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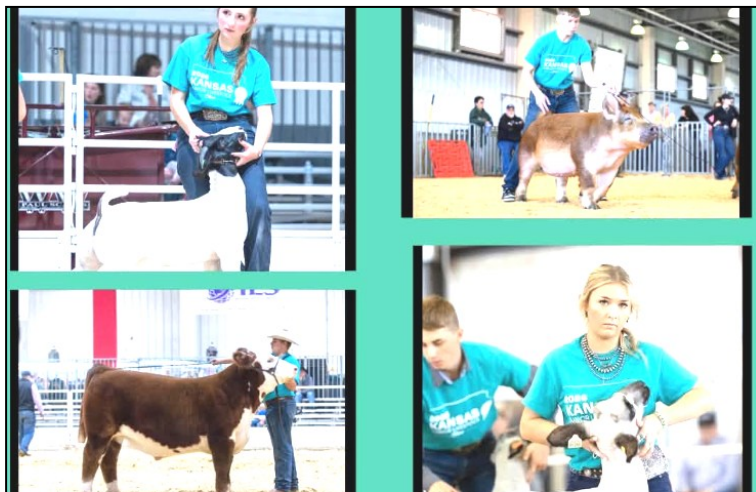
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Local Youth Shine At Kansas Livestock Show

By: Tyler Hook
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Young livestock exhibitors from across Southwest Kansas made an impressive showing at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Hutchinson, earning numerous championships, top placements and special recognition across several livestock divisions.

Representing counties throughout the region, exhibitors demonstrated the dedication, responsibility and hard work that goes into raising, preparing and showing livestock. From breeding cattle and sheep to market animals and show-



SW Kansas Exhibitors at Show-Courtesy Photo

manship competitions, Southwest Kansas youth brought home an impressive collection of honors.

Among the standout exhibitors was Brecken

Nelson of Greeley County, who earned Supreme Champion Overall in the breeding ewe and bred-and-owned divisions with a

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An American Dream: A Lifetime In The Making

By Tyler Hook

For one Southwest Kansas woman, the journey toward U.S. citizenship is about more than paperwork. It is the culmination of a lifetime of hard work, sacrifice, family and hope.

The American Dream does not always begin with a white picket fence, a college education or the promise of an easy life. Sometimes, it begins with a 16-year-old girl leaving behind everything she has ever known, carrying little more than the

hope that somewhere beyond the horizon lies an opportunity for something better.

For one Southwest Kansas woman, that journey began decades ago in Mexico. Today, after spending nearly her entire adult life working, raising a family and building a home in the United States, she finds herself pursuing something that has taken on a meaning far greater than she once imagined: becoming an American citizen.

Her story is one of determination, sacrifice and the

quiet contributions made by people whose lives have become deeply woven into the fabric of the communities they call home.

She was just 16 years old when she followed in the footsteps of her brother, who had previously traveled to the United States in search of employment. Like so many families separated by economic opportunity, the decision was rooted not in a desire for adventure, but in the hope of helping those back home.

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Death Notices

Lori Lynn Silva was born on May 15, 1961, to James and Linda Samuelson (Becker) in Denison, Iowa. She passed away unexpectedly at her home in Garden City, Kansas, on October 8, 2026.

Lori made Garden City her home for more than 40 years. For the last 20 years, she dedicated herself to working at the St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, where her strong work ethic and commitment to her work were a reflection of the person, she was.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Family suggests memorials be given to Lori Silva memorial fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Dennis James Clark, 80, passed away Friday October 9, 2026 at the Kearny County Hospital in Lakin, Kansas. He was born November 24, 1945, the son of Jack Henry and Mildred H. (Rhodenbaugh) Clark.

Visitation will be held on Friday October 16, 2026 from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Garnand Funeral Home of Lakin, Kansas. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday October 17, 2026 at the First Presbyterian Church of Lakin with Pastor Larry Alexander officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Dennis Clark Memorial Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home of Lakin, Kansas.

John Thomas Spencer (Tom) of Johnson City, Kansas, was born on July 17, 1966, in Meade, Kansas,

to John Harrison Spencer and Clara Pauline (Chase) Spencer. Tom passed away on September 29, 2026, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after a short battle with health issues. Tom grew up in Kismet, Kansas.

Funeral service for Tom will be held at Johnson First United Methodist Church, 202 S. Nipp St Johnson, KS 67855 at 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 15, 2026, with Pastor David Phillips officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Garnand Funeral Home in Johnson. Memorial contributions may be given to the donor's choice in care of Garnand Funeral Home, PO Box 715, Johnson, KS 67855.

Geneva M. Persinger, age 87, of Johnson, Kansas, died Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at her home. She was born on March 24, 1939, in Sylvia, Kansas, the daughter of Henry Miller and Lena (Nusser) Miller.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026, from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Garnand Funeral Home in Johnson. Funeral service will be Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Johnson First United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeremy Amerin officiating. Grave-side will be at 3:00 PM at the Wellsford Township Cemetery in Wellsford, Kansas. The family suggest in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Stanton County Hospital Auxiliary in care of Garnand Funeral Home, PO Box 715, Johnson, Kansas, 67855.

Gary Lynn Ellis passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Morton County Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Gary was born on February 2, 1951, to Lando Lauren Ellis and Clara Elvira (Milam) Hicks. His mother later married Earl Hicks, and his father later married Gladys Ellis. Gary was blessed to be raised and loved by all four, each of whom played an important role in his life.

A memorial has been established for the Men's Golf Association at Point Rock Golf Club in Elkhart. Memorials may be mailed to Robson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 606, Elkhart, Kansas 67950.

Book signing will be held on Monday, October

12, 2026, from 12 P.M. until 7 P.M. at Robson Funeral Home, 120 Grant Street, Elkhart, Kansas 67950.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Robson Funeral Home Chapel, 120 Grant Street, Elkhart, Kansas, with Pastor Jess Lee presiding. There will be no burial. Following the memorial service, the family invites everyone to the Point Rock Golf Clubhouse for a time of fellowship and remembrance of Gary.



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Sincerely,

Tyler Hook - Publisher

NEW!- Milo's Cents of Direction

By: Milo Milosevich

From our family to yours

Hello! My name is Milo Milosevich, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to share some thoughts and practical advice about finances with you through this column. While I wasn't born in Kansas, I was born in Missouri and raised in Texas, my connection to Ulysses, Kansas runs deep. I'm married to Ame Brewer Milosevich, daughter of Mike Brewer and the late Kathy Brewer. The Brewer family has been part of the Grant County community for generations. Farming, family, hard work, and taking care of your neighbors are values that have always been important to us.

I've been in the financial services business for more than 25 years, and over that time I've had the opportunity to work with families and individuals from many different backgrounds and walks of life. My goal with this column is to share straightforward, practical financial information that can be useful to families, farmers, business owners, and anyone working to make the most of what they have. I hope this column becomes a place where I can answer common financial questions, share ideas, and maybe even provide a different perspective on some of the financial decisions we all face.

