

Obituaries

Janee Michelle Umbarger



Janee Michelle Umbarger, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and social worker, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the age of 55.

Born June 30, 1969, in Osceola, Iowa, to Edward and Susan (Warner) Adcock, Janee lived a life filled with music, compassion, and unwavering dedication to others.

Her early years showcased her musical talent, playing piano, drums, and alto saxophone with such proficiency that she earned a college scholarship for band. A gifted cook, Janee created a warm and welcoming home, a haven of comfort for her family and friends.

Janee's life was marked by three marriages: to Steve Joyce, Walter Robertson, and Doug Umbarger. Through it all, her devotion to her "Fabulous 5" children remained steadfast.

Janee possessed a vibrant personality, a sparkling sense of humor, and a heart of gold. She was a friend to all, embracing diversity and extending her love without prejudice.

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viduals facing developmental/physical disabilities, trauma, abuse, mental illness, addiction, foster care challenges, criminal histories, chronic illness, homelessness, and unemployment. Janee's unwavering support and advocacy extended to anyone in need, regardless of their circumstances.

A Celebration of Janee's Life was held at Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th St., Fredonia, KS 66736 on Friday, April 25, 2025. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Memorial contributions can be made in Janee's name to the family to help offset expenses and can be left with the funeral home.

Amy L. Adams



Amy L. Adams, 62, of Fredonia, passed away May 10, 2024. Amy was born on November 29, 1961, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Cline) Adams.

Amy and her mother Barbara Beine will be having a Celebration of Life service together on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia with inurnment at Yates Center Cemetery to follow.

Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Amy was a graduate of Chase, Kan., High School; she found her career working security for nuclear power plants and was recognized for being a top female shooter by the NRA when they would come in yearly for inspections.

Amy enjoyed being outside, she liked growing flowers and plants of all kinds. For fun she liked to go shopping and had a large collection of costume jewelry. No matter how painful her illness was toward the end, Amy would put a smile

on her face to let her family know she was going to be alright.

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Including her cat Missy, and grand cat Aladdin, Amy is survived by a daughter Lindsay Adams of Fredonia; brothers, Chris Adams of Utah, Curt Adams of Kansas, Timothy Adams of Riverside, IL; as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Amy's memory have been suggested to the Fredonia Pound Pals and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Gregory Dean Buster



Gregory Dean Buster, 63, of Neodesha, KS, passed away on April 27, 2025, at Wilson Medical Center following a heroic battle with heart disease.

Greg was born in Chanute, KS, on March 17, 1962. Son of Buddy Dean and Anita "Mack" Colleene Buster. He was a devoted husband to Paula Theresa (Willard) Buster. They married on September 28, 1984, in Thayer, KS. They were blessed with 40+ years together, always enjoying many adventures.

Greg retired from Youngs Welding in Chanute, KS after 36 years. He then opened "Buster's BBQ, Home cooking, And Catering" in Neodesha.

He and Paula then ran this business for 9 years. After opening the restaurant Greg enjoyed spending time with family and friends. What Greg loved most was cooking for people no matter who it was. Greg's joy and satisfaction he

felt in seeing others appreciate his cooking and the food he provided. Greg's character, emphasizing his love for cooking or providing food, derives from the positive impact of his efforts on others. Greg also had many other small business adventures, including "Blue Sky Kennels", a manager of "Lil' Toledo and Truck Farming and Greenhouse" with his dad, Dean.

Greg spent his younger years coyote, bird, and deer hunting. He also loved training bird dogs and horses. His second most enjoyment in life was to talk. He talked to others, known or unknown, local

or not, it didn't matter who you were or where you came from, he loved to share his stories and hear your stories.

Those who are left to cherish Greg's memory are his wife Paula of the home, two beautiful daughters, Kristin Marie (Buster) Carrico and husband Ben of Thayer, KS and Tara Ann Buster of Neodesha, KS, three top notch grandchildren, Taten Engelman, Abigail and Emily Carrico, sisters Anita Ehmke and husband Tom, and Linda Norton. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and a big slough of friends that were like family. Preceded in death by grandpar-

ents Don Buster, Marie (Greve) Buster, Lauren White, Velma "Dude" Irene Yates; parents Dean and Mack Buster; sister, Mitzi Raida; and nephew Tim Ehmke.

