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Inaugural hall of fame class celebrates Trojan Pride

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OSAWATOMIE – Trojan Pride and making the most of the high school experience was the message from the inaugural Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2025.

Legendary coaches Bill Freeman and Rodney Madden, quarterback Lynn Dickey, running back Derrick Jensen, Jeremy Isenhower, Tayler Soucie Llewellyn and the 1966 undefeated Trojans football team were enshrined as the first class in the Osawatomi Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Jan. 10.

Stories about Freeman's late-night practices lit by car headlights, everyone telling Dickey in the huddle to throw the ball to them, Madden inspiring students to become great people, Jensen diving on the pavement to catch footballs, Isenhower waving at train conductors as they passed behind the ballfield and Soucie getting her edge from competing against her brothers – it was clear what induction night was really all about – celebrating Osawatomi and The Trojan Way.

"This all started a few years ago," said Jimmy Kerley, Osawatomi Athletic Hall of Fame Chairman.

"We had an alumni football game, and a few of my buddies came back to the house to celebrate that no one got seriously injured. We started talking about all of the great players that have gone through Osawatomi. I said Osawatomi needs a hall of fame.

"I said that night I am going to make that happen," Kerley said. "I spent the last 875 days determined to make good on that promise. Thanks to the help of so many different people, that dream tonight has become a reality. The idea behind the hall of fame is we want to recognize all of the great athletes and great people who have gone through Osawatomi. We also want to inspire the current Trojans and future Trojans and show them, you can be from Osawatomi, Kansas, and achieve greatness. So, ladies and gentlemen, sit back and relax, and enjoy some great stories. Tonight is a great night to be a Trojan."

1966 undefeated Trojans football team

The Osawatomi 1966 undefeated state championship team was 9-0 with two shutouts. The team was led by coach Bill Freeman and quarterback Lynn Dickey.

Tom Kuder talked about the 1966 season and what it meant to be part of such a



Members of the inaugural Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame class are (from left) coach Bill Freeman's daughter, Jennifer Freeman-Liles, and son, Jeff Freeman, Tayler Soucie Llewellyn, Lynn Dickey, Jeremy Isenhower, coach Rodney Madden, and representing Derrick Jensen is teammate and friend Ike Brady.

great group of people.

"All I know is I wanted to be part of this team," Tom Kuder said. "I got hurt my sophomore year, so I didn't go out my junior year. When I saw what they had accomplished that year I decided I wanted to be a part of something really good with that team our senior year.

"Back then, it was before the playoff system they have today," Kuder said. "Whatever your ranking was at the end of the season, that would declare you as the state champion.

We beat Burlington 50-0 to move to the No. 1 position and that is where we ended up after beating Paola."

The Osawatomi Trojans shut out De Soto by a score of 59-0 and defeated Burlington by a final of 50-0. Osawatomi won the Tom-Tom game with a 40-28 victory against rival Paola.

Members of the 1966 state champion Trojans were: seniors Bob Barnes, Keith Crouch, Jim Crowl, Tom Dela Cruz, Lynn Dickey, Charles Eastwood,



Coach Rodney Madden raises an arm for Trojan Pride following his hall of fame acceptance speech at Osawatomi High School on Friday, Jan. 10.

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Paola container home is first in Miami County

BY BRIAN MCCAULEY
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PAOLA – Seth Dubinick of KC Contractors loves browsing social media and the internet in search of new building trends.

When he first learned about residential homes built using steel shipping containers, he was intrigued by the idea.

As a commercial contractor, Dubinick is familiar with the construction of large steel buildings, such as the one he built for the RoKC rock climbing gym in Olathe.

The concept of integrating sturdy shipping container units and a traditional wood frame to create a stylish and efficient house made sense to him.

He decided to build a spec



Brian McCauley / Miami County Republic

Seth Dubinick (left) of KC Contractors and Mandy Wiseman of Keller Williams Diamond Partners stand in front of a home Dubinick recently built in Paola using steel storage shipping containers.

container home, and Paola was the perfect location. Dubinick's parents, Chris and Mary, live in Paola, so he could spend some extra time with them while working on the project.

He also already purchased some vacant infill lots in Paola that he believed would be good locations for spec homes.

Dubinick previously built a stylish spec home on one of

those infill lots on Kaskaskia Street across from Taylor Forge in Paola. The home has a sloped roof, large windows and wooden exterior that gives it the appearance of a cabin in Colorado.

Dubinick said the owner of the home still sends him messages about how much she loves it.

He's now hoping to find the perfect person to move into his latest spec home at 608 W. Miami St. on Paola's residential west side.

The home was built using four reinforced steel shipping containers along with a traditional stick built inside framing. The steel exterior of a container is visible around the front door on the front facade, but it's blended with exposed cedar accents, a large

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Plea deal reached after fatal shooting at Hillsdale State Park

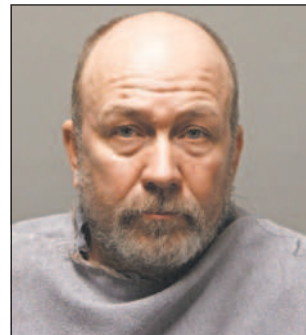
Overland Park man sentenced to more than 10 years in prison

BY BRIAN MCCAULEY
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A 55-year-old Overland Park man recently was sentenced to 10 years and three months in prison for shooting and killing a 43-year-old Edgerton man at Hillsdale State Park in 2023.

Brian Meysenburg was sentenced Thursday, Jan. 2, in Miami County District Court.

Meysenburg initially claimed the incident was self-defense, and a jury trial was scheduled to take place in November 2024. It was canceled when a plea deal



Brian Meysenburg

was reached.

Meysenburg was facing a charge of premeditated first-degree murder, but it was reduced to second-degree murder in the plea agreement.

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District Judge Richard M. Fisher Jr. accepted the agreement and sentenced Meysenburg to 123 months (10 years and three months) in prison, according to court documents.

Meysenburg was arrested and booked into Miami County Jail on June 20, 2023, after one person was shot and killed and another was stabbed at Hillsdale State Park.

The incident took place in the early morning hours of June 20, 2023, at the Pintail Point Campground. Emergency personnel were dispatched at 12:14 a.m., and when they arrived on scene, they found one adult male deceased from a gunshot wound and another adult male with a non-life-threatening stab wound. The stabbing victim was transported to a local area hospital and later released, according to a Miami County Sheriff's Office news release.

The shooting victim was

identified as 43-year-old Bryan Hendrickson of Edgerton.

Meysenburg initially was charged in Miami County District Court with one count of second-degree murder, and his bond was set at \$1 million.

In November 2023, Meysenburg's attorney filed a motion to dismiss the case based on claims that Meysenburg acted in self-defense and should be immune from prosecution.

The defense's motion claimed that Hendrickson pointed a gun in Meysenburg's face, after which Meysenburg said, "I'm done" and returned to his RV, where he armed himself with a firearm for protection.

Meysenburg then began packing his truck to leave and told his girlfriend that Hendrickson needed to leave. At some point, Meysenburg and Hendrickson found themselves within arm's reach of each other, and at that point, Hendrickson, sitting at a picnic table, stabbed Meysenburg in the leg, according to the defense's motion.

After being stabbed, Meysenburg tried to flee to the camper,

but when he looked back, he saw Hendrickson rising from his seat and reaching toward his waistline for a pistol, which prompted Meysenburg to fire three rounds, killing Hendrickson, according to the defense's motion.

The prosecution, led by Assistant Attorney General Nicole Southall, was quick to file a response to the defense's motion to dismiss.

The state's response claimed that Meysenburg instigated the initial confrontation with Hendrickson by punching him in the eye after Hendrickson reportedly "smarted off to him."

The state's response also claimed that Meysenburg got the firearm from the RV and walked up to Hendrickson and pointed it in Hendrickson's face. Hendrickson then stabbed Meysenburg in the right leg, and Meysenburg shot him three times, killing him.

"The defendant's argument that he was the one in danger that night falls flat," the state's response said.

The state's response went on to say that a reasonable person



File photo

Brian Meysenburg, 55, of Overland Park was sentenced Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Miami County Courthouse. He pled guilty to second-degree murder as part of a plea agreement and was sentenced to 10 years and three months in prison.

would not have perceived deadly force as self-defense in such a situation, as Meysenburg was standing over Hendrickson with a loaded firearm, and the only weapon Hendrickson used against Meysenburg was a pocketknife.

"A reasonable person would use deadly force as a last resort and would have stepped out of the victim's reach if he feared further contact," the state's response said.

A preliminary hearing in the

case against Meysenburg was held Dec. 1, 2023, and based on the evidence presented, the prosecution made an oral motion to amend the charge to premeditated first-degree murder.

On Dec. 12, 2023, Judge Fisher Jr. denied the defense's motion to dismiss and stated that the prosecution had met its burden to show the defendant's use of self-defense was not statutorily justified.

Fisher Jr. also ruled that the prosecution met its burden during the preliminary hearing and bound Meysenburg over on the charge of premeditated first-degree murder.

In January, 2024, Meysenburg changed defense attorneys from Vincent J. Rivera of Rivera Law in Olathe to Thomas J. Bath Jr. of Bath & Edmonds, PA in Leawood.

An arraignment hearing was held Feb. 6, 2024, and a jury trial was scheduled for November 2024.

Bath Jr. reached the plea agreement with the prosecution before the trial, and Meysenburg agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder.

PHS students earn Microsoft Office Specialist certification

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PAOLA – Several Paola High School students recently passed an exam that earned them Microsoft Office Specialist certification.

