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would cost \$180 per person. Due to past attendance trends, Piper recommended closing the pool on Sundays and possibly Wednesdays while introducing “theme swims” on Friday nights to draw in more families. Olson mentioned potential themes such as Superhero Night and Neon Night. The council approved regular pool hours of 1 to 5 p.m. on open days.

Staff and City Administrator Reports

In staff reports, City Superintendent John Duvall and the fire department’s Bill Duvall were both involved in a water line leak repair, and Police Chief Salinas submitted a report outlining department activities for the month. Piper said that the city’s electric project and spring clean-up had been completed, and that a bid from Tyler McNett had been received to construct new gear lockers for the fire department, funded by a grant. Piper also informed the council that city employee Ronnie McKittrick would be resigning effective May 22, and the council approved hiring a full-time replacement and a seasonal worker to assist with mowing. Piper reported that the city audit was scheduled for May 14, and both he and Clerk

Thayer would attend budget training in Wichita on May 21. He added that code enforcement efforts were ongoing.

Insurance Matters

One of the final agenda items involved discussion about upcoming health insurance renewal. Piper advised the council that group benefits under Blue Cross Blue Shield were set to rise 19.84 percent, with dental premiums increasing by 7.14 percent. While he had begun exploring options with Freedom Claims and KMIT, both affiliated with BCBS, he asked for additional time to research alternatives. The council tabled the matter until more information could be gathered. The issue was resolved at the May 19 special meeting, during which the council voted unanimously to approve a new health insurance plan through KMIT/KAHP. The new annual premium of \$195,870 will save the city over \$41,000 compared to the previous renewal quote. The policy will take effect on June 1. The council also voted to eliminate the city’s deductible reimbursement and set an annual cap of \$200,000 for employee benefit expenses. Both meetings adjourned with closing prayers from Mayor Watson.

CBK announces Youth Reading Program

Back by popular demand, Citizens Bank of Kansas is offering young readers an opportunity to have fun while reading this summer. . . and earn money! The program dates are May 27, 2025, through August 1, 2025.

Partnering with community libraries, the **CBK Youth Reading Program** provides age-appropriate reading lists and a reading log. Students will earn \$5.00 for every five books they read – up to \$25.00 – to be deposited into a CBK Youth Savings Account. New accounts are also eligible to receive a CBK Piggy Bank or CBK Wrist Key Chain.

“We launched the Summer Reading Program last year and received positive feedback from readers, parents, and local libraries,” said Jane Deterding, Chairman of the Board of Citizens Bank of Kansas. “Citizens Bank of Kansas is committed to supporting our communities, and this program is another example of that commitment. Who doesn’t want to earn money for reading books!”

Suggested reading lists – including financial books – are provided for Elementary and Middle School Students. Each student must read at least one financial book to be eligible for the cash prize. Reading lists and logs are available at all CBK Branches and the following participating community libraries: Bradford Memorial Library (El Dorado), Kingman Carnegie Library (Kingman), Lincoln Library (Medicine Lodge), the Winfield Public Library, and the Pretty Prairie Public Library. Reading logs must be returned to CBK by August 15, 2025.

Citizens Bank of Kansas takes pride in being the family-owned neighborhood bank for its customers for five generations, celebrating its 100-year anniversary of family ownership and management in 2022. CBK has banking facilities throughout south central Kansas and has a strong tradition of community service. Learn more at www.CitizensBankofKansas.com. Member FDIC.

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ners: Top performers in each grade were honored for mastering skills during April’s 30-day challenge.

Third Grade Science Day: Students explored various science concepts, from magnetic pull and sound waves to chemical reactions like elephant toothpaste and bouncing eggs.

High School Principal’s Report

In his report, high school principal Steven Neal noted that state testing was complete and the year’s final weeks had been packed with meaningful activity. Students competed in state-level forensics, music, and tennis contests and hosted two home track meets, awards ceremonies, and graduation.

Eighth-grade promotion was scheduled for the following evening, and Neal invited board members to attend. He also shared that the senior class earned roughly \$80,000 in scholarships this year. “I’m proud of these students. Every one of them who planned to attend college or training has a path forward, and that’s a huge accomplishment,” Neal said.

In the fall, Neal and Scheck will review the Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) survey questions in collaboration with Barber County United.

