

# NEWS

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big spike won't last.

"While oil markets continue to react to potential tensions in the Middle East, history has shown that the price increases are temporary and quickly fall back," said Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist and principal at the consulting firm RSM US, on his Real Economy Blog.

President Donald Trump, speaking at a news conference with German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Tuesday, sought to justify the strikes and said any price hikes would be temporary.

"People felt it's something that had to be done," he said. "So if we have a little high oil prices for a little while, but as soon as this ends, those prices are going to drop, I believe, lower than even before."

### Immediate Market Reaction

The market reaction to the Iran war so far has been swift.

Brent crude oil, considered the global standard, topped \$80 a barrel early Monday, up from the low 70s last week.

Some analysts saw prices having the potential to go as high as \$100 a barrel.

"The forecasts are wide-ranging from over \$100/barrel to lower prices this week on new Iraqi oil hitting the market," said Matt McCall, founder of NXT Wave Research, an investment and market analysis firm, in a tweet. "I see a spike to start the week...and then it depends on the longevity of the war. A quick war and oil does not stay elevated. What is almost certain is volatility."

The surge in oil prices fueled an overall slide in U.S. stock markets Tuesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down nearly 2 percent around midday.

### Prices Up

The increases were felt in state after state Tuesday, according to the AAA gasoline price survey.

The nation's lowest gasoline prices tend to be in the South, from roughly Mississippi to Texas.

The price of a gallon of regular in Oklahoma, the least expensive of any state, was \$2.62 Tuesday, up from about \$2.47 Monday.



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## Math Competition: SBHS Geometry Students 2nd

South Barber geometry students took second place in a recent 2026 Sunflower State Sprint. The IXL competition showed how the students' hard work and mathematical precision is paying off.

## COUNCIL

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with other citizens primarily in Kansas.

They plan to share information on items and events within the city of Medicine Lodge such as the Stockade Museum and Peace Treaty.

Mayor Tom Lee proposed for the council to consider adopting a Purple Heart Highway to honor and celebrate veterans in Medicine Lodge area. That will be further discussed once information on that program is obtained.

The council then moved into an executive session for 10 minutes for personnel matters.

Upon return from executive session, the council heard administrative reports from Withrow, Chief Defore and Public Works Director Wayne Ostrom.

Withrow discussed partnering with Chief Defore

to implement a program called Families First within the community that would encourage teaching members of the community about the dangers of drug use. He discussed what is needed for this program, which includes sending members highly involved with aspects of the communities such as the schools and the hospitals for training on the aspects of this program and how to implement this program.

Defore began by mentioning that the Medicine Lodge Police Department is now part of the Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children task force. This provides information and training to officers and community members and provides community education and internet safety resources for students and parents.

It will also allow the MLDP to investigate those crimes if they happen within Medicine Lodge.

Defore also updated the council on a previously discussed item from the last meeting, the prescription medication lock box partnership with DCCA. The MLPD was approved to get a lock box that can be used for community members to dispose of unused prescription medication. That box will be continuously locked and that box will be located right in the front area of the new city hall building.

The box will have its contents properly disposed of quarterly, and it will be able to be accessed during business hours of city hall. Citizens can begin using this once the new city hall is open.

Defore, along with Councilwoman Warner, also updated the council on the kiosk project that Warner previously introduced to the council with the police chief. The work on that kiosk will begin soon and

the hope is that it will be completed in the near future.

Ostrom updated the council on various items. He is still waiting on an official start date for refinishing the city pool slide. He said they are also still waiting on tree removal equipment to remove stumps in the park.

He also updated the council on the purchase of a new motor for a mosquito sprayer which will be picked up in the near future. Ostrom also told the council that he has obtained materials to begin making repairs to parts of the caboose which will be the site of the DCCA kiosk.

He also stressed that residents need to begin putting their house numbers on the front of their houses. Ostrom also ordered new street signs and once those arrive the process to get those up will begin.

The next city council meeting will be held on Monday, March 16.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### PUBLICATION SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 959 PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS ON THE 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

#### SUMMARY

On March 2, 2026, the Governing Body of the City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, passed Ordinance No. 959 to amend the city's code of ordinances to define and add specific requirements for data centers and data center accessory uses. The complete text of this ordinance may be obtained or viewed free of charge at [medicinelodge.kansas.gov](http://medicinelodge.kansas.gov) or at the office of the Medicine Lodge City Clerk, 114 W. First Avenue, Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104. This ordinance is not subject to a protest petition.

This summary is certified this 3rd day of March, 2026.

/s/ Hannah L. Molz  
Hannah L. Molz, #27626  
City Attorney

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