent that the Democrats really did not have anybody in the race who could win a primary and then turn around and have any chance at winning in a general election ... it really was a sense of obligation I had."

Kelly won the 2018 Democratic primary and earned 48 percent of the 2018 general election vote against Kobach, who ended up with 43 percent. In her bid for reelection in 2022, she attracted 49.5 percent of the vote compared to 47.3 percent for Attorney General Derek Schmidt, who now serves in the U.S. House.

When sworn into office in 2019, Kelly sought to reduce turmoil caused by Brownback's slashing of state income taxes. The subsequent revenue crash led to significant state borrowing, a sales tax hike and spending cuts to education, highways and other core services. A bipartisan coalition in the Legislature repealed much of the Brownback tax agenda in 2017.

"I came into an administration and the executive branch that had been decimated

absolutely, totally, completely," Kelly said. "There was not a nickel in any fund anywhere. We were truly bankrupt."

Kelly said leaders of the Legislature, many of whom worked with her while in the Senate, underestimated her ability to govern.

"No doubt. Yeah, of course they did," Kelly said. "I'm sort of surprised that that they did underestimate me, and by doing that, we were actually able to get some things done."

On the Second Floor

Kelly said her initial priorities as governor included maintaining revenue streams, allowing state government to operate effectively. The state ended the practice of stripping cash from the Kansas Department of Transportation, which was known as the "Bank of KDOT."

She focused on limiting borrowing and reducing debt. She said she stopped depriving the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System of essential state contributions. An influx of federal dollars during the COVID-19 pandemic covered large, one-time expenditures, including state building construction, the governor said.

Kansas' rainy day fund has grown to \$2 billion, Kelly said. She urged the Legislature and the next governor to make wise use of that money.

"I don't think we should stockpile taxpayer money, but I think we need to have that. Should we ever go into another recession, and we will at some point, we have that backfill money," Kelly said.

Kelly also committed to improving the state's role in early childhood education. She said neglect of kids 5 years old and younger contributed to record growth in the number of children in foster care during the Brownback years. Her advocacy led to a law establishing the Office of Early Childhood, which opens July 1.

"Many, many long years ago, I worked at a state psychiatric facility for children in New York, and before that, I had worked at a prison for boys in Illinois," she said. "In both of those settings, it became really apparent to me most of those kids were adolescents by the time I saw them, and it was just too late. There was a very limited amount that we could really do to really change the trajectory of their lives. I became a huge advocate for early childhood intervention."

Despite grumbling from GOP legislators, Kansas sustained a court-approved agreement to annually improve funding for K-12 public education. In the past eight years, the Legislature adopted a series of tax bills that included the governor's request for repeal of the state's 6.5 percent sales tax on groceries.

During eight legislative sessions as governor, Kelly vetoed more than 100 bills and issued at least 150 line-item vetoes in budget bills.

"I'm not surprised that I had to use it," Kelly said. "The people elected me to be middle-of-the-road thoughtful, you know, neither liberal nor conservative. Just good policy. And that's what I did."

Unfinished Business

Kelly said the state in the future had to

focus on issues of water quantity and quality. The governor said she pushed hard for reform after the 2022 election because so many rural voters urged her to address water policy.

"It's not that there haven't been water plans before, but there's never been another governor who has been in the situation that I am during my second term, where I absolutely have no further political aspirations," she said. "I'm not surprised that we don't have it all cemented in place right now, but what we have been able to do is to bring all of those disparate interests and stakeholders together. Slowly but surely, I think we're getting to a point where, you know, people who have been pretty much naysayers in the past are beginning to realize that things have got to change."

In the immediate future, Kelly said she opposed the proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution on the Aug. 4 ballot proposing the direct election of justices to the Kansas Supreme Court.

"I'm adamantly opposed to it," she said. Kelly endorsed state Sen. Ethan Corson, a Johnson County Democrat, in the campaign for governor. She said Corson had the best opportunity among Democrats to win the primary and general election. This race reminded Kelly of her own race in 2018.

"In order for a Democrat to win ... you've got to be able to attract votes from independents and moderate Republicans. That's how the math works," Kelly said. "If you really want to do what's in the best interest of the state, generally a bipartisan approach is the best."

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Days of Yore

130 Years Ago

Taken from the July 1, 1896 files of *The Barber County Index*

Wm. Garrison and Miss Belle Lasswell were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Sharon township on the 21st. The groom is a nephew of Hon. Wm. Garrison, at one time representative from this county. The bride is the daughter of Uncle Ben Lasswell. We extend congratulations.

Dr. Moore reports a fine girl baby born to Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Gardner, of Isabel, on Sunday, June 20.

