

OBITUARY

Danny Simmelink

Danny Lee Simmelink was born to Mary (Tucker) and Floyd Simmelink on December 11, 1950 at Mitchell County Hospital, Beloit, KS. He passed away at his home surrounded by family on October 23, 2024 at the age of 73.

Danny grew up on a farm north of Cawker City, KS until 1962 when his family moved to the farm northwest of Ionia, KS where Danny farmed and ranched the rest of his life. In 1968 he graduated from Esbon High School. He attended Beloit Technical College for two years before being drafted during the Vietnam War. He joined the Navy Seabees where he served for 2 ½ years. Danny wed Marcy Ann Voboril on August 24, 1974. To this union two children, Chad and Kelli, were born. Danny and Marcy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year with their family.

Due to the loss of his father, Danny began managing the family farm as a teenager. Following his time in the service, he returned to the farm where he continued to build the business with Marcy. In 2003, together with Chad, they started a bred heifer program, which was a highlight of his farming and ranching career. The friendships formed with the cattlemen they met along the way were very special to Danny.

Danny enjoyed many things throughout his life – snow and water skiing, fishing, officiating basketball, coaching baseball, following the markets (highs and lows), DIY projects with Marcy, traveling, and watching the kids and grandkids in their activities. He enjoyed visits with friends and family and rarely missed the opportunity



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for a good laugh. A committed community member, Danny served on the White Rock School District board, Jewell County Conservation District board, Odessa Township board, Esbon Volunteer Fire Department, and Ionia Cemetery board. He was involved in numerous church projects and served as the Ionia Cemetery sexton for many years. A true neighbor, he was always ready to lend a hand when others were in need.

Danny will be greatly missed by his family and loved ones. He is survived by his wife, Marcy of the home; mother, Mary (Tucker) Fiene of Smith Center, KS; children and grandchildren, Chad (Jennifer), Hannah, Bethany, and Luke Simmelink of Esbon, KS and Kelli (Kurt), Brady, Collin, and Leah Childs of Belleville, KS. Brother, Scott (Cathy) of Waterloo, NE; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Floyd Simmelink and brother, Ronnie Simmelink.

Funeral services were Monday, October 28 at the Ionia Community Church. Memorials may be given to the Esbon Community Center or Solomon Valley Hospice. Roberts Family Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.roberts-familyfs.com
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Halloween



Trick or Treaters filled Main Street Thursday afternoon for the Chamber's Downtown Halloween event.

Pam Gible/SCP

•City minutes

Hileman yet.
d) CMB Licenses-A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to approve a 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage licenses to Alta and Dollar General. Motion carried.
e) United Healthcare Premium Rebate-Conaway reported on rebates of \$17,484.43 from UHC which must be distributed either by reducing the premium for the upcoming year or providing a cash rebate to employees. Following discussion, a motion was made by Wick, seconded by Mansholt, to use the rebate to reduce the premium for the upcoming year. Motion carried.
V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports
a) Fire Department-Cole read Chief McNary's bianual report to the council.
b) Golf Board-The minutes from the advisory board meeting were reviewed by the council, with no action items. The greenskeeper is leaving the grass longer due to the pump being down and lack of moisture.
c) Police Department-Chief Marshall introduced Josh Niles, adding that Niles is a good addition to the department. The council welcomed Niles.
Peterson shared that the Historical Society will be hosting the haunted trail over the upcoming two weekends.
d) Hileman-Volunteers and city crew members worked on the tennis/pickleball courts and have them playable again. Tiles have been ordered to replace those that were damaged.

Hileman asked the council to consider a \$500 payment to summer employee Gary Vore, as he has been of great help throughout the season. Vore would like to stay on to rebuild the pedestals at roadside park. Wick recommended a \$250 payment on the next two paychecks. Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kingsbury, to pay out the \$500 bonus as recommended, and offer full-time employment to Vore at full-time step one. Motion carried.
e) Clerk-Conawayshared in activity on two accounts at The Guaranty State Bank, proposing the balance of account ending in 0391 of \$418.19 be transferred into the city's savings account; and the Hole in One Fund to be closed and re-opened as a Super Savers account with better interest. Following discussion, a motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Wick, to approve closing the 0391 account and transferring the funds to the savings account. Motion carried. A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Peterson, to close the Hole in One Fund and reopen as a Super Savers account. Motion carried.

