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Notice

STOP Pottawatomie County Data Center!

If you're a PT County resident, eligible to vote, and interested in our community, sign the petition for a three year moratorium on the data center at the Onaga Country Market.

Notice

August 23, 2:00 New Hope Lutheran Church - is sponsoring a Non-Denominational Grief Share support group.

Informational meeting - Group starts on Oct 4 at 2:00 and runs for 13 weeks. For more information contact Kay Zeit 785-207-5023.

Notice

August 30, Benefit sponsored by HOWD for Wyatt Rager 11:00 to 2:00 at the Onaga Community Center. Raffle sponsored by Congregational Church. Donations for raffle can be made by contacting a member of the Congregational Church.

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Thank You

I would like to thank my children and grandkids for the great birthday party that they had for me at Redbud last week. Also some of the staff who helped. I had a surprise visit from my son Danny, his wife Susan and her granddog Luke from Tucson, Arizona. I had many visitors including some of the residents from Redbud and also received many cards. I read every one of them. Thank you very much again. I'm lucky to have such a loving family and friends.

Mary McDougal

Senior Center Menus

785-889-4402

Aug 10-14

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

Tues: Chicken Tenders or Salmon Patty, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli, Peach Crisp, Bread, Milk

Wed: BBQ Chicken, Baby Bakers Cauliflower, Carrots, Rosy Applesauce, Roll, Milk

Thurs: Beef Stroganoff Noodles, Stewed Tomatoes, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Roll, Milk

Fri: Ham Loaf, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegtables, Apricots, Roll, Milk

Activities

Mon: Health Nurses @ 1:00

Tues: Chair Yoga @ 10:30

Wed: Cards @ 1:00

Thurs: Chamber Meeting

Notice Misprint

There was a misprint in the July 30th edition. In the heading of the Redbud article the headline should have printed as Redbud Plaza Assisted Living Receives Deficiency-Free Survey Certificate from KDADS. We apologize for the misprint.

Back To School Shopping Early

by Pat Melgares

The National Retail Federation reported in mid-July that American families have gotten a head start on back-to-school shopping this year in hopes of saving a few dollars at the checkout stand.

The Washington D.C.-based group said affordability is a concern for American families, as well as a top priority for retailers.

Kansas State University family systems specialist Elizabeth Kiss says families are wise to start back-to-school shopping early. Doing so, she says, helps them find the best deals, and spread out spending over several paychecks.

Kiss offered some tips on helping families stay within their budget when shopping for back-to-school items.

Restock, Replace, Refresh

Some items left from last school year may still be useful this year, said Kiss, who suggests starting by shopping around the home. "Take stock of what you need, in terms of clothing, shoes, back-to-school supplies, technology and other items," she said. "Shop your closet; look to see what might be passed down to the next younger child. For clothes, you can shop the 'gently-used' stores or garage sales or places like that."

Start early and compare prices

"You should comparison shop for anything, really, but definitely for back-to-school items," Kiss said. In addition to comparing between local businesses, consumers may find deals online – though delivery costs may chip away at the savings.

Starting early also helps families spread expenses between multiple paychecks. "There are surveys that indicate consumers do not feel pressured (spreading out purchases)," Kiss said,

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Bucks Grove

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These tribes will eventually form a nation and then split into two nations, Israel and Judah. Both of these nations will fall to the Babylonians. Israel ceases to exist in 586 BC and won't be re-established until the 20th century. The history of Israel is important to us because they are our spiritual forefathers.

The stories in Genesis tell us the history of the Jewish people and God's special relationship with them. In our reading from Romans Paul is very unhappy because many of the Jews aren't accepting Jesus as the Messiah and can no longer lay claim to the promise.

Pastor Dawn told us that not all of Abraham's natural descendants are the children of the promise. Ishmael was his son but his descendants are called Ishmaelites, not Israelites. Esau was also an heir of the promise of Abraham but his descendants are the Edomites and enemies of Israel. By these examples we see that it is not the children of the flesh that matter but only those who are chosen by God as His spiritual children.

We are told that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. The idea of spreading the promise of Abraham to all nations is found at the very beginning. God knew what He was doing. He started out selective, choosing to favor one people and not another. But now, through Jesus Christ all are invited, We are not the new chosen ones, but only the newest adopted children in the family of God.

Prayers are asked for Denny Ashcraft as he had a nasty accident on a horse. Mary Ringel reported they went to Lyle McDougal's 90th birthday and saw many nieces and nephews they hadn't seen in some time. Betty Bernritter told us that she had had tests run and is still holding her own against the cancer.

Services ended with Communion, the Benediction and the song "Be Thou My Vision".

Connection Is The Answer

by Leah Hendrickson

The human race has never been more connected to one another. We can reach family, friends and strangers across the world in mere seconds. Despite this alleged connectedness, loneliness is everywhere. The U.S. Surgeon General referred to loneliness as an epidemic that is literally killing us, stating that lacking social connection can increase the risk for premature death as much as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day. We all know smoking is dangerous, so why do we ignore the danger of loneliness? Ignoring it won't make it go away.

