

Cowley Spirit Squads bring home four titles



Competing on Sunday at the Cheer and Dance regionals in Newton, KS, the Cowley College Cheer and Dance teams dominated and brought home all four Region VI titles. Cowley brought home championships in Advanced Large Co-ed Cheer, Team Performance, Hip Hop, and the Mascot division. South Haven graduate Greyson Kuchar is the 2026 Tank the Tiger (at

right in the photo) and earned Top Mascot in Region VI. "What makes this sweep so special is the culture this team has built," Cowley head coach Holli Gurnee said. "They support each other, hold each other accountable, and show up ready to work every day. Winning Region VI titles across the board is exciting, but the character and leadership this group shows is what I

am most proud of." Tiger Cheer assistant Brandon Burke said this past weekend was a testament to the team's grit and the support of the entire campus community. "I am incredibly proud of the sheer strength and perseverance our athletes displayed," Burke said. "What people saw on the floor this weekend was the result of months of relentless work.

This program is built on overcoming challenges, and these athletes proved they are among the best." Burke said it is a privilege to coach alongside Holli Gurnee, and the energy and focused determination the Tiger athletes brought to Region VI was unmatched. Cowley will now turn its focus to the College Classic National Championship at the

Orange County Convention Center, April 10-12, in Orlando, FL. "The job isn't finished yet—we are carrying this momentum straight to the national stage," Burke said. Photo courtesy of Cowley College.

Legal Notice
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SUMNER COUNTY, KANSAS
THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE INTEREST OF: ALLEARA MARIJ JONES
Case No. SU-2025-JC-000013
DOB: XX/XX/2009 A Female child

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: DANIEL MARRILA AND UNKNOWN FATHERS and all other persons who are or may be concerned
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 25th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. □ p.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.
The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown 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 March 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. □ p.m.
Place of hearing: Sumner County Courthouse, 501 North Washington, Wellington, KS 67152
IT IS SO ISSUED.

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- Area Senior Centers**
- Argonia 620-435-6806
 - Belle Plaine 620-488-2945
 - Caldwell 620-845-6926
 - Conway Springs 620-456-2933
 - Mayfield 620-434-5300
 - Mulvane 316-777-4813
 - Oxford 620-500-1185
 - South Haven 620-892-5238
 - Wellington 620-326-3942

Hot lunches for citizens over 60 at a discounted cost. Meals are available for the general public and guests of seniors. Please call a day ahead for meal reservation.



Legislative Update to Be Held in Wellington

Area residents will have the opportunity to hear directly from local leaders during an upcoming Legislative Update scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Sumner County Campus of Cowley College. The event will take place in the Short Education Center, Room 113, located at 2208 Davis-White Loop in Wellington. Doors will open at 9 a.m.,

with the program running from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Lawmakers scheduled to attend include District 32 Senator Larry Alley, District 30 Kansas State Senator Renee Erickson, Kansas 79th District Representative Webster Roth, Kansas 80th District Representative Bill Rhiley, Kansas 82nd District Representative Leah Howell, and Kansas

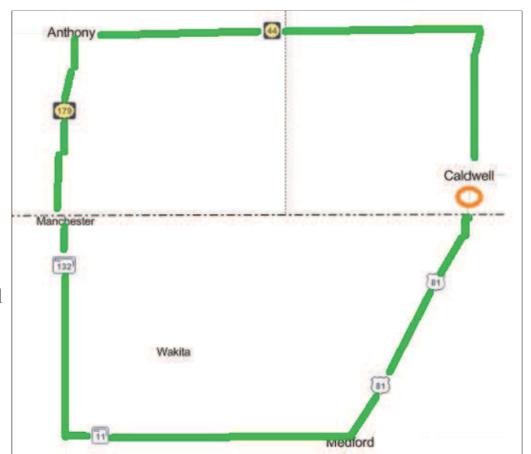
116th District Representative Kyle Hoffman. Each will provide updates on legislative activity and priorities from the current session of the Kansas Legislature. The forum will offer residents the opportunity to hear about recent developments in state government and ask questions about issues affecting Sumner County and sur-

rounding communities. Organizers say the event is intended to promote open communication between constituents and their elected officials. The Legislative Update is free and open to the public, and residents throughout the region are encouraged to attend.

Trivia Answer:
An anemometer is a scientific instrument used to measure wind speed, air velocity, or gas pressure
Do you have trivia that we should include in a future edition? Send it to NewsBellePlaine@gmail.com!

U.S. 81 Bridge Replacement to Resume North of State Line

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will resume the bridge replacement project on U.S. 81 over Bluff Creek on March 23, conditions permitting. The bridge is located approximately 1 mile north of the Oklahoma state line. During the work, U.S. 81 will be closed to traffic at the bridge. Motorists should follow the signed detour on OK-11, OK 132/K-179, K-44 and K-49. KDOT uses state highways for official detour routes for safety, weight and maintenance concerns.



King Construction, of Hesston, is the primary contractor on the \$5 million project. The new completion date is estimated to be late this spring. KDOT urges motorists to stay alert and follow posted signs in all work zones. For current road conditions, visit www.kandrive.gov or call 511. For updates on construction projects in South Central Kansas, visit https://www.ksdot.gov/projects/south-central-kansas-projects.

