

Calendar

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

THE GIFT OF LIFE: The American Red Cross conducts the Wilson Community Blood Drive from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 2710 Ave. A, Wilson. To schedule an appointment go to VisitRedCrossBlood.org and enter wilsonks.

MONDAY, AUG. 11

COUNTY BUSINESS: Ellsworth County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. Information: 785-472-4161.

ELLSWORTH BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross August Community Blood Drive is from noon-6 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Ellsworth. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter EllsworthKS, or call 800-RED-CROSS (733-2767).

CITY BUSINESS: The Ellsworth City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

SCHOOL BUSINESS: The Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327 board of education meets at 7 p.m. at the district office, Ellsworth.

SCHOOL BUSINESS: The Central Plains USD 112 board of education meets at 6 p.m. in Central Plains Jr./Sr. High School, Claflin.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

BACK TO THE BOOKS: The 2025-26 school year begins today for Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327 students.

MONDAY, AUG. 18

COUNTY BUSINESS: Ellsworth County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. Information: 785-472-4161.

CITY BUSINESS: The Wilson City Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.

MONDAY, AUG. 25

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CITY BUSINESS: The Ellsworth City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

LABOR DAY: There is no school today for students in Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327 school district due to the Labor Day holiday. Classes resume Sept. 2.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

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Obituaries

Ida Mae Dlabal

(1920-2025)

Ida Mae Dlabal, 104, passed on to her eternal resting place, Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, in Ellsworth, Kan. She was born on Dec. 29, 1920, to Edward and



Josephine (Svoboda) Vlcek in Ellsworth, Kan. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1938. On Jan. 13, 1942, she was united in marriage to Stephen S. Dlabal Sr. Ida and Steve made their home on the family farm outside Wilson, Kan. They welcomed two sons, Stephen S. Dlabal Jr. in 1951 and James Dlabal in 1959.

In her early adult years, Ida attended beauty school and was a hair stylist in Ellsworth. She then spent much of her time being a homemaker, farm wife and mother. In 1969, she joined Wilson Jr./Sr. High School as head cook and quickly became one of the favorite “lunch ladies.” A new Wilson school was built in 1998, where Ida was head cook for the K-12 building. She arrived early to work every day to make fresh dough for homemade bread and cinnamon rolls. Making sure no one was hungry was her top priority. Ida served up lots of warm meals alongside compassion, with a dash of humor, to students and staff until she retired in 2012 at the age of 91.

Ida was also a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt. She was affectionately called Grammy by all her family (and even those unrelated to her). She loved her family fiercely and would do anything for them. She also knew where they all were, what they were doing, and what was happening on the farm at all times. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren could often be found at her house enjoying a sweet treat or playing cards with her.

Ida lived independently herself till she was almost 104, staying active and busy, even after her retirement. She kept baking, donating cinnamon rolls for the local blood drive and other events. She also could be found in her rocking chair embroidering many items for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she wanted to relax, she enjoyed watching various sports on TV.

Ida will be remembered for her quick wit, humor and bringing a smile to all those she encountered. She also was deeply committed to her Catholic faith and was instrumental in bringing others to join the church.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Josephine Vlcek, husband Stephen S. Dlabal Sr., sister Dorothy Manzo, brother James Vlcek, and daughter-in-law Rosemary Dlabal. Her legacy will live on in those still living: son Stephen Dlabal Jr. (Carmel), son James Dlabal, grandchildren: Corey Dlabal (Jennifer), Darwin Dlabal (Sarah), Melanie Elizondo (Tony), Stephanie Rathbun (Austin), Joshua Dlabal (Brenna), Justine Dlabal, Aaron Dlabal (Hannah), Ethan Dlabal (Laura), and 15 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. Visitation will be Friday, 5-8 p.m., with the family receiving friends until the Vigil and Rosary Service at 7 p.m. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Ellsworth County Medical Center or Good Samaritan Society — Ellsworth and sent to Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, PO Box 533, Wilson, KS. 67490.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.plumeroverlease.com.

Jack Bishop Holloway

(1941-2025)

Jack Bishop Holloway, 83, of Wilson, Kan., peacefully passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at his home. Born on Oct. 20, 1941, in Athens, Texas, to Bill and Opal Holloway, Jack was a hardworking and devoted family man.

He was the owner and operator of JB Holloway and Sons Trucking in Sublette, Kan.,



for many years. In 1999, he moved to Wilson and retired from trucking in 2009. Jack was a loving husband, father and grandfather who never missed a family gathering. He was an avid NASCAR fan, loved anything John Wayne, enjoyed tinkering with anything that had a motor and was always willing to lend a hand in his local

community.

