

From the Record

The Osborne County Commissioners met April 28, 2025. Those present: Rex Johnston, Craig Pottberg, Troy Schaefer and Heather Betzold, County Clerk.

Pottberg called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. in chambers.

Richard Dietz, Attorney, met with commissioners to discuss the revised agreement on the Old Hospital. Discussion was held on the clarification on parking lot access license.

Bob Conway, Noxious Weed, met with commissioners to discuss a trailer for Gator. Johnston made a motion to approve the annual report and the 2025 Management Plan; Schaefer second. Vote: all motion carried.

Terry Nichols, R&B, met with commissioners to discuss culvert inventory bids, landfill fees, upcoming R&B meeting, Governor Safety Road Grant Award, City Wide Cleanup waivers, equipment repairs, and tire fees. Johnston made a motion to approve culvert bids from Sweeney for \$25,681.98, Schaefer second. Motion carried. Discussion was also held on a letter from citizen Doug Norris, discussing landfill fees. Commissioners will respond within 30 days.

Tire Discussion was held on Sturgeon & Tire Alignment on tire disposal.

Donicio Rivera, Western Child Advocacy, met with commissioners to discuss annual reports, services they provide, and 2026 budget request.

Casey Frasier, Foley Equipment, met with commissioners to discuss cat's motor grader rebuild program.

Tommy Bowler, Maintenance, met with commissioners to discuss furnace for Health Dept., KONE elevator, extension front, and replace fire panel.

Schaefer made a motion to approve checks & vouchers for the amount of 64,500.83, Johnston second. Motion carried.

George Eakin, Osborne Industries, met with commissioners to discuss revising the agreement on the old hospital.

Schaefer made a motion to accept April 14, 2025 minutes as presented, Johnston second. Motion carried. Pottberg made a motion to accept April 24, 2025 Special meeting with an addition, Johnston second. Motion carried.

Schaefer made a motion to accept the R&L Fire Security Specialist bid for a new fire panel for \$2,936, Pottberg second. Motion carried.

Betzold presented SVT Fundraiser Miles & Miles of Prizes Fundraiser information to commissioners.

Schaefer made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$168,444.58, Johnston second. Motion carried.

Schaefer made a motion to accept the Cost Allocation Plan for IVE-Foster Care Legal Representative, Pottberg second. Motion carried.

Schaefer made a motion to approve transfer voucher 2025-18 for \$39,310.09; 2025-19 for \$925.46; 2025-20 for \$50.60; Johnston second. Motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed KCAMP loss Ratio Award and KNRC Prairie Chicken Overturn.

Pottberg made a motion to update GIS ownership and order 25 rural directories, Schaefer second. Motion carried.

Johnston made a motion to order 50 Veteran Grave Markers from Carrot Top, Schaefer second. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed Tax Exempt Value, KCCA meeting, website and 2026 budgets.

Johnston made a motion to recess to 1 p.m. for lunch at 12:12 p.m., Schaefer second. Motion carried.

Craig Poe, Kaley Conner, & Paul Gregory, High Plains Mental Health, met with commissioners to discuss annual report, 2026 budget request and services provided.

Pottberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m., Johnston second. Motion carried.

Obituaries

Gerald W. Macha

Gerald Wesley Macha, age 86, Gaylord, Kan., passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney, Neb.

Gerald was born the youngest child of Albert and Rosa (Velharticky) Macha on May 24, 1938, on the family farm in Hawkeye Township, Osborne County, Kan. He graduated from Alton High School in 1958.

Following high school, Gerald worked in bridge construction, and eventually joined Peterson Industries in Smith Center, Kansas until his retirement.

Survivors include nephews and nieces.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and all six of his siblings.

Arrangements entrusted to the Rentschler Family Mortuaries.

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James R. Quillen

James Richard "Dick" Quillen of Lenexa, Kansas, passed away on April 25, 2025, at the age of 89. He was born February 25, 1936, in Osborne, Kan., to Allen Quillen and Florence (Gordon) Quillen.

James graduated from Kearney High School in Kearney, Neb., in 1954, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country from 1954 to 1960. After his service, James returned to Osborne where he met the love of his life, Patricia Shinn. They were married on August 14, 1960, after just six dates—a beautiful beginning to a lifelong love story.

Dick began his civilian public service career with the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department as a grain sampler, weigher, and inspector. After ten years of dedicated service to the state, he joined the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as an A.C.G. Grain Inspector for five years. He spent the last 19 years of his career as a senior board member on the USDA Board of Appeal and Review before retiring in 1994.

Though his career took them many places, Dick and Patricia made their permanent home in Lenexa, Kan., in 1979, where they created countless memories with family and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister, a grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Patricia Quillen of the home; and their children, son, Allen Quillen, daughter Marlene Lobner and husband Mike, Olathe; son Duane Quillen and wife Leslie, Ottawa; daughter, Charlene Kaup and husband David, Kansas City; brother, Jim Martell and wife Carla, Kiowa, Colo., and brother, Ronnie Forney and wife Kath, Calif.

He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Amber Bolling (Zach Alspach), Wellsville; Jessica Meissner (Josh Owen), Olathe; Christopher Lobner and wife Katie, Gardner; Alex Quillen and Aaron Quillen, Ottawa; as well as five great-grandchildren: Taylor Bolling, Kinsley Meissner, Heidi Leet, Emmett Lobner, and Caroline Lobner.

Dick will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, as well as a dedicated public servant and a man of deep devotion and unwavering love for his family.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday May 2, 2025 at the Osborne Cemetery.

