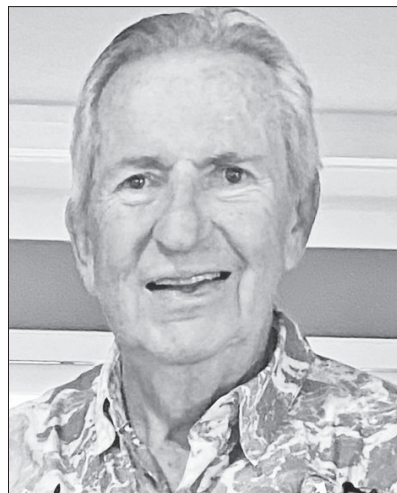


OBITUARIES

Stuart Allen Whitlock

October 7, 1945 – May 4, 2025

Stuart Allen Whitlock, beloved husband, dad, granddad, and friend, passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 4, 2025, at the age of 79, at Bailey's Hospice Center in St. Augustine, Florida.



Born on October 7, 1945, in Council Grove, Kansas, Stuart grew up with a strong work ethic and an enduring sense of self-reliance. He loved to tell the story of how his mom would take him out to the garden with a promise that he would walk back, only to carry him when he refused to walk.

A proud graduate of Council Grove High School (Class of 1963), Stuart was a dedicated athlete who played basketball, football, and ran track. He pursued a degree in chemistry at Emporia State University and later earned a master's degree from Kansas State University. After being drafted into the U.S. Army, Stuart served with honor in Washington, D.C., working with the horses of the Old Guard Caisson Detachment, forming lifelong friendships in the process.

Though they had known each other as children, Stuart reconnected with Lynda Mae Colby while at Kansas State University. Their relationship grew into a deep and lasting love, and they were married on May 10, 1970. Together, they built a life grounded in their shared values of curiosity, joy, commitment to family, a passion for science and learning, and a love of Gator football.

Stuart's professional life was devoted to environmental science. He worked as a chemist at ESE in Gainesville, Florida, and later became co-owner of Martel Laboratories in Baltimore, Maryland. After retiring, he and Lynda embraced a life of global travel, family, and sunshine, settling into their beachside paradise in St. Augustine.

Stuart will be remembered for his boundless enthusiasm, generous spirit, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. He loved to share stories, whether to a stranger or a lifelong friend, and had a way of effortless chatter that could light up any room. He had a knack for making everyone feel taken care of, and his favorite expression, "It doesn't get any better than this", perfectly captured his appreciation for life's simple joys.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and Bertha Whitlock; siblings Louise Pattison, Gilbert Whitlock and Helen Becerra; and parents-in-law, Gene and Peggy Colby. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Lynda; daughter Angela Hulays and husband David; son Brian Whitlock and wife Jennifer; and five grandchildren: Owen and Max Hulays, and Colby, Emma, and Charlotte Whitlock.

No public service is planned; a private gathering to celebrate Stuart's life will be held later this summer on the shores of St. Augustine Beach, a place he loved dearly.

Stuart's legacy of love and laughter will live on in all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Larry Kent Larsen

Larry Kent Larsen, 74, of Peabody was born on June 19, 1950 to Don and Jacquie Larsen in Marion, KS. Larry lost his life on May 6 after a brave 2 day fight as a result of a tragic accident.

Larry lived his early years in rural Peabody then moved to Livermore, CA with his parents and siblings. When he turned 15, he proudly rode the train alone back to Kansas to help his grandfather farm every summer. He graduated from Livermore High School and from there enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served in Vietnam and Guam.

He married Susan Yung on his return and to this union Krissy and Becky were born. Eventually Larry moved back to Kansas with his family of four to run the Larsen farm. Larry and Susan later divorced.

In 1992, Larry married the love of his life, Karen Davis in Council Grove, KS. During this time Lucas, Kiefer, Brianna and Xavier arrived one-by-one to make him a proud daddy again. All of his children were his pride and joy. That joy and pride grew a little more every time a grandchild was born.

Larry found his true calling in life when he discovered EMS. Larry has served in Sedgwick County and Marion County as a paramedic. He was always told how comforting it was to have a local person show up "on the worst day of my life". One of his favorite things to jokingly say was "Hon, I think our home phone number is 911". He lived to serve his community and proudly did so for over 38 years. During this time, the most thrilling part of his career was becoming a flight paramedic for LifeTeam. He was also an avid instructor of various medical courses for the last 20 years.