I'm looking forward to being a part of the SWKS News communities, and most importantly getting to know you along the way. I can be reached at Milo@hpyretirement.com for any questions, or ideas for future articles.

Retirement Savings: Will You Pay Taxes Now or Later?

One of the most important retirement planning decisions is understanding whether you are saving money before taxes or after taxes. The difference may seem small today, but it can have a significant impact on your retirement income and the taxes you pay later.

Pre-tax accounts: Save on taxes today (But is it worth it?) Traditional 401(k), 403(b), 457(b), traditional IRA and SEP-IRA accounts generally allow contributions that reduce taxable income today, subject to eligibility rules. Your investments grow tax-deferred, meaning you generally pay no taxes on investment earnings until you withdraw the money.

The advantage is an immediate tax break. The downside? Withdrawals are generally taxed as ordinary income. (Your tax bracket) Required minimum distributions (RMDs), which generally begin at age 73 or 75 depending on your birth year, can force taxable withdrawals even when you don't

need the money. This is how good old Uncle Sam finally gets his cut! Those withdrawals can increase your tax bill and potentially raise Medicare premiums or the portion of Social Security subject to taxation. This is called IRMAA and we will have an article about that soon!

After-tax accounts: Pay taxes now, potentially save later Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k)s are funded with money you've already paid income taxes on. Qualified withdrawals, including investment growth, are tax-free.

The advantage is greater tax flexibility in retirement. Roth IRAs have no lifetime RMDs for the original owner, and qualified Roth withdrawals generally don't increase taxable income. The trade-off is that you give up the upfront tax deduction. Roth IRA contributions also have income eligibility limits which is a major bummer! Luckily, there are other ways to create tax free wealth.

Know your account options: A 401(k) is commonly offered by private employers; 403(b) plans serve many school and nonprofit employees; and 457(b) plans are common among government workers. Traditional and Roth IRAs are individual accounts. SEP-IRAs and SIMPLE IRAs are designed primarily for small-business

owners and employees. Some workplace plans offer both traditional and Roth contributions.

For 2026, employees can generally contribute up to \$24,500 to a 401(k), 403(b) or governmental 457(b), with additional catch-up contributions for eligible older workers. The combined traditional and Roth IRA limit is \$7,500, or \$8,600 for those age 50 and older.

The biggest mistake may be waiting too long to plan.

Having all your retirement savings in pre-tax accounts can leave you with less control over taxable income later. Conversely, paying taxes upfront on Roth contributions may not always be the best choice if your current tax rate is high and your retirement tax rate will be lower.

The solution isn't necessarily choosing one over the other. A thoughtful combination of pre-tax and Roth savings can provide flexibility as your income, tax rates and retirement needs change.

Retirement planning isn't just about how much you save. It's also about how much you get to

keep. Please feel free to reach out to me at HPY Retirement Solutions by emailing me at

milo@hpyretirement.com

Scott County Record

Rod Haxton, longtime newspaper publisher and co-owner of *The Scott County Record*, has been named among the 2026 inductees into the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame by the Kansas Press Association, recognizing his decades of dedication to community journalism in western Kansas.

Haxton began his newspaper career in Kinsley, where he owned the *Kinsley Mercury*, before moving to Scott City in 1993 to establish *The Scott County Record*. The newspaper published its first edition on

September 8, 1993, operating from a small office at 104 W. Fourth Street with a staff of four employees. In those early years, Haxton made a weekly four-hour round trip to Spearville to have the newspaper printed.

His commitment to regional journalism expanded in August 1998 with the establishment of *The Tri-County Advocate*, a free monthly publication serving Scott, Lane and Wichita counties. Unlike traditional advertising shoppers, the publication emphasized community news, sports and

events, helping connect neighboring communities.

Over the following decades, Haxton guided *The Scott County Record* through numerous changes

in the newspaper industry, including the transition from traditional paste-up production to digital publishing, the introduction of online subscriptions and the addition of color printing. In 2007, the newspaper relocated to its present Main Street location in Scott City.

Haxton and his wife, Kathy, who married in 2010, continue as owners of the publication, maintaining its longstanding commitment to local reporting and community coverage.

Haxton joins Andy Taylor, Laura Scott, David and

Connie Powls, Bruce Buchanan, Stan Finger and Calder Pickett among this year's Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame honorees.

The induction ceremony will take place during the Kansas Press Association's President's Luncheon on November 20, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Sunflower Nonprofit Center in Topeka. The event, sponsored by the University of Kansas William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, will also recognize inductees into the Kansas Photojournalism Hall of Fame.

For Haxton, the recognition marks more than three decades of publishing *The Scott County Record* and a career devoted to preserving the stories, events and everyday happenings of western Kansas communities.

Elkhart Mayor Elected President of Kansas Mayors Association

By Tyler Hook

Elkhart Mayor Leo Carillo has been elected President of the Kansas Mayors Association (KMA), following his previous service as the organization's Vice President.

The Kansas Mayors Association, an affiliate of the League of Kansas Municipalities, provides opportunities for mayors from across the state to network, exchange ideas, and collaborate on issues affecting their communities.

As president, Carillo will take on a statewide leadership role, working alongside fellow mayors to promote effective local government, strengthen communities, and address challenges facing Kansas municipalities.

Carillo's election brings recognition to Elkhart and provides a voice for Southwest Kansas in municipal leadership discussions across the state.

Congratulations to Mayor Carillo on this achievement, and best wishes for a successful year of leadership!



Russ Kessler of Haysville, KS Passing the Gavel on to Leo Carillo on October 8th, 2026 at the Kansas Mayors Association Seminar

Dream

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Her ambitions were modest. She wanted to work, earn a living, help support her family and perhaps, someday, make it possible for them to have a larger house.

With her passport in hand, she made her way to Amarillo, Texas, beginning a new chapter in a country where nearly everything was unfamiliar. Eventually, her journey brought her north into Southwest Kansas, a region that would become much more than another stop along the way.

It would become home.

Over the years, she worked in and around communities throughout the region, building a life through the kind of everyday labor that often goes unnoticed but remains essential to the places we live. She married, and with the assistance of her husband, began the documentation process that would establish her lawful residency in the United States.

Together, they raised three children in Kansas, providing them with opportunities she herself had never been afforded.

Having never had the opportunity to attend school, she understood the value of an education perhaps more deeply than many who had experienced one firsthand. She worked to give her children the chance to pursue futures that had once seemed far beyond her own reach.

Today, one of her sons has earned an engineering degree, while a daughter is pursuing a career in the medical field.

For a mother who arrived in America as a teenager

hoping to help her family afford a better home, those accomplishments represent something no house, paycheck or document could ever fully measure.

They are the realization of a dream carried across a border many years ago.

Yet, despite spending decades building her life in America, one important chapter of her story remains unfinished.

More than five years ago, encouraged by her children, she began seriously pursuing United States citizenship.

