

OBITUARIES

Gabriel "Gabe" Allen Mull

Gabriel "Gabe" Allen Mull was born April 5, 2013 in Manhattan, Kansas. He died March 12, 2026 at his home in Larned, Kansas.

A big heart with a smile to match, that was our Gabe.

He loved sports, the outdoors, helping on the farm or with the cattle, and gaming. Gabe's ornery side and outgoing personality meant he hardly knew a stranger. He was always good for a laugh; he fiercely loved his family and friends; and most importantly, he loved God and the church. He was an active member of PSR at Sacred Heart of Jesus where he enjoyed serving and helping with the younger kids. He also helped with the Christmas program and Vacation Bible School at Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center, Kansas every year. He was an active member of Tiny Toilers 4-H Club.

Gabe was extremely talented. He was a fast learner and excelled at the things that he loved. He was active in football, basketball, track, scholars bowl, band ... anything to get himself out of the classroom. He enjoyed warm spring and summer days at home riding dirt bikes, shooting guns, and throwing a ball around. Gabe loved shooting trap and air rifle competitively, but even more, he enjoyed shooting tin cans at the river, or .22 targets at home.

Survivors include: his parents, Kristen



and Brian Hagerman, Larned, John Mull, Wichita, Kansas; siblings, Ava, Madelyn and Mason; grandparents, Michael and Lisa Burdett, Larned, Sindra Hagerman, Larned; great grandparents, John and Norma Wiedmer, Sun City West, Arizona; aunts and uncles, Kathryn (Tyson) Couchman, Rozel, Kansas, James Burdett, Larned; David Burdett (Nicole Fitzsimons), Garden City, Kansas, Jennifer (Walter) Ladwig, London, Doug (Melinda) Harter, Pawnee Rock, Kansas, Kent (Kendra) Hagerman, Timken, Kansas; cousins, Chase Harter, Kale and Kole Hagerman, Walter and William Ladwig, Cason and Levi Couchman.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Jim and Mary Burdett, Keith and Marian Mull; grandparents, Glenn and Elaine Mull, Alan Hagerman; Aunt Amy Harter; and cousin Samantha Harter.

A Funeral Mass was at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with Father Warren Stecklein and Father Patrick Otor, MSP presiding.

Visitation was 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday March, 17, 2026 at Beckwith Mortuary, Larned with family present from 5-7 p.m. and a Vigil and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Burial was at Larned Cemetery, Larned, Kansas.

Memorials may be given to Pawnee County Shooting Sports or Sacred Heart Catholic Church in care of Beckwith Mortuary, PO Box 477, Larned, Kansas 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Larry Don Schneider

Larry Don Schneider, 74, of Grand Junction, Colorado, passed away on February 2, 2026.

Larry was born in La Crosse, Kansas, on September 1, 1951. He spent his life building connections with those around him and helping anyone he could. He built his life around his children, Jordon and Chelsey, when they were growing up, taking time to teach them his handyman trade and sharing his knowledge of vehicles with them whenever they were willing.

His love for life didn't stop in La Crosse. He later made his home in Grand Junction, with his husband, Joe Clayton. There he and Joe built a life with their chosen family where he was known and loved by many. Together they continued building friendships, helping and supporting others as they could.

Larry is survived by his husband, Joe



Clayton of Grand Junction; son and spouse, Jordon and Anna-Lena Schneider of Portland, Maine; daughter and spouse, Chelsey and Brooke McCarroll of Park City, Kansas; Hannah Clayton of Howell, Michigan; Alexander Clayton of Lakewood, Colorado; one sister, Donna Luft of Bison, Kansas; grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Helen (Appel) Schneider, one brother Eldon Schneider, one sister Emma Curnette, and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Those who knew Larry will remember him for his presence, his willingness to help with anything, and the impact he had on the people who shared time with him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to: Shephard of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3133 F Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504 or United Methodist Church, 220 Washington Street, La Crosse, KS 67548.

A Celebration of life will be held for Larry in La Crosse at a later date.

