

Obituaries

BETTY CLARK

Betty Derine (Sandquist) Clark, 93, went peacefully to her eternal rest Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at home with her family by her side. She was born the oldest of 6 on September 30, 1931, in Doland, South Dakota, to George and Irene (Remily) Sandquist.



She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1950. After graduation, she married the love of her life, Riley D. Clark on June 24th, 1950, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. They were blessed with 73 years together while raising 17 children and one grandchild. She worked at St. John’s hospital during high school. Upon graduation she married Riley and was a homemaker the rest of her life, including being a nanny to another family after raising her own. Betty was a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Cathedral. In addition to her dedication to her family, she was specially devoted to the blessed Mother. Her faith was the inspiration to everyone that knew her.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Riley D Clark, her mother and father, sisters Mavis Davis and Corletta McDaneld, daughters Rhonda Cole and Annette Clark; sons-in-law Mike Ziegler and Mark Cole; and grandsons Dane Hamilton and Trevor Rasette. She is survived by her children, Pam Ziegler of Hutchinson; Fr. Dana Clark of Ellis; Debbie (Richard) Earley of Statesboro, Georgia; Tony Clark of Salina; Joe (Rita) Clark of Hutchinson; Mickey Benfield of Salina; Jamie Clark of Hutchinson; Jackie (Mike) Hamilton of Salina; Chris (Kathy) Clark of Salina; Monte Clark of Salina; Teena (Jay) Davies of Reading; Tammy (Monte) Garrison of Great Bend; Aimee Clark of Salina; Terri (Mike) Rasette of Salina; and Sheri (Eric) Winters of Bennington; and granddaughter Kayla of Salina; 42 grandchildren; 55 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, May 18th with a vigil service at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 19th at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina; burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Salina. Memorials may be made to the Msgr George Weber and Rhonda Cole Memorial Garden at St. Mary Grade School or to Sacred Heart Junior-Senior High School.

FRANK STOCHL

Frank C. Stochl, age 79, of Saint Peters, Missouri passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 17, 2025, at The Basilica of Saint Fidelis. Services are entrusted to Cline’s-Keithley Mortuary of Hays, 1919 East 22nd Street, Hays, Kansas 67601.

RUBEN URBAN

Rueben J Urban, 88, of Loretto, KS passed away on May 3, 2025.

The funeral mass was Friday, May 9, 2025, at the St. Mary’s Help of Christians Shrine, Loretto, Kansas Services in care of Keithley Funeral Homes-Brock’s Chapel 2509 Vine Hays, KS 67601.

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B.B.A. degree with majors in accounting and finance this week. She graduated from Olathe South High School. Megan has accepted a position as an accounting analyst with Koch in Wichita following graduation.

The 2024-2025 Finance Student of the Year Award recipient is Jessica Saunders, Lehigh. Jessica will graduate with her B.B.A. degree with majors in accounting and finance this week. She

graduated from Hillsboro High School. Jessica has accepted a position as an associate with AGH CPAs & Advisors in Wichita following graduation.

The 2024-2025 International Business and Economics Award recipient is Gabriela Vega, San Diego, Calif. Gabriela will graduate with her B.B.A. degree in international business and economics this week. She received her Associate of Science Degree from San Diego Mesa College with honors. She is a management analyst working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego.

Modified Memorial Day holiday trash pickup

By Gaille Pike
Special to the Hays Daily News

According to the May 15, 2025, City News Flash, due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26, 2025, the refuse/recycling pick-up schedules will be altered May 26th and May 27th. week as follows:

Monday and Tuesday routes will

both be picked up on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

There are no changes to routes collected Wednesday (May 28,) Thursday (May 29) or Friday (May 30.)

The City anticipates heavy volumes of refuse/recyclable will be encountered around the holidays and asks residents to be sure to set bags out by 7:00 AM on the collection

day, but also asks the community to bear in mind that the trucks have no set time schedule.

Visit <https://www.haysusa.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1597> for more information on the Memorial Day Holiday Refuse & Recycling Pick-up Schedule or call the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department at 620-628-7350.

Commissioners to hear request for Old Highway 40 renovations near Victoria

By Gaille Pike
Special to the Hays Daily News

Ellis County Commissioners plan to renovations to Victoria off of Old Highway 40, including a request from the City of Victoria that the county pay one-third of the cost for both the East Main Street and West Main Street approaches.

The total cost comes down to \$79,748.34; East Main Street will total \$41,561.67 and West Main Street will total \$38,186.37.

The Agenda Cover Sheet states that the approaches are breaking out and leaving large potholes within driving lanes. East Main Street has been made the priority due to the higher traffic levels of both passenger and vehicle trucks.

