

PINE STREET

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There has been, however, a hiccup on the third floor.

The insulation found there had to be removed.

“The third floor, demolition is complete,” Kingsley said. “Of note, we did have to remove the insulation on the third floor due to fire code. That was an unexpected surprise.”

The plan is to reinsulate the third floor

Harvey County purchased the facility in 2022 to address growing space needs at the Harvey County Courthouse — most notably the need of an additional

courtroom after an additional judge was assigned to the district court.

This past November, the Harvey County Commission approved a bid from Vogts Construction to remodel the facility.

Other County departments will move from the Courthouse to the Pine Street building over time, beginning with the Planning, Zoning and Environmental Department in the coming months.

The Department on Aging, Appraiser’s Office and Kansas State Research and Extension – Harvey County will also later permanently base their operations from the Pine Street building.

The 2025 adopted budget includes a total of \$4,063,190 for this project,

which includes \$3,149,760 for construction, \$236,250 for architectural fees, and a contingency of \$677,180. The contingency will need to cover the cost of items outside of the construction contract including civil engineering fees, door access controls, security cameras (if desired), west parking lot lighting improvements, any new furniture, signage, moving expenses, etc., in addition to any unexpected costs during construction or increased architectural or engineering fees. The \$4,063,190 is a combination of savings created from the receipt of ARPA funds, in addition to monies previously set aside in the Capital Improvement Fund for facility improvements.

The plan calls for the Department on

Aging, county appraiser’s office, Kansas State Research and Extension office and county Planning and Zoning/G.I.S. offices currently in the courthouse to move to the building on Pine Street once construction work is done.

Moving those departments will open the way for work to reconfigure the courthouse.

In 2021 the state added two judges to district court - one full time judge and a magistrate judge. When that occurred, another courtroom became needed.

Initial estimates for courthouse renovation are \$7.5 million.

The county moved into the courthouse in about 1966.



Bev McGee of Newton has been a Master Gardener since 2014. [Chad Frey/Newton Kansan]

MASTER GARDENERS

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Program is a volunteer program in which K-State Research and Extension “trades” classroom training for volunteer time. After the initial 40–50-hour course of comprehensive instruction in Horticulture, volunteers donate an equivalent number of service hours annually. To maintain the Master Gardener title a volunteer continues to contribute those hours every year.

“This is all so that people will get to know the Master Gardeners,” McGee said.

The Harvey County Master Gardeners host monthly meetings; a learning

program is given and volunteer information is discussed.

For volunteer hours the Master Gardeners help with The Giving Garden, Home and Garden Show, Garden Tours, Vegetable and Flower Demonstration Plots and a booth at the Harvey County Fair.

The fall program will get started again in September, with registration for the next class due Sept. 2 at the Kansas State Research and Extension Office in the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N. Main.

Classes are held each fall for one day a week for approximately 12 weeks.

The entertainment portion of the fair, including a carnival, demolition derby, parade, music events and others will start back up Aug. 7.

Events calendar

Have an event to add? Send like information to news@thekansan.com

Aug. 4

Noon — Jared Bergner, Fire Inspector City of Newton, Newton Area Senior Center, 122 E. Sixth. Bergner will speak about the City of Newton fire department and ways to help prevent fires in your home.

Aug. 5

3 p.m. — Bingo, Newton Area Senior Center, 122 E. Sixth. Doors open at 2:30 \$9.00 per card good for 18 games

Aug. 7

7 to 9 p.m. — Newton Chess Club, Salt Light Confections, 1011 Washington Road. All ages and skill levels welcome. Club provides provide the boards, or feel free to bring your own.

Aug. 8

6 to 8 p.m. — Newton Car Club informal car show, North Dillons Parking Lot, 1216 N. Main.

Aug 7-9 Harvey County Fair

Aug 7-9 6 to 10 pm Carnival

Aug. 7

5 pm Food Trucks

7:30 pm Concert –Jake Wingfield & Kyle Flickinger from Wheat State Revival/Hunter Spicer (bring lawn chair)

Aug. 8

5 pm Food Trucks

7:30 pm Concert – Taylor Vincent & the Jaded Few (bring lawn chair)

Aug 9

9 am – 4 pm Harvey County Market in the Park

5:30 pm Parade – on West First Street

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8 pm Newton Saddle Club Bulls and Barrels

Aug 10

6:30 pm Demo Derby

6- 9 pm Carnival

Aug. 9

8 a.m. to noon — Harvey County Farmers Market, 301 N. Main.

8 a.m. to noon — Newton Farm and Art Market, 121 W. Sixth.

10 a.m. to noon — Second Saturday, Carriage Factory Gallery, 128 E. Sixth. Create with us on the Second Saturday of the month. Themed make and take creations will be provided every second Saturday through the year for ages 4-10. Free and open to the public. Donations always welcomed. Funded by the Ericka J. Stucky Scholarship Fund and various patrons.

2 p.m. — Guide to Kansas Birds author event, Faith & Life Bookstore, 606 N. Main.

10:30 a.m. — CASA Princess Party, Salem United Methodist Church, 115 Old Main. This fund-raising party will feature a Mermaid Princess and Sleeping Beauty by Wichita Princesses.

Aug. 13

First day of classes in Newton USD 373.

Aug. 14

7 to 9 p.m. — Newton Chess Club, Salt Light Confections, 1011 Washington Road. All ages and skill levels welcome. Club provides provide the boards, or feel free to bring your own.

Aug. 16

8 a.m. to noon — Harvey County Farmers Market, 301 N. Main.

8 a.m. to noon — Newton Farm and Art Market, 121 W. Sixth.

10 a.m. — Pooches’ Plunge, Newton Municipal Pool, 401 N Santa Fe. \$4.50. Dogs are invited to swim on the last day water will be in the pool. All dogs must have all required city tags.

6 p.m. — Newton Saddle Club Fun Show, Newton Saddle Club Arena.

6 to 8 p.m. — Hide Park Shootout, Harvey County Historical Museum, 203 N. Main. Find out what gave Newton the reputation as the Wickedest Town in the West in 1871 at a reenactment of the shootout in Hide Park in August.



The Harvey County Fair parade will be Aug. 9 on First, Grandview and Athletic Park Circle in Newton. [Kansan File]



Public events at the Harvey County Fair will get started on Aug. 1. [Kansan File]

Aug. 21

7 to 9 p.m. — Newton Chess Club, Salt Light Confections, 1011 Washington Road. All ages and skill levels welcome. Club provides provide the boards, or feel free to bring your own.

5 to 8 p.m. — Third Thursday downtown, College Night.

5:30 p.m. — 80s Rock Trivia, Acapulco Restaurant, 217 W. Broadway.

Aug. 23

8 a.m. to noon — Harvey County Farmers Market, 301 N. Main.

8 a.m. to noon — Newton Farm and Art Market, 121 W. Sixth.

1:30 p.m. — Dutch Blitz Bash, Newton Public Library, 223 E. 7th Street. Registration is requested. Fill out the form to sign up: <https://newtonplks.libcal.com/event/14766357>

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Sept. 6

7 a.m. — First Saturday Bird Walk, Kauffman Museum, 2801 N. Main, North Newton.

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Sept. 18

5 to 8 p.m. — Third Thursday Downtown. Newton Schools night.



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