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Four days of \$2 BAG SALE - September 3, 10, 11, 12 on summer clothes for the entire family, excluding jeans and shoes. Then summer clothes will be gone.

Pack N Play, Back Packs, some school supplies, books, Camp stove, Light fixtures.

Beautiful wine glasses, dinnerware, home decorations, picture frames, kitchen items, coffee makers, large air fryer, curtains and bedding.

Leg brace. Free scrubs for medical workers.

We cannot accept large furniture items nor car seats.

Notice

“BHS Construction invites you to submit a bid for the USD 322-ONAGA-HAVENSVILLE-WHEATON ELEMENTARY ADDITION & RENOVATIONS project, bid date 9-10-26 @ 2PM. Bid Invitation can be obtained by contacting Jed Rose with BHS Construction at 785-537-2068. Subcontractor prequalification is required.”

Thank You

Our family would like to thank everyone who supported us during our mother's illness and following her passing. Your prayers, cards, flowers, kind words, and stories you shared meant so much to us. We would also like to thank the doctors, nurses, and all the hospital staff for the care, kindness, and compassion you showed to both our mother and all of us. We are deeply grateful.

The family of Erma Kufahl

**WANT ADS
PAY BIG
TIME!**

Family Reunion

The annual Henry and Lizzie Graf family potluck dinner is scheduled for September 13th at 12:30 p.m. at the Onaga Senior Center, 200 Bypass Rd. Drinks and table service provided. Hosts are the George Graf family.

School Menus

Sept 7 – 11

Breakfast

Mon: No School

Tues: Breakfast Piz-za and Toast or Cereal/
Poptart, Fruit, Juice & Milk
Wed: Waffle & Sausage
Link or Cereal/Poptart,
Fruit, Juice & Milk

Thurs: Biscuit & Gravy
or Cereal/Poptart, Fruit,
Juice & Milk

Fri: Bagel and Toast
or Cereal/Poptart, Fruit,
Juice & Milk

Lunch

Mon: No School

Tues: “Birthday Dinner”
Chicken Tenders, French
Fries, Corn, Biscuit, Cake,
Fruit & Vegetable Choices,
Milk

Wed: Soft Taco, Beef or
Chicken, Refried Beans,
Cinnamon Twist, Fruit &
Vegetable Choices, Milk

Thurs: Pizza Surprise or
Kansas Philly Chees-
esteak, Cheesestick, Fruit
& Vegetable Choices, Milk
Fri: “Grandparents Day”
Salisbury Steak, Mashed
Potatoes, Roll, Green
Beans, Fruit & Vegetable
Choices, Milk

Senior Center

Menus

785-889-4402

Sept 7 - 11

Mon: CLOSED

Tues: Sweet & Sour
Pork over Rice, Broccoli,
Carrots, Lime Pears,
Bread, Milk

Wed: Hot Turkey Sand,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Mixed Veggies, Bread, Fruit
Crisp, Milk

Thurs: Cheesy Beef &
Mac, California Blend,
Peas, Fruit Cocktail,
Bread, Milk

Fri: Fish/Ribette, Po-
tato Wedges, Corn,
Fruit Salad, Bun, Milk

Activities

Mon: CLOSED

Tues: Chair Yoga @
10:30

Wed: Cards @ 1:00

Local News

by Teresa Kathke

Saturday, Diane at-
tended the birthday par-
ty of Brody Morehead in
Manhattan.

Saturday, Mary and
Rich Gatza went to Man-
hattan for the birthday
party of her grandson
Brody Morehead. Even
though it was hot, after
the cake and opening his
gifts the kids and some
adults had a lot of fun
outside going after each
other with Silly String and
jumping in the pool.

Tuesday morning, Xan-
dria Gent and her children
Aryn and Frankie went to
see her grandma Mary
McDougal at Redbud.

Wednesday, Mary went
to the Senior Center for
lunch with her daughter
Diane.

