



INDEPENDENT ELLSWORTH COUNTY REPORTER

Take a walk down memory lane and see if you can identify the folks on our Kanopolis Alumni page! See Page A9.



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JULY REMINDER

Enjoy this weekend's Fort Harker Days. You'll find plenty of information in this week's edition of the I-R. Later this month, Czech music will sound across Wilson as the town stages its After-Harvest Czech Festival. Meanwhile, the July 15 edition will feature a few of the "Homegrown" businesses in our county. You won't want to miss this great month of stories.

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COVID-19

by the numbers

As of Tuesday, Ellsworth County had one active case of COVID-19. On a scale with blue as the lowest and red the highest, Ellsworth County is in the yellow zone, according to the local health department.



Ross Janssen's Weather

July 7 to July 13

WEDNESDAY 82/68
Partly cloudy; few storms

THURSDAY 90/64
Mostly sunny

FRIDAY 97/69
Partly cloudy; windy

SATURDAY 83/67
Chance for storms

SUNDAY 84/62
Partly cloudy

MONDAY 87/63
Partly cloudy

TUESDAY 92/67
Mostly sunny

Parade Headliner Kanopolis to recognize Hi-Plains Sand at festival

BY JENNIFER MCDANIEL
For the Ellsworth I-R

KANOPOLIS — Todd Wacker was 12 years old when he began working for his father, Robert, otherwise known as Bob, and his uncle, Gary.

At the time, the brothers owned and operated Automated Farm Supply, a Kanopolis-based business specializing in feed yard and grain storage construction.

While much of the heavy lifting was left to Bob and Gary, as a tween, Todd had a vital job.

"Can you imagine me helping build these grain bins?" he said. "But since I was young, I had more nimble fingers so I could

help pick up and hand them the bolts and the washers, which was beneficial to them."

Up until he graduated from high school, Todd spent his summers helping his father, who looked forward to having another set of hands.

"... Every year, my dad would swing by and pick me up on the last day of school and begrudgingly drop me off on the first day," he said.

And the same was true for Gary's son and Todd's younger cousin, Justin, who also spent his summer vacations helping support the family business. But by this time, the brothers had branched out into highway repair.

"I think either dad found



ALAN RUSCH/Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter

Justin and Todd Wacker of Hi-Plains Sand are grand marshals of Saturday's Fort Harker Days parade.

plenty for their sons to do," Todd said.

It wasn't long after graduation that Todd began working for his dad and uncle full-time. Years later, Justin would join him.

Today, Todd and Justin are still working in the family busi-

ness, Hi-Plains Sand. Day after day, the co-owners aren't just practicing what they learned from their fathers all those years ago, but are carrying on their legacy.

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At left, Jake Gill performs Saturday night during Ellsworth's annual July 4th celebration on the grounds of the Recreation Center.

Below is a sample of the fireworks that attracted local and out-of-town spectators.



Harker is back!

BY ALAN RUSCH
Ellsworth County I-R

KANOPOLIS — Sand volleyball, the hamburger feed, the run/walk, parade and turtle races — and much more — are all back for the fun-filled Fort Harker Days celebration Friday and Saturday in Kanopolis.



Hopkins

"This year we're really excited," said Mayor Anthony Hopkins, who also is a member of the Fort Harker Days planning committee. "We've had a really good result from donations this year, which leads me to believe a lot of people are excited and anxious to get back to normalcy and we're excited to see everybody and have the regular events that we usually have."

The 2020 celebration was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Last year, it was a tough decision for the (Kanopolis City) council to decide not to do it," Hopkins said. "The feeling on the committee was to do it. We just felt that (the council's decision) wasn't the right thing to do considering all of the other festivals had decided not to do it. Luckily, we made that decision early enough so a lot of effort wasn't wasted. I'm just glad that's not an issue this year."

Hi-Plains Sand, Inc., is the grand marshal of Saturday's Fort Harker Days parade.

"Hi-Plains has been around for a long time," Hopkins said. "Its been a stable in the Kanopolis area. The Wacker family has been very generous to the community. We just felt like they would be a good pick. If I remember right, they were going to

See HARKER Page A4

Salute to the red, white, blue

Photos by Lori Farmer



Alice Robson, Allison Koch, and Kourtney Maisog work in the information booth Saturday at Ellsworth's Independence Day celebration.

Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 8

SUMMER TRADITION: Ellsworth's Immanuel Lutheran Church conducts vacation Bible school from 6 to 8 p.m. through July 9 for children, ages 4 and entering 5th grade. Information: (785) 472-4045.

ELLSWORTH VFW MEETING: Members of the Ellsworth Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6485 meet at 7 p.m. at the post home in Ellsworth. New members welcome.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

FORT HARKER DAYS: The annual celebration kicks off with the Ellsworth County Historical Society's annual hamburger feed from 5-7 p.m. at the Fort Harker Commanding Officer's Quarters, followed at 6 p.m. with a sand volleyball tournament at Kanopolis City Park.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

FORT HARKER DAYS: Day two of the annual event kicks off with registration for the Fort Harker Walk/Run from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at A and Kansas Streets, followed co-ed softball at the Kanopolis Middle School ball field, and the line-up for the parade at 9 a.m. This year's parade theme is "Helping to Rebuild America." The grand marshal is Hi- Plains Sand, Inc. Turtle races, the Kanopolis all-school reunion, adult and kids covered chuck wagon races are also scheduled. At 8:45 p.m., the Kanopolis Volunteer of the Year will be announced.

MONDAY, JULY 12

COUNTY BUSINESS: Ellsworth County commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Info: (785) 472-4161.

CITY BUSINESS: The Ellsworth City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

SCHOOL BUSINESS: The Central Plains USD 112 board of education meets at 6 p.m. at Central Plains Elementary School in Holyrood.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

CITY BUSINESS: The Kanopolis City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

PLANNING OR THE FUTURE: Ellsworth County Strategic Vision and Marketing meets at 6 p.m. at the J.H. Robbins Memorial Library. This is second of three such meetings to discuss ripple effects mapping, asset mapping and strategic doing.

CITY BUSINESS: The Lorraine City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

SUMMER CELEBRATION: Holyrood kicks off its Holyrood Jubilee with a community meal from 6 to 8 p.m. Free will donation. There also be a beer garden and street dance from 8 p.m. to midnight with Wes Cossman Band. \$10 admission.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

SUMMER CELEBRATION: The Holyrood Jubilee continues with a parade at 10 a.m., an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Holyrood's historic Santa Fe Depot Museum and a picnic in the park from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free will donation.

DAY OF ACTIVITY: The Kids Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course takes place in Preisker Park, 714 E. 2nd St. Pre-register by noon Friday, July 16, at Oak Creek Chiropractic, 519 Prairie Lane. Information: (785) 472-2625.

MONDAY, JULY 19

COUNTY BUSINESS: Ellsworth County commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Info: (785) 472-4161.

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Obituaries

Patricia L. Bender

(1930-2021)

Patricia L. Bender, 90, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2021, in Abilene, Kan. She was born Sept. 12, 1930 in Scandia, Kan. to Raymond and Grace (Sandborn) Cooper.

Patricia married Donald C. Bender Dec. 31, 1950.



Mrs. Bender

She was a longtime resident of Ellsworth, Kan. where she was the secretary for Ron Svaty at Aylward, Svaty, Sherman then Svaty, Sherman, Hoffman law offices. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Ellsworth.

Patricia is survived by her son, Gregory Bender (Cynthia) of Ellsworth; daughters, Gail Mayfield of

Andover, Kan., Geri Ranker (Dwayne) of Ellsworth, Gina Renz (Pat) of Ellsworth, and bonus daughter, Eeva Raitio (Juha) of Finland; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; sisters, Barbara Anderson and Jackie Hammeke; and son-in-law, David A. Mayfield.

Visitation is 1-8 p.m. today (Thursday), July 8, with family present from 6-8 p.m. at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, with burial following in Ellsworth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ellsworth County Historical Society, Immanuel Lutheran Church, or Village Manor of Abilene, in care of Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com.

Rylan Alexander Gier

(2007-2021)

Rylan Alexander Gier entered into the arms of his savior on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. at the young age of 14. He was born to Ryan and Sara (Fisher) Gier June 22, 2007 in Hays, Kan.

Rylan was an amazing and inspirational young man and lived his life to the fullest. He grew up in Sylvan Grove, Kan. and recently completed his eighth grade year at Sylvan Lucas Unified. Rylan loved to play sports with his favorites being football and basketball. He was a very busy kid and loved working on all sorts of things, especially his Legos. Even while he was sick, he could constantly be seen making all



Mr. Gier

sorts of objects with Legos. It was one of his favorite hobbies and he was always excited to show off any project he had completed. His love for tinkering also benefitted him with his job at Frederking Seed which he obtained at the young age of 10. He worked on anything that was presented to him at work, and he really enjoyed his job.

Rylan could always be seen with a set of pliers and his monkey boots — which he eventually grew out of! He was a very social and ambitious person who was always fun to talk to. He loved his family, friends, and his two kitties, Oliver and Skunk.

Rylan's life was a testament of faith, something that was very near and dear to him and which helped him through the most difficult parts of his life. He loved to go to church at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with his family. He was truly an inspiration through his faith, love, and the joy that he showed.

Although our hearts are weighing heavy during this difficult time, we can find comfort in knowing that Rylan is at peace in Heaven with his Lord Jesus Christ. We all have so many memories, stories, and wonderful times full of fun and laughter with him. Those are the things that we will cherish forever. He will always be remembered in love.

