



Volunteers Work on Fairgrounds

Ahead of the Sumner County Fair this week, volunteers from all over the county converged on the fairgrounds in Caldwell to get everything ready. Pens needed to be cleaned and assembled, the new arena needed raking, seats needed to be set up inside and out. And 4-H'ers, their families, and citizens that just love the fair all showed up to make it happen.

Photos by Kathy Gann



State Basketball Sites and Format Set for 2026 and 2027

KSHSAA

TOPEKA, Kan. - The KSHSAA State Basketball Tournament format and sites have been selected for the next two seasons. In 2026, the 1A Division I semifinals and finals will be played at United Wireless Arena in Dodge City. The 2A and 1A Division II semifinals and finals will be played at White Auditorium in Emporia while 3A and 4A semifinals and finals will be played at The Hutchinson Sports Arena at Hutchinson Community College. In the largest school classifications, 5A and 6A semifinals and finals will be played at Koch Arena at Wichita State University. This will mark the first time since 1953 when state championship games of multiple classes were played at the same place.

In 2027, both Divisions of 1A semifinals and finals will be

played at Tony's Pizza Events Center in Salina. Class 2A and Class 4A semifinals and finals will be played at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. The 3A semifinals and finals will be played at The Sports Arena at Hutchinson Community College. The 5A and 6A semifinals will be played at White Auditorium in Emporia.

"The KSHSAA is an association of member schools, and the school leaders have asked for class consolidation of championships," said KSHSAA Executive Director Bill Faflick. "This new format will achieve that result and provide a greater focus on the student athletes competing at the highest level with four state title games being played consecutively on championship Saturday. This modification allows basketball to follow the recently implemented format for championship soccer and football championship games. With more titles being determined at one location, the atmosphere in the championship

arenas will be at an all-time high."

The state tournament begins with the quarterfinal round which will be hosted at seven venues in five cities. To advance to the semifinals and finals sites, teams will need to win the state quarterfinal round games which will be played at United Wireless Arena, Tony's Pizza Events Center in Salina, Mabee Arena at Kansas Wesleyan University, Koch Arena, Garvey Center at Friends University, White Auditorium, and the Kansas City Kansas Community College Fieldhouse in Kansas City.

2026 State Basketball Tournament Quarterfinal Schedule:

6A, 4A, 2A Girls, 5A, 3A, 1A Boys Quarterfinals – March 10 (United Wireless Arena, Koch Arena, Friends University, Tony's Pizza Events Center, Kansas Wesleyan University, White Auditorium, KCKCC Fieldhouse)

5A, 3A, 1A Girls, 6A, 4A, 2A Boys Quarterfinals – March 11 (United Wireless Arena, Koch

Arena, Friends University, Tony's Pizza Events Center, Kansas Wesleyan University, White Auditorium, KCKCC Fieldhouse)

The quarterfinal round games are determined by proximity to the higher seed, not class. The highest four seeds of the state tournament will be placed as close to home as possible in the 28 quarterfinal round games across the state. If the distance from the lower seed is greater than 250 miles from where the game would be played near the higher seed, that game will be played at one of the quarterfinal sites centrally located. State brackets will not be reseeded after the state quarterfinals.

"With the top four seeds earning the right to play close

to home, the quarterfinal rounds will provide a better environment and experience allowing more friends and family to attend the quarterfinal round," said KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director and Basketball Administrator Kyle Doperalski. "This new format is a win for teams and school communities with an incredible atmosphere of four state championship games in the same venue on the same day. Fans and media along with non-advancing teams and coaches will have less decisions to make about what site to go to and watch the teams and players they want to see at the state tournament."

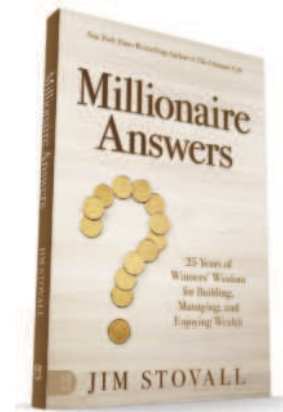
The dates of the quarterfinal games are March 10-11, 2026 and March 9-10, 2027. The dates of the semifinals and fi-

nals are March 12-14, 2026 and March 11-13, 2027.

Two years ago, the membership expressed desire through the October Regional Administrator Meetings to combine classes at the state basketball tournament. Each class individually supported this concept. Working with the host sites to ensure top level tournament management, it was determined that the best course of action is the final four in each class advance to the site of the semifinals and finals with state quarterfinal games being played in proximity to the higher seed at neutral/college sites.

More information can be found at KSHSAA.ORG

Stovall's Millionaire Answers Now Available



Special From Jim Stovall

This week, I have the always-exciting experience of releasing a new book. Although I have had over 60 books published, nine of them being made into movies, I never grow tired of having a new title hit the marketplace. My book Millionaire Answers is a compilation of these weekly columns drawn from questions from readers like you. I have added commentary that puts into perspective the readers' questions, my answers, and the current economic conditions that impact the journey to becoming a

millionaire.

