

# Bethel drag show sees increased attention

BY SARAH BEAUCHAMP  
HARVEY COUNTY NOW STAFF

NORTH NEWTON— Although it’s not the first drag show on Bethel College’s campus, sharing the event information on Facebook garnered extra attention for the event.

Lucy Buller, a student who is president of the Bethel Pride Alliance Council, has organized four other drag shows on campus. The campus holds two shows a year. The one in the fall is student only, but the one in the spring is open to the community.

This time, she decided to post the event on Facebook so that people in the community who might be interested could find it.

“I don’t want to attract controversy or hate or have people feel like we’re shoving it down people’s throats,” Buller said.

Buller wasn’t expecting the event to be shared across several community groups in the area.

The event was met with angry and critical comments. At first. Then, Buller said she noticed a change.

Over time, she said the comments became more supportive of the event.

“There’s been a lot more positive support than there is negative,” Buller said. “There’s so many more people than I even knew that are in our corner.”

Buller said, despite the angry messaging of some posts, they’ve still helped spread the word about the event.

“I’ve had people say they wouldn’t have known about it if they hadn’t seen it from it being posted negatively,” Buller said.

For anyone interested, she invited people to attend the event in Krehbiel Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2.

Buller said shows like this are important for her because she understands what they mean to the queer community.

Buller grew up in Newton and has struggled to find places for her in the community.

“Growing up in this environment as a queer person, nothing is made for you,” Buller said. “If you’re religious, the church is a space made for you. For queer people

in towns like this, nothing is made for us.”

Buller said attending the drag show at Bethel helped her feel accepted and like she was part of a community.

“Attending as a student helped me come to terms with who I was and helped me feel safe to come out as a lesbian,” Buller said. “I know how life changing it can be.”

She’s expecting a bigger turnout to this event than past ones. So far, she said about 60 people have said they’re attending the show, outside of students. In the past, they normally had about 30 people show up.

Buller said these shows are meant to be educational and informative for people who aren’t familiar with drag shows or have concerns about them. Buller hopes these shows provide a new perspective for people but isn’t expecting to change people’s minds.

“A lot judge without knowing a lot about it,” Buller said. “I don’t care what people believe

about queer people and drag. What I want is for people to critically think about why they believe that.”

Buller said the events are tailored for this purpose, meaning the performers don’t cuss or make suggestive comments.

“It’s about meeting people where they’re at,” Buller said.

She explained that the performers know this and often perform pro bono or at a discounted rate for the cause.

Buller said they have an intermission period during the show and time after, where people can meet with performers to ask questions and learn more.

Buller said she’s received a lot of positive feedback from students in the past who showed up not knowing what to expect and learned a lot. Not everyone is open to the idea.

“Some people come and sit in the back and are on their phone the whole time,” Buller said. “We’ve done nothing to change their mind, but we at least tried.”

Buller said they’ve received some angry feedback but haven’t received any threats. She’s hoping disagreements around the show can be handled peacefully. She said there was a protest scheduled for the event, but it was supposed to remain peaceful.

“Any concerns we’ve

had is just everything going on in the world,” Buller said. “It’s dangerous to be out as a queer person, especially in rural areas.”



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Alta Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Alta Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road	56,022.16	150,498.72	159,717.37	46,803.51	0.00
Special Machinery	168,397.28	51,630.00	37,801.80	182,225.48	0.00
Fire Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Noxious Weed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	224,419.44	202,128.72	197,519.17	229,028.99	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				229,028.99	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					Yes

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2024.

Date: 1/27/2025

*Kate E. Potts*  
Township Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Walton Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Walton Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	27.42	6,040.50	6,067.92	0.00	0.00
Road	16,429.64	80,436.76	96,478.97	387.43	0.00
Special Machinery	25,914.33	25,734.00	0.00	51,648.33	0.00
Cemetery	28,037.82	5,095.85	5,863.90	27,269.77	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	70,409.21	117,307.11	108,410.79	79,305.53	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				79,305.53	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					Yes

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2024.

Date: 1/24/2025

*K. L. Smith*  
Township Treasurer

## HALSTEAD PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published once in the *Harvey County Now* on April 24, 2025.)

### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING APPEALS HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 19, 2025 the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Halstead, Kansas, will consider the following application at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall in Halstead, Kansas:

Case No. BZA-V-2025-01. John Thompson of 924 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Halstead, Kansas, pursuant to Section 10-107 of the City Zoning Regulations, requests a variance for exception to build a 25' x 22' (550 sq. ft) additional accessory structure on property zoned as the R-1 Single Family Residential District for the purpose of a new carport.

Legal Description: S35, T23, R02W, ACRES 1.88, BEG INTER OF N LI SIXTH ST & W LI WEST ST, W178(S), N223.5, W194, N162(S), E194, S98(S), E176(S), S285 TO POB

General Location: 924 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., HALSTEAD, KANSAS

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Board of Zoning Appeals may close the hearing and render a decision. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

*Juli L. Wait*  
Juli L. Wait, Secretary  
Halstead Board of Zoning Appeals

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Case No. BZA-V-2025-02. Ross & Ariana Alison of 628 Spruce St., Halstead, Kansas, pursuant to Section 10-107 of the City Zoning Regulations, requests a variance for exception to build a privacy fence in the front yard on property zoned as the R-1 Single Family Residential District.