E.F. Thompson was in town on Monday arranging for a barbecue and picnic to be given in Casto's grove south of Mingona on the Fourth. The event promises to be a great success. Amusements of all kinds and good speakers have been provided. Sheriff Mills and brother Govan, will donate the beef and Ed Williams will barbecue the beef at Casto's grove on the Fourth. He is an old hand at the business.

The records at the county clerk's office show that there have been 106 births in Barber County during the year beginning March 1, 1895 and ending March 1, 1896.

120 Years Ago

Taken from the July 4, 1906 files of *The Barber County Index*

W.L. Parson has concluded that the carpenter business is too lively to fool away time in politics and last week he withdrew from the race for sheriff. This leaves the field, so far as official announcements go, to Dr. J.R. Van Ness and Thomas Kenney of this city and Hugh Rankin of Sharon township. We have no doubt, had he remained in the race, that he could have captured the Medicine Lodge delegation had he fought for it, but at the same time he could not have been nominated. The present arrangement is to nominate Hugh Rankin. Of course, the political chess board may change between now and convention time but at present the fellows who run the republican machine in Barber County have no notion of nominating either of the Medicine Lodge candidates.

Walter Jackson's two little boys, Cloyd, aged 7, and Johnnie, aged five, were badly hurt in a runaway at the Santa Fe depot Saturday. Mr. Jackson took some

cream to the depot for shipment and was driving a span of young horses. Just as he got out of the spring wagon to tie, a traveling man with two suit cases crawled under a freight car standing beside the team and they became frightened and ran away. Mr. Jackson had hold of a rope which was tied around the neck of one of the horses but he could not hold on long. The horses ran north a few hundred yards and struck the fence of Palmer & Case's locust and catalpa lots where the wagon was turned over into a barb wire fence with the boys under it. No one who saw the runaway expected to find the boys alive. When Mr. Jackson reached them Johnnie was unconscious and Cloyd was suffering very much. Drs. Coleman and Moore were called and the boys were taken to Ed Farley's home. There is little doubt of the recovery of the younger boy and the doctors say that with attention the older one will recover.

110 Years Ago

Taken from the July 5, 1916 files of *The Barber County Index*

The wedding ceremony of Gordon W. Lindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Lindley, of this city and Miss Esther E. Fair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Fair, of Sharon, was solemnized by Rev. W. H. Moore, pastor of the M. E. church at Arkansas City, in the M. E. parsonage at that place, Wednesday evening, June 28th. The bride was for many years a resident of this city, but now resides at Sharon. She is a graduate of the high school in this city and was one of the grade instructors for two terms after her graduation. She closed a very successful term of school at Protection this spring. In the church and Sunday school organizations Miss Fair was a leading member and during her residence in this city she identified herself with the M. E. church. She was a leader among the younger set in this city and was prominent in the different social organizations. The groom is also a graduate of B.C. H.S. and was born and grew to young manhood in this city.

The unwelcome news of the death of Mrs. T.J. Best, in the St. Francis hospital, Wichita, Kansas, came to this city by telegram last Wednesday afternoon. Her neighbors and friends were unprepared to receive the

message and were inexpressibly shocked when the sad tidings came. It was known that Mrs. Best had undergone a very severe and difficult operation but she had withstood it so well and appeared to be progressing so nicely that it was thought her recovery was almost certain. Her husband and sister, Mrs. A.D. Shaw, were so much encouraged on Monday preceding the Wednesday of her death that they felt safe in coming home. This improvement continued until Wednesday noon when a telephone message to Mr. Best stated that she had taken very much worse. Mr. Best and Mrs. Shaw departed at once by auto conveyance for Wichita, and were intercepted at Harper by a telegram bearing the news of her death. Miss Ethel Simmons was born in Illinois, November 11th, 1880; died in Wichita, Kansas, June 28, 1916, aged 35 years, 7 months and 17 days.

85 Years Ago

Taken from the July 3, 1941 files of *The Barber County Index*

A marriage license was issued by Probate Judge John C. Hilkey to Bert F. Nittler of Kiowa and Miss Polly Ann Gaddis of Arkansas City.

Approximately 400 people turned out for the official opening of Medicine Lodge's new lighted baseball field in the city park Thursday evening and to see the Medicine Lodge Juniors split a double-header with two of the leading teams in the Pratt County league. The first game with the Pratt Rock Island Cubs saw the locals taking the short end of a 4 to 1 score.

70 Years Ago

Taken from the July 5, 1956 files of *The Barber County Index*

Pansy Reed has taken over the management of the former Reid's Cafe, at 103 North Main Street only she is now going to call it Pansy's Cafe, to avoid confusion of the two last names. The opening day for Pansy's Cafe will be Sunday.

