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Wabaunsee County 4-Hers Do Well At Kansas State Fair



Pictured, left to right: Anton Schrader, Leah Schrader, Brianna Eastman, Isabelle Stuhlsatz, and Mikayla Edds.

The State 4-H Photography Judging Contest was held on Sunday, September 7th, at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Kansas. Five members participated and excelled in the contest. We are excited to announce the results. Anton Schrader competed in the Intermediate division and placed 2nd. The Senior Team placed 1st, and the team members were: Leah Schrader, 13th place; Brianna Eastman, 8th place; Isabelle Stuhlsatz, 3rd place; and Mikayla Edds, 30th place. *Congratulations to all the participants!*

Wabaunsee Jr. High Cross Country Results

At: Wamego Date: 9-9-2025
Weather: Warm

GIRLS: 6th - 7th Grade

Taryn Thowe	2nd	14:18
Dacey Thowe	9th	15:45
Neely Castillo	19th	17:09
Anna Cassell	33rd	18:46
Leah Schutter	42nd	20:03

BOYS: 8th Grade

Kinden Miller	26th	13:41
Briggs Ibarra	37th	14:13
Austin Cassell	40th	14:24
Zeke Gomez	45th	14:37

BOYS: 6th - 7th Grade

Brogan Stamm	17th	14:08
Hunter Gehrt	20th	14:32

Now we have some time to train before our next meet on September 20. We host that meet in the field by the practice football field in Alma.

The Jr. High girls race starts at 9:30 a.m. and the boys follows at 9:55 a.m. There is no charge for admission, so if you can come out to cheer our teams on, we appreciate it!

Pictured at right: Anna Cassell.

Below: Briggs Ibarra in the puddle.



Comments: This was a much more challenging course than our first meet. Rain that morning made it even worse with 2 large puddles to run through, but our runners pushed through anyway. This meet was mostly made up of 4A-6A schools from Topeka and Manhattan, but we competed well with them.

There were 60 runners in the 7th grade girls, and 88 in each of the 2 boys divisions. Team scores were kept for each of the separate races, so we only had enough runners for a team score in the 7th grade girls. Our girls finished 2nd, beating Wamego and 2 teams from Topeka!

Wabaunsee County Commission Meeting

WABAUNSEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ALMA, KANSAS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday, September 8, 2025. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending in person were Jim W. MacGregor and Nancy Hier. Commissioner Boyd Davis was absent. Commissioner MacGregor called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch, Zoning Administrator Josh Falk, Richard Orton, Sheriff Admin Terry Martin, Chuck Kidd, Deputy Clerk Kristin Coon, County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Road & Bridge Update

Road & Bridge Supervisor Josh Hinch provided an update on the KDOT grant announcements; Wabaunsee County was not selected for funding. The Bridge #13 project is going well; they might even finish ahead of schedule. The Gookins Road culvert replacement is coming up, Hinch will work with USD330 to notify the staff and students who travel that route daily. Commissioners discussed concerns about dust control on Wells Creek Road; Hinch responded that grading was done after a rain, ensuring that moisture was present, maintaining the integrity of the dust control product.

Conditional Use Permit Hearing

At 9:30 AM Commissioner MacGregor opened the Conditional Use Permit Hearing. Zoning Administrator Josh Falk presented a CUP filed by The Wertzberger Family Trust for establishing a short-term rental at 150 Cedar Circle Alma, KS; the CUP passed the Planning Commission unanimously with no objections from the public.

Commissioner Hier moved to adopt Resolution 2025-33 a Resolution for a Conditional Use Permit filed by The Wertzberger Family Trust for establishing a short-term rental at 150 Cedar Circle Alma, KS; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Other Business

Sheriff Admin Terry Martin reported that two School Resource Officer positions have been offered; each officer will undergo a three-week training period where they will ride along with current officers prior to reporting to the School sites.

Deputy County Clerk Kristin Coon updated the Commissioners on plans for the Employee Holiday Luncheon, to be held Monday, November 24th. County Clerk Abby Amick presented an additional bid for iron injections for a tree north of the bus barn. Citizens continue to bring this concern to the Clerk's Office. Commissioners agreed to treat the tree at a cost of \$259.00.

Commissioners reviewed and signed wage change forms and Payroll from September 5th, 2025 as well as expenses from August 14-27, 2025. Chairman MacGregor reviewed and signed daily statements for August 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, September 2, 3 & 4, 2025.

Commissioner Hier moved to approve the minutes of the August 28th Commission Meeting; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

At 9:38 AM Commissioner Hier moved to adjourn until Tuesday, September 9th at 9:00 AM for a Special Meeting; Commissioner MacGregor seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Minutes approved this 15th day of September 2025.

James W. MacGregor, Chairman
Nancy Hier, Vice Chairman
Boyd Ivan Davis, Member

Attest: Abby L. Amick, Wabaunsee County Clerk

WABAUNSEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ALMA, KANSAS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting in session Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Commissioners conduct the meeting in person and over ZOOM. Members attending in person were Jim W. MacGregor, Nancy Hier and Boyd Davis. Commissioner MacGregor called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Admin Terry Martin, Sam Kidd, Chuck Kidd, IlaRose Bosworth, Dixie Russell, Wanda Macy, Tammy Goodson and County Clerk Abby Amick were in attendance in person and others joined via zoom.

Budget Discussion

Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget for 2026 stating that their goal is not to exceed a 7% increase in Ad Valorem Tax from the prior year. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 14.*

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