

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held August 4, 2026. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for United State Senate
- One candidate for United States House of Representatives, 1st District
- One candidate for Governor/ Lt. Governor
- One candidate for Secretary of State
- One candidate for Attorney General
- Once candidate for State Treasurer
- One candidate for Commissioner of Insurance
- One candidate for State Representative, 109th District
- One candidate for State Board of Education, 5th District
- One candidate for District Court Judge, 20th District, 1st Division
- One candidate for each County Commissioner District, 1st, 4th, & 5th

One candidate for Clerk for each of the twelve (12) townships: Big Creek, Center, Fairfield, Fairview, Grant, Lincoln, Luray, Paradise, Plymouth, Russell, Waldo, and Winterset.

And the following officers will be elected in EACH political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One Precinct Committeeman in each of the 27 Precincts.
 - One Precinct Committeewoman in each of the 27 Precincts.
- The filing deadline for these positions is June 1, 2026, at 12:00 noon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal at Russell, Kansas, this 14th day April 2026.

s/ Kristi A. Whitman
Kristi A. Whitman
County Election Officer
Russell County, Kansas

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2026 Service Academy Applications

Applications are now being accepted for students interested in applying to a United States Service Academy for the Class of 2031.

According to U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, one of his favorite duties is appointing Kansans to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point in New York, U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY.

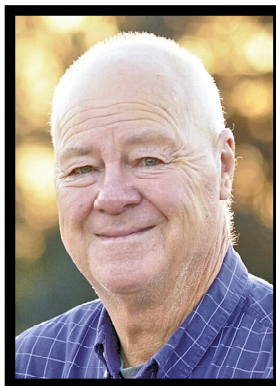
For the list of requirements and to apply, visit Sen. Moran's website. Applications are due by September 18, 2026.

After applications have been reviewed, applicants will be notified of interviews with the Service Academy Selection Board.

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Obituaries

STEPHEN "STEVE" AKSAMIT (1950 - 2026)



Stephen 'Steve' Aksamit, 76, of Bennington, KS, was called home by Our Loving Father on Tuesday April 21, 2026, in Wichita, KS, with his loving wife of 45 years by his side.

Steve was born in Lucas, KS, on April 13, 1950. He attended Lucas High School and graduated in 1968. In March of 1980, Steve met Debbie Blaha, and by May of that year the two were engaged. They were married on August 16, 1980, in Salina, KS. Steve was well known around the Bennington/Salina area as the 'Heating & Air Guy'. He loved owning his own business "S & D Heating and Air Conditioning", but his true passion was his granddaughter Addison who was born in 2018. The moment Steve held Addison, that girl was his whole world. He would do anything and everything for his little "Angel Toot". Steve would have the biggest smile on his face when he would talk with or see Addison. You could see Steve messing around on his tractors or spending time with

Addison. He also loved his Harley and enjoyed his bike rides with his "Sonny" Matt. He was also an avid K-State sports fan, and he would always have a game on. He also loved his daughter-in-law and would have to give her a hard time whenever he saw her. Steve was truly loved by his family, and he will be greatly missed.

Steve is survived by his wife Debbie, his son and daughter in law Matthew and Elicia Aksamit, his 'darling sweet-heart' granddaughter Addison Aksamit, his sister Irma Benda, brother in laws, Danny Blaha, and Mark (Beverly) Blaha, sister-in-law, Nancy (Jim) Towler, Cousin Marilyn Kirkendall and family, also many nieces and nephews.

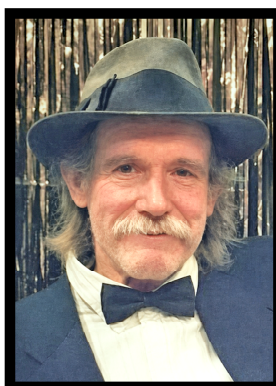
Steve was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Albina (Kroboth) Aksamit, father and mother-in-law Clarence and Donna Blaha, his son Andrew Philip, his brother-in-law Daryn Blaha, and his sister-in-law Julie Blaha.

