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## Hays officer slain

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Tragedy struck the City of Hays Police Department Saturday evening when HPD Sgt. Scott Heimann was killed in the line of duty while responding to an emergency call regarding a domestic dispute and a person barricaded in his home in Hays.

The City of Hays asks the community to keep Scott's loved ones in thoughts, and respect their privacy, during this incredibly difficult time.

"The City Commission extends our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of our fallen officer," said City of Hays Mayor Sandy Jacobs. "His service and sacrifice in protecting our community will never be forgotten. We stand united with our Police Department and with the entire community as we navigate this difficult time. We ask everyone to keep all those affected in their thoughts and prayers."

Heimann, who was 32 years old, was shot by a man who had barricaded himself at a house in the 2200 block of Downing St. The shooter, 34-year-old Zane Wickham of Hays, was later found dead in the home from an "apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound," the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said.

Despite the immediate and courageous efforts of fellow officers and first responders, he succumbed to his injuries.

"Heimann served Hays with honor, courage, and dedication since 2016. Moreover, he was a con-

stant presence in the community and frequently went above and beyond as a positive role model to all that knew him," the City of Hays posted in a press release. "His loss is a tragic reminder of the risks law enforcement officers face every day. We are devastated, and extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and fellow officers. As a city, we mourn together. We will remember Scott not only for how he served, but for who he was: a dedicated professional who served our city with unwavering commitment, integrity, and bravery."

The Wichita Eagle reported the KBI said Sunday that Heimann responded to the Downing Street address after the Hays Police Department received a 911 call just before midnight Saturday from a woman who "had escaped a domestic violence incident" at a home in the 2000 block of East 21st Street in Hays.

The woman told authorities she ran to a nearby house for help after Wickham drove his truck into her vehicle when she tried to flee. Authorities described Wickham as her "significant other."

The KBI said officers from the Hays Police Department and a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper "were setting up a perimeter near the backyard of Wickham's residence" in the 2200 block of Downing Street around 1:55 a.m. Sunday when a "single shot was fired from inside the house."

The round struck Heimann.



Scott Heimann

"Despite efforts, he died from his injuries, just after 4 a.m.," the KBI said.

The KBI said police and highway patrol special response teams, as well as the KBI's High Risk Warrant Team, responded to the address and tried to draw Wickham out after he barricaded himself inside his house.

"The teams negotiated with the suspect. Gas munitions, projectiles intended to break windows, and a surveillance drone were deployed into the residence during the standoff," the KBI said.

Around 6:15 a.m. Sunday, tactical teams went into Wickham's house and found him dead. No law enforcement officers fired their duty weapons during the standoff, the KBI said.

"Today we are tragically reminded that Police Officers serve and protect their communities putting the lives of others above their own," said Police Chief Don Scheibler in the City's press release. "Sgt. Scott Heimann gave his life in this service exemplifying dedication to the

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## Block party was a hit!



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ELLIS -- (L-R) Alicia Flower, Dena Patee, Pauline Edmonds and Rita Younger  
Guy Windholz/Ellis Review

By GUY WINDHOLZ  
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Community Party a Success

Ellis, Kansas has a "Creek Side Park" as they call it. It was celebrated since having a new pavilion constructed on the grounds just south of the WPA swimming pool. The event was held this Saturday between 4 to 7 pm. The weather was nice and comfortable with plenty of shade to be had among the trees.

This was fun to photograph and enjoy the company of friends and new people that came at their leisure. Pauline Edmonds of the Ellis Community Foundation was asked how many people came and she estimated 200 plus. This is a good number for the first event of this nature and hopes and expectations are that there will be another next year.

Pauline added that all the credit goes to the many sponsors and donation from

some foundations. Merchants donated gift cards and items that were raffled off near the end of the event. Very pleasing is that you could eat hot dogs or saver some pulled pork sandwiches with chips and water and when ask for bill it was Free. I found my way to the Frozen Frog unit on the street side and relished a medium size grape shaved ice.