After retiring, piddling around the farm just wasn't good enough. He found he had a niche for helping troubled youth and began working for Emberhope in Newton, KS.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents; Louis and Grace Larsen, Emory and Hazel Hawbecker, his beloved aunts and uncles; Maurine Sloan Graham, Owen and Phyllis Wingfield, brother-in-law, Darrell Sweet.

Larry is survived by his wife Karen Larsen, children; Krissy (Chris) Lovett, Haysville, KS, Becky (Mickey) Tibbetts, Hillsboro, KS, Lucas (Mackenzie) Larsen, Peabody, KS, Kiefer (Alanis) Larsen, Peabody, KS, Brianna (Triston) Bartling, Peabody, KS, Xavier (Carlee) Jabary, Kansas City, MO; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; a sister and brother, and many more.

Services will be Friday, May 16, at 1 p.m. at the Peabody United Methodist Church. The family will gather with friends in the basement following the services. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial will be the Larry Larsen Memorial Fund with designation at a later date in care of Jost Funeral Home P.O. Box 266 Hillsboro, KS 67063. Online condolences at www.jostfuneralhome.com

USD 417 BOE

(Continued from Page 1)

food program, a review of the student fee schedule, policy reviews concerning communicable diseases, health screenings, psychological services, and sexual discrimination, and updates on facilities improvements.

Following an executive session for personnel matters, the board will consider action items including approval of transportation for wrestlers, monthly policy reviews related to health assessments, wellness, inoculations, and defibrillator use, and the personal electronic device policy and purchase of Yondr pouches. Further action items include disposal of district equipment, requests for proposals for classroom furniture, purchase of a wheelchair-accessible transportation bus, purchase of a district skid steer, adoption of the classified pay scale, demolition of the Yellow House, and approval of investment strategies involving CDs,

cash sweeps, and savings.

A second executive session may be held if needed. The meeting will conclude with a "Good News" segment shared by board members.

Braves split

(Continued from Page 1)

two more. Villalobos earned the win in relief, pitching two hitless innings and striking out one. Sam Bryan took the loss for Mission Valley, allowing



KAY RECALLS

By KAY ROBERTS

Small town guy loves big cities

Growing up in a family, you sometimes think all your brothers and sisters are going to feel the same way you do about things. It can sometimes be a shock to realize that they don't, but most of the time it doesn't matter.

I have never understood Chuck's love for the city. Even as a kid, Chuck was fascinated with big cities. That definitely is not me! Oh, I might want to visit a big city, but live there? Nope.

He says he always liked cities like Manhattan and Topeka as a kid. He, like his big sisters, attended KSU. He amped that a bit when he decided to go to college in Chicago. He attended Moody Bible Institute there, graduating in 1984. The school was near one of the most famous housing projects there -- Cabrini Green. (On a side note, the opening scene to the old show, *Good Times*, was filmed at Cabrini Green.) When my brother was in school, that place was full of drugs, crime and gangs. He voluntarily tutored children who lived in that project as well as some assigned ministries required by the school.

By God's grace he made it out alive. On a sad note, a Moody student was murdered near the hotel we stayed in just a few months after we had been there.

Fifteen years after his graduation, the Chicago Housing Authority began tearing down the dilapidated high-rise buildings.

What a trip when we went to his graduation -- Dad had a big van and six passengers!

I still remember my mother's nervousness at all of the traffic when we neared Chicago -- she was munching on chips, to help soothe her stress. Daddy was driving and all of the traffic was making him nervous too. He had no choice but to drive. Well, he did, but if we were going to crash he wanted it to be his fault! Bobby had the front seat by Dad, and he was holding a huge Rand-McNally map so that he could give directions on which lane to be in and where to turn. This was before GPS and cell-phones, which can sure be a big help. Nowadays, you just put the address on your phone and that girl tells you where to go and what lane to be in! When Dad turned his blinker on to move over into the correct lane, and the driver behind him allowed him to merge, Dad said the guy must have seen his tag and realized he was a country bumpkin from Kansas!

That night, as we lay in our beds at the hotel, we heard several gunshots -- something we were not used to hearing in our country beds -- unless someone was shooting at a fox in a hen house or shooting at a coyote bothering a farmer's dogs or stock. Chuck says they hear a lot of gunshots in Dallas at night.

We did get to enjoy seeing the famous school, Sears Tower, and also Lake Michigan with all its beautiful sailboats! Chuck had told us about Giordano's -- the famous pizza place -- so we went there too. It's the only place that I've been able to eat only one piece of pizza. Chicago-style pizza is very thick and very yummy! The pizza dough makers were tossing the crusts into the air too, making a show of it for everyone, before they put the toppings on!

