

OBITUARIES

Rhelda M. Ackerman
November 6, 1956 – August 26, 2025

Rhelda M. Ackerman, age 68, of Miltonvale, KS, passed away at Salina Regional Medical Center, Salina, KS on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

She was born on November 6, 1956, in Wamego, Kan. to Richard R. and Ardith M. (Marshall) Jarvis.

She married Jim Kelsey and to this union a son was born, Joseph. She later married Michael Roudybush, they later divorced. She married Don Ackerman who preceded her in 2022.

Rhelda worked as a para-educator and worked in local greenhouses and sewing factories.

In her spare time Rhelda enjoyed gardening, fishing, and kayaking, and just hanging out with family and friends.

Rhelda is survived by her son, Joseph Kelsey (Crystal), Miltonvale, Kan.; granddaughters, Sheyenne & Emily Kelsey; sisters, Nancy Niedfeldt (Dale), Wamego, & Shelly Weeks, Louisville; brothers, Rick Jarvis, Howard, George Jarvis, St. George, and Russell Jarvis, Miltonvale, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Danny W. Jarvis, husband, Don Ackerman, sister in law, Penny Jarvis, and brother in law, Roger Weeks.

It was Rhelda’s wish to be cremated and the family will have a burial service on Sept 13th at 11 a.m. at the Louisville Cemetery, Louisville, KS. Lunch to follow at the Louisville gym.



The family suggests memorial contributions be made to King Solomon Church Camp, Solomon, Kan. or CARES, Inc. in care of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, PO Box 606, Concordia, Kan. 66901. For online condolences or memorial contributions please visit, www.chaputbuoy.com.

TOOTLE’S TALES

BY JUDY LOBAUGH

It is September, and with the rain and cooler temperatures, it feels like fall. Fall won’t officially be here until September 21st.

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Happy Birthday to: Aidan Warkentin, Bobbie Smoot, Roy Lee Tate, Bob Gilmore, Duncan Smoot, Scott Nelson, Lori Swenson, Brian Larson, Jonathan Fuller, Jonelle Forshee, Tina Welsh, Crystal Paredes, Janene Cumberland.

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Happy anniversary to: Jeff and Darcy Blackwood, David and Sally Petrow, Doyle and Linda Scott.

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We send our prayers and get-well wishes to: Kathy Palmer, Darla Bebbber, Doma Revell, Gerald Braun, Gary Turner, Nancy Crowl and their caregivers.

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We send our sympathy and prayers to the family of Rhelda Ackerman.

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Praying for all those killed, wounded or traumatized by the shooting at the Annunciation School in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year/500-year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the city of Miltonvale has determined that the following proposed action under Community Development Block Grant project 25-PF-011 is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the City of Miltonvale will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. This project will remove the existing playground and related items in the Miltonvale park and install a new playground structure and related items. The site is approximately 2 acres. The project will not impact the floodplain as the area will be returned to a like use and elevation will not be changed. The project benefits citizens by creating a safe play area for children. The proposed project(s) is located 214 East Ash in Miltonvale in Cloud County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Miltonvale at the following address on or before September 22, 2025: City of Miltonvale, 107 Starr Avenue, Miltonvale, KS 67466, phone number 785-427-3380. Attention: Amanda Blackwood, City Clerk. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8 am to 2 pm at the address above. Comments may also be submitted via email at milcity@twinvalley.net.

Date: Published September 4, 2025
THE EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE MUST ALLOW A FULL 15-DAY LOCAL COMMENT PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION.

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I-CAR GOLD CLASS
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

“THE Class of ‘68” met to celebrate our 75th birthday year Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025, in Tootle Park, Miltonvale, Kan. Twelve of the original 25 members of our senior class and five spouses enjoyed snacks, visiting and laughter for a very special afternoon.