In December, students in Mary Beth Rayne's Business and Technology Concepts class took the Certipoint Word exam to try and earn the Microsoft Office Specialist certification. The exam is worth 1,000 points, and students needed to score a 700 or better to pass, Rayne said.

A total of 56 students took the test, and 24 passed.

The students who earned Microsoft Office Specialist certification are: Malina Paxton, Jack Schwatken, Zachary Westwater, Lucy Hay, Lauren Vohs, Lola Canales, Brailee Wicker, Ayden McArthur, Stella Kauk, Emersyn Browning, Eleni Ortiz-Vazquez, Bailey Kaiser, Alayna Davis, Maryn Johnson, Parker Kornis-Wright, Caylee Crawford, Charley Stanchfield, Alyse Westendorff, Emmit Blackmore, Lillian Bowman, Toby Walker, Lindsay Atkinson, Silas Hagerman and Serenity Leigh.

Rayne said Malina Paxton and Jack Schwatken both scored a 975 on the exam, which is the highest score she has ever seen, and Zachary Westwater was not far behind with a score



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Paola High School students who earned Microsoft Office Specialist certification are: (front row, from left) Eleni Ortiz-Vazquez, Ayden McArthur, Malina Paxton, Alayna Davis, Alyse Westendorff; (second row) Bailey Kaiser, Lola Canales, Lindsay Atkinson, Lillian Bowman; (third row) Charley Stanchfield, Maryn Johnson, Lauren Vohs, Stella Kauk, Caylee Crawford; (fourth row) Emersyn Browning, Lucy Hay; (back row) Serenity Leigh, Brailee Wicker, Toby Walker, Jack Schwatken, Silas Hagerman and Zachary Westwater. Not pictured are Parker Kornis-Wright and Emmit Blackmore.

of 953.

The exam is part of the curriculum of the Business and Technology Concepts class at PHS.

A variety of skills are measured during the exam, including creating and managing documents; formatting text, paragraphs

and sections; creating tables and lists; applying references; and inserting and formatting objects.

"Earning a certification

takes a lot of hard work and determination," Rayne said. "This certification program gives students practical, performance-based

scenarios to gauge their real-world capabilities with project and standards-based outcome testing."



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Speaker to share Kansas legends and folktales at museum

BY BRIAN MCCAULEY

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PAOLA – Professor Jim Hoy, a speaker and author, will share

captivating Kansas folktales during a presentation Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Miami County Historical Museum.

The event will begin at

1 p.m. Saturday at the museum, which is located at 12 E. Peoria St.

"Kansas is a place of big skies and tall tales, and these exaggerated narratives help us understand the character of our state and its people," museum officials stated in a news release. "Only Kansas could have 'grasshoppers

so big that cowboys can ride them to herd cattle!"

Hoy is a professor of English and folklorist who works with the Center for the Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University.

He has lectured internationally on the folklife of ranching and is co-author of "Plain Folk," a syndicated newspaper column.

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Training provided to help veterans in mental crisis

BY GENE MORRIS
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PAOLA – Veterans are 50 percent more likely to commit suicide than non-veterans.

Having firearms in a safe place is one way of managing the risk of suicide.

The Paola American Legion's "Be the One" mission worked with the Veterans Administration, The Columbia Lighthouse Project, and Veterans Outdoors Foundation for a suicide awareness workshop and prevention training Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Paola American Legion.

Cara Murray, a Veteran Affairs suicide prevention coordinator, spoke about risk factors and protective factors.

Risk factors include prior suicide attempts, mental health issues, substance abuse, recent loss, legal or financial challenges, relationship issues, unemployment and homelessness.

When they own a firearm, the risk is even greater, Murray said.

"We want to minimize their risk factors and maximize the protective factors," she said.

Calling 988 is a great resource to call, not just for veterans, but anyone, Murray said. Veterans can press one, and other callers should wait on the line.

"One man who called the 988 number, we have talked to 12 times," she said. "We found out he had a firearm and kept working with him to take steps to create space and distance to give him



Veterans George Pogge, District 1 Commander, and Jeremy Ehart, former Kansas Department Commander, listen to a presentation during a suicide prevention training and workshop at the Paola American Legion on Saturday, Jan. 11.

more time to think about what he was doing."

He finally did, putting the gun in the glove box of his truck. He had a birthday card from a granddaughter and taped it to the glove box.

"He said having the birthday card on the glove box really made an impact for him," Murray said.

Patrick Bainbridge, VA Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, is part of an effort to bring intervention to the grass roots level.

"It really takes the community getting involved," he said.

Many of the veterans are not going to the VA for services, so looking for other ways to reach out to them is important, Bainbridge said. "The community needs

to be more involved in identifying veterans and helping them find the resources they need," he said. "There is a lack of knowledge of resources available. We work with communities to create a resource guide."

Doug Hensley, American Legion Miami Post 156 commander and chairman of the Department of Kansas "Be the One" Committee, said he and his fellow officers work to conduct "buddy checks" on local veterans by making a call or sending a text.

Hensley said he knows there are local veterans who may be hurting and feeling alone and hoped the training will help community members notice the signs and learn how to help.

The training had several sessions covering Whole



Sheila Roth, VA Whole Health Coach, talks about services available to local veterans.



Patrick Bainbridge, VA Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, speaks during a suicide prevention and training workshop at the Paola American Legion on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Health, Community Engagement, Veterans Justice Outreach, and Elizabeth Layton Center Veterans Services Liaison.

An afternoon session

on Columbia Protocol Training was also offered with suicide prevention for everyone.

Although the training was geared for people who

want to help veterans, Hensley said it presented good information for anyone wanting to help someone suffering from a mental health crisis.

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This is the first container home built in Miami County and is tucked in a quiet space of Paola. An open concept between the living room and kitchen with a vaulted living room ceiling provides family time all the time. Enjoy the kitchen already furnished with stainless steel appliances. The kitchen island lays out a flexible workspace and provides for meal enjoyment. A mounted 75 inch TV can be enjoyed in this open space.

A washer and dryer - hooked up and ready for you - are located conveniently right off the kitchen. The master bedroom leads you to a master bath followed by a spacious walk-in closet. Touch lighting on the bathroom mirrors is just one of the luxurious features found in this home.

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window and sloped roof, mirroring the cabin-like feel of his previous spec home.

A stone walkway leads visitors to the front entrance and large wraparound porch.

The 1,120-square-foot home features three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. Anyone who walks into the home will be welcomed by an open concept between the living room and kitchen with a vaulted living room ceiling.

Dubinick built the home to be move-in ready, and it's complete with a 75-inch television and washer and dryer.

He wanted to give the interior design a modern feel, and he's always on the

lookout for new ideas while traveling.

During a recent stay at a hotel in Colorado, Dubinick fell in love with the open bottom vanity in the bathroom. He decided to do the same thing inside the container home, along with lighted bathroom mirrors.

Portions of the steel shipping containers are visible throughout the interior of the home, and some rooms, like the kitchen and bedrooms, feature raised storage areas between the ceiling and the top of the shipping containers.

Dubinick said the shipping containers offer more than just aesthetic value. They also provide safety because they are welded to a plate in the foundation, and they offer natural insulation, making the home energy efficient.

Paola City Manager Randi Shannon said container homes are allowed in the city as long as they meet all of the residential code requirements.

In 2019, Miami County commissioners voted to allow homes to be built using cargo storage containers as long as they meet all of the standard new home requirements, such as having engineered plans and meeting all applicable codes.

Dubinick's spec home is the first in Miami County to be built using steel shipping containers, and he said city officials have been very supportive of the project, especially since the home fills in a previously vacant lot.

Dubinick has teamed up with Mandy Wiseman of Keller Williams Diamond Partners to market the home



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Seth Dubinick of KC Contractors previously built a stylish spec home in Paola on an infill lot on Kaskaskia Street across from Taylor Forge. The home has a sloped roof, large windows and wooden exterior to give the appearance of a cabin in Colorado, and Dubinick said the homeowner loves it.

to potential buyers.

Wiseman has scheduled open houses to take place

from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18; and 2 to 4

p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. "It's a millennial's dream home," Wiseman said.



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Seth Dubinick of KC Contractors shows off the open kitchen and living room inside a home he built in Paola using steel shipping containers.



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The bathroom inside the home at 608 W. Miami St. features lighted mirrors and an open bottom vanity, which is something Seth Dubinick of KC Contractors fell in love with during a recent stay at a hotel in Colorado.



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A new home at 608 W. Miami St. was built using four reinforced steel shipping containers along with a traditional stick built inside framing.

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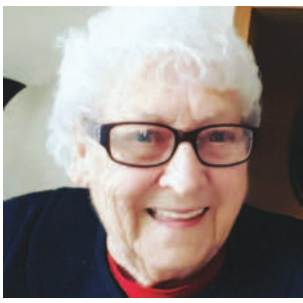
Obituaries

WALTER NOLL

Walter W. Noll age 97 of Osawatomie, KS died Sunday January 12, 2025 at Olathe Medical Center. Visitation Thursday 6-8 pm at Eddy-Birchard Funeral Home in Osawatomie. Service Friday 10:30 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Paola. Burial at Beagle Cemetery. Memorials are to the Mid-America Nutrition Program for Meals on Wheels.

BETTY FIELDS

Betty Jane Fields age 94 of Osawatomie, KS died Friday January 10, 2025 at Rock Creek of Ottawa. Betty was born February 24, 1930 in Garnett, KS. She was the only child born to William Allen and Laura Nancy (Patterson) Williamson. She attended school in Osawatomie, KS.



