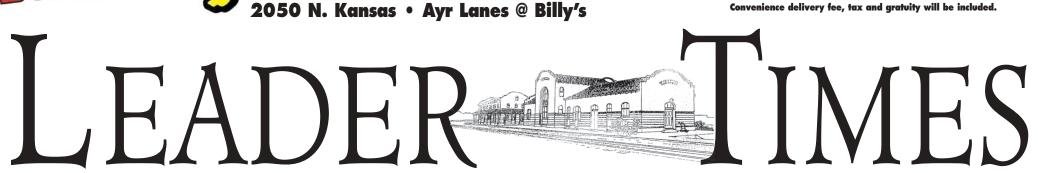
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Nonprofits no longer to get free use of county buildings

Commission seeking ways to prevent huge mill levy hike

By ROBERT PIERCE Leader & Times

Seward County's facility fee waiver policy has been revised for events hosted by non-profit agencies.

Monday, commissioners voted unanimously to adopt a flat fee rate of \$300 for the Ag Building and \$600 for the Activity Center at the fairgrounds.

The move came after qualified applicants were permitted in past years to submit a facility fee waiver, which eliminated all fees for events. Recently, county officials received requests to revise the waiver to allow applicants to instead

The implementation of a fee schedule for non-profit organizations will discontinue the use of the waiver, and applicants will need to meet specific criteria to qualify for the reduced rate.

Landfill Supervisor Brock Theiner worked up several options for commissioners for rates for use of county facilities, and those choices included calculating costs based on total number of hours worked in a year and the total number of actual hours in a year.

Likewise, those numbers included the county's total



Teens and youth leaders join in the worship music at a teen rally hosted last year by Grace Place Pregnancy Care Center in the Seward County Ag Building. Monday, commissioners voted unanimously to eliminate fee waivers for non-profits using county facilities, opting instead to install a \$300 flat fee for the Ag Building and a \$600 flat fee for the Activity Center. L&T file photo/Robert Pierce

proposed budget for the fairgrounds for Fiscal Year 2026 and costs with and without labor and benefits. The last two options called for the flat fees, and initially, those were set at \$250 and \$500 before commissioners opted to increase

Theiner said the new fees will be added to a list of fees

charged to use fairground facilities, and agency officials could pick up a form at the Administration Building. That form would allow county officials to verify a non-profit's status and guideline qualifications.

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Veterans recognized with Quilts of Valor

• Special to the Leader & Times

Six local veterans were guests of honor at the Quilts of Valor presentation Thursday evening as part of the Five State Fair festiv-

TREVIN MOORE

Trevin enlisted into the National Guard in December of 2008 at Fort Benning, Ga. He is still an active duty with 16 years in. He was trained to lead crews on fire missions. He is an Artillery Howitzer Section Chief. He served in Djibouti from 6/18/2010 to 4/7/2011; Kuwait: 2018 (six months) Kuwait: 2019 (two months) Kuwait: 2022 and 2023 for nine months; and Iraq: 2018 and 2019 for three months.

When asked what he was most proud of, he said "Completing the Norwegian Foot March while deployed in Kuwait and being a Senior Gun Chief."

- His military honors are as follows:
- One Army Commendation Medal • Four Army Achievement Medals
- One Metitorious Unit Commendation Medal
- One Army Reserve Component Achievement Medals
- One National Defense Service Medal • One Armed Forces Service Medal
- Three Overseas Service Ribbons
- One Army Service Ribbon • Three Kansas Emergency Response
- One Washington DC Inauguration
- Support Ribbon • Two NCO Developement Ribbons
- One Inherit Resolve Campaign Medal
- One Global War on Terrorism Support Medal
- One Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



The six recipients at Thursday's Quilts of Valor ceremony stop for a group photo after receiving their quilts. The six recipients were from multiple military branches. L&T photo/Elly Grimm

DYLAN BERENS

Dylan enlisted into the United States Marine Corps August 2014 and shipped to boot camp in November 2014. His duty station was at Cherry Point, N.C., which is a Marine Corp air station that supports the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and other aviation units. In 2017, he was with 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. In 2018, he was with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. His deployments were with the United States Navy on ship. Both of the components he served with were

supporting contingency throughout Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. He also worked in Europe, Middle East mostly, and some in

He was released November 2019. His rank at release was E-4. with his status at discharge being under honorable condi-

ELTON JACOBS

Elton entered into the United States Army Jan. 11, 1961 at Fort Riley. Elton was trained to work as an engineer equipment repairman and diesel engine repairman at

the Explosive and Demolition Department in Grafenwohr, Germany.

He served with the 24th Engineer Co. Defense Supply Agency 154, Kornustheim, Germany.

When asked what he was most proud of, he said "Serving my country, I was chief of shop operations & productions control in our 185th man. Repair also coordinated three two-man emergency repair team for diesel generators at NIKE missile sites.

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Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission to meet Aug. 14 in Garden City

• Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

TOPEKA - The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Finnup Center at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City.

The meeting will begin at noon and continue until all agenda items are addressed.

The meeting will begin with a report from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, including a public hearing on the following regulations:

K.A.R. 115-2-1 - Trout Fee and Senior License Fees

- Establishing a 5-year Resident Senior Hunting OR Fishing License
- (ages 65–74) for \$50.

 Establishing a 5-year Resident Senior Hunting AND Fishing Combo License (ages 65-74) for \$90.
- Increasing the trout permit fee from \$12 to \$17.50.

K.A.R. 115-4-4 - **Nonlead** Muzzleloader Shot

• Expanding allowable projectile types for muzzleloaders, enabling use of modern, non-lead (non-toxic)

K.A.R. 115-25-9 - Deer Seasons

• Updating season dates, units, and permit limits for the 2025-2026 Extended White-tailed Antlerless-only Firearm Season:

Proposed Season Dates

- Unit 3: Jan. 1-4, 2026
- Units 4–10, 16: Jan. 1–11, 2026 • Units 11–15, 19: Jan. 1–18, 2026
- **Proposed Permit Limits**

• No WAO permits: Units 1, 2, 17,

- One WAO permit: Unit 3
- Four additional WAO permits: Units 4-10, 16 • Nine additional WAO permits:

Units 11-15, 19 (on non-KDWPmanaged lands, except Berentz-Dick and Elk City Wildlife Areas)

K.A.R. 115-25-9a - Deer **Seasons on Military Units**

• Setting specific deer season dates for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, and Smoky Hill Air National Guard, including antlerless-only and extended firearm opportunities.

Fort Riley

• Pre-rut White-tailed Antlerless Firearm: Oct. 11-13

• White-tailed Antlerless-only Firearm: Nov. 28-30

• Firearm: Dec. 13-21

• Extended Firearm White-tailed Antlerless-only: Jan. 1-11, 2026 Fort Leavenworth

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