

## **Obituaries**

## Merwin Doyle Coad

Merwin Doyle Coad was born September 28, 1924 on a farm near Cawker City, Kansas to Edgar and Grace Coad. Grandparents were Alfred and Katie Coad and Milton and Anna Wise, all of Cawker City.

Merwin was ordained into the ministry at the First Church Christian Auburn, Nebraska in December 1945.

Merwin and wife Dolores had four children; Sharilyn Diane, James Neil, Debra Lou, and Jo Leann.

Merwin and wife Carol had two children; Lisa Jeane and John Sterling.

Merwin was elected to the United States 85th, 86th, and 87th Congresses serving from January 3, 1957 to January 3 1963.

Predeceased family members are son, Jim; sisters, Dorine and Barbara; brothers, Don and Duane; wives, Dolores and Carol. Marilyn is his only surviving sibling. Merwin passed away on September 5, 2025 just 23 days prior to his 101st birthday. His graveside service is on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Cawker City, Kansas.

## Insight

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancer

## Windows and opportunities

October is generally jam-packed for my family, and this year is no exception. Attending my son's football games, finishing up our calving season, celebrating birthdays, continuing fall harvest and preparing to sow wheat have taken up the majority of my family's attention and effort this month.

My mother-in-law, the kids and I added to our October schedule by recently participating in a market of farms pop-up event organized by Shop Kansas Farms and Kansas Farm Bureau. Producers from across Kansas brought their products to the pop-up market to increase visibility, connect with customers and ultimately sell their goods.

My family, minus my father-in-law and husband who stayed home to keep harvesting, took our popcorn and popcorn popper to the event and had a fantastic day of handing out samhaving ples. great conversations and sending customers home with our product.

A number of people I visited with at the market have since connected with me through social media or email.

Many of these messages have centered around October being Farm to School Month and how many with other states within the consumers, to share our

region in an annual Crunch Off competition.

The goal of the October Crunch Off is to see how many students, staff and community members can crunch an ag product from their state as a way to highlight locally grown items.

Since many schools have their own popcorn poppers, and popcorn makes a great crunchable snack, we've sent bags of our Kansas-grown popcorn to schools all across our state for these events.

While there's still plenty of October remaining, it's been quite rewarding to connect with schools, see pictures from their social media of their students crunching our popcorn and even discussing opportunities to incorporate our little popping crop in their school concessions or cafeterias to use well beyond Farm to School Month.

As Kansas farmers, we know the wheat, sorghum, corn and soybeans we harvest annually on our farm help feed and fuel the world — even though we don't know exactly who uses the grain once we deliver to the elevator. Our popcorn crop, on the other hand, has allowed us a personalized window into the lives, homes and communities of those we are helping feed. It's allowed us the op-Kansas schools participate portunity to connect with

story and to serve as a resource.

It's become increasingly clear to me that more and more people want to know about their food and the people who grow it. Events like the pop-up market and school Crunch Offs are examples of ways to create connections between familv farms and consumers while highlighting the great products being produced within our state

## **School** Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 16: Cross Country @ Lakeside (NPL) 4 p.m.

JH Volleyball @ Thunder Ridge, 4 p.m.

JH Football @ Thunder Ridge, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: HS football @ Washington, Co.,

Saturday, Oct. 18: HS JV volleyball @ Lincoln Tournament.

Monday, Oct. 20: PTL Volleyball tourney@ Stockton 11 a.m.

Regional Volleyball Tuesday, Oct. 21: Re-

gional Volleyball

School picture retake day Thursday, Oct. 22:

Parent/Teacher Conferences,

## Cawker City Methodist Church

Walking the Tight Rope of Trust

Jean Blondin walked the tight rope crossing the Niagara Falls. We walk the

Proverbs 3:5 says trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Trust God when you don't know where tion you can't see but you have confidence in the

that fear can not take over

Richardson.

## **October Meeting for Desire Tobey Sears Chapter NSDAR**

By Kerma Crouse

The October meeting of the Desire Tobey Sears Chapter NSDAR was held at the historic White Rock Cemetery at 1665 20 Road in Republic County on Saturday, October 5, 2025. The group's "Day of Service" project was cleaning tombstones in the cemetery. The emphasis was on cleaning stones of our military veterans and those of young children. Some twelve stones were cleaned during the morning's work.

Though the entrance to White Rock Cemetery bears the date "1905," the White Rock Cemetery dates from the 1870's. The earliest burials found are from

The history of the White Rock Cemetery is a sad one. The 19 December 1878 issue of The Weekly Belleville Telescope carried an item about the organization of the White Rock Cemetery Association. The item stated the land was given for the cemetery by Mr. W. Jacobs from the southwest corner of his claim." The Republic County Surveyor "laid it off in blocks."

