



Nancy Honig, Wild West District FCS Agent presented Apple Basics at the Stevens County Library September 25. After an informative session about the variety of apples and the best uses, everyone got to try several types of apples and discuss their favorites.



**Just Think!!!**

We can live life God's way and be guaranteed a home in Heaven

But how do we know what God's way is if we don't read our Bibles

Mathew 16:26; Acts 2: 38 - 47

Romans 6: 4-5; Colossians 2: 11-12

Lin Goode

## Registration is open for Governor’s Water Conference

Registration for the 2025 Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is open. The conference will take place Wednesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan.

The conference will feature the latest policy and research developments on water issues in Kansas, including presentations on:

- Surface and Groundwater Issues
- Water Quality

- Education and Outreach

Registration closes October 24. For more information, including the draft conference agenda and speaker bios, visit the Governor’s Water Conference page at [kwo.ks.gov](http://kwo.ks.gov)

under the News & Events section.

This event is open to the press. Press badges are available for one or both days. When you arrive, visit the late registration desk to get a badge.

## November is 2025 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month

Little Nita has a BIG and delicious idea to serve her community, and she must persevere to see it through; this is the premise for the 2025 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers featured book, “Little Nita’s BIG Idea” by Anna W. Bardaus. Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month is celebrated each November and encourages reading to all Kansas children from birth to age five.

"Research confirms that reading with children fosters more than just bonding among readers; it builds

language, social-emotional skills, imagination and world awareness,” said Deputy State Librarian and Center for the Book Coordinator Valarie Lamoreaux. “The State Library of Kansas supports parents, educators, librarians — everyone who reads books with children.”

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is a project of the Kansas Center for the Book, a program at the State Library of Kansas, the state affiliate of the Library of Congress’ Center for the Book. The mission of the Kansas Center for the Book is

to highlight the state’s literary heritage and foster an interest in books, reading and libraries.

Visit [library.ks.gov/preK](http://library.ks.gov/preK) for more information about Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month and past book selections. All Kansans are invited to explore this year’s BIG Idea with their local libraries. Contact Valarie Lamoreaux, Deputy State Librarian and Center for the Book Coordinator, [Valarie.Lamoreaux@ks.gov](mailto:Valarie.Lamoreaux@ks.gov), or via phone, 785-296-0393, with questions about this celebration of reading.

The State Library of Kansas supports the informational needs of government entities and the people of Kansas and serves as a repository for government publications. Through the coordination of statewide resource-sharing initiatives and grant programs, the State Library plays a crucial role in strengthening public libraries. The State Library of Kansas also oversees the Talking Books program, which provides specialized materials and support services to qualifying Kansans. Learn more at [library.ks.gov](http://library.ks.gov).

## Beauty in Imperfection

One succinct way to characterize the fall season is “imperfect,” and this is actually a great thing. Whereas some may characterize the winter by the even sheets of snow that fall to the ground, or summer by the perfectly bright and clear weather days, fall is quite different. In the fall, you might see foggy or cloudy days and the imperfections of the leaves that fall from the trees. Sometimes they are piled up with many other leaves of differing shapes and sizes, all having marks that tell their story, whether it be a freshly fallen leaf or one that has been on the ground for some time. Despite these imperfections of the season, so many people appreciate these sights of fall. From the brisk, sometimes cloudy days to the piles of freshly fallen and old leaves, feelings of comfort and gratitude are often brought by the season. In this same way, we can find comfort in and gratitude for our abilities, and ultimately, imperfections, through this comparison. We sometimes feel that we are called to be perfect, but cannot forget that our imperfections are a part of all of us, and that beauty and goodness can still come from them, just as in the fall season.

—James Stone

*But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Main and Second Street - 620-544-2773  
Tim Singer, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Life Groups Sunday Nights - 6:00 p.m.  
Inside Out Kids Wed. - 6:30 p.m.  
Student Ministry @ The Turnaround - Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
[HugotonAssembly.com](http://HugotonAssembly.com)

**BETHEL FRIENDS CHURCH**  
11th & Jefferson - 620-544-8517  
Pastor Chris Stanfield  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Wed Evening Ministries - 6:30 p.m.  
(Children, Youth, & Adult)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1045 S. Van Buren  
Church: 620-544-2825 Home: 620-453-0965  
Tommy Craiker  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
520 E. First - 620-544-2125  
Sacrament - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Priesthood - 11:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
500 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2493  
Pastor Dave Piper  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Services - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
600 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2715  
Pastor Bergan Morris  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Fellowship - 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Hour - 10:30 - 12:00  
Children’s Church, 10:30 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Sr. High Youth Group, 7:45-9:00 p.m.  
Information on small groups call 620-544-2715

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**  
801 W. City Limits 620-544-2652  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.  
Call 620-544-2652 for Church Bus

**HUGOTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Eighth and Main 620- 544-2210  
Pastor Gary Stafford  
Parsonage - 620-544-2295  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

**LONE STAR FRIENDS CHURCH**  
14 Miles East of Hugoton on Highway 51  
Church 620-624-3784 Home 620-624-3104  
Pastor James Tower  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Blended Worship Celebration - 10:45 a.m.  
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group - Sunday 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Adult Study - 6:30 p.m.

