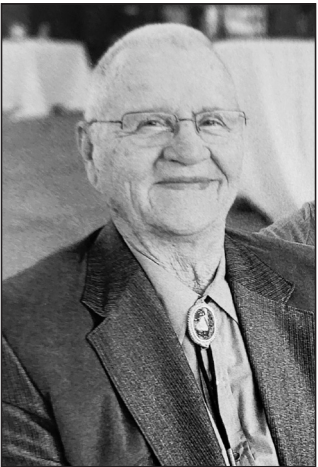


OBITUARIES

Rex Dean Copple
November 27, 1939 – March 13, 2025

Rex Dean Copple, 85, Miltonvale, died Thursday, March 13, 2025, in Salina. Rex was born November 27, 1939, in Delphos, to Loyd and Mable Copple.

He and Gayle L. Phillipson were united in marriage on August 18, 1963. They lived in Miltonvale for many years and recently relocated to Salina. Rex was a lifelong farmer, and he wasn't shy about starting a conversation with a stranger. He was known as an ornery jokester and Rex always had a story to tell. He was often seen entertaining other patients at the dinner table or in rehab sessions.



He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Loyd Copple and Jolene Copple; and brother-in-law, Steven Cramer.

Survivors are his wife of 61 years, Gayle; children, Dixie Burrows and husband, Bill and Ray Copple and wife, Kim; grandchildren, Bryce Burrows and wife, Alice and Brock Burrows and wife, Hannah; great-grandchildren, who were his Sweetie Pies, Emma Burrows and Olivia Burrows; siblings, Donald Copple and wife, Maria, Max Copple and wife, Alice, Gail Copple and wife, Barbara, Ivanell Bulleigh and husband, Joe, and Debra Cramer; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at Wilson Family Funeral Home, 405 Argyle Ave., Minneapolis, KS 67467. Graveside services will be at 9 a.m., Friday, March 21, at Hall Cemetery, rural Delphos. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m., at Words of Light Fellowship Church, Delphos. Memorials may be made to the Miltonvale E.M.S. and left in care of the funeral home.

FOLLOWING ON

PASTOR SAM FLICK

About 15 years ago, I happened to attend a lecture given by a survivor of World War II. At that time he was a very old man and was telling about being held prisoner by the Japanese. It might have been a very good story; in fact, I think it probably was. He told about some of the brutality of his Japanese captors. He told about how the war just suddenly ended. He told about walking across this twisted, strange landscape and later learned that he was walking across the dying lands that had been destroyed by the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

But honestly, he was very hard to listen to. His voice would get loud and then it would get very soft. He would ramble on and on about uninteresting things that mattered only to him. He would get lost on rabbit trails and then 10 minutes later finally find his way back to the story again. I kept thinking to myself, "There's a good story here if you'll just stick it out." I was never so glad for a speech to end, while at the same time feeling sort of honored to be among those sharing in this man's journey.

At the end of his lecture, he said four words - and it was these words, "Thank you for listening." I think he meant, "Thank you for spending your time listening to some foolish old man." I think he meant, "Thank you for listening to these things that are important to me." I think he meant "Thank you for allowing me to share something that might change you and make you different down the road."

In Ephesians chapter 1, Paul writes to the church at Ephesus in verse 15, "... ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Essentially Paul is saying, "Thanks for listening to a message that will make you different," because by listening they were becoming coworkers in the gospel with him.

So today, stop and tell the people around you, "Thank you for listening; thank you for helping; thank you for understanding and thank you for giving your precious time to me." A well placed "thank you" might be worth a hundred, "because I said so's," don't you think?

MOUNT LIBERTY

BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

I'm not too good at predicting but it seems to me like Spring is just around the corner. The tame tom turkeys are busy "strutting their stuff" by having their feathers all fluffed out so they look bigger and dragging their wings on the ground. The wild turkeys are also showing up in the fields moving out of where they wintered and looking for suitable nesting sites. Waves of geese are seen and heard. We see flocks of thousands flying over or sitting in the fields filling their craws. We see big flocks for a day or two then not a one for several days. When there are so many they completely fill a pond. They are mostly Canada geese but sometimes there are a few white ones scattered amongst them. Very few ducks pass through here anymore.

Did you see the eclipse of the moon recently? I went out around 2 AM and the moon was partly covered. I wasn't dressed for the occasion so I didn't watch long. I don't know why but the sun and moon fascinate me. A few years ago we even watched the solar eclipse in Fairbury, NE. No, we didn't go that far to see it but was part of a trip to check on our cattle in a feedlot up that way. I was told that thousands of cars travelled US 81 to observe good viewing spots. When they headed back south the stop lights in Concordia made for major congestion until the police started helping.

Have you followed the problems in Salina with the Cozy Inn? Almost everyone has eaten a hamburger from the Cozy at some time and if not, they have smelled them when driving down 7th. Salina has had some massive murals painted on lots of buildings and even elevators. The Cozy did the same thing but didn't jump through all the hoops to get it done. The city of Salina couldn't let that happen so they sued the place before it was finished. So far they have spent \$538,000 for lawyers to pursue the case. Does that make some Salina lawyers rich? NO! It has all gone to some lawyers in Colorado. It seems like there should have been an easier solution. The case hasn't even gone to court yet so lots more taxpayer money will go out of state.

