



Happy Sunday from McReynolds Farms! It's been a while since my last column, and I apologize for that. Time just got away from me, and before I knew it, the holiday deadline had passed, and well, you know the rest. But it does make me feel good when people say they missed my article in last week's paper. I just had a man from Alton (Hi, Doug!) tell me that he bought the Stockton Sentinel for my column and Linda's column. Wow! Talk about making a girl feel good! Speaking of Linda, please keep her and her husband, Steve, in your prayers. He is home and on the mend.

Can we talk about all of the rain we got? I know we need more, but it helped. Can we also discuss the poor condition of the roads in our area? The mud and ruts were awful! Thank goodness for a four-wheel drive! They are much better now, and it appears that the road crew has been out to grade the ruts, which helps a lot. The Farmer followed me to the highway a couple of times to make sure I didn't have any trouble. We are still praying for rain. But I'm not looking forward to the mud again.

Now, let's see what's happening around the farm. We are still spraying and planting. I just can't keep up. I see sprayers, trucks, and tractors with thingy-ma-jigs on the back, coming and going. If the Farmer or the Farmer Father-In-Law needs something, they will let me know. A farmer's work is never done. I got my dishwasher installed last week. There is still some trim work to be done on the front and top. However, it works, and I'm thrilled to have it! Thanks to Jack and Kris for making that happen. Just another thing to check off of my list! The next big thing is Harvest. I can't believe it has already been a year since last time. I'm not sure how much time I'll be at the farm during that period. But I'm looking forward to it.

I am working at the Blessed Angels School Program this summer, and so far, so good. Missy and I are still alive, and so are the kiddos. We have taken several trips to the park. The best part of our walks

to the park is the kids trying to see how many times they can get the semis to honk their air horns. Friday, we took a walk to J-Mart to get slushies and candy. The kids earn Tiger Bucks for completing their assigned jobs each week and can also earn additional Tiger Bucks by helping with various tasks. It is hilarious to watch the kids pushing in chairs, folding blankets, and even asking to clean the bathroom for extra Tiger Bucks! It teaches them responsibility, and I hope it trickles over into their home lives, allowing them to help their parents around the house. The next big thing will be a Pizza Party! I'm predicting a lot of kids trying to earn a lot of Tiger Bucks in the next few weeks. We have also introduced Behavior Consequences. My favorite one so far is the Window Faces. When two kids decide to argue or not get along, they have to stand one on the outside of the front door and the other on the inside of the front door. Each has a paper towel, and we spray window cleaner, and they wipe the glass. The only thing they must do during this time is to make faces at each other through the glass. Believe me, in about five minutes, everyone was laughing so hard, and no one remembered why they were mad and fighting. It also gets the door clean. Fun times!

I recently read something that referred to farm wives as Farmerettes, and that is what I want to be called from now on. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not going to be driving a tractor or semi-truck anytime soon. But I sometimes feel like a mini-farmer—especially when I'm trying to get dirt out of clothes or off of the floor. Sometimes, there is enough of it that I could plant wheat and milo inside of my house! No lie! Here are the top 10 qualities of a good farm wife. Let's see how we stack up.

1. She doesn't mind getting manure on her shirt when pulling a calf. (Um, I might get manure on me because my Farmer brought it inside. But I'm probably not going to be pulling a calf anytime soon.)

2. She won't hesitate to use the good towels to rub circulation back into a cold newborn. (Absolutely not! My good towels stay inside and out of the barn. But I do have some old ones that can be used.)

3. She loves to attend the fair to cheer on the next generation as they showcase their projects. (Now I will say I do enjoy the fair. My family has been involved in fairs for decades, and I love a good funnel cake.)

4. She answers the call at midnight when a neighbor has a piglet stuck and needs a pair of small hands to help. (Not only, no. But, NOOOOO!)

5. She's remarkably adept at untangling the stupid baler that is jammed... again. (Do what

now?)

