

McCRACKEN NEWS

by Carolyn and Shirley

Birthdays: May 21, Shannon Schmidt; May 22, Brenda Irvin; May 23, Kim Cao, Jolene Showalter; June 24, Madelyn Harp; June 25, Scott Littler, Lydia Buster; June 26, Ellen Kershner, Veronica Baus, Tayler Stull; June 27, Drew Keady.

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Anniversaries: May 24, Lee and Sarah Legleiter, Allen and Kayla Casey; May 27 Terry and Pat Miller.

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Saturday, May 24, is dedicated to Rose Rues Diehl. The family will host a Memorial Luncheon featuring a Mexican feast at McCracken Community Building at noon. If you would like to contribute a dessert or help with the food, contact Jackie Kennedy at 316-204-3812. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to McCracken Golf Course, McCracken Library, McCracken Beautification or St. Mary's Heritage. Your presence and support will be deeply appreciated. At 4 p.m. there will be a Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church officiated by Father Stephen Dabanka in memory of Rose.

Among the many organizations Rose served in McCracken, she was as a Trustee and Officer of the McCracken Historical Museum, Inc. from 2001 to 2025. Les Diehl, her husband, was invaluable help in securing the information to make the museum a non-profit.

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Word has been received of the death of Larry Holden, son of Tom and Faith Holden. Burial was in California. The Holden Family family lived in McCracken and were in the Lubri-Gel business which provided drilling mud for oil wells.

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Great-Grandmother Marlene Funk went with Mike and Kelly Weber to Cimarron for their grandson, Rowan White's, graduation from kindergarten.

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Brett and Holly Gilbert and Arlene Gilbert went to Liberal for kindergarten graduation for Cannon Rogers, son of Haley and Brandt Rogers.

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Landon Barnes finished his Freshman year at Colby Community College in the field of Livestock Judging Team. He is now serving as an intern for Kansas Farm and Ranch Radio Network, ksfarm.net, as an agriculture newsman. He can be heard on Colby KXXX790 and Dodge City 96.3, 95.5 and 1370 radio stations.

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Those attending Coffee Chat on Monday were Signe Barnes, Carolyn Thompson, Arlene Gilbert, Anya Graber, Ruth Crawshaw, Jan North, Lori Brax, Phyllis Conrad, Jeanette McCormick.

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Madison Kirk, daughter of Clark and Nicole (Moran) Kirk, Burrton and granddaughter of Marge Moran, McCracken, graduated from Burrton High School on Saturday. She will be attending Benedictine College in Atchison. She was Valedictorian of her class.

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Brandt Rogers, is the new Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Lyons High School. He is the husband of Haily (Gilbert) Rogers.

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In conjunction with the Old Settlers event in Ness City in June, a 9-11 Memorial display will be held on June 6 and 7.

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Mike and Susan Keith and Carolyn Thompson spent Mother's Day Weekend in Kansas City. They celebrated Shannon's 28th birthday. On Mother's Day they attended Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, had a picnic at Shawnee Lake and visited Nelson Art Gallery.

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The Sons of the American Legion Post #59 Memorial Day Weekend Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, May 25. This is a 3-person tournament with a start time of 9 a.m. All the details can be found on the McCracken Country Club Golf Facebook page.

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The Sons of the American Legion Post #59 are hosting a hamburger and french fry dinner at the American Legion building on Sunday, May 25. Serving begins at 5:30 and will run until the food is all gone. To-go meals will be available. So come down to the legion for a delicious hamburger and French fry meal while supporting a very worthy organization!

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The McCracken High School Alumni

& Friends Association is hosting a lunch at the McCracken Community Building on Monday, May 26, following the Memorial Day services at the City Cemetery. The menu includes fried chicken and a variety of salads and desserts. Please plan to attend if you are in town for the Memorial Day services. If anyone would like to volunteer to bring a dessert for the lunch, please contact Sandra Jacobs, Kerri Morgan or Deb Rogers. Thanks in advance!