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that the program is honored to provide transportation in November to a Wish of a Lifetime from AARP recipient from Smith Center. The noise level of the basketball court above the city offices was discussed. Some options to assist would be to close the court to basketballs during office hours or to look at ways to lessen the sound and disruption. It was the consensus of the council to check on spray insulation and to consult the Srader Foundation.
Conaway shared the CVR project funding will be on the next agenda, when Corina from NWKS Planning & Commission can attend.
A motion was made by Wick, seconded by Cole, to appoint Terri Jones to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
Wick will not be able to attend the next council meeting.
Peterson thanked the volunteers that helped out during Old Settlers' Day.
VI. Adjournment
Surviving The Holidays
Grieving a loss? Know someone who is?
Join us for this holiday seminar.
Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season.
First Saint John Lutheran Church
332 North Adams Street
Kensington, Ks.66951
November 17, 2024
Sunday 2:00-4:00 pm
Linda Hommon
lhommon@hotmail.com
785-282-0260
griefshare.org/holidays

LEGAL NOTICES

RESOLUTION 2024-7

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AT WHICH THE OWNER, THE OWNER'S AGENT, AND ANY LIEN HOLDERS OF RECORD AND ANY OCCUPANT OF CERTAIN PREMISES MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE STRUCTURES LOCATED ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS OF LAND SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1750, ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-1750 establishes the procedure to be followed by municipalities in the State of Kansas for requiring the repair and removal of unsafe or dangerous structures within such cities; and

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer for the City of Smith Center, Kansas, has determined the structures located on the following described tracts of land are unsafe or dangerous;

Section 1: BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SMITH CENTER, KANSAS that a hearing will be held on the 9th day of December, 2024, in community hall of the Srader Building, 119 West Court, Smith Center, Kansas, before the governing body in order that the owner, the owner's agent, lien holders of record and any occupants of the following described structures may appear and show cause why such structures should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished:

Address: 604 East Kansas Avenue, Smith Center, KS 66967

Legal: Park Addition, S22, T03, R13W, Block 5, E65' LTS 29-32 & E65'-S10' LT 28 Section 22 Township 03 Range 13W

Owner: Russell and Karla Blunt

Address: 216 North Main Street, Smith Center, KS 66967

Legal: Smith Center Original, S22, T03, R13W, Block 10, Lot 13 & 14, Section 22 Township 03 Range 13W

Owner: Hill and Sally Martin

Section 2: This resolution shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks in the Smith County Pioneer, commencing on October 31, 2024, and a copy of such resolution shall be mailed by certified mail within three days after its publication to such owner, agent, lien holder and occupant, at the last known place of residence and shall be marked "Deliver to Addressee Only".

Resolution adopted October 28, 2024 by the governing body of Smith Center, Kansas

Bryce Wiehl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jill Conway, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Final Cavass of the November 5, 2024 general election will be held in the Smith County Commissioners' Room at the Smith County Courthouse on November 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

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THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to all the surrounding fire departments, the many friends & neighbors who brought their tractors & equipment, hauled water & helped contain & stop the fire southeast of Esbon. Thanks also to the men who brought horses to move cattle to safety. Thank You all! You're the best!

Jerry & Paula Voboril, Derek Reed

Coming Up!

Willa Cather
RED CLOUD OPERA HOUSE

One of Ours:
A DRAMATIC
READING

Saturday,
November 16
at 6:00 p.m.
Students thru 12th
grade can attend free!

\$25 Advance
\$30 Day of Show
WILLACATHER.ORG
(402) 746-2653

Presented in Omaha & Red Cloud
15TH ANNUAL
ART & LITERARY FESTIVAL

Use of Ours by Willa Cather
Adapted by Scott Working

Celebrate Willa Cather's
Pulitzer Prize-winning
novel about a Nebraska
farmer in World War I.

Joslyn Castle & Gardens is
bringing a portion of their
15th Annual Art & Literary
Festival to Red Cloud!

METROPOLITAN
Willa Cather
150
CASTLE & CATHEDRAL
DISTRICT
HUMANITIES
NEBRASKA

—RED CLOUD IS A CERTIFIED NEBRASKA CREATIVE DISTRICT IDENTIFIED BY THE NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL—

Gilbert Meyer's 90th birthday

Gilbert's family is honoring him with a Birthday Card Shower

Wishes may be sent to:

319 Park Street, Smith Center, KS 66967