

Money and Food

HELPING CLIENTS NAVIGATE FINANCIAL DECISIONS AFTER A LOSS COMPASSIONATE GUIDANCE DURING ONE OF LIFE’S MOST DIFFICULT TRANSITIONS

Submitted by Jake Scott

Grief can make even the simplest decisions feel unclear. After the loss of a loved one, financial matters can become overwhelming. In these moments, my role as a financial advisor is to bring calm and clarity, helping clients focus on what needs attention now while setting aside decisions that can wait so they have space to move forward at their own pace.

During this time, guidance often centers on helping clients take manageable steps forward. The following areas reflect where compassionate, practical support can be most helpful during this time.

Identifying what needs immediate attention: The first step is understanding what needs attention right away. Clients often face immediate tasks such as accessing financial accounts, notifying institutions and reviewing insurance poli-

cies. These responsibilities can feel daunting, especially when layered on top of emotional stress. By focusing on what’s urgent and setting aside what can wait, an overwhelming situation can feel a little more manageable.

Managing cash flow and essential expenses: Managing cash flow is often a top concern, especially after the loss of a spouse. It can be helpful to take a closer look at income sources and current expenses, making adjustments as needed to help ensure essential needs are covered. In some cases, this may involve temporarily scaling back discretionary spending or pausing contributions to longer-term savings goals. The priority is maintaining stability and creating breathing room during a period of uncertainty. For clients who relied on a spouse’s income or benefits, it is also important to explore survivor benefits, Social Security options, and any available employer-relat-



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Reassessing the financial plan: Once the immediate needs are addressed, it’s often beneficial to revisit the broader financial plan. A loss may shift the trajectory of a client’s goals. It is helpful to reassess timelines, update beneficiary designations and adjust investment strategies to reflect their new circumstances.

Navigating estate settlement and inheritance: Estate settlement can be complex, especially when emotions are high and legal processes feel unfamiliar. The pro-

cess often includes understanding wills, trusts, and probate, making thoughtful decisions about inherited assets, and considering potential tax implications as part of a broader financial picture. For many, this may be the first time managing significant assets or navigating financial responsibilities independently. Taking a measured approach creates space to fully understand each decision.

Offering emotional support through financial planning: In times of uncertain-

ty, having a trusted advisor can make a meaningful difference. Beyond technical expertise, an advisor provides steady guidance, helping clients navigate complex decisions with care. By offering perspective, organization and a thoughtful path forward, advisors can help ensure that even in difficult moments clients feel supported, informed and confident in the steps they take next.

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PREPARATIONS ARE IN FULL SWING FOR BENJAMIN AND JOANNA’S WEDDING

By Lovina Eicher

This past week has kept us busy canning tomatoes and pickles. We have four plus bushels of tomatoes here that need to be canned. The days go by so fast and pretty soon another week is gone.

The wedding keeps getting closer and closer. Son Benjamin and Joanna are heading out to Ohio tomorrow afternoon with the Greyhound bus. Her cousin is getting married on Thursday and she is a tablewaiter at the wedding. In our community they have a boy and girl tablewaiter to serve guests. In that community they only have girls. From one community to the next it is different. In some they take only the girl’s aunts for cooks. In our area they take all the aunts of both the bride and groom. I like it like that because it includes everyone the same. Sometimes it’s just a tradition that keeps up year after year and everyone just does it because

LOVINA EICHER’S AMISH KITCHEN

it always was like that. I think having the groom’s aunts included is a great way to meet your future son-in-law’s relatives. Especially if they aren’t from the same community. Of course, this is just my opinion and it’s totally up to the couple what they do. Either way works and the most important part is that they have a memorable wedding with God as their guide.

Last Wednesday, five of our daughters and all sixteen grandchildren came here for the day. I made a breakfast casserole so that breakfast was ready when they all arrived. This was the first time for some of them to meet little Jayden. He was passed around and adored by all. Such a sweet little addition to our family. Lunch was a little later than usual with

ham and hot dog sandwiches and the leftover casserole to eat. Elizabeth brought eggs and mini chocolate muffins, and Susan brought milk fresh from their cow which we made chocolate milk with. She also brought venison snack sticks. Verena brought several jars of pickles to go with the sandwiches and ice cream. The children had so much fun and played so hard that day. I’m sure those mamas had tired children that night. It was so nice to spend a day together before school doors open for another term. Ten of my grandchildren will be off to school this term.

After everyone left for home I made two chocolate pies to take to our church picnic which was at our bishop’s house at 5:30 p.m. Neighbor Joas was once again in charge of deep frying the fish he caught on his fishing trips. Along with that there was baked beans and four different potato casseroles. Then also lots of

desserts, coffee, cold coffee, lemonade and water. Everything was held beside their pond. The children had fun swimming and playing volleyball. The adults also enjoyed a game of towel volleyball where the couples had to each hold an end of the towel and use that to throw water balloons back and forth across the net. Joe and I didn’t stay to watch all of it but it sounds like it was fun. Joe came home from work and left for another appointment then came home and we left again. He was ready to get back home and get rested for work the next day.

