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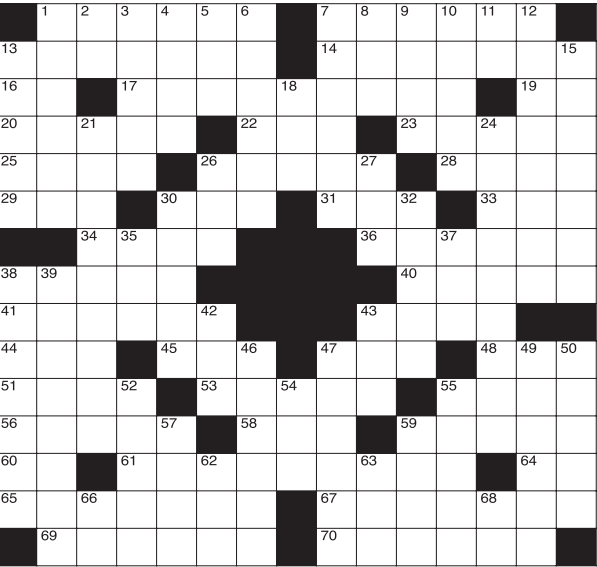
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks

7. Construct a wall to confine

13. Most inappropriate

14. A type of ore

16. Sacred Hindu syllable

17. Flatterer

19. The Granite State

20. Tears down

22. China's Chairman

23. Former Houston footballer

25. Periods of time

26. Expressed pleasure

28. World alliance

29. A Brit's mother

30. Television network

31. Brother or sister

33. Type of spirit

34. ___ Ladd, actor

36. A medium oversees it

38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong

41. The highest parts of something

43. Insect

44. Baseball stat

45. A way to use up

47. Where wrestlers compete

48. It helps elect politicians

51. As fast as can be done

53. Genus of legumes

55. Samoa's capital

56. Monument in Jakarta

58. Former French coin

59. Exploiters

60. College sports official

61. Uninterrupted in time

64. Stephen King story

65. Marked by no sound

67. Weathers

69. Denouncements

70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut

2. It cools a home

3. Kisses (French)

4. Oxford political economist

5. Keyboard key

6. Leaf pores

7. Agrees with publicly

8. Not around

9. Czech city

10. Muscle cell protein

11. Greek letter

12. Movements

13. Ned __, composer

15. Popular series Game of __

18. Exclamation that denotes disgust

21. Helper

24. Gift

26. Up in the air (abbr.)

27. Treat without respect

30. Trims
32. Slang for lovely

35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)

37. Guitarists' tool

38. Island nation

39. Delivered in installments

42. A baglike structure

43. Cooking vessel

46. Gets in front of

47. Wounded by scratching

49. More breathable

50. Medical dressings

52. Indiana hoopster

54. Married Marilyn

55. An ancient Assyrian city

57. Congressmen (abbr.)

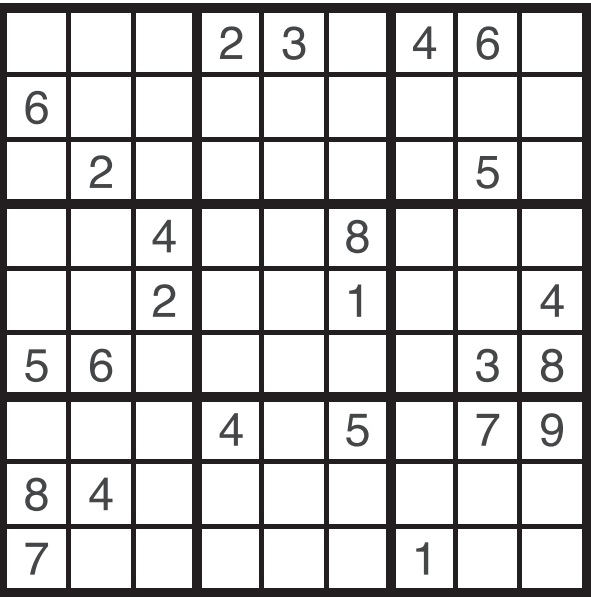
59. Approves food

62. Ventura's first name

63. Between northeast and east

66. Atomic #71

68. Email designation



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Soil Temperature and Plants

Jenni Carr, Harper County K-State Extension Agent

Thankfully, it looks like we are finally headed towards spring weather. This means gardeners are ready to get started planting. Is it time yet?

Typically, our last frost-free date is after April 15 for our area. Obviously, this changes from year to year. Along with air temperature, soil temperature plays a role in the success of both flowers and vegetables. Warm season vegetables

like tomatoes and peppers prefer 65 degrees or higher while cucumbers and squash require 70 degrees and higher. Flowers are the same they prefer soil temperatures between 60 to 70 degrees to promote good root development.

How do you determine soil temperature? You can take a household thermometer and stick it in the soil. Be sure to get it down to what would be root level for accurate readings. You can

also check out the Kansas Mesonet which has a station in the southern part of the county.

It is important to remember that soil moisture has a direct effect on soil temperature. Moist soil takes longer to heat up, but it also retains the heat for a longer period than dry soils. With the recent rains and some warm sunny days those moist soils should warm up and retain that heat better.

There are ways to speed up the increase in soil temperature. You can remove mulch or plant residue. The dark soil will absorb light and convert it to heat. Another option is to cover the area with a plastic sheet, either clear or black, which can really heat things up on the sunny days we have been having.

Reach out if you have any other questions at jlcarr@ksu.edu or (620) 842-5445.

Attica Golfers Compete at Chaparral, Medicine Lodge

STAFF REPORT

Attica's Mac Harnden competed at the Chaparral varsity tournament on Tuesday, April 8.

Harnden shot 121 and placed 26th. There were 41 golfers who competed.

