





Stevens County Library Circle Time families learned about farm animals October 7. Miss Stacey read Cows in the Kitchen by June Crebbin and then everyone sang Old MacDonald Had a Farm. Circle Time is every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. September through November and February through April. Registration is not required, so feel free to show up with your birth through five year old to try it out!







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GCCC Mercer Gallery to host art exhibition by Crystal Hammerschmidt

The Mercer Gallery at Garden City Community College is pleased to present *Register, Roll, Repeat—a Printmaking Exhibition, Mostly...*, a solo exhibition by Kansas artist and printmaker Crystal Hammerschmidt of Salina. The exhibition brings together recent printmaking and mixed-media works that explore color, texture, pattern, layering, and the possibilities of experimentation.

The exhibition opened September 25 and remains on display through October 23, 2026. Gallery hours are Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

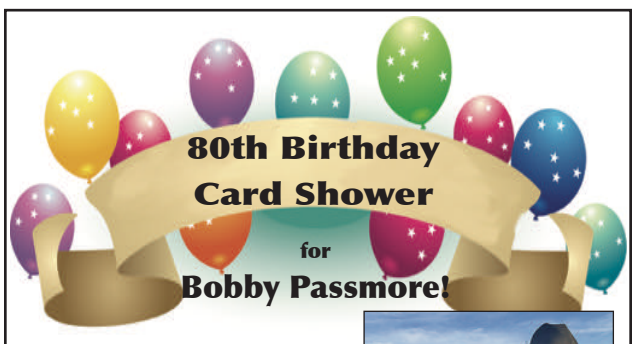
Hammerschmidt earned her BFA from Fort Hays State University in 2006 and her MFA there in 2020. Printmaking has remained central to her practice, while her work has expanded to incorporate sculptural and installation-based approaches. Her artistic development has been shaped by her time at the Women's Studio Workshop in New York, international collaboration in Germany, and ongoing engagement with drawing, printmaking, and material exploration.

Hammerschmidt currently serves as Art Services Coordinator for the City of Salina Arts & Humanities Department, where she works with public art initiatives and oversees the visual arts component of the Smoky Hill River Festival. Alongside her professional arts career, she maintains an active studio practice.

This exhibition offers the GCCC and regional community an important opportunity to experience the work of an accomplished contemporary Kansas artist in person. Seeing original artwork offers a level of physical, material, and visual engagement that digital images cannot fully replicate. Viewers can encounter the scale, surface, texture, color, and evidence of the artist's hand firsthand.

The Mercer Gallery is located inside the Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Building at Garden City Community College, 801 Campus Drive, Garden City, Kansas. The gallery encourages the community to visit, experience original artwork, support working artists, and discover the cultural value of the arts in Western Kansas.

For additional information or questions, contact Knutson at michael.knut son@gcc-cks.edu.





Please send cards and a note of a favorite memory you share with our dad. We know this birthday boy has 80 years of wild schemes and big ideas. His family would like to compile these memories.

Please mail you cards and memories to Birthday Memories c/o Sandra Passmore at 123 S Main St. Hugoton, Ks. 67951. Please mark your calendar and stop by the Passmore home November 14th from 2pm-4pm for cake and ice cream.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
)
CONNEE JOY ROME) Case No. SV-2026-CV-000020
)
To Change Petitioner's Birth Name to:)
)
CONNEE JOY CHAMBERLAIN)
Petition Pursuant to KSA Chapter 60)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Connee Joy Rome, filed a Petition in the above court on the 18th day of September 2026, requesting a judgment and order changing her birth name on her birth record from Connie Joy Chamberlain to Connee Joy Chamberlain and retaining her current married name of Connee Joy Rome.

The Petition will be heard in the Stevens County, Kansas District Court, 200 East 6th Street, Hugoton, Kansas 67951, on the 17th day of November, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before November 17, 2026, in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

/s/ Jeremiah Johnson
Jeremiah Johnson, #21968
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Attorneys for Petitioner

Senior Lifestyles

624 S. Main, Hugoton • 620-544-2283

Hello everyone. We had a wonderful dance Saturday. Craig did an amazing job keeping everyone dancing. The support for our seniors from our local businesses makes a huge impact. The community Concerts are starting again. The first concert is on the 25th at 3pm. We will be taking a bus for anyone interested in attending. A season pass is $75 or $25 at the door. The first concert is "It Takes Two" celebrating iconic duo's through music history. Bingo Night is on the 29th. We hope to see you here!

