



ACROSS THE TRACKS

RSVP for Erie All-School Reunion Scheduled for July 19

The Erie All-School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, at the Neosho Valley Event Center at the fairgrounds with a start time of 5:30 p.m.

All former students, teachers, staff and friends are welcome. Please RSVP by July 1. For additional information or to make a reservation, please email: erieallschoolreunion@gmail.com

Big Creek UMC Whole Hog Day Celebrating 58 Years

The annual Big Creek UMC Whole Hog Day will be celebrating 58 years of "hoggin' around, Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. until noon. The Big Creek Chapel is located at 22965 Lions Rd., Chanute. Whole hog sausage, sausage gravy, homemade cinnamon rolls and biscuits will be available. Suggested fees are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Live music from local musicians will be featured during the event.

Dine in, drive thru, and carry out available.

SEK Lodge of Perfection Schedules Dinner and Meeting

All members of the Valley of Southeast Kansas Lodge of Perfection are ask to attend the Stated Dinner and Meeting on Thursday, May 1, at the Armstrong Masonic Lodge, 3105 N. Joplin St., Pittsburg. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Meeting will start at approximately 7 p.m. Reservations are required, so please RSVP by Wednesday, April 30, at sekscottishrite@sbcglobal.net or by calling 620-223-1330.

Erie Economic Development Committee Sets Tuesday Meeting

The Erie Economic Development Committee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 29, at noon at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and individuals interested in local economic development. Individuals interested in being a member of the Economic Development Committee are encouraged to attend.

Tri-Valley Development Services Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On Thursday, May 1, Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc celebrates its 50th Anniversary. In 1975, a group of concerned citizens got together and decided that there was a need to serve our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities. On May 1 of 1975, Tri-Valley came into existence under the name Tri-Valley Developmental Center. Our first service center was located in Piqua. In 50 years, Tri-Valley has grown from its small roots in Piqua, and now cover eight counties in Southeast Kansas (Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Elk, Greenwood, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson).

The celebration will be at 1 pm at Central Park Pavilion located at 101 S. Forest in Chanute. Our annual awards ceremony will take place during the anniversary party as well. Robbie Bell will be the afternoon's featured entertainment.

Please join us. For more information, contact Tricia Campbell at 620-431-7655.

OBITUARIES

Leola Blackburn

Leola Blackburn, 92, passed away peacefully at home in Erie, Kansas, on April 18. She had been in declining health. She was born on October 14, 1932, in Beaumont, Kan., she was the daughter of Charles M. and Osa O. (Gaston) Watkins.

Leola married John Edwards Blackburn on December 1, 1950. He passed away on April 29, 2018. They enjoyed 68 years of marriage and raised nine children together.

Leola worked at Prest Lumber Co. in Erie and Labette Health (formerly LCMC) in Parsons, Kansas, where she eventually retired.

A devoted Christian, she attended Erie Baptist Church and cherished her favorite hymns, "Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden." Leola loved her pets, gardening, especially tending to her roses, and cuddling babies.

She is survived by three sons, Charles, John, and Jeff, and five



daughters, Mary, Judy, Terry, Ima and Linda, along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John (Ed), brother Keith (Bud), sister Mary Baker, and son Larry.

Cremation has occurred, and a private family memorial is planned at Oakwood Cemetery in Parsons.

Rodney Eugene "Rod" Nally

Mr. Rodney Eugene "Rod" Nally, 67, passed away on April 1, 2025, in Tampa, Florida. Born on September 14, 1957, in Winfield, Kansas, Rod lived a life marked by dedication to his family, education, and personal passions.

Rod was the son of Helen (Yeager) Nally and Howard Roosevelt Nally. He grew up in Winfield and graduated from Winfield High School before pursuing higher education at Kansas State University, then later at Washburn University. There, he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal law that reflected his strong sense of justice and commitment to public service. After serving as an Officer for the Topeka Police Department, he was elected Sheriff of Neosho County Kansas. Later, after law enforcement, he continued with a career as a purchasing agent.

Throughout his life, Rod remained deeply connected to religion and his values. He was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Erie, Kansas and Faith Baptist Church of Joplin, where he found spiritual grounding and community.

Rod leaves behind three sons: Jamin Nally (Annette), Derek Nally (Chelsey), and Garet Nally. His legacy continues through his grandchildren—Emma Nally, Tanner Nally, and



Danny Nally—who brought him immense pride and joy.

He is also remembered by his sister, Cindy Pearce. Rod shared his later years with his wife, Mary Hathaway.

Outside of his professional pursuits and family life, Rod found great enjoyment in fishing. Whether casting a line on a quiet river or sharing stories with his children, he found peace on the water. Rod's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him—as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, coworker, and friend.

The family will receive friends at the Pierce-Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Erie from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025. A private family memorial service will be held later at East Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

OBITUARIES

Alice N. Hager

Alice N. Hager, 95, of Galesburg, passed away at 6:00 a.m., Friday, April 18, 2025 at Guest Home Estates in Erie.

She was born on July 22, 1929 in Inkster, North Dakota to Ralph and Ida (Mulder) Hulst. Alice grew up in Inkster, Gilby and Minnewauken, ND and graduated from Minnewauken High School in 1948.

