

# BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

## Summer Fun and Our Moment to Help


Summer is a time of year full of fun activities– and, as any other time of the year– moments we can band together to help out those around us. Take a look at the flyers below to get the scoop!

**Hope Church** is hosting Hope for Youth and Hope for Family events as well as meal prep opportunities this summer! All important information and dates are in the flyer. If you’re interested please follow the RSVP guidelines given. We hope to see you there!

**Mrs. Sharon Devor Stepter** is hosting a **Quilting Retreat** right here in Miltonvale! Registration opened April 15 and is still open until further notice! If you’re interested, check out the flyer and join in the quilting fun!

**Laurie Pacey Zink**, who was born and raised here in Miltonvale, recently lost her farm in a tornado. She currently lives in Turon, KS, and is in the difficult aftermath of rebuilding. We are spreading the word about her situation and what can be done to help out. Please read the flyer below to give a helping hand in any way you feel led. We want to express our gratitude for all the help given– prayers, monetarily, and so on. Losing your home is a heartbreaking experience on so many levels and regaining a home is never an easy process. Contact Trista Taylor on Facebook if you would like to give, or the business on the Facebook message. They also have Venmo should you like to give that way.

I want to wish all of you a happy and truly meaningful Memorial Day and may God bless those who sacrificed everything to give us everything. May we always remember. *John 15:13.*



YOU'RE INVITED TO

# Hope for Youth & Family

15 JUNE

**Youth Time**  
6–12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2:30 PM

**Family Time**  
Everyone  
3:30 PM

FREE — LEAVE WITH A MEAL — PLEASE RSVP!



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Owner, Sharon Stepter

## NEEDLECRAFT SHACK

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**Just bring your sewing machines, projects and food. Enjoy time with friends at Needlecraft Shack!**

**TAKING RESERVATIONS NOW!**



The Zink Family lost everything last night in the tornado. I have talked to a close family member & decided to hold a “Gift card basket.” All gift cards can be dropped off at The Wild Mane in Stafford! If you would like to mail one, message me for my address! Grocery gift cards (Main St. Market has them), personal item gift cards, etc! Anything helps! Let’s rally together & make this successful!

# FOLLOWING ON

PASTOR SAM FLICK

There are two separate explanations for why people near death experience the sensation of living on. Science writer Benjamin Taur believes that the body is producing “increased serotonin levels that are responsible for the vivid visual hallucinations ...” And that people are entering “a state of mental dissociation, [which allows them to focus on] internally oriented fantasies [that help] cope with ... life-threatening situations.”

The second explanation is that life after death experiences are, in fact, life after death experiences, and that even though the body dies the spirit lives on. So which explanation is right? Is there any real proof for life after death?

There are several proofs and the first is that those returning to life can sometimes describe what was happening in the hospital room while they were non-responsive. One case is reported by Dutch Dr. Pim van Lommel. He writes that, “During the night shift an ambulance brought a 44-year-old cyanotic, comatose man into the coronary care unit. He had no heartbeat, his skin was blue, his eyes were fixed and dilated, and the EEG showed no brainwave activity. Nonetheless, doctors applied the defibrillator paddles. At the same time the nurse removed the man’s dentures in order to give him oxygen. After 1 ½ hours they were able to discern a heartbeat in the patient.

Later that week, the man regained consciousness but was missing his dentures. When Dr. van Lommel and his nurse checked in with the man, he immediately pointed to the nurse and said, “You know where my dentures are. I saw you remove my dentures and put them into a drawer at the bottom of the crash cart.” The patient was exactly right; the nurse had taken his dentures. However, she had done that while the patient was comatose and brain-dead. There was no way he could have seen her take them.

The man then explained that he had seen her while floating above his body and therefore could look down into the operating room. He told them where to find the dentures, and when they looked, sure enough they were there.

If there is no life after death how could the man have known? There are many stories exactly like this one and therefore we are forced to say, “Something real is happening during a near death experience.” We may not know exactly what, but something is happening.

# MOUNT LIBERTY

BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

Do you feel something crawling? Yea, me too! It seems like the ticks are out a little earlier than usual this year but I dislike them anytime. It’s just been in recent years that those little ones are showing up and really hard to see. Those fat ones that we use to have on the dogs and cats were easy to find but you have to hunt for these little fellows. Maybe we need to wear one of those flea and tick collars they make for the dogs and cats but I’d rather chase the little rascals than wear that poison on my neck.

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About as bad as hearing "We don't have any water pressure" is "There's no hot water". I wasn't looking forward to draining 50 gallons of water out, buying a new water heater and figuring out how to make everything fit. Luckily I checked the electric panel and found a 220 breaker had tripped. I flipped it back and we had hot water again. That doesn't usually happen. There is a reason it tripped but so far it is working. I remembered that had happened a few years ago. Our original heater was a pain. It would fill up with lime in the bottom so I had to take out the bottom element and using a big spoon empty the stuff from the bottom. Then it was OK for another year or so. Flipping a switch is so much easier.

