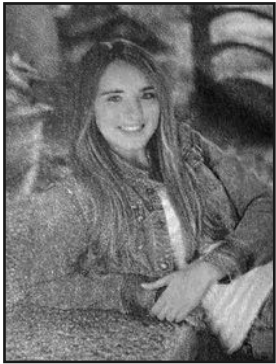


## Hugoton High School Alumni Chatter

### ALL SCHOOL REUNION

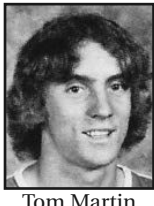
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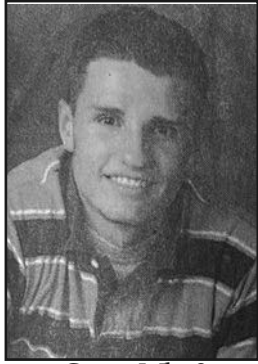
Guess Who?



DeAnna  
Hancock



Tom Martin



Guess Who?

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Throughout the months leading up to the reunion, The Hermes will be including photos of the past. If you are still stumped about the identity by next week, names will appear in the next issue. If anyone has any photos to share from school*

**Class of 1979**  
*days gone by, you may email to [hermes12@pld.com](mailto:hermes12@pld.com) or bring or mail them in to have them scanned. If you need the photo returned, please state so and include your mailing address.*

## KICA is awarding \$50,000 to Kansas Military families

One of the purposes of the Kansas Independent College Association is to serve as a conduit for designated or restricted gifts to specific member institutions. We announce the recipients of

scholarships funded by KICA's partnership with The Valor Partners Foundation. KICA-Valor Partners Foundation Scholarships provide support for students who are VA Dependents Education

Assistance Chapter 35 eligible students: spouses and children of deceased or 100% disabled U.S. Armed Forces Veterans.

KICA is awarding \$25,000 in scholarships to celebrate our diverse and talented student community who demonstrate a commitment to excellence, integrity, and service. Please join us in congratulating our 2025 winners!

**ARMY DEPENDENTS**  
• From MidAmerica Nazarene University, Jaxson Nation, a Physical Therapy major

• From Friends University, Vianca San Miguel, a Health Science & Spanish major  
• From McPherson College, Ky'rell Taylor, a Health Science major

**NAVY DEPENDENTS**  
• From Friends University, Braeden Harris, a Business Administration & Marketing major

• From MidAmerica Nazarene University, Jordan Miller, a Ministry & Theatre major  
• From MidAmerica Nazarene University, Regan Miller, a Biology major

What makes KICA-Valor Partners Foundation Scholarships interesting and impactful is that awarded scholarships must have an institutional 1-to-1 match, meaning the value of these awards total \$50,000!

In announcing our KICA-Valor Partners Foundation Scholarships recipients, KICA President Matt Lindsey says, "We're honored to work alongside the Valor Partners Foundation to offer this support of military families, whose resilience, service, and sacrifice often come with unique challenges when it comes to accessing higher education. These students bring extraordinary strength and perspective to our campuses, and we're proud to stand beside them on their academic journeys. This marks the third scholarship fund we've announced this year, and each one is a testament to what's possible when Kansas communities come together to invest in our future.

We're proud of this momentum and are excited to see what more the future holds we're more than ready to keep going. If there are others looking to make a difference through scholarship support, we'd be glad to help make that vision a reality."

## — Kansas Weekly Gas Prices —

*Gas Buddy.com*

Average gasoline prices in Kansas are unchanged in the last week, averaging \$2.83/g Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,329 stations in Kansas. Prices in Kansas are 5.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 35.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 0.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.501 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kansas was priced at \$2.43/g Sunday while the most expensive was \$3.49/g, a difference of \$1.06/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.12/g Monday. The national average is down 12.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 49.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Kansas and the national average going back ten years:

May 5, 2024: \$3.18/g (U.S. Average: \$3.62/g)  
May 5, 2023: \$3.28/g (U.S. Average: \$3.53/g)  
May 5, 2022: \$3.92/g (U.S. Average: \$4.27/g)  
May 5, 2021: \$2.75/g (U.S. Average: \$2.94/g)  
May 5, 2020: \$1.48/g (U.S. Average: \$1.78/g)  
May 5, 2019: \$2.62/g (U.S. Average: \$2.89/g)  
May 5, 2018: \$2.56/g (U.S. Average: \$2.81/g)  
May 5, 2017: \$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.35/g)  
May 5, 2016: \$1.98/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)  
May 5, 2015: \$2.38/g (U.S. Average: \$2.63/g)