My grandson made an HVAC call in Salina and the client recognized the name as from this area. He showed him a Mt. Liberty column from 31 years ago. It included info about the "Flower Circle " meeting from Valentine's Day that year. It was interesting that 5 of the 22 members attending are still living around here. Thanks for sharing that. The Flower Circle was started by Mary Comfort in 1929 and existed for some 80 years. Sadly, Mary passed away before the first year was over.

TOOTLE'S TALES

BY JUDY LOBAUGH

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Spring officially starts Thursday, March 20th. We've had a lot of wind lately from the storm system that moved across the country from west to east. We were fortunate that the worst part of the storm developed to the east of us where they had a lot of damaging tornadoes.

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Happy Birthday to: Lindsey Forslund, Jim DeMars, Cassie Lobough, Chance Beach, Karla Nelson, Myra Jamison, Phillip Welsh, Melissa Gisselbeck, Dylan Anderson, Max Trahan, Mikeal Vesterberg, Catelin Benyshek, Rick Wright, A.J. Richard, Blake Graham, Raneé Lyne, Robin Adam, Will Dulohery, Katie Dulohery.

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Happy Anniversary to: Matt and Ricki Ludwick.

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We send our prayers and get-well wishes to: Linda Shepard, Gary Turner, Nancy Crowl, Kyle Stolzenburg, Eric Stevenson, Louis Crowl and their caregivers.

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We send our sympathy and prayers to the family of Rex Copple who passed away last week.

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The Kansas Men's Basketball Team and the Kansas State Women's Basketball Team made the NCAA Tournament Bracket. Hope they play well enough to keep moving through the bracket.

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Ohlde wins Pioneer Award

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) and its Kansas Ag Bankers Division are honored to announce Tim Ohlde, board chairman of Elk State Bank in Clyde, as the recipient of the 2025 Kansas Ag Bankers Pioneer Award.

With over 40 years in community banking, Ohlde has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and leadership in the industry. He has extensive knowledge of agricultural lending, having grown up on a dairy farm near his current residence. His strong connection to agriculture is further supported by his degree in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University.

Ohlde served 27 years as president of Elk State Bank and currently holds the position of board chairman. Early in his career, he prioritized loan portfolio quality and developed a proprietary analysis system, which led to the creation of Country Banker Systems, LLC, a loan analysis software company where he serves as CEO. Committed to borrower education, he has spearheaded initiatives to bring high-quality speakers and training opportunities for agricultural borrowers and small business owners in Clyde.

Education has been a focal point throughout Ohlde's career. He has taught over 5,000 bankers in more than 70 banking schools across 30 states on agricultural lending and economics. His contributions include instruction for the Graduate School of Banking Colorado, Barret School of Banking, Kansas and Nebraska Schools of Banking, North Dakota and South Dakota Schools of Banking, the Oklahoma Bankers Association, the Independent Bankers of Texas, and the Louisiana Bankers Association. He has also led educational efforts in Clyde, Seneca, and Concordia, providing training and resources for ag borrowers and small business owners.

Beyond his banking career, Ohlde has provided leadership to numerous boards and organizations at the local, state, and national levels. He has played a vital role in community development efforts in Clyde, helping to establish the Clyde Area Foundation and the Clyde Community Development Resource Committee. He also serves as chairman of Woods Charitable Trust. Additionally, he has served on the board of directors for Banker's Bank of Kansas, KBA's Kansas Ag Bankers Division, the American Bankers Association's Ag Committee, and the Executive Committee for the Farm Financial Standards Council.

The Kansas Bankers Association congratulates Tim Ohlde on this well-deserved recognition for his outstanding contributions to community banking and agricultural finance.



COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Cloud County Commodities distribution is scheduled for **Every 2 Months from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the Month**, at the First United Methodist Church, 740 W. 11th Street, Concordia, Kansas. 785-243-4560.

To be eligible your household's total monthly income must be below •1 person, \$2,322 •2 people, \$3,152 •3 people, \$3,981, • 4 people, \$4,810. For each additional family member add \$830.

Scheduled date: May 21, 2025.

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**Wanted
Lawn Care / Mowing Services**

Southern Cloud USD 334 is reopening its mowing bid request for mowing at certain properties in Miltonvale. Applications are available upon request at the district office in Glasco, 202 Haynes, 568-2291 or at the Miltonvale Grade School, 520 Oak, 427-3365. Specific details are available from Terry Tate at T and T Service in Miltonvale. Applications accepted until noon, March 21, 2025.

City of Glasco – Request for Sealed Bids

The City of Glasco is accepting sealed bids for 2025 summer mowing contract. The contract would include mowing and maintenance of designated areas, including city rights-of-ways, the city park, RV park, empty lots owned by the city, ditches and other areas as specified by the city. For a copy of city map with all locations marked please contact Glasco City Hall. Sealed bids must be submitted to City Hall by April 4, 2025. Bids will be opened at the April 8, 2025, City Council meeting, and bidder will be notified. Each bidder must provide proof of liability insurance. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Grass Mowing Bid" and either mail or drop off at City Hall. City of Glasco - 206 E. Main St. - PO Box 356 - Glasco, KS 67445 Questions, please call City Hall at 785-567-2705 or email glascoctyclerk@twinvalley.net

SOUTHERN CLOUD
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MARCH Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	No School	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	
	St. Patrick's Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	No School		Salina Family Dental @ Glasco	Salina Family Dental @ Glasco	Farm Bureau 4th Grade AG Days @ Cloud County Fair Grounds 8:30 am	
			8:00am: Glasco Preschool Visit & Lunch		Salina Family Dental @ Glasco	