Barbed Wire Beacon

Pain of This Life

Romans 8:22 "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

This life has many great joys and happiness in it, but it also comes with great pains and sorrows. The birth of a child is one of those exciting joys for parents, the death of a loved one is one of the pains of this life that reminds us we are here for a short time. James 4:14 "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." 1 Peter 1:24 "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away." Life is shorter than we realize, one day you are sitting in high school waiting for graduation day, the next thing you know, you are having kids, and before you feel like you have spent any time with them, they are grown. The writer of Psalm 90 in verse 10 tells us some needed information about our years, they take strength, they are accompanied with sorrow, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." I understand what King Solomon was talking about in Ecclesiastes when he says all that happens "under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:2-4 "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and an-

other generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever." Many misunderstand the thoughts of this great book of the Bible. Everything he is talking about has to do with life under the sun, not what happens after we die as some have mistakenly interpreted verses in Ecclesiastes. The word vanity means emptiness; want of substance to satisfy desire; uncertainty; or fruitless desire or endeavor. We work hard our whole lives to get to a place to enjoy life, only to watch it slip away quickly. The only thing in this life that matters is what we do with Christ and for Him! Currently Elon Musk is the world's richest man at around \$834 billion according to Forbes, but just like the world's poorest man, he can take nothing out of this life. This is why the most valuable thing is not money, metals, or stones, it is your eternal soul, and what you do with Jesus Christ will determine where you spend eternity. Only those who have been born again have eternal life, John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:14-15 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." There is no one else you can put trust in but Jesus Christ to save you from Hell. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." You go ahead and trust in religious things and my family and I will continue following solely in Christ Jesus for redemption.

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From The Home Front...
by Linda Kenyon



Holidays keep closet full

I have a nice-sized closet in my bedroom, but it always seems full. It makes no sense since I wear the same few clothing items most of the time, but I can't bring myself to thin it out. Quite a bit of room is taken up with shirts I wear for certain holidays and events. I have two green T-shirts, one to wear to the St. Patrick's Day parade and one to wear on St. Patrick's Day itself. After all, I don't want to get pinched. Then there is my McCracken Rodeo shirt, that I wear when I cover the rodeo in July, I also have a shirt specifically for Patriot Day on September 11. It may be the oldest article of clothing I own, since I got it while covering a story for the Great Bend Tribune the year after September 11, 2001. It's in good shape, since it's only been worn 23 times. The amazing part is it still fits, even though it's a little tighter than when I received it.

Then there are my holiday clothes. I have an assortment of Halloween and Christmas clothing, and even a Thanksgiving shirt, thanks to my youngest daughter. She gifted me with a shirt that says, "As God is my witness, I thought turkeys could fly." It's a quote from the television series WKRP in Cincinnati's Thanksgiving show that aired in 1978. If you've never seen it, look it up on YouTube. It's still hilarious almost 50 years later.

I have some other clothes that I don't get rid of just because. They may remind me of the occasion I bought them for, or I

keep hoping I'll fit into them again. Two are fancy outfits for special occasions - one for summer and one for winter. I don't have very many special occasions, but I want to be ready when I do!

My shoes are another matter. I'm not a shoe hog, so there are just a few pair in the bottom of my closet. I have black dress flats, sensible black loafers, sandals I should probably get rid of since I don't like bending over to strap them on, an old pair of tennis shoes for working outside, a good pair of tennis shoes that I wear the majority of the time, two pairs of slip-on slides, and short boots I wear when it's snowy and icy. I threw away an old pair of dress pumps because I don't wear heels anymore, no matter how short the heels are, and I gave away a pair of navy dress pumps that I bought to wear with one outfit I don't have anymore. And don't forget my flip flops, although they are by the front door so they are handy when I need to go outside.

I am not a clothes hound. I don't go shopping for fun, and most of the clothes I purchase are from A Second Chance thrift shop. And when it's time to get rid of something, I usually throw it away because I've worn it out. What I have is functional and what I need for certain reasons. I'm definitely not a fashion plate, nor do I want to be! It's too much work and costs too much money.