On May 31, 1947, Betty married Oscar "Jack" Fields in Osawatomie, KS. Together they had four children: Rodney, Velinda, Delores and Gardner. They made their home in Osawatomie where they opened and ran Jack's Glass Shop. Betty was a homemaker but also did the accounting at the glass shop.

In 1972, Jack and Betty decided to close the glass shop in Osawatomie, and they moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico for a couple of years when Jack took a management job. They then were moved to Hershey, Pennsylvania until the snow got so deep, they couldn't do it anymore and moved back to Osawatomie. They then reopened Jack's Glass Shop.

After celebrating 40 years of marriage Betty became a widow in June of 1987 with the passing of Jack. Betty then married Vernard Bell in 1997.

Betty had a feisty spirit and spoke her mind! When she got involved with a group, she was all in. Betty was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary during her tenure she held several local and state offices including Madam President. Over 35 years ago Betty and the Eagles Auxiliary started a Christmas Party for LakeMary Center children, and it was later given the nickname "Betty's Kids" the party still happens every December. Betty was a member of the Big Bird Camper Club. She became a snowbird traveling coast to coast. Betty always enjoyed reading and being outside. She in 2007 became a member of the Beagle United Methodist Church.

Betty was an avid BINGO player; she could be found at a BINGO game somewhere most nights of the week. In those travels if you got the privilege of serving her a meal you knew she was going to order her tea "no sugar, no lemon, no spoon!" Betty was known for her deviled eggs and ham salad sandwiches.

Betty was blessed to be able to enjoy the fifth generation with the birth of Silas, who brought her a lot of happiness the last year of her life.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jack Fields, second husband Vernard Bell, her parents, infant daughter Delores, and son Rodney Fields Sr.

Survivors include her children; Velinda Serna of Osawatomie, KS, Gardner Fields of Topeka, KS and daughter-in-law Rita Fields of Osawatomie, KS. Grandchildren; Jackie (Robert) Davey of Osawatomie, KS, Joe (Tammy) Serna of Osage City, KS, Rodney Fields Jr of Paola, KS, Michael and Matthew Fields of Osawatomie, KS. Great grandchildren; Mercedes (Clay) Roland of Lawrence, KS, Aliks Serna of Ottawa, KS, Hayden and Sawyer Serna of Osage City, KS and Bri Fields of Gardner, KS and one great-great grandson Silas Roland and, many extend family members and friends.

Betty will be celebrated on 1/19/2025 from 2-4 pm at the Beagle United Methodist Church. Burial will be 5/31/2025 at Memorial Gardens where she will be reunited with Jack on their anniversary.

CARL WEIR

Carl Grant Weir, 91, Spring Hill, Kansas passed away Monday, January 6, 2025.

CG was born on November 7, 1933 to Carl M. and F. Genevieve (Babb) Weir. CG grew up in Spring Hill and graduated from Spring Hill High School in 1952. After high school, he attended Kansas State University to receive his BS Agriculture degree in 1956. CG moved back to Spring Hill to help with his family's farm. He continued to raise cattle throughout his lifetime. He was a lifelong lover of all creatures great and small. He cared for many animals inside and out through his entire life. He was a lifelong area resident.

CG married Becky Lundgren in Ottawa, Kansas, on February 29, 1988. CG will be remembered as an avid reader who enjoyed participating in book clubs. He liked listening to jazz music and watching old movies.

CG was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Becky, Spring Hill, Kansas; brother Ted Weir, Omaha, Nebraska; and the family that picked him, Meredith Lockard, Kathryn Lockard, and Jack Lockard, who all lovingly called him Grandpa.

Cremation with inurnment in Spring Hill Cemetery, Spring Hill, Kansas at a future date. Condolences may be given at www.brucefuneralhome.com



DONALD ARMSTRONG

Donald Gene "Lefty" Armstrong, 76, of Paola, Kansas, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2025. Don was born June 1, 1948, in Paola, the youngest son of Henry Walker Armstrong and Catherine Marie Carruthers Armstrong. He attended Paola public schools and graduated in 1967.

After high school, he was employed as a welder at Behm in Osawatomie. Don joined the pipefitters UA Local 533 as an MTJ Metal Trade Journeyman and was hired in 1981 at the Bendix Corporation (later known as Allied Signal and Honeywell). He worked at the company for more than 30 years until his retirement in November 2011.

Don married Paula McKaig at the Paola United Methodist Church on August 17, 1974. They had three sons, and he devoted his life to being a loving husband and father. Some of his great joys were coaching Little League Baseball and supporting his boys in other activities such as cross country running, band, basketball, karate and tennis.

He loved music and was a longtime member of the Paola United Methodist choir. Don and a few other men at the church formed their own Christian singing group, calling themselves The New Beginnings. He continued his faith journey at Paola Lighthouse Church.

Don was a fan of the Kansas City Royals and enjoyed attending countless games with his family and friends. His favorite teams also included the Chiefs and Kansas State Wildcats. He liked exploring new places and traveled to locations such as Alaska, Hawaii, Jamaica, The Rose Bowl Parade, Niagara Falls and other memorable destinations.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; son Kevin Roy Armstrong; granddaughter Lucy Mae Armstrong; brothers William (Bill) and Henry (Hank) Armstrong; father-in-law and mother-in-law Roy and Eleanor McKaig; and brother-in-law Dennis McKaig.

He is survived by his wife Paula; sons Chad Armstrong (Julie) of Andover, Kan. and Kyle Armstrong (Erica) of Olathe, Kan.; four grandchildren, Logan and Meghan of Andover, and Iris and Ruby of Olathe; sister Betty Ann Armstrong of Paola; brothers-in-law Doug McKaig (Susan) and Darrel McKaig (Laura); sisters-in-law Shannon Armstrong, Patty Armstrong, Alice McKaig; nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Paola Lighthouse Church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 18 followed by a service at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Paola USD 368 Endowment Association to support students seeking education in skilled trades.

Link to Online donations: <http://bit.ly/Endowment-Donations>



GLENN BREWER

APRIL 22, 1935 JANUARY 9, 2025

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Glenn Edward Brewer, who died peacefully at the age of 89 on January 9, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was a cherished husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Glenn was born on April 22, 1935, to Edward Wallace Brewer and Lona Vivian (Deshazer) Brewer in Freeman, MO. As one of 10 siblings, he called both Kansas and Missouri home, most recently residing in Harrisonville, MO, with the love of his life, Gloria.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Helen and Rosemary; siblings Mary Moraine, Don, Vincil, Vivian, Virgil, and Gerald Brewer; and his children Glenn Brewer Jr. and Rebecca (Brewer) Ross, and son in laws Roger Barker and Tom Fleming.

Glenn is survived by his devoted wife, Gloria Brewer; siblings Shirley (Brewer) Moraine, John Brewer and wife Sheran, and Sharon (Brewer) Coble and husband Briane; his children LaVon (Brewer) Gatewood and husband Gary, Vickie (Brewer) Barker, Mary (Brewer) Fleming, James Brewer and wife Frankie, April Stecher and husband Chris, and daughter-in-law Jackie Brewer.

He was a proud grandfather to Tron, Lee, Helen, Ryan, Stacy, Eric, Amandia, Jerilynn, April, Jennifer, Brandy, Gina, Sarah, Chris, Lisa, Charlie, Calean, Hayden, and Macy. His legacy spans over five generations as he is also celebrated by numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

A jack-of-all-trades, Glenn spent the majority of his career at General Motors before retiring in 1988. Retirement brought him the opportunity to travel, visit family and friends, and enjoy camping at Pomme de Terre Lake.

Glenn was a firm believer in the value of hard work, often reminding those around him that "nothing worth having comes easy." He carried himself with quiet strength, commanding respect, while maintaining a giving heart and a readiness to lend a hand to a friend or a stranger.

A celebration of life will be held later this year, when the flowers are in bloom, the sun is shining, and the grass is ready to mow season Glenn cherished. Known for his love of mowing, evidenced by his impressive collection of riding lawn mowers, this time of year was truly his favorite.

Glenn leaves behind a legacy of integrity, faith, and a profound love for his family. His no-nonsense wisdom, steady presence, and yes, even his occasional stubbornness, will be deeply missed. He was the anchor of his family, demonstrating what it means to live a purposeful, strong, and fulfilling life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Harrisonville Animal Shelter.

ETHEL WEAVER

Ethel Lorene Olmeier Weaver, 83, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 3, 2025. Oldest child of Elmer Ohlmeier and Edith Sinclair Ohlmeier. Born December 19, 1941, on her mother's 26th birthday in a rural Paola farm house. Baptized as an infant into membership at Trinity Lutheran Church, Block. When she was 4 years old, her family transferred to First Lutheran, Paola, where she remained an active member.