A friend familiar with the process helped point her in the right direction, eventually connecting her with a program offered through Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas. Through that assistance, she began navigating the initial paperwork and requirements necessary to pursue naturalization.

What followed was a process that required patience, preparation and persistence.

There were forms to complete, questions to study and information to gather. Her application was sent to Wichita, accompanied by a fee of approximately \$700 to begin the process. She later completed the required fingerprinting, another step toward the citizenship she hopes to achieve.

Now, six months after that stage of the process, she continues to wait for word about what comes next.

For someone who has already spent a lifetime building a future in this country, the uncertainty carries its own emotional weight.

There is anticipation each time the possibility of an update arises. There are questions about how much longer the process might take, whether another requirement

will emerge and when the day she has imagined for so long might finally arrive.

She has been told that political circumstances can affect the pace of immigration proceedings, adding another layer of uncertainty to a process she already finds difficult to navigate.

But beyond the paperwork and the waiting is something much more personal.

There is the anxiety of preparing for an important examination without the benefit of a formal education. There is the challenge of learning information that many Americans encounter throughout their school years. And there is the knowledge that, after coming so far, the final steps still lie ahead.

Nevertheless, she remains hopeful.

For her, citizenship would represent far more than a change in legal status. It would be a personal accomplishment decades in the making, a recognition of the country in which she has worked, raised her children and spent the greater part of her life.

In many ways, her story also offers an opportunity to reflect upon what the American Dream truly means.

We often measure success through possessions, professional titles or financial achievements. Yet, for generations of families, the promise of America has rested upon a much simpler principle: that hard work and sacrifice might provide the next generation with opportunities greater than those available to the last.

A young girl who once dreamed of helping her family afford a larger house became a mother who watched her son earn an engineering

degree and her daughter begin preparing for a career dedicated to helping others.

She may not have had the opportunity to sit in a classroom herself, but she helped make it possible for her children to pursue their own ambitions.

And while her path to citizenship continues, the life she has built already tells a remarkable story of perseverance.

Across Southwest Kansas, there are countless stories of families whose journeys began elsewhere but whose work, traditions and contributions have become part of the region's identity. Their stories are found in the businesses they help operate, the neighborhoods where they raise their children, the workplaces where they spend their days and the communities they have come to call their own.

Her experience is one of those stories.

It is also a reminder that behind every immigration application is a human being whose life cannot be reduced to a form, a case number or a political discussion.

For this woman, the journey that began at 16 has stretched across decades, through marriage, motherhood, years of work and the achievements of a new generation.

The citizenship she seeks remains just beyond her reach, but she has not allowed the uncertainty to extinguish her determination.

When asked what advice she would offer others considering the same journey, her response was simple:

"Get the process started."

There was no complicated philosophy behind those

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Shine

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Champion Shropshire. Nelson also received Champion Registered Ewe, Champion Hampshire, fourth overall ewe, third overall commercial ewe and Champion Division 2 commercial ewe honors. In showmanship, Nelson was named Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showman and also earned Champion Division 2 Blackface Market Lamb.

Finney County exhibitors also enjoyed considerable success. Grady Gleason captured Grand Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship honors and Reserve Division 5 Commercial Ewe. Andrew Morales earned fifth overall in Intermediate Goat Showmanship, along with third overall market goat honors in two divisions, including a Division 1 championship. Cassidy Waggoner received Reserve Champion Junior Goat Showmanship, while Madelyn Waggoner placed third overall in Senior Goat Showmanship.

Brayden Robinson of

Finney County earned Champion Dorper honors in both registered ewe and bred-and-owned competition. Kason Robinson received Reserve Champion Dorper and Reserve Champion AOB honors in both categories. Kennan Murrell earned Champion Dark AOB Breeding Gilt, while Kinley Unruh captured Champion AOB Market Steer.

Stevens County was well represented, with Braylee Kraisinger earning third overall in Senior Beef Showmanship, Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus Breeding Heifer and Champion Chianina Market Steer. Kassidy Kirkham received Champion Percentage Charolais Breeding Heifer, while Elodie Sullivan earned Reserve Champion Spot in the bred-and-owned swine competition.

Scott County exhibitors also collected several honors. Micah Dreiling placed

fifth overall in Junior Beef Showmanship and earned Champion Shorthorn Plus Breeding Heifer. Devon Dreiling captured Champion Maine-Anjou Market Steer, Bryason Mayo earned Champion Hereford Market Steer, and Maya Vance received Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus Market Steer. Harper Conine earned Champion AOB and Champion Bred-and-Owned AOB Breeding Heifer honors.

In Haskell County, Marley Randles earned Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Showmanship, while Tyce Grubbs placed fifth overall in the same division. Carter Rooney received Reserve Champion Percentage Simmental Breeding Heifer. Harley Heatherman and Haley Heatherman were also recognized in the senior and intermediate divisions, respectively, of the Lead Challenge.

Other regional winners included Mia Boy of Hamilton County, who earned Reserve Champion Shropshire in the bred-and-owned division and Reserve Champion Speckle Faced Market Lamb. Kiera Ingram of Meade County received Reserve Champion Chianina Breeding Heifer, while Josie Fieser earned Reserve Champion Duroc Breeding Gilt and Abby Fieser captured Reserve Champion Berkshire Market Barrow.

Grayson Noterman of Lane County received Reserve Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship and Reserve Champion Spot

Breeding Gilt. Zachary Marcy of Wichita County earned Reserve Champion Shropshire Registered Ewe and Grand Champion Southdown Market Lamb. Finn Martinez of Ford County placed third overall among Blackface Market Lambs and earned Champion Division 5 Blackface honors.

In addition to the competition results, two Southwest Kansas youth were recognized as scholarship recipients. Hannah Fieser of Plains and Kamryn Kirkham of Hugoton were among those honored, recognizing their involvement and accomplishments.

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show provides young exhibitors an opportunity to demonstrate the skills developed through months of animal care, feeding, training and preparation. Beyond the ribbons and championships, the experience helps foster responsibility, sportsmanship, leadership and an appreciation for the livestock industry.

The accomplishments of these young exhibitors reflect not only their individual efforts but also the support of families, agricultural educators, 4-H leaders and community members who help make their participation possible.

Congratulations go to all Southwest Kansas exhibitors for representing their communities, along with appreciation to the Kansas Junior Livestock Show Committee and Kansas Livestock Association for their continued work in supporting agricultural youth and providing opportunities for the next generation of livestock producers and industry leaders.

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words, only the wisdom of someone who understands that meaningful accomplishments often require taking the first step long before the destination is in sight.

She does not yet know when her own journey toward citizenship will be complete. There are still questions to answer, requirements to satisfy and days of waiting ahead.

But perhaps the most powerful part of her story is not what remains unfinished. It is what she has already accomplished.

Decades ago, a 16-year-old girl left Mexico hoping to build a better future for her family.