Legal Description: TIBBOT'S 2ND ADD TO HALSTEAD, S02, T24, R02W, BLOCK H, LT 9, S1/2 LT 10

General Location: 628 Spruce St., HALSTEAD, KANSAS

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Board of Zoning Appeals may close the hearing and render a decision. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

*Juli L. Wait*  
Juli L. Wait, Secretary  
Halstead Board of Zoning Appeals

Form BZA-V-5

## FloraKansas Native Plant Days align with National Native Plant Month

Now in its 26th season, FloraKansas Spring Native Plant Days—happening April 25 to 28 in Hesston—continues to support native landscaping practices that benefit both people and the environment.

FloraKansas has become a seasonal tradition for many in the region, offering a wide selection of drought-tolerant, pollinator-friendly native and adaptable plants. Each plant sold contributes to healthier landscapes, increased habitat for wildlife, and more resilient gardens across

Kansas communities.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

Allman-Charter Company requests subcontractor/supplier proposals for Hope Estates. This project consists of the new construction of one 2-story Apartment Building, one 1-story Duplex, two 2-story Triplex, and five 2-story Townhouses, for a total of 9 Building consisting of 38 units, and the project is located in Newton, KS. Proposals are due at the office of Allman-Charter Company, 315 Consett Dr., St. Louis, MO 63011 on or before Tuesday, May 06, 2025, at 3:00 PM (CT). Qualified Minority, Section 8, and Women owned businesses are encouraged to submit proposals. Plans can be viewed at FW Dodge, Construct Connect, ePlan, PlanHub, The Builders Electronic Plan Room, and the Allman-Charter plan room in St. Louis. Bidders should contact Jon Press at [jonpress@allman-charter.com](mailto:jonpress@allman-charter.com) with any questions. All bids should be sent to [bids@allman-charter.com](mailto:bids@allman-charter.com). Our telephone # is (636) 207-8670, and our fax # is (636) 207-9871.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Sedgwick Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Sedgwick Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	3,473.27	7,228.82	3,697.83	7,004.26	0.00
Road	4,259.50	145,465.75	100,628.49	49,096.76	0.00
Special Machinery	44,068.50	58,975.54	58,975.54	3,695.83	0.00
Fire Protection	6,929.35	31,630.68	30,622.99	7,937.04	0.00
FEMA	26,328.91	0.00	12,348.75	13,980.16	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	85,059.53	202,928.12	206,273.60	81,714.05	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				81,714.05	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					YES

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2024.

*Ruth Jacob*  
Township Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Lake Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Lake Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road	3,335.88	118,284.94	120,814.62	806.20	0.00
Special Machinery	402.15	522.42	0.00	924.57	0.00
Cemetery	0.17	3,892.57	2,814.96	1,077.78	0.00
FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	3,738.20	122,699.93	123,629.58	2,808.55	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				2,808.55	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					Yes

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*Donna Taylor*  
Township Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Burrton Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Burrton Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	0.00	3,864.89	2,941.60	5,313.71	0.00
Road	19,107.35	126,523.21	120,874.91	24,755.65	0.00
Special Machinery	193,947.63	45,741.98	0.00	239,689.61	0.00
FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	217,445.40	176,130.08	123,816.51	269,758.97	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				269,758.97	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					Yes

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2024.

Date: Jan 8, 2025

*Bob Rauh*  
Township Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Halstead Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

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FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General					
Road	981.26	132,968.23	133,464.23	485.26	0.00
Special Machinery	149,849.38	45,314.98	69,250.00	125,914.36	0.00
Cemetery	8,552.99	6,671.95	3,850.00	11,374.94	0.00
Fire	3,689.27	45,606.67	45,953.00	3,342.94	0.00
Totals	163,072.90	230,561.83	252,517.23	141,117.50	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				141,117.50	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					Yes

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the township during the year ending December 31, 2024.

Date: 1-9-24

*Charles G. Mueller*  
Township Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of Richland Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of Richland Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road	17,195.48	181,214.82	135,626.82	62,783.48	0.00
Special Machinery	134,679.00	0.00	59,504.17	75,174.83	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	151,874.48	181,214.82	195,130.99	137,958.31	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				137,958.31	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					YES

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Date: 1/31/25

*Michelle Walker*  
Township Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Report of MACON Township  
Harvey County, Kansas

The undersigned treasurer and trustee of MACON Township, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT					
Name of Funds	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2024	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Unpaid Bills Dec. 31, 2024
General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road	67,275.00	131,817.86	152,547.14	46,545.72	0.00
Special Machinery	67,233.50	55,323.18	0.00	122,556.68	0.00
Fire Protection	0.00	69,546.13	69,546.13	0.00	0.00
Noxious Weed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	134,508.50	256,687.17	222,093.27	169,102.40	0.00
Total Cash Balance for all Funds				169,102.40	
Does the Total Cash Balance for all Funds equal to Cash Balance Dec. 31?					Yes

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Date: 01-09-2025

*Mike Walker*  
Township Treasurer