She taught Sunday School: preschool-1st grade, 6th grade Confirmation Class and was a substitute leader in the Adult Bible Study. She held offices in various church organizations including The Married Couples Club, First Lutheran PTL, AAL and Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She was active in the Braille Ministry, going to Overland Park to help make Braille Bibles. She attended grade school at First Lutheran School, graduated from Paola High School in 1960 and took classes at Fort Scott Community College. Her career included Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line, Department manager at Pamida Gibson, Miami County Treasurer's Office and Miami County Title. On December 15, 1961, she married George Weaver of Osawatomie at First Lutheran, Paola. They became the parents of four children all of whom survive. Those preceding her are her parents, and a brother, Jim Ohlmeier. Survivors are her husband of 63 years and their four children: Doug (Cindy) Weaver, Paola; Linda (James) Heimann, Fredericksburg, TX; Dan Weaver, Paola; and Billy (Michele) Weaver, Paola. Also surviving are two granddaughters, Bethany (Jeff) Neumann and Amy Heimann and two grandsons, D.J. Weaver and Austin Weaver, great-granddaughters, Zola Weaver and Raelynn Weaver, step-granddaughter Mindy (Justin) Lentz and three step-great-grandchildren, Harper, Jett and Zach. Also surviving are sister Ruth (John) Cook, and two brothers, John (Kathy) Ohlmeier and David (Fran) Ohlmeier. In lieu of Flowers: Memorials to First Lutheran Church c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary-Paola Chapel. Funeral Services are pending.

HUBERT KETCHER

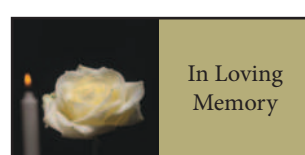
Hubert "Hugh" Eugene Ketcher, 84, Spring Hill, Kansas passed away Thursday, January 2, 2025 at the Village of Olathe. Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2025 with a funeral service to follow at Antioch Community Baptist Church, 22668 S. Waverly Rd, Spring Hill, Kansas. Burial at Antioch Cemetery, Spring Hill, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Indian School. Condolences may be left at www.brucefuneralhome.com



Hugh was born on January 30, 1940 in Claremore, Oklahoma to Hubert Chub and Sylvia Lee (Richards) Ketcher. He grew up in Miami, Oklahoma. Hugh's family moved to Iola, Kansas where he graduated from Iola High School and then attended Allen County Community College, Iola, Kansas. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degree from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. Hugh was a 5th grade School Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, Olathe, retiring after 32 years. He also worked as a Farmer; Hugh was a member of Antioch Baptist Church. On March 9, 1957, Hugh married Donna J. Roe in Miami, Oklahoma. They moved to Spring Hill in 1973.

Hugh was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dennis Ketcher. He is survived by his wife Donna of the home; sisters Wanda (Gary) Gourd, Gardner, Kansas and Barbara (Larry) Boucher, Peculiar, Missouri and brothers Lonnie (Cheryl) Ketcher, Grandview, Missouri and Joe (Ruth) Ketcher, Yates Center, Kansas.

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Freya Barnes wraps up busy rabbit show season

BY BRIAN MCCAULEY
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PAOLA - Ten-year-old Freya Barnes of Paola won multiple awards during the 2024 rabbit show season.

In October, she competed in the Kansas State Rabbit Breeders Association State Convention, where she showed three breeds of rabbits (Mini Rex, Rhinelander and Jersey Wooly) and competed in the youth and royalty contests.

Her rabbits placed well, with several earning best of variety/best opposite sex of variety wins, according to a news release.

In the Mini Rex breed category, Freya's rabbits won Best of Variety Chocolate, Best Opposite Sex of Variety Chocolate, Best of Variety Lilac and Best of Variety Tortoise.

In the Rhinelander breed category, Freya's rabbits won Best of Variety Black and Best of Breed, according to the release.

Freya also excelled in the youth educational contests, where she won first place in the 9-11 age group with her black and white photography, color photography, painting and handmade jewelry.

She then went on to win Photography Grand Champion overall with her color photography and Craft Grand Champion Overall for her handmade jewelry, according to the release.

Freya also won second place in Junior Management ages 9-11, as well as Junior Achievement ages 9-11. She also was fifth overall in Junior Showmanship ages 9-11, according to the release.

For the royalty contest, Freya had to complete a written application, a written exam consisting of 100 multiple choice and true/false questions, an oral interview, and compete in showmanship, breed

identification and judging. The contests were challenging, and competition was tough, but Freya was able to secure first runner-up for Kansas Rabbit Breeder Association Princess, according to the release.

Later in October, Freya competed at the 101st American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) National Convention & Show in Louisville, Ky.

Freya exhibited 17 rabbits (Mini Rex, Rhinelander and Jersey Wooly), competed in youth contests and ran for American Rabbit Breeders Association Princess.

At the end of August, Freya was notified that she earned a spot as a returning member of Team Kansas, representing the state at the ARBA National Convention on the Junior Breed Identification Team and Junior Quiz Bowl Team.

This year was the largest ARBA National Convention to date with 2,528 exhibitors from six different countries, showing 27,362 rabbits and cavies. All but one of Freya's rabbits placed in the top ten, with most placing in the top five, according to the release.

In the Jersey Wooly breed category, Freya's rabbits placed seventh in Self Senior Doe (White), seventh in Self Junior Doe (Chocolate) and second in Tan Pattern Junior Doe.

In the Mini Rex breed category, Freya's rabbits placed second in Junior Chocolate Buck, third in Junior Chocolate Doe, first



Submitted photo
Freya Barnes, 10, of Paola is pictured with her black senior Rhinelander doe named Huevos at the Kansas State Rabbit Breeders Association State Convention in October 2024. The rabbit won Best of Variety Black and Best of Breed Rhinelander.

in Junior Lilac Doe, fifth in Junior White Buck, second in Senior Sable Buck, first in Junior Sable Doe/ Best Opposite Sex of Variety Sable, first in Junior Sable Point Buck/ Best Opposite Sex of Variety Sable Point, sixth in Senior Tortoise Doe, fourth in Junior Tortoise Doe and first in Junior Tortoise Doe.

In the Rhinelander breed category, Freya's rabbits placed eighth in Black Senior Doe, and fourth in Black Junior Doe.

Freya also entered her black and white photography, color photography, painting and handmade jewelry in the national youth educational contests for ages 9-11. She went on to receive first blues on all her entries and

won Grand Champion overall in the Jewelry division with her handmade jewelry set, according to the release.

Freya, who is in fifth grade at Sunflower Elementary in Paola, is now kicking off the 2025 season.

She plans to attend the Jersey Wooly National Show in April in Hutchinson.



Submitted photo
Freya Barnes is pictured with her Junior Mini Rex Sable Doe named BC's Shady Lady at the American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention & Show in Louisville, Ky. The rabbit won Best Opposite Sex of Variety Sable.



Submitted photo
Freya Barnes is pictured with her Junior Mini Rex Junior Buck named BC's Dead Ringer at the American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention & Show in Louisville, Ky. The rabbit won Best Opposite Sex of Variety Sable Point.



Submitted photo
Freya Barnes, 10, of Paola won multiple awards at the Kansas State Rabbit Breeders Association State Convention in October 2024.

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500-599 #	\$267.00	\$290.00
600-699 #	\$234.00	\$263.75
700-799 #	\$239.00	\$250.50
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Moore tops 100 career wins as Wildcat wrestlers win home invitational

BY GENE MORRIS
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LOUISBURG – Senior Ashton Moore won the 100th match of his high school wrestling career as the Wildcat wrestling team took the team title in the Louisburg Invitational.

Louisburg posted 216 team points to place first in the 14-team tournament Saturday, Jan. 11.

“This morning, I reiterated our motto of Carpe Diem,

‘seizing the day,’” Louisburg coach Bobby Bovaird said. “In order to rise up and take on the challenges that lie before us, we need to have courage and strength.

“We have to be able to take on these challenges without fear or hesitation,” he said. “Most importantly, we need to stay resilient in the face of adversity. The squad did a remarkable job with this today, and I couldn’t be any prouder of them. There is so much to be proud of, and I am just

thankful for this incredible community.”

Moore was 5-0 with four pins and a technical fall for first place at 215 pounds.

Brayden Yoder, a senior, went 5-0 with three pins for first place at 190 pounds. It was his third title in the Louisburg Invitational.

Sophomore Levi Cotter was 4-1 with three pins and a major decision for second place at 106 pounds.

Cannon Clayton, a senior, had a 4-1 record for runner-up at 120 pounds. He had three pins and a technical fall.

Senior Mika McKittrick went 4-1 with four pins for second place at 132 pounds.

Vance Hahn, junior, had a 4-1 record with one pin and a major decision for second place at 175 pounds.

Keegan Rogers, a junior, was 2-3 with a technical fall and a major decision for fourth place at 126 pounds.

Senior Logan Henry had a 3-2 record with three pins for



Submitted Photo

Members of the Wildcats wrestling team pose for pictures after winning the Louisburg Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 11. Louisburg posted 216 team points for first place in the 14-team tournament.



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Senior wrestler Ashton Moore is recognized after winning the 100th match of his high school career during the Louisburg Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 11.

fourth place at 138 pounds.

Jay McCaskill, a senior, was 2-2 with two pins for fourth place at 165 pounds.

Senior Miles Meek had a 2-3 record with one pin for fourth place at 285 pounds.

Jonas Briley, a senior, went 3-1 with two pins for fifth place at 175 pounds.

Other Louisburg results were:

106 pounds – Brooks

Rankin, freshman, 0-4.

113 pounds – Parker Showalter, freshman, 1-4.

126 pounds – Myke McKittrick, junior, was 1-4 with one pin.

138 pounds – Blake Oliphant, senior, was 2-3 with one pin.

144 pounds – Spencer Mattison, sophomore, had a 2-3 record with two pins.

150 pounds – Bo Ballard,

freshman, went 1-4 with one pin.

150 pounds – Anis Ghannam, junior, was 2-3 with two pins.

157 pounds – Bryce Thompson, sophomore, had a 1-3 record with a major decision.