She and Andrew Hager were married in 1949 and after marriage lived in Saco MT, Devils Lake, ND and Chugwater WY before moving to Galesburg in 1985.

Alice was a farmwife and homemaker and for a few years was a cook at the senior center in Chugwater. She was active in many organizations and activities in Chugwater including the American Legion Auxiliary and the Chugwater United Methodist Church. She is currently a member of the Galesburg United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her sons, John Hager and his wife, Cindy of Thayer, Gary Hager of the home in Galesburg, Ralph Hager and his wife, Arabella of Yoder, WY and Rick Hager of Lewistown, MT; four grandchild-



dren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew; son, Mike Hager; brother, Dick Hulst and a sister Nellie Dablow.

A visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Parsons. A funeral service and burial at St. James Cemetery will be held later in the week in Minnewauken, N.D.

Memorials are suggested to Galesburg United Methodist Church and may be left at or mailed to the funeral home, P.O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357.

Nora Maye (Kramer) Winslow

Nora M. Winslow, 97, of Parsons passed away at 5:33 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Parsons Presbyterian Manor.

Born on the Kramer family farm near Galesburg on May 14, 1927, Nora Maye Kramer Winslow was the daughter of William B. and Eva (Gager) Kramer. She attended a one-room elementary school house in Neosho County and walked over a mile each day to and from Centerville to attend her classes.

She graduated from Galesburg High School in 1944 and continued her education with the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps at the Parsons Mercy Hospital. Her early ambition to be in nursing was realized when she worked at Mercy Hospital and at Labette Health as a nurse's aide during her career.

Nora and Robert "Bob" Winslow were married in 1947 and together raised eight children.

Nora's creativity and amazing energy was demonstrated in her love of quilting, genealogy, creative writing, crocheting, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

When Cabbage Patch dolls were in short supply, Nora made over 50 "look-alike" dolls to sell and give away, each had their own theme, and she called them "Nora's kids."

Once her last child moved away, she wrote and assembled books for each of her eight children highlighting their childhood that included stories, photos, newspaper clippings, and her personal diary entries. She also wrote a book about her time in the Nurses Corps entitled "My Life as a Student Nurse-US Cadet Nurse Corps at Mercy Hospital, Parsons, Kansas." This book is currently on display in the Rosie the Riveter, WWII Home Front Museum in Richmond, California.

Her interest in family genealogy was brought to life in the many stories from the Winslow and Kramer family history that she wrote in her later years.

Nora taught children's Sunday school classes, served as a Brownie Scout leader, Cub



Scout Den Mother and Room Mother at Washington grade school for all of her children.

Survivors include her eight children, Marilyn Winslow of San Rafael, CA; John Winslow (Ann) of Denver, CO; Bill Winslow (Mai) of Adelaide, Australia; Judy (Joe) Molinary of Dallas, TX; Joe Winslow (Patty) of Topeka; Mike Winslow (Tammy) of Colorado Springs, CO; Barbara Cook (Toby) of Overland Park; and Jayne Winslow of Cape Cod, MA; her 15 grandchildren and step-grandchildren: Natalie Winslow, Nicole Day, Lee Day, Ivy Jahansooz Miller, Dr. Sean Jahansooz, Leigha Jahansooz, Justin Rocha, Adam Cook, Molly Cook, Annabelle Cook, Andrew Cook, Caroline Cook, Joshua Clifford, Matthew Clifford, Jake Clifford, and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, two sisters Janette Perutelli and Jeanie Cooper, her brother William Kramer and her parents.

Celebration of Nora's life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Carson-Wall Funeral Home with Pastor Marty Warren officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until service time on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, Nora has requested donations in her name be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City or Mt. Zion Church of Cherryvale, Kansas and these may be left at or mailed to the Carson-Wall Funeral Home 112 N. 26th St., P.O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357.

Online condolences may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

CITY OF ERIE

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK APRIL 29 – MAY 2

Items must be set out by the edge of the street, not the alley. We will not pick up in the alleys. RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO SEPARATE ITEMS, i.e., wood pile, iron pile, furniture pile, junk pile. We will not pick up items that are not separated. All items must be set out prior to the day of pick up in your area. If you are late getting items out for pick up, we will not return to that area a second time. We will not pick up regular weekly trash/garbage, leaves, tires, paint, freezers or refrigerators, or air conditioners, unless they are tagged and properly drained of all freon.

WE WILL NOT PICK UP OR HAUL OFF TORN DOWN SHEDS OR BUILDINGS.

The schedule for pick up is as follows:

Tuesday, April 29 - From the north side of State Street to the north city limits and city limits east and west.

Wednesday, April 30 - From the south side of State Street to the north side of Canville and city limits east and west.

Thursday, May 1 - From the south side of Canville Street to the north side of Fourth Street and city limits east and west.

Friday, May 2 - From the south side of Fourth Street to the city limits south and city limits east and west.

City of Erie

Strict enforcement of the city's nuisance codes will go into effect following Spring Clean Up Week. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, if needed.

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