

Obituaries

Denise Faye Hohman Jackson

Denise Faye Hohman Jackson passed away on April 14, 2025 at her home in Enterprise, Kansas after a long, brave battle with melanoma cancer. She was born on January 18, 1964, to Edwin and Gloria Hohman in Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Denise considered Wakefield, Kansas her hometown. When she was 16, she began working at Wakefield Nursing Home. Denise graduated from Wakefield High School in 1982 and received her LPN just one year later at Manhattan Area Technical College.

Her career as a nurse started in Wakefield, then at Abilene and ended at Enterprise Estates. While working at the nursing home in Abilene, Denise met her husband Leland Jackson, and they got married on October 6, 1990. They had two children, Brian and Kaitlyn.

No matter what place Denise worked in, residents, family members and staff thought the world of her. Her dedication to each person she cared for was always recognized. She had a contagious smile and no one was a stranger to her. She could sit and talk to anyone for hours. To know her was to love her. She was not only the best nurse, but a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and friend.

Denise battled melanoma cancer for several years and in November of 2024, the cancer returned and metastasized to her brain. It was a long, hard battle and she fought until the very end on April 14, 2025. She was and will continue to be the light of her family’s lives, a true gift to this world.

Denise is survived by her husband Leland, son Brian, daughter Kaitlyn (Jeremy), parents Edwin and Gloria Hohman, brother Tony Hohman, a niece Cassandra (Ian), nephews Christopher and Hunter, and two grandchildren Jaxson and Piper.

A Celebration of life will be on May 17, 2025 at 11 a.m. at the Wakefield Methodist Church, 406 6th, Street, Wakefield, Kansas 67487.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ARC of Salina County Blue Thunder and may be sent in care of the Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home, 414 NW 3rd, Abilene, Kansas 67410.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.martinbeckercarlson.com.



Denise Jackson

Jeffrey James Wecker

Jeffrey James Wecker, 58 of Abilene, passed away Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

He was born November 17, 1965 to Linda (Stuck) Wecker. He graduated from Abilene High School in Abilene, Kansas.

Jeff was fascinated with trains even as a young boy when his grandpa, Clifford, would take him to the train stations while the trains drove by. In 1993, Jeff started helping with the Abilene & Smokey Valley Railroad. He did some training with the engineers/conductors to become more hands-on. Jeff was a conductor at times along with helping paint the white you see on the steam engine wheels. He also helped retrieve Enterprise Cars from Belton, Mo.

Jeff worked as a paper carrier and at times a transporter and photographer for the Abilene Reflector Chronicle for over 20 years. He was known for being a prankster and was very knowledgeable about vehicles.

He was preceded in death by his mother Linda, uncle Kendall Stuck and grandparents Clifford and Glendora Stuck.

A celebration of life will be from 6 - 8p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, at the Abilene Senior Citizens Center. Jeff’s ashes will be spread over a section of track that he helped repair on the Abilene & Smokey Valley Railroad west of Jeep Road at a later date.

Memorials may be dropped off or mailed to Corinna Stout (classmate) 1001 W. 1st St., Abilene, KS 67410. Memorials will go toward paying Jeff’s cremation expense.

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– Two inch overlay for Van Buren Street from Johns Avenue to the south end of city limits, costing about \$9,174.
– Patching potholes, settlements and joints in various roads.

Overall, public works is planning on spending a total \$390,000 on these projects.

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The projects will be funded by the street maintenance 0.25% sales tax. The city estimates the tax will generate about \$440,000 in 2025.

Micro surfacing is a street surface treatment that’s a quarter to half inch thick. This surfacing helps protect the road from moisture, and

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direct impact payments.

Gustin told the Kansas News Service that over 1,000 people have applied for jobs at the Midwest Regional Reception Center. Those listings are online despite the city’s pending lawsuit to block the detention center from reopening.

Tammy Reid, a quality assurance manager who worked at CoreCivic for 24 years, spoke favorably of the company at a recent public hearing.
“I found that they have

been supportive in this community and they are very supportive in their staff also,” she said.

The company also promised to use local construction workers to update the facility. However, Leavenworth city records show that CoreCivic is currently paying a Texas-based company more than \$1 million for roof repairs.

CoreCivic told the Kansas News Service they sought bids from local vendors, but landed on an out-of-state contractor because they had the needed experience and

extends the durability of the road by approximately 10 years.

“I would love to mill and overlay everything in town,” Anderson said, “but the dollar amount, as you can see, is just outrageous for us to do that.”

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clearance from a previous project.