Saturday, Teresa
Kathke picked up her
mother Mary McDougal
to attend the 8th birthday
party of Teresa's great
grandson and Mary's
great great grandson
Brody Morehead. They
picked up her daughter
Diane Roggenkamp on
the way. They enjoyed
the day and later enjoyed
sandwiches and chips
before returning home.

Teresa Kathke stopped
to visit her mother Mary
McDougal several times
this past week.

Commissioners

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move the lot lines so that those buildings are incor-
porated into another lot,”
he said. “It doesn't cre-
ate any new roads. The
utilities stay the same. It
changes nothing but the
property line. Planning
and zoning approved.”

The commission ap-
proved the request.

Elm Slough Paving
All all right-of-ways
have been secured, the
commission approved
4-1 going out to bid on
the paving project for
Elm Slough Rd. from Flint
Rock to Salzer.

Annexation Hearing
Continuation

So far the county has
received 1,110 ballots, or
about 46 percent, from
Green Valley. The com-
mission set a continua-
tion for the annexation
public hearing for 10 a.m.,
Sept. 21, in the Sunflower
Room, Westmoreland.

Veteran's Plaque

After the meeting, the
county revealed the new-
est plaques on the Pot-
tawatomie County Veter-
an's memorial.

It is for all honorably
discharged who served
in the U.S. Military after
Dec. 31, 1946 and who
reside, or who have re-
sided, in Pottawatomie
County. Names of veter-
ans who served before
Dec. 31, 1946 are dis-
played in the County Of-
fice building, 20 North 1st
St., in Westmoreland.

The county is tak-
ing names for the next
plaque and those forms
can be located online at
pottcounty.org/Veterans.
Challenge coins honoring
Pottawatomie Co. veter-
ans are available at the
County Treasurer's Office
for \$10 and help pay for
the upkeep of the memo-
rial.

Commissioner Reports

• McKee said she was
in KAC meetings where
much of the talk was
about taxes. “State legis-
lators think we can lower
property taxes,” she said,
“but that's all cities and
counties have left. They
took alcohol and ciga-
rettes away. Some rural
counties are losing hos-
pitals.”

She added there was
a meeting in Topeka next
week on property taxes.
“We as commissioners
need to be involved in
that process.”

She also added there
was lots of discussion in
Blue Township over the
Green Valley annexation.
“It's never easy to make
a decision for the long
term.”

• Page said he had little
to report.

• Bill Drew said he
spent some time looking
at roads and ditches with
farmers. “It was a pretty
good tour. Once you get
into a pick up truck with
a farmer, it lasts about
three hours.”

He also noted the State
Farm/Belvue Fire recog-
nition ceremony the fol-
lowing day.

• Gary Yenzer said
things were quiet and he
had very few emails and
a couple of phone calls.
“I did drive my roads and
they're looking good.”

• Force said he had a
few emails and phone
calls. He was also con-
cerned about dust and
sight distance on Myers
Valley road caused by big
trucks hauling silage.

Finally, he commented on
a benefit held the previ-
ous day in Onaga. “It was
for a high school student
with a cancer concern,”
he said. “People from
the area turned out in
droves.”

Community Health

Boosts Personal Health

by K-State Extension news service

Most folks generally
accept that maintaining
good health includes an
annual visit to the doc-
tor to check their heart,
teeth, ears and more.

But, community health
expert Elaine Johannes
says there's more to per-
sonal health than some
may realize.

“The Robert Wood
Johnson Foundation,
American Community
Survey, Kaiser Family
Foundation, along with
our own Kansas Health
Foundation acknowledge
that much of our overall
health is related to the
places that we live, learn,
work, play and pray,”
said Johannes, the Kan-
sas Health Foundation's
Distinguished Professor
of Community Health at
Kansas State University.

Johannes said re-
search indicates that
being engaged in one's
communities is connect-
ed to living longer and
being healthier.

“So,” she says, “we
should look for oppor-
tunities to be civically
engaged, and be aware
of opportunities to volun-
teer, become involved in
clubs and organizations,
vote and contribute to lo-
cal community improve-
ment projects. That's part
of civic health.”