Friday, my sisters Verena, Emma and I were invited to help surprise neighbor Susan for her 65th birthday. Also there were most of her daughters and a few daughter-in-laws. We had a delicious brunch with Susan, kindly reminding her that she had turned another year older. Susan’s mother Melinda and my dad are first cousins so there is al-

ways a connection there. Susan’s newest grandchild Ashley Nicole (born to her youngest daughter Beth and Mervin Dean) was there and was born on the same day as Jayden which was July 29th. Susan has me beat by far in grandchildren with her total being in the forties.

I will share my favorite recipe for canning church pickles. I use Palace King cucumbers as they stay really firm and crisp after being processed. If my dill heads are really big I only use one per quart.

SWEET DILL PICKLES

- 6-8 medium cucumbers, sliced (I slice them about 1/4 inch or a little thicker)
- 2 cups vinegar (I use white)
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 4 garlic cloves (per quart)
- 2 dill heads (per quart)
- pinch of alum (per quart)
- Put sliced cucumbers, dill

heads, garlic cloves, and alum in jars. Heat vinegar, sugar, water and salt until sugar is dissolved and pour over pickles. Repeat this step until all pickles are covered. Process in a boiling-water canner. Check your county extension office or the National Center for Home Food Preservation website for the current recommended canning time.

Lovina’s Amish Kitchen is written by Lovina Eicher, Old Order Amish writer, cook, wife, and mother of eight. Her three cookbooks, The Cherished Table, The Essential Amish Cookbook, and Amish Family Recipes, are available wherever books are sold. Readers can write to Eicher at Lovina’s Amish Kitchen, PO Box 234, Sturgis, MI 49091 (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply); or email questionsforlovina@gmail.com and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Lyon County, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT
U.S. Bank National Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Heath M Finn, et al.
Defendants,
Case No. LY-2026-CV-000004
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Lyon County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Lyon County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on September 1, 2026 at the time of 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Lyon County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:
LOT 11 ON ARUNDEL STREET IN FLUKERS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF EMPORIA, LYON COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, Parcel ID No. / CAMA No. 195160100501900001. Commonly known as 525 Arundel St., Emporia, KS 66801 ("the Property") MS229303
to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.
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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR U.S. Bank National Association IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LYON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the estate of MELANIE SWIFT, deceased.
Case No LY-2026-PR-000072
NOTICE OF HEARING
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed with the Court by Dean Swift heir of Melanie Swift, deceased requesting Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Lyon County, Kansas
All that part of the SW 1/4 of Section, Township 17 South, Range 12 East of the 6PM, Lyon County, Kansas lying West and South of 142 Mile Creek.
And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate successions. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 1, 2026 at 8:30a.m. in courtroom 2 of the Lyon County Courthouse, 430 Commercial St., Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas at which time and place cause will be heard. Should you fail to file written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. Dean Swift Petitioner
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LYON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of Christopher Wade Crump, Deceased
Case No. LY-2026-PR-000066
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on July 27, 2026, a petition was filed in this Court by James Christopher Crump an heir, devisee and legatee, and petitioner be appointed as Administrator, with bond; petitioner be

granted Letters of Administration. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before 27th day of August, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the District Court, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Olathe

will meet on September 2, 2026 at 6:45 PM at Olathe City Hall, 102 Westphalia, Olathe, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Olathe City Hall, 102 Westphalia, Olathe, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget for 2027		Proposed	
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimated Tax Rate*
General	190,684	25.886	213,000	25.877	262,986	126,000	25.877
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	93,783		75,000			130,000	
Capital Improvement	132,137		145,000			170,000	
Sewer Utility	55,297		56,700			66,700	
Water Maintenance Reserve			25,000			25,000	
Water Utility	221,187		251,900			286,000	
Non-Budgeted Funds	38,341						
Totals	731,429	25.886	766,600	25.877	930,686	126,000	25.877
						Revenue Neutral Rate**	25.733
Less: Transfers	121,475		48,500			101,620	
Net Expenditure	609,954		718,100			829,066	
Total Tax Levied	117,561		254,133			4,892,343	
Assessed Valuation	4,557,093		4,797,143				
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,		2024	2025	2026			
G.O. Bonds		0	0	0			
Revenue Bonds		0	0	0			
Other		18,042	0	0			
Lease Purchase Principal		18,042	0	0			
Total		18,042	0	0			

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-298

Joyce Wilson

City Official Title City Clerk

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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		2	8	6		1		
3		6		2			8	
1	6			9				
		4		5		2		
				8			6	7
	8			4		6		9
		3		1	2	8		
			6				1	

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

AUCTION

IN ACCORDANCE with K.S.A. 58-817, Graphic Arts Storage, will sell at public auction on August 28, 2026 beginning at 2:00 p.m., 701 Lantern Lane, Emporia, KS 66801, (620) 343-1873, the abandoned property of the following units: B6, D4, D26, E3, E19, F19, F22, F33, J19, L15, M7, M12, N17, O22, P10, P26, R9,

R11, R25, R32, W12. Cont: 01, 03. Prior to that date the renter may obtain the property by paying all past due rent and fees. Prospective bidders must register at Graphic Arts Street Storage office beginning at 1:30 p.m. on that day, prior to auction start. Units will be sold in whole lots and contents