Girls State Delegates discuss their "worthwhile and enjoyable" trip to this year's citizenship camp at the University of Kansas, Lawrence at a tea held by the sponsoring group, the American Legion Auxiliary, recently. Seated are the girls honored this year, Fontelle Slater and Betty Bloom, discuss-

ing the trip with Medicine Lodge high school juniors, Kay Lynn Thomas, Patsy Vincent, Vena Whittecar, Marilyn Hewitt and Bonnie Beth Bliss.

Allan Hibbard was elected state president of the US Highway 281 association at the annual meeting held in Smith Center last week. Hibbard had been serving as first vice president.

A new face at the Deal Lumber Co. is Dave Houghtelling, who started to work there recently. Mr. and Mrs. Houghtelling and sons, Mark, four, and Monte, two, moved to Medicine Lodge at the time he began work at the Deal Company.

60 Years Ago

Taken from the July 7, 1966 files of *The Barber County Index*

Shown above is the late model station wagon in which Dr. John Hoffer of Medicine Lodge was riding when it was struck by a speeding Santa Fe passenger train at a rural crossing Thursday evening. The doctor escaped injury in the collision which demolished the front of the vehicle.

Two Medicine Lodge residents have announced the forthcoming opening of a Sears-Roebuck & Company Catalog Order Store in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Orland DeWeese will be operators of the South Main business, in the former Hamilton Hardware quarters. The building has been vacant for some time. The firm will open July 14, with a three-day Grand Opening sale. In addition of serving as a catalog order house for items in the Sears catalog, the new firm will also stock an assortment of Sears appliances including stoves, washers, dryers, television sets and mowers. DeWeese formerly owned and operated the DeWeese Hardware before joining the staff of Doherty Lumber Company.

50 Years Ago

Taken from the July 1, 1976 files of *The Barber County Index*

Soon, the fire hydrants of Medicine Lodge will be looking like little people, standing guard on the street corners. Wednesday morning, Mrs. Judy Bowers and her daughter, Robin, were seen decorating the fire hydrants at the corner of Walnut and East Second streets. Soon, nearly all of the fire hydrants in Medicine Lodge will be painted in a similar manner.

Glenn Stark, 403 Hibbard, carves as a hobby, and recently finished a replica of a Tobacco Store Indian. The statue was taken to Sheplers at Wichita, last Monday.

Tammy Strack will be returning home Thursday, July 1. Being the bicentennial year, the AFS students participating in the Americans Abroad program, get to come home a month early so they can celebrate with the country. Tammy will leave her family in Scotland Monday, June 28, and go to London for two days. From there on Wednesday, June 30, she will leave and travel to Brussels, Belgium, where all the other Americans Abroad students will be meeting also. All the students will leave Brussels together and arrive in New York the evening of June 30.

30 Years Ago

Taken from the July 3, 1986 files of *The Barber County Index*

The Barber County Choral Society presented "Liberty Spectacular - A Musical Celebration of

Freedom" Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Medicine Lodge. The production was directed by Jim Schnoebelen.

The Wichita State University has announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester. Students from this area listed on the honor roll include: Lake City - Laura D. Hoagland. Medicine Lodge - Mark J. Fisher, Kevin S. Holland, John M. Probst, Mary Ellen Probst, Robert W. Slinkard and Stephanie Jo Slinkard.

Forty five seniors participated in Sterling College's 94th Commencement held at Smisor Stadium on the Sterling College campus in Sterling, Ks. Among the students to receive B.A. degrees was Carletta Gwyn Balzer of Medicine Lodge, who also received the special honor of summa cum laude.

Paul J. Fischer from Sharon graduated from Friends University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He is a member of the Order of the Tower, graduating with highest honors and has a 4.0 GPA.

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BARBER COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS VACATING A PORTION OF LONE TREE ROAD

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas (Hereinafter "the Board"), is the governing body of Barber County, Kansas (hereinafter "the County"), and is charged with the responsibility of determining whether roads within the County should be laid out, altered, or vacated, pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received a Petition praying for an order vacating certain portions of Lone Tree Road;

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on the Petition in the manner prescribed by law on May 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be in the public's interest to vacate a portion of Lone Tree Road pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas as follows:

1. That the County pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102 has determined it necessary to vacate a portion of Lone Tree Road described as:

That portion of Lone Tree Road between Blackmore Road and Walstead Road, running north and south on the section line between sections seven (7) and eight (8) in Township Thirty-two (32) south, Range Ten (10) west of the 6th P.M.