When the term millionaire was first coined, it was an unimaginable and unattainable goal for most people. Today, with a little discipline and diligence, becoming a millionaire is simple, but it's not always easy. Climbing Mount Everest is simple. You just start at the base of the mountain and keep climbing until there's nowhere else to go. However, it is anything but easy to accomplish.

Thankfully, becoming a millionaire is far easier than reaching the top of the world. One of the fastest-growing groups of millionaires is teachers who take full advantage of their retirement plans. Most people agree that our teachers do an extremely valuable job but are significantly underpaid.

If you have access to a retirement plan with matching funds from your employer, your millionaire plan is already in place. You simply need to take advantage of it. If you work for yourself or are employed by an organization that does not offer a retirement plan, it is a simple matter to establish your own. Once your

plan is in place and you are on your millionaire journey, success is certain as long as you don't get distracted, diverted, or derailed. Hopefully, within the pages of Millionaire Answers, readers will find their path to financial success while avoiding the pitfalls.

Making the right financial decisions is fairly simple and straightforward. Avoiding the pitfalls can be more challenging. The temptation to make money mistakes abound. There are aggressive salespeople, online get-rich-quick ads, and tempting late-night infomercial schemes. You must overcome the notion that becoming a millionaire is quick and easy.

Living a millionaire lifestyle is attainable for most people who follow a simple plan, exercise patience, and remain persistent.

As you go through your day today, address your questions with Millionaire Answers.

You can get your copy by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/2pav6c7m>, visiting Amazon, or asking your local bookstore.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Buswell
will meet on September 2, 2025 at 9:00 am at Assembly Room, 311 E. 9th Ave, Winfield for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at County Clerk's Office, 321 E. 10th Ave, Winfield and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING CITIES
Cimarron County, Cheyenne County, Sumner County

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax
General	116,991	2.341	120,758	2.331	126,018	117,261
Other Service	79,308					2,402
Non-Budgeted Funds	146,199	2.341	120,758	2.331	126,018	117,261
Totals						2,402
Less: Transfers	37,000		40,758		48,600	
Net Expenditures	109,149		80,000		78,418	
Total Tax Levied	186,350		111,020		XXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed Valuation	45,433,923		45,074,868		48,827,702	

Outstanding Indebtedness:

	2023	2024	2025
Jan 1	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pay. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2088

Karen Madison

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SUMNER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
August 27, 2025, 7:00 P.M. Raymond Frye Complex
320 N. Jefferson, Wellington, Kansas

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
C. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
July 30, 2025
F. PRESENTATION OF REQUESTS AND PETITIONS.
Case #10PC-25 Every Kansas South Inc, fka Kansas Gas & Electric Co.
G. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.
H. REPORTS OF COMMISSION OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL.
I. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS.
J. OLD BUSINESS
K. NEW BUSINESS.
Work Session with Staff {30 mins or less, if needed}.

L. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA.
M. ADJOURNMENT.

The South door will be unlocked fifteen (15) minutes prior to the meeting.
Date: July 25, 2025
Prepared By: M. Templeton
Approved By: J. Bristor /s/

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OFFICIAL NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on, **August 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.**, the Sumner County Planning Commission, at the Raymond Frye Complex, 320 N. Jefferson, Wellington, Kansas, will consider the following applications:

APPLICATION BY: Every Kansas South Inc., fka Kansas Gas & Electric Co
CASE NUMBER: 10PC-25
REQUEST: Zone Change from "R-D" Rural District to "I-1" Light Industrial District
PURPOSE: Construction and operation of a new natural gas power plant
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 31 South, Range 3 West of the 6th P.M., Sumner County, Kansas
LOCATION: 500 Block of N Milan Rd on East side, Conway Springs, Kansas 67031.
TRACT CONTAINS: 156.3 +/- Acres
AS PROVIDED in the Zoning Regulations of Sumner County, Kansas, that the above applications will be discussed and considered by the Planning Commission. All persons interested in said matter will be heard at this time concerning their views, wishes, and any protest against any of the provisions of the proposed **ZONE CHANGE** application will be considered by the Planning Commission and may be continued without further notice. If you desire to have your opinion considered by the Planning Commission, you will need to be present at the scheduled meeting, in person or by legal representative. The South Door will be unlocked fifteen (15) minutes prior to the meeting.

SIGNED, this July 25, 2025
JON BRISTOR/s/
Director
JB/mt

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
CITY OF BUSWELL
will meet on September 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at Thumwell City Bldg. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Hunsell City Bldg. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax
General	10,448	19.022	9,821	18.947	11,535	4,775
						15.662
Special Highway	1,740		2,080		1,740	
Totals	12,188	19.022	11,901	18.947	13,275	4,775
						15.662
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditure	12,188		11,901		13,275	
Total Tax Levied	4,839		4,775		XXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed Valuation	251,054		252,021		304,861	

Outstanding Indebtedness:

	2023	2024	2025
January 1	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2088

Glen Johnson
City Official Title Mayor

will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: Matthew B. Metcalf, Sumner County Courthouse. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support.

Date and time of hearing: Wednesday August 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Place of hearing: Sumner County Courthouse, 501 North Washington, Wellington, KS 67152. IT IS SO ISSUED.