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We have just put out lots of summer clothes, shorts, capris, shirts, etc. for the entire family. Maternity clothes, swim suits, jeans, light jackets.

Free baby formula does not expire until end of August.

Very nice walker with seat and storage unit. High chairs, picture frames, kitchen items, large air fryer, curtains and bedding

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

Senior Center Menus

785-889-4402

Jul 6 - 10

Mon: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Cucumber & Onions, Ambrosia, Bread, Milk

Tues: Turkey Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Lime Pears, Roll, Milk

Wed: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegs, Jello/Fruit, Roll, Milk

Thurs: Taco Salad, Corn Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit, Breadstick, Milk

Fri: Fish or Chicken Tenders, Potato Wedges, Carrots, Bread, Peach Crisp, Milk

Activities

Tues: Chair Yoga @ 10:30

Wed: Cards @ 1:00

Thurs: Chair Yoga @ 10:30

Laclede News

by Sharon Bairow-Riffey

It is so hard to believe we are already through June and now it is time to celebrate 250 years as a nation.

Janice Goehring went to coffee on Monday in Westmoreland.

Janice Goehring and Marlene Flinn went out to lunch on Tuesday in Manhattan. They spent the afternoon visiting.

Chuck and Barb Depew went to "Arts in the Park" in Manhattan on Friday night. They saw Cale Prater, the warm up entertainment for Savanna Chestnut.

Thomas Bairow had a visit from Sharon Bairow-Riffey on Saturday morning. An update on his nine gladiolus, they are growing taller.

Barb Depew went to Clay Center to watch her grandson in a swim meet Saturday. He participated in five events and did well.

Don and Sharon Riffey went to dinner Friday night in Wamego with Marilyn Harnish, Barb Schenk and her daughter Leslie Doss. They were all back to visit relatives and go to some museums and other activities. They also shared some Bairow Family photos with Sharon and told her some history of our family.

Janice Goehring's great grandson Roman Spaulding is going to spend a month with the Goehring families. Kirk and Jennifer Goehring, Bethany Spaulding and children drove to Dallas, Oregon to pick him up.

Susan Hartwich went to Sunday Lunch with Virginia Rezac, Kathy Blair, Diane Quintanilla, Lisa Duer, Loree, Tyler, and Mikaela Wells at the Mexican Restaurant in St. Marys, Kansas.

On Sunday morning, Barb Depew went to breakfast in Wheaton.

Nick, Cory, Everett, and Emory arrived at Susan Hartwich's to spend the holiday week. They all went to Travis and Trey Hartwich's for dinner.

Brandon Depew and Barb Depew went to Mel's Gathering Spot in Alma, Kansas on Sunday evening. The meal was a special Lebanese Cuisine.

Be safe and enjoy July 4th with family and friends. Stay cool and hydrated through the next few weeks.

Local News

by Teresa Kathke

Friday evening, Ed and Donna Bryan had their evening meal in Havensville with Josephine Harris, Nancy Holloway, and Patty Campbell

Saturday evening, after mass Ed and Donna Bryan attended a cookout supper and get together at Jo and Lester Harris's where they enjoyed visiting with other guests

Sunday morning, the Bryans attended the Wheaton Center breakfast and visiting with Charlie Lieb.

Saturday, Dennis and Teresa Kathke drove to Emporia to watch her grandson, Cooper Reves play football in the 53rd Shrine Bowl. Years ago Cooper's dad Bruce Jr. played in the Shrine Bowl too.

KEEP READING THE HERALD
Onaga's Oldest Continuous Business

Now That's Rural: Austin Anders, Dickinson County Heritage

by Ron Wilson

Where is the oldest operating C. W. Parker carousel in the world?

Where can a person view a collection of more than a thousand farm toys?

Where can one see Wild Bill Hickok's pistol and learn the history of independent telephone companies?

These are all part of the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene, Kansas.

Austin Anders is director of the Dickinson County Historical Society. He grew up in Dickinson County, six miles south of the rural community of Chapman, population 1,377 people. Now, that's rural.

His parents live at Prospect Park Farm, which includes historic homes that they are restoring today.

Anders earned a degree from McPherson College in automotive restoration and business management. He worked for an auto restoration company in Iowa and then moved back to Kansas where he worked for Abilene Machine. He started volunteering at the Dickinson County Historical Society and enjoyed it so much and did so well that in 2021 he was named its director.

The historical society is responsible for operating the Dickinson County Heritage Center in Abilene. "Our most popular attractions are our antique farm toy museum, cowboy heritage area, independent telephone history, and the C. W. Parker carousel," Anders said.

The building houses many displays, including the Museum of Independent Telephony which shares the story of telecommunications from Alexander Graham Bell to the cell phones of today.

In 1881, C. L. Brown was a local boy who was helping in the family's grist mill when his elbow was crushed by a piece of equipment. Brown later mused that, if not for this accident, he would probably have been a farmer.

Instead he would go into business and became a highly successful entrepreneur. Among other enterprises, he founded the United Telephone Inc., which would eventually become Sprint Telecommunications.

The Museum of Independent Telephony was established within the heritage center in 1973. It showcases the first telephone installed in Kansas in 1877 and exhibits the progression of telephone manufacturing to modern day. Visitors can play the role of a telephone operator or dial a rotary telephone – remember those?