Rylan is survived by his parents, Ryan and Sara Gier of Sylvan Grove; siblings, Kaden and Allie Gier of Sylvan Grove; aunts and uncles, Tony (Krystal) Fisher of Plainville, Kan., Chris (Stephanie) Fisher of Hays, Amy (Todd) Dumler of Maize, Kan., Laura (Loren) Pahls of Tipton, Kan., Roger (Shanna) Gier of Ellsworth, Kan., and Lisa Gier of Beloit, Kan.; grandparents, Fred and Terry Fisher of Plainville, and Steve and Ruth Billinger of Wilson, Kan.; great-grandmother, Phyllis Hart of Plainville; cousins, Sarah, Hailey, Andrew, Cody, Caitlyn, Maci, Adria, Ty, December, Emma, Clara, Montana, Reese, Remington, and Juno; his best buddy, Lane Nimz of Sylvan Grove; and countless other friends.

Rylan joins in heaven his grandparents, Papa Billy and Robert Gier; other great-grandparents; and an uncle, Tim Griffiths.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the church.

A funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove.

Memorials are suggested to Sylvan Lucas Booster Club, Bethlehem Lutheran Youth Group, or the Love Chloe Foundation and may be sent in care of Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, 610 24th St., PO Box 533, Wilson Kan.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.plumeroverlease.com



Rosa Lee (Hirt) Whitmer

(1938-2021)

Rosa Lee (Hirt) Whitmer passed away Saturday, July 3, 2021, at the Hospice House in Hutchinson, Kan. at the age of 82. She was born to Bethold Joseph and Evelyn Rosalyn (Bouska) Hirt Oct. 31, 1938, in Ellsworth, Kan.

Rosa Lee lived a life full of love, faith, and music. She grew up attending Dorrance High School and graduated in 1956. After high school, she moved to Wichita for a year and then moved to Hays where she met the love of her life, Richard. They were married in 1958 in Stockton, Kan. and were blessed with five children: Michael, Mark, Richard Dean, Denise, and Dennis. While in Hays, she attended Fort Hays State University where she obtained her master's degree in Education.

Rosa Lee loved kids and music and was able to spend an impressive 35 years as a kindergarten and music teacher. She taught at Studley for eight years, then she taught at her own home in Hoxie until she moved to Dorrance where she continued teaching, and later, Wilson. She was surrounded by nature her entire life as she grew up and continued to live on a farm throughout her life. She loved to help her husband with farming and harvest by bringing out the most perfect sandwiches for the crew and occasionally driving truck when needed.

Rosa Lee loved to collect cookbooks and recipes from anywhere she could find them. She could be found in her kitchen window waving at those who were leaving her house, always with a beautiful smile. Rosa Lee was a family-oriented woman. She would always send birthday cards and a book with a thoughtful note to each of her grandchildren. She loved to study her family's genealogy to learn more about her past and was eager to mark down the future of her family as well.

Rosa Lee was a very faith-centered woman. She sang, played the organ, and lead the choir at her home parish. She was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Altar Society and Bunker Hill Lions Club. She truly believed in the power of prayer and forgiveness which was shown by her love and compassion for others. She was kind, gentle, patient, and quick to forgive. A true teacher at heart, she not only taught children in school, but also loved to educate those around her about Christ and His love for each of us. Her legacy of love, care, and devotion will remain with us forever.

She is survived by her husband Richard Whitmer of Wilson; children, Michael (Shelly) Whitmer of Dorrance, Mark Whitmer of Dorrance, the late Richard Dean (Jennifer) Whitmer of Hays, Denise (Ronald) Rounkles of Overland Park, Kan., and Dennis (Christa) Whitmer of Urbandale, Iowa; brother, the late Bethold "B.J." (Doni) Hirt who lived at Lincoln, Neb.; 19 grandchildren, John (Jennifer) Whitmer, Benjamin (Toni) Whitmer, Robert (Shana) Whitmer, Rachael Whitmer, Stephanie Whitmer, Brian (Krista) Whitmer, Ryan (Morgan) Rounkles, Rebecca (Scott) Summers, Nicholette (Caleb) Whitmer, Joshua (Jordyn) Rounkles, Mikayla Whitmer, Samantha (Chase) Meitler, Kylan (Alexa) Whitmer, Joseph Whitmer, Kevin Rounkles, Kenny (Hailey) Rounkles, Cordel Whitmer, Alex (Sarah) Whitmer, and Richard Whitmer Jr; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bethold Joseph and Evelyn Rosalyn Hirt; her father and mother-in-law, Robert Lee and Cora Rachael Whitmer; her son Richard Dean Whitmer; and her brother Bethold "B.J." Hirt.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home in Wilson with a Vigil Service and Rosary beginning at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 9, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dorrance.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Dorrance, Kan. or Wilson Senior Center, Wilson, Kan. and may be sent in care of Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, PO Box 533, Wilson, Kan. 67490.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.plumeroverlease.com

Cleo Zvolanek

(1932-2021)

Cleo Zvolanek, 89, of Ellsworth, Kan., passed away Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Ellsworth. She was born in Lincoln, Kan. Feb. 25, 1932, the daughter of Reinholdt and Minnie (Plinski) Peterman. Cleo married Victor Zvolanek Aug. 1, 1951 in Ellsworth.

Cleo was preceded in death by her loving husband on Jan. 10, 1994 and two brothers, Orvin and Gilbert Peterman.

She is survived by her sister, Letha (Jerome) Waggle of Berryton, Kan.; four daughters, Joyce (Ric) Smith of Wamego, Kan. and family, Vickie (Gary) Barnes of Alamogordo, N.M. and family, Debora (Kenneth) Castor of Ellsworth and family, and Sandy (Wayne) Koetkemeyer of Salina, Kan. and family; and many nieces and nephews and friends.

A private family graveside service will take place at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, in care of Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.

Condolences may be left at www.parsonsfh.com.



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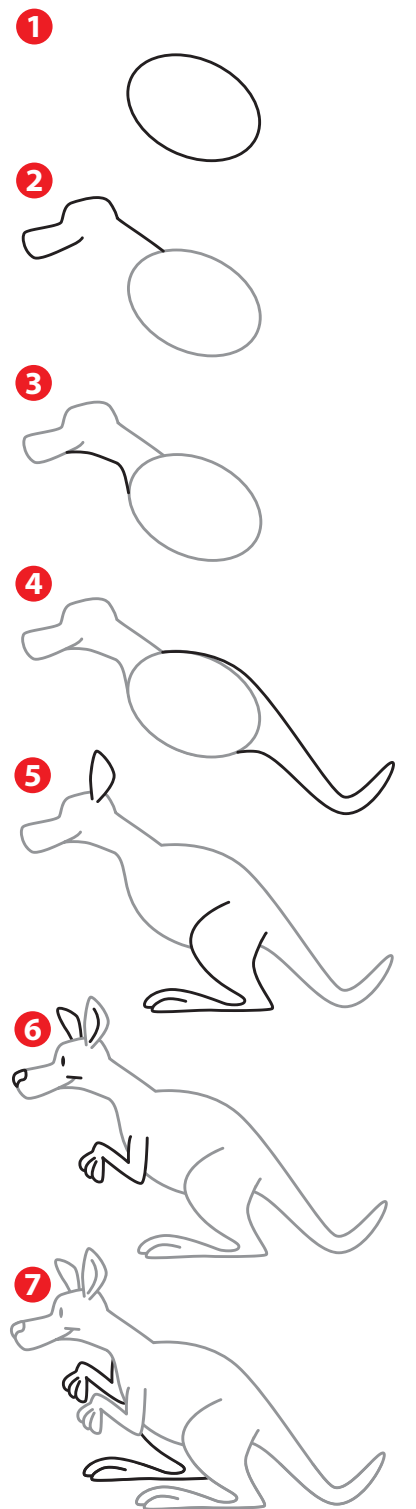
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Kid Scoop Together:

How to Draw a Kangaroo



How Kangaroo Got a Pouch

Some of the words in the story got washed into the stream. Use them to fill in the blanks.

One day, Mama Kangaroo was _____ with her joey near a stream.

An old, blind wombat wandered close to them. He was _____ and muttering, "Old and useless, old and useless ..."

Mama Kangaroo asked him, "What's the trouble, friend Wombat?"

"I'm old and I'm blind and none of the other _____ want me around. I'm very lonely."

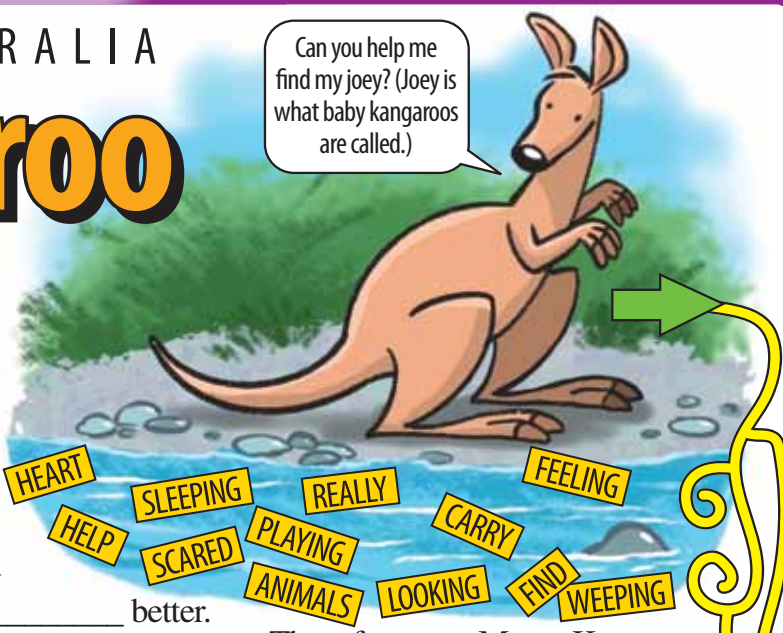
Wombat smiled. It made Mama Kangaroo happy to see him _____ better.

Just then, Mama Kangaroo looked for her joey. He had wandered off! She couldn't _____ him.



Mama Kangaroo was _____ She said to Wombat, "My joey has wandered off! He's always hopping away when I'm not _____!"