Today, that future can be seen in the lives of her children, the home she has made and the years she has invested in the communities of Southwest Kansas.

She is still waiting for the opportunity to take the oath of citizenship.

But the dream that brought her here has already changed generations.

And that is an accomplishment no amount of waiting can take away.

The Ghost Of The Cimarron

By: Tyler Hook

On a crisp fall day in 1915, the residents of Grant County began their day as usual, unaware that fear was about to sweep through the region like wildfire. One of the most heinous crimes in the county's history was about to unfold, forever marking October 22nd as a day of infamy.

That Friday morning, Nellie Byers, a young teacher, was on her way to the Waterford School, located in the southeastern corner of Grant county. Nellie, the daughter of Frank and Lucy Byers, had grown up in Ulysses, where her father worked as a local blacksmith. Known for her bright spirit and ambition, she was a graduate of the local High School and had attended the state Normal School before returning to teach. Her passion for education and dedication to her students was well-known.

After teaching at the Doby School, Nellie was transferred to the Waterford Joint District 1 School, which served students from both Grant and Stevens counties. Despite earning a modest salary of \$60, she was provided room and board at the Fred Edison farm, just two miles from the schoolhouse. Outside of work, Nellie enjoyed an active social life, staying connected with friends from her Ulysses days. That day, she looked forward to visiting her sister Alice at the Brewer household and planned to head into town on Saturday for a shopping trip.

Around 5:00 p.m., Nellie was last seen closing up the school and walking barefoot across the river on her way north. However, by 9:00

p.m., her friend, Agnes Brewer and sister Alice, became worried when she hadn't arrived. They rode to the Edison farm, thinking she might have been delayed helping a student, and left a horse for her. The next morning, when they realized the horse had not been touched, they raised the alarm, fearing the worst.

A group of local men, including Ernest Linegar, James Lahey, Tobe Brewer, and Fred Edison, set out to search for Nellie. They soon discovered signs of a struggle



Nellie Byers

gle along the trail, and following the tracks west, they found Nellie's lifeless body in a ravine, partially covered with weeds. The men immediately called for the county coroner, Dr. George Brewer, who rushed to the scene, ensuring no evidence was

disturbed. Suspicion quickly turned to a nearby dugout home of the Henson family.

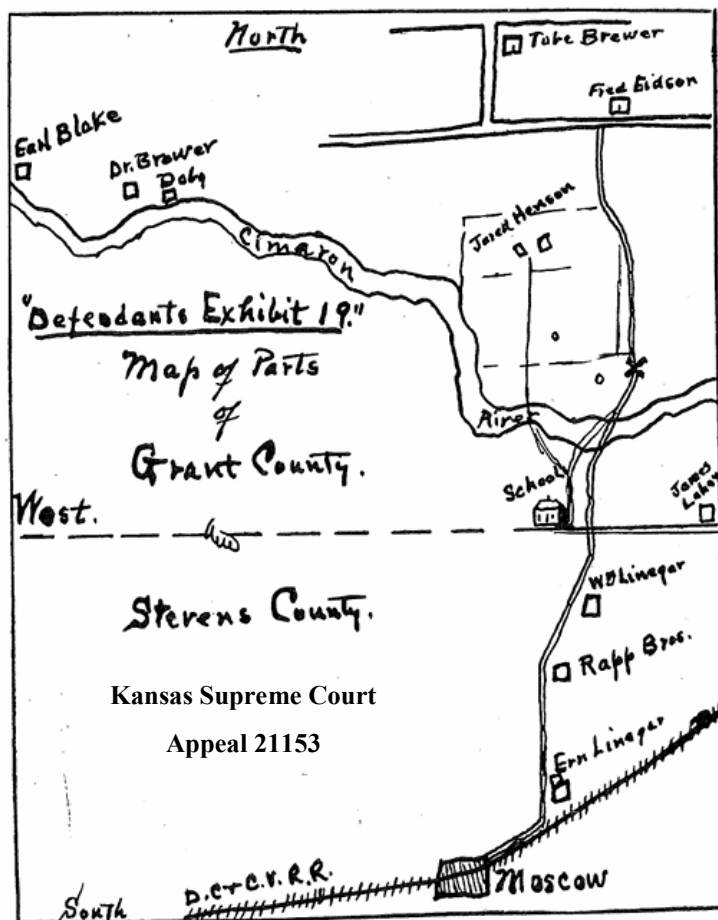
Dr. W.C. Brownell from Moscow arrived to assist in the investigation. Nellie's clothing and pocket watch were missing, and evidence suggested she had fiercely fought back before being

killed. Dr. Brewer took special care to measure the footprints at the scene, using a set of straws, hoping they might help identify the murderer.

News of the crime spread quickly, sending a wave of fear through the county. Was there a killer on the loose? Bloodhounds were brought in from Concordia, and railroad stations were alerted to watch for suspicious passengers. On October 23rd, a member of the Henson family approached the authorities in Ulysses with a bizarre question: would her life insurance policy pay out if Archibald "Archie" Sweet, a man living with the Hensons, was lynched?

Archie Sweet, originally from Fort Scott, had a troubled past. As a teenager, he had been jailed for assault and later imprisoned for stealing a team of horses. It was during his time in prison that he befriended Clint Henson, a man with a long criminal history, including assault, robbery, and even blowing up a train depot. Although Clint had been imprisoned indefinitely for blowing up the train depot, he was ultimately pardoned. After his release, Archie moved in with the Henson family, providing financial support to them.

On the day of Nellie's murder, Archie had been out hunting rabbits and Clint had been helping a group harvest crops earlier in the day. The rest of the Hensons had gone into Moscow for a literary club. After Nellie's body was discovered, Clint and Archie were among those who helped transport her remains. But when Dr. Brewer



GCCC Announces \$3.75 Million Partnership

By: Tyler Hook

Garden City Community College (GCCC) has announced a long-term partnership with Triple Oak Power that could provide \$3.75 million over 30 years to support the college's construction and electrical technology programs.

The agreement, established between GCCC and Sherlock Solar LLC, a component of Triple Oak Power's proposed Home Range Clean Power Project, will provide \$125,000 annually, contingent upon the project moving forward. Construction of the solar development in Finney and Kearny counties is expected to begin in 2027.

Funding will include \$25,000 annually in student scholarships, with preference given to students from Finney and Kearny counties.



Additional support will help fund a faculty position, purchase training equipment and expand educational opportunities. The agreement also includes naming rights for the Electrical Shop within GCCC's Security State Bank Construction Trades Center.

The nearly 11,000-square-foot facility will soon house the college's electrical technology and construction trades programs, providing

students with hands-on training for careers in high-demand skilled trades.

"This partnership represents an opportunity to strengthen our construction and electrical programs while creating additional opportunities for students to pursue careers in high-demand fields," said GCCC President Dr. Ryan Ruda.

Triple Oak Power CEO and founder Jesse Gronner

emphasized the importance of investing in local education and workforce development.