Visitation was at 4-8 pm Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Ryan Mortuary, 137 N 8th St. Salina, KS. The Funeral was at 10 am Friday, April 24, 2026, also at Ryan Mortuary followed by a burial at Gypsum Hill Cemetery, 2020 E Iron Ave. Salina, KS.

Memorials may be made to Salina Shares or the Salina Rescue Mission in care of Ryan Mortuary.

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DENNIS A. CROSS (1945 - 2026)



Dennis A. Cross, Sylvan Grove, was born on October 12, 1945, in Algona, Iowa, and passed away on April 22, 2026. His presence left a lasting mark on all who knew him.

Dennis was a man who loved deeply. He loved his children and grandchildren above all else, and that love showed in the way he lived his life. He also had a special place in his heart for animals and a true appreciation for art. He also had a love of travel, especially to Mexico, where he enjoyed spending time and experiencing the culture.

A proud graduate of Sylvan Grove High School, Class of 1963, Dennis went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for his service and sacrifice. He later earned his bachelor's degree in geology from California State University, Northridge—accomplishments that reflected his dedication, discipline, and curiosity about the world.

He was an avid runner for most of his life and enjoyed participating in local running events, which spoke to his drive and love of staying active.

Dennis was a proud member of the Lions Club, the Historical Society, and the Art Center, consistently giving back to the community he held close to his heart. He was widely known for his ma-

sonry work, with his craftsmanship visible throughout the area as a lasting testament to his skill, pride, and strong work ethic. Dennis was also deeply honored to serve on the Honor Guard and firing squad with American Legion Post 359, paying his respects to fellow veterans at their final rest.

More than anything, Dennis will be remembered for who he was: a kind, hardworking man with a great sense of humor who could make people laugh and feel at home.

His legacy lives on in his family, his service, his work, and the community he helped build.

He is survived by his children, Kati (Ryley) Hembry, Jake (Jessica) Cross, and Matt (Kayelee) Cross; Serrina (Brandon) Schneider and Kylie Donley, whom he loved as his own; his grandchildren, Kimber and Kalli Gardner, Whitley Hembry, Izaac Hanson, Chasen and Emilia Cross, and Tennyson Donley; his sisters, Janet (Dale) Urban and Gina Burnett; and his niece, Korina Urban.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Esther Cross; his brother-in-law, Jim Burnett; and his nephew, Shane Urban.

He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Visitation will take place from 1-7 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Hall Chapel in Lincoln, KS.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026 at Hall Chapel with burial following at Sylvan Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lincoln Art Center, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com

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KSHSAA Board of Directors approves Girls Flag Football as Sanctioned Sport

KSHSAA Board of Directors Approves Girls Flag Football as Sanctioned Sport The Kansas State High School Activities Association Board of Directors voted Thursday to add girls flag football as an official KSHSAA-sanctioned activity, starting in the 2026-27 school year. Kansas is now the 18th state to sanction the sport, which will be contested in the fall.

"This is a great day for the KSHSAA as our leadership board took decisive action by approving the expansion of program offerings to include girls flag football," Executive Director Bill Faflick said. "We appreciate the leadership of the Board of Directors, who faithfully serve and reflect the desires of membership in these important decisions. The KSHSAA also appreciates the support of the Kansas City Chiefs and other stakeholders who helped bring girls flag football to Kansas."

Girls flag football now joins more than two dozen sports and activities that KSHSAA member schools offer students. The sport has been offered at the club level since 2021, and 28 Kansas high

schools piloted girls flag football programs last year, averaging 24 athletes per roster.

High school teams may play 6 to 10 regular-season games, with the season concluding with a KSHSAA state tournament. Each middle school team is limited to a maximum of six games during one season.

The Greater Wichita Athletic League submitted the proposal, and it was brought forward by Board of Directors members Sara Richardson and Chris Asmussen.

Flag football has its own rulebook under the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Mark Lentz, KSHSAA assistant executive director, has served on the NFHS rules writing committee, and Jeremy Holaday, assistant executive director, will sit in Lentz's place after his retirement on July 1.

Additional details regarding competitive classifications, state tournament format and implementation guidelines will be communicated to member schools in the coming months.

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