"Last week was another mixed bag at the pump for many Americans, but there may be some promising short-term news from OPEC+, which has agreed to increase oil production starting in June," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Here in the U.S., slightly more than half of the states saw gas prices rise, while many others saw modest declines. We continued to see price cycling in states prone to such movements, including much of the Great Lakes re-

gion, as well as in Maryland, Florida, and parts of Texas. However, the most notable development is OPEC+'s decision to raise production next month, as oil prices hover near their lowest levels since the pandemic. While gasoline inventories have been tightening due to ongoing refinery maintenance—which has limited how much gas prices have fallen in response to lower oil—refinery output is expected to rise soon. As maintenance wraps up, we could see an increase in gasoline supply and a national average that may soon dip below \$3 per gallon."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy's averages, graphs, maps and historical pricing data covering the U.S. and Canada is available 24/7 at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

## Social Security Administration reinstates National Social Security Month under the Trump Administration

The Social Security Administration (SSA) today announced that it is reinstating National Social Security Month—a public awareness campaign held in April each year that is dedicated to helping Americans access their benefits. The agency last observed National Social Security Month in 2019, during President Trump's first term. The early days of the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of National Social Security Month in 2020, and the Biden Administration never resumed the observance.

"President Trump has promised to protect Americans' hard-earned Social Security benefits so that all eligible individuals can access them," said Lee Dudek, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "Under the previous administration, SSA promoted radical and wasteful DEI and gender ideology while employees worked from home. The result was sky-high wait times for customer service and unconscionable delays for benefit decisions. Resuming National Social Security Month further aligns the SSA workforce with President Trump's principle that government must serve The People—and at SSA that means helping all Americans access their benefits in office, over the phone, and online."

Effective immediately, April of each year will once again be recognized as National Social Security Month. This year, the period of enhanced public outreach will extend to August 14, when Social Security celebrates its 90th Anniversary. Social Security has a proud tradition of public outreach dating back to its establishment, when employees fanned out across the country to enroll Americans in the program. This year's enhanced public outreach to help eligible individuals access their benefits continues Social Security's proud tradition of service to the American people.

At the same time, SSA continues its work with the Department of Government Efficiency to rapidly transform SSA into a customer-focused organization that safeguards Americans' benefits. In alignment with President Trump's directives, SSA has identified a range of cost

avoidance or efficiencies, including terminating or de-scoping wasteful contracts promoting radical DEI and gender ideology. SSA has also refocused its workforce on customer service by: implementing President Trump's directive that teleworking employees must return to work in-person full time; surging employees in support positions to front-line service positions; and eliminating layers of outdated and inefficient bureaucracy in its headquarters and regional

offices to increase accountability. The combined savings from all of these measures is estimated to be over \$1 billion. Ongoing modernization of SSA's IT will further improve the agency's customer service across all of its service channels while protecting benefits from waste, fraud, and abuse.

For more information about customer service improvements at SSA, please visit the agency's Communications Corner at [ssa.gov/news](http://ssa.gov/news).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD W. BALDWIN, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2025-PR-000020

NOTICE OF HEARING  
(Chapter 59)

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above Court on April 21, 2025, by Lydia J. Baldwin, wife of the decedent, Donald W. Baldwin, praying for the determination of descent of the real estate as more fully described in the petition, and all other property, both real estate and personal

property, or interests therein, including mineral interests, owned by Donald W. Baldwin within the State of Kansas at the time of his death on July 5, 2024.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 19th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, in the district courtroom at the county courthouse, in the City of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Lydia J. Baldwin,  
Petitioner

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET MASON, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2025-PR-000022

NOTICE OF HEARING  
(Chapter 59)

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above Court on May 1, 2025, by Sherri L. Sheppard, daughter of the decedent, Margaret Mason, praying for the determination of descent of the real estate as more fully described in the petition, and all other property, both real estate and

personal property, or interests therein, including mineral interests, owned by Margaret Mason within the State of Kansas at the time of her death on June 27, 2023.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 30th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, in the district courtroom at the county courthouse, in the City of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Sherri L. Sheppard,  
Petitioner

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

Bradley A. Wolfe and Jeremy L. Wolfe, Plaintiffs,

vs.