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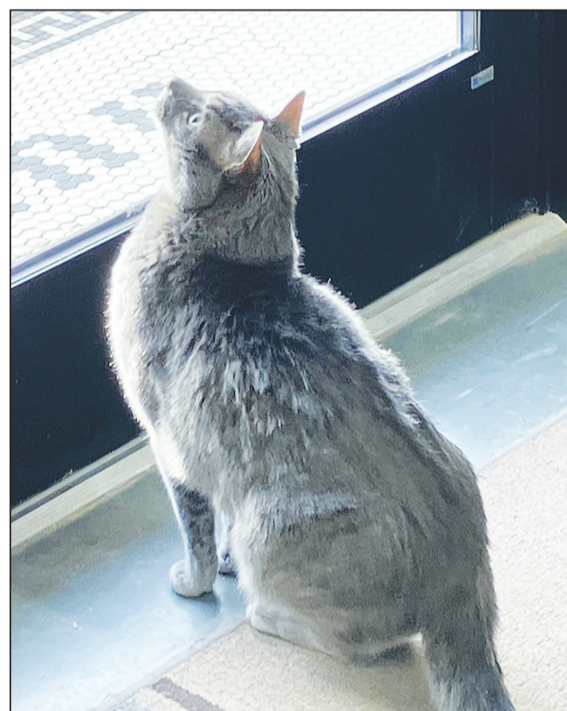
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Comments from CC



Are those pesky birds back again this year? Every year they build a nest outside the News office front door, no matter what we do to discourage them. My co-workers even put a fake owl on the light fixture the birds put their nest on, and they just ignore it. In fact, they even build their nest on top of the owl. Just let me at 'em! I'll take care of the problem!

Carbon Copy (CC) is a News office cat who has agreed to give us his opinion on things. He can be emailed at rcn@gbta.net.

County Happenings

- MARCH**
- March 19 - Storm spotter class, 7 p.m., La Crosse Fire Station.
 - March 20 - Spring begins.
 - March 23 - Government surplus commodities, 4-5 p.m., Sixty Plus, 704 Main Street, La Crosse.
 - March 23 - Government surplus commodities, 4-5 p.m., west door of City Hall, 105 W. Fisher, Otis.
 - March 26 - Happy Age Club, noon, Otis Senior Center, 105 W. Fisher.
 - March 28 - Timken Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m., Timken City Park.
 - March 28 - Bison Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m., North City Park.
- APRIL**
- April 1 - Lenten Lunch, noon, St. Michael Parish Hall, La Crosse.
 - April 2 - Bison JOY Club, noon, Bison Community Building. (1st Thursday of the month).
 - April 3 - Good Friday.
 - April 4 - La Crosse Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m., Grass Park, La Crosse.
 - April 4 - Otis Easter Egg Hunt, 1:30 p.m., in front of Peoples Bank, Main Street.
 - April 4 - McCracken Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., McCracken City Park.
 - April 5 - Easter.
 - April 13 - VFW meeting, 7 p.m., Fred Lohrey's Shop. (2nd Monday of the month)
 - April 14 - Kansas Mobile Food Bank, 4-5 p.m., La Crosse City Auditorium.
 - April 20 - American Legion meeting, 7 p.m., Fred Lohrey's Shop. (3rd Monday of the month)
 - April 24 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon-6p.m., La Crosse City Auditorium.
- ONGOING HAPPENINGS**
- TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) - 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Barnard Library, 521 Elm St., La Crosse. Everyone welcome. First meeting free.
 - Friendship Meals at 60 Plus, 704 Main, La Crosse. Call 785-514-5046 to order a meal or for more information.
 - Bingo and Cards at 60 Plus, 704 Main, La Crosse, every Thursday, 1-4 p.m. Everyone welcome.
 - Barbed Wire, Historical, Post Rock, Nekoma Bank and Pleasant Point School museums. Closed for the season. To schedule a tour call 785-222-2808.