"We're proud to invest in that work, and in the students who will build their futures right here in southwest Kansas," Gronner said.

The Home Range Clean Power Project is a proposed energy and data center development spanning portions of Finney and Kearny counties. Sherlock Solar LLC received a special use permit in June 2026.

College officials say the partnership reflects the growing importance of collaboration between education and industry in preparing a skilled workforce and expanding career opportunities throughout southwest Kansas.

compared the straw measure **BYERS continued**

ments to Clint's shoes, they matched perfectly—and since the Hensons often shared clothing, it also implicated Archie.

As the investigation continued, a Burns Detective named Wilkinson was brought in. His use of new investigative techniques, like bite mark analysis, revealed further evidence. However, the Sheriff refused to issue a warrant for Clint Henson's arrest, frustrating Wilkinson, who believed the local authorities were protecting the Hensons.

Then, on November 16th, Archie Sweet was charged with Nellie's murder. His whistling when the authorities arrived at the crime scene, coupled with the fact that the bloodhounds had tracked

the scent to the Henson house, was considered enough evidence to implicate him. Under intense pressure and threat of being lynched, Archie was coerced into waiving his preliminary hearing, a decision that sealed his fate.

The trial, which began on May 24, 1916, was moved to Syracuse and was surrounded with large public interest. The entire population of Grant County, except for a single bank teller, relocated to Syracuse to witness the proceedings. The courtroom was moved into an auditorium that was packed as testimony unfolded. All the witnesses were allowed to stay present throughout the hearing, and even still the Henson family's accounts varied wildly. With feelings being high Archie was found guilty

of first-degree murder on June 3, 1916. He was sentenced to life in Lansing Prison, where he would proclaim his innocence until his death in 1930.

Despite the conviction, many believed Archie was wrongfully accused, and efforts were made to appeal the case. However, the Kansas Supreme Court upheld the jury's decision, bringing a tragic chapter in Grant County's history to a close.

After Nellie's death, the Waterford School was closed for two years, and the building was eventually moved to Vanceville in Stevens County. The Grant County Teachers Association honored Nellie's memory by raising funds for a headstone at her grave, and her story became part of local folklore, with some claiming that her spirit

wanders along the Cimarron River to this day.

The murder of Nellie Byers left a deep scar on the history of Grant County, not only for the brutality of the crime but also for the sense of injustice that lingered in its aftermath. A bright and promising teacher, Nellie's death marked the loss of a life dedicated to the betterment of her community. Her tragic end, along with the questionable trial that followed, reflected the complexities of a small town grappling with fear, anger, and the urgent need for justice. As her story lives on in both historical records and local folklore, it serves as a somber reminder of the fragility of life and the lengths to which communities will go in their pursuit of truth and closure.

The Cost of Carrying On

By Tyler Hook

Today, 63 American farms will disappear. Not necessarily because the farmers failed to work hard enough. Not because they forgot how to raise a crop, manage their livestock or care for the land. And certainly not because America has stopped needing what they produce. They will disappear because, somewhere along the way, the cost of carrying on became greater than the ability to keep going. Sixty-three farms a day. That is the average rate of decline reported in recent years. Behind that number are families, communities and generations of work. There are farmhouses where the lights will eventually go dark, equipment that will be sold, and land that may never again be worked by the family whose name has been attached to it for generations. And tomorrow, the same story will begin again. American agriculture finds itself at a troubling crossroads. According to the United States Department of Ag-

riculture, farm debt is projected to reach a staggering \$605.1 billion in 2026. That is an increase of more than \$26 billion in a single year. Meanwhile, production expenses are expected to climb to nearly \$493 billion, with fertilizer and fuel among the largest contributors to the increase.

These are figures so enormous that they almost become meaningless until you bring them down to the scale of a single farm.

A fertilizer bill that has grown by thousands of dollars. A diesel delivery that costs considerably more than expected. An equipment repair that cannot wait. Another operating loan, another payment extension, another conversation with the banker about how to make the numbers work for one more year. And somewhere in the middle of it all is a farmer staring at a sheet of paper, trying to decide what can be cut without sacrificing the crop that has not yet been planted. This is a reality I know all too well.

There is a peculiar cruelty to the economics of agriculture.

A farmer can do nearly everything right and still lose money. The crop can be good, the equipment can run, the weather can cooperate, and the bins can be full. Yet, when the expenses are subtracted from the income, there may be little left to show for another year of work.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy observed that the farmer had to purchase supplies at retail, sell products at wholesale and pay the transportation costs in both directions. More than six decades later, that observation remains painfully familiar.

Farmers are price takers in a world filled with price makers.

A conflict thousands of miles away can send energy prices soaring. A disruption in natural gas supplies can drive up the cost of fertilizer. International trade decisions can change the value of a crop before it ever leaves the field. Yet the farmer has remarkably little control over the price offered at the elevator.

And when those input prices rise, they have a frustrating

tendency to establish a new normal. Grain prices, on the other hand, have a way of reminding us that the market owes nobody a living.

There have certainly been bright spots. Cattle producers have experienced historically strong prices, and some agricultural sectors have enjoyed better returns than others.

But even those successes are accompanied by rising costs that can quickly consume the additional income.

The result is an industry in which prosperity and hardship can exist on opposite sides of the same county road.

We frequently hear criticism of government payments to farmers. They are characterized as subsidies, handouts or bailouts, often by people who have never had to borrow several hundred thousand dollars simply to put another crop in the ground. There is a legitimate discussion to be had about how agricultural support programs are designed, who benefits from them and whether they accomplish their intended purpose. But there is another reality that



Applying Anhydrous Ammonia in Stanton County. For years NH₃ was a cheap and obtainable source of Nitrogen. In a not so distant past 19 Cents a Unit was on par, but with price changes we saw this go upwards past \$1 before settling to 50 to 65 cents, Then there is the Farm Diesel which in 20 years has risen some 160%. —Photo By Tyler Hook

deserves equal consideration. For many producers, those payments are not creating wealth. They are helping cover losses, service debt and provide enough working capital to try again.

In 2026, direct government payments to farmers are projected to reach \$47.4 billion. That figure is substantial, and it deserves public scrutiny. But so does the economic environment that makes such assistance necessary.

Perhaps the greater question is not simply how much money is being spent to support agriculture, but why an industry so essential to the nation struggles to sustain so many of the people doing the work.

We hear promises of agricultural legislation, new programs and long-term solutions. Yet the distance between the farmyard and the halls of Washington can feel considerably greater than the miles separating them.

Farm policy must balance the interests of producers, consumers, taxpayers, conservation and international trade. Those are complicated responsibilities. But somewhere within the negotiations, competing interests and political arguments, the everyday realities of the people working the land must not become an afterthought. Because the decisions made on paper eventually become decisions made around kitchen tables.

Do we replace the worn-out tractor or attempt another season of repairs? Do we purchase the fertilizer the soil needs or reduce the application and hope the yield holds? Do we borrow more money against the land? Do we sell a quarter? Do we take another job to support the farm?