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The American Legion Post #59 will be conducting services on Monday, May 26, at the following locations: Alexander Cemetery at 9:30, St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (following the rosary at approximately 10:20) and McCracken City Cemetery at 11:00. Post Commander, Martin Higgins has planned a roll call ceremony to honor our brave men and women who served our great country. Please keep in mind this will extend the length of the services for the two McCracken cemeteries, so guests may want to bring a lawn chair. The names of the soldiers who are buried at the Ramsey and Hampton cemeteries will be read during the city cemetery services.

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History Notes

1961: The Dugan building in McCracken will be used to display historical items. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Funk, a daughter, Anita Ann, March 2, at Hadley Hospital. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Derr, a daughter, Kerri Jo, born March 3, at La Crosse. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jennings will leave soon for Japan where he is stationed in the service. Arline Rues is the Brownie Leader and Mary Ann Moran the Intermediate Troop Leader. Their scouts entertained the Athenian Club. Janice Marilyn Myers and John M. Stull were married Sunday, August 13, at the E.U.B.Church. McCracken Ramblers Square Dance Club will meet this month at the grade school auditorium. LaVern Showalter will manage the Stephenson's store in Hill City. Patrick Higgins, a student at Ft. Hays State, maintained a 3.0 grade point average and has been named top student for the spring semester. Beginners in McCracken Grade School this year are: Daryl Casey, Kerri Elmore, John Gaschler, Pamela Harp, Laura Hinman, John Irvin, Lonnie Irvin, Maureen Janke, Danny McFarren, Danny North, Enid North, Rebecca Pfaff, John Rourke, Cathie Ryan and David Wetzel. Elaine Eisenhour and Franklin Littler were married Sunday, October 14 at the Methodist Church. Attendants were Jan and Dwight Eisenhour.

News from Pat Petz

Mom and I attended church at St. Michael's and then we traveled to Hays to go to the Rose Garden on Sunday.

The last Rosary Makers meeting for the season was held on Wednesday afternoon. There was a large group that had attended, so many rosaries were made. These rosaries are sent to various hospitals, nursing homes, the military, and whoever requests them. We'd love to have others join us, so come and check us out in September when we will begin again.

Friday found Mom and I on the road for Pratt. Gratton Dalton, Mom's great-grandson was graduating from Pratt Community College. After the graduation, DeWayne and Vicky Foos, took Mom and they headed to Hoisington so that they could all enjoy the 8th grade promotion for another great-grandson, Rennick Dalton. I had made other plans, so I could not join them. Congratulations to both Gratton and Rennick Dalton! I picked up my Aunt Rita Liggett in Liebenenthal on my way back and then we attended the graduation party for my grandson, Kameron Petz.

I had two grandsons who had birthdays on May 14. Grant turned 12 and Drake turned 15. Mom and I traveled to McPherson Saturday morning to spend time with the Timson family.

After Mom, Vicky, and I attended Mass at St. Michael's on Sunday, we headed to Hays for the Hays High Commencement. My grandson, Kameron Petz, along with 240 some graduates received their diplomas. I had three former second grade students receiving their diplomas as well, Dominic Castaneira, Tara Houchin, and Jessica Seier. After graduation, Kameron and his family, Kelly and Melanie Petz, Kallynn, Nate, Trent and Angie Timson, and Drake and Grant, and I enjoyed a nice meal at Thirsty's.

-City of Liebenenthal Council Minutes-

The Governing Body of the City of Liebenenthal met in public hearing in the city building at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2025. Presiding was Mayor Darrell Warner, council members present were Barb Matal, Renee Legleiter, Stephanie Schmidt Koerner, Bill Stark, Clerk Beverly Stark, and Maintenance Operator Kelly Koerner. No citizens were present. Also present was the representative for Viking Industrial Painting, John Reimer.

