

Greenwood County Historical Society - submitted by Robin Himes, museum director

The June 3 meeting of the Greenwood County Historical Society board was called to order by President Mike Pitko.

Those present were: John Bills, Dusty Booth, Kevin Hough, Taylor Hunt, Jamie Lindamood, Dana Mills, Kent Olson, Pitko, Gib Rhodes, Stan Skaer, Jan Stephens and Museum Director Robin Himes.

The minutes of the April 1 board meeting were read. There were no changes or corrections. Hough moved to accept the minutes. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Treasurer Olson reported that the reports from Colangelo's still had errors so he worked directly with Greg Colangelo to make corrections. He shared that due to the fluctuations in the market their investments were down about \$2,000.

The settlement on the investments that were lost has been received.

Olson said he would get more information when their investment advisor is available.

Olson reported that the Claycomb Account looks right.

Mills moved and Rhodes seconded to approve all past treasurer's reports.

The museum had 45 visitors in the last two months. These were from Kansas, Wisconsin, Norway, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Missouri. They had between 40 and 45 attend the party for the opening of the "Brides of Greenwood County" display on Sunday evening, June 1.

Sylvia Reynolds Eskes and her husband Dr. Alfred Eskes visited the museum with a guest from Norway, Kirsti Bergh-Kauf. Bergh-Kauf and S. Reynolds Eskes met in Norway while S. Reynolds Eskes was there promoting the work of a Norwegian composer. She was knighted

by the King of Norway for her efforts.

After visiting the museum, they visited the Upper Fall River Lutheran Church, Lapland area and Olson farm. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Norwegians immigrating to America.

The Eskes are actively involved with the Chase County Museum and may be interested with partnering with the Greenwood County Historical Society.

The museum received two communications that were shared with the board. The first was a thank you note from Justin Buchman who was the Barbara Robison Nicholas scholarship recipient for 2025. The second communication was from Tammy Porter expressing appreciation for the "Here Come the Brides of Greenwood County" party that she and her husband attended on June 1.

Hunt told the board members that the visitors from Wichita (mentioned above) had shown interest in becoming members and that he had asked secretary Kim Gorman to send him the membership information so that it could be put on the website. He asked if the group would want to collect the membership fees online as well and explained the process and steps that would need to be taken to do this. Other fees could be collected in this way as well - research fees and donations to the Claycomb School project as examples. This would involve setting up an account through Stripe. He explained what the fees would be to go through this service. Mills moved and Stephens seconded to have Hunt set this up.

In other business, Museum Director Himes reported that the museum is signed up to participate in

the Sunflower Summer Program again this summer. The dates for this are July 12 through August 3. Himes and Gorman will have to do training and the dates for this have not been released yet.

The museum participated in this last year and made between \$50 and \$100 through people enrolled in the program visiting the museum.

An ad for the museum has been placed in the 2026 Kansas Travel Guide.

Pitko informed the board that there hasn't been any progress on the restoration on the Claycomb School so far but are close to starting on the underside.

The four windows are in and waiting to be installed. They are composite, 4-pane windows in the style that was in the building originally.

Olson shared information about the fire captain's cap belonging to Captain (Cap) Mahlon Souders, recently donated to the museum by his great-grandson, Mason Branstetter. Souders served as a Eureka fireman from 1900-1955, with 38 of those years as fire chief/captain. He was born in the Severy area in 1875. In 1917, during Cap's first year as captain, the department's first motorized engine, a Reo, was put into commission.

Himes shared information about the wedding dress display and encouraged board members who had not been through it to visit it before they left after the meeting.

Stephens explained about plans for upcoming Fifth Monday events. On June 30, the museum will be open in the evening for more visitors to come to the wedding dress display. Times will be determined. The museum will possibly have a program on the Atom Pop Popcorn business from Quincy for their

September Fifth Monday.

The museum was open on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for Eureka Days.

Pitko and Himes described some of the projects Secretary Gorman has been working on since she began working for the Historical Society in February.

Mills reported from the Scholarship Committee about

the excellent essay submitted by their scholarship recipient.

Rhodes informed the board about the program Bills gave in Severy on schools in that area. Bills added that about 60 people attended.

Rhodes also shared that Hartzel Storrer had passed away at the age of 105. He told a little about her time as a school teacher in Greenwood

County and the field trip that he took with her when she was 103. They visited schools (or areas where schools had been) where she taught.

Hough moved and Mills seconded to give the two Historical Society employees, Himes and Gorman, an hourly raise. The motion passed.

Hough moved to adjourn the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICES  
"Because The People Must Know"

(Published in *The Eureka Herald* Wednesday, Jun. 18, 2025)

The City of Eureka's Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall for the purpose of discussing a request for a Special Use Permit located at: Block 006, S 50' of N 150', Bitlers Addition, Section 02, Township 26, Range 10E Eureka, Greenwood County, Kansas otherwise known as 115 N. Maple currently zoned "Single - Family Dwelling". The Special Use Permit is to be considered for a Child Care Center.

Karen Simon, Secretary  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
Eureka, KS

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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall in the City of Eureka for the purpose of discussing a change of zoning at: The following described property to wit: Bitlers 2nd Addition, Block 19, S150' of W 150', Section 02, Township 26, Range 10E otherwise known as 802 E. 2nd changing from "R-1" Single - Family Dwelling District to "R-3" Multiple Family Dwelling.