175 pounds – Lucas Swartz, senior, was 2-2 with a pin and a major decision.

Moore, Vohs honored during annual Simone Awards

BY GENE MORRIS
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LIBERTY, Mo. - Louisburg Wildcats Ashton Moore and Myles Vohs were named to the All-Simone Team.

Ashton, a linebacker and running back for the Wildcats, was the winner of the Bobby Bell Award.

Vohs, a wide receiver and

defensive back, was one of 10 semifinalists for the Frank Fontana Award.

The 2024 Thomas A. Simone Award winners were announced during a ceremony held at Liberty High School on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Ashton Moore Moore had 125 tackles on the season to lead the Louisburg Wildcats. He made

eight tackles for a loss of yardage. Moore forced four fumbles and had two quarterback sacks.

Moore was named the Tri-County Spotlight Football Defensive Player of the Year.

The Bobby Bell Award, created in 2000, recognizes the most outstanding defensive lineman / linebacker in small

classes in Missouri 1-4 and Kansas Classes 1A to 4A.

A two-way player for the Wildcats, Moore was a force on offense at running back. He ran for more than 1,000 yards and 18 touchdowns. He was a first-team Spotlight football selection at running back and linebacker.

Moore recently signed a national letter of intent to play

college football for the Kansas State University Wildcats.

Bobby Bell played 12 seasons for the Kansas City Chiefs. He played defensive end and was moved to linebacker. Bell intercepted 26 passes during his career, returning six for touchdowns.

Bell was an All-Pro defensive player for the Chiefs, helping lead the team to the Super Bowl. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Myles Vohs

Vohs, a first-team Spotlight football team offensive selection at wide receiver, caught 41 passes for 852 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Frank Fontana Award, created in 1999, is given to the football player who is most representative of excellence on the playing field in smaller classes in Missouri 1-4 and Kansas Class 1A to 4A.

The award is named after the late Frank Fontana, a St. Pius X football star. He was captain of the St. Pius X state championship football team in 1981.

Additional Honors

Other awards presented were: the Simone Award, the Nathan Stiles Award, Interscholastic League Award, the Kansas City Chiefs Coach of the Year, the Otis Taylor Award and the Buck Buchanan Award.

The Simone Award is

presented to the most outstanding high school football player in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Nathan Stiles Inspiration Award began in 2011. It recognizes a high school football player who made an impact on the game. The award is in memory of Spring Hill football player Nathan Stiles.

The Eric Driskell Coach of the Year Award was started by the Kansas City Chiefs. The Chiefs recognize a Kansas and a Missouri coach of the week throughout the football season. All of those coaches are chosen from to select the coach of the year.

The Otis Taylor Award is presented to the most outstanding high school tight end or wide receiver.

Taylor, an All-Pro wideout for Kansas City, played his entire career with the Chiefs. He won two AFL championships and a Super Bowl with the Chiefs.

The Buck Buchanan Award is presented to a lineman or linebacker in big class Missouri, 5 and 6, and Kansas, Class 5A and 6A.

It is named for Kansas City Chiefs defensive lineman Buck Buchanan. He was the first player taken in the 1963 American Football League (AFL) draft. Buchanan played in 182 games for the Kansas City Chiefs, including 166 consecutive starts.

AMANDA PITZER

BASKETBALL JUNIOR, PAOLA



Paola junior guard Amanda Pitzer scored a team-high 19 points, including three 3-pointers in the Lady Panther basketball team’s home opener against Baldwin.



JASPER SALLEE

BASKETBALL JUNIOR, OSAWATOMIE



Osawatومية junior forward Jasper Sallee scored a game-high 30 points to lead the Trojans to a 54-38 victory against Pleasanton to win the Linn County Tournament.

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Louisburg seniors Myles Vohs (left) and Ashton Moore were honored at the annual Thomas A. Simone Awards ceremony. Vohs was a semifinalist for the Frank Fontana Award. Moore won the Bobby Bell Award.

TROJAN PRIDE

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Mark Govea, Kenneth Hinton, Doyle Ingram, Jim Koontz, Tom Kuder, Mike Lombard, Fred Mann, Dan Peterson, Denis Sumrall and Mike Stephens; juniors Russell Berry, Bill Cook, Leonard Crowl, Bill Day, Pat Hewitt, Bruce Husted, Ray Lash, Frank Pretz, Jim Reinecker, Bill Slayman and Jeff Young; sophomores Terry Billam, Jack Buckman, Paul Day, Randy Frazier, David Henness, Leroy Jones, Doug Reeder, Steve Ricketts and Bruce Whitney. Osawatomie was coached by Bill Freeman and Charles "Chic" Heckart. **Bill Freeman**

Freeman coached the Osawatomie Trojan football team to two undefeated state championships going 9-0 in 1966 and 12-0 in 1973. He was 59-23-1 at the helm from 1965 to 1973.

Freeman had seven winning seasons, including the two undefeated teams. The 1973 Trojans posted seven shutouts, allowing just 42 points all season.

He coached track and field from 1966 to 1974, winning three league titles. Freeman coached 13 state medalists and the 1967 state champion medley relay team.

Freeman was the school's first wrestling coach, leading the team from 1970 to 1974. He had six wrestlers qualify for state with a pair of state medalists.

Speaking for coach Bill Freeman were his son, Jeff Freeman, and daughter, Jennifer Freeman-Liles.

"There is a reason why he had a 72 percent success rate," Jeff said. "He had an ability to take an average player and make him a good player and turn a good player into a great player."

"He had a saying, 'run it until it is right,'" he said. "Sometimes, the practice fields didn't have lights. That did not prevent people from lining up cars, and he would run play after play, over and over again. He liked to see people succeed, and he put his heart and soul into that. My father loved Osawatomie, Kansas, and he was proud to be a Trojan and head coach. Osawatomie loved him back."

Lynn Dickey

The football field at Osawatomie is named after NFL quarterback Lynn Dickey. He led the 1966 team to an undefeated state championship.

Dickey holds the single-season record for touchdown passes with 32. He played collegiate football at Kansas State University. Dickey was drafted by the Houston Oilers in 1971 and finished his career with the Green Bay Packers.

He was first-team All-State at quarterback in 1966. Dickey is second all-time in career passing yards.

Dickey was an All-American in basketball, leading the area in scoring with 428 points. He averaged 22.5 points per game. Dickey is ninth all-time with 39 points in a game and sixth all-time with 21 rebounds in a game. He is still top 10 in school history with 893 points.

During his senior track season, Dickey placed fourth in the javelin at state.

Dickey was voted first-team for the All-Time Big 8



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Members of the 1966 undefeated Osawatomie state championship football team have pictures taken following their enshrinement in the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Jan. 10.



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Coach Bill Freeman's son, Jeff Freeman, and daughter, Jennifer Freeman-Liles, represented their father for his induction into the Osawatomie High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Team at quarterback. He was a two-time All-Big 8 selection at quarterback.

He was a third-round pick by the Houston Oilers in 1971. He finished his career with the Green Bay Packers.

Dickey threw for more than 23,000 yards and 141 touchdowns during his NFL career.

He is a member of the

Packers Hall of Fame, the Kansas State University Sports Hall of Fame, the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and the KSHSAA Hall of Fame.

"Right here is the most fun you will ever have playing sports," Dickey said. "When you move on, it becomes a job. The most fun I ever had playing football was right

here. All of us are lucky to be in our class. We were really lucky, because we were all in it together."

Derrick Jensen

Jensen won two Super Bowls with the Oakland Raiders. He blocked a punt for a touchdown in Super Bowl VIII.

Jensen led the Osawatomie Trojans to a 12-0 undefeated state championship season in 1973. He led the state in rushing his senior year with 2,113 yards and 24 touchdowns.

He played in the inaugural Kansas Shrine Bowl Game. Jensen was a first-team All-Class running back as a senior. He was first-team All-League running back and second-team All-League defensive back.

Jensen led the Trojans to state runner-up in the state indoor track meet in 1973. He placed third in the 60-yard hurdles.

He played collegiate

football at the University of Texas-Arlington where he was the first player to top 3,000 yards rushing. Jensen finished his career with 3,346 yards rushing.

Jensen was a third-round draft pick by the Oakland Raiders in 1978. He won two Super Bowls with the Raiders.

He joined the Seattle Seahawks and worked as a scout for 21 years, winning a third Super Bowl ring. The Seahawks draft room is named after Jensen.

Teammate and friend Ike Brady spoke on behalf of Jensen.

"It was pretty evident that he was an amazing athlete," Brady said. "Just playing touch football at the old west school, he would dive for balls on the asphalt. He was proud to be a Kansan and to be a part of Osawatomie's

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storied past. If he was standing here tonight, he would be so thankful that you all considered him worthy of an honor to be in this high school's hall of fame with the inductees you are putting in during this inaugural session."

Rodney Madden

Madden coached football, track and field and was an assistant girls basketball coach. He led the girls track team to the Class 4A state runner-up trophy in 2003 and the boys team to the Class 4A third-place trophy in 2010. Madden was named the KCCTFCA Track and Field 4A Boys Coach of the Year in 2010.

During his tenure, Madden coached 25 individual state track and field champions.

As coach of the Osawatomi Trojans football team, Madden is second in school history in career victories.

He was voted Most Athletic his senior year at Osawatomi High School. Madden earned eight varsity letters with three in football, three in track and two in basketball.

