

## “Save the Roof” fundraiser currently underway in Isabel

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The Isabel Community Store is conducting a fundraiser, called “Save the Roof”, to raise money for repairs to the roof that was damaged by recent storms. The special raffle includes a Henry Golden Boy .22LR, a child’s picnic table, a 40 pound bundle of hamburger and a Maze Ranch Beef Bundle.

The store is managed by Barb Trott, who generously donates her time. “While there are a few other employees, much of the daily workload has fallen to Barb, which really highlights how much of a community project this store truly is,” Crystal Cummins said.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and winners will be drawn on May 27, 2025. The first winner will choose the gift they would like. To purchase tickets individuals may stop by the store or call (620)739-4743.

Donations are also being accepted for the project. “In addition to our ongoing fundraising efforts, we are also accepting donations. The Isabel Community Store is partnering with Barber County United to set up a donation link through Zeffy,” Cummins stated. Since BCU is a 501(c)(3), donations made directly to them can be tax-deductible. For more details, Deb Kolb is the best contact (620)886-1759.

Another option for those choosing to donate is at Citizens



The Isabel Community Store suffered storm damage to the roof which requires repair. The business is hosting a fundraiser to help with the cost of repairs.

Bank of Kansas in Medicine Lodge. Checks need to be payable to Isabel Community Store.

The Isabel Community Store is an important part of the Isabel community “The Isabel Community Store is the heart of Isabel,” Trott said. “It’s where you’ll still find the 10 a.m. coffee drinkers gathered around the table, and you can always count on catching up on the latest local news. For many in our community, they can’t remember a time when the little store didn’t exist. Seeing our community and volunteers come together to help replace the roof after the storm has been incredibly moving, and we’re so thankful for everyone’s support in keeping our little store going.”

## KDH named in top 20 critical access hospitals

Kiowa District Healthcare in Kiowa Kansas was recently named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) for quality in the country.

The top 20 CAHs, including Kiowa District Healthcare, scored best among CAHs as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for quality. The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The top 20 CAHs have achieved success in overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance. This group was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health’s 2025 top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

The top 20 CAH best practice recipients have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance:

Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures.

Patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

“Kiowa District Healthcare is proud of the efforts of the physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation,” says Janell Goodno. Our results as top quality means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research.

NRHA’s membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

About Chartis

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THE 11TH JEANS AND GEMS EVENT

# OKTOBERFEST

SAVE THE DATE

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 13TH 2025

KIOWA COMMUNITY BUILDING    DINNER & DRINKS  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM    LIVE & SILENT AUCTION  
\$50 TICKETS    Llew BROWN BAND

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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#### REQUEST FOR Bids and/or Lease Options

(1) 4WD or AWD Utility or 4WD Pickup Patrol Vehicles for the CITY OF MEDICINE LODGE April 23, 2025

The City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is soliciting bids and/or Lease Options for One (1) New, **“dealer leftover” or new order**, 4WD or AWD Utility or 4WD Pursuit Pickup Patrol Vehicle to the Medicine Lodge Police Department. Please carefully review this document. If you are interested in making a bid consistent with the conditions, instructions, requirements, and specifications as contained herein, submit a comprehensive bid in a sealed envelope no later than Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 pm. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked with the Proposer’s name and address and identified as “Submission of Proposal— Police Patrol Car Bid”. The sealed envelope should be addressed as follows:

Medicine Lodge City Clerk  
ATTN: Police Patrol Cars Bid  
114 W. 1<sup>st</sup>. Ave.  
Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to see that its response and the appropriate documents are delivered on time. Any response received after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids will be returned to the bidder unopened and will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the vendor to check Medicine Lodge’s website for information and updates.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

This request is for One –New 4WD or AWD Utility or 4WD Pursuit Pickup Patrol Vehicles that meet the specifications listed. It is the intent of these specifications to describe a New 4WD or AWD Utility or 4WD Pursuit Pickup Patrol Vehicles that is capable to accommodate the needs of the City. Questions regarding this bid request must be made in writing and directed to: Chief of Police, John A. Defore [jdefore@pd.medicinelodge.ks.gov](mailto:jdefore@pd.medicinelodge.ks.gov) or 620-213-0043.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

**Preparation of Bid.** Bid shall be made on the Bid Form included or by attaching the lease option in this request for Bids (*supporting documents may be attached if needed*). Bid information shall be entered into the appropriate space on the Bid Form. All costs of bid preparation are the expense of the bidder. No electronic, verbal, facsimile or telephone bid will be accepted.