The heirs of Paul Stoddard, executor or executrix, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of such defendants as are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any such person alleged to be deceased, and made defendants as such, Defendants.

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

Case No. 2025 CV 000004  
Title to Real Estate Involved

ORDER FOR HEARING

THE COURT finds that the Petition praying to quiet title, filed herein by Bradley A. Wolfe and Jeremy L. Wolfe, should be heard on Tuesday, July 15th at 9:00 a.m. in this Court, in the City of Hugoton, in Stevens County, Kansas and notice of this hearing shall be published in the Hugoton Hermes on April 24, May 1, and May 8.

EFFECTIVE as of the date on the attached signature page.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Paige Harding  
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## APPLICATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, SEEDING AND FERTILIZING

Agricultural Sales and Service,  
Local and Direct

Moscow location

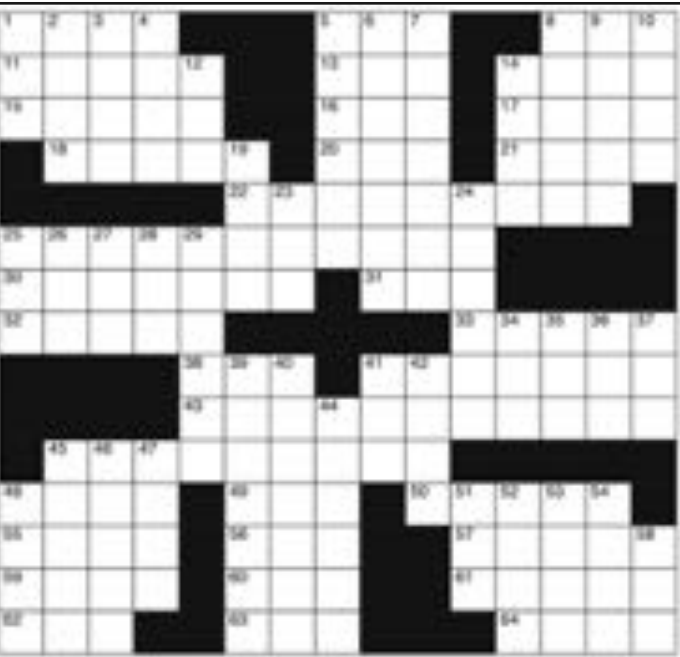
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620-417-9024

Hugoton location

G<sup>+</sup>Ag, Inc.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Herring-like fish
3. Perform on stage
8. Soda
11. Small growth
13. In support of
14. Step taken when walking
15. Hollyhocks
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Feel pain
18. San Diego ballplayer
20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
22. Create again
25. Honors once more
30. Thin coating of gold
31. Welsh river
32. Japanese novelist Murakami
33. Husks of corn
38. Green vegetable
41. Showing girth
43. Soldier
45. Photographers
48. Language spoken in Nigeria
49. Mimic
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Beverage container
57. Night monkey genus
59. Lace bugs
60. Hogswild (abbr.)
61. Frameworks
62. Keyboard key
63. Greek goddess of the dawn
64. Influential Korean independence figure

### CLUES DOWN

1. A place to unwind
2. Helped (archaic)
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bleached
5. Continent
6. Fruit preserved in syrup
7. Impediment to one's freedom
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Earthy pigment
10. Relieved oneself
12. Golf score
14. Tech hub ... Aino
19. Sportscaster Andrews
23. Records electric currents
24. Popular Hitchcock film
25. Revolutions per minute
26. NY Giants legend
27. Sports radio host Patrick
28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport
34. Thai river
35. Rocker's accessory
36. Extra charge
37. Influential American president
39. Pain in the head
40. Great Plains people
41. Consumed
42. Soluble ribonucleic acid
44. Improves
45. Secret clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fallow deer
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engraver
54. College's Blue Devils
58. Midway between south and southeast