

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Monday, June 9 >

- Morrill Public Library Happenings: Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Knitting Club at 6 p.m.; Diverse Voices Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at the library.

Tuesday, June 10 >

- Morrill Public Library Happenings: Kids Krafts at 10 a.m. for elementary school aged children in the large meeting room; K-State and Extension will teach STEAM and Gardening for elementary and older students in the large meeting room from 11 a.m. to noon.; No Hunger Summer free lunches for kids age 18 and younger in the large meeting room from 12-1 p.m.; Teen Tuesday - crafts for middle school age and older in the large meeting room from 1-2 p.m.
- Craig Foster from the Kansas Commission on Veteran Affairs will be available 1-3 p.m. in the Homer White American Legion Post, 813 Oregon St., in Hiawatha. As Regional Representative, Foster comes to the area so Veterans, their families or survivors can learn about VA services and benefits and file paperwork, locally. No appointment is necessary
- The Morrill Public Library Family Game Night will be at 5:30 p.m. in the large meeting room downstairs.

Wednesday, June 11 >

- Coffee With Friends at 9:30 a.m. at Vintage Park, 400 Kansas Ave., Hiawatha.
- Wednesday Morning Book Club at 9:30 a.m. will meet at the Morrill Public Library in the large meeting room.
- Morrill Public Library's Wednesday Morning Book Club meets at 9:30 a.m. in the library's large meeting room.
- Morrill Public Library's Summer Library Program Family Storybook Scavenger Hunt starting at 10 a.m. Meet in the upstairs lobby. This is a Color the Rainbow Ticket event - fill in 5 of the 7 colors (come to 5 of the 7 events) to win a prize!
- New Beginnings Weight Loss Group meets in the basement of Presbyterian Church at 7th and Kickapoo on Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 p.m. for weight in, meeting 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come through alley door on south side. For questions, call 785-294-0923.

Thursday, June 12 >

- Morrill Public Library Happenings: Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Creative Hour @ the Library at 2 p.m. with a second evening session at 5:30 p.m. - email jmay@hiawathalibrary.org or call 785-742-3831 to sign up.



Volunteer Marge Shockley Hemisphere, employees Brooke Lambertson and Lindsey Chadwell, NEKAAA employee Liz Handley and Brown County Historical Society Curator Patti Merchant were present on Monday, June 2 handing out sack lunches under a tent.

No Hunger Summer kicks off

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Hiawatha World

No Hunger Summer at the Brown County Sheriff's Office kicked off on Monday, June 2 on the office's west side parking lot.

Brown County Historical Society curator and volunteer for No Hunger Summer said that free lunches would be given out to children during the summer.

"We're giving lunches out to anybody

under the age of 18," Merchant said. "Or if you have a disability this year, we can include you in that too."

People who are interested would drive to the west side parking lot, where there would be volunteers at a table handing out brown bag lunches, and they do not even have to get out of their vehicles.

"All you have to do is tell us how many you need and we'll give it to you," Merchant explained. The main goal of No Hunger Summer was giving

lunches to kids who need food.

"It's free," she said. "You don't have to pay anything. It kind of bridges the gap at the end of school and at the beginning of school. We're here all June and we end August 1. We have lots of food."

The Sheriff's Office is located at 709 Utah Street. Readers can call for more information at 785-742-7125. No Hunger Summer will run until Friday, August 1. The event is sponsored by Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

Amberwell Hiawatha Foundation to Host 24th Annual Golf Tournament – Registration is open!

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HIAWATHA, KS – The Amberwell Hiawatha Foundation invites community members and golf enthusiasts to participate in its 24th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 14, at the Hiawatha Country Club. The event will begin with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start and offers a fun, competitive day on the course—while supporting the advancement of local healthcare.

Team registration is open. Entry fees are \$75 per individual or \$300 per team, with all proceeds going toward the purchase of new vital signs monitors for the Emergency Room and Surgery departments, as well as a central telemetry monitoring system for the ER at Amberwell Hiawatha.

These upgrades will enhance patient monitoring, improve clinical response times, and elevate the standard of care delivered in emergency and surgical settings.

In addition to participating, local businesses and individuals can support the event through sponsorship

opportunities:

- Tee Box Sponsor – \$200
- Hole Sponsor – \$500

Sponsors will receive signage and recognition at the event, and their contributions will directly support healthcare improvements at Amberwell Hiawatha.

The impact of this tournament is felt every year. Thanks to generous community support in 2024, the Foundation funded:

- Lab Analyzer – \$65,000: Improved testing speed and accuracy with increased insurance reimbursement.
- Handheld Ultrasound System – \$11,324: A quick and mobile point-of-care tool providing high-quality imaging.
- C-Arm 9900 Elite – \$90,000: An elite mobile imaging system that significantly enhances image quality for surgical procedures.

For more information or to ask questions, contact the Foundation at 785-288-0324 or email amberwell-hiawathafoundation@gmail.com.

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HCVB recognizes Thrivent as June's Member of the Month

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Thrivent was recognized as June's Hiawatha Chamber & Visitor Bureau's Member of the Month on Wednesday afternoon on June 4.

Financial consultant Kyle Olson expressed excitement about being selected as June's Member of the Month.

"It's a great honor," Olson said. "I really enjoy the Chamber and all that they do for the community and to be recognized is a great honor for us."

Thrivent is a full-service financial services company specializing in advice, investments and generosity products. One unique aspect of Thrivent is that it is for profit but also tax exempt.

"So Thrivent is able to support the community through what otherwise would be



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Pictured L to R: Kaden Smith, Kyle Olson, Kristin Hillyer and Stacie Shoemaker

our tax bill," Olson explained. "A lot of the ways in which they do that is through our Thrivent action teams, and action teams where members can direct \$250 of seed money to a project that they're wanting to do in the community to be generous and to

offer support for schools, civic, educational and patriotic activities."


Thrivent is also behind the USD 415 School Fund campaign, which raises money for school supplies for Hiawatha Elementary School as well as supporting teachers.

"We're encouraging our members to adopt a teacher if they so choose," Olson elaborated. "And use their \$250 grants to help supply their classroom."

Overall, Olson expressed gratitude towards the Chamber and the community.


"I really appreciate everything the Chamber does for us and the way it brings community together," Olson said. "I am just honored to receive this award!"

Thrivent is located at 523 Oregon Street and can be contacted by calling 785-740-4648.



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