

Obituaries

Charles Leroy “Charlie” Withers

Charles Leroy “Charlie” Withers, 84, of Blossom, passed away Monday, April 28, 2025, at Paris Regional Health.

Bright-Holland Funeral Home has scheduled services for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 1st at Blossom Church of God with Rev. Benny Dollins officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 – 7 pm at the funeral home. Following the funeral service, Mr. Withers will be transported to Haskell County, Kansas where the family will receive friends Friday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Weeks Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Sublette, KS. Graveside services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 3rd at Haskell County Cemetery in Haskell County, KS.

Mr. Withers, the son of Albert Withers and Ethel Meador Withers, was born Sept. 14, 1940, in Gray County, Kansas. He had an upbringing in the Mennonite faith. He was a farmer, land leveler, and business owner. He enjoyed race cars, draft horses, Christmas lights, was a rodeo & parade announcer, and was a leader in the American Agriculture Strike, speaking across the Central United States.

In 1992, Charlie built Crazy House in Reno, TX and celebrated 32 years providing western wear needs for customers far and near. Crazy House had been named the single unit retailer of the year nationally at the Dallas Market. At the store he had an amazing drive through Christmas light display and was known as the “Christmas Light Guy”.

He was preceded in death



by his parents, two brothers, Paul Withers and Harry Withers and three sisters-in-law, Esther Withers, Peggy Withers, and Vera Withers.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Davis Withers, with whom he celebrated 50 years of marriage, three children, Greg Withers (Pam), Patricia White (Mickey), and Justin Withers (Sara), grandchildren, two brothers, Lawrence Withers and Raymond Withers, and one sister, Alberta Schmidt (Melvin) along with numerous nieces & nephews and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made payable to Haskell County Youth Livestock Sale and sent in care of Weeks Family Funeral Home & Crematory, P.O. Box 1200, Sublette, KS 67877. These funds will support local 4-H members whose livestock do not receive high auction bids, helping to ensure all participants are fairly encouraged and rewarded. Condolences may be left online at [WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com](https://www.WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com).

Citywide Cleanup
April 21 - May 5

Bins will be placed at the corner of Courthouse Avenue and Wooten Street. There will be a bin for metal items and a bin for general household items. Tree branches need to be taken to the old landfill, call 620-675-2781 to schedule a drop off time.

Unacceptable Items:

- hazardous liquids
- containers filled with chemicals or cleaning products
- paint cans or buckets still containing paint
- motor oil containers if they still have oil in them

cans or buckets still containing varnish or other liquids/ chemicals - tires of any kind

Public Notice

Please do not dispose of tires in the dumpsters. This includes the dumpsters located at the Fairgrounds.

The City is charged a fee by the landfill for every tire picked up by the trash truck.

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Ruth Isobel Butler Muse

Ruth Isobel Butler Muse, 87, with great joy, entered into the presence of the Lord, Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, at her home in Overland Park, Kansas. For those who knew and loved Ruth, knew she looked forward to this heavenly celebration with great anticipation!

Ulus and Lenora Butler brought Ruthie into the world January 19, 1938, at their home in Mannford, Oklahoma. She was well taken care of by her brother, Don and sisters Beth Ann and Bonnie. The years that followed were full of life for this family, milking cows, gardening, dressing up the kittens and most loved, playing in the creek, shoes were optional! Ruthie loved her childhood, growing up during tough times were a blessing as the Butler children were taught the value of working together, praying together, and playing together. Family reunions were such fun. The best time was cousin time! She always felt loved which gave her the gift of loving others, something she did well her whole life!

She spent her childhood years in the Mannford Public Schools, a good student, loved a good book, and enjoyed playing basketball on her high school team. She graduated from Mannford High School and went on to marry Howard Lee Muse, a teacher and coach, May 20, 1956, before Howard was called to serve in the United States Army. Before they knew it, they were beginning their family with children Risa (Mike) Stevens, Jay (Karen) Muse, Jill (Mike) Dale, and Robyn (Chant) Stuewe. Howard and Ruth were members of the Sublette Baptist Church, they enjoyed playing bridge and canasta, being a part of the Eastern Star, working in their yard and loving on grandkids that filled their home. With each passing year it seemed they were blessed with a new grandchild Wendy, Cody, Sarah (Phillip), Erin (Levi), Emma (Xavier), Ethan (Caitlin), Lindsey, Jacob, Luke, Lexi. Teaching them to play cards, chess, checkers, picking flowers, dressing up in beautifully fashioned material scraps or working in grandpa Howard’s shop was a highlight! There were always rolls of gray tape and plenty of snacks.