Family will receive friends May 1, 2025, from 4pm to 8pm at Loran Fawcett Chapel in Neodesha, KS. Services will be on Friday May 2, 2025, at Thayer Christian Church, at 10am. Burial will be immediately following at Thayer Cemetery. Suggested memorials to honor Greg's memory may be made to Thayer Schools for Retractable American Flag Project or Neodesha USD 461, Welding Program.

By SHERMAN SMITH
Kansas Reflector

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Some of the fake text messages requesting toll payments claim to be from KDOT, but the agency doesn't request or collect payments via text message, and also doesn't collect tolls. The Kansas Turnpike Authority has oversight of the turnpike tolls.

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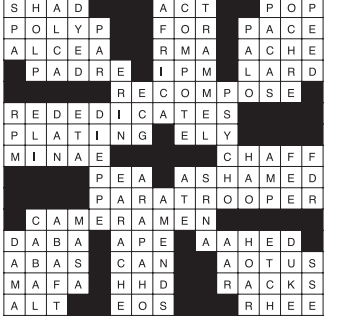
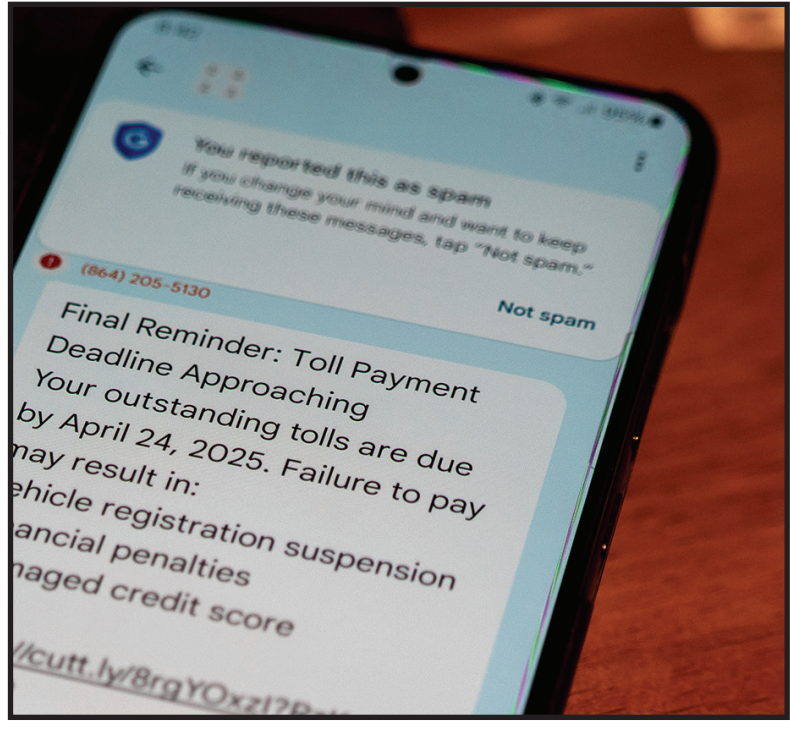
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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES DONALD LOOMIS A/K/A JAMES D. LOOMIS Deceased
CASE NO. WL-2025-PR-000015

(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of Kansas Statutes Annotated)
NOTICE FOR HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by EMMA F. CRITES owner of an interest in property of JAMES DONALD LOOMIS A/K/A JAMES D. LOOMIS deceased, praying for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 15, 2025, 9:30a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Fredonia, in Wilson 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.

EMMA F. CRITES, Petitioner
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LEGAL NOTICE

First published in the WILSON COUNTY CITIZEN, Thursday, the 24th of April, 2025

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES CLINE A/K/A JAMES EDWIN CLINE, Deceased.
CASE NO.
(Petition pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on April 1, 2025, in this court by JANET R. RATZLAFF, the duly appointed, qualified and acting co-executor of the estate of JAMES CLINE A/K/A JAMES EDWIN CLINE, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment thereto. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 15, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on said day, in said Court, in the City of Fredonia, in Wilson County, 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.

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