Several served, and three of us have retired from the Military. Some of us are still employed! We have lost four classmates, four spouses, one child, one son-in-law and one grandchild. Our contribution to the world population is: 62 children, 115 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Those in attendance were: standing, L -R, Charles Pacey, Miltonvale; Larry Cyr, Miltonvale; Harold Myer, Belleville; Fred Allen, Holden, MO; Randy Empson, Payette, ID; Larry Adam, Salina; KenJay Fuller, Miltonvale; & Coleen Paillet, Clay Center. Seated, L-R, Max Coleman, Miltonvale; Karen Wilson, Concordia; Vic



Bulleigh, Bennington; and Sharon Lassey Meadows, Huntington Beach, CA. Spouses attending were: Nancy Pacey, Tena Myer, Jean Adam, Leon Wilson and Bob Meadows. Drop-ins were Michelle Graham, Debra Catlin, Bruce Gra-

ham, Steve Graham, Storm & Megan Myer and family. Some helped with shuttling us to the memorial fountain and taking pictures for our class. Randy Empson drove the farthest from Payette, Idaho. Fred made a delicious cheesy ham-

burger dip for snacking, Tena brought sweet watermelon & Jean brought some delicious brownies. We had a wonderful afternoon of snacking & reminiscing. Our 60th Class Reunion will be in 2028.

Washington to Washington

BY RON FOSTER

It’s hard to imagine what all goes through the mind of a bicyclist riding alone across the country. Basic survival dictates many questions that are easy enough to guess and not too hard to answer. Thoughts of family and friends left behind, thoughts of family and friends up ahead, thoughts of people met along the way - all of these and more become surprisingly significant and occupy many miles and many minutes, but after a week or two most questions have been looked at from all angles, most thoughts have been thought, and then the question becomes, now what?

Zach Kovner spent his first college year at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he is majoring in math, and it didn’t take him long to realize that it would be useful to have his bike with him on campus. He posted a question to himself: how do I get my bike from home in Washington, D.C., to school in Washington state? Being a mathematician, he knew that there was more than one right answer, and two answers were obvious. He could ship the bike, or he could ride it. Zach chose to ride.

So it was that Zach set out in July aboard the same bike, its stem and pedals pointed toward the



Pacific Northwest, using a cycling app to plan his route and knowing only that he wanted to visit family in Billings, Montana, around Labor Day. The bike provided the math major with some logistical questions, based mostly on the fact that it is not a touring bike with a gazillion options for attaching gear; the problem was solved by limiting what he carried and discovering where on the bike to attach it. By

the time he reached Kansas, the question was like many others from the start of the trip, forgotten because they were so thoroughly answered.

That left a long stretch of road ahead, with many miles of thinking time, not a problem for Zach because he had discovered the pleasure of listening to books while he rode. When he spent the night in Miltonvale, he spoke of a great book he had listened to and the next one he was planning to download, both written by Nathaniel Philbrick. The book consumed was "In the Heart of the Sea," a nonfiction account of a Nantucket whaling incident that served as the basis for the novel "Moby Dick." The upcoming book is The Last Stand, an account of General George Custer and the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Geography is in Zach’s favor because the Little Bighorn Visitor Center is just a day’s ride from that planned stop in Billings.

After a warm shower and a restful night in the cool comfort of Miltonvale’s EMS building, Zach fueled up the next morning at the Country Kafe with a breakfast courtesy of the Lions Club. Rested and fortified, he continued on his own voyage of discovery, from Miltonvale to Billings, to Seattle, to his own future in the making.

MILTONVALE HAPPENINGS

Church Listings:
Catholic Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
Christian Church Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:30
Bible Methodist Sunday School @ 9:45, Worship @ 10:45 and 6:00
Hope Church fellowship @ 9:00, Worship @ 9:30
Wesleyan Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:45, Bible studies @ 6:00, Thursday @ 9:00, Awanas 4:15-5:30 when school is in session
Idana Presbyterian Sunday School @ 9:00, worship @ 10:15
Mt. Liberty United Methodist @ 11:00
Oak Hill Presbyterian @ 9:00

SEPTEMBER 2025 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY BBQ	2 Pot Roast, Fried Potatoes, Red Cabbage, Roll, Bread Pudding	3 Smothered Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Pineapple Delight	4 Goulash, Mixed Veggies, Bread Stick, Ice Cream	5 Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Hush Puppies, Peach Pie	6
7	8 Pork Chop, Au Gratin Potatoes, Zucchini & Tomatoes, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cup	9 Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Pudding Parfait	10 Hot Ham & Cheese, French Fried, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Ice Cream	11 Roast Beef, Gravy, Potatoes, Carrots, Chocolate Layer Dessert	12 Fish Nuggets, Cheesy Rice, Cream Sweet Corn, Boston Cream Pie	13

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