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‘They can’t even show their faces’

However, legislation in other states that aimed to unmask federal im-migration agents has fallen flat. In New Jersey and New York, judges have paused state laws. In New Jersey, the Depart-ment of Justice argued in a court filing that the “supremacy” clause means that federal authority holds more power than a state law about masks. In New York, a judge cited the federal government’s designated role to police immigration as reason to defer to their masking policy.

In Washington state, a law has proven essentially toothless. Federal officers simply continue to wear the masks.

An executive decision by President Donald Trump has trickled down to small-town Kansas through Homeland Security instructions and policies with no recourse for normal citizens. This federal department and this careening president are aligned in wanting agents with masks on American streets.

But why?

I agree that one key reason for the masks is to create fear, of course. But another is shame.

Consider the pride of other civil servants and

law enforcement: munici-pal police, firefighters and the military. The holiday parades. The public adula-tion. The local heroes. Compare that with the shameful image of an im-migration agent — claim-ing to simply be doing his job — while hiding behind a scrim of facial obscurity.

Among the wash of jarring visuals from the Trump era, masked agents will be one of the most enduring. We will remember the sinister image: eyes perched above an anonymous male face tightly and darkly wrapped.

We will also remember the message of that image: one of impunity, cruelty and xenophobia, cloaked in the reassuring, conde-scending lie of “law and order.”

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SILENT AUCTION DEALS AVAILABLE

OCT. 3RD AT ROSEWOOD RODEO

Proceeds go to Roots & Wings Foundation

If you are interested in a fun opportunity to purchase quality items at under-market-value prices, then come by Rosewood Rodeo, Saturday, Oct. 3.

The auction is part of the 22nd Annual Rodeo, held at Barton County Fair Expo III Indoor Arena, two miles west on 10th and Patton Road, Great Bend. In conjunction with the rodeo’s grand entry, the Rose-wood Silent Auction will begin at 10 a.m. Then bids will be accepted throughout the day until the auction closes at 2 p.m. Winning bidders will be contacted following the silent auction, so they don’t have to be present to win.

During the auction, there are more than 70 items to bid on, ranging in retail value from approximately \$25 to nearly \$500. These items are all new products and most likely will sell for well under their retail value. Auction items include a wide variety of merchandise like a 32-inch LG Smart TV with a starting bid of \$100; and a King Kooker Outdoor Fryer that has an opening bid of \$23.

Also included for bidding are multiple gift baskets, some valued at more than \$100 with opening bids of \$25. Many wonderful gift cards, certificates and passes are available that are most often purchased for under their face value. Unique items made by local artists and crafters are also available among the many auction items.

For a preview, bidders can access photos of the auc-tion items at https://flickr.com/photos/rosewood_services/albums/72177720335881397

All the auction items were donated by community businesses and individuals as a fundraiser to Rosewood Roots & Wings Foundation. Rosewood’s non-profit Roots & Wings Foundation provides unmet medi-cal and therapeutic needs, legal assistance, along with educational opportunities to people who have develop-mental disabilities.



