

BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

Only the Lonely

My youngest daughter is experiencing, with some difficulty, the realities of being the last and youngest child in the family. She is also experiencing what it means to be a blended family in that all of her siblings are with their other parents on the weekends, leaving her the only child every other weekend. This is kind of a double whammy for a six-year-old, don't you think?

Let's begin with some quick family logistics before I start on my main idea. My husband had two children in a prior relationship, and I had twins in a previous marriage. Then, we had our youngest together. There are quite a few moving pieces in our family on so many levels, even without the pick-ups and drop-offs every weekend, and poor Bert (our youngest) is stuck in the middle of everything; some weekends the loneliness of being "the only" hits her hard.

There are some days where we can help curtail her loneliness and the inevitable need to primarily entertain herself, of course. There are neighbor kids she loves to run around our block with, and sometimes aunts and grandparents show up. Some weekends Storm, Bert and I go to town, and some weekends we stay home and just kick back, goofing around together. But, like this last weekend when chores need to be done, grading and lesson planning won't be delayed anymore, and the weather just won't cooperate, the reality is Bert struggles to entertain herself.

I am all for my children learning how to be comfortable in their own company. I spent quite a bit of my childhood developing strength in loneliness; that has been a wonderful strength to have, especially in my adulthood. But with a six-year-old, it is a difficult lesson to learn. She wants to play with someone who will tell stories and join her on all life's invisible adventures, created from the ingenious minds of fellow dreamers.

Bert is, by nature, an outgoing and lively young lady. She thrives, much like her father, off the company of others and that is something I struggle to associate with— if I'm being honest. But, even with her outgoing nature, my husband and I know the importance of building those cloud castles and fighting those dragons under the stairs when you're the only one there to do it. Sometimes, you are the lone defender of the kingdom and you are both the fairy queen and the evil fairy witch.

And when I look into her beautiful, tear-filled hazel eyes because there is no one else there to help make her imagination that much more real, it breaks my heart. How can you tell a child just to deal with their loneliness and play by themselves?

You have to, and that's just the reality. As much as it pains me to see any of my kids sad and lonely, it's our job as parents to help them confidently push past the emotions and work on being okay alone. We should, appropriately, lead them to face loneliness and find a certain amount of security in it. So, one day when they have real battles to fight they will be able to stand tall and not crumble at the mere idea of facing down life's dragons alone. Life will ask them to walk roads on their own— should we not help prepare them for that?

What are your thoughts? Tell me how you have broached this particular subject with your kids- I would love to know! I feel it is worth training our children, not only to fight the dragons and build the castles with others, but also maintain a certain level of confidence in walking on their own when it is required of them. Do you think so too, or am I just one bulb short of a chandelier?

That's it for this week! Have a wonderful week, and stay warm everyone!

FOLLOWING ON

PASTOR SAM FLICK

"Benaiah... son of Jehoiada... performed great exploits. He struck down Moab's two mightiest warriors. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion." — **2 Samuel 23:20**

Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada the priest. That means he was born into the tribe of Levi and was destined to spend his life doing the quiet, holy work of the Tabernacle. But somewhere along the way, that dream changed into a different path instead. He rose through the ranks of the military to become the captain of David's elite bodyguards, the Cherethites.

Benaiah was one of David's "Mighty Men." He was ranked higher than David's thirty best men, but he wasn't quite one of the "Top Three." Thus, he lived in the middle ground—somewhere between "pretty good" and "excellent." It is by reading of his exploits that we begin to understand that David could not have achieved greatness on his own; he needed the help of others to encourage him along the way.

The Bible says that Benaiah went into a pit to kill a lion on a snowy day. We stop and do a double-take when we read those words, because Israel is so far south that snow is a rarity. This was the ultimate "bad day" scenario for Benaiah. He was forced to take up arms in the midst of a blizzard within a dark, dangerous cavern.

Benaiah could only do that because David believed in him, and David could only be King because followers like Benaiah supported him. By this example, we learn that you can do more than you think you can when somebody believes in you, and others can accomplish nearly impossible things when you believe in them.