2. The Barber County Clerk gave notice of the proposed vacation by publication once in the official county newspaper and by sending notice by certified mail to each owner of property adjoining the easement, at the address where the owner's tax statement is sent. The Board of Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas held a public hearing on May 13, 2026, concerning the use and/or nonuse of the easement for access, and determined that altering and vacating the easement is in the best interests of the citizens of Barber County, Kansas.

3. The portion of Lone Tree Road and associated right of way is hereby vacated:

That portion of Lone Tree Road between Blackmore Road and Walstead Road, running north and south on the section line between sections seven (7) and eight (8) in Township Thirty-two (32) south, Range Ten (10) west of the 6th P.M.

EXCEPT THAT any vacation of Lone Tree Road shall not be effective and vacated until such time as Google, LLC is the owner of record of the real property located on the east and west sides of the above described portion of vacated road. In the event that Google, LLC does not become the record owner of such land within 180 days from the date below, this portion of Lone Tree Road shall not be vacated and shall remain in the record as a public, open road.

4. Reserving, however, unto all public or private utility provides lawfully entitled to use the same and currently using the same, a perpetual right-of-way and easement over, under, across, and through the above-described vacated portion of Lone Tree Road for the construction, installation, inspection, operation, repair, replacement, relocation, and removal of utility lines, facilities, and appurtenances, including without limitation electric, gas, water, sewer, telecommunications, fiber optic, cable, and drainage facilities, together with the right of reasonable ingress and egress for such purposes. Nothing herein shall be construed to impair, extinguish, or limit any existing utility easement, permit, or the lawful right of any utility provider.

5. That this Resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution is ordered entered upon the records of this Board and is adopted at a regular meeting this 22nd day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/ Bryan Quick
 Bryan Quick,
 Chairman
 /s/ Adam Mills
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 /s/ Mike Roe
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 ATTEST:
 /s/ Amy Sill
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:
 CONNIE SUE BOGGS, Deceased.
 Case BA-2026-PR-000013

ORDER FOR HEARING

NOW ON THIS ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED DATE, it is ordered that the Petition for Determination of Descent of this property of the estate of Connie Sue Boggs, deceased; filed by John Boggs, petitioner, be heard on the 16th day of July, 2026, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. by this Court at the courthouse in Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas; and that notice of the time and place of the hearing be given pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2209.

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED. SUBMITTED BY:

/s/ Hannah L. Molz

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Little Know Facts About America's Founding Fathers

METRO CONTENT

When Americans celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States throughout 2026, names like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams are bound to come up. While those four men played notable roles in the establishment of the United States of America, many more Founding Fathers bore significant influence as well.

America's semiquincentennial is a great time to celebrate all who have helped make the country into what it is today, and that includes some of the Founding Fathers who have not become household names over the last 250 years.

• William Livingston: Born in Albany, New York, in 1723, William Livingston was a prominent attorney prior to the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War. The Historical Society of the New York Courts notes Livingston moved to Elizabethtown, New Jersey, in 1772. Within two years of that move, Livingston became New Jersey's representative to the Continental Congress. By June 1776, Livingston was appointed brigadier general of the New Jersey militia, a position he held until 1777, when he became the Governor of New Jersey. Livingston was a target of British forces, who offered a reward for his capture. But Livingston remained Governor of New Jersey until his death in 1790, and even served as the New Jersey delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when he signed the United States Constitution adopted at

that convention.

• William Hooper: William Hooper was born Boston in 1742, but he made his name as a Founding Father after relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina, as a young adult. The National Constitution Center notes Hooper, like Livingston, was a successful attorney. Hooper was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the North Carolina colony in 1770, and even supported the Royal Governor's efforts to suppress a taxation-related rebellion of North Carolina farmers during this pivotal period, when he was notably dragged through the streets by angry rioters. By the mid-1770s, Hooper had changed course, and was even among the three delegates chosen to represent North Carolina at the First Continental Congress in 1774. Prior to that conference, Hooper wrote to a friend that the colonies were destined to win independence from the Crown, an assertion that ultimately earned him the nickname the "Prophet of Independence." Hooper signed the Declaration of Independence but illness forced him to retire from politics. He continued to support the war effort, donating much of his legal earnings to the colonists' cause, and was so reviled by the British that his home was burned down when Wilmington was taken by Crown forces in 1781.

