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Anna Marie Townsdin  
January 14, 1930 – May 8, 2025

Anna Marie Townsdin, age 95, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Minneapolis Health and Rehab, Minneapolis, KS. She was born in Hoxie, KS, on January 14, 1930, the daughter of August and Dellamarise Lone. She married Dean Q. Townsdin in Concordia, KS, on September 28, 1947.

Anna was a graduate of Concordia High School. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, The Rebekahs, and Eastern Star.

Anna is survived by her daughters, Kathy Worlock (Bill) of Delphos, KS, Debbie Wilder (Dennis) of O’Fallon, MO; grandchildren, Lisa Robbins (Ronny), Scott Worlock (Amber), Andrea Luther (Andy), and Angie Wilder; great-grandchildren, Logan, Maizy, Camden, and Krayton Robbins, Bryce, Kaitlyn, and McKenna Worlock, and Avery, Atticus, and Evie Luther.

She is preceded in death by her parents, August and Dellamarise Lone; husband, Dean Townsdin; sister, Lela Morgan, and an infant grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia, KS. Graveside funeral services will be held on May 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia, KS.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Brown Grand Theatre, in care of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, PO Box 606, Concordia, KS 66901. For online condolences please visit [www.chaputbuoy.com](http://www.chaputbuoy.com).



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K-State family finance expert  
offers ‘52 Ways to Climate  
Proof Your Finances’

*Extreme weather can put a dent  
in a family’s budget, Kiss says*

BY PAT MELGARES

K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The weather, it seems, is not always kind on a family’s budget.

K-State family finance specialist Elizabeth Kiss knows that extreme events – including heat waves, drought, flooding, high winds, wildfires and more – can impose financial hardship for families, especially for those without adequate emergency savings or insurance coverage.

“There is a relationship between weather hazards and whatever is going on in the climate, and how we are able to manage our family resources,” said Kiss, who along with colleagues across the country, has developed a program titled, ‘52 Ways to Climate Proof your Finances.’

“This is not necessarily anything different than what we might talk about in general,” Kiss said, “but it is making that connection between finances and climate because there are some specific things you might want to do to prepare yourself.”

The list of 52 suggestions are organized by categories, including personal finance, insurance, clothing, food, housing, tax credits, transportation, preparedness and seeking volunteer or career opportunities.

As an example, Kiss suggests doing an energy audit on your home appliances, such as a refrigerator or water heater.

“We try to get as much life out of these appliances as possible, but the newer models – because they’re more energy efficient – can actually save us operating costs,” Kiss said.

She said homeowners can monitor thermostat settings and adjust it according to the time of year, or look for state or federal programs that offer tax credits for energy savings.

Kiss said preparing for severe weather events includes more than just packing an emergency supply kit and knowing where your family will meet; homeowners also should think about where they keep important documents that will assist in recovery.

“If you do need to recover from a weather event, be sure you can review how to avoid scams in those instances,” she said. “Be a good consumer. Get more than one estimate. Follow the instructions from your insurance company. Always document everything, take pictures and know ahead of time from your insurance company what you can clean up versus what you may need to wait on.”

Away from home? Kiss urges consumers to keep up with regular maintenance on vehicles, including inflating tires to the recommended pressure, using air conditioning only as needed and using cruise control when possible.

The 52 tips for saving money relate to 52 weeks in a year, but Kiss said consumers don’t necessarily have to think about doing one every week.

“Maybe you do just one per month,” she said. “Or, start with any category that you like and just do something that makes sense for you.

A longer discussion with Kiss on 52 Ways to Climate Proof Your Finances is available online on the weekly radio podcast, Sound Living, from K-State Research and Extension.

More information on stretching a family budget and planning for regular expenses is available in a series of extension publications under the heading, When Your Income Drops. The publications are available online from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore.

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“Kansas Board of EMS, until recently, required two certified people to staff an ambulance in order to able to transport someone, EMR level or higher,” Graham said. “The national level says you need to have one person certified, and the person that drives needs to be put through a training, but doesn’t necessarily need to be an EMR.”

On April 8 this year, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly signed into law House Bill No. 2039, which amended its statutes to match these national requirements.

Before this legislation, Miltonvale used a variance that the service applied for about a year ago, but earlier this year, that variance expired and led to the surrounding emergency services stepping up to help.

These surrounding emergency services include Clay Center, Concordia and Minneapolis/Ottawa County. Concordia Fire Department (CFD) Fire Chief John Christensen assisted in this temporary solution, which he refers to as “temporary automatic mutual aid.”

Christensen said that this agreement works by automatically notifying one of the surrounding emergency services when someone calls for help in Miltonvale and its surrounding service area. This request for mutual aid continues until a Miltonvale responder contacts the responding party to let them know that they have the staff required for the call.

Mutual aid is a common practice in emergency services, with the most common representation happening when fighting wildfires. Often during large fires, multiple fire departments from surrounding areas, and sometimes even surrounding states, join the local responders.

According to Christensen, volunteer responders play a critical role in rural communities, where they simultaneously positively impact residents’ health and their wallets.

