# **FOLLOWING ON**

### PASTOR SAM FLICK

We live in an age of constant information that can leave us overwhelmed. It's easy to miss something extraordinary simply because we are so focused on the task at hand. But what if we slowed down enough to truly see the world around us - to actually live life rather than just running from one meeting to the next.

For example, what if we stopped to look at one of God's smallest creatures - the mantis shrimp? Who would imagine that we could witness the profound creativity of God by studying something so small?

Imagine a predator, ranging from less than an inch to over a foot long, that has the power to demolish a crab shell – or even shatter aquarium glass – with incredibly fast strikes. But what truly sets the mantis shrimp apart isn't its strength but it's incredible eyesight.

Our human vision is decent enough, allowing us to see red, blue, green and all the mixtures in between. However, mantis shrimp have sixteen different types of photoreceptor cells (cones) in their eyes! That means they experience a spectrum of color far beyond our comprehension, including ultraviolet wavelengths which are completely invisible to us. They literally see the world in ways we can't begin to imagine.

But that's only the first part of their incredible vision. Each compound eye is divided into three distinct sections, granting them trinocular vision – which means that they can see three images simultaneously. What's more, these eyes aren't fixed, but rather, can move independently, providing an unparalleled level of spatial awareness and tracking ability.

It's dizzying to contemplate the intricate design and sheer innovation behind such abilities. This leads us to ask: if God can engineer something like this then what else is He capable of doing? The mantis shrimp isn't just an interesting biological quirk but rather is a tangible reminder of God's limitless imagination.

In Psalm 9:1 King David writes, "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful works." So today, pause in the midst of your hectic life long enough to remember one of the extraordinary deeds of our wonderful Lord. Each one of them is a reminder of God's love toward us. Then, take some time to tell somebody else, "Wow, just look at this thing our God has done."



## Miltonvale Hustlers

**May Report** 

The Miltonvale Hustlers had a regular meeting May 5, at the Miltonvale Christian Church. Mark called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was favorite hero and was answered by 12 members, 2 leaders, and 4 guests. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read. The club received a thank you note from an Easter egg hunt and 2 donations. The treasurer's report was given. Grace sent in the articles from the last meeting to the papers. Macee did a parliamentarian activity on how a motion goes. The leaders reported that the premium sale was moved to Saturday of the fair. The educational tour committee reported that there were 3 possible locations and in the second week of June. The club approved to have the educational tour at Lazy T Ranch. They also approved the walk as a group during the fair for the Club Tour. They also approved to have the June meeting with the tour. The next meeting is after the educational tour at Lazy T Ranch. Seth moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Mark closed the meeting with the 4H Pledge.

Grace Demars, Reporter

# Farmers Market

Are you getting hungry for some fresh veggies or baked goods? Well, you are in luck, because Farmers Market season is fast approaching!

Miltonvale's Farmers Market is scheduled for Mondays, beginning June 16, from 4:30-6 p.m. Vendors will set up downtown (on Starr Street in the shade of Ayres Insurance Agency's building across from The First National Bank of Hope).

Hopefully we have individuals that want to participate as vendors this year. Vendors just need to bring their own table/chair to set up prior to the 4:30 p.m. start time (there is no fee for the space you set up in.) Please contact Rose at The First National Bank of Hope or by calling 785-388-2009 if you have ques-

Thank you to the Miltonvale Citizens for Progress for sponsoring the local Farmers Market!

# **MOUNT LIBERTY**

### BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

Do you follow the world of horse racing? I read about it if it pops up but I don't suppose I could name a half dozen Kentucky Derby winners over its long history. And even less of the triple crown winners which won't happen this year. The winner this time was Sovereignty who wasn't a favorite but if you are like me we like to see a "dark horse" win. For some reason the Derby winner won't run in the Preakness. The track was a mess with rain causing water to be standing on the surface. The horses and jockeys were covered with mud as the hooves threw mud everywhere. It didn't look like the horses or riders were safe but I guess the show must go on. The officials didn't want the people with their fancy clothes and mint juleps to go home without seeing the race. Some folks not far from here spend a lot of time and money going to the races in Nebraska since they don't have LEGAL betting in Kansas. They usually come home relieved of their money.

The Oklahoma National Stockyards has been sold. There were probably a dozen terminal markets years ago but the ONS is the last one in existence. It was established in 1910 and over 102 million head have sold there in the 115 years. It has been for sale for some time and finally sold to a group of investors. It is right near I-40 so most figured it would be bulldozed and developed into other uses. It will continue as a livestock market with auctions two days a week. Lots of stock from around here was loaded on trains and shipped to Kansas City and sometimes Omaha in the early days of the last century. An interesting part of the deal was you could ride with your cattle to negotiate the price you received. Also at that time there were cattle buyers traveling the country buying cattle and some weren't too honest. They had to estimate the weights and decide what they could offer. I can only guess at how they got the cattle moved

Salina's Cozy Inn continues to be a thorn in the side of the city of Salina. Another \$150,000 in lawyer fees has been added going to a law firm in Denver. At \$400 and \$450 an hour for the two lawyers the costs add up. It won't be long until it is over a million dollars and it is still months away from a trial. I think the mural looks pretty neat. They say you should pick your battles and I'm sure an official in Salina has decided this wasn't the

as that was before we had trucks or trailers.