So far, the company says it has spent about \$400,000 working with local vendors.

Some local lawmakers have promoted CoreCivic’s proposal. Republican Rep. Pat Proctor, who opposed the company’s failed bid for an ICE contract in 2023, said he now supports the facility reopening.

He said the company had addressed his concerns that the facility would hold detainees indefinitely or release them into the community.

ter Egg Hunt was April 19 starting at 1 p.m. in Eisenhower Park.

The Spruceway Street water line project is complete.

Leann Johnson is stepping down as the city finance director. Her last day is April 25.

The Abilene City Commission will next meet at 4 p.m. April 28 in the Abilene Public Library.

“CoreCivic’s new facility

fulfills a critical need for detention space, as DHS struggles to manage a huge operation, deporting the millions of illegal immigrants that flooded our country through Joe Biden’s open borders,” Proctor said in an email to the Kansas News Service.

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Lotteries

Powerball

Drawing April 21
4 33 45 46 51 25
Power Play = 3

Mega Millions

Drawing April 22
25 39 49 52 65 22
Megaplier = NA

Lucky for Life

Drawing April 22
14 31 36 39 44 8

Super Kansas Cash

Drawing April 21
9 11 14 15 30 12

2by2 Kansas

Drawing April 22
Red — 18 23
White — 4 17

Pick 3

Drawing April 23
Midday — 6 6 0
Drawing April 22
Evening — 6 3 0

*Numbers are unofficial

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9	4	8	3	2	5	7	6	1
3	5	2	6	1	7	4	9	8
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Bayer	6.17	+0.26
Boeing	172.20	+0.01
BP	28.60	0.00
Caterpillar	295.77	+0.40
Coca-Cola	73.31	+0.06
ConocoPhillip	89.93	+0.08
Deere	456.44	+0.26
Evergy	68.11	0.00
Exxon Mobil	107.35	+0.03
Ford Motor	9.77	+0.005
Harley-David	23.09	+0.01
Home Depot	356.42	+0.32
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McDonald’s	318.48	+0.18

Microsoft	374.39	+7.57
Pepsico	142.26	-1.20
Pfizer	22.39	-0.14
Union Pacific	219.78	+2.88
UPS	97.21	+0.40
Wal-Mart	94.96	+0.02

Grains:

Prices as of 5:00 p.m. April 23

Wheat	\$4.93
Change	-0.07
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Kids Bingo Night Saturdays 7:00 pm offered by Enterprise Rec Commission, Enterprise Community Building

“Fresh Conversations” program on the 2nd Monday each month, 12:15pm, Abilene Senior Center. Given by K-State Research and Extensions SNAP-Ed Program. Other dates in the county include: 3rd Tuesday each month, 12:15pm, Herington Hilltop Community Center 4th or last Tuesday each month, 11:05am, Chapman Senior Center

7 PM every Monday, Boy Scout Troop 40 meets at VFW 3279 on Spruce

5 PM every Monday, free community meals at Community Bible Church, 1400 N Cedar St. directly across 14th St. from the high school

Kiwanis Club meetings the 4th Monday of each month: 6:30pm @ Walts Campground and Country Store, Exit 281/1-70 (Mink Rd) Kiwanis Board meetings the 3rd Monday of each month : NOON @ Pizza Hut

Sons American Revolution, every 4th Tuesday at 7pm, at VFW Bldg, 317 N Spruce St, Abilene, KS.

Every 2nd Tuesday at 2 PM. The American Legion Auxiliary- Unit 39 meets in the National Guard Armory-1009 NW 8th St Abilene

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM The American Legion Post #1969 meets at VFW Building - 317 N Spruce St

7 PM every Tuesday, Pack 240 in the Brethren in Christ Church 11th & Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410

The End of the Trail Quilters Guild meets every 4th Tuesday of the month except December. They meet at 7 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Wright Hall

1st Tuesday at 7 PM VFW Post 3279 meets at 317 N Spruce St, Abilene, KS 3rd Wednesday of each month, 12:15pm, Herington Hilltop Community Center

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 1005 N. Buckeye Ave, Abilene, Sun 7 PM - Wed 7 PM • Open meeting wheelchair accessed Eddie A 785-252-7074

8 PM every Thursday, open A.A. meets at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 6th & Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410

1st Thursday at 8 PM The American Legion Son’s, Squadron #39 meets at The National Guard Armory-1009 NW 8th St. Abilene, KS 67410

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8 PM every Sunday, open A.A. meets at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall, 3599 North Field, Solomon, KS 67480

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