Human connection is crucial to our survival, and it isn't something technology can manufacture for us. Connection allows us to feel seen, heard, and valued. Most importantly, it allows us to feel like we belong. Belonging is a foundational, biological need. We are social creatures who need one another to survive. For early humans, being in a group increased the odds of survival. Rejection meant isolation which, at that time, meant death. No wonder it physically hurts to be rejected or lonely! Our brain is desperately alerting us that we are in danger. We need to start paying attention and stop trying to override the signal.

As a health professional, I have yet to come across a single person who doesn't feel lonely. Many of us do nothing about it due to fear of rejection, fear of judgment, and a lack of confidence in how to connect with others. So what do we do? First, we need to remind ourselves that we all deserve to belong and to love and be loved. We all have value and no one can take that from us.

To connect and feel we belong, we need to put ourselves out there. Yes, it's scary and we won't always be successful but you try anyway. And you try again. Finding common ground and being willing to listen is vital. Listening doesn't mean being in agreement; it means recognizing and respecting another person's human experience, allowing them to feel seen and heard.

To feel seen and heard yourself, you'll need to be a little vulnerable. This is often where people stop. Vulnerability feels like risk, and it is. But it's a necessary one. Sharing about yourself appropriately helps build trust, and trust is the foundation of any relationship. Start small. You don't need to bare your soul to a stranger. Tell someone what you're actually enjoying lately, admit when you're having a hard week, or simply say "I miss you." These small acts of openness signal to another person that you're real, approachable, and wanting to connect. More often than not, they'll reciprocate.

We also need to be present. This is tough when the world is full of stimuli competing for our attention. We must sit with the temporary discomfort of presence in order to rid ourselves of the chronic discomfort of loneliness. Set aside your device, ask someone about their day, and be curious. Share a meal, go for a walk, play cards, or simply sit with another human being. Take the risk of connection. We already know where loneliness leads.

Local News

by Teresa Kathke

Thursday evening, Ed and Donna Bryan went to Onaga to watch the Ronnebaum ball team play.

Friday, Donna Bryan and Brooke Ronnebaum went to the Discovery Center in Topeka with Josephine Harris and Dorothy and Carter Cline.

Friday evening, Ed and Donna Bryan had their evening meal at the fairgrounds.

Saturday, the Bryans went in town to watch the Ronnebaum team play ball again and ate lunch while there.

Sunday, Donna Bryan went to town to watch the fair parade.

On Wednesday, Karen Moore & Kevin Lefebvre surprised Sandy Blow by coming to the Sr Center for lunch with her.

Wednesday evening, Sandy rode down with Kelsey and Dalton Blow for supper with Andrea and Jerry Jackson; Kody and Morgan Jackson, Harper, Hallie and Heath; Dustin, Brynnlee and Baker Blow; also Kevin and Kathy Lefebvre. That was in Wamego.

Wednesday was Sandy Blows 80th birthday!

Sunday, Karen Moore, Brain Moore and Sandy Blow went to Emporia to help Austin Blow celebrate his 33rd birthday. Also there were Logan,-Maleeah and Nova Blow plus Sadie Devin.

Diane Roggenkamp helped her grandsons get their chicken entries to the fairgrounds this week. One of Kenworth's hens received a purple ribbon. His and his brother Mack had others entered and received blue ribbons on some of the other entries. Her grandsons also received purple and blue ribbons on their entries in their Lego entries.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Wheaton
will meet on August 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Wheaton Fire Station - 406 Main St, Wheaton, KS 66521 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate.
Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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 for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget for 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	26,570	19.928	94,967	20.016	49,749	13,525	20.017
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	665		6,711		2,830		
Sewer	12,414		26,398		28,294		
Non-Budgeted Funds	6,239						
Totals	45,888	19.928	128,076	20.016	80,873	13,525	20.017
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*19.454*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	45,888		128,076		80,873		
Total Tax Levied	11,725		13,146		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	588,376		656,765		675,685		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	80,000	75,000	70,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	80,000	75,000	70,000

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

Kay Zeit, Mayor
City Official Title: City Official

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Sherman Township
Pottawatomie County
will meet onAugust 25, 2026 at 8:00 PM at 15725 Godlove Rd, Wheaton, 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate.
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			2,081	2.999	2,085	2,085	2.999
Total	0	0.000	2,081	2.999	2,085	2,085	2.999
						Fire Protection Revenue Neutral Rate	*2.990*
Total Tax Levied:							
Fire Protection	0		2,081		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Fire Protection	0		693,932		695,151		

Fund	Expenditures	Actual Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Rate*	Budget Expenditure	2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Est. Tax Rate*
General	9,131	3.657	5,500	0.650	4,728	1,574	0.638
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Special Machinery							
Totals	9,131	3.657	5,500	0.650	4,728	1,574	0.638
						Sherman Township Revenue Neutral Rate	*0.642*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	9,131		5,500		4,728		
Total Tax Levied:							
Township	8,895		1,574		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	2,432,186		2,421,995		2,466,622		

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*

Gary Blume
Township Officer