By that date, there were already at least eight graves in the cemetery. All children. Two buried in 1876 and six buried in 1878. Four of those children buried in 1878 were Eva, Peter, Louis and Frederika Jacobs, the children of William and Catherine Hasher Jacobs. The one stone which marks their graves was one of those cleaned

The most recent burial in the cemetery, that of tenyear-old Triptyn Ray Trippy" Reynolds, echoes earliest burials. Reynolds was the youngest son of Dustin and Alisha Shuler Reynolds.

Alisha Reynolds is currently serving on the White Rock Cemetery Board. Also serving on the White Rock Cemetery Board are: Charlie Smies, Mike Stenson, Mary Reynolds, Lori Carlgren, and Cindy Frerich.

There are now some 300 burials in the cemetery. Some common names found on the grounds are Anderson, Angle, Babcock, Brokaw, Camp, Heldt, Imler, Lovewell, Morlan, Osborne, Saunders, Simmons, Smies and Tedrow.

One of the burials is that of William Rubens Scott. Scott, who was with Company I of the 37th Iowa Infantry, was one of the many

veterans who came west after the Civil War ended. He went first to Montana Territory but came to Kansas and was one of the early settlers on White Rock Creek in Jewell County. One of the founders of the town of Rubens as well as the first postmaster, the town was named him.

Thomas Lovewell and his wife, Orel Davis Lovewell, are also buried at White Rock Cemetery. Tom Lovewell was an early settler of Marshall County, Kansas, arriving there in 1855. He was then an early and very well-known settler on the White Rock in Republic County, settling in 1865. After living in White Rock, he moved to and founded the town of Lovewell.

The town of Lovewell, KS was named for him, a street in the town also bears his name as did Lovewell High School. Finally, Lovewell Lake is also named for him. A marker on the grounds of the lake honors his memory.

Cleaning tombstones has become a yearly service project for the Desire Tobey Sears Chapter NSDAR. Previously the group cleaned stones in the Montana Cemetery in Jewell County and the Scottsville Cemetery in Mitchell County. The project fits very well into the DAR missions of honoring veterans and preserving history. Ten members and guests were present for the recent meeting.

As the program emphasis was on cleaning stones, the regular business meeting presided over by Vice-Regent, Corlene Lange, was very brief. The proposed slate of officers for the next three years was presented and will be voted on during the November meeting to be held on 17 November 2025. Hostesses for the October meeting were Brenda Dooley and Kerma Crouse.

Sherry Koster, Desire Tobey Sears Chapter NSDAR member, cleans an early stone in the White Rock Cemetery on 20 Road in Republic County. The single stone marks the graves of Eva, Peter, Louis and Frederika Jacobs. They were the children of William and Catherine Hasher Jacobs. All four died in 1878. The land for the cemetery came from their parent's homestead.

### Help Wanted

The Downs News & Time is seeking someone to take newspapers to the Downs and Cawker City post offices, drop off newspaper sales copies other simple tasks. Four to five hours per week. To apply call 785-454-3514 or email: downsnews@ruraltel.net

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tight rope of life. do we put our trust to?

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Have confidence so deep

your life. Surrender to God doesn't always make sense so trust God to lead you in direction He has planned for you.

Faith is the trust we need when life gives us hardships. Rely on the Lord not your pride. Look for God's direction when we can't see our way, He will show us the way. When you are walking the tight rope of

trust is not always easy but always leads us to salvation.

Lord Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace was our special music by Steve

# Legal Notice



#### **Mitchell County Commissioner Proceedings**

The following is a summary of expenditures and receipts and the cash balance of each fund at the beginning and close for the quarter ended September 30, 2025. A detailed statement nditures is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Beloit.

