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Weekly report from the office of the Wabaunsee County Sheriff



The Wabaunsee County Sheriff's office submitted the following report for service calls for the week of June 11-17, 2025.

<u>June 11</u>

Deputy

ist Assist

Patrol

Deputy

<u>June 12</u>

Patrol

Vehicle

Complaint

port

12:39 am-Alma; Traffic Stop Patrol 3:47 am-Paxico; Traffic Stop 4:11 am-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 4:31 am-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop <u>June 13</u> 5:02 am-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 5:11 am-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 5:26 am-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 10:21 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 10:47 am-Wamego; Extra Patrol 11:00 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 11:34 am-Alma; Traffic Problem 12:31 pm-Wamego; Extra Patrol trol 12:40 pm-Wamego; Extra Patrol 2:45 pm-Wamego; Traffic Stop 4:17 pm-Paxico; Extra Patrol 4:34 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop 4:45 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop 4:49 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop Deputy 4:59 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop 6:11 pm-Wamego; Traffic Stop 6:18 pm-Eskridge; Speak With uty 6:49 pm-Wamego; Traffic Stop 8:38 pm-McFarland; Extra Patrol 8:42 pm-Lake Wabaunsee; Motor-Injury 8:52 pm-Lake Wabaunsee; Extra erty 8:56 pm-Maple Hill; Extra Patrol 9:25 pm-Eskridge; Extra Patrol Deputy 9:32 pm-Eskridge; Traffic Stop 9:37 pm-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 9:54 pm-Paxico; Traffic Stop 9:59 pm-Wamego; Speak With June 14 10:13 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop 10:44 pm-Paxico; Traffic Stop 10:55 pm-Paxico; Extra Patrol 11:23 pm-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 11:41 pm-Paxico; Traffic Stop 11:48 pm-Alma; Extra Patrol serve process 12:14 am-Harveyville; Extra 12:36 am-Maple Hill; Suspicious 1:02 am-Maple Hill; Extra Patrol 1:26 am-Alma; Extra Patrol meanor 1:28 am-Wamego; Traffic Stop 7:41 pm-Alma; Suspicious Person 2:44 am-Wamego; Extra Patrol 3:35 am-McFarland; Extra Patrol plaint 3:47 am-Paxico; Traffic Stop 4:38 am-Paxico; Traffic Stop 5:17 am-Paxico; Traffic Stop 6:49 am-Lake Wabaunsee; Animal Injury 8:40 am-El Dorado; Jail - Trans-June 15 9:13 am-Harveyville; Extra Patrol 10:32 am-Eskridge; Traffic Stop 10:48 am-Eskridge; Extra Patrol

9:25 pm-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 9:33 pm-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 10:07 pm-Eskridge; Extra Patrol 10:22 pm-Maple Hill; Extra Patrol 10:51 pm-Harveyville; Extra

11:30 pm-Eskridge; Extra Patrol 11:31 pm-Maple Hill; Disturbance 1:37 am-Maple Hill; Extra Patrol

1:49 am-McFarland; Traffic Stop 2:40 am-Alta Vista; Extra Patrol 4:28 am-Alma Traffic Stop 5:27 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 5:50 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 6:53 am-Eskridge; Extra Pa- In)

7:18 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 9:27 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 9:54 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 10:24 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 11:52 am-Alma; Speak With 1:28 pm-Wamego; Extra Patro

1:50 pm-Alta Vista; Stand By 2:09 pm-Alma; Speak With Dep-

2:41 pm-Alta Vista; Extra Patrol 3:21 pm-Alta Vista; Traffic Stop 4:03 pm-Paxico; Accident N/

4:12 pm-Alta Vista; Found Prop-

6:10 pm-Alta Vista; Speak With

7:23 pm-Paxico; Traffic Stop 7:45 pm-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 8:30 pm-Alma; Accident/Injuries

