

Augusta resident celebrates 100th birthday

Yvonne Martin

Please Join Us in Celebration of Vincent Martin’s 100th Birthday!!

Born on July 17, 1924, Vincent has lived a century full of love, laughter, and cherished memories. He has been a pillar of strength and a source of inspiration to his extensive family, which includes 7 children, 25 grandchildren, and 42 great-grandchildren. His life has been a testament to resilience, kindness, and family values.

We would be delighted to have family, friends, and well-wishers join us in honoring Vincent’s incredible journey and celebrating this significant milestone. The celebration promises to be filled with heartfelt moments, delicious refreshments, and plenty of stories from Vincent’s remarkable 100 years.

For those unable to attend, the family would greatly appreciate birthday cards sent to:
703 E Lakewood Ct. Augusta, KS 67010

Your presence and well-wishes would mean the world to Vincent and his family as we come together to celebrate his long and vibrant life.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you!

Event Details:
Date: July 14, 2024 Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Location: St. James Auditorium, Augusta, KS

Vanderford takes plea, sentencing scheduled

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Timothy Vanderford of El Dorado has taken a plea deal in his case. He was arrested by the El Dorado Police Department on April 23, 2023 after holding a 63-year-old female hostage at gunpoint in their home.

He was initially charged on five counts; one count of attempted 1st degree murder, one count of aggravated kidnapping, aggravated burglary, one count of criminal discharge of a firearm, and one count of aggravated domestic battery. During his plea hearing on June 25, Vanderford accepted



Photo courtesy of the Butler County Sheriff’s Office.

a plea of to one count of kidnapping and one count of aggravated burglary. The other three counts were dropped by the state.

Vanderford will be sentenced at 1:15pm on August 26 in front of Chief Judge David Ricke.

Bagley takes plea, scheduled for sentencing

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Lillian Bagley of El Dorado has taken a plea deal in a child pornography case. She was arrested on February 26 by the El Dorado Police Department and was charged with three counts of indecent liberties with a child who is less than 14 years old, two counts of aggravated internet trading in child pornography wherein the child is less than 14 years old, and six counts of sexual exploitation of a child who is less than 14 years old.

During her plea deal on June 21, Bagley accepted



Photo courtesy of the Butler County Sheriff’s Office.

a plea of two counts of aggravated internet trading in child pornography, level three person felonies. The other nine charges were dropped by the state.

Bagley will be sentenced at 11am on August 23 in front of Chief Judge David Ricke.

Scuba VBS

Deanna Bonn
Special to the Times-Gazette

El Dorado First Baptist Church, located at 315 W. Central Ave., is holding their Scuba Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 8 -12, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Scuba VBS will take kids on an undersea adventure designed to immerse them in the Word of God, helping them understand the true meaning of “living water.”

Children from kindergarten through middle school are invited to join and dive deep into their friendship with God. They will enjoy a variety of activities, including snacks, games, crafts, and lessons from the Bible.

To register for Scuba VBS, visit the First Baptist Church El Dorado’s website at <https://www.edfbc.com/VBS>.



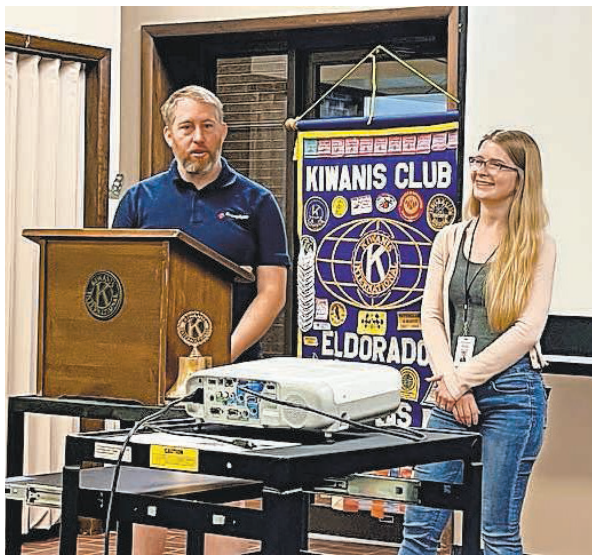
El Dorado First Baptist Church volunteer have been hard at work decorating in preparation for Scuba VBS.