Can you help me find my joey? (Joey is what baby kangaroos are called.)



HEART SLEEPING REALLY FEELING
HELP SCARED PLAYING CARRY
ANIMALS LOOKING FIND WEEPING

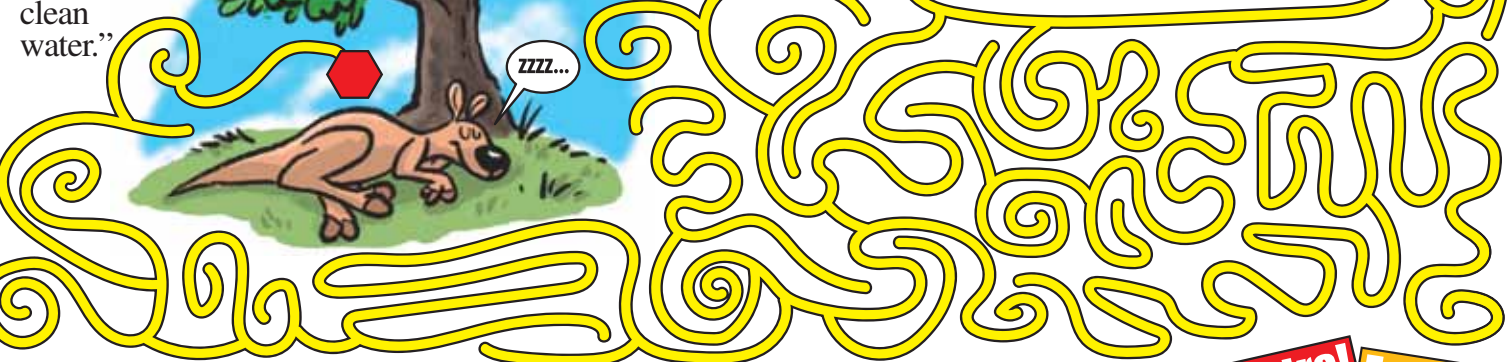
That afternoon, Mama Kangaroo found her joey _____ under a tree. She was so relieved!

Wombat was not _____ a wombat – he was the god Byamee in disguise. He had come to the world to find out which creature had the kindest _____.

Byamee gave Mama Kangaroo a gift – a pouch where she could carry her joey! Now she could _____ him wherever she went and he could even sleep in the pouch when she did her chores.

Ever since then, kangaroo babies almost never get lost.

Mama Kangaroo had a kind heart. "I'll be your friend," she said. "My joey and I will _____ you find tasty grass and clean water."



What is a wombat? A wombat looks like a small bear but is, in fact, a marsupial with a pouch to carry its young. They are found in Australia and the surrounding islands.



Kangaroo Code Trivia

	=A		=J		=O		=X
	=B		=L		=S		=Y
	=E		=M		=W		=Z

What's the name for a group of kangaroos?



What do you call a kangaroo that weighs less than 45 lbs (25kg)?



Who is Byamee?

In Australian aboriginal mythology, Byamee is the creator god and sky father. The first inhabitants of Australia have been there for more than 50,000 years.

Extra! Extra! Looking for Kindness

Look though the newspaper for articles and photos that are examples of kindness. Cut them out and paste them on another sheet of paper to make a kindness poster to display in your home.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand meaning from context clues.



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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Old folktales like *How Kangaroo Got a Pouch* were often created to teach a lesson. Unscramble each word below to figure out what this folktale teaches.

NEO DOGO NURT
ESVSEDRE HOATNRE.

_____ N _____ T U R N
_____ V S
_____ N H _____

Double Double Word Search

ABORIGINAL
KANGAROO
RELIEVED
WOMBAT
BYAMEE
FATHER
SCARED
POUCH
BLIND
HEART
TEACH
JOEY
LOST
GIFT
MAMA

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

A	B	O	R	I	G	I	N	A	L
R	K	J	G	I	F	T	I	D	N
E	D	O	O	R	A	G	N	A	K
L	E	E	S	B	H	I	T	H	E
I	P	Y	M	C	L	O	S	T	E
E	E	O	A	B	A	A	M	A	M
V	W	E	U	T	R	A	E	H	A
E	T	R	S	C	A	R	E	D	Y
D	T	S	R	E	H	T	A	F	B

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: RELIEVED

The verb **relieved** means to be free from a burden or stress.

Emma was **relieved** when she found her keys.

Try to use the word **relieved** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Hop Through the News

Hop is a **verb**. It is an action word. Look through the newspaper for 10 or more action verbs such as swim, run, walk, etc. Can you act out each one?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify action verbs.



What do you get if you cross a kangaroo with an alien?

ANSWER: A Mars-upital!

Write On!

If I Were an Animal

Which kind of animal are you most like? Why? If you were an animal, what kind would you be?

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From Our Readers

Remember history before you judge reactions to police orders

Mr. Don Siemsen made several points in last week's Independent Reporter that I wanted to take issue with. I settled on one: "Where are the black leaders who should be encouraging black people to just follow the instructions of the law enforcement officer?"

Guessing that Mr. Siemsen and I are about the same age, 74, let's assume for a moment that black people of our generation had carefully obeyed the law, the white man's law. Where would black people be or not be today?

Black children would be in segregated, rundown schools. Black families would be in isolated neighborhoods, ghettos, and nigger towns, a reality that still exists in some communities today. If they wanted to attend a movie theater, they might have to sit in nigger heaven, a high balcony apart from white viewers. I know this in part because as a child I went to such a theater with such a balcony. They would not visit downtown after dark, because their life might be at risk if they did. They would not dare to use a white restroom. They would go thirsty rather than drink from a white water fountain. They would not sit at white-only counters in drug stores and diners. They would not eat at white-only restaurants. They would be denied lodging at white-only hotels and motels. They could not go swimming in white pools. Courts rejected them as jurors. They would be disenfranchised by various underhanded means. If they did not pay proper respect to a white man or white woman, they might end up hanging from a tree. Proper respect defined, of course, by white standards.

The above is but a small sampling of where black Americans would be or not be today had they adhered assiduously to white men's laws. Thanks to many people, white and black, much racial discrimination has been eliminated today, BUT not all of it, not by any stretch.

I do not apologize for using the word "nigger" above. It offers a much needed and stark reminder of the ugliness of racist elements in our history, as much as we would like to deny it, hide it, excuse it, or project it on to others. If people want to end the divisiveness in this country today, they must confront our historical realities, not always a pleasant task but a necessary one.

One should also note that our laws brought numerous degradations on Native Americans, Asians, and Hispanics. If people of color are slow to follow the instructions of law enforcement officers, one might take a moment to consider WHY? It might have something to do with the suffering they have endured under white men's law.

Jerry Marsh
Ellsworth

Briefs

Great Bend woman dies in Ellsworth County crash

A 40-year-old Great Bend woman was killed and two others injured June 30 in a two-vehicle accident on Interstate 70 in Ellsworth County.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, at 2:09 p.m., Danielle Dee Hoskins of Great Bend was driving west in the right lane on I-70 in a 2019 Chrysler Pacifica. At the same time, Robert L. Mueller of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was driving west in the left lane in a 2014 Volvo semi-truck.

At milemarker 223.1, one-quarter mile west of K-156 Highway, Hoskins went to cross the median at a crossover and the Mueller semi hit Hoskins on the driver's side. Both vehicles came to rest on the median.

Hoskins, who was wearing a seat belt, died in the accident. Her two passengers, Grace Dee Hoskins, 17, Great Bend, was thought to have minor injuries and was transported to Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth, where she treated and released.

A second passenger in the Hoskins vehicle, Shay Hoskins, 13, Great Bend, was thought to have serious injuries and was transported to Salina Regional Health Center. No information was available. She was wearing a seat belt.

Mueller was not injured in the accident. He was also wearing a seat belt.

Council approves insurance for this weekend's Fort Harker Days

At a special June 29 meeting of the Kanopolis City Council, approval was given to commercial general liability insurance from West Bend Insurance Company for the Fort Harker Committee. The cost of the insurance is \$615. It would provide liquor liability coverage.

Thank A Farmer!



Let the work continue

1871 dawned on new aspirations for settlement along the great Chisholm cattle trail.

Wichita businessmen noted that Caldwell had been established just this side of the state line with an excellent potential for trade with the Texas drovers as they marched their wild Longhorn cattle northward to Abilene. It only took four months for the first murder to occur.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Jack Bridges was tracking horse thieves across the Kansas frontier. Government troops beat him to Pony Donovan, but Bridges and others gunned down Jack Ledford in a wild Wichita outhouse shootout.

At Hays City troops from Fort Hays were called out to quell a riot against the black population of the town. Black residents fled to the safety of the fort before the riot subsided with dawning of the morning sun.

Since 1867, Abilene had been the end-of-trail for Texas trail herds. Marshal Tom Smith had tamed the lawless town in 1870.



'Cowboy'
Jim Gray
The Way West

Unfortunately, he was killed in November. Not just any man could fill the job. The city felt fortunate when Wild Bill Hickok agreed to fill Tom Smith's boots.

Sixty miles south of Abilene, the new town of Newton vied for the Texas cattle trade on the line of the Santa Fe railroad.

Sixty miles west of Abilene, Ellsworth was also making a bid for the cattle. A new trail was laid out west of Wichita in an attempt to divert the trail herds away from the Chisholm Trail.

It was wild and woolly all across the Kansas frontier, and that was just the first six months of 1871.

By mid-summer the Abilene Chronicle had plenty of rough and ready news to report for the July 13, 1871, issue. Trail herds usually established a cow camp on the prairie, fattening cattle on grass

before selling them. At a cow camp 40 miles south of Abilene the paper reported the, "COLD BLOODED MURDER" of Billy Cohan, a trail boss for a herd owned by O. W. Wheeler. On July 5 a Mexican herder later identified as Bideno shot the young trail boss in the back.