6:40 am-Eskridge; Traffic Stop 8:48 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 8:58 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 9:01 am-Alma; Check Welfare

9:24 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 10:33 am-Alma; Suicidal

12:09 pm-Eskridge; Attempt to Injury

4:17 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop 4:49 pm-Maple Hill; Traffic Stop 5:40 pm-Topeka; Traffic Stop 5:57 pm-Eskridge; Traffic Stop 7:08 pm-Alma; Warrant - Misde-

10:04 pm-Paxico; Noise Com-

10:16 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop

10:54 pm-McFarland; Traffic Stop 10:56 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop

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12:17 am-McFarland; Traffic Stop

12:29 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 12:44 am-Paxico; Traffic Stop

2:25 am-Eskridge; Suspicious

4:19 am-Alma; Traffic Stop 6:38 am-Alta Vista; Traffic Stop 8:36 am-Eskridge; Illegal Dumping

8:48 am-Eskridge; Extra Patrol 9:14 am-Harveyville; Extra Patrol 10:43 am-Alta Vista; Motorist

Assist 11:02 am-Maple Hill; Lost/Stolen Tag

11:42 am-Alta Vista; Stand By 12:06 pm-Alta Vista; Extra Patrol 1:47 pm-Harveyville; Stolen Vehicle

2:13 pm-Paxico; Burglary (Break

4:33 pm-Paxico; Pedestrian 4:44 pm-Maple Hill; Warrant -Misdemeanor

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11:15 pm-Harveyville; Extra Patrol

11:51 pm-Maple Hill; Extra Patrol June 17

12:16 am-Paxico; Traffic Stop 12:30 am-Paxico; Motorist Assist 12:41 am-Alma; Suspicious Vehicle

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6:10 am-Maple Hill; Attempt to

7:49 pm-Belvue; Extra Patrol 8:51 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop

9:00 pm-Harveyville; Domestic Disturbance

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11:57 pm-Eskridge; Extra Patrol 7:20 pm-Harveyville; Extra Patrol 7:29 pm-Wamego; Extra Patrol

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Governor Kelly Announces \$5.3M for KDOT Cost

Share Program Projects

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly and Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed today announced \$5.3 million in awards for 11 vital transportation construction projects across Kansas through the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Cost Share Program for Spring 2025. This state investment will leverage nearly \$3 million in community matching funds, totaling more than \$8 million for infrastructure improvements that will enhance safety, support local economies, and improve connectivity.

"These Cost Share-funded projects are a prime example of smart government investments," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Through infrastructure and transportation improvements, we are making Kansas an even better place to live, to work, and to raise a family."

The KDOT Cost Share Program plays a critical role in helping both rural and urban areas advance transportation projects. Its focus areas include improving safety, supporting job retention and growth, alleviating congestion, and enhancing access and mobility for Kansans. The program is a cornerstone of the Kelly administration's 10-year, bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE).

Since its inception in Fall 2019, the Cost Share Program has awarded state funding exceeding \$157 million to Kansas communities. As one of KDOT's most popular initiatives, it has supported 197 projects statewide, attracting an additional \$128 million in local matching funds. "Our communities know their transportation needs best, and the Cost Share Program gives them the agency to address those challenges head-on," said Secretary Calvin Reed. "KDOT is dedicated to this partnership, creating effective, local solutions that deliver transportation that keeps Kansans moving forward." Spring 2025 Cost Share recipients are: City of Cimarron – Cimarron Sidewalk Improvements City of Conway Springs – Asphalt Street Improvements



Delbert Thomas

A memorial graveside service for Delbert Thomas, 61, of White City will be held Saturday, June 28, at 10:30 am at the Skiddy Cemetery. Delbert passed away January 3, 2025.

Following the service, a visitation and light lunch for family and friends will be held at the White City American Legion.