Out and about

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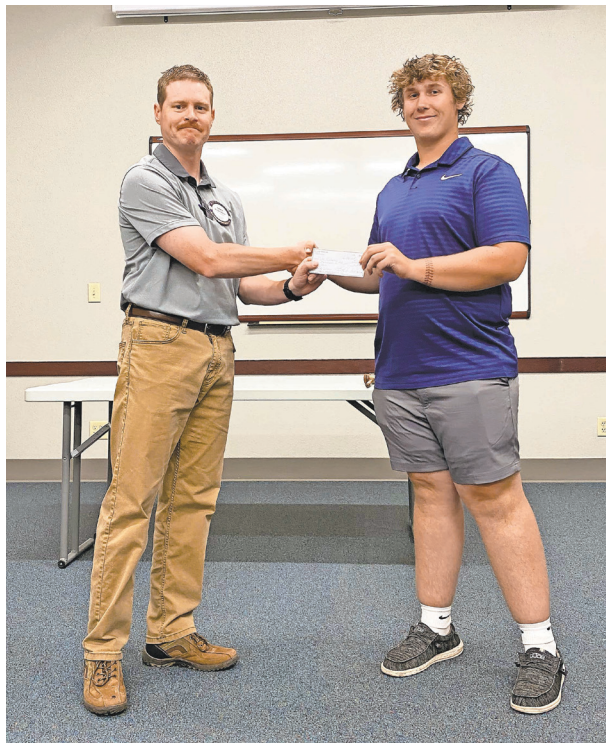
The staff at the Times-Gazette were invited to speak at a couple of community organizations over the last couple of weeks. On Thursday, June 20 Sports Editor Charles Chaney and News Reporter Nikole Babb attended the El Dorado Kiwanis meeting. There, the duo spoke about their experience in news and writing, their take on the company and what their day-to-day can look like. Babb also spoke at the El Dorado Rotary meeting on Wednesday, June 26.

Being transparent and available to the public is an important aspect of local news. The Times-Gazette staff is always happy to speak with organizations and answer questions they may have. We extend our thanks to both organizations for hosting and inviting the staff out.



Charles Chaney and Nikole Babb speak during the Kiwanis Club meeting in June. Photo submitted.

Rotary awards El Dorado grad with scholarship



Rotary Club President David Dillner hands a scholarship to Cole Eaton. Photo by Nikole Babb.

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At the June Rotary meeting on Wednesday, the members of the El Dorado Rotary Club proudly awarded an El Dorado graduate with a scholarship. Cole Eaton, 2024 graduate, received a \$500 scholarship. Eaton committed to Tabor College in Hillsboro back in February. He was signed onto play baseball for the college as a pitcher with plans to major in Exercise Science. One day he hopes to open his own physical therapy clinic.

Eaton has played baseball for 12 years and says that he loves the adrenaline rush of trying to get as many players out

as he can with his best throws. He was named All-League Honorable Mention during the Division 3 AVCTL this year.

“I’m always wanting to throw as hard as I can and get as many people out as I can,” said Cole. “Ever since I was younger I dreamed to go to college to play baseball.”

Cole is the son of Debby and Zach Eaton who are proud to see him continue his education. Zach also played high school baseball and is proud to see his son excel in the sport while also excelling in classes, earning himself academic and athletic scholarships. His first day on campus will be August 16.

Rose Hill citizen elected to American Legion Auxiliary as President

American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Reflection Ridge Unit 424 is honored to announce member Tracy Kinnick has been elected by members to the office of Department President for the 2024-2025 year.

Kinnick, of Rose Hill, Kansas, was elected Department of Kansas president of the ALA during the 103rd ALA Department Convention in Topeka in May 2024. Her eligibility to the ALA is derived from her father and husband, Tim Kinnick’s service in the military. Kinnick has been an ALA since 2015 and holds a lifetime membership to the organization. Kinnick along with her granddaughters, who are junior members, participate in activities across the state serving veterans and their families.

For the 2024-2025 ALA administrative year, Kinnick’s president project goal is to raise money to put interactive projection gaming units



Tracy Kinnick

in Veteran Affairs Medical Centers across the state. “I don’t want to touch just one veteran’s life while they’re in the hospital, but hundreds of veterans to come.” Kinnick explained. Her love for supporting veterans is evident in the excitement she shares

for this project. “It’s a big goal, but the Department of Kansas is up to it.”

Along with her president project, Kinnick aims to improve membership communication and training across the state to encourage strong membership serving the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary in “Service not Self.”

The American Legion Auxiliary, founded in 1919, is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. ALA members assist veterans in hospitals, advocate for veteran issues, support therapeutic creative arts festivals, distribute poppies for remembrance, and much more. In addition to serving the military community, the American Legion Auxiliary hosts ALA Girls Nation and the ALA Girls State programs that teach future leaders about government and civic responsibility. Learn more at www.ALAforVeterans.org and @ALAforVeterans on Instagram and Facebook.