

# State & World News

## No Kings Bartlesville protest planned for Saturday

The Washington County Democratic Party recently partnered with Bartlesville Alliance and with the national group Indivisible to organize a NO KINGS peaceful protest this Saturday, June 14 in Bartlesville. The event is set to take place 12:30 - 2:30 pm, the same day as Donald Trump’s military parade in Washington, D.C. “No Kings” is part of a national day of protest by Indivisible across thousands of cities across the U.S. to show dissent from the Trump administration’s conduct in defying courts, deporting people, attacking civil rights and slashing services.

Washington County Democratic Party Chair Angela Utley is asking participants to register in advance at Mobilize - either look online for “Bartlesville No Kings” or visit [www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/791567/](http://www.mobilize.us/indivisible/event/791567/). Advance registration will help safety plans to be finalized and also helps in case the location or other details change so that all participants can be notified. Keegan Waters, Bartlesville Alliance co-organizer of the event, welcomes anyone who wishes to protest to attend, so long as they are sincerely protesting the Trump

administration and agree with the principles of nonviolent action and de-escalation of potential confrontations.

The name “No Kings” protests the accumulation of excessive power by the President. This mobilization follows the Hands Off! and May Day protests earlier this year across over 1,400 locations across all 50 U.S. states, drawing millions of participants nationwide.

As the mobilization’s organizers announced on the website NoKings.org: “Donald Trump wants tanks in the streets and a made-for-TV display of dominance for his birthday. A spectacle meant to look like strength. But real power isn’t staged in Washington — it rises up everywhere else.

“June 14th is also the U.S. Army’s birthday — a day that marks when Americans first organized to stand up to a king. Trump isn’t honoring that legacy. He’s hijacking it to celebrate himself.

“From city blocks to small towns, from courthouse steps to community parks, we’re taking action to reject authoritarianism and show the world what democracy actually looks like: people, united, refusing

to be ruled.

“This is bigger than politics. They’ve defied our courts, deported citizens, disappeared people off the streets, attacked our civil rights, slashed essential services, and handed billions to their allies. Enough is enough.

“We’re not gathering to feed his ego. We’re building a movement that will leave him behind. The flag doesn’t belong to Donald Trump. It belongs to us.

“This country doesn’t belong to a king — and we’re not letting him throw himself a parade funded by tens of millions of our taxpayer dollars while stealing from us and stripping away our rights, our freedoms, and the programs our families rely on. On June 14th, we’re coming together to send one clear message: No Thrones. No Crowns. No Kings.”

A core principle behind all No Kings events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values and to act lawfully at these events. Weapons of any kind, including those legally permitted, should not be brought to events.

## • Coffeyville Commission

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merce’s Hops Around Town Brewfest event. Chamber President Candi Westbrook spoke on the matter, stating that, since its inception, Brewfest has been a boon to the downtown businesses, as 400-500 individuals come downtown to enjoy the festivities and, in turn, shop at those businesses that are open during it. Westbrook also stated that alcohol will not be sold by the breweries, consumption will only be allowed in the designated parking area of UP Park and the marked off and secured areas on 8th and Elm Streets. She also shared that the Montgomery County Reserves should be on patrol to help monitor barricades and that only ticket holders will be allowed into the area and they must show an ID at check-in to assure staff that they are 21 years of age or older.

Also approved was the demolition of eleven homes and structures by Swindell Excavation at the price tag of \$137,000. Over the past few years, Code Enforcement has began to

remove structures that are in danger becoming or are a nuisance already to the neighborhoods they reside in. The structures include three homes that sustained fire damage, an old school gym that had collapsed, along with six other residential structures.

The Commission approved an agreement with Lochner for a mill and overlay design mockup and to submit an FFA grant application for work needing to be done at the Coffeyville Municipal Airport. They also approved a Work Authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates for construction inspection services on the CRMC Street Improvement Project. As many know, the roads around the hospital are not in the best shape, and as a part of the City’s efforts to improve the streets throughout Coffeyville, they approved of the following reconstruction products: 1st from Poplar to Buckeye; 2nd from Poplar-Buckeye; 3rd Poplar to Buckeye; 4th from Sycamore Creek to Buckeye; Poplar from 4th to 1st and Wilkie from 4th to 1st Streets.

