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The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 15 in the Rawlins County Courthouse.

Commissioners Pochop and Mosley, County Clerk Rachel Finley, Deputy Clerk Renee Sagel, County Attorney Christopher Rohr, County Treasurer RayeAnn Wright, Register of Deeds Janice Bohme, County Appraiser Alicia Baumfalk,

Loop, Stacey Mentlick, Prideaux, Dunker, Wright, Arthur, Skiles, and Warning were present.

Commissioner Alan Solko was absent.

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dogs need to be registered with the city.

Councilman Dakota Dunker said members of the airport board met and discussed the grant submitted for moving the AWOS system and they considered hiring another airport

manager.

Council member Diana Tongish said the Jayhawk Theatre board planned to change Sunday movie time to 7 p.m. for the summer.

Mayor Stice conducted the meeting. Council members

Dunker, Tongish, Mark Vrbas and Sandy Mulligan were present. Councilman Dietrich Kastens was absent. There will be a special meeting at 6 p.m. April 24 with the regular council meeting following at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

# Rotary invites guests to auction

By Rosalie Ross

Atwood Rotary members are inviting their guests to a Tropical Luau Saturday, April 26. This annual event features a served dinner that will follow the theme. Highlighting the evening will be the live auction of donated items conducted by Rocky Hayes. There will be a silent auction so bidders can post their bids and hope to be on top when the gong sounds ending the action.

Donations come from generous merchants and business people across the area, as well as items from celebrities and tickets to major events.

Additionally, Rotarians are selling a total of 500 raffle tickets and the winning ticket is worth \$1,000. The tickets, \$10 each or \$25 for three, are on sale now by Rotary members. The drawing will take place the night of the auction, but the winner need not be present to win.

This is traditionally a benefit

auction with support given to a local project or entity. This year, Rotarians decided to contribute to the teens' program at 5 Ten Main. For almost a century the Atwood Club has supported community projects and donated to international efforts like the eradication of polio.

Tickets for the April 26 event are available for \$40 each or there are still a few tables for eight guests that can be reserved for \$280 at The Bank.

# Brown's True Value considered for Grant



Harrison Colgan, Tim Colgan, Rawlins County Economic Development Director Deb Minkler, and Lori Colgan meet with Kelli Hansen (middle), of the Kansas Department of Commerce during her visit to the hardware store. Brown's True Value is being considered for KDOC's Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) Grant.

# Church Directory

## Responding to the environment



**Pastor David Todd**  
First Christian Church

About 20 years ago, Fossil Fools Day was established on April 1st. The name for this day was a play on the term fossil fuels and April Fool's Day. This was a day full of creativity and activism, where people gathered to highlight the impact of burning coal, oil, and gas.

About 20 years ago students from Canada and America chose to have an April Fool's Day prank centered around the dangers from using and harvesting fossil fuels. One of these pranks included a mock oil spill in a public fountain. While some thought this was an eye-opening demonstration, others considered it vandalism.

Christians often refer to fossils as being organisms that were living before or during Noah's flood. Pressure and heat turned the decayed plant matter into the substance we call coal. Coal con-

tains the energy stored by plants that lived years ago.

In the Bible we read about the fool. The fool declares, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1). The fool despises wisdom and instruction. Sometimes people call others foolish as a way of putting them down. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said that "someone who calls another a fool is in danger of going to hell" (Matthew 5:22).

The Apostle Paul writes: "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' If your

enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals upon his head" (Romans 12:20).

In the Bible coal is often used to refer to fire and judgment. Although the burning of coal provides a productive source of heat, coal also produces a large amount of carbon dioxide, which can be deadly to human beings. In the Bible there is the emphasis of a birth from ashes and a return to ashes at death.

At the present time countries throughout the world are trying to place a value on the environment and the resources within each country. It appears that the governments are placing more value on the natural resources than on the people created by God. Do we really want Canada, Greenland, or the Panama Canal? Do we really care about the people who live there? Are we more interested in the natural resources that we can exploit?