COURTESY PHOTO

Auction Deals – Attendees check on the many selections of quality silent auction items during last year’s Rosewood Rodeo. There are more than 70 auction items to bid on at this year’s rodeo. The silent auction annually provides a fun opportunity to purchase quality items at under-market value. Proceeds from the sale of the items, which are donated by community businesses, go directly to Rosewood Roots and Wings Foun-dation, committed to helping to fund endeavors for people with develop-mental disabilities.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION OF BARTON COUNTY		Kansas Treasurer		Council Ward 2		Beaver		No Filings	
STATE OF KANSAS, BARTON COUNTY SS OFFICE OF ELECTION OFFICER GREAT BEND, KANSAS		Juan C. Luengo 14904 S Summit St Olathe, KS 66062		Dem		Kevyn Soupiset 4110 Quail Creek Great Bend, KS 67530 620-791-7082		Hunter Hembree 128 NW 30 Ave Great Bend, KS 67530	
As required by section 25-209 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, I, Bev Schneider, County Clerk and Election Officer, in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby declare that there will be a Primary Election held in each voting precinct in said County of Barton, State of Kansas, on November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock AM. and 7:00 o'clock PM. of said day. The Election will be held at the regular voting places.		Steve Johnson 10197 S Hopkins Rd Assaria, KS 67416		Rep		Russell Snyder 2800 27th St Great Bend, KS 67530 620-786-0497		No Filings	
The following named candidates for National and State offices and District Offices where the district is composed of more than one County, have been certified to this office by the Secretary of State, the names of candidates being arranged in the manner in which they will appear on the official ballot in Barton County, Kansas.		Eric Lund 3003 Lakeview Cir S Paola, KS 66071		Lib		Judy Duryee 3422 16th St Great Bend, KS 67530 785-477-0936		John Oetken 1125 NW 10 Rd Great Bend, KS 67530	
The following named candidates for County Offices have either filed declaration or nomination papers in the office of the County Election Officer, being found regular, are entitled to have their names placed on the official Primary Ballot of Barton County, Kansas, subject to the rotation of names pursuant to law governing the same		Kansas Commissioner of Insurance Dinah Sykes Lenexa, KS		Dem		Council Ward 3		Brian Hoffman 1938 NE 100 Ave Clafin, KS 67525 620-587-2348	
GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2026		Daniel Hawkins 9406 W Harvest Ln Wichita, KS 67212		Rep		Cody Harris 5241 Ridgeway Dr Great Bend, KS 67530 620-640-2068		David Rose 210 SE 50 Ave Great Bend, KS 67530 620-566-1035	
Form for the official Primary Election Ticket. The names of the candidates for National, State and District offices are shown below and arranged, as they must appear on all printed ballots of the County.		Ric Koehn PO Box 468 Cimarron, KS 67835		Lib		Layne Leuenberger 1523 Wheatridge St Great Bend, KS 67530 620-617-8017		Gary Bainbridge 441 SE 50 Ave Great Bend, KS 67530	
Bev Schneider BARTON COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER BARTON COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS		Kansas House of Representatives 112 Rhys Froetschner 2312 McKinley St Great Bend, KS 67530		Dem		Council Ward 4		Michael E McCurry 232 NW 100 Rd Hoisington, KS 67544 620-791-8622	
Barton County General Election November 3, 2026 State & Federal Candidates		Sherri Brantley 651 NW 20 Ave Great Bend, KS 67530		Rep		Sue Cooper 2201 Forest Ave Great Bend, KS 67530 620-617-3308		Mark Urban 883 NW 200 Rd Olmitz, KS 67564 620-639-2807	
United States Senate		Kansas House of Representatives 113 Jo Ann Roth 314 W 3rd St Ellinwood, KS 67526		Dem		Hoisington Council Ward 1		Grant	
Adam Hamilton PO Box 6 Stilwell, KS 66085		Rep		Brett Fairchild 150 NW 40th St St. John, KS 67576		Rep		Mark Stos 1333 NW 150 Rd Otis, KS 67565 620-786-7017	
Roger Marshall St. John, KS 67576		Rep		Member State Board of Education District 7		Council Ward 2		Great Bend Twp	
David C Graham 7220 W. 83rd St Overland Park, KS 66204		Lib		Ann Zimmerman 3904 N Ohio Salina, KS 67401		Rep		Lynn Engle 314 College View Rd Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-7767	
United States House of Representatives 1		District Court Judge 20th District, 1st Division		Alana McWilliams Abilene, KS 67410		Rep		North Homestead	
Lauren Reinhold 4000 W 6th St Ste B #241 Lawrence, KS 66049		Rep		General Election November 3, 2026 Commissioner Candidates List		Council Ward 3		South Homestead	
Tracey Mann PO Box 1084 Salina, KS 67402		Rep		Carey Hipp 1282 Highway 14 Ellsworth, KS 67439		Rep		Brad Halseth 636 Cheyenne view Dr Great Bend, KS 67530 620-786-4377	
Steven Jacob 1829 Kentucky St Apt 4 Lawrence, KS 66044		Lib		County Commissioner 1st District		Council Ward 4		Independent	
Kansas Governor/Lt Governor		County Commissioner 4th District		Dale E Maneth 1171 NW 110 Rd Olmitz, KS 67564 785-532-8971		No Filing		Ryan Oeser 109 B St. Clafin, KS 67525	
Cindy Holscher/KC Ohaebosim PO Box 2903 Olathe, KS 66063		Rep		County Commissioner 5th District		Council		Lakin	
Ty Masterson/ Jeffery Klemp PO Box 424 Andover, KS 67002		Rep		Stanley Behrends 5500 Broadway Ave Great Bend, KS 67530 620-791-8576		Rep		Liberty	
Kansas Secretary of State		General Election November 3, 2026 City Candidate List		Great Bend Council Ward 1		Council		Logan	
Jennifer Day PO Box 104 Mission, KS 66202		Dem		Deklyn Craven 2500 Russell Pkwy Great Bend, Ks 67530 620-868-5047		Rep		Pawnee Rock	
Pat Proctor 624 Kickapoo St Leavenworth, KS 66048		Rep		Gary Parr 2116 Washington St Great Bend, KS 67530 620-792-2011		Rep		South Bend	
Scott E Morgan 1618 Inverness Dr. Lawrence, KS 66047		Uni		TOWNSHIPS		Council		Union	
Kansas Attorney General		Dem		Albion		Rep		Walnut	
Chris Mann Lawrence, KS		Rep		Ronald (Rocky) Meitner 1280 NW 60 Ave Olmitz, KS 67564 620-282-8633		Rep		Wheatland	
Kris Kobach PO Box 155 Lecompton, KS 66050		Rep						Rhonda Templing 234 NW 210 Rd Hoisington, KS 67544 785-483-9402	