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Area residents browse through the various vendors' wares looking to make purchases Saturday in Lee Richardson Zoo, south of the Finney County Historical Museum, during the museum's annual Flea Market Festival. This was the 16th year for the event. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

Museum's Flea Market Festival
draws large crowd

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
Garden City Telegram

The 16th annual Finney County Historical Society and Museum Flea Market Festival was well attended Saturday.

The rain the night before and during the morning of, didn't deter attendees.

Steve Quakenbush, Executive Director of the Museum, said they counted 4,106 attendees for the 2025 festival.

"We were in the range of 3,200 to 3,700 in the last two years, so this is an increase," he said.

They're pleased with the outcome, Quakenbush said. Despite the rain, it wasn't the worst the festival has experienced in its 16-year history.

"The rain was a challenge this morning to get the patio cleared off, and somewhat to get the vendors in, because we have 44 vendors in the zoo, south of the museum," he said. "But we overcame that with a lot of volunteers and our staff, everybody pitching in, so we managed to get it set up and going."

Celeste Romero, left, talks with a pair of perspective customers about gold chains Saturday at the Moonlight Permanent Jewelry booth during the Finney County Historical Museum's annual Flea Market Festival. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

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County approves medication
locking units for EMS

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
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The purchase of medicine locking and tracking equipment for the Finney County EMS was approved by the Finney County Commission at its regular meeting on July 7.

Kenny Smith, EMS Director, said the reason for the purchase is because he noticed a lack of consistent tracking and locking mechanisms for controlled medication after he became EMS director in April.

EMS currently has two

different types of systems, both of which are not tracking, Smith said. They are also unable to track due to missing software.

"All medications that we have are controlled by licenses through the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. Controlled substances are further controlled by our DEA license," he said. "Per DEA regulations, there are to be control measures in place to aid in making sure that controlled medications are not accessible by the public."

With the new locking units, Smith said they will not only

have the locking mechanisms in place, which they already have, but be able to track the boxes separately and know who and when someone accesses them.

There will be eight units in total, one in each EMS station and one in each ambulance, and a cloud-based tracking system, Smith said.

The system is by Knox and costs \$19,560.

The commission also approved a lease agreement between the county and Garden City for the use of Fire Station 3.

Smith said that as part of

the development of Fire Station 3, a designated portion of the facility was designed to accommodate Finney County EMS.

"This collaborative use of space supports the joint mission of providing timely and effective emergency response services to the community," he said. "The lease agreement outlines the terms of this agreement."

As part of the lease agreement, Finney County will not pay rent

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Van
Doren
awarded
Medal of
Merit

The Holcomb Police Department has announced that Field Training Officer (FTO) Kayla Van Doren has been awarded the Medal of Merit in recognition

Van Doren

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CommonSpirit
Health
accepting
applications
for grants

CommonSpirit Health Mountain Region will soon be accepting applications for its annual Community Health Improvement grants.

The program, formerly known as Health Equity and Advancement Fund grants, will award grants early next year to local community-based organizations who support the health needs of underserved and underrepresented groups in its Kansas communities.

The grant application period opened on July 14th and will close on Sept.12. Information can be found at Health Equity & Advancement Fund | CommonSpirit Health .

"The CommonSpirit Health Improvement grants are a means for us to extend our mission outside the walls of our hospitals as we partner with organizations to make our communities healthier, address social determinants of health, and support those who are most vulnerable. I'm proud to work for an organization that sees

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