Mounting "a fleet pony" Bideno rode for Texas pursued by cowboys who overtook him eating dinner 250 miles south of Abilene. In another paper the town was identified as Summer City, south of Wichita.

The Chronicle reported, "As he had shown no mercy, so his was a death without mercy."

Famed killer John Wesley Hardin was the leader of the "posse." Billy Cohan's funeral was the largest funeral to take place up to that time in Abilene. Twenty-four carriages and 38 horsemen followed a new hearse to the cemetery.

Abilene's "sporting" district of brothels and dance houses was known as McCoy's addition. Below

the Billy Cohan story was the report of a drowning.

"On Saturday afternoon (July 8) some of the characters' from McCoy's addition, in company with some men, went to the Smoky Hill River for the purpose of bathing." Some of the women drifted into a "deep wash" and several of the men followed to rescue them, "and in endeavoring to do so, a young man name Frank Drum, whose father resides in St. Louis, was drowned."

In another item the Buckeye Colony held a "Pic-Nic." The pic-nic was attended by about 70 people.

"A good time was enjoyed in social conversation, at the dinner table, and in listening to short addresses." It was decided to hold a reunion pic-nic at the same place next year. The editor concluded, "We hope that we may all live to be present."

On Tuesday, July 11, a visitor to Abilene was arrested for gambling,

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be it (grand marshal) last year, so it just carries over to this year. We're excited to have them as the grand marshal and to recognize their contribution, and how important they are and appreciated to our community."

Hopkins said those attending this year's Fort Harker Days celebration will see something new this year — a Cornhole Tournament will be added to the Friday night washer board tournament that has taken place the last two years.

"That's been really successful," he said. "It seems like Cornhole is a little more mainstream — more people play it — so we're really excited to see the turnout on that. We've got plenty of boards to facilitate a large turnout."

Hopkins said there may be some new food and craft vendors attend



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DD Clown and Company entertain the crowd during the 2019 Fort Harker Days Parade. DD Clown makes a return appearance this year.

this year's celebration as well.

Perhaps one of the most important events during Fort Harker Days will take place at 8:45 p.m. Saturday in Kanopolis City Park. — the recognition of Kanopolis Volunteer of the Year.

"In a small town, some of our resources are kind of limited, so it takes a lot of volunteers and initiative from people to keep the town looking nice and to bring new things into town," Hopkins said. "We've had groups that helped bring in more stuff for

the playground. The beautification committee has been a godsend in helping get the town cleaned up. Without those groups of people that are involved, Kanopolis wouldn't be what it is."

See Page B1 for a full schedule of events.



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Members of Ellsworth's pitching machine team are: From left — Evan Hoffman, Henri Ranker, John Ranker, Landon Peschka, Daxson Rippen, Talon Timms, Warren Rathbun, Rayce Martin, Sawyer Martin, Blake Tripp. Coaches: Cliff Martin and Patrick Hoffman. Helper: Sam Martin.

Each summer, the Ellsworth County Independent-Reporter publishes photos of the summer recreation ball teams. This is the first of several pages featuring Ellsworth teams. Wilson players were featured in the July 1 edition.

Girls and Boys of Summer



Members of Ellsworth's 14 and younger recreation team are: back row, from left — Coach Marne Herlan, Reagan Hanson, Alexis Moore, Elizabeth Kempke, Josie Kueser, Johanna Lindsley, Kelli Rodriguez and Coach Justin Lindsley; and front row, from left— Coach Payton Frazier, Evelyn Sinnott, Ashlyn Rodriguez, Feliz DeLa Cruz, Inarie Rippert and Kaelyn Cates.

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Coaches of the Ellsworth Cobras are: Tyler Renard, left, Kaleb Stefek. Team members are: back row, from left — Willie Renard, Austin McQueary, Larkin Choitz, Piper Renard Granger Kruse and Kash Bunch; front row, from left — Cole Northcutt, Brody Tripp, Karson Herlan, Stevie Renard, Brynnlea Stefek and Hollin Choitz.


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True entrepreneurs, the brothers created a string of businesses spanning more than 50 years. And on Saturday, Todd and Justin and their families will be honored as Hi-Plains Sand was named grand marshals of this year's Fort Harker Days parade.

There's a 16-year age difference between Todd and Justin.

While there weren't so many years separating Bob and Gary — only about six — Todd says it's another one of the common threads they share with their fathers.

Bob and Gary launched the family's first businesses more than five decades ago by creating Wacker Realty and Auction. By the 1970s, the brothers switched gears, forming Automated Farm Supply, building feed-yards and grain storage facilities. The name was later changed to AFS Construction.

The brothers also mined coal in Kentucky under the name Wacker Mining before eventually branching out into highway work in the early 1980s, supplying sand and gravel. Hoping to fill a niche, the brothers expanded into aggregate chip and seal work. Soon, Hi-Plains Sand was formed with the intent of working for the State of Kansas.

"You have to understand," Todd said. "These men would not say no. They just had that much gusto. If they saw somebody trying to do something, they would try and figure out a way to do it. The list of all of their occupations is very diversified. They were carpenters. They did pipeline work. What they were doing was a little more than just picking up a hammer.

The company, which still provides sand and gravel services, is the only ready-mix producer and supplier in Ellsworth County. Justin, who heads up Hi-Plains Sand's ready-mix division, said the company not only serves Ellsworth County, but the surrounding counties.

In recent years, the company also started providing maintenance contract services for Northern Natural and OneOk Hydrocarbon. Some of the support services they provide include mowing, road maintenance, supplying aggregates and changing valves. The move not only widened the scope of services the company provided, but also expanded the size of its staff.

It's been a nice shot in the arm for us," Todd said. "And it's allowed us to try and be true to our roots."

For decades, Kanopolis has been home to the

See LEGACY, Page A10

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RECORD BREAKER



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Jaxson Cole, a 9-year old 3rd grader at Ellsworth Elementary School, has qualified to compete in the AAU Track and Field Junior Olympics in the 100, 200 and 400m dash. He currently is the number one 9-year-old in the nation with the fastest 400m time. Jaxson broke the record in the 400m dash for Region 16 which is comprised of athletes in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas. The Track and Field events at the Junior Olympics will be Aug. 2-7 in Houston, Texas. He is the son of Katy and Brad Cole, Ellsworth.

Stay strong, stay healthy

This eight-week program for older adults is designed to boost health and quality of life in Ellsworth County

BY JESSICA KOOTZ
Midway Extension District

Eat healthy-check. Get aerobic exercise-check. Do strength training — not so much.

The loss of muscle mass can slip up on us without warning. At some point we realize we can't do the things we used to, but also don't know how to counter the process. The Stay Strong, Stay Healthy program is designed to help older adults regain strength and improve balance and flexibility and overall health in the process.

Both men and women can begin to lose muscle mass as early as their thirties. After age 50, loss of muscle mass starts to accelerate. Strength training exercises can counter the effects of aging on our bodies. Oftentimes, older adults are hesitant to go to a gym or exercise at home because they are unsure of proper strength training exercises.

Participants in Stay Strong, Stay Healthy meet for one-hour sessions, twice a week for eight weeks. Activities include warm-up exercises, strengthening exercises with and without weights, and cool-down stretches. Class members are encouraged to do the exercises on their own once more per week.

Post-menopausal women can lose 1 to 2 percent of their bone mass annually. Research has shown that strength training restores bone density and reduces

the risk of fractures among women aged 50 to 70.

Other potential benefits of strength training include a decrease in arthritis pain, weight maintenance, and a reduction in the risk of diabetes, heart disease, and depression. Stress management and improvement in sleep quality and overall physical vitality are other potential benefits.

Benefits of strength training for older adults includes:

- Gaining muscle mass and strength;
- Restoration of balance and flexibility and a reduction in falls;
- Arthritis relief;
- Sleep improvement;
- Cardiovascular health;
- Improved glucose control.

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. starting Aug. 3 through Sept. 23 at the J.H. Robbins Memorial Library. Attendance at all classes is highly encouraged to achieve the most benefit out of the class. A special thanks to the library for supplying the space and the weights for this program. To register, contact Jessica Kootz at Midway Extension District Ellsworth Office.

Jessica Kootz is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in the Midway Extension District. For more information on this article or other Family and Consumer Sciences related questions, email Jessica at jessicak@ksu.edu or call a Midway Extension District office at (785) 472-4442 or (785) 483-3157.

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MONDAY — Roasted turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, fruit and beverage.

TUESDAY — Meatloaf, baked potato, broccoli, banana, roll and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Poor Man's beef stroganoff, peas, fruit, squash, roll and beverage.

THURSDAY — Liver/onions (alt. beef patty), hashbrowns/gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit and beverage.

FRIDAY — Smothered chicken, mashed potatoes, beets, cinnamon apples, roll and beverage.

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TUESDAY — Breakfast casserole, sliced tomatoes, blueberry muffin, grapes and beverage.

WEDNESDAY — Meatloaf, baked potato, creamed peas, roll, fruit, cake and beverage.

THURSDAY — Hamburger/bun, lettuce/tomato/onion, baked beans, potato salad, fruit gelatin and beverage.

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Justin Lindsley cooks the hot dogs Friday at an open house conducted by Ellsworth's First Bank Kansas.

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Nationwide banks like Bank of America, Wells Fargo or Chase Bank, which have branches in at least 15 states, were excluded from the ranking. Out of the 4,978 FDIC-insured banks remaining in America, only 2.7 percent of those met the eligibility criteria for the 2021 "Best-In-State" Forbes list. Financial institutions were scored on overall recommendations and satisfaction, as well as five sub-dimensions (trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services, and financial advice).

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IN BRIEF

ON THE FARM AND IN THE CITY

Wheat price down for the week

Prices paid for grain at the Ellsworth Co-op at the end of the business day, Friday, July 2, were:

Wheat, bu. — \$5.88, down 7 cents from June 28.