After graduation, Chuck and his wife lived in various big cities -- he completed more schooling again in

Algae watch

(Continued from Page 1)

dried algae or drink contaminated water.

*Swimming, wading, skiing and jet skiing are discouraged near visible blooms.

*Boating and fishing are safe. However, inhalation of the spray may affect some individuals. Avoid direct contact with water and wash with clean water after any contact.

*Clean fish thoroughly with pota-

ble water and eat fillet portion only.

The algae watch at Council Grove City Lake follows unsuccessful work to obtain an exemption from the federal hiring freeze involving Council Grove Lake. The permanent ranger position and three seasonal jobs were all open when the freeze went into effect, meaning they cannot be refilled until further notice. As a result, the US Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa District has confirmed temporary closures of different park areas. New temporary closures include:

*Canning Creek entire park area closed *Santa Fe Trail boat ramp open. Rest of park area closed *Outlet East entire park area closed *Kanza View camping area closed with day-use open *Richey Cove entire park area closed

This also affects areas that had been set to open May 1 but now will remain closed until further notice:

*Neosho Park boat ramp open. Rest of park area closed *Kit Carson Cove entire park area closed

*North Richey Cove boat ramp open. Rest of park area closed

Wilsey High alumni

(Continued from Page 1)

deceased alumni members since the May 2024 meeting will be presented.

All students who have attended either Wilsey High, Wilsey Grade School, or have been Wilsey graduates of USD 417 are welcome to attend.

Reservations for the meal (\$20.00 per person) need to be paid in advance and received by May 20th. Checks are payable to "Wilsey Alumni". Please mail your reservation to Frances Davies at 510 Coffin Street, Wilsey, Kansas 66873.

Weekly Cut Flower Bouquet Subscriptions



Locally grown seasonal bouquets - pickup options at our farm, in Council Grove or White City. Also offering on-demand bouquets and Bulk Bloom/DIY buckets



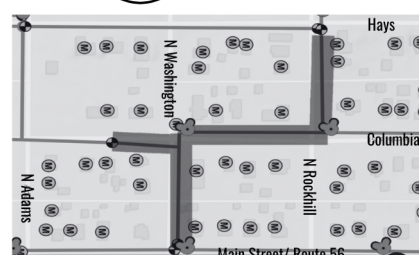
bloomwagonfarms.com
bloomwagonfarms@gmail.com



The Council Grove Water Department will replace the fire hydrant on the corner of North Washington St. and Columbia St. The Water Department will have to shut down the water main valves to repair the fire hydrant, and there will be some customers without water services. The estimated time for repair is between 5 to 7 hours. Work will take place between the working hours of 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Excavation will begin Monday May 12 and Tuesday May 13. Water will be shut off on Wednesday May 14 for the fire hydrant repair. Those affected will include the streets highlighted.



205 Union St.
Council Grove, KS 66846
620-767-5417
CityofCouncilGrove.com



BEEF RAFFLE

LATIMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Win 40 lbs. of Ground Beef!

\$10 - One Entry

\$20 - Three Entries

\$50 - Ten Entries

Generously Donated

By



Drawing will be held
June 6th, 2025

Proceeds of the raffle go to support The Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Society, a not-for-profit Kansas Corporation. Our mission is to preserve the Latimer Church and its property, share its history and local heritage with the surrounding community and public at large. We are raising funds to restore the 20 windows of our building, which was named a National Historic Site in 2024. One prize of 40 lbs of ground beef will be awarded to one winner. Prize includes processing and delivery within Kansas. Estimated value is \$240.



SPRING SALES
20 EVENT 25



SAVE \$600

ON REGULARLY LISTED PRICE OF RAPTOR® SERIES MOWERS
APRIL 1 - MAY 31, 2025

ERICHSEN
AGRI-MOTIVE, LLC.

411 E. Main, Council Grove • 620-767-5512

*Offer applies to purchase of Raptor® Series models only. Offer valid 4/1/25 - 5/31/25, or while quantities last at participating US dealers only. Cannot be combined with any other discount or promotions. If you return the merchandise, the value of this promotion is not refunded or credited to your account. Does not apply to prior or future purchases. No cash value, except where prohibited. Promotion is subject to change. Other restrictions may apply. See web.hustlerusa.com/SpringSalesEvent for complete offer details.



MORRIS COUNTY GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Rides are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis

This Project Funded in part by the KDOT Public Transit Program

501 West Main, Council Grove
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

-Medical Appointments
-Business
-Pleasure

620-767-5426