

# OBITUARIES

## Brenda Lee Keener

Brenda Lee Keener, 69, passed away on September 7, 2025 at Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kansas. Brenda was born on June 26, 1956 in La Crosse, Kansas to parents Walter and Jeanette (Mendenhall) Rogers.



She was the wife of the late William Keener. Brenda worked as an EMS and Sheriff's Office dispatcher for Rush County.

She was preceded in death by her husband: William Keener; brother: David Rogers; and her sister: Jacklyn Rogers.

Brenda is survived by her parents: Wal-

ter and Jeanette Rogers of La Crosse; sister: Terri Cox (Pete) of Lone Jack, Missouri; sister-in-law: Debi Rogers of McCracken, Kansas; nieces: Jennifer Rogers, Valerie Anderson and Emily Keener; as well as seven great nieces, three great-nephews, two great-great-nieces, and one great-great-nephew.

A graveside service was held 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 15, 2025 at the McCracken Cemetery in McCracken, with Brenda Legleiter officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Brenda L. Keener Memorial Fund.

Online condolences can be made at [janousekfuneralhome.com](http://janousekfuneralhome.com).

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Janousek Funeral Home, 719 Pine Street La Crosse, KS 67548.

## Kirk B. (Brad) Piper

Kirk B. (Brad) Piper, 64, died September 12, 2025, at his home in Otis, Kansas. He was born August 5, 1961, in Harrington, Kansas, the son of Clyde and Phyllis (Rodgers) Piper.



Kirk worked in road construction in his early years and lost his arm and shoulder as the result of an accident. He didn't let that slow him down as he worked many different jobs from cook to farm work, tree service and procuring scrap metal. He worked hard and played hard.

He loved car racing, dominoes, fishing and shooting guns. He loved to watch westerns, especially ones with John Wayne, and just like his idol, Kirk was known to be a straight shooter.

On August 12, 1993, he fell in love with

Dianna Glaze and they have shared the last 32 years together.

Other survivors include; his son, Patrick Kirk Piper of St. John, Kansas; stepdaughter, Jacquelyn Powell of Otis; stepson, Dustin Hawkins of El Dorado, Kansas; brother, Daniel Piper of Harrison, Arkansas; nine grandchildren, Benjamin, Allie Jo, Destiny, Aiden, Brayden, Alea, Danielle, Gracie and Callan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepson Daniel Glaze, brother Mickey Piper, and a sister, Debbie Glaze.

Cremation has taken place and a private family celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Kirk loved animals and would want any memorials to be made to Golden Belt Humane Society in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, PO Box 146, Hoisington KS 67544.

Notices may be viewed and condolences sent at [www.nicholsonrickefh.net](http://www.nicholsonrickefh.net)

## Linda Lee Hyatt

Linda Lee Hyatt, age 82 of Rush Center, Kansas died Monday September 15, 2025, in her home in Rush Center. She was born July 13, 1943.

Funeral Services will be Monday September 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2901 Canal Boulevard, Hays, Kansas 67601. Viewing and Visitation will be on Sunday September 21, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Keithley Funeral Homes and Crematory - Brock's Chapel, 2509 Vine Street, Hays, Kansas 67601, and on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the Church. Interment will follow the

services on Monday at Locust Hill Cemetery - Rush Center, Kansas at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the General Missionary Fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (please make checks payable to Missionary Fund) in care of the Funeral Chapel.

Services in care of: Keithley Funeral Homes and Crematory - Brock's Chapel, 2509 Vine Street, Hays, Kansas 67601.

Memories and words of comfort may be shared with Linda's family on her tribute page via: [www.keithleyfuneralchapels.com](http://www.keithleyfuneralchapels.com).

## -Otis City Council Minutes-

Council members Tabbie McVey, Mike Sharkey, Luke Pechanec, Jody Beckham, and Mayor Jenny Landers were present at the City of Otis Council meeting held August 13, 2025. Employees present were Myron Wagner, Vernon VanPelt, John Landers, and Lori Firebaugh. Absent was Lisa Moeder.

Mayor Jenny Landers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum: none.

Jody made a motion to approve the 6-11-2025 minutes as printed. Tabbie seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Luke made a motion to approve the 7-16-2025 special meeting minutes as printed. Tabbie seconded. 3-0-1. Motion carried. Jody abstained.

The bills for June and July were discussed. Luke made a motion to approve the bills. Jody seconded the motion. 4-0. Motion carried.

Myron went over the water reports and noted that levels have been down for the past two months.

The treasurer's report was gone over.

City Clerk Report: Lori reminded the council that the Maguire quarterly payment was coming up and that the RNR & Budget hearing will be September 10.