The National Con-
ference on Citizenship,
which has studied civic
life for more than ten
years, reports that com-
munities with higher em-
ployment rates, stronger
schools, greater access
to libraries, sources for
timely information and
responsive governments
have better health among
its residents.

According to Jo-
hannes, civic health re-
flects the opportunities
people have to partici-
pate in their communities,
and can be summed up in
three areas:

Places – Healthy com-
munities have places
where people can get
together formally or in-
formally, such as festivals
in a city park; or a library
with extended hours.

Processes – Healthy
communities make it eas-
ier for residents to have

their voices heard. Some
examples: Are voting
processes easily under-
stood? Do people know
how to voice their sup-
port for new projects or
changes in ordinances?
Can people participate
in local city or county
meetings in-person and
online?

People – In healthy
communities, people get
involved as volunteers
and in other roles. People
are socially engaged and
active.

“When social capital
is in place – places, pro-
cesses and people – the
community is stronger,”
Johannes said. “Then,
the overall health of the
people in the communi-
ty improves. And there's
research that shows that
civic health matters to
our physical and mental
health.”

In May 2026, the na-
tional Civic Information
Index report and interac-
tive dashboard revealed
community health im-
provements due to com-
munity-led information
and access efforts, Jo-
hannes said.

The bi-annual report,
produced through Brown
University with funding
from the MacArthur Foun-
dation, includes links to
civic rankings.

“Through the dash-
board, the public can see
how Kansas counties are
doing across civic partici-
pation, access to infor-
mation, voter registration,
public places to meet and
affiliate as well as hous-
ing affordability and other
measures of place and
community health,” Jo-
hannes said.

“Kansas is similar to
our neighboring states
when it comes to having
higher than the nation-
al rate of membership in
social associations. For
Kansas, it's a rate of 13
organizational affiliations
as compared to nine na-
tionally. However, about
a third of adults frequent-
ly feel lonely and isolated
in spite of their member-
ships. Thirty-two percent
of adult Kansans report
feeling lonely, 31% of
adult Nebraskans, and
33% of lowans as com-
pared to 34% adults na-
tionally.”

Johannes adds: “Re-
search shows that coun-
ties and communities that
have more civic partici-
pation and more oppor-
tunities to affiliate, have
healthier residents. It
comes down to relation-

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Celebrating the 250th
September 5-October 4
310 East 2nd Steet in Onaga, KS.
Tues. 1-8 PM, W-Sun. 1-4 PM

Onaga Historical Society will host “Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy,” a traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. “Declaration 1776” uses primary sources to illustrate how Americans and people across the world have been inspired by the Declaration in their pursuit of equality and self-determination. The Kansas “Declaration 1776” traveling exhibition includes a section called “Kansas 1776,” which looks at what was happening on the land that would become the state of Kansas 250 years ago. There are 8 panels to view plus our military and other exhibits. Free event for the family!



**ANNUAL FALL
HEALTH FAIR
&
COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER**

Onaga Community Hospital

Saturday, October 3, 2026
7:30 am to 10: 30 am

FREE Community Baby Shower
Drawings and Prizes
Birth Center Tours

Low Cost Labs - \$35
Add PSA for \$20
Add Vitamin D for \$20

Call 785-889-4241 to schedule. Choose option 1 for the Onaga Clinic.
Walk-ins also welcome.

Community HealthCare System
of Kansas

www.chcsks.org.

Free
Pancake
Breakfast

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Navy Federal Credit Union

Plaintiff,

vs.

Nallely Shapiro; Nicholas Shapiro; Foundation Finance Company LLC; Time Investment Company, Inc.; Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc.,

Defendants.

Case No. PT-2026-CV-000060

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

The State Of Kansas, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased spouses of any defen-

dants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Forty-two (42), Whispering Meadows, Unit Two, a Subdivision in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, commonly known as 9911 Laverder Ln, Manhattan, KS 66502-1531 (the “Prop-

erty”) and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the October 7, 2026, in the District Court of Pottawatomie County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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