					Heather Weston,	Mitchell County Clerk
			Beginning	Credit	Debit	Ending
REPLACEMENT WINDOW AND DOOR EVENT			Balance	(Receipts)	(Disbsmnts)	Balance
		General Fund	\$3,945,823.50	\$664,202.49	\$1,188,171.96	\$3,421,854.03
		Courthouse Technology	\$73,210.36	\$0.00	\$580.50	\$72,629.86
DUV4 OFT4		Register of Deeds Tech Fund	\$149,946.30	\$2,106.00	\$0.00	\$152,052.30
<b>BUY 1, GET 1</b>		Courthouse Renovation Fund	\$66,888.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,888.85
		Neighborhood Revitalization	\$0.00	\$512.25	\$512.25	\$0.00
		Register of Deeds & Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
140/6		Clerk's ROD Tech Fund	\$19,863.55	\$526.50	\$0.00	\$20,390.05
		Treasurer ROD Tech Fund	\$21,311.15	\$526.50	\$0.00	\$21,837.65
		Sheriff Equip Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		ARPA Grant	\$133,056.10	\$183.81	\$32,143.73	\$101,096.18
All Windows and Doors <sup>1</sup>		Road & Bridge	\$2,793,010.00	\$370,333.05	\$650,951.56	\$2,512,391.49
		Special Road & Bridge Fund	\$73,605.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$73,605.59
PLUS		Special Bridge	\$216,562.26	\$14,736.41	\$21,298.21	\$210,000.46
		Special Machinery	\$1,198,766.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,198,766.94
<b>1</b> \$200 off		Noxious Weed	\$81,337.04	\$28,854.71	\$57,456.37	\$52,735.38
		Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	\$102,786.22	\$0.00	\$2,196.61	\$100,589.61
		Ambulance	\$1,033,543.58	\$253,315.16	\$405,637.93	\$881,220.81
Your Entire Purchase <sup>1</sup>		Ambulance Special Equipment	\$618,271.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$618,271.66
PLUS		Ambulance Capital Outlay	\$396,324.99	\$0.00	\$6,413.75	\$389,911.24
PLUS		Rescue Squad Special Equip	\$85,570.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,570.94
NO Money Down		Water Rescue Special Equip	\$9,144.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,144.76
NO Monthly Payments		County Health	\$748,603.22	\$130,858.50	\$227,519.70	\$651,942.02
	STATION SO	County Health Capital Outlay	\$307,051.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307,051.11
NO Interest for 12 months <sup>1</sup>	And the state of t	Election	\$59,915.74	\$4,363.88	\$7,270.23	\$57,009.39
MINIMUM PURCHASE OF 4 - INTEREST ACCRUES	Offer Ends DECEMBER 31	Election Technology Fund	\$15,853.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,853.10
BUT IS WAIVED IF PAID WITHIN 12 MONTHS		Solid Waste	\$318,425.34	\$91,161.30	\$104,826.96	\$304,759.68
	TOLL 833-833-2820	Special Reappraisal	\$201,919.53	\$26,696.95	\$89,623.51	\$138,992.97
		Special Reappraisal Cap Out	\$68,131.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,131.05
		Lulu Twnsp - Road	\$30,780.51	\$2,185.15	\$10,715.70	\$22,249.96
	Call to schedule your FREE consultation.  The Most 5-Star Reviews  Among Leading Full-Service Window Replacement  RILLSERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT  RILLSERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT	Logan Twnsp - Road	\$34,393.34	\$1,503.17	\$2,649.20	\$33,247.31
		Eureka Twnsp - Road	\$104,399.56	\$1,391.67	\$3,349.20	\$102,442.03
		Salt Creek Twnsp - Road	\$65,783.91	\$858.95	\$12,696.20	\$53,946.66
		Center Twnsp - Road	\$43,394.58	\$1,784.18	\$7,172.00	\$38,006.76
		Hayes Twnsp - Road	\$30,241.58	\$821.48	\$5,814.55	\$25,248.51
		MCO Fire Dist #1	\$37,114.89	\$3,865.34	\$14,273.22	\$26,707.01
		MCO Fire Dist #1 Special Equip	\$98,023.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,023.65
		Tipton Fire District #2	\$25,596.75	\$1,682.92	\$1,456.18	\$25,823.49
*DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 12/31/2025. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or entry/patio door, get one (1) window or entry/patio door 40% off, and 12 months no money down, no monthly payments, no interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 91/2025 and 12/31/2025. 40% off windows and entry/patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or entry/patio door in the order. Additional \$200 off your purchase, minimum purchase of 4 required, taken after initial discount(s), when you purchase by 12/31/2025. Subject to credit approval.12-month Promo Period, while no payments are due, interest a accuse but is waived if the loan is paid in full before the Promo Period expires. Any unpaid balance owed after the Promo Period, plus accrued interest, will be paid in installments based on the terms disclosed in the customer's loan agreement. Financing is provided by various financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or ramillaid status. Saving pamparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License numbers available at renewallypandersen complicense. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. *Review aggregator survey of 5-star reviews among leading national full-service window replacement companies.  January 2024 Reputation.com. *Renewal by Andersen location. *Renewal by Andersen Corporation.All rights reserved. *RBA14301		Tipton Fire Dist #2 Spec Equip	\$42,433.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,433.25
		Solomon Rapids Fire #3	\$54,114.87	\$4,740.06	\$33,693.57	\$25,161.36
		Solomon Rapids FD #3 Sp Equip	\$28,036.82	\$0.00	\$16,406.21	\$11,630.61
		Consolidated 911 Fund	\$52,580.87	\$17,548.12	\$12,243.59	\$57,885.40
		Payroll Clearing	\$225,648.00	\$1,057,234.50	\$1,062,919.59	\$219,962.91
		TOTAL	\$13,611,465.46	\$2,681,993.05	\$3,977,992.48	\$12,315,466.03