Milo, bu. — \$5.92, down 74 cents.

Soybeans, bu. — \$14.03, up 96 cents.

Corn, bu. — \$6.92, down 4 cents.

The co-op has locations in Ellsworth, Black Wolf, Farhman, Hitschmann, Holyrood and Kanopolis.

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which seemed odd for Abilene. From appearances it seems that Policeman McDonald arrested him for his own good as he had lost over \$1,000 to a professional gambler by the name of "Smith."

Under the subject "BLODDY AFFRAY," citizens learned that Policeman James Gainsford, serving as deputy U. S. marshal, had just returned from Fort Dodge. He had been called there in late June by Capt. Wemple, a cattleman who lived west of Abilene. Wemple had tracked cattle stolen from his place to Fort Dodge to discover the villain was Curly Walker, a former scout turned horse and cattle thief.

Before Gainsford could arrive, Walker appeared to be preparing to leave. Wemple confronted him from horseback, asking where he had obtained the cattle. When Walker replied that it was none of Wemple's business, Wemple ordered the outlaw to "throw up his hands, that he wanted him." Walker immediately went for his gun, firing five shots. Wemple responded. As his horse went down Wemple's fifth shot passed through Walker's heart.

The editor noted, "His loss is our gain. Let the work continue ..." There would be more excitement in 1871 and many more stories to tell on The Way West.



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Wacker family and Hi-Plains Sand.

Today, the company remains a part of the community, as does Todd, who serves on the Ellsworth County Historical Society board of directors, while Justin serves as president of the local Pheasants Forever chapter and is also a volunteer firefighter. They'll also be manning the grills, cooking up burgers at Friday's annual hamburger feed at the Fort Harker commanding officers' quarters as part of the Fort Harker Days celebration.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child," Todd said. "Well, it takes a village to have an event like this in a small town."

The company has a vested interest in its community, Todd said, and tries to help out wherever it can whether it's employing

local residents or donating equipment to assist with storm cleanup efforts. It's all a part of giving back and serving their community, just like their fathers did.

When Todd and Justin line up with their families for Saturday's parade, they'll be thinking of their fathers, who took their ideas and nurtured them into successful businesses. Bob passed away in February 2016. Gary died in November of the following year.

"Obviously, we're happy and surprised," Todd said of Hi-Plains Sand being named grand. "And we're very appreciative, but I wish it could've been them. I wish they could be there at the front of the parade. If I could have one wish, I would've wished it could've been them. They went through the tough years, and it wasn't all wine and roses."

Just as their fathers spent much

of their lives devoted to their businesses, Todd's mom, Karen Wacker, and Justin's mother, Vicki, were also there alongside their husbands, supporting their spouses and raising their growing families.

"I draw a lot of strength from them," Todd said. "There are struggles in running a business, and I know my admiration and respect for my mother continues to grow. Looking back, there were times when the business was running on a shoestring. It couldn't have been easy. It had to be stressful on a marriage. My admiration and respect for her deepens all the time for what she's gone through."

"It's true," Justin said. "They've been that rock. They've been there through the difficult times — when life wasn't that great."

Just like their mothers, Todd and Justin also say their wives,

Tracy and Season, have also been a wealth of support.

"We can't mention without mentioning our wives, too," Todd said.

Hoping to stay true to their roots, Todd and Justin admit they still follow the simple lessons their fathers imparted on them all those years ago.

"Both of us two boys grew up in the business, and so we try to follow what our dads taught us," Todd said. "Like, never ask a man to do something you wouldn't do yourself. Something I still try to practice is not thinking I'm too important ... that I'm not too big for my britches. I want to respect that. We're working bosses, meaning, you're not just going to find us in an office. We found it was not only necessary to multi-task, but it was better for our bottom line. There's a need for both of us to be working."

"That's how we were raised," Justin said. "We learned from our dads, and have carried on what we know."

At Hi-Plains Sand, there's still a handful of the original employees remaining. Time and attrition have seen some employees go and new ones taking their place. For Todd and Justin, the company's long-term success is the direct result of their employees.

"There's no way we'd be where we are today without good employees," Todd said. "There's been a lot of good people over the years, and what we've been able to (accomplish) couldn't have been done without them. And today, we have excellent employees and staff — from top to bottom — and a great community. The two of us wouldn't be worth a hill of beans without them. That's just reality."

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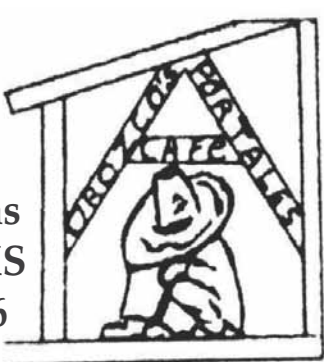
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Fort Harker Days
 Kanopolis, Kansas
 July 9 and 10, 2021

***All events will be held at the Kanopolis City Park unless otherwise noted

Friday, July 9

- 5 pm - Sand Volleyball Tournament at Kanopolis City Park
- 5-7 pm - Hamburger Feed/Commanding Officers' Quarters, \$6 donation per plate. Sponsored by Ellsworth Co. Historical Society
- 6 pm - Beer Garden and Food Vendors
- 6 pm - Co-ed Softball (Kanopolis Middle School Ball field)
- 6:30 pm - Registration for Washer Board Tournament, next to beer garden at BB Court.
- 7 pm - Washer Board Tournament. \$10 per team. 16 years and up. See Greg or Anthony.
- 8 pm - Midnight - Big Dawgs DJ Free Dance

Saturday, July 10

- 6:30-7:30 am - Fort Harker Walk/Run Registration at A & Kansas Streets
- 7 am - Co-ed Softball (Kanopolis Middle School ball field)
- 7:30 am - Fort Harker 4 Mile Run/2 Mile Walk/Run at A & Kansas Streets
- 8 am - Sand Volleyball
- 9 am - Craft Vendors
- 9 am - Parade Lineup (Corner of 1st & Kansas)
- 10 am - Parade Theme "Helping to Rebuild America" - Grand Marshal - Hi Plains Sand, Inc.
- 11 am - DD Clown and Company
- 11:30 am - Turtle Races (Box turtles only, please)
- 12 - 4 pm - Bounce-A-Roos-Wei Water Slide and Obstacle Course - prepare to get wet!
- 12 noon - Beer Garden - open until you go home!
- 12 noon - Free Watermelon (in the park)
- 12 - 1 pm - Cornhole Tournament Registration and warm up. North of the library.
- 1 pm - Coloring contest winners announced at the library.
- 1 pm - Dodgeball Tournament (south of volleyball court)
- 1 pm - Cornhole Tournament Start
- 2 pm - Poker Tournament Coyote Den
- 3 pm - Kanopolis All School Reunion Social Hour at the Kanopolis Community Center
- 5 pm - Kanopolis All School Reunion Dinner
- 6 pm - Registration for ADULT (18 and Older) Covered Wagon Races and Registration for KIDS Covered Wagon Races w/parent approval
- 7 pm - Covered Wagon Races (N. Kansas by Kanopolis City Park)
- 8 pm - Karaoke at Fort Harker Saloon II
- 8 pm - midnight - Big Dawgs DJ Free Dance
- 8:45 pm - Gun/Cash/Fire Pits Drawing
- 8:45 pm - Kanopolis Volunteer of the Year Award

