

Obits



Betty Lou (Weaver) Lance

Betty Lou (Weaver) Lance died July 28, 2026, at her home in Independence, Missouri. She was 97.

The eldest daughter of Thomas Edison and Flossie Bell (Nichols) Weaver. She was born August 20, 1928, in Neodesha, KS. She grew up in Neodesha and graduated from Neodesha High School in 1946. Following graduation, she was employed at McGuire's Grocery.

One June 19, 1948, she married Earl Richard Lance in Bentonville, AR. They were married for fifty-seven years until Earl died in 2005. Together, they had four children. After a brief period living in Colorado and Fredonia, KS, they made their home in Neodesha, where they lived until moving to Independence, MO in 1970. Working in a shoe store in Independence, Betty became the store manager.

Betty was always involved in her children's activities. Most years, she was a room mother for one of her children's grade school classes. She always helped out with the Church's Vacation Bible School. Betty was a Troop Leader for the Brownie Scouts and assisted with the Girl Scouts.

Betty was a fantastic cook. She enjoyed needlework and created many

beautiful items. She would hand-make her children's Halloween costumes, which frequently won the costume contest. Working hard in her flower gardens, she always grew beautiful flowers that attracted a great variety of her beloved butterflies.

Betty was the kindest and most caring person you could meet. She would always feed the hoboes that traveled on freight trains that passed behind her home, never turning away a hungry person.

Preceding her in death were her husband and parents; four brothers, Tommy, Benjamin, William, and Jack; six sisters, Viola Hunt, Jean Lance, Susan Romig, Florence Bressie, Dixie Weaver, and Linda Weaver.

Survivors include a daughter, Diana Hutchison of Garden Plain, KS; three sons, Mike Lance and Richard Lance both of Independence, MO, and Ryan Lance of Prairie Village, KS; three grandchildren, Garren Hutchison of Andover, KS, Jeremy and Jason Lance both of Independence, MO; and four great-grandchildren, Sean Hutchison of Augusta, KS, Ashley Hutchison of Apollo Beach, FL, Kylie Hutchison of Andover, KS, Gareth Hutchison of Augusta, KS; and a great-great-grandson, Kobe Hutchison of Andover, KS and a great-great-granddaughter Elizabeth Hutchison of Augusta, KS.

Funeral services will be held at 1pm on August 5th at the Church of the Nazarene in Neodesha, KS, with Reverend Reed officiating. A visitation will be held prior to services at 11am. Burial will be in the Neodesha Cemetery under the direction of Loran Fawcett Funeral Home of Neodesha.

Neodesha Unified School District 461
Board of Education Meeting
Board of Education Office
522 Wisconsin, Neodesha, Kansas 66757
August 10, 2026 – 7:00PM

Agenda:

- Roll Call
 - Welcome and Introduction of Guest(s)
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Consent Agenda Item:
- 1.Monthly Approvals and Reports Approvals
 - A. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2026–Regular and July 15, 2026 –Special Board Meeting
 - B. Approval of Warrants – July 2026
 - C. Treasurer's Report – July 2026
 - B. Budget Overview Report – July 2026
 - C. ELC Building Activity Fund Report – July 2026
 - D. Heller Elementary Building Activity Fund Report – July 2026
 - E. NL Elementary Building Activity Fund Report – July 2026
 - F. Neodesha JR/SR Building Activity Fund Report – July 2026
 - 2.Resignation of Personnel
 - A. Tammy Secrest—HS Custodian; retiring
 - B. Chris Williams—Heller Custodian
 - C. Sean Cowan—MS Assistant Football Coach
 3. Employment of Personnel
 - A. Hunter Keith—MS Football Coach
 - B. Minyao Wo—Heller Custodian
 - C. Laura Cooper—HS Evening Custodian
 4. Grants, Gifts, and Donations
 - A. KSDE MHIT Grant—\$74,628.00
 5. Trip Request

•Public Forum

Public Comment General Guidelines:

- Comments should be directed towards Board policies and procedures.
- Designate on spokesperson per group.
- Limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per presentation.
- The number of presentations may be limited by the Board President at each meeting.

Public Participation General Guidelines:

- Complete Public Participation request form and return to the clerk or superintendent before noon the day of the meeting.
- The Public Participation request form will be reviewed, and you will be notified of the recommended appropriate action to be taken.
- Presentations will be limited to ten (10) minutes.

•Reports

1. FFA Report—Hannah Adame
2. Tri-County Special Education Cooperative—Christine Smith
3. Building Principal Reports
 - a. Early Learning Center—Kaitlyn Sundberg
 - b. Heller Elementary – Melissa Johnson
 - c. North Lawn Elementary – Shelly Charter
 - d. Middle School / High School – Karla Cherico
4. Summer Maintenance Projects – Sean Cowan
5. Rusty A. Arnold, Superintendent of Schools
 1. 2026-2027 Budget Overview--Code 99
 2. All N Wednesdays
 3. 2026-2027 Staffing
 4. Enrollment
 5. LEARN Program—Life Skills, Enrichments, Academics, Recreation, and Nutrition
 6. Upcoming Events
 - August 12—8:00am, District Welcome Back Breakfast
 - August 17—First Day of School
 - August 14—8:30am, 7th Grade Orientation; 4:30pm, Elementary Open House;
 - 4:30pm, 7th-9th-12th Grade Parent Information Night
 - August 28—HS Sports Jamboree:
 - 4:30pm Volleyball and 6:00pm Football

•Communications

•Old Business

•New Business

1. Appoint KASB Convention Voting Delegate
2. Approve Negotiated Agreement
3. Approval Administrative Salaries
4. Executive Session
 - a. Non-elected Personnel

•Adjournment

Executive Session Sample Motions

Non-elected Personnel: Mr./Madam President, I move that we go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed and we return to open session in this room in _____ minutes.



ATTENTION

The City of Neodesha is asking that all residents of Neodesha contact Kansas One-Call or the City offices before digging, landscaping, fencing or building of any structural projects.

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- Excavation or demolition
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Ellie Redmond and Davy Depew exchanged wedding vows on March 16, 2026 at the Boston Public Library in Boston, Massachusetts. Ellie, a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a 2016 graduate of La Cueva High School. She graduated in 2020 from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor degree in Applied Behavioral Science and a Doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy in 2023. Davy, born and raised in Neodesha, is a 2016 graduate of Neodesha High School. He also graduated from the University of Kansas in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2022. Davy and Ellie met in the fall of 2020 when they were both selected to participate in KU's Self Memorial Scholarship Program. Following graduation in 2022, Davy moved to Boston and is employed as a Software Engineer on the Simulink Architecture team at MathWorks, a mathematical computing software company. Ellie followed in the summer of 2023, and is an Occupational Therapist at Milestones Day School in Waltham. In their free time, they love traveling to visit family and friends all over the country. For their honeymoon, they took a European cruise this summer. They currently live in Auburndale, a suburb of Boston, and they are the proud parents of two cats, Schmidt and Jayhawk.



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Hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-5:30
Saturday 9-4:00