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MAY 2025 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11	12 RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH	Pork Loin, Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream & Butter, Broccoli, Lemon Bar	14 Resident's Choice w/ Ice Cream	15 BBQ Meatballs, Smashed Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fudge Oatmeal Bar	16 Butterfly Shrimp, Cocktail Sauce, Baked Potato, California Veggies, Chocolate Cake	17
18	Honey Pot Roast, Fried Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Roll, Bread Pudding	20 Smothered Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Pineapple Delight Cake	21 Beef Goulash, Mixed Vegetables, Bread Stick, Ice Cream	Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Buttered Corn Biscuit Glazed Lemon Cake	23 Tuna Noodle Casserole Buttered Peas Hush Puppies Peach Pie	24



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mother's Day	No School  7:00pm: Board of Education Meeting @ Miltonvale	13	14	7:00pm: Miltonvale Pre-School Graduation 7:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room MGS	Miltonvale Pre- School Last Day of School  9:30am: K-5 Field Day @ M'vale	17
18	No School	20	21	22	Last Day of School End of 2nd Semester	24

The City of Miltonvale, Kansas will receive sealed bids for the demolition, repair and/or clean-up of the following described property located within the city limits of Miltonvale, Kansas: 615 publicly opened at that time. Bid results will be presented at the City Council meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Descriptions of structures and items to be removed are available at the Miltonvale City Office, 107 Starr – PO Box 248, Miltonvale, Kansas 67466. The City reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. For additional information, please contact City Clerk Amanda Blackwood, at 785-427-3380

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### ORDINANCE NO. 598

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING Rescinding Ordinance #466 CHAPTER 8 ARTICLE 2 PARA-GRAPH J OF THE CITY OF MILTONVALE CITY CODE IN REGARDS TO PASTURE AND HAY LANDS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOV-ERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MILTONVALE, KANSAS;

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Miltonvale has reviewed information and has determined Chapter 8, Article 2, Paragraph J of the Miltonvale City Code shall be amended as

(j) Pasture and Hay Lands – Lots being used specifically for the pasturing of livestock or growing of hay crops prior to May 1, 2025 may continue to be used for those purposes. On and after May 1, 2025 any lot proposed to be used for pasturing of livestock or growing of hay crops must receive the written approval of the City Council. It is the City's intent that such uses will only be allowed under special circumstances. Any lots used for pasturing of livestock or growing of hay crops as allowed, are exempt from the six inch height limitation imposed for other grassy areas. However, such areas shall be kept free of exposed weeds and those areas designated as pasture land shall be grazed or if not grazed, mowed at least twice during the growing season between May 1 and October 1. Areas planted to brome, alfalfa, or other grasses for the production of hay shall be mowed at such times as the crop is ready for harvesting and the cut hay removed from the area after curing or baling

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication once in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON MAY 5, 2025.

Nathan Brummet, Mayor

Amanda Blackwood, City Clerk

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## **MILTONVALE CITY ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of City Ordinance No.566, dated November 7, 2016 and a general election will be held on November 4, 2025 for the purpose of electing the mayor and two (2) councilmembers to the governing body of the city to occupy the positions presently being held by the following incumbents:

Mayor: Nathan Brummet

Councilmembers: Lindsey Forslund Chris McNeil

Individuals desiring to become a candidate for one of these offices must reside within and be a qualified elector of the city.

Applications for candidacy are available at the Cloud County Clerk's Office and must be completed and filed by 12:00 o'clock noon on June 2, 2025. A filing fee of \$20.00 will be required from each applicant unless such application is accompanied by a petition of the qualified electors of the city. No applications will be accepted after that time and date. By the same token, no candidate having filed for office shall be allowed to withdraw his candidacy after this deadline.

A primary election will not be held unless there are more than ten (10) candidates for the councilmember positions being vacated. In the event a primary election is required, it will be held on August 5, 2025 for the purpose of eliminating those candidates over and above that authorized by law.

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### **ORDINANCE #706-2025**

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF VICIOUS DOGS WITHIN THE CORPO-RATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GLASCO. RESCINDING ORDI-NANCE #466 AND EXISTING AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #525

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOV-ERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GLASCO, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Animals Keeping Prohibited. It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess within the corporate limits of the City of Glasco, Kansas:

1 Any warm-blooded, carnivorous, wild or exotic animal (including but not limited to non-human primates, raccoons, skunks, foxes and wild and exotic cats; but excluding fowl, ferrets and small rodents of varieties used for laboratory purposes)

2 Any animal having a poison-

SECTION 2. Ownership of Vicious Dogs Prohibited. It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or in any way possess any vicious dog which either:

1 Attempts to attack, bite or otherwise do bodily harm to a human being or another animal

2 Attacks, bites or otherwise does bodily harm to a human being or another animal.

3 Any vicious dog kept in violation of this ordinance may be ordered by the court destroyed in a humane manner when, in the court's judgment, such vicious dog represents a continuing threat of serious harm to human beings. If the court does not order destruction of the dog, the court shall allow the owner or custodian thereof no more than 48 hours to remove the dog from the City of Glasco. Failure to remove such dog within the time allowed by the court shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Failure to Comply. It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper, or harborer of a vicious dog confined within the city limits of the City of Glasco to fail to comply with the requirements and conditions set forth in this ordinance. Any dog found to be the subject of a violation of this ordinance shall be subject to immediate seizure and impoundment.

SECTION 4. Violations and Penalties. Any person violating or permitting the violation of any provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined a sum not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$1,000.00. In addition to the fine imposed the Court may sentence the defendant to imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days. Should the defendant refuse to remove the dog from the City the judge shall find the defendant owner in contempt and order the immediate confiscation and impoundment of the animal. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who violates this ordinance shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, handling, veterinary care and testimony necessitated by the enforcement of this ordinance

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of May, 2025.

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