John Reimer presented his company's bid for renovation of the water stand pipe. His proposal included a maintenance plan, base fees, and Viking's recommendations. Mr. Reimer left the meeting at 6:35.

Minutes from the previous meeting on March 10, 2025, were read. Bill Stark moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections, Renee Legleiter seconded, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Clerk's Announcements: A report was submitted for the COVID Relief grant received in 2020. The System for Award Management (SAM) registration was renewed. The clerk reminded all council members to file for re-election in the County Clerk's office by May 1, 2025 for inclusion in the next election. A resident complained to the clerk regarding trash that frequently blew into his yard both from the north and south. Beverly said that she would bring the issue to the council. Bev will include in the next mailing a reminder to all residents the need to keep all trash and debris enclosed in a trash cart/can/dumpster to prevent all residents having to clean up unwanted trash.

Old Business: Mayor Darrell Warner asked all councilmembers to carefully review the bids received for the maintenance of the water stand pipe. Each bid will be copied and given to councilmembers for discussion at the next city meeting. Darrell Warner and Darrell Matal attended the annual KS Rural Water Association meeting in Wichita. Darrell Warner was able to discuss our water storage issues, and obtain information regarding repairs from several vendors. The next KRWA meeting will be March 24, 2026.

City Utilities and Maintenance Updates: Rhonda Matal was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report to the clerk. Water samples for coliforms have all been negative. Chlorine residuals have been at 0.87 to 2.3 levels which are acceptable levels. Water samples will be collected from Well 2 and more coliform samples. Flushing the water hydrants is upcoming. Kelly Koerner has been assisting Darrell Matal check on the water wells. Darrell Warner and Kelly Koerner worked on the generator, and it is working well. Kelly has begun mowing and will continue mowing and trimming in the upcoming days.

Calendar / City Events: The garage sale weekend will be May 2 through May 4. Bev will put out signs for the city-wide garage sale in late April. City-wide cleanup is scheduled for June 2 through June 16. All residents are encouraged to participate.

Approval and Payment of Bills: Bill Stark moved to approve payment of city bills as presented, Barb Matal seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next meeting is May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the city building. Renee Legleiter moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Stark seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Darrell Warner

City Clerk Beverly A. Stark



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La Crosse Swimming Pool Will



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(Weather Permitting)

MONDAY, MAY 26

--Pool Hours--
Tuesday thru Sunday - 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

PRICES FOR 2025 SEASON

Advanced Season Tickets Available At The La Crosse City Office
Ages 5 Through 15 - \$35.00
Ages 16 and over - \$40.00
Family Pass - \$100.00

Single Admission Ages 5 Through 15 - \$1.00
Single Admission Ages 16 and over - \$2.00

Children Under Age 7 Cannot Be Left Without A Supervising Adult.

SWIMMING LESSONS

SESSION ONE: June 10 to 13 and June 17 to 20
Level 2 (Beginners for ages five and up) and Level 3 from 10 to 11 a.m.
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SESSION TWO: July 8 to 11 and July 15 to 18
Level 5 and Levels 6 and 7 from 10 to 11 a.m.
Level 2 (Beginners for ages five and up) and Level 4 from 11 a.m. to noon.
Level 1 (Splashes for babies to 4 years of age) from 7 to 7:30 p.m. July 15 to 18
Splashes must be accompanied by a parent in the pool.

Enrollment Sheets available At The Pool After May 26
There Will Not Be A Signup Time Set Aside This Year
Early Signup Is Advised Before Classes Fill Up
Enrollment Fee For All Classes Is \$6.00

No physicals will be required. On the enrollment sheet, there is a place to answer questions about each child so the teacher will be aware of any health problems. The parent or guardian is requested to fill this part out completely and sign for the child's permission to take the lessons.

Pool Manager: McKaylee Day
Lifeguards: Molly Showalter, Kade Holopirek, Hunter Casteneda and Kynli Shull
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