On March 15, 1987, Jack married Sharon (Snyder) Holloway, who remained his devoted wife until his passing. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Opal Holloway; his infant daughter Jackie Holloway; his son Jeff Holloway; stepdaughter Crystal Finke; and grandson Derek Tatum.

Jack is survived by his wife Sharon Holloway, of the home; daughter Tami Tatum, Norman, Okla.; son Troy Holloway, Wichita, Kan.; daughter Julie Hefner, Goddard, Kan.; and stepson Cameron Finke, Hays, Kan. He was also the proud grandfather to nine grandchildren and the loving great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren.

Cremation has already taken place. The service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 16, 2025, at Buffalo Cemetery, Buffalo, Kan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and donations may be made to the Wilson Senior Center, Box 312, Wilson, KS 67490.

Arthur Jon “Art” Panzer

(1948-2025)

Arthur Jon “Art” Panzer, 77, passed away July 29, 2025, at his home in Ellsworth, Kan. He was born Jan. 2, 1948, in Ellsworth to Arthur Louis Panzer and Selma F. (Hildebrandt) Panzer.



Art served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and was a member of the Ellsworth VFW Post 6485. He worked as a wiring supervisor at Elkan and later as a cook supervisor at Ellsworth Correctional Facility before retiring. His hobbies included playing cards and gardening.

Art is survived by his sister Joyce Shields of Lindsborg, Kan.; niece Denise Peterson (Corey), Lindsborg; nephews Dennis A. Shields (Ghada), McLean, Va., and Daryl Shields (Marie), Lindsborg; four great-nieces, one great-nephew, one great-great-niece and one great-great-nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Selma.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth, with inurnment and military honors following at Ellsworth Cemetery.

In lieu of plants and flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Ellsworth VFW Post 6485, c/o Parsons Funeral Home, P.O. Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Condolences can be left at parsonsfh.com.

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Ave. B,” he said. “So I am a Wilson resident, and we’re also a big business with the clinic here in Wilson. We’re also a big supporter of the Czech Fest with our mobile health unit that was parked out here. We’d like to do more of that support. We’ve got a lot of things going on with farmers and ranchers and some wellness and things going. “You’re going to see Grow Ellsworth, the hospital and other big businesses come together and really try and do things more from a county point of

view. We appreciate everything that you’ve done and the support you’ve given us in the past. We want to be good stewards of that donation. Kevin is trained in this business, and what I’ve seen so far he is going to be exceptional for us.”

Mayor Dan Taylor said the council is still working on finding a person to serve as Wilson’s representative to the GEC board of directors.

Kirkbride said he would be willing to serve.

Taylor said the council would take that under consideration.

In other business:
♦ Approval was given to pay Reliant Roofing an

additional \$808.89 for storm damage-related insurance repairs to city buildings.

♦ Bills in the amount of \$40,789.62 were approved as was payroll in the amount of \$14,501.54.

♦ Approval was given to add the property at 715 27th Street to the city board of health procedures list.

♦ Approval was given to add Sandy Robinson as a member of the city board of health.

♦ Taylor said several inoperable vehicle cases are pending. So far, 110 vehicles have been cited under the city’s inoperable vehicle ordinance. Ninety four of those vehicles have been removed and 12 vehicles were brought into compliance.

♦ Wilson City Clerk Susan Kriley said driver training for the city bus

will take place Wednesday, Aug. 27, in Wilson. If anyone is interested in taking the bus driver training, please call Kriley at the Wilson City Office, (785) 658-2272.

♦ Joe Soukup, city superintendent, said water overflowed from the city water tower recently because the city crews were having trouble with the control telemetry. He said a new alarm has been installed and hopefully, that will eliminate that problem.

♦ Taylor said the city did a fantastic job during Czech Fest.

“We totally appreciate it,” he said.

The next meeting of the Wilson City Council will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 18, at city hall. The 2026 city budget hearing will also take place at that time, place and location.

Malir Reunion

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 11:30 am
Immanuel Lutheran Church
915 Stanberry, Ellsworth, KS

Send updates to jckratzer@yahoo.com
or call John at 785-810-8442

Bring dish to share for lunch
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Frank Doubrava Sr. & J.J. Barta Family Reunion

Sunday, August 17, 2025
Ellsworth Senior Center
Pottluck lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 174 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

POLY DIVIDERS WITH POCKETS, POLY FOLDERS. 1 TO 1.5 IN. BINDERS. EVERSHPARP PENCILS, BIG ERASERS, BOXES OF KLEENEX, SHARPIES FINE AND ULTRA FINE, CRAYONS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN'S STUFF WOULD ALSO BE GREAT.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH – 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
645 W. 15TH, ELLSWORTH, KS
785-810-8291 FOR MORE INFO