Or do we finally admit that this may be the last year? That last question is perhaps the hardest of all.

For those who have never farmed, closing a business may seem like a straightforward financial decision. But a family farm is rarely just a business. It is a collection of memories, sacrifices and responsibilities passed from one generation to the next. It is the fence your grandfather built, the field your father worked, the old machinery that somehow still runs and the knowledge that every improvement came from somebody's labor.

It is knowing that the land will still be there long after we are gone, but wondering whether our family will still be the one caring for it.

There is pride in that responsibility. There is also a tremendous weight.

And perhaps that is why farmers continue when the numbers suggest they should stop. We are accustomed to difficult years. We understand that droughts eventually break, markets eventually change and a failed crop does not necessarily mean a failed future.

Optimism has always been one of agriculture's most valuable resources.

But optimism cannot indefinitely replace profitability. Hope does not pay the fertilizer bill. Tradition does not

satisfy the bank. And the promise that next year might be better becomes increasingly difficult to believe when each passing season requires another extension of credit.

We have become remarkably efficient at producing food, fiber and fuel. Modern American agriculture can accomplish things our grandparents could scarcely have imagined. Yet greater productivity has not guaranteed greater financial security for the families responsible for that progress.

That contradiction ought to concern every American, whether they have ever set foot on a farm or not.

Because when a farm disappears, the consequences seldom stop at the property line. The local implement dealer loses a customer. The cooperative sells fewer supplies. The school may eventually lose another family. A church pew sits empty. Another piece of the community's economic and social foundation becomes a little less certain.

The loss of a farm is not always the loss of agricultural production. Often, another operation takes over the acreage and the crops continue to grow.

But something else has been lost: another independent family making a living from the land, another opportunity

for a young person to return home, another thread in the fabric of rural America.

I do not believe the answer is to romanticize the past or pretend that agriculture can be insulated from every market force. Farming has always involved risk, and not every operation can survive indefinitely.

But neither should we accept the steady disappearance of family farms as an unavoidable consequence of progress without asking whether there is a better way.

We ought to be concerned about an economy in which the people producing the necessities of life must repeatedly borrow against their futures simply to remain in business.

And we ought to recognize that keeping farmers on the land requires more than praise for their work. It requires serious attention to the conditions under which they are expected to survive.

Tonight, somewhere in America, a farmer will sit down with a stack of bills, a calculator and a lifetime of memories. They will look at what they owe, what they have and what another year might bring.

Some will find a way forward.

Others will make the heart-breaking decision that they have carried on long enough. Tomorrow morning, the sun will rise over the same fields. The wind will blow across the same pastures. The land will remain, just as it has for generations.

But for some families, the life they built upon it will be coming to an end.

And perhaps the question we should all be asking is this: How much longer can we afford to lose the people we cannot afford to live without?

Behind The Cost Of Power

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When something works as expected, we often take it for granted. Most of us don't think about the roads, water systems, or electrical infrastructure powering our homes, farms, schools, hospitals, and businesses. Like all critical infrastructure, these systems require ongoing maintenance and strategic investment to continue serving our communities safely and reliably.

In the first article of this series, we introduced the partnership between Pioneer and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and explained how the cooperative business model keeps decisions local and focused on serving our members. In Part 2, we take a closer look at the transmission system, an essential part of delivering reliable electricity, and how we manage those costs responsibly.

The Foundation of Reliable Power

The high-voltage transmission network plays a critical role in the electric grid. Transmission lines move electricity from power plants to local substations, where local cooperatives like Pioneer deliver it to homes and businesses.

Today, Pioneer's wholesale power supplier, Sun-

flower, maintains nearly 2,347 miles of transmission line across central and western Kansas, along with the substations and equipment needed to provide reliable electric service. Just as homeowners replace a roof or upgrade plumbing before problems occur, utilities evaluate every asset to determine whether maintenance, upgrades, or replacement will provide the greatest long-term value. Planning ahead helps minimize outages, reduce costly repairs, and maintain reliability.

At the same time, the current infrastructure is aging nationwide. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) says "electricity demand is increasing at a pace not seen in decades" as communities grow, and new businesses and industries expand. To meet tomorrow's energy needs, utilities must maintain today's system while strategically expanding the grid for the future.

How Costs and Rates Differ

We know rising costs are top of mind for families and businesses, and we are feeling those pressures, too. Like many industries, elec-

tric utilities continue to experience higher costs for materials, construction, labor, and financing.

It's important to understand, however, that costs and electric rates are not the same thing.

While operating costs may increase, Sunflower uses several strategies to help stabilize electric rates. These include operating power plants efficiently, planning and investing carefully in transmission infrastructure, participating in Southwest Power Pool's energy market, managing finances responsibly, and growing the system thoughtfully.

Managing Resources Responsibly

As not-for-profit cooperatives, Sunflower and Pioneer provide reliable electric service while making responsible decisions on behalf of members like you. That means focusing on the costs we can control.

Instead of waiting for equipment to fail, Sunflower uses inspection data and planning tools to focus maintenance where it will make the biggest difference. This helps balance risk and reliability and make informed decisions about maintaining and modernizing our system.

Sunflower crews also

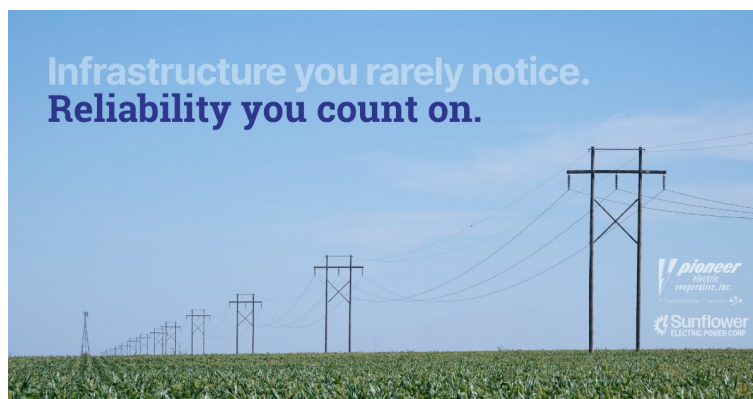
use advanced technologies, including aerial and infrared inspections, to detect changing line clearances, vegetation concerns, structural wear, and overheating equipment that routine inspections may miss. When small issues are addressed early, we help prevent larger repairs and support reliability.

Likewise, transmission structures receive regular inspections above and below ground. When inspectors identify minor deterioration, treatments such as preservative pole wraps can often extend the life of a wood pole and delay replacement while maintaining safety and reliability. In many cases, aerial inspections also allow Sunflower to replace an individual crossarm rather than an entire transmission structure, which reduces costs and extends asset life.

