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Rawlins County graduates 32 seniors

Rawlins County High School graduation was held May 9 at the Elementary School, where 32

students received diplomas. Pictured in back row, from left, are Bryson Rall, Alexis Garcia, Eli Broadhead, Willow Palmer, Eric Anderson, Xanthier Brenn, Daylan Fairchild, Shaun Lare, Trey Carlson, Tru Dewey, Tucker Prideaux, Austin Chumley and Tres Rhodes. Middle row, from left, are Israel Aguilar, Sami Micek, Dana Richardson, Riya Casper, Jay Doty, Joseph Dozbaba, Kayie Shively, Payton Juenemann, Eland George-Roybal and Hope Dunmoyer. Front row, from left, are Mariah Mosley, Ainsley Moses, Savannah Warning, Kylie Dirks, Kimberly Franco, Andrea Morales, Emma Hagler, Heidi Finley and Makayala Nichols. *Courtesy photo*

County burn policy outlines permits, penalties

BY AMY MOSLEY
HIGH PLAINS NEWS

With dry weather and warmer months approaching, residents are encouraged to review the Rawlins County burn policy, including permit requirements and penalties.

Open burning includes starting, maintaining or failing to properly control a fire so it does not spread. Before burning, residents must first get a burn permit from the sheriff's office. After receiving a permit, residents must call dispatch at 785-626-3208 to confirm permission before starting a fire.

Fires must never be left unattended, and residents are required to take precautions to prevent fire from spreading and damaging neighboring property.

Fires used for cooking are not considered open burning if they are contained in a fireplace, stove, barbecue grill, pit or smoker. Fires are allowed in parks only in designated areas and only if no fire restrictions are in place from county

commissioners, the fire chief, the governor or emergency management.

Burn permits list the permit holder's name, location, what will be burned and the distance to nearby structures. Large burns may require a burn plan. Agricultural burns include burning stubble, dead grass or fence lines. If the fire chief or emergency management determines conditions are unsafe, dispatch will deny permission to burn.

The fire department, emergency management or county commissioners may restrict all open burning when conditions are dangerous. The public will be notified when restrictions are lifted.

Failing to get a permit, abandoning a fire or knowingly

violating the burn policy is a misdemeanor. Violators may be fined up to \$500, sentenced to up to one month in jail, or both.

Violators also may be required to reimburse the county for the cost of fighting and extinguishing the fire.

Estimated 2022 fire response rates are \$600 per hour for a Class A fire engine, \$400 per hour for a small brush truck, \$500 per hour for a large brush truck or tanker, \$700 per hour for a rescue truck, \$350 per hour for a support truck and \$25 per hour per person for labor.

A copy of Resolution 2022-05 is available on the Rawlins County website under Resources, Resolutions, Resolution Book 2, pages 793-818.

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Sign-up for State Cost-Share funds through the Water Resource and Non-Point Source Pollution Control Practices

The Division of Conservation (DOC) will soon adopt their FY2027 budget and allocate state funds to the County Conservation Districts to cost-share on their highest priority projects such as those listed below.

The Rawlins County Conservation District will accept applications from landowners for these cost-share funds from May 18th through June 10th, 2026.

These are some of the projects that the Water Resource Cost-Share Program assists with:

- Terraces
- Windbreaks
- Grassed Waterways
- Livestock Ponds (Pit)
- Livestock wells
- Solar Pumping plants

These are some of the projects that the Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program funds assist with:

On-Site Wastewater System (These funds are for currently and continuously occupied homes. Funding is not available for empty homes, nor for new home construction) Abandoned water well plugging.

BEFORE A LANDOWNER CAN BE APPROVED OR CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN, THEY WILL NEED TO HAVE:

- A Conservation Plan developed and signed
- Their application MUST be approved.

Contracts need to be signed and returned to our office.

If you wish to sign up for any of these funds you can stop by the RCCD office at 1001 Sherman St (USDA Bldg) or email Lisa @ RawlinsConservation@gmail.com or call 785-626-8979.

LANDOWNERS WHO SIGNED UP LAST YEAR WILL NEED TO SIGN UP AGAIN.

Funding provided by the Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Agriculture, through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund.

Septic tank installation, plumbing.



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Atwood News at a Glance

Stevens Chapel Open House: Rawlins County Historical Society is welcoming the public to an open house at the rural Stevens Chapel from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 24. Virginia Heble accordion concert and students; piano recitals.

Commodities Distribution: Government commodities will be distributed from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21 from Atwood Senior Center. The next distribution will be July 28.

Memorial Day Services: A public Memorial Day service is planned for 10 a.m. May 25 at Fairview Cemetery in Atwood.