Menu

October 14 .....Pork .....Loin
October 15 .....Chicken .....and Noodles
October 16 .....Lasagna
October 19 .....Salisbury .....Steak
October 20 .....Oven .....Fried Chicken
October 21 .....Pork .....Chop
October 22 .....Chicken .....Spaghetti
October 23 .....Chili

Activities

Wednesday, October 14
Cards .....12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 16
Bingo .....12:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 17
Cards .....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20
Dominoes .....12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21
Cards .....12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 23
Bingo .....12:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 24
Cards .....6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25
Community Concert

Kansas Water Authority will meet in Atchison October 21

The Kansas Water Authority (KWA) will meet Wednesday, October 21, 2026, in Atchison at the Atchison Event Center located at 710 S. Ninth Street, Atchison, Ks 66002. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

For additional meeting information and the online meeting link, visit the Kansas Water Office website calendar at kwo.ks.gov or call (785) 296-3185.

The KWA is responsible for advising the Governor, Legislature and Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues. They also ensure that water policies and programs address the needs of all Kansans as well as serve as advisors of the Kansas Water Plan. The KWA was established in 1981 and consists of 13 voting members who are appointed by the Governor or Legislative leadership. State agency directors serve as ex-officio members.

If accommodations are needed for a person with disabilities, please notify the Kansas Water Office at 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404, Topeka, KS 66611-1249 or call (785) 296-3185 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Hermes Office is closed Fridays

Warmth Beyond the Weather

As October temperatures drop, we naturally seek out warmth and comfort, and we are called to extend that same warmth to those around us. Spiritually, one of the most effective ways we do this is through authentic Christian fellowship. In fellowship, we find genuine encouragement, practical support, and a vital reminder that we were never meant to walk through life alone. A shared conversation, a listening ear, or a warm meal together allows Christ's love to shine through us, driving away the coldness of isolation.

–James Stone

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Main and Second Street 620-544-2773
Tim Singer, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups Sunday Nights - 6:00 p.m.
Inside Out Kids Wed. - 6:30 p.m.
Student Ministry @ The Turnaround - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
HugotonAssembly.com

BETHEL FRIENDS CHURCH
11th & Jefferson - 620-544-8517
Pastor Chris Stanfield
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
Wed Evening Ministries - 6:30 p.m.
(Children, Youth, & Adult)

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1045 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2825
Tommy Craiker Home: 620-453-0965
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
520 E. First - 620-544-2125
Sacrament - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.
Priesthood - 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
500 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2493
Pastor Dave Piper
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening Services - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
600 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2715
Pastor Bergan Morris
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Fellowship - 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Hour - 10:30 - 12:00
Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.
Jr. High Youth Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. High Youth Group, 7:45-9:00 p.m.
Information on small groups call 620-544-2715

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
801 W. City Limits 620-544-2652
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.
Facebook Livestream - First Church of God-Hugoton

HUGOTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Eighth and Main
620- 544-2210
Pastor Gary Stafford
Parsonage - 620-544-2295
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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14 Miles East of Hugoton on Highway 51
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Pastor James Tower
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Blended Worship Celebration - 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Kid's Club - 6:30 p.m.

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207 East 6th - Hugoton 620-544-2436
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Services Sundays 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

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Tenth and Adams 620-544-6386
Pastor - Zachary Johnson
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Coffee/Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
www.sovereignredeemerchurch.org

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1011 South Jefferson Street
620-544-2551
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- 11:00 a.m. - Spanish Mass

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Terry Miller, Pastor
516 N.E. Avenue 620-453-2212
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
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HUGOTON METHODIST CHURCH
828 S. Main Hugoton 620-544-8715
Pastor David Kang
Wednesday Praise! Kids - 3:45 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High Youth Fellowship -6:00 p.m.
Wed. Sr. High Youth Fellowship - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH
620-598-2455 Church
1 mile S. of Moscow, 1/2 mile E. of Moscow/Hooker Rd.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Team Kids (Wed.) - 3:30-5:30p.m. Sept.-Apr.
Youth Study Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

MOSCOW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
620-598-2426
Worship Leader: Patty Lahey 620-544-9365
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Kid's Club - Wednesday 3:30 p.m.

ROLLA PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
Corner of Third and Adams, Rolla
Marcus Light, Pastor
Church - 620-593-4626,
Parsonage - 620-593-4796
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday night meal - 6:00 p.m.

ROLLA METHODIST CHURCH
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Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.

RICHFIELD COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
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