Sometimes, managing members' dollars responsibly means investing a little more today to save significantly more tomorrow. For example, Sunflower strategically installs ductile iron poles in locations near highway, railroad, creek, and distribution line crossings. Although they cost 5–8% more upfront than wood poles, which have an average service life of about 75 years, steel poles are designed to last 100+ years. Their longer service life, combined with better resistance to severe weather and vehicle impacts, reduces replacement needs and lowers long-term ownership costs.

These examples reflect an important principle: The lowest upfront cost does not always create the best long-term value if it leads to more

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Fajardo Leads Eagles to 58-28 Victory Over Tigers

By Reporter Soila Ochoa score to 30-8.

The Hugoton Eagles earned a 58-28 victory over the Ulysses Tigers during their home football game. The evening was also Senior Night and Pink Out Night, as the Eagles recognized their seniors and showed support for breast cancer awareness.

Hugoton led 16-8 in the second quarter before junior Miguel Fajardo scored a touchdown, extending the Eagles' lead to 22-8. With just 18 seconds remaining before halftime, Hugoton scored again, bringing the

In the third quarter, Ulysses scored a touchdown to make it 30-14. Hugoton quickly answered when Fajardo broke away for a 69-yard touchdown run. He followed with a successful two-point conversion, extending the Eagles' lead to 38-14.

Hugoton continued its strong offensive performance in the fourth quarter. Fajardo added another touchdown, while junior Adrian Adigun and senior Isai Guardado also scored for the Eagles. Guardado's touchdown and a successful two-point conver-



Taken by Soila Ochoa

sion by Fajardo sealed the 58-28 victory.

The Eagles finished the night with a strong offensive

performance while celebrating their seniors and recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Gonzalez Scores Seven Touchdowns in Trojans' Victory



Taken by Soila Ochoa

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The Stanton County Trojans varsity football team hosted the Elkhart Wildcats on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., earning a 56-8 victory

in an eight-man football game that ended early in the third quarter.

The Trojans came out strong in the first quarter as Angel Gonzalez, No. 4,

scored three touchdowns to give Stanton County an early lead.

Gonzalez continued his strong performance in the second quarter, scoring three more touchdowns. Abraham Ortega added a successful two-point conversion. Carlos Ramos also scored a touchdown, with Gonzalez adding the two-point conversion to bring the score to 50-8 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Gonzalez scored his seventh touchdown of the night,

bringing the final score to 56-8. The game ended early due to the 45-point rule in eight-man football.

Gonzalez made history with seven touchdowns in one game, setting a new Stanton County High School record for the most touchdowns scored by a player in a single home game.

The Trojans will travel to Sublette on Friday, Oct. 16, before returning home on Friday, Oct. 23, for their homecoming game.

repairs, a shorter service life, or higher long-term expenses. Using members' dollars wisely is more than a promise; it is our responsibility.

Looking Ahead

As electricity demand grows, transmission infrastructure is just one piece of a much larger story. In future articles, we will explore the factors influencing the wholesale cost of electricity, including power generation, regional energy market dy-

namics, supply chain challenges, and the steps cooperatives take to help provide long-term rate stability.

Through every challenge and opportunity, one thing remains unchanged: the partnership between Sunflower and Pioneer. Together, we remain committed to planning carefully, investing wisely, and managing every dollar responsibly so we can provide reliable electric service for our members and

communities.

Boiler Plate: Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. is dedicated to providing members with safe and reliable electric service. Headquartered in Ulysses, Kansas, Pioneer Electric is a distribution cooperative owned and controlled by its members. Pioneer Electric serves approximately 16,300 retail electric meters across 10 counties in southwestern

Kansas. The system includes more than 117 miles of transmission line, 4,000 miles of distribution line and 21 substations. All of Pioneer Electric's electricity is procured by Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, which is owned by Pioneer Electric and five other Kansas electric co-ops and a not-for-profit utility. Pioneer Electric is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.

Cat Tales Opens In Elkhart

Courtesy of Morton County Chamber

New owners Mica Ratzlaff McKinley and Antonio McKinley bring fresh ideas, expanded offerings, and a passion for small businesses to a longtime Elkhart favorite.

The Morton County Chamber of Commerce celebrated an exciting new chapter for a familiar downtown business on Friday, October 9, with a ribbon cutting ceremony welcoming Mica Ratzlaff McKinley and Antonio McKinley as the new owners of Cat Tales.

A longtime staple in the Elkhart community, Cat Tales has built a reputation as a destination for flowers, gifts, and unique finds. Now, under new ownership, the business is building on that foundation with fresh ideas, expanded inventory, and exciting new services.

"I've always had a passion for small businesses, design, creativity, and bringing new opportunities to rural communities," Mica shared.

"When the opportunity came along to purchase Cat Tales, I saw so much potential to build on a business that has been a part of Elkhart for years."

Having grown up in Southwest Kansas, Mica understands the important role locally owned businesses play in rural communities.

"I loved the idea of preserving something special in our

community while bringing in some fresh ideas, new products, and a little of my own personality," she explained. "I want to help make our downtown a place people are excited to visit, shop, and spend time."

Mica and staff have already been busy introducing new inventory and expanding the store's offerings. Customers can expect an even greater selection of gifts, home décor, seasonal decorations, plants, gourmet foods, clothing, accessories, and unique items for all ages.

Floral services are also growing, with an emphasis on creative, custom arrangements for weddings, sympathy flowers, special events, and everyday deliveries.

One of the most exciting additions is event decorating, custom balloon installations, and event planning assistance. From birthday parties and baby showers to weddings, corporate gatherings, and community celebrations, Cat Tales is expanding its services to help customers bring their ideas to life.

"From florals and balloons to décor and the little details that make an event special, we're excited to offer more ways to celebrate life's big and small moments," Mica said.

Looking ahead, the new owners also hope to introduce additional workshops, seasonal activities, shopping events, and other opportuni-

ties to bring people together downtown.

"Ultimately, we want Cat Tales to be more than just a gift shop or florist," Mica explained. "We want to be a creative resource for our community, a place to find something unique, celebrate special occasions, and feel inspired every time you walk through the door!"

When asked what excites her most about this new adventure, Mica's answer was simple: "Honestly, the possibilities!"

She enjoys every aspect of the creative process, from designing floral arrangements and decorating Christmas trees to discovering unique merchandise and planning events. However, the community's response has been especially meaningful.

"The support we've received has been incredible, and it's exciting to see people genuinely enthusiastic about what we're doing," she shared. "I also love getting to work alongside our wonderful team and watching their creativity grow."

While she has big plans for the future, she is equally committed to honoring the business's history and the people who helped make it successful.

"We're so thankful for the foundation that was built at Cat Tales long before we took ownership, and we're excited to continue that lega-

cy while creating something new," Mica said.

That appreciation for the past, paired with enthusiasm for the future, reflects the importance of small business ownership in communities like Elkhart. When established businesses find new owners who are willing to invest, innovate, and carry on their legacy, it helps preserve the character of the community while creating opportunities for continued growth. Mica encourages residents to stop in, explore the new merchandise, and share ideas for products or services they would like to see offered.