<p><b>United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Brad Zimmerman <b>Sunday:</b> Worship 10 a.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Awana group meets 3:30 p.m. <b>Thursday:</b> Prayer Lunch 12 p.m. in the Wesley Room</p>	<p><b>St. John's Catholic Church</b> Beardsley Father Richard Daise <b>Mass:</b> Sunday- 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Herndon Immanuel Church</b> <b>Sunday:</b> Worship Service 10 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Redeemer Lutheran Church</b> Saturday: Service 6 p.m. <b>Sunday:</b> Worship 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School 10:15 a.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Midweek supper and classes 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b> Father Henry Saw Lone <b>Mass:</b> Sunday- 10:30 a.m., Saturday- 5 p.m., Tuesday- 5:45 p.m., Wednesday- Friday- 7:30 a.m. <b>CCD:</b> Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Courts of Praise</b> Pastor Kent Morgan <b>Sunday:</b> Bible teaching for all ages: 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:45 a.m. <b>Thursday:</b> Bible Study/Prayer 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Atwood Baptist Church</b> Pastor Darin Laws <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship 2 p.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Mary's Catholic Church</b> Father Henry Saw Lone <b>Mass:</b> Sunday- 8:30 a.m., Thursday 9 a.m. <b>Confessions:</b> One-half hour before Mass or as requested.</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church</b> Pastor David Todd <b>Sunday:</b> Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.</p>
	<p><b>Herndon Covenant Church</b> Pastor Jack Kyle <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>McDonald Federated Church</b> Pastor Andrew Letzerich <b>Sunday:</b> Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m. <b>Wednesday:</b> Awana group meets at 4:30 p.m. during the school year.</p>

Carrier Drug Baalman Mortuary McDougal-Sager & Snodgrass Grain Rawlins County Square Deal

# McDonald News

By Kathy Banister

With all the spring-like temperatures and a dab of moisture we had last week, the trees are starting to leaf out, the irises, peonies, crocuses, and even small weeds, are shooting up from their places in the ground and starting to appear in the landscape. A small bit of snow received early Sunday morning had melted by noon helping to water these growing plants. Wheat plants are quickly spreading covering up row lines making whole fields look very green with hopes of a good harvest this coming summer.

Rita Officer, accompanied by Lois Morelock visited Kay Miller in Bird City Saturday afternoon.

Linda Lorimer and daughter,

Sherrie, were Thursday supper guests of Craig and Diane Cox. Tuesday night supper guests of Rita Officer were Shawn and Rob Jensen and Shawn's brother, Braden McCrory.

Craig and Diane Cox were Saturday supper guests of Kathy and Scott Ross of Atwood.

Among those helping with the Fish Fry held at St. Joseph Catholic Church Friday evening was Kathy Banister.

Friday morning brunch guests of Rita Officer were Craig and Diane Cox.

**High School Sports Honors**  
Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) and Sports in Kansas announced the All Class Teams for the State of Kansas for 2024-2025 for both boys and girls.

In the Boys Division named as Honorable Mention, were junior Tru Dewey of Rawlins County High School; freshman Kohen Pochop and freshman Landon Schoenberger both from Cheylin High School. Parents are Tom and Kelly Dewey, Levi and Bridget Pochop, and Lincoln and Brenda Pochop. Congratulations, Tru, Kohen and Landon!

In the Girls Division named to Second Team was sophomore Taylor McCarty of Cheylin High School. Senior Tayten Dewey from Rawlins County High School and freshman Brynlee Reid from Cheylin High School were named as Honorable Mention. Parents are Mike and Amy McCarty, Tom and Kelly Dewey, and Jordan and Amanda Reid. Congratulations, Taylor, Tayten, and Brynlee!

# McDonald Senior Center

The McDonald Senior Citizens group will meet on Monday,

April 7 starting with a potluck at noon followed by games of Bingo.

# NEED A RIDE?



The Rawlins County Shuttle offers convenient transportation to anybody in Rawlins County. The shuttle travels all over Rawlins County and is free to county residents.

24 hour notice is greatly appreciated, but not completely necessary. Rides are given on a first come first serve basis with no special designations for priority trips such as medical or other appointments.

**CALL (785) 626-9625**

This project is funded in part by the KDOT Public Transportation Program.

**Join Atwood Rotary for a Tropical Luau!**

**Saturday, April 26 at Atwood Columbian Hall**  
Dinner will be served.  
**LIVE & SILENT BENEFIT AUCTION**

**Tickets: \$40 each**  
**Reserve a table for 8: \$280**

**Wear your favorite colorful apparel!!**

**Purchase tickets from any Rotary member or make a reservation at The Bank. 785-626-3226**

*Proceeds benefit 5Ten Main*

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025**  
**10 a.m. CT**  
**(Auction location: 4-H Building, N. Hwy. 25, Atwood, KS)**  
Selling tractors/vehicles/motor home/trailers/shop equipment & tools/household/misc.

**Seller: Tom Carrow Estate**

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