EHS ATHLETICS



CRYSTAL McGOWEN/For The Erie Record Erie High School junior Kaeleigh Daniels (2) rounds third base against Caney. The games were played at Humboldt due to wet field conditions at Erie.



CRYSTAL McGOWEN/For The Erie Record Erie High School senior catcher Dylan Kirkpatrick (4) works behind the plate.

Graduation

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It's also a time to listen to young people. Graduation speeches, often full of idealism and sincerity, offer a glimpse into what this generation values and dreams about. Instead of seeing the ceremony as the end of a relationship between student and school, we need to see it as the start of a dialogue — an invitation to ask, "What would make you want to stay or come back?"

High school graduation is a uniquely powerful moment. It reveals the closeness of community, the pride in shared achievement, and the vulnerability that comes with letting go. But more than anything, it's a reminder of the promise that exists within every student — the potential not just to leave, but to one day As the music swells and

names are called, we do more than celebrate individual success. We witness the story of our community unfolding, year after year, class after class. And in those moments, we are reminded that even in the quietest corners of the country, big dreams are born — and just maybe, they will find their way home again.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEOSHO COUNTY, **KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of George I. Richard, deceased

Case No.: NOE-2023-PR-300007

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CON-

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Order Admitting Will to Record and for Summary Distribution of Property under the Uniform Testamentary Additions to Trusts Act has been filed in this Court by Stephen Winder, Peti-

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Neosho County Judicial Center, 102 S. Lincoln, Chanute Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Stephen Winder Petitioner

Zackery E. Reynolds, KS #11238 The Reynolds Law Firm, P.A. 102 S. Judson Fort Scott, Kansas 66701 (620) 223-1818 Email: zackery_reynolds@att.net Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The governing body of the City of Erie, Kansas will consider the adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan within certain designated boundaries of the City of Erie, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17, 114 et seq., at a public hearing at 5:55 P.M., on the 12th day of May, 2025, in the meeting room at City Hall, 101 N. Main Street, Erie,

At the conclusion of the public hearing the governing body of the City of Erie, Kansas will consider findings necessary for the adoption of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and the establishment of the proposed neighborhood revitalization are, all as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17, 114 et seq. Following the public hearing, the governing body of the City of Erie, Kansas will also consider adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Agreement with the Board of County Commissions of Neosho County, Kansas, for administration of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114 et seq., K.S.A. 12-2904 and K.S.A. 12-

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Erie, Kansas shall cause a copy of this Notice to be delivered to the other taxing entities within Neosho County, Kansas.

/s/ Lester Klingenberg, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Altman, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003

ORDINANCE MODIFYING WATER RATES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF

THE CITY OF ERIE, NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS SECTION 1. Paragraph four (4) of Section 20-70 of the Erie Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

In addition to the respective minimum monthly charges, all city residents and nonresident consumers shall be charged \$6.00 for each 1,000 gallons for any one month.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication, one time, in the official city newspaper on July 1, 2025.

BODY OF ERIE, NEOSHO COUNTY, KANSAS, this 28th day of April, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING

ATTEST: /s/ Jessica Altman, City Clerk

/s/ Lester Klingenberg, Mayor



Contact us TODAY for more information

The Erie Record guidelines for **'Letters to the Editor'**

about The Erie Record's "Letter to the Editor," citing that there were no guidelines in the paper on it.

That person is correct, as the full guidelines would take way too much space to print weekly.

However, the paper does try to publish the "Letters to the Editor" policy every six months, which are more like guidelines than hard-line rules (there can always be an exception, but it needs to be an exceptional one).

The last time The Erie Record published its policy was a a couple of months ago. The Erie Record has a very liberal policy of running "Letters to the Editor" and submitted articles that are not of the same political philosophy as that of the newspaper owner. In fact, The Erie Record welcomes differing views, if they are done with class and good taste.

So what would keep a "Letter to the Editor" from being published? First, if it is not tactful to say the least. Have a problem with the way the city, the school or the county is being run? Fine. Do it in a professional manner that highlights why you feel that way rather than name calling. Saying the superintendent or the mayor is "stupid" or "doesn't know what he or she is doing" (that also applies to the newspaper publisher/owner), is probably going to wind up in the trash bin. Stating objections in a constructive way are welcome.

A "Letter to the Editor" and other articles submitted to the newspaper hand written have a near zero chance of being pub-

Trying to decipher the names in a family reunion that is hand written is not feasible, nor fair. It is the 21st Century. When I struggle to read every other "name" on a list for a family reunion, it is not the

"best situation" for all parties decipher the handwritten material and 2) all the misspelled names despite best efforts. It is a no-win situation.

Submissions - either editorial or articles - that are blatantly known to be inaccurate are likely not to be published either. Differences of opinions, again are welcome and actually encouraged. Making up facts is not. "Letters to the Editor" offer

the general public an opportunity to have his or her voice heard. It is the place where the "little guy gets to have his/her say." Here are some additional rules and guidelines to submit "Letters to the Editor" with the understanding the final decision to publish such submissions rests with the newspaper owner. 1) Letters to the Editor

should be on a subject matter that is relevant and of interest to a good portion of the community. Writing about how "little Becky" dropped a cupcake at her birthday party may be super cute to "mom and dad" but as far as "community interest," probably not UNLESS the author incorporates it into a common element.

2) Letters to the Editor should be factual. Opinions are fine, but be respectful. Rules are also slightly different for different individuals. Let me explain. Elected officials or city/community leaders are

A local resident inquired more open to criticism than others. This would include individuals running for office. If you want to say how poorly the mayor, the school superintendent, a department head, a member of a local governing board, that is fine AS LONG as it is done in a professional manner. In other words, one can be "more critical" of a school superintendent or principal than a teacher.

Saying this official is "stupid" is not going to be printed. Saying "this official is wrong and this is why" is perfectly okay. Being critical of a community leader is acceptable. Taking cheap shots are not.

3) A loose guideline of no more than 400 words for a "Letter to the Editor" works best, though a well-thought, well crafted article of high interest to the community in excess of 400 words will likely be printed. For comparison purposes, The Washington Post limits such letters to 200 words and actually prints very few that are submitted. And no, this is not comparing The Erie Record to The Washington Post. The Denver Post, on the other hand, limits such submissions to 150 words.

4) Very rarely will "Letters to the Editor" endorsing candidates during election season be published. Political advertising is best for that and the guidelines as required by law were printed recently. At most, two short letters endorsing an individual candidate will be considered, space permitting. A candidate, however, can submit "an article or letter" outlining why he or she is running for office.

5) For verification purposes, letters must include the author's home address and telephone number for verification purpose, though neither the street or telephone number will be printed in the newspaper. Author's name and home town will be printed with the submission. It is very rare for -1) the time required to just a "Letter to the Editor" to be published without the name of the author, but certain exceptions will be made on a case by case basis. In the last 20 years, I have made three such exceptions - so it is a rarity (and not all those 20 years have been with The Erie Record, obviously). If you have a "Letter" you want to submit without having your name printed with it - have an exceptional reason

> for not printing your name. 6) Individuals are limited to one "Letter" per month. Submitted letters may be edited for clarity and sometimes trimmed for space limitations.

7) The Erie Record will not print material that is or potentially is libelous, discriminatory on any grounds, obscene, threatening, promotional or printed in another publication.

Articles and letters should be submitted by email to erierecord@hotmail.com. Typed letters may also be submitted to:

P.O. Box 159, Erie, KS 66733.

The Erie Record

First Amendment: Con-

gress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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