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Parkview Care Center

compiled by Activity Director Katie Boxum

Boy did April go by quick! Now that it is May it has been time for TONS of fun! Nursing Home Week is coming up next week! We will be kicking off this years theme Tap-estry of Life by throwing it back to the Roaring 20's and Dirty 30's Mon., May 12! With Flapper Girls and Gangsters and all of the Gatsby Crazyed decorations along with it! Tues., May 13 we will be entering the Fabulous 40's and Nifty 50's! Who said having South Pacific playing while at a Soda Shop couldn't be fun? Wed., May 14 we are getting groovy by entering into the Swingin' 60's and Super 70's! Let's boogie and be decked out in tie dye! Thurs., May 15 we enter the BIG 80's and Grungy 90's! Time to pull out those leg warmers and toe socks everyone! And to wrap up our week of Time Traveling we enter into the Future 2000's on Friday May 16th! Who remembers how to "Drop It Like Its Hot" with Snoop? Or heading to Laguna Beach each week? Not only will we be dressing up these days but we have SO much fun planned between Hungry Hippos and Whack a Mole to Fill the Box Behind You and the Parkview BBQ for everyone to enjoy each other's company and play some outdoor games! (weather permitting).

Don't be shy! Come on out and join in on the fun! Even if it isn't for that long of a time, five minutes could be enough for a short little blast to the past visit!

Coming up the week of May 19 we will be doing dominos, cooking club. Our two days of weekly Bingo. We have Resident Council and our weekly ice cream social. Donna has her Thursday Storytime. We will have Garden Club and also a day for manicures!

Employee Spotlight

Minda Huiting

Favorite Drink:
Coffee, Coffee
Coffee



Favorite Hobby:
Canning

Minda is one of our amazing nurses! She has been a staff member here for years. She normally works on our memory care unit but does help over on our west side as well! She is one of the best!

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

FAVORITE SNACK:
COOL RANCH DORITOS

Frankie Pearce



FRANKIE IS A NEW MEMBER TO OUR KITCHEN STAFF. HE JOINED OUR TEAM AS A COOK. HE IS ENJOYED BY THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF. LET'S GIVE HIM A BIG WELCOME SHOUT!

Sumner 4-H Club

The April 27th 2025 Sumner 4-H meeting was called to order by President Addi Poore at 5:04 p.m. The meeting began with a welcome to new members Kinsley Schultze and Kim Tucker. Following the welcome, the club said the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge. Secretary Kayla LaRosh did a roll call by asking what each member's shirt size was for club shirts. There were 10 members, two cloverbud, two leaders and five guests present.

Secretary Kayla read the minutes of the February meeting. She moved to approve the minutes as presented. Levi Cameron seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Zane Poore presented the finance reports for March & April. A beginning balance was reported of \$4,701.39 with two interest deposits of \$0.04 each, leaving an ending balance of \$4,701.47. Bills were presented for the February trip and May Day basket supplies for a total of \$440.39. The 2024-25 budget was presented. Kayla moved to approve the finance report, pay bills and approve the 2025-26 budget as presented. Kody LaRosh seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Old business was discussed. Kayla will do a project talk in May. Cemetery mowing needs to be completed twice before Memorial weekend. The club will meet Sun., May 4 at 1p.m. with a second date TBD. Council meeting topics were discussed including the deadline for fair entry, grand champion award donors needed, fair clean up and fair responsibilities. The final proof of the club shirt was reviewed. Kim Tucker moved to approve the purchase of club shirts. Kinsley Schultze seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New business was discussed. The 2025 fair theme is "Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights". Various ideas for a club booth, fair parade and senior spotlight were discussed. A majority vote decided upon the design elements of the fair elements.

With no other business to discuss, vice-president Jordan Cameron moved to adjourn. Joselyn Arnold seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The club adjourned at 5:32pm

Following the meeting the club enjoyed a snack and drinks provided by the LaRosh family as they created May Day baskets with goodies brought from each family. 20 baskets were created with 13 being delivered as a club and seven being delivered by individual families.

Angus Bulls Private Treaty

BASIN JAMESON SONS, BALL OF FIRE SONS, CONNEALY CRAFTMAN SONS, FERGUSON OUTPACE SONS & YON SALUDA SONS FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY AT THE RANCH.

CALL OR TEXT: 785-476-5345 or send an email to svferg@ruraltel.net and we will be glad to send you a listing of the Bulls with Pedigree, Data and Prices or answer any questions you have.

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Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of our family & friends. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support during this difficult time. We truly appreciate our attendance to our Dad's Memorial Service & celebrating his life with us. While his death has brought a wave of sorrow into all of our lives, we have found great comfort in knowing how many lives he touched through his friendship and humor.

Megan, Doyle, Reide & Eric LaRosh

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Garnett, Kansas, Comprehensive Plan

The City of Garnett requests proposals from qualified consultants or firms to review city comprehensive plan and develop comprehensive plan for the City. The new, updated plan will provide vision, goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City's development and redevelopment for the next 20 to 25 years. The plan will guide the City Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment for the City. The updated plan will integrate all aspects of urban development, including demographics, land use, public facilities and infrastructure, transportation, environmental, and economic growth recommendations. A critical component of the plan will be setting a vision for the City's development and redevelopment, including areas in the City and possible annexation land. The vision component will need to analyze existing and future infrastructure needs and how technology will play a role in community outreach and City operations.

The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

One (1) electronic copy in PDF format, in accordance with this RFP, will be accepted no later than 3:00 PM CST on May 30, 2025 and shall be submitted via the following email address: dwilson@garnettks.net

Full document and information are available at www.simplygarnett.com.