The Attica boy's golf team sent its two freshmen to the

Medicine Lodge junior varsity tournament last Thursday.

Jack Alexander shot 57 and tied for 20th place while Juakin Ybarra shot 74 and placed 51st.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play in Kingman this week, at a varsity tournament on Tuesday and at a junior varsity tournament on Thursday.

STATE

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Assistance for Needy Families) – those are all going to have to go before some sort of legislative body now.”

Sen. Cindy Holscher

(D-Overland Park) echoed those concerns before last week's Senate override vote.

“It shifts power away from actual experts in our agencies, and this will hurt our response time for critical programs and cause bot-

tlenecks in our processes,” she said, adding that there are appropriate processes in place for oversight of spending.

Sen. Renee Erickson, a Wichita Republican, said this bill puts the responsi-

bility for spending where it should be.

“The reason for this is that the Legislature, not bureaucrats, should be overseeing the allocation of funds and making those decisions,” she said.

MINUTES

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upcoming state testing. Also, a teacher from each building is needed as there is currently no teacher representation attending.

Wellness Center - The completion of the light switch change-out should be very soon after some issues with the covering of the switches. The cameras in the gym are not yet functioning, and we are awaiting that to open the gym and bathrooms up to fob members after hours.

District Leadership Team (DLT) - Our KESA School Improvement Plan was submitted last week.

Hire 5th Grade - Annie Gerber - Newberry motioned and McDaniel seconded to approve the hire of Annie Gerber as 5th grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. 6-0, motion carried.

Protocol for Cardiac Response Team - Mr. Daugaard reviewed who is a part of the required Cardiac Response Team and what the responsibilities of the team are. Goodman motioned and Newberry seconded to approve the protocol for the cardiac response team. 6-0, motion carried.

KASB Fees - Newberry

motioned and Fly seconded to approve KASB services for next school year with legal services and option 1. 6-0, motion carried.

Appoint Recreation Board Member - Table for April meeting and wait to appoint when newly appointed board member comes on to see if there is any interest by them.

Items & Comments by Board Members - A request was made for an update on the schedule and pre-enrolling for next school year. Discussion over a solid plan for summer projects needing to be in place following the walk-through in April. The capital improvement projects we have saved for need to be put into motion and considered while putting the summer plan into place. Doing two walkthroughs, one for each building, earlier than April to allow for more prep time was discussed as an option after this year.

Administrative Reports - Mr. Williams recapped the hosting of sub-state and its success. There were no major issues, and the turnout was great with many compliments on our facilities. The junior high boys basketball team won the league championship, the league is working on the format of the tournament for

next year, and provided an update on the league junior high football schedule. The seniors and their sponsors take off for the senior trip this weekend, senior Talan Kanngiesser had his signing this week to do rodeo and attend Missouri Valley College, and state testing kicks off after spring break.

Mr. Daugaard discussed the open BOE position. Any candidates that would like to be considered will be interviewed by the board at the April BOE meeting. A list of questions for them to choose from was distributed to the board. Board choices to be emailed to President Traffas to assemble for the next meeting. He indicated that there were a few incidents of “out of line” crowd members at Sub-State that had to be handled but this was done without incident. The City/ Alumni Association reached out about wanting to donate a bench or two to the school. The board reviewed and discussed some options. Our INA alert system is still not functioning on all lines and they reached out about the need to still come out and do more work on it, Langford will be here Saturday to start on the high school gym floor repair. We just received our first endowment check from the Harper County Commu-

nity Foundation to be used at the board's discretion, keeping in mind the mission statement of the foundation. The board was very thankful for this endowment.

Personnel Matters - Personnel Matters - Fly motioned and Newberry seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:33 pm.

Negotiations - Blackburn motioned and Newberry seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Mr. Daugaard and Mr. Williams to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the board's representative or representatives in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the public interest. 6-0, motion carried. Meeting to resume at 7:40 pm.

Adjourn - McDaniel motioned and Fly seconded to adjourn the meeting. 6-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourn 7:42 pm.
Mandy Traffas
Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice of election of two (2) members of the Board of Directors of Hospital District No. One of Harper County, Kansas and Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Hospital District

No. 1, Harper County, Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 80-2184 and 80-2185 that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of such Hospital District shall be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Attica Long Term Care Facility activity room, 302 N. Botkin, Attica, Kansas for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the

Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years and for such other purposes that may come before said meeting.

Prospective board candidates should contact administrator Holly Noble at 620-254-7253, ext. 100 no later than noon on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 in order for their names to appear on the official election ballot.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS

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NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS FOR FARM GROUND LEASE

Attica Hospital District #1 is accepting sealed bids for the lease of the following farm ground located in Harper County, Kansas:

Legal Description:

Government Lot Three (3) and Government Lot Four (4) in Section Nineteen (19), Township Thirty-two (32) South, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Harper County, Kansas, less road right-of-way; and EXCEPT a 0.1-acre tract in the southeast corner of the hereinabove described lots; and The East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) lying South of US HWY 160 and a tract in the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) South of Hwy 160 Right-of-Way, less road right-of-way, all in Section Twenty-four (24), Township Thirty-two (32) South,

Range Nine (9) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Harper County, Kansas, LESS approximately 22.7 acres of miscellaneous acreage located in the Southeast Quarter.

Lease Term: The lease term shall be for a period of three (3) years, starting on July 1, 2025. Possession will begin on July 1, 2025, or once the current lessee has harvested any existing crops from the field, whichever is later.

Bid Submission: Sealed bids must be mailed to: Attica Hospital District #1 Attn: Holly Noble 302 N Botkin Attica, KS 67009

Bids must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid" on the envelope and received no later than 12:00 PM (Noon) on April 28th, 2024.

For questions, please contact Holly Noble at (620) 254-7253 ext. 100.

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