Madden was a three-time state qualifier in track and field. He ran state-record times for first place in the 100-meter dash and first place in the 200-meter dash his senior year. Madden also won the 110-meter high hurdles. As a junior, he placed second in the state in the 200-meter dash and second on the 4x100-meter relay team.

He earned first-team All-League honors at quarterback and defensive back his senior year. Madden was first-team All-League in basketball.

Madden played for the University of Kansas football team from 1980-82. He played in the Hall of Fame Football Bowl Game in 1981. Madden was nominated for the Big 8 Defensive Newcomer of the Year in 1982.

"How about them Trojans?" Madden said. "Wow, what a great night. Man, this is the Trojan culture. Never in my wildest imagination would I have considered myself to be mentioned in the same breath of those mentioned here. As well as the thousands of individuals, both athletes and coaches, who have walked through the halls of Osawatomi High School



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Lynn Dickey, quarterback of the 1966 undefeated Osawatomi state championship football team, poses for pictures by the new Osawatomi High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was part of the first class enshrined Friday, Jan. 10.

and represented Osawatomi so nobly in the field of competition, on the stages of the world and life itself."

Jeremy Isenhower

Isenhower was an all-state baseball selection his senior season, batting .493 with 11 homers and 30 runs batted in. He was named All-League three times. Isenhower still holds Osawatomi records for home runs in a season (11) and hits in a season (36).

While playing collegiate baseball at Neosho, he was a two-time All-American. Isenhower was the Newcomer of the Year at Southwest Missouri State, hitting .331 with 10 homers and 80 runs batted in.

As a hitting coach more than 400 players he worked with were drafted with 100 playing in the Major Leagues, including Kansas City Royals shortstop Bobby Witt Jr., Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Bryce Harper and Milwaukee Brewers outfield Christian Yelich.

Ron Maring, former Trojans baseball coach, said Isenhower loved to wave at the train conductors as they passed beyond the center field fence.

Maring said Isenhower dreamed of hitting a ball off a train as they passed by and actually hit a moving train with one of his home runs.

Isenhower was all-state at defensive back and wide receiver his senior season with the Osawatomi Trojan football team. He had 10 interceptions. Isenhower had 31 receptions for 697 yards and nine touchdowns.

"I just want to thank

everyone," he said. "As a kid, I looked up to everybody. When we found out that Osawatomi was doing this, me and a bunch of my buddies were trying to decide who was going to be in this hall of fame. We went in order: Lynn Dickey, Derrick Jensen, coach Madden and then about 457 other people next, and I was not one of them. Thank you very much. I am just humbled."

Taylor Soucie-Llewellyn

Soucie-Llewellyn was a two-time All Big 12 volleyball player for the Kansas Jayhawks. She was part of the Jayhawks first Big 12 Championship. The Jayhawks advanced to the volleyball Final Four for the first time in history. During her four years with Jayhawks, the team won .819 percent of its matches.

She was the Tri-County Spotlight Volleyball Player of the Year her senior season in high school. Soucie-Llewellyn was first-team All-League and second-team All-State. She had 779 kills.

Despite only playing 11 games her senior year for the Osawatomi basketball team, she finished her career with 274 blocks, 830 points and 1,056 rebounds. She was first-team All-League her sophomore and junior year.

She won three state track and field titles, was state runner-up three times and placed third in the state twice. She won six regional titles and eight league titles.

"I would not be the athlete I was without the many great coaches I had, the teammates along my side and most importantly my



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Ike Brady, longtime friend of Derrick Jensen, holds up the 12th Man jersey the Seattle Seahawks presented Jensen with when he retired from scouting.



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Jeremy Isenhower, who works with Major League players like Bobby Witt Jr. and Bryce Harper, checks out his hall of fame plaque.



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Taylor Soucie Llewellyn poses for pictures by her hall of fame plaque at Osawatomi High School.

family," she said. "Every coach I came into contact with at Osawatomi supported me and cheered me on, believed in me, taught me a great work ethic, optimism and made me feel like I could do anything.

"To stand here as the only female athlete inductee,

I think it is important to mention all of the Osawatomi female athletes who have gone before me," she said. "I grew up striving to be like them. I am truly humbled and honored to be up here with all of the other inductees. Thanks. Go Trojans."

Obituaries

TOMMY "DARRELL" WILLIAMS

Tommy "Darrell" Williams, 96, of Paola, left his earthly vessel behind for his eternal home of glory Tuesday morning January 7, 2025.

He was born on May 8, 1928, to Tommy and Luella (Farier) Williams in Kansas City, KS. His youth was spent in Shawnee, KS where he was a Boy Scout, worked for a truck farm, and helped raise his younger siblings. Football, Track, and Baseball were a large part of his high school years. Darrell graduated in 1946 from Shawnee Mission Rural High School.

As a family, they moved east of Hillsdale in 1947, where they had a dairy farm. Darrell would then be united in marriage to Maryanna Diehm on June 2, 1955 at her parent's home. The couple continued to run the family dairy and became the parents of five children before moving to rural Paola in March of 1966. From 1965 to 1970, Darrell worked as a carpenter for Matney Construction of Osawatomi. He began working for the Paola Post Office in April of 1968 and would then retire after 25 years of service with them in 1993.

Darrell used his skills as a carpenter to build the family home west of Paola, with the help of his children.

He enjoyed gardening and canning the fruits and vegetables he grew, refurbishing furniture, fishing, and tracking family genealogy. Darrell was well known for his peanut brittle and he made sure homemade ice cream was made for birthdays.

Darrell and his father both accepted Jesus Christ as their savior while helping build the First Baptist Church of Shawnee. From then on he was highly active in that church, then Elm Grove Baptist Church in Chiles, and finally the family became members of the First Baptist Church of Paola. He served as a Deacon, choir member, Sunday School teacher, and many other capacities for all of the churches that he was a part of. He also served the community as a 4-H leader and, alongside his wife, as chapter leaders of the Miami County Chapter of Compassionate Friends and the Miami County Historical Society and Swan River Museum. Darrell was the president of the Paola chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, NARFE, for many years.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents. On September 3, 1984, he lost two sons, Jeffery and Michael, then his wife, Maryanna, on September 28, 2009. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Margie Voiles, Gene Williams, Judy Cripps.

He is survived by his daughters, Marcia (Jim) Cooper of Paola, KS, and Gwendolyn (Mark) Behrends of Lincoln, NE, and son, Kevin Williams of Neodesha, KS. As well as grandchildren, Sarah Giles, Leroy and Lucas Henning and great-grandchildren, Alexis Giles, Miguel Villasana, Ava and Alexis Lopez and great-great-grandson, Dezmond Villasana.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 17, 2025, beginning at 10:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Paola. Funeral services will follow beginning at 11:00 am. Burial will take place after the services at Mound Creek Cemetery in south Miami County.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Today, three days after the ice/snow storm, I write to you to express my dismay at the handling of the storm by either city hall or public works.

As an individual who has worked for public works for more than ten years and the state highway department for another four, I cannot understand what went wrong.

In the past, working for the city, the plows would not have stopped until the event was cleared or near to it! This was nowhere near the case in the most recent snow event.

In the past, our crews would split shifts AM/PM, I do not know if this was the case. Today, Sunday, Jan. 12, I had a very difficult time getting home after dropping off my grandson. The side streets were horrible.

Do the plow drivers know where the curbs are? They did not do well getting anywhere close to them. If the city had a scout checking roads while the trucks were out, he should be retrained!

I would also like to express my dismay at your use of salt and sand! During an ice event, we would increase the salt sand mix from three



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Plow operators, both public and private, hand their hands full with the recent winter storm that blanketed Miami County with several inches of snow.

buckets of sand to one bucket of rock salt to at least a matching mix or straight road salt for many of the areas. I don't think this happened.

Another item to be addressed is why there are no trucks out on Sunday to clean up the obseely horrible side streets.

I'm certainly hearing from people

who have traveled through other cities during this event and were very shocked about our handling of this event!

As taxpaying citizens, the entire city deserves better!

Pat Lindholt
Retired City Employee
Paola

Slayman, Lucas, Browning place second at Garnett for Trojans

BY GENE MORRIS

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GARNETT - Osawatomic wrestlers Parker Slayman, Draison Lucas and Dodge Browning placed second in the Anderson County Invitational.

The Trojans placed sixth in the team standings at the tournament Friday, Dec. 14.

Slayman, a senior, was 4-1 with three pins for second place at 144 pounds.

Lucas, a senior, went 4-1 at 285 pounds. He had three pins and an injury default.

Browning, a sophomore, was 3-1 at 175 pounds. Browning had three pins.

Dayne Odgen was fourth at 132 pounds. He was 2-3 with two pins.

Cade Peterson placed fifth at 126 pounds. Peterson was 3-2 with a pin.

Dillon Odgen was 1-3 at 120 pounds with a pin.

Emmit Chapman was 1-3 at 157 pounds with a pin.

Jeff Duncan wrestled at 106 pounds. Danial Ross competed at 144 pounds.

The Osawatomic Trojans were 3-3, placing fourth in the Ottawa Duals on Friday, Dec. 21.

The Osawatomic Trojans defeated



Submitted Photo

Osawatomic wrestler Parker Slayman was 4-1 with four pins for second place at 144 pounds in the Anderson County Invitational.

Anderson County by three points, 36-33. The Trojans scored a 46-24 victory against rival Wellsville. Osawatomic defeated Ottawa, 39-21.

Osawatomic lost to Prairie View in a close dual, 41-30. The Trojans fell to Topeka-Hayden by a score of 54-30. Osawatomic lost a 51-21 dual against Holton.