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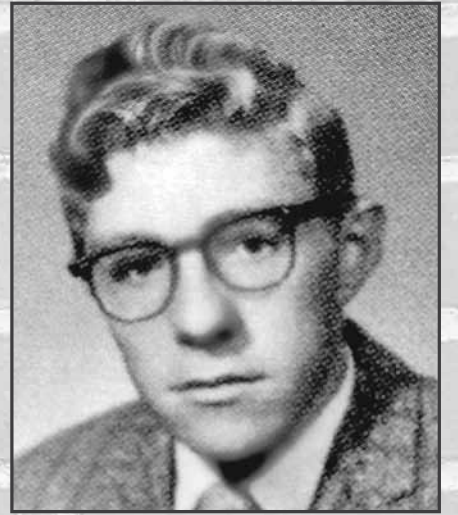
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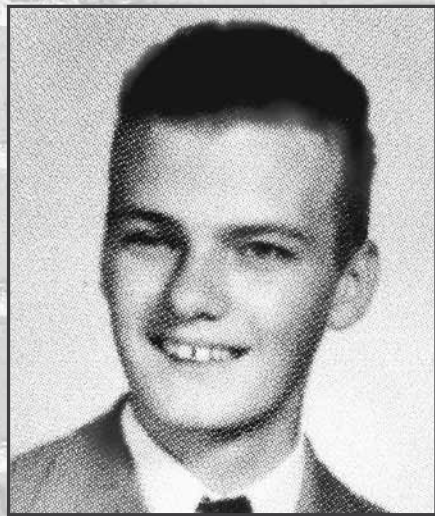
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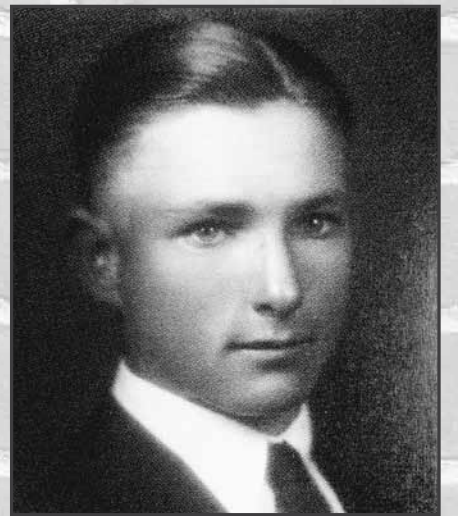
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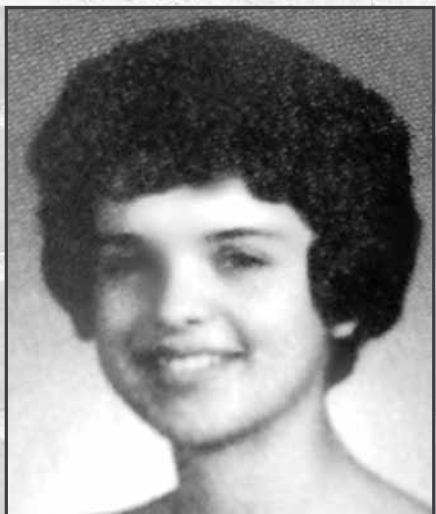
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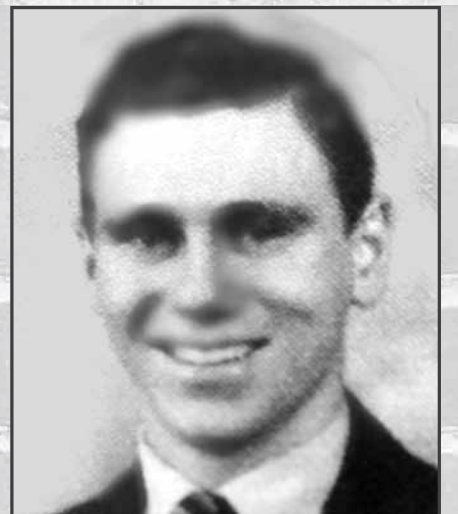
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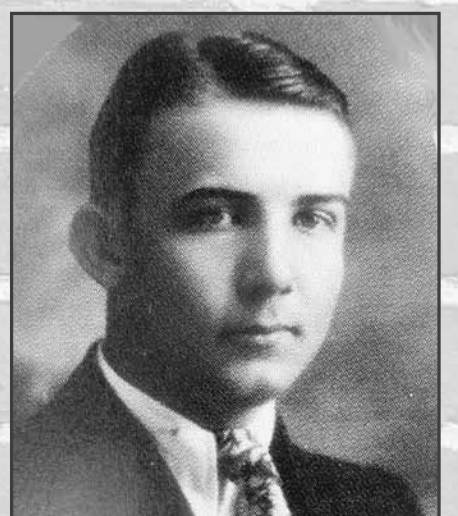
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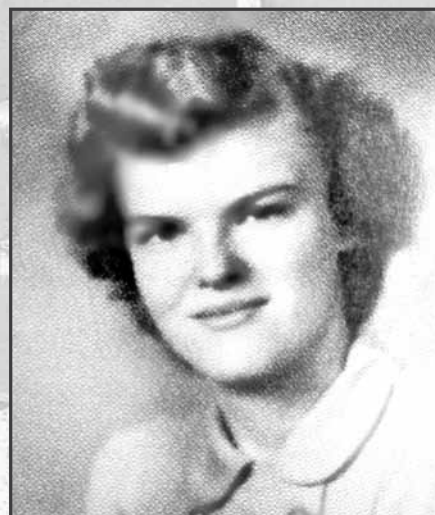
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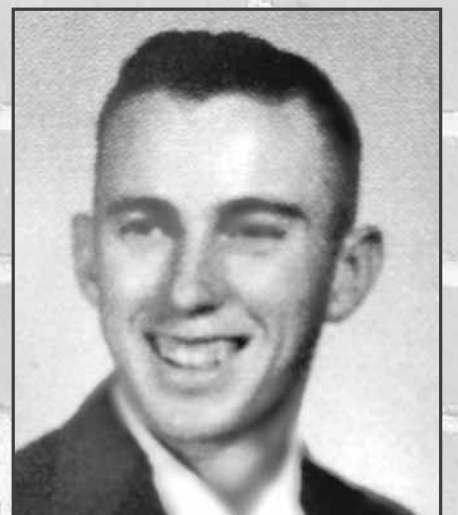
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From the files of The Ellsworth Reporter

From the files of the September 19, 1985 edition of The Ellsworth Reporter.

136 YEARS AGO
September 17, 1885

The reservoir and tower for the new water-works will be located in the north-western portion of the city.

Fully three hundred men will be employed in the construction of the water works, in this city, during the remainder of the season.

The new depot is being erected opposite the court house.

The ticket office and the place for transacting railroad business has been removed to the Grand Central Hotel until the new depot is completed.

New sidewalks have been ordered down from the Grand Central Hotel, to the court house, and from Douglas avenue to the new school houses in the eastern and western portions of the city.

Work & Co. commenced buying wheat at their new steam elevator yesterday and will continue to buy — paying the highest market price.

Mr. Arnold opened his new clothing store last Saturday.

Dr. Deavor has his office with Dr. Lang over Seitz drug store.

Henry Kriser and wife have gone to Lincoln Center, where Mr. K. takes a place in the store of Mr. A. Larkin.

...
111 YEARS AGO

September 15, 1910

A dedication of the new Catholic church will take place about the middle of October. Bishop Cunningham of Concordia and a number of out-of-town priests will assist in the dedication.

Charles Cadwell, one of the professors in Cleveland, Ohio, was in the city last Saturday to visit his sister who is one of the teachers in our city schools. Sunday morning he went down the river to visit his parents and other relatives and friends before returning to Cleveland.

A water pipe burst in the Ellsworth club rooms Wednesday afternoon and flooded the back part of the book store and the front part of the post office, before the water was shut off.

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75 YEARS AGO

September 19, 1935
Ellsworth's first Booster Day in many months will be given next Saturday by the local merchants in the form of a watermelon feast to all visitors to our city on that day. The watermelons will be served in the grade school yard as usual, and as several loads have been ordered there will be plenty. The fruit will be kept in the Kansas power company ice room at its plant on lower Lincoln avenue the night before the banquet and will be well chilled by the time of the feast.

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61 YEARS AGO

September 22, 1960

Dennis Farney of Wilson has been selected for a National Merit Foundation scholarship at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. A sophomore, he was one of the eight students chosen for the awards.

Acme Brick & Tile donated the water tower site to the City of Kanopolis. Back when the city of Kanopolis installed their water system and elevated tower, it was decided to put the tower in the west half of block 40 south of the Union Pacific right-of-way. Although the salt company owned the property west of Kansas and north of "C" street, it must be assumed that the city's elevated tower was on an acquisition agreement with the salt company. The tower was erected and as usual, time marched on. Both the old Royal Salt company and the Crystal Salt company were acquired by the Morton Salt company and eventually all mining of salt ceased and plant operations were abandoned. In the early fifties, the Great Bend Brick and Tile company, in order to secure the twelve acre tract on which the present brick plant is located, had to purchase all of the old Royal and Crystal property from the Morton Salt company. When the Acme Brick company of Ft. Worth, Texas, purchased the Kanopolis plant from the Great Bend Brick and Tile Co., they

acquired the same holding. It was verified the existing fact that the city elevated tower was on Acme Brick company property. A search of city and county records have given no hint of why the land had never been acquired. Last Tuesday night at the Kanopolis city council meeting, representatives of Acme Brick presented the City of Kanopolis with a deed for the west half of block 40, City of Kanopolis.

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46 YEARS AGO
September 18, 1975

Frank Hlaus, Wilson announces the engagement of his daughter, Judy, to John Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tompkins, Ellsworth. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wilson High School and hold a B.S. Degree in physical education from Fort Hays College. She is employed by the Employment Security Division of Labor, Topeka. Mr. Sherman is a graduate of Ellsworth High School and Fort Hays State College with a B.S. Degree in business administration. He is currently a senior at Washburn University School of Law, Topeka. A May wedding is planned at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson.

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41 YEARS AGO
September 11, 1980

Jan Andrews, Kanopolis, was selected to the Ellsworth-Kanopolis school board during a meeting

September 2. Andrews fills the unexpired term of Charlie Roehrman, who resigned in July.

Helen Woodmansee was named postmaster of the Wilson Post Office last week. She replaces Dale Stinson, who retired in July.

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36 YEARS AGO
September 19, 1985

The Kanopolis City Council Tuesday, Sept. 10, learned its application for a federal grant to improve the city's water system had been denied. The city is awaiting its evaluation sheet and plans to reapply, according to Mayor Dolores Shively.

Ellsworth County Commissioners will inspect the new elevator in the courthouse for acceptance next Monday, September 23, at 9:30 a.m., according to minutes of the September 16 meeting. They will inspect the recently-installed elevator as well as the remodeling of rooms done in connection with the installation.

The Ellsworth County Historical Society will have an open house at the recently renovated Second Baptist Church on the Ellsworth Museum grounds Sunday, September 22, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The other buildings will also be open to the public.

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Behind the passing and running of quarterback Mitch Gebhardt, the Ellsworth junior varsity football team rolled Monday to a 22-12 win over Southeast of Saline. Gebhardt passed for one touchdown and an extra point and ran for another extra point to lead the Bearcats to the season opening win.

The No. 1 doubles team of Sherry Truhler and Marisa Ericson paced the Ellsworth High girl's team Monday as it finished third at the Nickerson Quadrangular. Truhler and Ericson lost a tough match to Chaparral, then rebounded to roll past Nickerson, 8-2, and Conway Springs, 8-0, to grab the silver medal.

A party honored retired Judge Clarence Kahler Tuesday evening, September 3, at the Coachmen Inn, Great Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Florian, Wilson, are parents of a baby boy born September 12, 1985, at 7:21 p.m., at the Ellsworth hospital. He has been named Brian Allen.

The historic items on this page appear as they did in the original publication.

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Pastor Angie Sundell

Pastor's Podium

lights about three times a year.

We give thanks for the many gifts received and posts to our Facebook page from those who use the cross as a waypoint, as a way to know that they are, perhaps getting close to their destination, others, say a prayer, or just smile, knowing God's love and the love of a small country church travels with them whatever their destination.

