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Notice

Chapel Oaks Funeral Home has a single apartment available for rent next to the funeral home. Call 785-889-7171 or email chapeloaksholton@gmail.com

Notice

Onaga Historical Society has it monthly garage sale June 27, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. at 207 DeGraw St. Donations support the maintenance and administration of the Museum.

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Notice

Pottawatomie County Offices and Landfill will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. The next Commissioner meeting will be Monday, July 6th.

Senior Center Menus

785-889-4402
Jun 29 - Jul 3

Mon: Salmon Noodle Cass or Sliced Ham, Stewed Tomatoes, Peas, Rosy Pears, Bread, Milk

Tues: Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Fruit, Roll, Milk

Wed: Chicken Filet, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk

Thurs: 4th of July Meal Cheeseburger, L/T/O, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Bun, Watermelon, Milk

Fri: CLOSED

Activities

Tues: Chair Yoga Exercises @ 10:30

Wed: Site & Club @10:00; Cards @ 1:00

Thurs: Chair Yoga @ 10:30

Fri: CLOSED

Laclede News

by Sharon Bairow-Riffey

It really is feeling like 1993 all over again with the rain. LaClede and Wamego all had 2 inches of rain Saturday night into Sunday morning. I know that it woke me up and some others were discussing it at church.

Janice Goehring went to coffee on Monday morning in Westmoreland. She also attended lunch and the retiree meeting on Tuesday in Westmoreland.

Chuck Depew attended the card party on Friday night.

Bethany Spaulding and kids, and Janice Goehring ate Friday lunch with Kirk and Brandon Goehring at Kirk's home.

Thomas Bairow had Saturday visitors Sharon Bairow-Riffey and Carol Freeman.

Chuck Depew attended Casen Depew's soccer games Saturday in Topeka at the indoor soccer field. Then Marissa Ostrander joined them in Topeka. She stayed with Chuck and Barb Saturday night.

Barb Depew and Susan Hartwich went on Saturday afternoon to the GFWC Ad Astra lunch and then to the Church Basement Ladies Show.

Susan Hartwich, Chuck and Barb Depew, and Marissa Ostrander all went to Lillis Backroads Steak Night on Saturday night.

Shane, Marcia, and Maci Beachler had Father's Day lunch at their home in Wamego. Those who attended were Janice and Brandon Goehring and June Woodyard.

Chuck and Barb Depew, and Marissa Ostrander attended the wrestling breakfast fundraiser on Sunday morning in the Onaga High School commons area.

Susan Hartwich, Lisa Duer, and Diane Quintanilla went to visit their mom Virginia Rezac on Sunday.

Don and I, and Jo Ellen Adams went to LaClede Baptist Church service on Sunday morning. We then went to lunch for Father's Day in Manhattan.

Have a wonderful week!

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Now That's Rural: Bailee Henry, Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

by Ron Wilson

Can modern youth rise to the challenge?

For many communities, a real challenge is creating and sustaining locally-owned small businesses. What if students could learn small business entrepreneurial skills and apply those in their hometowns?

Today we'll learn about a program that is helping support youth entrepreneurial thinking and business skill development across the state of Kansas.

Bailee Henry is the ePrograms manager for NetWork Kansas, the statewide entrepreneurship and small business support organization. Henry went to school in Alma, a rural community of 802 people. Now, that's rural. She interned with Wabaunsee County Economic Development, graduated from Kansas State University and worked for the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce before joining NetWork Kansas.

NetWork Kansas was founded in 2006 to provide entrepreneurs essential financial resources, valuable relationships, expert knowledge and experience. In 2007, NetWork Kansas launched its Entrepreneurial Community Partnership through which resources are provided through locally designated E-communities.

In 2014, some E-communities in northwest Kansas began a youth entrepreneurship competition to encourage students to learn about starting small businesses. Other E-communities adopted the idea and it grew into what is now called the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, managed by Henry.

"The purpose is to support young entrepreneurs, to help students see entrepreneurship as a possible career path, and to identify business opportunities in their own hometowns," Henry said.

Essentially this is a small business pitch competition where students develop, propose and even implement an idea for a business. Judges help select the most outstanding ideas. YEC is open to public, private or homeschool students in grades 6-12.

"In that first year there were five local events involving 48 students," Henry said.

In 2026, there were 70 local events involving 1200 students, more than 500 judges, and $70,000 in cash prizes awarded to student entrepreneurs.