Slayman was undefeated at 144 pounds. Slayman was 6-0 with five pins.



Submitted Photo

Osawatomic wrestler Dodge Browning placed second at 175 pounds in the Anderson County Invitational.

Dillon Odgen posted a 5-1 record at 120 pounds. Odgen had three pins and won a 16-9 decision.

Dayne Odgen went 5-1 at 132 pounds. He had two pins.

Browning was 5-1 at 175 pounds. Browning had two pins and won a 21-11 major decision.



Submitted Photo

Draison Lucas of Osawatomic was 4-1 with three pins for second place at 285 pounds in the Anderson County Invitational.

Chapman has a 4-2 record at 150 pounds. Chapman had two pins.

Lucas was 2-1 at 285 pounds with a pin. Josh Duncan was 3-3 at 106 pounds. He had two pins.

Peterson had a record of 3-3 at 126 pounds with one pin.

Ross was 2-4 at 138 pounds with a pin.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE Bids & Proposals (Published in the Miami County Republic Wed. 1/15/25) USD 416 is requesting bids for qualified bidders for Asphalt work during Summer 2025 at all district campuses. All inquiries and bid specifications can be acquired by contacting Doug Key at 913-548-9562. Bids are due by Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1 pm.	Foreclosure / Sheriff Sales (Published in the Miami County Republic Wed. 1/01/25, Wed. 1/08/25 and Wed. 1/15/25) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS - CIVIL DEPT Planet Home Lending LLC Plaintiff, vs. Kaylah Brixey, et al. Defendants, Case MI-2024-CV-000118 Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60	Foreclosure / Sheriff Sales NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Miami County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Miami County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand in the lobby of the Miami County Courthouse, Paola, Kansas, on February 12, 2025, at the time of 10:00 AM , the following real estate:	Foreclosure / Sheriff Sales LOT 5, BLOCK 107, IN THE CITY OF PAOLA, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, Parcel ID No. 135-16-0-30-10-005-00-0-01. Commonly known as 303 S Maple St., Paola, KS 66071 ("the Property") MS218281 to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. Miami County Sheriff MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC By:	Foreclosure / Sheriff Sales Victor B. Finkelstein, #13410 vinkelstein@msfirm.com 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180 Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 339-9132 (913) 339-9045 (fax) ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR PLANET HOME LENDING LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (Published in the Miami County Republic Wed. 1/08/25, Wed. 1/15/25 and Wed. 1/22/25)	Foreclosure / Sheriff Sales NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Miami County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Miami County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the steps of the Miami County Courthouse, Paola, Kansas, on January 29, 2025, at the time of 10:00 AM , the following real estate: LOT 21, HAWKSURIDGE, PHASE ONE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF LOUISBURG, MIAMI COUNTY, KANSAS., Parcel ID No. 1130600000001130. Commonly known as 1813 Chadwick Cv, Louisburg, KS 66053 ("the Property") MS219551 to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-03

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE(S) LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS, ARE UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE(S) BE REPAIRED, OR OTHERWISE MADE SAFE, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE(S), MAKING THE PREMISES SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the Chief Building Inspector, as the Public Officer of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas did, on or about the 14th day of November, 2024, file with the Governing Body of the City of Spring Hill a statement in writing that the structure(s) hereinafter described were unsafe and dangerous, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body did by Resolution No. 2024-R-13 establish the 9th day of January, 2025, as the date of public hearing at which time the owners, their agents, any lienholders of record and occupants of the structure(s) could appear and show cause why said structure(s) should not be condemned and ordered repaired, or otherwise made safe, or, in the alternative, demolished as unsafe or dangerous structure(s), and did duly publish and serve said Resolution in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on this date the Governing body held a public hearing to determine whether the structure(s) at issue is a dangerous structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE. The Governing Body hereby finds the following described structure(s) located in Spring Hill, Kansas, to-wit:

SECTION TWO. The following described structure(s) shall be considered at said hearing:

Dilapidated Residential accessory building located at 409 E. Hale Street, Spring Hill, Johnson County, Kansas, and legally described as, to-wit:

DWYERS SECOND ADDITION TO SPRING HILL 75' X 276' 225' W NE CRBLK A SPC 1276

Record Owner(s): Trent A. Roberts, Darla D. Roberts, 409 E. Hale Street, Spring Hill, KS 66083

Record Lienholder(s): Rocket Mortgage, 1050 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48226

To be UNSAFE and DANGEROUS and hereby directs that the structure(s) be repaired, or otherwise made safe, or if economically unfeasible, then, in the alternative, that the structure(s) be demolished and the premises made safe and secure. The owner(s) of said structure(s) are hereby given:

For REPAIR and RENOVATION, thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Resolution within which to commence repair and/or renovation of the same, and an additional ninety (90) days to complete such; and

For DEMOLITION, thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Resolution within which to obtain the necessary demolition permit and commence demolition of the same and an additional fifteen (15) days to complete such, including removal of all materials from the demolished structure.

If the owners fail to commence such repair and renovation or demolition within the time allotted above, the Chief Building Inspector, or his designee, shall cause the structure(s) to be either repaired and renovated and thereby made safe, or, in the alternative, demolished, and the premises made safe and secure and the costs incurred thereby, less salvage, if any, shall be assessed as a special assessment against the lot or parcel of land upon which the structure(s) are located, and the City may also pursue collection in the manner provided by K.S.A. § 12-1.115 and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto and through any other available means.

The time periods in this section for commencement of repair or demolition may be expanded up to thirty (30) days by the Director of Community Development upon written request by the owners.

SECTION THREE. The City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official City newspaper and a copy mailed by certified mail within three (3) days after publication to each such owner, agent, lienholder or occupant at his/her/their/its last known place of residence, all as contemplated under Kansas law. Further, this Resolution shall be filed with the Johnson County Register of Deeds, and indexed to these properties.

PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas this 9th day of January, 2025 with City Officials being authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the purposes and intents as expressed in this Resolution and if executed by the Mayor (or other person authorized by law to act in the event of the absence or inability of the Mayor to act) and the City Clerk (or Deputy City Clerk) is directed to attest to and affix the official seal of the City thereon.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL on this 9th day of January, 2025.
 APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this 9th day of January, 2025.

CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS
 /s/ Joe Berkey
 Joe Berkey, Mayor

ATTEST:
 /s/ Glenda Gerrity
 Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
 /s/ Spencer Low
 Spencer Low, City Attorney

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TEXT AMENDMENT 24002-TXA
ORDINANCE NO. 1218

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 LOUISBURG CITY ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 8 SIGN REGULATIONS, BY REPEALING AND REPLACING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SECTION 806 DISTRICT REGULATIONS, ITEMS B.3, NUMBER OF SIGNS PERMITTED; B.4, MAXIMUM GROSS SURFACE AREA; C.3, NUMBER OF SIGNS PERMITTED; C.4, MAXIMUM GROSS SURFACE AREA; D.3, NUMBER OF SIGNS PERMITTED; D.4, MAXIMUM GROSS SURFACE AREA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS.

SECTION 1. That having received a recommendation from the Planning Commission, and proper notice having been given and hearing held as provided by law and under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Zoning Regulations of the City of Louisburg, Kansas of 2010, that:

SECTION 806, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION B, ITEM 3, LETTER A NUMBER OF SIGNS PERMITTED

(3)(a) "Awning, canopy or marquee signs and wall signs would be allowed on all four sides of the commercial structure. No internally lighted signs may face a residential district. No wall sign may extend beyond the property line. Signage must adhere to Section 804, General Standards."

SECTION 806, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION B, ITEM 4 MAXIMUM GROSS SURFACE AREA

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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Louisburg that are in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper as provided by law.

PASSED and approved by the Governing Body this 7th day of January, 2025.

Donna Cook, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Jessica McGowin, City Clerk
 (seal)

(Published in the Miami County Republic Wed. 1/15/25)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-04

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE(S) LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS, ARE UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE(S) BE REPAIRED, OR OTHERWISE MADE SAFE, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE(S), MAKING THE PREMISES SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the Chief Building Inspector, as the Public Officer of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas did, on or about the 14th day of November, 2024, file with the Governing Body of the City of Spring Hill a statement in writing that the structure(s) hereinafter described were unsafe and dangerous, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body did by Resolution No. 2024-R-14 establish the 9th day of January, 2025, as the date of public hearing at which time the owners, their agents, any lienholders of record and occupants of the structure(s) could appear and show cause why said structure(s) should not be condemned and ordered repaired, or otherwise made safe, or, in the alternative, demolished as unsafe or dangerous structure(s), and did duly publish and serve said Resolution in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on this date the Governing body held a public hearing to determine whether the structure(s) at issue is a dangerous structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE. The Governing Body hereby finds the following described structure(s) located in Spring Hill, Kansas, to-wit:

SECTION TWO. The following described structure(s) shall be considered at said hearing:

Residential foundations located at 19226 BELFORD ST., 19220 BELFORD ST., 20156 W. 192ND TER., 20148 W. 192ND TER., 20140 W. 192ND TER., 20139 W. 192ND TER., 20129 W. 192ND TER., AND 19236 CHESTNUT ST., Spring Hill, Johnson County, Kansas, and legally described as, to-wit:

19226 Belford St. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 16 SPC 75 4B 16
 19220 Belford St. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 17 SPC 75 4B 17
 20156 W. 192nd Ter. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 18 SPC 75 4B 18
 20148 W. 192nd Ter. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 19 SPC 75 4B 19
 20140 W. 192nd Ter. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 20 SPC 75 4B 20
 20139 W. 192nd Ter. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 21 SPC 75 4B 21
 20129 W. 192nd Ter. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 22 SPC 75 4B 22
 19236 Chestnut St. CROSSINGS OF SPRING HILL 1ST PLAT LT 84 SPC 75 4B 84

Record Owner(s): Builders Capital Finance LLC, 1019 39th Avenue SE, Ste 220, Puyallup, WA 98374

Record Lienholder(s): No lienholder of record

To be UNSAFE and DANGEROUS and hereby directs that the structure(s) be repaired, or otherwise made safe, or if economically unfeasible, then, in the alternative, that the structure(s) be demolished and the premises made safe and secure. The owner(s) of said structure(s) are hereby given:

For REPAIR and RENOVATION, thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Resolution within which to commence repair and/or renovation of the same, and an to be completed within one hundred eighty (180) days; and

For DEMOLITION, thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Resolution within which to obtain the necessary demolition permit and commence demolition of the same and an additional fifteen (15) days to complete such, including removal of all materials from the demolished structure.