6. She will take the time to mend the fence properly, understanding that a shoelace is NOT a durable means of repair. (I've not had to do this. But I could if there was absolutely no one else to do it.)

7. She also will take the time to rinse or remove her boots before she comes inside because they are designed for repeated removal. It's not rocket science (100% on this! I won't track in dirt because I have to clean it up. Now, the Farmer, on the other hand? That's a whole different story.)

8. She knows how important it is to remove the burdock BEFORE fall (I'm not even sure what this is.)

9. She can do it all and keep the kids clothed... most of the time. (No kids to worry about. But I have the Farmer, and he has clean work clothes and hot food every day. Well, most days.)

10. She has an amazing tolerance for the other half. (This is true. I love my Farmer.)

Here is another super simple dessert to try. I like sweets every night—usually ice cream—but this one is a delicious alternative. But, if I'm honest, I'd probably eat both.

Lemon Crumble Bars
1 box yellow cake mix
1 stick salted butter (1/2 cup), softened to room temperature
1-22 ounce can of lemon pie filling

Preheat oven to 350F degrees. Spray 9×13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a bowl, combine softened butter with a dry cake mix. Mix until crumbly.

Set aside 1/2 cup of this crumbly mixture for the topping.

Take the remaining crust mixture and press it into the baking dish.

Spread it out evenly, and then gently pack it down with your hands.

Spoon lemon pie filling evenly onto the crust layer.

Then, take the 1/2 cup of crust mixture that you set aside earlier and sprinkle it all over the lemon pie filling.

Bake at 350F for about 20-25 minutes. The crumble on top will just start to turn a very light golden brown when it is done.

Allow to cool, then slice up and serve.

I am taking a break from social media. But here are my Instagram and Facebook links. Additionally, you can find the link to my shop, Lemons & Kiwi Co.". I'd love to connect with some new friends in this "You can tell who is driving by, by the sound of their truck." town?

Instagram: lemonsand-kiwicompany
Facebook: Birdie Lynn McReynolds
Lemons & Kiwi Co.™
Shop: <https://pocketshop.co/lemonsandkiwi>
Email: stacimcreynolds@gmail.com

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Harry and Willardene Purdum joyfully celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the Main Street Christian Church.

The Nova Theatre was showing "Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," in 3-D.

are commonly seen in our area each year during storm outbreaks. I always thought of these people as hardcore "weather nerds" but last year's "Twister" sequel showed another type of chaser. There is no doubt storms inspire awe with their massive ominous clouds, powerful winds or raging lightning. I just struggle to see the appeal for people to travel to Kansas to watch storms destroy our communities as a sort of adventure.

About a year ago the emergency management

KANSAS KLIPS

Hays childcare searched after report of suspected drug use on premises

HAYS—The Hays Police Department executed a recent search warrant at a childcare in Hays after reports of alleged child endangerment and potential drug use, Hays Police Chief Don Scheibler said. He said the search was part of an ongoing investigation. Scheibler said police officers and officials from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment executed the warrant in the 2500 block of Donald Drive following reports made earlier in the week. Scheibler said an officer sustained minor injuries from a dog bite during the search. No arrests have been made. The police department requested KDHE issue an emergency suspension to close the facility during the ongoing investigation. No names of potential suspects have been released. Scheibler said all parties are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. (Hays Post)

Suspect accused in beating death of man at Kansas home

LYON—Law enforcement are investigating a suspect for alleged murder. Around 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 25th, the Lyon County Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of an unconscious person at the residence in the 200 block of West 10th Avenue in Emporia, according to Police Captain Lisa Hayes. An ambulance and Emporia Police Officers responded and found 62-year-old Raul Rosado Reyes dead inside the residence. Emporia Investigations Division led the investigation and identified 36-year-old Alexei Perez-Ricardo as a primary suspect. Perez-Ricardo was apprehended a short time later in eastern Emporia, questioned, and ultimately booked into the Lyon County Detention Center on requested charges of Murder, Simple Assault and a Weapons Violation. Detectives believe a confrontation between Reyes and Perez-Ricardo took place on Saturday, May 24th. Following the confrontation, Perez-Ricardo is believed to have left the scene on foot to areas in eastern Emporia. He was later seen with a bicycle. Emporia Detectives gathered information from eyewitnesses, home surveillance videos, and cell phones. (Hays Post)