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We got a letter last week saying that CVA had sold the Miltonvale elevator to Cloud County Coop and they would reopen the elevator. That was good news for the farmers around Miltonvale. Now if they would just put in a new feed mill but that isn't likely to happen. CVA's last newsletter had pictures of the 20 scholarship recipients this year. Two were from Kansas, one from Iowa and the other 85% were from Nebraska.

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I have mentioned before that the Salina establishment would pick on an individual until they got tired of fighting. John Miller had a produce stand on North Ohio that didn't fit all their criteria. When they built the overpass they moved him out. Where there was a paying business there is now a park bench that has probably never been used. Another businessman in that area was Ben Frick. They bothered him until he died. Now they have MRHS grad Kenny Meyer in their sights. He is east of the old Beverly Sale Barn with a few dozen cars lined up. Since they built the new jail they decided he shouldn't be there so he has had to downsize his operation. If I was to start a new business it sure wouldn't be in Salina.

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# Books

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Phelps is a published author and columnist. She writes for the *Blade-Empire* and the *Rural Messenger*. She has written two books and three booklets. She is currently working on a new book, “Country Girl, City Boy—Our Story, Our Song,” which is a story about her life with her first husband.

Phelps was contemplating adding another room to Tootle House, her small business house in Miltonvale, when she randomly met up with the owner of the building on Spruce Street and found out it was for sale. She made a quick decision to buy the building rather than remodel her house, believing it was the best option.

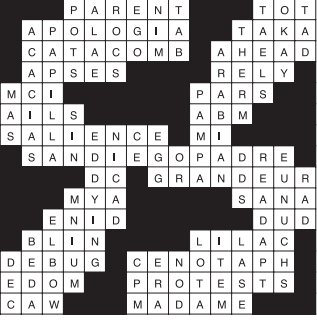
The original building was built in 1900, and an apartment had been added upstairs at the back of the store. When Phelps originally bought the building, she had the apartment and stairway removed. Thinking it would be a quick turnaround, the building took more work than she anticipated.

Phelps had lots of help from the community, including from her friend Tiffany, a mother of eight. Tiffany came to work many afternoons and taught her children to mud, sand, and paint. Some River Brethren builders and others helped as well, but Phelps said that Tiffany probably worked more hours than anyone.

Tootle Books and Such will include a small community library, story time for younger kids, and Tootle Tea for ladies. In the future, freshly-baked goodies or other products may be sold. And hopefully, there will be some music, because Phelps said she already has a piano.

To visit Phelps and Tootle Books and Such, go to 12 West Spruce Street in Miltonvale.

## Puzzle Solutions



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## City of Glasco – Invitation for Sealed Bids

The City of Glasco is accepting sealed bids for two possible restroom-related projects in our city park. Restoration of Existing Park Restrooms, including:

- Interior plumbing • Electrical Work
- Wall and ceiling repairs • Replacing doors and windows
- Possibly adding a shower stall • Winterization

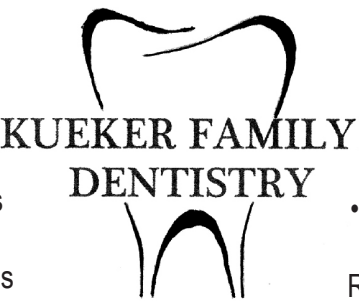
If restoration is not possible - Construction of a New Standalone Restroom Facility to include:

- One facility with two separate restroom units
- Shower unit on one side

Licensed contractors are welcome to submit bids for these projects. Proof of liability insurance required. All bids must be sealed and submitted to:

Glasco City Hall  
206 E Main St.  
Glasco, KS 67445

Bids will be accepted until 5pm on June 27, 2025. For more information or to schedule a site visit, contact City Hall at 785-568-2705 or email [glascoctyclerk@twinvalley.net](mailto:glascoctyclerk@twinvalley.net) The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.



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25	26 MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH	27 Country Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Pudding Parfait	28 NATIONAL BRISKET DAY & RESIDENT'S BDAY	29 Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, & Onions, Chocolate Layer Dessert	30 Fish Nuggets, Cheesy Rice, Creamy Sweet Corn, Boston Cream Pie	31
1	2 Ham, Sweet Potato Puffs, Cauliflower, Frosted Poke Cake	3 Italian Cold Cut Sub, Potato Chips, Broccoli Salad, Frosted Angel Food Cake	4 Ruben, Lyonnaise Potatoes, Lima Beans, Apple Crisp	5 Fried Chicken, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Greens Beans, Roll, Iced Banana Bar	6 Fish Taco w/ Cilantro Lime Slaw, Black Beans, Corn Salad, Glazed Lemon Cake	7