If the owners fail to commence such repair and renovation or demolition within the time allotted above, the Chief Building Inspector, or his designee, shall cause the structure(s) to be either repaired and renovated and thereby made safe, or, in the alternative, demolished, and the premises made safe and secure and the costs incurred thereby, less salvage, if any, shall be assessed as a special assessment against the lot or parcel of land upon which the structure(s) are located, and the City may also pursue collection in the manner provided by K.S.A. § 12-1.115 and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto and through any other available means.

SECTION THREE. The City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official City newspaper and a copy mailed by certified mail within three (3) days after publication to each such owner, agent, lienholder or occupant at his/her/their/its last known place of residence, all as contemplated under Kansas law. Further, this Resolution shall be filed with the Johnson County Register of Deeds, and indexed to these properties.

PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas this 9th day of January, 2025 with City Officials being authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the purposes and intents as expressed in this Resolution and if executed by the Mayor (or other person authorized by law to act in the event of the absence or inability of the Mayor to act) and the City Clerk (or Deputy City Clerk) is directed to attest to and affix the official seal of the City thereon.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL on this 9th day of January, 2025.
 APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this 9th day of January, 2025.

CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS
 /s/ Joe Berkey
 Joe Berkey, Mayor

ATTEST: (SEAL)
 /s/ Glenda Gerrity
 Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
 /s/ Spencer Low
 Spencer Low, City Attorney

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New year greeted with snow and ice

BY BETH CONNER

With the new year ringing the bell, we really exceeded our limit to embark into the journey of a calm, mild, serene peaceful January here in the Midwest.

At first it was the severe ice and wind and sleet. I could hear it pounding on our front windows of the house all night long.

At morning's light, I wasn't exactly sure what was on the ground and hanging in the trees. The discovery was little BBs of ice everywhere. Oh goodness me!

Then the snow started in with furious flakes flying with foolhardy flamboyance from all directions. At some points we couldn't see the house across the road. Yikes!

The ice now had snow on top which seems to be typical for Kansas winter storms. The ice went unseen, or was assumed gone, so people drove out on the roads like the Indianapolis 500.

The newscasters started showing frightening near misses and crashes. I was watching when a semi-truck pulled onto I 435 and began swishing around, and I'm yelling, "No! No! Slow down!" Terrifying!

Then, in California, the Santa Ana Winds began gusting constant hurricane force winds fueling fires that, so far, have destroyed over 30,000 structures. Oh my.

The pictures from the air, with far-reaching areas of gray ashes, are taupe and colorless. Sullen landscapes of slate and leaden remains are all that linger. What a disheartening story for everyone.

I feel for every one of these people. I have never been in a situation close to this magnitude. Never. They have nothing. Acres and acres of land destroyed. And so many people



Beth Conner

displaced.

I also wish to mention President Jimmy Carter, whose many accolades were praised at his funeral.

When he was running for office, I was a senior in college at the University of Kansas. I really could not see a Georgia peanut farmer being our president.

A friend and I made T-shirts with a rather negative saying on it (Gritz and Fritz makes). After all of the wonderful outdoor and environmental developments he incurred, I now feel like a total schlemiel and lamebrain.

I cried at the solemnity and for all which he completed. He was a man of great character and respect that he rightfully earned with his attributes of great nature.

In 1977, he began discussing and acting upon renewable energy. Carter installed solar panels to heat the water in the White House. President Reagan took them down. He had the nation turn down their thermostats to stop our dependence on foreign oil. He was the first president to do this.

President Carter was the first president to work on cleaning up toxic waste, veto several dams, and created the Department of Energy (and the Department of Education which is on the chopping block by someone I shall not mention).

He also signed into law the Alaska National Lands

Conservation Act. Carter made eight new national parks in Alaska alone. This act also created more land for other national parks across the nation.

Carter added acres upon acres to already created parks to make sure each and every park would remain complete and secure. He loved the outdoors. Why didn't I see this?

Did you know all this? I sure didn't, and I was considered an adult.

President Carter did not shout his glories from the mountaintops of our country or Africa or South America where he worked tirelessly after his presidency.

I am immensely sorry that I missed the opportunity of a lifetime to appreciate a man of his peaceful demeanor and love for all. He will be a tough act to follow.

On snowy days, it brings me great solace and comfort to stand in the snow where no one else has stood and just listen and feel and see and enjoy the winter joys. I did this the other day while ice glistened on the boughs of our trees.

The branches were crystal statues; the sun, trying to peek through a few clouds, created a circular rainbow about itself. Pieces of grass stood like golden swords protecting all small creatures caught in the snow.

The birds at my feeders must be discussed. The plentitude of varieties and the abundance has become the highlight of my days.

My birds, I do call them mine since they do come for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with me, have eaten so much seed and suet. I have found what birds are accepted and which are "in charge" and you better move out of the way.... such as grackles and bluejays.

Because I left my garden flowers in seed form, many of the birds are consuming those also when there is no room on the feeders.

One feeder is attached to my kitchen window and is meant for small birds: chickadees, titmice, finches, pine siskins, juncos and even a few cardinals have landed for food.

My cats, on the inside, watch with intent as innumerable birds fly in from all directions for seed. One cat sits on the chair underneath, and the other is ready to launch from the tabletop, tail twitching and eyes steady.

She will often paw the window with anticipation. I thought some of you may consider this abusive to cats, teasing them with live bait with no chance of retrieval. But it is a form of entertainment, and I am teaching them the species of birds as they arrive and look at us.

Some will land and peer inside the window at me, while I am typing. I will say hello to them.

Of course, my husband asks, "Who are you talking to?"

"It's just the birds," I'll reply, or "I'm talking to the cats... just the cats."

I have had one squirrel problem. It's the black squirrel whom I adore. Well, he is starting to get on my nerves.

We have so many acorns in our yard from five oak trees that it should be fat and sassy. The roof of one feeder broke, and guess who was all curled up inside the feeder consuming the precious seeds?

You got it! Squirrel Bob or Bobette (my name for it.) I will have to purchase a new and improved bird feeder with a better lid.

Jimmy Carter said, "Wherever life takes us, there are always moments of wonder." This is a very



Photo courtesy of Beth Conner

Outdoors columnist Beth Conner said she enjoys standing in the snow where no one else has stood and just listening and feeling the joys of winter. She did that recently while ice glistened on the boughs of her trees.

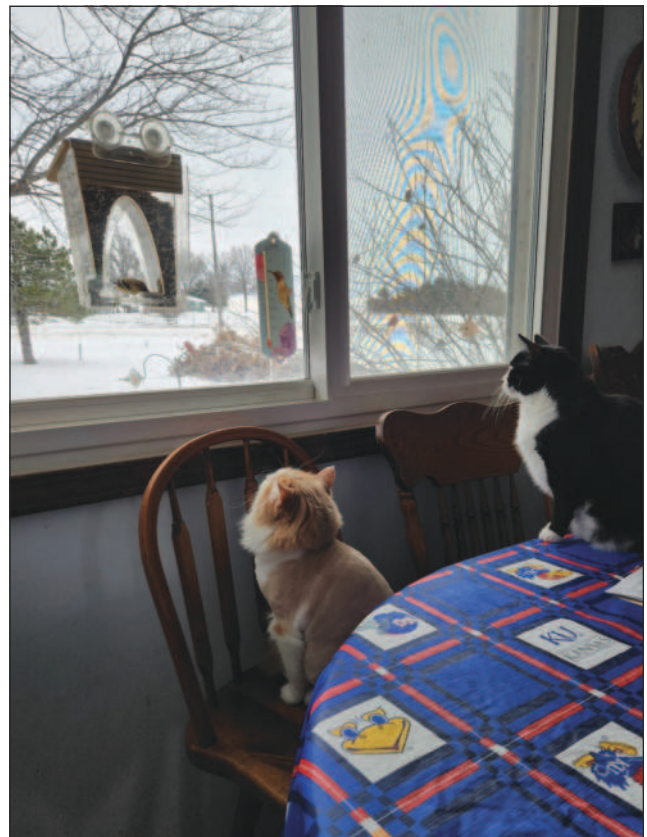


Photo courtesy of Beth Conner

Outdoors columnist Beth Conner said she enjoys watching birds use her feeders but not as much as her cats enjoy stalking the birds from the other side of the glass.

nature-full quote. *and outdoor enthusiast. She can be reached at beth-conner2019@gmail.com.*

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