

Shrine Bowl is Saturday in Dodge

Kansas Shrine Bowl LII is set for this Saturday at Dodge City’s Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is 7:05.

The annual all-star football game raises money for Shriners Children’s (formerly Shriners Hospitals for Children).

The Mid-Continent League will be represented by Plainville’s Roy Bright Jr. and Norton’s Eli Jones, as well as Cardinal coach Alex McMillan, who will be an assistant on the West staff headed by Wichita Heights’ Dominick Dingle.

Bright is the Cardinals’ first Shrine Bowler since 2019 and 16th overall. Plainville’s Jerry Staab played in the inaugural Shrine Bowl in 1974, becoming the first MCL athlete so honored.

McMillan is the fourth Plainville coach to be part of a Shrine Bowl staff, joining Larry Friend (1986), Tom Smith (1992) and

Grant Stephenson (2017). Friend, a member of the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame, coached the Cardinals to 3A state championships in 1980 and 1985.

Additionally, John Petrie, the Cardinals’ coach from 2006-09, was an assistant in the 2006 Shrine Bowl representing Hoxie. He was named successor to Lee Weber in January 2006, six months before the all-star game.

Jones is the Bluejays’ 32nd Shrine Bowl selection. Teammate Roman Hauser played in the 2024 edition.

Norton’s Shrine Bowl participation began in 1977 with John Horesky.

Joining McMillan on the West coaching staff is former Ellis coach Butch Hayes, who is now leading the Council Grove Braves.

Smith Center has the most Shrine Bowl selec-

tions among MCL schools with 33. Twenty-eight selections came during the 35-year tenure of coach Roger Barta (1978-2012), who led the Redmen to 323 victories and eight state championships, including five in a row from 2004-08.

Western Kansas football fans who wish to see future Shrine Bowl will need to make sure their automobiles are in good order and they have sufficient funds for gas.

That’s because The Shrine Bowl of Kansas, the nonprofit which stages the annual game, has decided the 2026, 2027 and 2028 contests will all be played at Emporia State’s Welch Stadium.

Emporia hosted the 2024 Shrine Bowl, meaning ESU will become the first locale to host twice within three years in 2026. It will then be the first site to host back-to-back games in 2027.

From 1974-1987, the game was rotated between Kansas Memorial Stadium (now David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium) in Lawrence, Kansas State Stadium (now Bill Snyder Family Stadium) in Manhattan and Cessna Stadium at Wichita State.

Topeka nosed its way

into the rotation in 1988. The first five games in the capital city were at Washburn, with the 2020 contest at Hummer Sports Park.

The 2020 game, originally scheduled for Emporia, saw limited attendance due to COVID-19 protocols. It was the first high school sporting event in the

United States in four months.

Lawrence was dropped from the rotation after 1994. Emporia took its place in 1998.

K-State last hosted in 2005, and Wichita State last did so in 2009.

The game made a cameo

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Kansas Corn welcomes EPA’s Renewable Volume announcement

Kansas Corn Growers Association leaders welcomed EPA’s announcement June 13, setting the Renewable Volume Obligations (RVO) for renewable fuels through 2027. EPA set the level for ethanol at 15 billion gallons which meets the statutory requirement in the Renewable Fuel Standard. The EPA also proposed reduced credit prices for imported biofuels but details on the levels of the reductions are not yet known.

“EPA’s announcement of an ethanol volume of 15 billion gallons for 2026 and 2027 gives us certainty of a baseline for ethanol in our nation’s fuel supply,” KCGA President J.D.

Hanna, Silver Lake, said. “But ethanol can play a stronger role by simply allowing year-round sales of E15 fuel. KCGA will continue to work for passage of year-round E15 and other legislation to build markets for ethanol fuel.”

KCGA also applauded the announcement that EPA would reduce the credit prices for imported biofuels. This would give domestically produced biofuels priority over imported fuels.

“We welcome EPA’s stance on reducing credit prices for imported biofuels,” KCGA CEO Josh Roe said. “KCGA was the leader in developing state and national policy in this area, bringing attention to the fact

that while companies can choose to import biofuels from foreign sources, those imported biofuels should not qualify for tax credits financed by the American taxpayer. We look forward to further analyzing and providing comment on this issue.”

The Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) sets the annual volumes of ethanol and other renewable fuels to be used in the fuel supply to reduce emissions, expand and diversify the fuel supply, improve energy security and lower costs for consumers. The RVO provides market access for ethanol through the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Duane Eber Dunning

Duane Eber Dunning, 90, of Plainville, Kansas, passed away peacefully June 9, 2025, at the Rooks County Health Center in Plainville.

Duane was born February 18, 1935, at Webster, Kansas, to Ray and Lula (Folsom) Dunning. He graduated from Webster High School with the Class of 1953. November 6, 1954, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Jean Hunter, at Stockton, Kansas. Together they raised two children, Steve and Vicki, and built a life centered around faith, family, and community.