Sublette was home to Ruth, and she found joy in putting her talents to work in the radiology department where she was an Xray Tech for Satanta District Hospital. She enjoyed getting to know people! It was not uncommon for her to venture out on Halloween,



dressed in costume, candy om tow, just to play a few pranks and sometimes, she could get Howard to follow! She tried to make life fun, not just for herself, but for others.

With Howard’s passing in 1993, Ruth moved to Overland Park, Kansas, in 2003, and took her delightful smile and generosity for others with her, as she began a new life of loving. As the years passed, Ruth’s blessings increased, watching grandkids marry and have great grandkids for her to spoil. She became Gigi to some and Great Grandma to others. Never a dull moment, making quilts for all her grandkids and baby blankets for her most precious grands. She enjoyed using her talents for others, and soon, her lap was filled again with babies; Ella, Sienna, Zoe, Brecken, Hadley, Coleman, Kaden, Aria, Mia, Noah, Elliot, Leo, Madelyn, Jace, Miranda, Max, Jude, and Abram. With each child, grandchild, great grandchild, and friends, Ruth was loved more and more. Her legacy will live on in the lives of all she has touched. Her genuine smile and warm embrace will long be remembered. Well done good and faithful servant, Ruthie, you lived your testimony!

Ruth joins a host of family and friends as she makes her home in heaven; Howard, Ulus and Lenora Butler, Don Butler, Billy and Beth Ann Greenwood, Ildie and Bonnie Varnell, Ray and Jessie Muse, Billy Ray and Orvetta Muse and a son-in-law, Larry Leonard.

A private burial took place Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Haskell County Cemetery, Sublette, Kansas. The family invites you to attend Ruth’s Celebration of Life gathering, Saturday, May 24, 2025, in Overland Park, Kansas. More information will follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to the Sublette Public Schools Foundation, designated to the Elementary and MS/HS Libraries.

Weeks Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Pride of Life Menu

- Friday, May 2**
Fish Sandwich, Potato Chips, Side Salad, Cinnamon Sliced Apples
- Monday, May 5**
Cinco de Mayo!!!
- Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Rosy Diced Peaches, Dinner Roll
- Tuesday, May 6**
Sloppy Joe on Bun, French or Sweet Potato Fries, Green Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Wednesday, May 7**
Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs, Warm Peaches
- Thursday, May 8**
Turkey A La King, Roasted Carrots, Plums, Biscuit
- Friday, May 9**
Chef Salad, Beets, Emerald Diced Pears, Dinner Roll

Farm and Ranch



Sublette Cash
Grain Bids

April 29, 2025

Wheat	Cash Price	\$4.66
Milo	Cash Price	\$3.87
Corn	Cash Price	\$4.77
Soybeans	Cash Price	\$9.66

MANHATTAN, Kan. April 28, 2025 - For the week ending April 27, 2025, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8% very short, 22% short, 59% adequate, and 11% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 28% short, 54% adequate, and 6% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 4% very poor, 13% poor, 36% fair, 40% good, and 7% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 78%, near 82% last year, but ahead of 66% for the five-year average. Headed was 19%, behind 29% last year, but ahead of 10% average.

Corn planted was 39%, near 37% last year, and ahead of 29% average. Emerged was 11%, near 15% last year and 8% average.

Soybeans planted was 13%, near 11% last year, and ahead of 7% average.

Sorghum planted was 3%, near 2% last year and 1% average.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, KSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.



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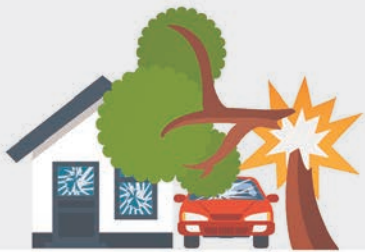
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