Statehouse races to watch
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The districts are newly redrawn for this year’s state House and Senate races, and those in Douglas County include a three-way contest to replace a retired incumbent in the House and a Senate race between two current legislators, Sen. Marcus Francisco and Rep. Christina Haswood. More on those races is on page 7A.

State races in November
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The Douglas County Commission is expanding from three seats to five, and four of those seats are up for election this year. All four have primaries in August, with two Republicans facing off in District 5, and two Democrats in each of the other districts. A closer look at each of these races is on page 5A.

Four races for the expanded Douglas County Commission

The election is Tuesday, Aug. 6; here are some important dates

The deadline to register to vote in the Aug. 6 primary is Tuesday, July 19, and advance voting begins the next day, Wednesday, July 20. July 21, 2024 is the last day to apply for an advance voting mail ballot.

In-person advance voting ends at noon on Monday, Aug. 5, and polling places will be open on the day of the election, Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All mail ballots must be postmarked by election day and received by Friday, Aug. 9, in order to be counted.

There are several ballot drop box locations in Douglas County, including the Douglas County Courthouse, the Douglas County Elections Office at 711 W. 2nd St., and the Baldwin City, Eudora and Lecompton city halls. For more information about advance voting and polling places generally, visit the Douglas County elections website at dgcoks.gov/elections.

Trump targeted in apparent assassination attempt
By Jill Colvin, Colleen Long, Julie Carr Smyth, Michael Balsamo, Eric Tucker and Michelle L. Price

Butler, Pa. — Donald Trump appeared to be the target of an assassination attempt as he spoke during a rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday, law enforcement officials said. The former president, his ear covered in blood from what he said was a gunshot, was quickly pulled away by Secret Service agents and his campaign said he was “fine.”

A local prosecutor said the suspect was dead. The Secret Service said two spectators were critically injured.

Posting on his Truth Social media site about two and a half hours after the shooting, Trump said a bullet “pierced the upper part of my right ear.”

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Incumbent District Attorney Suzanne Valdez is facing two Democratic challengers in the primary election on Aug. 6, Wyandotte County prosecutor Tomá Hill and Baldwin City prosecutor and

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Lawrence defense attorney Dakota Loomis. Whoever wins the primary will face Republican candidate Mike Warner, former federal prosecutor, in the general election in November.

Left to right: TONGA HILL, DAKOTA LOOMIS, SUZANNE VALDEZ.

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