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## Sign up now for Christmas Food Boxes

Last year, the Ellis Food Box program assisted over 100 families in Ellis with their Christmas Food Boxes.

Once again this year, this wonderful program will be assisting families of Ellis that are in need. Families will be able to sign up for the special Christmas Food Boxes provided by Ellis Food Boxes.

These special boxes will contain not only non-perishable food items and fresh food products, they will also contain gifts for children from infants to 12th graders.

Most of the gifts will be in the form of needed necessities such as coats and clothes that will be donated by local businesses and community members.

To receive a Christmas gift box, you will need to first sign up. Sign up begins on October 6th during the box distribution and will run until October 31.

If you can not make it to sign up in person on October 6th, don't worry because you can also sign up

over the phone!

To sign up over the phone, simply call Rita Younger at (785) 650-4225 or call Millie Winterscheidt @ (785) 726-1127.

Families who wish to receive a Christmas Food Box must sign up by the deadline in order to receive one, if you miss the deadline, that alright!

You'll still be able to receive a standard food box in December.

Food box pickup is a curbside pickup located at the food pantry at 210 Madison.

Families of 1-2 people are scheduled for food box pickup on Tuesday, December 16th from 3-6pm.

Families with 3 or more are scheduled for food box pickup on Thursday, December 18 from 3-6pm.

**Please don't forget that deadline to sign up for Christmas Food Boxes is October 31 and families MUST sign up in order to receive a Christmas Food Box! If the deadline is missed, families will receive a standard food box.**

## Weight room project part of Match Month

We're excited to share a special opportunity to support Community members and the USD 388 weight room this October!

Thanks to the generosity of the Patterson Family Foundation, every dollar raised during October Match Month will be

matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000.

That means our community only needs to raise half of our \$10,000 goal to bring new cardio and strength equipment to the weight room and classrooms at Ellis High School.

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## Community Guide

Non-profit & community notices, events, reminders, cancellations, schedule changes, and more.

Submit to The Ellis Review, 1020 Washington/PO Box 227; Ph 785-726-4583 or Fax 785-726-3821; review@gbta.net  
First come, first serve; 20 word maximum  
--Due each Monday by 2 p.m. for that week--

**It's October Match Month!** As you consider your end-of-year giving, remember the impact of giving local. This October is the perfect time to support community projects, as every dollar donated will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Patterson Family Foundation

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**The Ellis Review seeking sports photographers** Sports photographers needed for HS XC, VB, WR, TR, GOLF and EJH ALL sports! Free admission to games!! Perfect for parents! Contact The Ellis Review at 785-726-4583 or email us at review@gbta.net

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**Ellis Food Boxes** The October distribution date for the Ellis Food Box program will be Monday, Oct. 6, from 3-6 p.m. at the Pantry.

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**Heroes Banners** If you see a Hometown Hero banner in distress or down, please contact Jenni Holmgren at 785-650-7270. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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**Submit your news!** Birth announcements, weddings, sports shots, business promotions, hunting photos...we report it all! Send your news to review@gbta.net.

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**Weekly School Pages**  
Get a peek into whats going on with the Ellis Railroaders at St. Mary's, WGS, EJH and EHS!  
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Recent Rainfall

As of press time, rainfall was as follows:

Station: Ellis 4.1 NNE  
None recorded  
Station: Ellis 11.0 S  
None recorded  
Station: Ellis 0.2 W  
None recorded  
Station: Ellis 5.6 E  
None recorded  
Station: Ellis 5.8 S  
None recorded  
Station: Ellis 5.6 S  
None recorded

Data collected weekly from CoCoRaHS



Weekly Markets

Prices effective at closing on September 30, courtesy of Golden Belt Coop in Ellis. Prices subject to change.

ELLIS

Wheat .....\$4.18  
Milo .....\$3.06  
Corn .....\$3.71

RIGA

Wheat .....\$4.18  
Milo .....\$3.06  
Corn .....\$3.71