Mayor Report: The council discussed reinstating the Public Forum registration process. Jody made a motion to reinstate the registration requirement, with forms due by 3:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to each council meeting. Luke seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote. The council also discussed including a copy of the registration form in the next water bill.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: Dog Ordinance 174 - Jody made a motion to change the registration fee to \$7, neutered or spayed to \$4, and replacement tags to \$2. In addition, the motion included amending the current ordinance by incorporating Section 2 from Ordinance No. 134, with the addition of the phrase "within a GPS or wireless fence" to the updated language. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Porta pots - Jody made a motion to provide two regular portable restrooms for the Back to School Bash, noting that handicap-accessible units are currently difficult to obtain. Tabbie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Library lights - Luke made a motion to have Jaguar update the lighting in the library. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

New Business: Water Service Requests - The council discussed requests from two residents seeking water service to their properties. Jody made a motion to table the discussion and requested that the first resident be invited to attend the next council meeting to provide a detailed explanation of their plans. Tabbie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Jody made a motion to proceed with installing a manual water meter after the second resident pays the required meter deposit fee. Tabbie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

The council discussed the Beautification Committee's upcoming plan to repaint the town curbs, and it was suggested that a few loads of road gravel be ordered for the streets. Mike made a motion to order a couple of end-dump loads of road gravel. Luke seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

At 8:45 p.m. Jody made a motion to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 9:00 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The Council returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. in the Senior Room, beginning with the RNR hearing, followed by the budget hearing, and concluding with the regular council meeting

Jody moved to adjourn. Tabbie seconded. 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

## From The Home Front... by Linda Kenyon



## Save me from my exercise program!

I had a regular medical check-up last week, and everything was fine. The only part that the doctor raised his eyebrows about was when he asked if I have an exercise program. I had to admit that I didn't, but I did say I am active. I'm so active, I don't know how I would fit in time for exercise.

I still work part-time, and I have no intention of giving it up soon. I love my job, and it helps me keep a schedule. Then I help my youngest daughter with her two children, because they live with us. Kara does all the decision making and the hard work, but I help out with getting them ready for school. The positive part of that for me is it gets them out of the house for the day and gives me some quiet time before I go to work.

Then I run errands for my other two children. I pick up prescriptions for them and pick up other items from La Crosse since I'm there at least four days a week. There's no use them making an extra trip if they don't have to. I also swap vehicles around with my oldest daughter, since her car went to college with one of her daughters. Ava's vehicle broke down this sum-

mer, so she has Ann's car in Salina. We've loaned Ann one of our pickups since we have two, but we swap vehicles once in a while if she needs the enclosed space of a car to haul things, like her grandson from Hays or concession stand supplies.

I also help out my daughter-in-law Aimee at the Otis Community Library at times, not only because she's my favorite in-law but because I'm on the library board. I seem to have been on the board forever, but I just started this last term earlier this year. This is in addition to volunteering at A Second Chance once a week.

OK, I know I do it to myself. I don't like saying "no" and I really enjoy most of what I do at least most of the time. Unfortunately, I was raised by my mother who taught that if I want something done right, do it myself. My sister keeps asking if I write down everything I'm supposed to be doing, but so far I'm keeping it straight in my head. At least I think so. I don't have time to figure it out!

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## Comments from CC



If I look a little frazzled this week, it's because I am! We've all been working hard on the LHS All-School Reunion special edition. Melissa's fingers have been flying over her keyboard updating the list of graduates, Tim's been busy building ads, and both of them have been working overtime selling those ads. I have to keep an eye on all of it, and it makes me a little cross-eyed at times. The only one who is getting off easy is Linda, and I don't know why she got so lucky. I guess I'm not doing a good enough job of making sure she keeps her nose to the grindstone!

Carbon Copy (CC) is a News office cat who has agreed to give us his opinion on things. He can be emailed at [rcn@gbta.net](mailto:rcn@gbta.net).

## Barbed Wire Beacon

### A House Divided

Mark 3:25 "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

With the events of this past week, I thought I would take the time to address what happened and also to give some help from the Bible. The nation we live in is unfortunately heading down the wrong path, we are not getting more Godly as some would have us think, but in fact we are on the road towards Hell. Psalm 9:17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." We live in a day when news is in the palm of our hands, but so is social media and it seems to bring out the worst in people. The last few days we have seen many celebrating the murder of a man right in front of his wife and kids simply because they did not believe what he did spiritually or politically. Social media and the internet can be a good thing, if used correctly. It can help spread the Gospel message into areas we may not be able to go, but it has also brought with it the easy access to wicked material that people did not always have easy access to. Psalm 101:3 "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." We have seen a drop in morals the last 20 to 30 years because the ones that stood in pulpits 40 to 50 years ago compromised on Biblical teachings. I could do like many of our day and blame the media or politicians, but I lay the blame where it deserves to be put, at the feet of religious leaders. We have let government take

the place of leadership that the church was supposed to have, we stopped preaching politics because we were more worried about our tax status than we were about people going to Hell. I know people right now who have gotten mad and not come back to church because someone preached the Bible, and the Bible deals with politics. They say we have no business preaching politics, but it goes to show they do not know the Bible! Nathan the prophet got in King David's face and called him out, John the Baptist called out Herod for taking another man's wife, and even Jesus called out Herod as well. For those of you who do not want a church involved with political issues, I say find you another religion because as Christians we are to be involved with our government. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." We need to be praying for our country, its leaders, and the decisions they are making. For those who know me, they know where I stand politically, and I would not dare laugh at anyone opposite of my beliefs if someone were to murder them. I will tell you one last thing, the reason someone can laugh at the murder of another human simply because of the things they stood for, is because those who laugh are demonic. May God open the eyes of those who would laugh at the misfortune of others.

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