**Examination of Bid Documents.** Submission of a bid shall constitute bidder’s acknowledgment upon which the City may rely that bidder has thoroughly examined and is familiar with the Bid Documents. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed beyond that stated in the bidder’s submitted Bid Form. Neglect or failure of the bidder to receive or examine all or part of the Bid Document shall in no way relieve the bidder from any obligations with respect to this bid.

**Submission of Bid.** Bidders shall submit the completed Bid Form, together with any supporting documents, prior to the time and date set for receiving bids as stated on the cover page of this Request for Bid and/or any modifying Addenda thereto. Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked and addressed to:

Medicine Lodge City Clerk  
ATTN: Police Patrol Cars  
114 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

**Modification or Withdrawal of Bids.** Bids may be modified or withdrawn prior to the bid submission deadline. Bids modified must be retrieved by bidder, at bidder’s expense, and resubmitted with corrected information prior to the bid submission deadline. There will be no extensions for bid modification beyond the bid submission deadline. ***No bids may be modified after the bid submission deadline.***

**Late Bids.** Bidder shall be responsible for the timely delivery of bid. Bids received after the deadline for receipt of bids shall not be accepted and shall be returned to the bidder unopened unless necessary for identification purposes.

**Bid to Remain Open.** The bidder shall guarantee its bid for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

**Reservations.** The City reserves the right to:

1. Reject any bid that is conditional in any way or that contains erasures, items not called for, items not in conformity with applicable law, changes, additions, alternate proposals, or any other modifications of the Bid Form which are not in accordance with the Bid Documents;
2. Make any investigations deemed necessary to determine if a bidder is responsive and responsible;
3. In the event that only one bid is received in response to this bid invitation, require the sole bidder to submit cost or pricing data to assist in determining if the price is reasonable;
4. Reject any or all bids, including any bids that are found to be non-responsive or submitted by a bidder that is not responsible;
5. Waive minor defects or irregularities in any bid, provided that the discrepancy does not affect the bid amount or give the bidder an advantage over others;
6. Accept a bid which offers a newer product than specified if, in the opinion of the buyer identified on the cover page of this bid invitation, it offers equal or greater functionality than the specified product, even though it may not comply with bid specifications in every detail.
7. Award a Purchase Order to a single bidder for the entire procurement or to multiple bidders by line item, in groups, or in phases, according to specifications.

#### BID REQUEST OVERVIEW

Purpose: Police Patrol Vehicle  
Bid Request Date: Wednesday April 23, 2025  
Due Date: Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.  
Proposal Opening: Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

#### Requested Action

Send competitive bids to:  
**City of Medicine Lodge**  
City Clerk  
Attn: Police Patrol Car Bid  
114 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

#### CITY OF MEDICINE LODGE

##### BID FORM

One (1) Utility Patrol Vehicle, 4WD or AWD or One (1) 4WD Pursuit Police Pickup for the CITY OF MEDICINE LODGE

#### MIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

1. Manufacturer will use the highest quality components and design practices available to the automobile industry.
2. The vehicle shall be new (unused), **prior or current** model year production.
3. The vehicle shall be supplied with all equipment and accessories indicated as standard equipment in the manufacturer’s corresponding model year published literature.
4. Delivery of vehicle is to begin no more than ninety (90) days following the date of contract award or a date agreed on by the purchaser.
5. The vehicle to be delivered will be washed and fully serviced.
6. Warranty requirements: All manufacture and /or dealership warranties shall be included.

#### SPECIFICATIONS THAT VEHICLES SHALL INCLUDE

4WD or AWD Police Utility or 4WD Pursuit Pickup  
Standard “Police Package” options  
Minimum of 4 keys and remote fobs  
Police wiring kit front and rear.

Quantity: 1 Vehicle  
Vehicle Year model: \_\_\_\_\_.

Total Bid Price (including shipping costs): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ weeks\_

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_