Guests can pass through batwing doors to enter the cowboy heritage area, which shares the rich history of Abilene as the first of the famous cowtowns. Displays include authentic cowboy gear, a deputy's badge, and the pistol issued to Wild Bill Hickok.

Outside the museum building is a collection of historic structures called the village, including an 1858 cabin and a 1915 barn.

The newest part of the museum displays antique farm toys. Most of these were collected by a longtime employee at a local farm implement dealership. He donated those to the museum. Additional items are on loan. Local sponsors donated funds for the building to house the collection.

Today there are more than 1,500 toy farm tractors, equipment and memorabilia for guests to see. While grownups peruse the amazing collection, a kid's area provides children with a farm set where they can play.

The C. W. Parker carousel is another popular attraction. In the 1890s, C. W. Parker spent his last dollar to buy his daughter rides on a carousel instead of purchasing groceries. When he saw the excitement on her face, he decided to get into the carousel business. He began building carousels in Abilene and became so successful that he would become known as the 'Amusement King.'

In 1976, the Dickinson

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INSIGHT – County Fair Season

By Chuck Voelker
Montgomery County rancher

As we enter July, that can only mean one thing. Well, it actually could mean many things, but in this case, it means county fair season is about to begin. All across the land families are preparing for county fairs.

Some kids are putting the finishing touches on arts and crafts, woodworking and robotics projects. Some are adding more feed to their animals' diets to achieve the minimum weight requirements, while others are reducing caloric intake so as not to get too big. Or, as was the case in our family, it's time to start thinking about what items to create for exhibition. Just as long as the paint, glue or finish was dry by the time it reached the fairgrounds, that was the ultimate goal.

I feel extremely fortunate to have had some outstanding mentors and 4-H club leaders during my teen years. I'm also very grateful to have been a member of a club with several fellow high schoolers. Competing for the county fair herdmanship award meant a lot to us, and we tried to instill that responsibility in the younger members. Before long, a broom and/or a pitchfork was constantly in someone's hands, helping keep the aisles and the animals' stalls or pens spic and span.

Another favorite activity from back in the day was the ever-important model meeting contest. Our club members and leaders placed a major emphasis on this, and we made sure everyone participated to their best ability. Again, having many older members helped provide for practically perfect parliamentary procedure parts. Addressing the president, being recognized, then stating "I move" was stressed as the proper and only beginning phrase when making a motion. To this day, I cringe whenever I hear phrases like "I make a motion" or "I'd like to motion". I'm no parliamentary law expert by any means, but I do enjoy a respectable question of privilege now and then. And, there's nothing like a good old-fashioned "call for the question" to end debate and proceed to an immediate vote.

4-H and the extension service runs deep in my family as well as my wife's. Over time, relatives (or ourselves) have been or currently are: 4-H agents, Program Development Committee members, club leaders, project leaders, state winning judging team coaches and team members, county and district extension board members and officers, state project award winners, fair board members, county fair judges, state extension staff and a State Extension Advisory Council President.

Per the National 4-H Council, according to a long-term study by Tufts University, 4-H members are nearly four times more likely to contribute to their communities and twice as likely to be civically active, make healthier choices, and pursue STEM programs. In addition, they are 40 percent more likely to pursue a college degree and twice as likely to obtain vocational/technical training or serve in the military. Furthermore, 4-H members are 20 percent more likely to hold leadership roles in their schools or communities.

I highly encourage everyone to visit a fair near you this year. Youngsters and families alike have spent countless hours, sleepless nights, endured sibling feuds, shed a few tears, grumbled and complained, whined, moaned and baked countless cookies just to get a handful good enough for presentation. By the way, I've eaten a lot of red ribbon cookies in my day, but they were well worth the journey to see practice make perfect come fair time.

Take time to ask a 4-H member about their project, whether it be in a barn, the wash rack, a display case or on a table. It's great communication skills practice for the kids, and even better community involvement for you. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and we should all do our part to see that they have the best opportunities for growth, learning and all levels of success and achievement. There's absolutely nothing wrong with helping to "make the best better."

State of Kansas
Township

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of
Clear Creek Township
Pottawatomie County
will meet onJuly 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM at 14225 Highway 16, Westmoreland KS 66549 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*
Fire Protection			6,741	2.731	16,295	5,613	2.755
Total	0	0.000	6,741	2.731	16,295	5,613	2.755
					*Fire Protection Revenue Neutral Rate***		*2.755*
Total Tax Levied:							
Fire Protection	0		5,613		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Fire Protection	0		2,055,545		2,037,628		

Fund	Expenditures	Actual Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Rate*	Budget Auth.	Ad Valorem	Est. Tax Rate*
General	9,703	2.742	10,869		532		
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Special Machinery							
Totals	9,703	2.742	10,869	0.000	532	0	0.000
					*Clear Creek Township Revenue Neutral Rate***		*0.000*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	9,703		10,869		532		
Total Tax Levied:							
Township	8,439		0		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	3,077,597		3,012,610		2,978,871		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur Princ	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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

Darrel Stelter
Township Officer