Kansas Originals faces demolition of its building, fears closure

WILSON—After 37 years of being a quirky stop on Interstate 70 where you can find popcorn, wine, Kansas books, t-shirts, or hand-painted limestone, Kansas Originals is facing closure. Kansas Originals owns its building, but not the land on which it sits. The land is owned by Service Oil Company, but has been purchased by a new owner. The new owner has decided to develop the location as a truck stop and is insisting that the Kansas Originals building be demolished or moved. Although the store could be relocated, Marge Lawson, co-founder of the non-profit that created Kansas Originals, said the store is doomed without easy access to I-70. "Through tumultuous months with several owners and waiting for two years through a maze of what might be and assurances from local agencies that we are safe, we received legal notice that we must move out and move or tear our building down by November 30th of this year," Kansas Originals said in a letter to the Hays Post. (Hays Post)

The Animal Hospital announced sale of Phillipsburg, Plainville locations

PHILLIPSBURG/PLAINVILLE—The Animal Hospital at the Crossroads in Phillipsburg and in Plainville stopped offering general appointments and large animal services on May 9th and May 23rd. Dr. Lauren Mack will step back from full-time practice and provide only limited, consultative services going forward. The clinics are intended to be sold to new owners. Mack said in the social media post that it is time to prioritize family as veterinary challenges continue in the region. "The demand of veterinary practice in a rural area is all consuming and although I have taken great pride in the journey, it is simply not sustainable," Mack said. (Hays Post)

Kansas suspects provided unlicensed dental care, made fake ID cards

LYON COUNTY—Law enforcement are investigating eight suspects on multiple allegations after weeks of investigation in southeast Kansas. On April 26th, police attempted to locate a person with an outstanding warrant at an eastern Emporia residence which led to a narcotics investigation, according to a media release from Emporia Police. Officers executed a search warrant and discovered narcotics along with apparent fraudulent documents leading to additional investigations. Officers uncovered a ring of individuals involved in the production, supplying and use of false documents including but not limited to social security cards, identification cards, drivers licenses, and permanent resident cards. One individual under investigation for supplying false documents is alleged to be involved with unlicensed dental offices, uncovered in two homes in eastern and western Emporia. The weeks long investigation by Emporia Patrol Officers yielded eight arrests, more than ten search warrants, two seized vehicles, and approximately \$6,000.00 in seized US currency. The Department of Homeland Security assisted in the investigation. (Hays Post)

team in Pratt County started live broadcasting during storms on Facebook from their command center. The response in our community has been pretty incredible because in that short time it has built a huge local following. It is like being a fly on the wall, seeing the weather maps, hearing reports from the storm spotter on the radio and knowing the most up-to-date information about what is happening in the county. People know when to take cover and that is saving lives.

Not a lot of good comes out of the destruction of tornadoes except maybe the reminder of good people in our community. When we came up from the basement after the tornado, text messages poured in from friends and neighbors checking on our safety. We jumped in the truck to go find out if any neighbors needed help and if any of our damage needed immediate attention.

Driving around felt strangely like a warped block party. There were people keeping traffic away from downed power lines, checking for injured people and animals and getting supplies needed for people with the worst damage. Our local emergency management, storm spotters, first responders, law enforcement and utility workers all deserve gratitude for the way that they selflessly serve and protect people during tornadoes and other storms.