Other Business

Valedictorian Reagan Grieve presented her Individual Plan of Study (IPS) electronic portfolio to the board, summarizing her academic journey and accomplishments at South Barber. In business matters, the board approved the updated South Barber USD 255 Crisis Plan, use of the elementary gym by KDH for an All-Girls Sports Camp June 2–6, with fees waived, a junior high football cooperative agreement with Medicine Lodge for the 2025-2026 school year, and the formation of a National Art Honor Society Club. The board also approved personnel hires. Emily England will serve as junior high co-cheer sponsor, Teresa MacKinney as the high school co-cheer sponsor, and Jennifer Paasch as the summer custodian for the high school. An executive session discussed non-elected personnel, but no action followed. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 9 at 6 p.m. at the central office.

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The following appointments were approved by the council: Library Board: Kelly Long - 2025-2029 (replacing Melissa Mixon), Ruth Shelite – 2025-2029 (Renewal) Nola Fowler – 2025-2029 (Renewal) and David Aldrup – 2025-2029 (Renewal); Housing Authority Board: Todd Jones – 2025-2027 (remainder of Julie Warner) and Patsy Austin – 2025-2029; Hospital Board: Daryl Honas - 2025-2029 (Renewal) and Delia Waller - 2025-2026 (Remainder of Hannah Molz) and City Officers: Hannah Molz (City Attorney), Candace Lattin (Municipal Judge), Kandi Williams (City Clerk), John Defore (Police of Chief), Garret McLemore (Police Sergeant), Tim Gada (Police Officer), Andrew Fisher (Police Officer), and Matt Azure (Fire Chief). There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

In new business the council approved four new flock cameras, the purchase of new mowers, the addition of an Air Med benefit for employees of the city and the fee schedule.

Lee then thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the annual Medicine Lodge High School senior wheat truck ride. Taylor also thanked them for their participation in Medicine Lodge Grade School’s Healthy Habits Day. Lee also stated that Garret McLemore had graduated with a degree in criminal justice from Fort Hays University earlier this month.

In department reports Azure reported that he is gathering quotes to replace the roof over the fire truck garage that is connected to City Hall.

Defore shared that Fisher completed training and is MLPD’s new firearms instructor and that

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank,
N.A.Plaintiff,
vs.Mack Heath McMurray, et
al., Defendants.
Case No. BA23CV11
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Barber, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **BA23CV11**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 AM, on 6/12/2025-, at the front door of Barber County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Barber, State of Kansas, to wit:

THE SOUTH 70 FEET OF
LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 13
IN THE CITY OF KIOWA,
BARBER COUNTY, KAN-
SAS.

SHERIFF OF BARBER
COUNTY, KANSAS
Respectfully Submitted,By:
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there has been no word on the new vehicle they have purchased.

Ostrom shared that the pool is up and running. He also requested that the park be gated after hours and during rain and winter weather. He then stated that he is working on pricing for a canopy for the door that was added to the north of the new daycare facility to prevent rain from leaking in the door during driving rains. He also shared that any work done to a building on the historical register (for example, The Carry Nation Home) that is grant funded, must be done to historical dates. That stipulation does not apply if it is funded privately. This was in answer to a recent question by the council. Lastly, he requested permission to cite a code violation to two properties within the city limits and that the code stipulations be enforced.

Before the close of the meeting Lee announced that there would be a retirement reception for Bryon Smart on Thursday, May 22nd.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARBER COUNTY, Kan- sas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse
LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Heirs at Law of Beverly R.
Barker; Lisa Rae Barker;
United States of America, Sec-
retary of Housing and Urban
Development; ; John Doe (Ten-
ant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Ten-
ant/Occupant),
Defendants.

Case No. BA-2025-CV-
000013

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter
60

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Barber County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

All of Lots 1 and 18 and the North 5.70 feet of Lot 17, in Block 96 in the City of Hardtner, Barber County, Kansas, commonly known as 301 S Main St, Hardtner, KS 67057 (the “Property”)

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the June 30, 2025, in the District Court of Barber County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

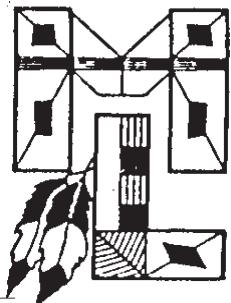
Specialty Clinics

Dr. Thomas Ashcom, Cardiologist
Dr. Jeffrey Meyer - Pain Management

Local Staff

Scott Porter, MD General Surgery
Kelli Swayden, APRN, ANP-C, FNP-C
Patty McNamar, DNP, APRN, NP-C
Megan Nelson, APRN, FNP-C
Dr. Jacob Beecher, DO
Dr. Woodruff, DO
Craig Sudbeck, MD General Surgery
Brandon Bailey CRNA
Hope Hewitt, APRN

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Memorial Hospital
and Physicians Clinic**

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