• John Witherspoon: John Witherspoon was born in Scotland in 1723 and moved to what would become the United States in 1768. Witherspoon is unique among signatories of the Declaration of Independence because

he is the only active clergyman and the only college president to sign the document. Witherspoon later signed the Articles of Confederation and supported the ratification of the Constitution. Witherspoon came to New Jersey to become president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), which educated many notable figures from the era, including James Madison and Aaron Burr. All told, 12 members of the Continental Congress studied at the school while Witherspoon was president. The Presbyterian Witherspoon supported colonial independence for various reasons, and was especially opposed to the Crown's attempt to appoint an American Anglican bishop, speaking out against British interference in colonial affairs in a sermon titled "The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men" during a 1776 sermon. Like Hooper, Witherspoon was convinced independence was the path

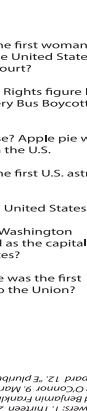
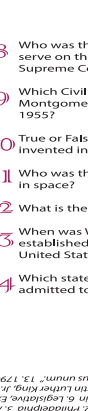
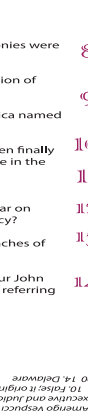
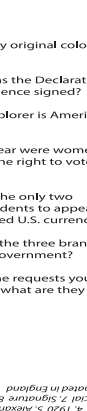
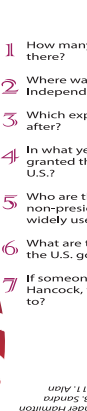
forward for the colonies.

• Roger Sherman: Born in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1721, Roger Sherman was a multitalented Founding Father who began to study law in the mid-1750s after working as an author, general store owner, and surveyor, among other jobs. By 1766, Sherman was so established in the legal profession that he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. Though he initially expressed reservations regarding colonists' resistance to the Crown, by 1774 he agreed to serve as a Connecticut delegate to the First Continental Congress. Sherman joined the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence in mid-1776, and later represented Connecticut on the drafting committee of the Articles of Confederation. Sherman also holds the unique distinction of being the only person to sign the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

UNITED STATES TRIVIA

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- 1 How many original colonies were there?
- 2 Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- 3 Which explorer is America named after?
- 4 In what year were women finally granted the right to vote in the U.S.?
- 5 Who are the only two non-presidents to appear on widely used U.S. currency?
- 6 What are the three branches of the U.S. government?
- 7 If someone requests your John Hancock, what are they referring to?
- 8 Who was the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court?
- 9 Which Civil Rights figure led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955?
- 10 True or False? Apple pie was invented in the U.S.
- 11 Who was the first U.S. astronaut in space?
- 12 What is the United States motto?
- 13 When was Washington established as the capital of the United States?
- 14 Which state was the first admitted to the Union?



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ANTHONY LAKE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

★ FRIDAY, JULY 3RD ★

9:00am 4th of July Trap Shoot - Register at Anthony Gun Club
10:00am 4th of July Trap Shoot at Anthony Gun Club
8:00-10:00pm Stars & Stripes Jam - Just Tori & the Rockies

★ SATURDAY, JULY 4TH ★

7:30-8:15am 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk - Register at the stage
8:30am 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk starts at the stage
7:30am Co-ed Sand Volleyball - Register at volleyball pits (\$60 per 6-person team)
8:00am Co-ed Sand Volleyball Starts at the pits
8:00am 4th of July Trap Shoot - Register at Anthony Gun Club
9:00am 4th of July Trap Shoot at Anthony Gun Club
9:30am-3:00pm Boat Parade - Signup at the HPCO HEART tent near the stage
9:50am Bike & Foot Parade - Line up near the stage, no motorized vehicles. Come dressed in your best Red, White and Blue!
10:00am Stars & Stripes Jam - DJ Keenan with KC Productions will keep the energy high with music all day!
10:00am Bike & Foot Parade around Campsite A. This is a .5-mile walk, no motorized vehicles
10:30am Costume Contest - ALL Ages welcome! Come dressed in your best Red, White & Blue!
11:00am Mindy's Dance Center performance at the stage
12:00pm Cornhole - Register in Campsite A
1:00pm Cornhole Tournament Starts
1:00-5:00pm Bounce Houses Northeast of the stage
1:00-3:00pm Watermelon Feed in the stage area until gone!
4:00pm Boat Parade along east shoreline
5:00pm DAR Martha Vail chapter presents The Declaration of Independence
7:30-9:30pm Stars & Stripes Jam - The Cartunes
9:45pm Welcome at the stage from the 4th Of July Committee
9:50pm National Anthem at the stage
10:00pm Fireworks show provided by Victory Pyrotechnics

★ SUNDAY, JULY 5TH ★

10:00am Church service at the Lake stage hosted by Harvest Bible Fellowship
11:00am Cleanup the lake! Bring your gloves and trash bags!

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