Also approved was a construction contract with Environmental Process Equipment Company for upgrades.

Moving on, Jim Wright, Executive Director of Public

Works addressed the Commission next asking them to approve a contract with Environmental Process Equipment Company for upgrades in the UV system at the West Water plant. The Waste Water Treatment Plant is original to the plant and is nearing the end of its life. Currently, one has to prop the control panel open with a screwdriver to keep it from overheating. The cost for this project would be \$331,641. The Commission approved.

The last item in new business was to ask the Commission to approve the issuance of General Obliga-

tion Bonds financed by the City, in order to provide better electric service redundancy and increase expansion opportunities. The project had been on the back burner for quite some time and is ready to go to bond for construction in October. Construction will be broken into two phases. The first to take place this October and the second half in October 2028. It will be replacing two of the City’s 75 MVA transformers serving CRNF. The Commission voted unanimously to authorize the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds totaling \$23,000,000.

## • Laundry Love brings people

## together

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innkeeper and promises to pay any expenses necessary to care for him.

Russinger, the founder, said Laundry Love isn’t a charity. Rather, it’s a chance for people to spend time together and form friendships.

“The community helps with people dealing with isolation. There are opportunities to help tutor children and help with job placement or housing possibilities,” he said. “There’s so many different things that can happen inside of a laundromat.”

Robertson said Laundry Love takes care of a critical need and also offers dignity and hope.

“I’m hoping that once I get caught up on everything, I’m able to give back to the program because they helped me so much,” she said. “That’s my goal.”

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#### Outdoor movie night essentials

Outdoor movie nights can be a great way to spend warm evenings with friends and loved ones. The guest list is only limited by the seating you have, and even then, movie watchers easily can sit on picnic blankets, making it simple to host a crowd. Movie nights outdoors may be different than those in a theater or living room, but certain must-have items are no less important. No movie night under the stars is complete without these essentials.

#### Projector and screen

A screen and a way to

### Helpful Tips

project the movie are must-haves for any outdoor movie night. Projectors should be small enough that they can be carried outside, but large enough to emit enough light to fill the screen. Options range anywhere from \$400 and up for quality projectors. Screens run the gamut from inflatable and free-standing options to white sheets hung from a clothesline. A dedicated screen will be more stable and look better, but it all comes down to budget.

#### Portable speaker

A portable speaker can be moved anywhere you need it. A speaker with an auxiliary input enables you to hook it up to your video source so that the audio-video synchronization is top notch. After all, wireless connections may lag. The speaker will be functional for movie nights as well as music and entertainment for any outdoor event going forward. If your yard is large, you may need more than one speaker.

#### Media source

Individuals have various options for media players. Small players can plug directly into projectors and are the easiest sources for backyard movies if the Wi-Fi signal in the yard is strong. You also may be able to connect a mobile phone or laptop/tablet into the projector, relying on those devices to stream content.

#### Seating

Folding camp chairs are portable and can be stored for guests who prefer being off the ground for movie nights. Otherwise, thick, waterproof blankets enable guests to spread out while watching movies outdoors. They're also great for kids who are liable to spend a portion of the time watching the movie, but much of it running around the yard.

#### Theater-style popcorn maker

Kernels, oil and heat are the perfect combination for producing movie-theater-worthy popcorn. Place plenty of reusable popcorn containers nearby so guests can bring their bounty back to their seats. Canned beverages with straws also are portable and pair well with popcorn for a great movie experience.

#### Lighting

Outdoor stringed lighting adds ambiance and safety to a space. However, you also may want to consider using some solar-powered staked lights on the ground to map out aisles and make it easier for guests to navigate the yard in the dark.

These basics can get anyone started on hosting regular outdoor movie nights.

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