Virgil William Lempenau

Virgil Lempenau went to his heavenly home on May 22, 2025 at the Prairie Mission Retirement Village in St. Paul, Kansas. He was 101 years old. Virgil was born August 13, 1923 to William and Mamie (Kahle) Lempenau on their farm near Alta Vista, Kansas.



He enlisted in the army after graduation and served with the 1208th Quartermaster Corp of the 306th Bomb Group in the 8th Air Force in England.

After WWII, Virgil returned to Kansas and fell in love with a beautiful violinist named Elizabeth Jane Morse at his church in Alta Vista. They were married on June 13, 1948.

He enrolled at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas in the fall of 1946 and graduated in May of 1950. Virgil also attended Wheaton College for 1 and 1/2 years. His studies were in preparation for entering the ministry.

Virgil and Elizabeth's four children were born while they lived in

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2:48 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop 3:04 pm-Alma; Traffic Stop

4:03 pm-Alma; Motorist Assist

11:18 pm-Paxico; Traffic Stop

11:35 pm-Paxico; Traffic Stop

<u>June 16</u>

4:02 am-Maple Hill; Extra Patro

PUBLIC NOTICE:

City of Alta Vista is accepting sealed bids for park playground equipment. This equipment is being sold in

1 group, is in "as is" condition, no warranty or guarantee or refunds, and must all be removed within **30** days after the bid is accepted. Bidder assumes all liability for equipment. Sealed bids must be received by 4pm Monday July 21, 2025. More information is available at City Hall by contacting 785-499-6620.

Superior **S**ystems Holiday Schedule

Superior Systems will be conducting collection routes as regularly scheduled on Monday, June 30, 2025 through Thursday, July 3, 2025. Collection for Friday, July 4, 2025, will be conducted one day early on Thursday, July 3, 2025. Kir/For any questions or concerns please contact our office at (620) 767-7768 Have a safe holiday weekend. The team at Superior Systems

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City of Danville – Ryan Avenue Improvements

City of Elkhart – Elkhart Street and Sidewalk Repair

City of Eudora - Main and 10th Street Improvements

City of Junction City - Washington Street Bridge Rehab

City of Moundridge – South Christian Avenue Pavement Preservation Project

City of Ness City - Mulberry Street Box Replacement

City of Pleasanton - Street Improvements Project - Phase 1

City of Pratt – Maple Street Bridge Projects

Sherman County - Road 64.2 Resurfacing



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Virgil worked with the Rural Bible Crusade for 13 years during that time.

The family moved to Walnut, Kansas in 1965 where Virgil pastored at United Chapel Church, Girard Bible Church, and Kimball Bible Church.

He also worked as a teacher in Prescott, Kansas and as a substitute teacher in the Cherokee, McCune, St. Paul, Stark, and Galesburg school districts.

Virgil's wife, Elizabeth, passed away on December 13, 2002.

Virgil moved to Prairie Mission Retirement Village in 2006 where he had been volunteering since 2001. Virgil provided pastoral services to the residents of Prairie Mission for 24 years until two weeks before his death.

Virgil leaves behind a legacy of service to God and to others. He has devoted his life to helping others experience a relationship with God. Virgil spent hours each day praying for members of his family and for others. He lived his faith with all of his might.

Virgil is survived by his four children; Michael Lempenau of Chiang Mai, Thailand; Libby Nellsch of Orangevale, California; Dan Lempenau of Modesto, California; and Becky Shanholtzer of McCune, Kansas. He has very much enjoyed his eight grandchildren and twelve greatgrandchildren. Virgil has taken great pleasure in calling himself "Great-Grandpa Lempenau."

His love and care for his family and others will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held May 29, 2025 at Prairie Mission Retirement Village.

Burial was in the Girard Cemetery. Military Honors were given by the Brown-Bishop Post No. 704, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Parsons.

Donations in Virgil's memory can be made to Prairie Mission Retirement Village, 242 Carroll St, St. Paul, KS 66771 and may be left at the services or the Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, 518 W St. John, Box 258, Girard, 66743.