The discussion and request will be presented by Ellis County Public Works Director Brendan Mackay and Victoria Mayor John Schulte. The meeting is expected to solely focus on the Commissioners consideration of the funding request, a formal approval to take place at a future meeting when a purchase order and funding options are identified.

The May 20 Ellis County Commission meeting will also include the public's ongoing "Rural Subdivision Conversations" [Agenda Item XII. Subdivision Road Infrastructure Discussion], Monthly Departmental Reports and the Adams Brown County Audit Report; Cottonwood Extension District update, Wild West Festival

Waste Fees Waiver, and County Sheriff's Office purchases of Detention Officers' Armor Grants, Car/Body Cameras, Cradlepoints, and Antenna Replacements.

To contact Ellis County Commissioners, visit <https://www.elliscounty.net/120/County-Commission>. Residents are also invited to address Commissioners during the Public Forum portion of meetings. Ellis County Commission meetings are held at 8:30 AM on the first three Tuesdays of each month. Live video is available via YouTube. Agendas are available prior to meetings. Minutes are available following approval. Visit <https://www.elliscounty.net/120/County-Commission> for more information.

Summer watering restrictions begin June 1st

By Gaille Pike
Special to the Hays Daily News

During the May 13, 2025, City Press Briefing, Hays Water Conservation Specialist Holly Dickman announced the City's Summer 2025 Watering Restrictions

"In response to a request made by the City of Hays, the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources has issued a control order restricting the watering of lawns and other vegetation from private wells between noon and 7:00 p.m. from June 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025," said Dickman. She noted that the water restrictions are part of a greater interest to

reduce water waste and to improve conservation practices in the Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) located in Hays, Kansas.

Established in 1985 to help implement the City's water conservation measures, the Hays IGUCA provides a mechanism to prevent water waste by privately-owned wells.

"By restricting all outdoor water between noon and 7:00 p.m. (6/1-9/30/2025), including the watering of landscapes and gardens, unnecessary water loss due to wind and evaporation can be reduced, thus conserving the resource for more efficient use," Dickman said.

In addition to Summer Watering Restrictions, Hays' year-round

water controls prohibit the washing down of sidewalks, parking lots and driveways; the known loss of water through breaks or leaks in plumbing systems; and the escape of water from private property onto public property such as sidewalks or into the street guttering from landscape irrigation.

Dickman encouraged all citizens to practice the conservation of natural resources, including water, and look for ways to improve conservation measures in our homes and businesses, both indoors and out. Visit www.watersmarthays.com for more information on Summer 2025 Water Restrictions and year-round water conservation measures or contact Dickman at 785-628-7350.

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far from her current residence in Hoisington. Previously, she worked in critical care and case management in both Hays and McPherson, but her time at Heart of Kansas while working on her clinicals was a deciding factor in what she chose to do next.

"I was able to do clinicals through there during school and enjoyed the patient population, the team, and the atmosphere, and it was a great fit," Madison said. Coming from a smaller town and understanding the need for healthcare, particularly in rural Western Kansas, Madison was

positive that she wanted to eventually practice in that type of setting. It is also one of the reasons she chose Fort Hays State, as the nursing program has an emphasis on rural care.

"I visited several schools with my parents while in high school, some larger than FHSU, and I preferred the smaller setting," Madison said. "Also, being able to visit with some of the faculty, I could already tell it was going to be comfortable, and a good fit."

Madison's time both on campus during her undergraduate work and online while working on her doctorate made a distinct impression on the FHSU faculty. While she worked closely with many faculty members, Dr. Michelle Van Der Wege, associate professor of nursing and the DNP

program coordinator, was one of the professors that Madison credits with helping her not only complete all her program requirements but also excel.

"I had the privilege of working with Madison both as an undergraduate nursing student and later as a DNP student, and it has been an honor to watch her grow--first as a registered nurse, and now into a nurse practitioner," Van Der Wege said. "Madison is intelligent, compassionate, and deeply committed to helping others. Whether in the classroom with her peers or at the clinical site with patients, she is always looking to lend a hand."

As with many transitions, graduation can be a little bittersweet, especially when facing the change from a familiar,

comfortable present into an exciting, if potentially uncertain, future. Madison is taking this change in stride, but already feels nostalgic for this time in her life.

"I love Fort Hays State, and not just the campus, I love the town, the hospital where I worked - I love the Hays community," Madison said. "When people ask, I tell how much I enjoyed FHSU and the nursing program - I'm always advocating for FHSU."

While the feelings of loss and change are mutual, everyone looks forward to Madison's bright future.

"I am excited that [Madison] will be serving rural, western Kansas after graduation," Van Der Wege said. "She is an outstanding example of how FHSU graduates positively impact rural health!"

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