An encouraging word pays dividends. It enlarges your capacity and creates opportunities out of hardships. In **Psalm 94:18-19**, the Psalmist writes: "When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy." I paraphrased that to say: "When everything was going wrong, your kindness made it right."

Because David encouraged Benaiah, he was able to go into a pit and slay a lion. What could you do if somebody believed in you? And what could they do if you believed in them? Encourage someone today and then stand back; you don't want to be too close when their potential explodes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATES

(First Published in the BLADE-EMPIRE, Thursday, February 19, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Gary D. Jeardoe, Deceased

Case No. CD-2026-PR-000004

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by Jacqueline E. Jeardoe, wife of Gary D. Jeardoe, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cloud County, Kansas, which was an undivided one-half (½) interest.

Lot Seven (7), in Block Four (4), Elmhurst Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

And all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death. 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 succession

You are required to file your written defenses on March 20, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Cloud County Courthouse, in the City of Concordia, Cloud 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.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 2021-PR-021, the hearing will be conducted remotely by Microsoft TEAMS, using a computer or cell phone or the Cloud County Courthouse Community Computer. Parties must contact the Court at (785) 243-8130 within three (3) days prior to the hearing to be included and shall provide an email address to participate in the remote hearing. Participants in the remote hearing shall abide by the Remote Hearing Procedures, a copy of which shall be emailed to the participants prior to the hearing.

Jacqueline E. Jeardoe, Petitioner

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Sup. Ct. #29756
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Have a Great Day
and
Rest of the Week!

HEARINGS

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Millsap & Singer, LLC
8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180
Overland Park, KS 66210
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Sunflower Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,

vs.

Raniyah Robertson, Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al.,
Defendants

Case No. CD-2026-CV-000009

Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas by Sunflower Bank, N.A., praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT FIFTEEN (15) AND THE WEST ONE-HALF (W1/2) OF LOT SIXTEEN (16), IN BLOCK TWENTY-SEVEN (27), IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Parcel ID No. 015-082-04-0-30-02-011.00-0. Commonly known as 113 W 18th St., Concordia, KS 66901 ("the Property") MS 230056

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 15, 2026 in the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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GENERAL NOTICES

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Public Notice File No. 51,593

An application for a permit to appropriate water has been submitted to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources. The proposed point of diversion is located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Cloud County, Kansas. Questions regarding the application can be directed to KDA-DWR by calling 785-213-9291.

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MARKETS

Local Markets - East

Wheat \$5.13
Milo (per bushel) \$3.37
Corn \$3.82
Soybeans \$10.61

Concordia Terminal

Local Markets - West

Wheat \$5.13
Milo (per bushel) \$3.37
Jamestown Markets
Wheat \$5.03
Milo (per bushel) \$3.27

Miltovale Markets

Wheat \$5.03
Soybeans \$10.56

MARCH 2026 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Ravioli Bake, Italian Veggies, Bread Stick, Apple Crisp	3 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Creamy Corn, Black Forest Cake	4 Pork Loin, Smashed Red Potatoes, Spinach Bake, Roll, Ice Cream	5 Braised Beed Tips, Rice Pilaf, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Strawberry Pretzel Dessert	6 Butterfly Shrimp, Cocktail Sauce, Baked Potato, Cheesy Cauliflower, Fruit Shortcake
9 NATIONAL MEAT BALL DAY	10 Parmesan Pork Chop, Long Grain Rice, Chopped Spinach, Brownie	11 CHOICE DAY	12 RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH	13 Citrus Fish, Hash Brown Casserole, Broccoli, Hush Puppies, Apple Pie

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Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2026 Budget

The governing body of
City of Glasco

will meet on the day of March 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm at City Hall - 206 E. Main St. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments

Fund	2026 Adopted Budget			2026 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
Library	4.267	7,293	8,997	9,600
Employee Benefits	7.284	12,451	15,500	15,237
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Heather Bowles
Official Title: City Clerk