Duane Dunning

embraced his role as the eldest sibling and continued to be a steady presence for his family throughout his life. With Marilyn, he built a joyful home where children and neighbors alike were always welcome. His playful spirit could be seen in spontaneous water fights, wrestling matches, and backyard foot races.

Duane had many passions—he loved to square dance, travel, hunt, fish, and ride motorcycles. Even into his 80s, he could be found taking long rides with his son and brothers. He was a talented woodworker, known especially for crafting grandfather clocks that became treasured family heirlooms. Among his proudest accomplishments was teaching all his grandchildren how to water ski and fish, creating cherished memories that will live on for generations. Duane will be remembered for his unwavering devotion to family, his joyful spirit, and the

countless lives he touched with his generosity and love.

Duane is survived by his son, Steve (Cheryl) Dunning, Leawood, Kans.; daughter, Vicki (Gene) Gile, Hays, Kans.; brothers, Alan (Lila) Dunning, Chanute, Kans., and Merl (Nita) Dunning, Stockton, Kans.; sister, Nola (Jerry) Bump, Hays, Kans.; sisters-in-law, Karen Dunning, Glade, Kans., and Nancy Dunning, McFarland, Kans.; five grandchildren, Jessica (Zach) Plante, Jay (Kelly) Hrabe, Caroline (David) Clemmensen, Annie (Bobby) Pitts, and Hunter (Alana) Dunning; twelve great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn; brothers David Dunning, Loren (Elaine) Dunning, and Lyle Dunning; and a grandchild, Devon Mick.

A Celebration of Life was held June 14, 2025, at the United Methodist Church at Plainville. Burial will be held at a later date at Plainville City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Rooks County Cancer Society and Plainville United Methodist Church and may be sent to Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, 320 SW 2nd, Plainville, KS 67663.

Online condolences may be left for the family at plumeroverlease.com

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Carmella L. Thyfault

Carmella L. Thyfault, 92, Hays, died Sunday, June 8, 2025 at Harry Hynes Hospice Center in Wichita.

She was born December 19, 1932 at Hoxie, Kansas, the daughter of Fremond and Lucilla (DesMarteau) Comeau. Carmella attended school in Damar and Fort Hays State University and worked in USD 269 as a special education teacher. June 12, 1950, she was united in marriage to Mose E. Thyfault and he preceded her in death September 5, 1996. They had seven children.



Carmella Thyfault

Her Catholic faith was the most important thing in her life and she was actively involved at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar as a member of the St. Ann Sodality and a parish organist for 55 years, beginning as a fifth grader. In Hays, she was a member of St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Jesus through Mary Prayer Group, St. Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild, the Legion of Mary, Associates of the Sisters of St. Agnes, a Perpetual Adoration adorer, and served on the Mary Elizabeth Home Auxiliary. She was a member of FHSU Tiger Club and loved watching sports of all

kinds, including her brother’s, children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events, Fort Hays football, basketball, and volleyball games, and televised KU basketball, K-State football, Royals baseball, and Chiefs football.

She is survived by her seven children, Jacquelyn Smith (Pat), Greenville, South Carolina, Sharon Witzell (Ken), Wichita, Kansas, Paula Thyfault-Laubacker (Mark), St. Augustine, Florida, Roger Thy-

fault, Fountain Hills, Arizona, Sonja Borel (Steve), Jarreau, Louisiana, Galen Thyfault (Debbie Blevins), Junction City, Kansas, and Jody Thyfault, Apache Junction, Arizona, 23 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, three brothers, Paul Comeau (Lynn), Bernard Comeau (Peggy), and Jerry Comeau (Mary), and a sister-in-law, Margie Comeau.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Mose, and a brother, Robert Comeau.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar with Fr. Brian Lager officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar or to FHSU Foundation for Tiger Athletics. Condolences and memories of Carmella may be shared with her family at haysmemorial.com

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From the Archives

Researched and Submitted by Paul Albert



In 1938, the space occupied by the Palmer Hargrave building was yet to be developed. Georgette Beauty Shop, owned by Georgia (Trible) Rogers, was located in the Plainville Times office. The shop became Charmee Beauty Shop after it was purchased by Elvera Holzhauer (Elvera Beiker) in 1940. On the corner was a grocery store. At this time the store was Corner Cash Grocery owned by Roy Ring of Natoma. Over the top of the beauty shop, the twin spires of the Catholic Church can be seen.

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE JACK D. MOCK,)
Deceased)

Case No.
RO-2025-PR-000020

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Leasa Hrabe, an heir of Jack D. Mock, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of decedent's property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 10, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., of said day in said court, in the City of Stockton, in Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Leasa Hrabe
Petitioner

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