**MY FATHER’S HOUSE**  
A Full Gospel Church  
207 East 6th - Hugoton  
Pam Peachey, Pastor  
620-544-2436  
Services  
Sundays 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

**SOVEREIGN REDEEMER CHURCH**  
Tenth and Adams  
Pastor - Eric Mason  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee/Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
620-544-6386  
[www.sovereignredeemchurch.org](http://www.sovereignredeemchurch.org)

**ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1011 South Jefferson Street 620-544-2551  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m. English Mass  
- 1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Terry Miller, Pastor  
516 N.E. Avenue  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.  
620-453-2212  
YOU ARE WELCOME!

**HUGOTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
828 S. Main Hugoton 620-544-8715  
Pastor, Wesley Young  
Wednesday Praise! Kids - 3:45 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High Youth Fellowship -6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Sr. High Youth Fellowship - 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

**MOSCOW**  
**MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
620-598-2455 Church  
1 mile S. of Moscow, 1/2 mile E. of Moscow/Hooker Rd.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Team Kids (Wed.) - 3:30-5:30p.m. Sept.-Apr.  
Youth Study Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

**MOSCOW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
(formerly Moscow UMC)  
620-598-2426  
Worship Leader: Patty Lahey 620-544-9365  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Kid’s Club - Wednesday 3:30 p.m.

**ROLLA**  
**ROLLA PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Corner of Third and Adams, Rolla  
Marcus Light, Pastor  
Church - 620-593-4626, Parsonage - 620-593-4796  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday night meal - 6:00 p.m.

**ROLLA METHODIST CHURCH**  
620-593-4596  
Pastor Wesley Young  
Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.

**RICHFIELD**  
**RICHFIELD COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Mary Kudakwashe  
Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.

**EQUITY BANK**  
502 S. Jackson  
Hugoton  
620-544-8908  
Member FDIC

**THE HUGOTON HERMES**  
522 S. Main, Hugoton  
620-544-4321

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Terry Jordan, Manager  
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613 S. Main, Hugoton  
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620-544-4331  
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920 E. 11th St.  
Hugoton  
620-544-4323

## Senior Lifestyles

624 S. Main, Hugoton • 620-544-2283

Hello everyone and welcome to October! Time is flying by so quickly again.

We had a great turnout for Bingo Night with 46 people in attendance.

The October dance is Saturday, October 11. Craig Stevens will be here to perform from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$6.00.

We will be closed Wednesday, October 15, to attend a food show.

The next Bingo Night will be Thursday, October 30, quickly followed the next Community Concert Friday, October 31. We hope to see

you here!

### Menu

October 2.....Chicken Strips  
October 3.....Pork Fritter  
October 6.....Oven Fried  
.....Chicken  
October 7.....Spaghetti  
October 8.....Roast Beef  
October 9.....Ham & Beans

### Activities

**Thursday, October 2**  
Bridge.....12:30 p.m.  
**Friday, October 3**  
Bingo.....12:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, October 4**  
Cards.....6:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, October 9**  
Bridge.....12:30 p.m.

## Notes from Nancy

by Wild West Extension District FACS Agent Nancy Honig



### Final Garden Harvest

I will be the first to admit I am not a gardener. My husband loves to garden but currently doesn’t have the time for more than a few plants. However, some of you have huge gardens and are starting to wonder what to do with the abundance before our weather turns cold and the first freeze comes. The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Extension has some excellent information to pass on to those busy gardeners.

The first step to storing produce is harvesting healthy produce with clean tools. This helps vegetables

store without spoiling, regardless of the storage method. When harvesting do not include rotting produce in the harvest bin. As the saying goes, one bad apple can spoil the whole bunch— if in doubt, throw it out.

Before and after harvest, disinfect harvest tools (knives, snips, buckets etc.). The easiest way to do this is to spray and wipe off tools with isopropyl alcohol in a sprayer bottle. For containers, crates, and boxes, a bleach solution can be made up and receptacles can be wiped out, rinsed, and left to dry.

Vegetable storage will vary depending on the crop. Short-term storage means storing several days to a couple weeks, at most. Long-term storage vegetables store for many months when properly dried, or cured. Two examples of long-term storage crops are onions and potatoes; short-term storage crops are bell peppers and tomatoes. Preparation for storage differs between long and short-term storage vegetables.

After harvesting short-term storage vegetables, some require immediate rinsing, and some should be rinsed immediately before consumption. All greens (kale, spinach, chard, arugula, etc.) cabbages, and root vegetables (carrots, beets, turnips, etc.) should be rinsed immediately with cool water. Remove yellow or rotten leaves of cabbage before rinsing. Green and bulb onions can also be rinsed right away. Store these rinsed vegetables in the refrigerator.

Peppers, eggplant and tomatoes should not be rinsed after harvest. If washed, they will rot sooner. Instead, harvest into dry, clean (washed and steril-

ized) produce bins. Store out of the sun and at room temperature (eggplant and tomatoes) or in the refrigerator (peppers). Wash these delicious summer treats immediately before consumption.

Do not wash storage onions, potatoes, garlic, and shallots. Cure these crops to prepare for storage. Curing, preparation of crops for long-term storage, is necessary for many winter storage crops but the technique varies by crop.

Potatoes, and garlic, should be air-dried in a shaded location with well-circulated air to cure. Onions, shallots and winter squash also require good air circulation for curing but they do not cure in shade. Cure in direct sunlight for several days on a greenhouse shelf or outdoors on a tarp. When drying outside, be mindful of weather to avoid them getting wet.

Long-term storage crops can be packed in slotted wooden or plastic crates and stored in a cool, dark location with good air circulation. A basement is an ideal location for storage.

Hopefully we will continue to have some more mild days to allow you time to grow and use up the end of season garden produce. If not, use good harvest and storage methods to make that produce you worked so hard for last.

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