We recently received a letter that was slipped under our door and I wanted to include a couple of excerpts.

"I always found so much comfort seeing that cross for a couple of reasons. One it meant I was halfway to my destination and another and the main reason was it reminded me that I was never alone. God was with me every step of the way and kept me safe in all my travels to and from. Not sure what your original intentions were when you put up the cross, but I can tell you what an impact it has

made on so many lives in such a positive way. I talk to people all the time and they know exactly where I am talking about when I mention the church with the lit cross."

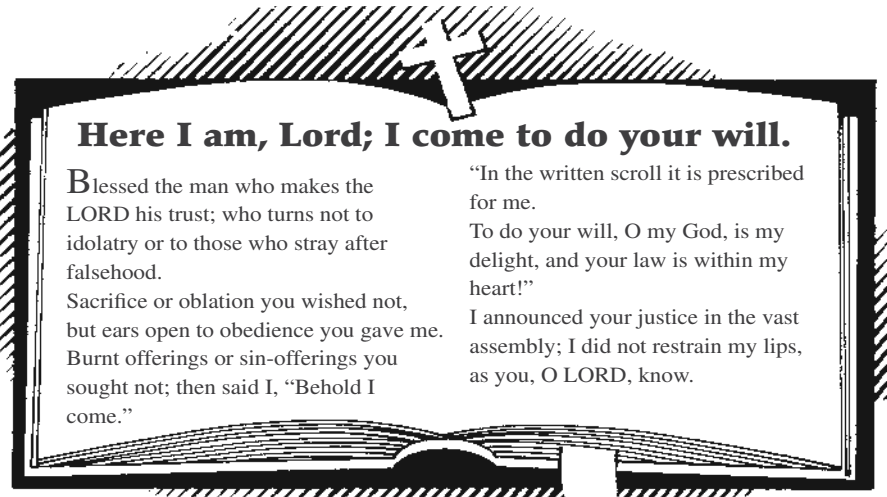
I hope that our little cross out on the prairie means as much to you as it does to us. For our congregation it is part of our identity, but mostly it is our mission to awaken the spirit within us to the love that God has for us, here and now, not for what we do, or we leave undone, God just loves us, period.

May the love of our God be with you and bless you as much as it has us.

Pastor's Podium

The Pastor's Podium column is offered each week by a different pastor or lay person representing an Ellsworth County church.

The week's columnist is Angie Sundell, pastor at Excelsior Lutheran Church, rural Wilson.



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United Methodist
Bill Gies, pastor
114 W. Anderson, (785) 225-6875

St. Joseph's Catholic
Msgr. James E. Hake
West Third

BUSHTON
Holy Name Catholic
Fr. Rick Kotrba
296 Third Rd., (620) 562-3427

United Methodist
Diana Webster, pastor
213 Third, (620) 562-3393

Salem United Methodist
Tom Reazin, pastor
517 Ave. E, (620) 562-3334

CARNEIRO
Carneiro Fellowship Center
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.
Bill Bristow, speaker

DORRANCE
First Lutheran - ELCA
Brenda Rodger PMA,
417 Coleman
Sunday service: 8:30 a.m. Jan.-June; 11 a.m. July-Dec.

St. Joseph's Catholic
Fr. Tony Kulandajesu

GENESEO
Geneseo United Methodist
Guy Rendoff, pastor
407 8th, (620) 824-6498
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
UMW: 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m.

ELLSWORTH
Harvest Bible Church
Marc Compton, pastor
907 Evans, (620) 562-0168.
Sunday service: 10:30 a.m.

Assembly of God
Exie Barber, pastor,
106 W. Eighth, (785) 531-0067
Discipleship Develop.: 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m.
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Children/youth: 7-8 p.m.

Holy Apostles Episcopal
Father Harvey Hillin, pastor
104 W. Fourth
Sunday service: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian
Amy Jo Hawley, pastor
405 N. Lincoln, (785) 472-5557.
9-9:45 a.m. Sunday, First service.
9:50-10:20 Sunday School.
10:30-11:15 a.m. Sunday,
Second Service including live on Facebook at Ellsworth First.

Immanuel Lutheran LC - MS
Luke Brown, pastor
905 Stanberry, Church: (785) 472-4045
Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m.
TV ministry: Sun. 4 p.m. and Thurs. 7 p.m.

DiVine Hope Nazarene
Hoeger Chapel,
300 Bickerdyke Blvd.
(785) 472-1744
Sunday service: 10 a.m.

St. Bernard's Catholic
Fr. Joshua Werth
10th and Kansas, (785) 472-3136
Sunday Mass: 10 a.m.
Visitors welcome, must contact church by Friday to attend.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran LC - MS
Keith Emshoff, pastor
(713) 906-8003
Sunday school: 8:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class: 8:30 a.m.
Church service: 9:30 a.m.

Smoky Hill Baptist
1007 Evans. Contact Gary Oller, (785) 252-3263.
9:45 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Sunday Church service
6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

First United Methodist
Dennis Carter, pastor
322 N. Douglas, (785) 472-3870
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Sunday service
TV ministry: 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Sunday

Refreshed and Redeemed Church
Mary Somrak, pastor
Church: 307 Webb St., (785) 472-9300
Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. live @rarnaz on Facebook

LORRAINE
First Baptist Church
Zach Ullom, pastor
320 W. Wichita, (785) 472-5334
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Bible Club: 6 p.m.

HOLYROOD
St. Paul United Church of Christ
Debby Rains, pastor
301 E. Nassau, (785) 252-3410

St. Peter Lutheran
Dan Harders, pastor
209 S. County Rd., (785) 252-3275
Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.
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Fr. Tony Kulandajesu
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KANOPOLIS
United Methodist
Dennis Carter, pastor
103 S. Missouri, (785) 472-4984
9:15 a.m. Sunday service
10:30 a.m. Sunday school

St. Ignatius Catholic
Fr. Joshua Werth
127 N. Missouri, Rectory (785) 472-4874
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Angie Sundell, pastor
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First Baptist
Brett Denham, pastor
Old Highway 40,
(785) 658-2499
Sunday service: 10:30 a.m. at the church and on Facebook page. Wednesday evening: 7 p.m. on Facebook Live.

First Presbyterian & United Methodist
Mike Trow, pastor
319 24th St. or 2424 Ave. F
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Facebook Live at 9 a.m.
Sundays, Wilson 1st Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches.

Immanuel Lutheran - ELCA
Vicar Jacqueline Thornton, interim
2819 Ave. F
Church: (785) 658-2252
9 a.m. Sunday service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church
Fr. Tony Kulandajesu
2807 Ave. D, (785) 658-3361
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JUDGMENT ON PLEA OF GUILTY — Daniel Coe Allen, speeding, \$201.
 Beatriz Adriana Avila Garcia, speeding, \$183.
 Timothy J. Banninger, speeding, \$165.
 Christopher J. Barlow, speeding, \$183.
 Nathan Earl Brown, speeding, \$165.
 Joshua Alvin Brunson, speeding, \$183.
 Robert Lynn Burroughs, speeding, \$153.
 Cynthia M. Cesko, speeding, \$171.
 Robert S. Crouch, speeding, \$195.
 Patrick Lee Crowdis, speeding, \$153.
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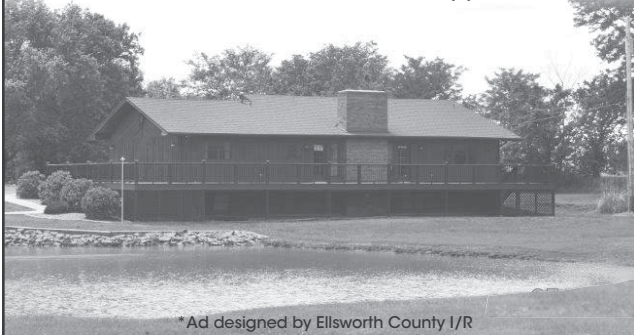
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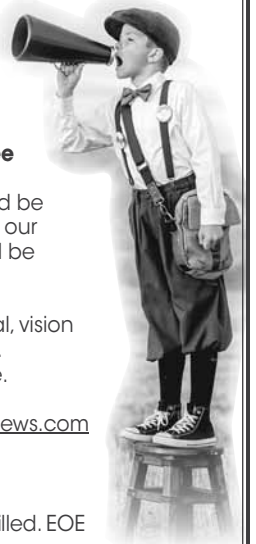
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Lorraine Floodplain Public Hearing

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, July 8, 2021)

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 238 Main Street, Lorraine, Kansas, the City of Lorraine Floodplain Management and will hold a public meeting to consider:

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Certified this 5th, July, 2021
Jessica Bowlby, City Clerk for the City of Lorraine

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Howard R. Vacek Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 24, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. 2020-PR-000034 Howard R. Vacek aka Rocky Vacek, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on June 18, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Janet V. Stash, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Howard R. Vacek aka Rocky Vacek, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Howard R. Vacek aka Rocky Vacek, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Ellsworth, in Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Janet V. Stash,
Petitioner

Sherman Hoffman & Hoffman, LC
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Attorneys for Executor

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Virginia Lucile Davis Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, July 8, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. 2021-PR-000021 Virginia Lucile Davis, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 28, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Roger R. Eaton, Executor of the Estate of Virginia Lucile Davis, deceased, requesting that the foreign will of Virginia Lucile Davis, deceased, dated June 21, 1994, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Ellsworth County, Kansas:

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be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

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Roger R. Eaton, Petitioner

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Rodney Buchholz Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter, June 24, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. 2021-PR-000019 Rodney Dean Buchholz, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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You are hereby notified that on June 9, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary Buchholz, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Rodney Dean Buchholz," deceased, dated March 31, 2003, requesting the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to the Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