In the days following the storm, the power of community has been on display in our neighborhood and across the footprint of the tornado. Families connected through

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

COUNTY CLERK'S NOTICE OF CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025

STATE OF KANSAS, ROOKS COUNTY, SS.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Laura Montgomery, the undersigned, County Clerk of Rooks County, in accordance with the provision of the law, do hereby certify the following candidates for the office as it appears as is applicable to this county, and I have added thereto the address of the candidates.

CITY OFFICES

DAMAR CITY COUNCIL, Three open positions
NONE

PALCO CITY MAYOR, One open position
NONE

PALCO CITY COUNCIL, Two open positions
NONE

PLAINVILLE CITY MAYOR, One open position
Ryan D Weltmer, 813 SW 8th Street, Plainville, KS 67663
Thomas A Nuckols, 603 S Jefferson, Plainville, KS 67663
Judy Jones-Shooltz, 205 SW 9th St, Plainville, KS 67663

PLAINVILLE CITY COUNCIL, Two open positions
Skylar Rudman, 618 S Plainville Ave, Plainville, KS 67663
Cathy Schaukowitch, 311 S Jefferson St, Plainville, KS 67663
Charley Brown, 508 S Meridian St, Plainville, KS 67663
Travis Dixon, 129 SW 8th Street, Plainville, KS 67663
Tasha Eichman, 310 S Wyoming, Plainville, KS 67663

STOCKTON CITY COMMISSION, Two open positions
Bob Becker, 1010 N 1st Street, Stockton, KS 67669

WOODSTON CITY MAYOR, One open position
NONE

WOODSTON CITY COUNCIL, Two open positions
Kate Terry, 702 Penn Street, Woodston, KS 67675

ZURICH CITY COUNCIL, Three open positions
NONE

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

USD 269, Member District #4 One open position
Tom Benoit, 109 S 1st, Damar, KS 67632

USD 269, Member District #5 One open position
Brandon Kuhn, 702 E 2nd St, Palco, KS 67657

USD 269, Member District #6 One open position
NONE

USD 270, Three Members at Large
Christopher C Hansen, 605 S Main St, Plainville, KS 67663
Cameron Eickhoff, 423 SE 3rd, Plainville, KS 67663
Michelle L Ganoung, 300 S Jefferson St, Plainville, KS 67663
Jared Ganoung, 726 N Broadway, Plainville, KS 67663
Christine Numrich, 512 N Main, Plainville, KS 67663
Nathan Grebowiec, 205 S Wyoming, St, Plainville, KS 67663

USD 271, Three Members at Large, One Member at Large, unexpired term
Chad M Sterling, 603 S Cypress Street, Stockton, KS 67669
Spencer Hilbrink, 305 S Foster Street, Stockton, KS 67669
Andrew Muir, 705 N Cypress Street, Stockton, KS 67669
Amanda R Atkisson, #6 Hillcrest Dr; Stockton, KS 67669

USD 326, Member District #6 One open position
Jim Ashmore, 911 W Big Bear Ln, Logan, 67646

USD 399, Three members at Large
Bret Somers, 129 S Main St, Natoma, KS 67651

EXTENSION DISTRICT

PHILLIPS/ROOKS EXTENSION DISTRICT #5, Two open positions
NONE

LAURA MONTGOMERY (SEAL)
ROOKS COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER

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SEE INSIGHT, 10A

LOOKING BACK, FROM 8A

(Kriley) Hartner, Misty (Jenkins) Higdon, Jeanette (Brummer) Miller, Jarrett Yohon, Travis Jones, Doug Bigge, Jason Miller, Jeremy Krob, and Chris

INSIGHT, FROM 7A

are commonly seen in our area each year during storm outbreaks. I always thought of these people as hardcore "weather nerds" but last year's "Twister" sequel showed another

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
VERNON A. WERNER a/ka
VERNON WERNER,

Deceased

Case No. RO-2025-PR-000014

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 Keri Payne, an heir of Vernon A. Werner a/ka/a Vernon Werner, 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 2, 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.

Keri Payne
Petitioner

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