Students compete in local events with the top students advancing to a state-level competition. Entries can be conceptual or an existing business. If there is no local competition or if the student wants another chance, there are also wildcard events where students can compete and advance to state as an at-large entry.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge culminates with the statewide finals. Participating students submit an executive summary of their business and financials plus a video pitch about their business. These are reviewed and scored by judges in advance.

The in-person finals are held in Manhattan each May. "It has grown so much that it has become a two-day event," Henry said.

On the first night of the state competition, there is an optional trade show where students can display their project ideas. The second day's program takes place at the K-State Student Union. Each student goes through what is called a mock boardroom, where the student has ten minutes to pitch their idea in-person to a panel of adult judges. They do so three times.

All the scores are aggregated and the most outstanding are recognized.

"We provide rankings like in high school band, where (students) earn a 1, 2 or 3 ranking," Henry said. The top category is ranked exemplary.

YEC is sponsored by NetWork Kansas, K-State Extension, and the K-State Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship in the Col-

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INSIGHT – Cultural Exchanges

By Greg Doering,
Kansas Farm Bureau

I can't help but think that all of the events planned for America's 250th birthday have been upstaged by World Cup visitors giving us fresh insight into how lucky we are to live in the United States.

Foreign visitors have reminded us that our everyday lives are extraordinary — from our giant gas stations to the overwhelming choices we have in grocery store aisles — compared with much of the world.

Usually, one has to leave the U.S. to experience such a revelation. Now, we can use the eyes and experiences of our visitors to rediscover how our ordinary is awe inspiring.

It's far too easy to become accustomed to our surroundings. I'm sure there are Italians who don't bother to look up if they're passing the Colosseum or Trevi Fountain. Or residents of Tokyo who don't see anything special about the endless stretch of skyscrapers that make up the skyline. And I'm sure even Egyptians don't so much as glance at the pyramids and contemplate the past 5,000 years of civilization.

One of the few benefits of social media is that we get to follow along as our visitors see with fresh eyes what we've previously considered mundane like free chips and salsa at a Mexican restaurant or gratis ice water basically anywhere. They've also experienced receiving severe weather alerts, have drunk Boston taverns dry and fallen in love with ranch dressing.

And, of course, it's good to finally have the rest of the world recognize that air conditioning is, in fact, a necessity and not a luxury for much of the continental U.S. Fortunately for our visitors, the World Cup will conclude well before August's sweltering temperatures.

If there is one lesson I hope both the hosts and guests take away from these encounters, aside from Europeans coming around to putting ice in drinks, it's that while borders do give shape to a country, the people are more alike than we appear.

Different cultures and their customs are shaped by geography, but at the end of the day, we all have much more in common than not. A good meal with friends both new and old is always welcome no matter where you're from.

As delightful as it is to have visitors genuinely enjoying our country, I know from past travels abroad the novelty of a new nation fades. Eventually the comforts of home will overcome all the new experiences here.

For me, after being out of the country for a few days, there's nothing like returning home and having a cheeseburger and fries as my first meal off the plane. I'm sure our guests will have similar experiences when they return home as well.

Until then, those of us in the U.S. can be thankful for a cultural exchange that hasn't required a passport, security lines or any travel anxiety. Rather, we've been given a golden opportunity to rediscover our own culture through the awe and astonishment of others. I can't think of a better way to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Local News Items

by Teresa Kathke

Friday morning, Donna Bryan drove to town to take part in the Wyatt Rager benefit food sale and raffle.

Sunday morning, Ed and Donna Bryan attended the wrestlers breakfast.

Ed and Donna Bryan attended a Father's day dinner at the home of Tiffany and Porge Ronnebaum, all their children were there too.

Sunday afternoon, Donna Bryan attended the performance of GREASE at the Columbian theater in Wamego.

Marsha Bergman went to St Mary's Tuesday night to watch Finn Bergman play ball, and to Wamego on Thursday to watch Meredith Bergman's softball game.

Sunday afternoon, Jo Harris, Mary T. Harris, Donna Bryan, Janie Cottrell and Marsha went to the Columbian theater in wamego and watched "Grease"

State of Kansas
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Vienna Township
Pottawatomie County
will meet on July 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM at 22550 Jim Creek Rd, Onaga, KS 66521 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at Pottawatomie County Administration Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
Fund	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	12,003	0.954	3,610	0.941	3,172	3,036	0.892
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	12,003	0.954	3,610	0.941	3,172	3,036	0.892
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.892*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	12,003		3,610		3,172		
Total Tax Levied	3,040		3,037		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	3,185,569		3,227,241		3,402,089		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2024		2025		2026		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Robert Ladner
Township Officer