"We have big dreams for Cat Tales, but at the heart of everything we do is a love for our community. We want to give people more reasons to shop locally, support other small businesses, and keep our downtown thriving."

The Morton County Chamber of Commerce congratulates Mica and Antonio on their new venture and looks forward to seeing Cat Tales continue to grow. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and investment in downtown Elkhart are wonderful examples of the entrepreneurial spirit that keeps rural communities moving forward. As Mica shared in her message to the community, "Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. We couldn't do this without you, and we're just getting started!"



Moscow USD 209 FFA Students and Stevens County Fire Department recently hosted an education program –Courtesy USD 209 FB



On October 10th the SCCC Foundation hosted the Golden Prairie President's Gala. Sublette Native and WNBA player Shalee Lehning was the key note speaker for the evening. The Prime Rib Meal was catered by Billy's Ayr Lanes. Photo Courtesy of SCCC FB



For over 25 years Dream First Bank has supported Financial Education in Schools. This past week they set up their 11th School Bank in Lakin. Courtesy Photo



Cat Tales Ribbon Cutting in Elkhart Courtesy Photo

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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FINNEY COUNTY

FRI 16

4 pm - Anime Night, Finney Co. Library
7 pm - Holcomb football vs. Hugoton

SAT 17

10 am - Walk to End Alzheimer's, Stevens Park
Noon - Day of the Dead Craftroom
4 pm - Boo! at the Zoo, Lee Richardson Zoo

SUN 18

2:30 pm - Sunday FunDay, Library

MON 19

6 pm - Horace Good MS Band Concert

TUE 20

6:30 pm - Family Crafts, Library
7 pm - Holcomb Fall Choir Concert

WED 21

4:30 pm - Pokemon Club, Library
8:30 pm - Astronomy, Great Plains MakerSpace

THU 22

No school - Garden City USD 457
6:30 pm - Ireland's Greatest Showman

FRI 23

5 pm - Great Pumpkin 5K, Hidden Trail Brewing
7 pm - Holcomb football at Guyton

GRANT COUNTY

FRI 16

10 am - Chamber Coffee
2 pm - Ulysses Homecoming Parade
6:30 pm - Homecoming Coronation
7 pm - Ulysses football vs. Colby

MON 19

State girls golf, Emporia
5 pm - Ulysses JV football at Colby

TUE 20

5 pm - Ulysses volleyball vs. Hugoton

WED 21

5:30 pm - Hickok parent-teacher conferences

THU 22

No school - Hickok; conferences

FRI 23

10 am - Chamber Coffee
7 pm - Ulysses football vs. SW Heights

HASKELL COUNTY

FRI 16

No school - Sublette USD 374
7 pm - Sublette football vs. Stanton Co.
7 pm - Satanta football vs. Moscow

SAT 17

JH volleyball league tournaments

MON 19

State girls golf; volleyball regionals
3 pm - Scholars Bowl at Ashland

TUE 20

State girls golf; volleyball regionals

WED 21

11 am-6 pm - Sublette HS Blood Drive

THU 22

8 am-8 pm - Satanta conferences
5 pm - Satanta FAFSA Help Night

FRI 23

No school - Satanta USD 507
7 pm - Sublette football at Elkhart

KEARNY COUNTY

FRI 16

No school - Deerfield USD 216
6 pm - Deerfield football at Douglass
7 pm - Lakin football vs. Ashland

SAT 17

9 am - HPL JH Volleyball, Syracuse

MON 19

8:30 am - State girls golf, Wichita
6:30 pm - Lakin Board of Education

TUE 20

8:30 am - State girls golf continues
HS volleyball regionals

WED 21

6 pm - Lakin City Council

THU 22

No school - Deerfield; conferences

FRI 23

No school - Deerfield
7 pm - Lakin football at Satanta

MORTON COUNTY

FRI 16

No school - Rolla USD 217
Elkhart early dismissal
7 pm - Elkhart football at Springfield, CO

SAT 17

Elkhart/Rolla JH Volleyball, Syracuse

MON 19

3 pm - Rolla Scholars Bowl at Ashland
Elkhart parent-teacher conferences

TUE 20

4-8 pm - Rolla conferences
Elkhart MS football vs. Springfield at Rolla

THU 22

4-8 pm - Rolla conferences

FRI 23

No school - Elkhart and Rolla
7 pm - Elkhart football vs. Sublette
Pink Out / Senior Night

STEVENS COUNTY

FRI 16

Moscow football Senior Night (opponent TBD)

MON 19

Hugoton FFA National Convention week
Moscow Scholars Bowl at Ashland

TUE 20

4-8 pm - Hugoton parent-teacher conf.
Moscow HS volleyball regionals

WED 21

Hugoton end of first nine weeks

THU 22

No school - Hugoton USD 210
Hugoton and Moscow conferences

FRI 23

No school - Hugoton USD 210
Moscow football (opponent TBD)

STANTON COUNTY

FRI 16

7 pm - Stanton football at Sublette

SAT 17

10 am - HPL JH Volleyball, Syracuse

MON 19

8:30 am - County Commission
State girls golf; volleyball regionals
6 pm - JH football at Wichita County

TUE 20

State girls golf; volleyball regionals

WED 21

5:30 pm - Powder Puff Football

THU 22

6 pm - Community Pep Rally
6:30 pm - Iron Man Volleyball

FRI 23

3:30 pm - Homecoming Coronation
4 pm - Football vs. South Gray

SEWARD COUNTY

FRI 16

No school - Liberal USD 480
6 pm - Fall Festival, W. Pancake St.
7 pm - Liberal football vs. Kapaun

SAT 17

Noon - Haunted Oz, E. Cedar St.
5 pm - Fall Fest, N. Western Ave.

MON 19

5 pm - Liberal JV football at Guyton
6 pm - Freshman football at Hooker

TUE 20

5 pm - Liberal soccer vs. Great Bend
6 pm - MS winter sports parent meeting

WED 21

11:45 am - Emerging Leaders

THU 22

5:30 pm - Sunflower Elementary Bingo
6:30 pm - SWMS Family Painting

FRI 23

7 pm - Liberal football at Hays
7 pm - SWMS Fall Dance

HAMILTON COUNTY

FRI 16

No school - Syracuse USD 494
Syracuse football vs. Sterling (time TBD)

SAT 17

HPL Junior High Volleyball, Syracuse

MON 19

Girls state golf; HS volleyball regionals
JH football and volleyball at SW Heights

TUE 20

Girls state golf; HS volleyball regionals

THU 22

1 pm - Syracuse early release
1:30-8 pm - Parent-teacher conferences

FRI 23

No school - Syracuse USD 494
8-11:30 am - Parent-teacher conferences
Syracuse football at Ellinwood (TBD)

Compiled from local calendars. Times and locations are subject to change. Verify details with organizers.



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