“It is a dire need in our part of the country. We don’t have the population to support the full-time, full-paid career staff that it takes to run a service, especially with the low volume we have,” Christensen said. “Volunteers bridge that large gap, which then, in turn, helps keep everybody’s property tax down, so volunteering for our area is huge.”

Christensen continued, “It definitely can be very rewarding, especially once you’re 5, 10 and 15 years in. There’s not very many people that look back and say ‘I wish I hadn’t done it,’ they usually say, ‘I wish I had done it sooner.’”

Property taxes fuel the paychecks of full-time emergency responders, whereas volunteers donate their time with small reimbursements while on medical duties.

Volunteer services often pay for classes and training for recruits, including Miltonvale. According to Graham, the city will provide funding for EMS training, with the agreement that the person stays on the volunteer roster for a certain amount of time.

“When someone comes to us and applies, we tell them that we will pay for all of your training and your testing, and in exchange, we would ask that you sign a contract that you will help us out for a period of time, so many shifts a month for a certain period of time,” Graham said.

Volunteer emergency services will continue for Miltonvale, but the staffing challenge continues to weigh heavily on current EMS crews. For more information about recruiting and possible training opportunities, visit the city’s website, [www.miltonvaleks.com](http://www.miltonvaleks.com).

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POLICE DEPT.

**Arrest**—On May 8, at 8:50 p.m., officers located a male named Kyele Mendenhall of Concordia. Mendenhall was known to have an active warrant out of Cloud County. Before being transported to Cloud County Corrections, officers found an illegal substance and drug paraphernalia on Mendenhall. Mendenhall was transported to Cloud County Corrections where he was booked in for his Cloud County warrant, original charge: failure to comply, possession of an illegal substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Custody dispute**—On May 9, at 6:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Lincoln for a custody dispute.

**Verbal argument**—On May 9, at 7:32 a.m., officers noticed two individuals at the intersection of 13th and Kansas streets. The individuals were in a verbal argument. Both parties were separated. No charges will be filed.

On May 10, at 6:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West Sixth Street for a report of a verbal argument. All parties were separated; no charges will be filed.

On May 11, at 2:38 a.m., officers responded to the 600 block of East Sixth Street for a report of a verbal argument. No charges will be filed.

**Noise complaint**—On May 10, at 9:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 Blok of West Sixth Street for a report of a noise complaint.

**Theft**—On May 5, at 3:06 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of College Drive for a report of a theft. Upon investigation, surveillance footage showed that the suspect stole from the reporting party (citizen) and the business. Charges for both thefts have been forwarded to the Cloud County Attorney.

On May 7, at 9:55 a.m., officers were dispatched to the police department for a report of theft. No charges will be filed.

**Missing person**—On May 10, at 9:52 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West 18th Street for a report of a missing person. The individual was later located and everything was okay.

**Property damage**—On May 8, at 2:53 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Kansas Street for a report of criminal damage to property. Investigation continues.

**Threat**—On May 8, at 10:34 a.m., officers were dispatched to the police department for a report of a threat. This incident is still under investigation.

**Criminal trespass**—On May 6, at 9:35 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of East Sixth Street for a report of a criminal trespass.

On May 7, at 12:12 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of College Drive for a report of criminal trespass. The individual was advised to leave the property.

**Welfare check**—On May 6, at 11:12 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection of Seventh and Lincoln streets for a welfare check.

On May 10, at 12:04 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of East Seventh Street for a welfare check.

On May 11, at 11:08 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 2100 block of Lincoln Street for a welfare check.

**Non-injury accident**—On May 5, at 10:53 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of East Seventh Street for a report of a non-injury accident.

On May 6, at 3:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection of 10th and Cedar streets for a report of a non-injury accident.

SHERIFF’S DEPT.

**Arrests**—On May 6, at 8:59 p.m., a deputy responded to Jamestown for a report of a domestic dispute. Brian Strawder, Jamestown, was arrested for domestic battery.

On May 8, at 3:01 p.m., a deputy arrested Tanner Jones, Salina, on a Kansas Department of Corrections state parole warrant and a Ford County warrant.

On May 11, at 8:52 p.m, a deputy stopped a vehicle in the 2000 section of U.S. Hwy. 24. William Dill, Rexford, Kan., was arrested for driving under the influence, possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Criminal damage**—On May 10, at 10:12 a.m., a deputy responded to Main Street in Glasco for a report of criminal damage to property. Investigation is ongoing.

**Non-injury accidents**—On May 5, at 9:07 p.m., a deputy responded to the 1500 section of N. 110th Road for a report of a non-injury accident.

On May 8, at 1:18 p.m., deputies responded to the 1000 section of Quail Road for a report of a non-injury accident.

EMS/FIRE DEPT.

**Saturday, May 10**

At 1:33 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. There was no patient transport.

**Sunday, May 11**

At 11:47 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC).

At 10:15 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. There was no patient transport.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all our friends and family who have been by our sides through this difficult time. We have also been supported by the EMTs, law enforcement and the staff at Chaput-Buoy. The memorials, food, flowers and phone calls have shown us how much Steve was cared for. Thank you.  
- The family of Steve Ediger