Karen Simon, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall in the City of Eureka, before the Board of Zoning Appeals for the purpose of hearing recommendations for or objections to property located at: Irregular tracts 02-26-10, Beg 170' W of NE/C SE/4, N 241.4', W 90', S 241.4' E 90' to POB, Section 02, Township 26, Range otherwise known 417 S. Kansas currently zoned, "R-1" Single Family Dwelling. The request is for a variance allowing owner to build a structure (shed) on a vacant lot without a principal building which does not meet the building regulations set forth by Eureka City Zoning Ordinance #3908.

Karen Simon, Secretary  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
Eureka, KS

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: June 18, 2025  
Expires: June 25, 2025 (Must be a minimum of 7 days after date of publication & not on a weekend)

Grantee Name: City of Eureka, Kansas  
Address: 309 N. Oak Street  
Eureka, KS 67045  
Telephone Number: (620) 583-6140

On or after June 26, 2025, The City of Eureka, Kansas will submit a request to the State of Kansas for the release of Federal Funds from the Community Development Block Grant program under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Project Number: 24-PF-004  
Project Name: City of Eureka, Kansas, 2024 CDBG Community Facilities Program  
Project Type: Rehabilitation of Memorial Hall  
Project Location: 309 N. Oak Street, Eureka, KS 67045  
Estimated HUD/CDBG Funds\$282,867  
Estimated Total Project Cost: \$368,157

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Eureka, 309 N. Oak Street, and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Eureka, 309 N. Oak Street, Eureka, KS 67045. All comments received by June 25, 2025 will be considered by The City of Eureka prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Eureka certifies to the State of Kansas that Steve Coulter capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Kansas's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows The City of Eureka, Kansas to use HUD/CDBG program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Kansas will accept objections to its release of funds and the grantee's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the grantee; (b) the grantee has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Kansas; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant of 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Kansas Department of Commerce, CDBG Program, 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612. Potential objectors should contact Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steve Coulter, Mayor  
Name and Title of Certifying Officer  
City of Eureka  
309 N. Oak Street  
Eureka, KS 67045  
Name and Address of Grantee

(Jun. 18, 2025)

GREENWOOD COUNTY HISTORY  
Eureka, A live Town - submitted by Mike Pitko

An article in the February issue of the 1923 *Eureka Herald* reviewed the various building projects that had taken place over the last twelve months in Eureka.

"Eureka is not booming, but it is moving at a rapid pace and is enjoying a growth which many towns would herald as a big boom, and it has been going on for more than a year.

"More residences have been built in Eureka during the past year than in any similar period of time in the town's history. Carpenters, plasterers, painters, plumbers and mechanics of all kinds have been in great demand.

"Eureka has long had as fine of business blocks and business streets as any town its size in the state, but also in this section of the town there have been many improvements during the past twelve months. The Leader Garage, (*Seventh and Main Streets and is still there*) a beautiful brick and concrete building, was completed in November 1922, the Grove Block, a modern two-story office building, was completed about the same time. (*North of the Christian Congregational Church, later burned, Eureka Federal Savings built there, now Jackson Bros.*) The New Masonic temple, being erected at a cost of \$65,000, will be ready for occupancy this spring. (*later burned and replaced by the post office at Third and Oak Streets*) Bonds in a similar amount have been voted for the erection of the Community Building (*Memorial Hall*) to be built at once, (finished

in 1924). The Lyndon Hotel (*where the public library is now*) and Brown Palace are beginning to accommodate the increasing patronage of the popular hotels. \$85,000 is being spent in building a new grade school building, (*Random School at Seventh and Sycamore Streets, gone now*)

"Other public improvements to Eureka include 60 blocks of new pavement which is being laid at this time, making in all fifteen miles of paved streets, an amount double that of any other town its size in Kansas. An appropriation of \$55,000 has been made for water works extensions.

"Notwithstanding all these improvements, rental properties, both business and residence, are at a premium in Eureka. Every house that is built can be rented under contract at a profitable figure before the foundation is completed.

"Oil" is the magic word that has brought unprecedented prosperity to Eureka and Greenwood County and oil is the commodity that is bringing wealth untold to those who had the courage, the faith and the capital to develop this wonder field.

"Greenwood County is a vast territory and much wildcatting remains to be done, but a number of rich pools of oil, the Eureka, the Sallyards, the Teter, the Thrall, the Allen and Burkett, the Virgil, the Seeley, and others have been developed. Greenwood County is now the banner oil producing county in Kansas. December and January reports show more new wells

completed and production secured in Greenwood County than in any other county in the state. Eureka is the logical center of the field. The big business of developing this wonderful territory will be carried on from Eureka, the supplies will be shipped and trucked from here, the heads of the various producing companies and many of the workmen will live here. Small wonder, then, that Eureka is experiencing what many towns would call a boom."

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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513 Pinto Rd Yates Center, Ks. • Kevin and Vicki Boyle 6 miles south of Yates Center on Hwy 75, turn east on 50<sup>th</sup> Rd (aka Rose Rd) go 2 miles east to Pinto Rd and turn north.

Kevin and Vicki are downsizing.

Guns and Knives: NOTE: There will be an FFL on site the day of auction and all firearms will go through the FFL the day of sale. Buyers of firearms will pay the fee to the FFL for the paperwork! Fee for paperwork will be \$20.00 per gun! Sporting: Trailers: Shop and Tools: Appliances and household: Misc.

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