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Mary Buchholz,
Petitioner

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- 3) Autism/Low Incidence Consultant
- 4) Behavior Specialist/Counselors
- 5) Special Education Teachers
- 6) Special Education Paraprofessional(Quinter-Hill City-Oberlin-Cheylin-Oakley, Hoxie, Sharon Springs)
- 7) Physical Therapist Assistant (Licensed)
- 8) Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreter or candidate willing to be trained
- 9) Speech Pathologist
- 10) Head Start Paraprofessional (St. Francis-Oberlin-Wakeeney-Goodland-Oakley)
- 11) Gifted Facilitator

If you currently have a Bachelor Degree we have options for you including education assistance support. Please contact Lori Weinman at 785-672-3125, Ext 156. Head Start positions contact Shelby Hubert, Director of Head Start, Ext 160

Applications are available at <https://nkesc.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
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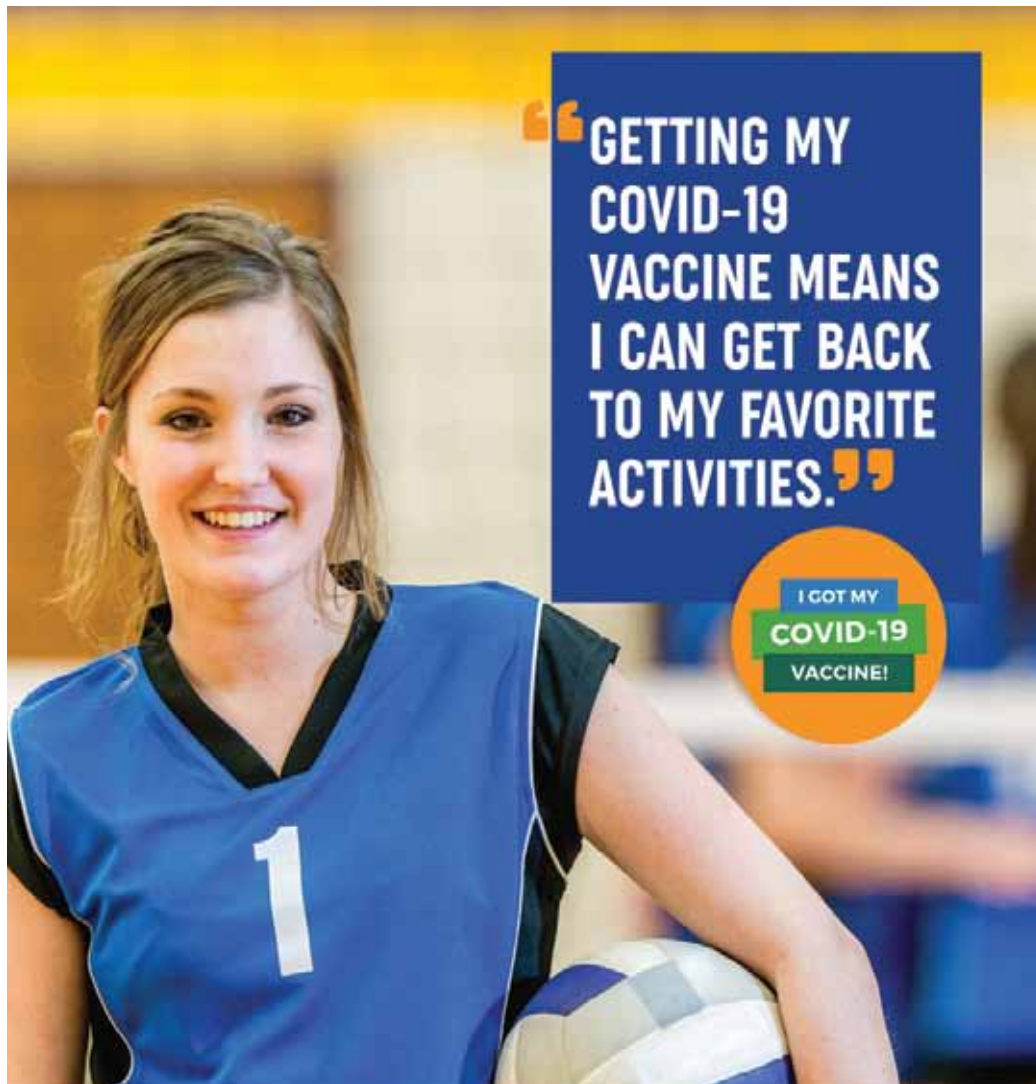
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CDC recommends vaccination for everyone 12 years and older

Have you talked with your child about the COVID-19 vaccine?



According to a MyVoice survey* held in late March 2021, **75% of respondents, aged 14-24, are willing to get the vaccine** or have already been vaccinated.

**[https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X\(21\)00098-7/pdf](https://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X(21)00098-7/pdf)*

COVID-19 Vaccinations are available at the Ellsworth County Health Dept.



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Sports Physical Schedules by location

Ellsworth	Holyrood	Lucas	Wilson
7/15/21	7/13/21	7/29/21	7/14/21
8/03/21			8/04/21

Back to School Sports Physicals provides the perfect opportunity to talk with your child's Healthcare Provider about vaccinating!

ELLSWORTH COUNTY COVID-19 RESOURCE LIST

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Kansas Works
785-827-9383 • <https://kansasworks.com/ada/>

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUPPORT

JH Robbins Memorial Library
219 N. Lincoln Ave., Ellsworth, Ks. 785-472-3969

Lang Memorial Library
2405 Avenue F, Wilson, Ks. 785-658-3648

FOOD, CLOTHING & HOME GOODS

USDA Commodities Food Distribution
(income limits set by USDA)
• For information on Ellsworth County distribution contact Anita Hoffhines at 785-531-0160

Ellsworth County Food Bank
(no income limits)
Located at the Harvest Bible Church, 907 Evans, Ellsworth, Ks.
• Set up Food Bank appointments from 8 a.m. • 5 p.m. on Tues. & Fri.
• Call the Ellsworth County Health Department at 785-472-4488 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Wilson Food Bank
Call Theresa Heinrich at 785-658-6252 for information

Holyrood Food Bank
Located at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 301 E. Nassau, Holyrood, Ks. Call 785-252-3410 for information

Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Program
The Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Program is available in Ellsworth on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The van will be located in the parking lot of St. Bernard Catholic Church, 911 N. Kansas Ave. Services available include: seasonally appropriate clothing, food, diapers, hygiene items, emergency assistance applications, Kansas Loan Pool Project applications, and information on other services available through Catholic Charities. If you, or someone you know, needs assistance, stop by the mobile outreach van. If you need more information of immediate help, contact Catholic Charities at 785-825-0208. A person or family does not have to be Catholic to utilize this program.

Caring Families
785-531-2616
• Caring Families is a nonprofit organization created to assist families in need in Ellsworth and surrounding areas. Donated items are made available to anyone who can use them.
• Ewco.caringfamilies@gmail.com or message Caring Families on Facebook or Messenger

Shiney Hineys
785-472-9300
• Free diapers, wipes, infant ointments & laundry soaps. Call Pastor Mary Somrak or Susan at 785-472-9300.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE

Ellsworth County Health Department
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.,
1603 Aylward, Ellsworth, Ks., 785-472-4488
• Accurate Covid-19 information
• Health services including injections, laboratory services, physical exams, school physicals, develop mental screening, child hood and seasonal immunizations, home health services, off-site health screening clinics, women's health, family planning services, the maternal and infant program and the WIC special supplemental nutritional program for women, infants and children, and more.
• Many health services on a sliding scale
• Information on USDA Commodities Food Distribution (income limits set by USDA)

Central Kansas Mental Health Center
1602 Aylward, inside Ellsworth Medical Center
785-823-6322 or 800-794-8281
www.ckmhc.org
• Therapy for all ages, medication management, crisis services, public education and more. Always accepting new patients!

Ellsworth County Medical Center
1604 Aylward Ave, Ellsworth, KS • (785) 472-3111 • www.ewmed.com
• **Rural Health Clinics** in Wilson, Lucas, Ellsworth and Holyrood

UTILITIES AND RENT

Ellsworth Ministerial Alliance
• Assistance with gaps in rent payments and utility bills. Call Exie Barber at 785-472-3232.

ELDERLY CARE & SUPPORT

Ellsworth Senior Center/Council on Aging
115 E. North Main, Ellsworth, Ks. 785-472-3032
• Ellsworth Senior Center is dedicated to serving the seniors of Ellsworth and the surrounding areas.

Wilson Senior Center
785-658-2388

Holyrood Senior Center
Temporary location is St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 301 E. Nassau, Holyrood, Ks.
• Noon meals provided (pick-up only), call 785-252-3410 for information

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Ellsworth County Public Transportation
785-472-3032

Wilson City Bus
785-658-2272

OTHER SERVICES

Ellsworth County Economic Development
114 1/2 N. Douglas Ave., Ellsworth, Ks. 785-472-9204
• Ellsworth County Economic Development is dedicated to improving the lives of citizens of Ellsworth County through recruitment, retention, and expansion of goods and services offered in Ellsworth County.

Older Kansans Employment Program
785-827-4857

Good Samaritan Home Health
1161 Hoeger Ln, Ellsworth, Ks.
785-472-3338

Angel's Care Home Health
785-658-5681

Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas
785-827-5862
<https://www.dvack.org>

Salvation Army
785-823-2251
<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/salina> Many services including energy assistance

American Red Cross of Central and Western Kansas
785-827-3644

Kansas Legal Services
888-353-5337

Veridian Behavioral Health
785-452-4930

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Inc.
Salina, KS • 785-827-6731

National Suicide Prevention Hotline
800-794-8281

Lifeline Crisis Chat
www.contact-usa.org/chat.html

Kansas Rehabilitation Services:
Vocational Rehabilitation – 785-368-7471

Salina Regional Health Center: Infant/Child Development Center
785-792-1885

Family Crisis Center: Child Advocacy Center
785-827-9383