

Local Happenings

Freya Study Club September meeting

Bobbie Jaax
Freya Study Club

Twenty-one Freya Members met for the first meeting of the year on September 19, 2025 at the Jeremy Sundgren Museum in El Dorado. Hostesses Kelsey Sundgren, Anna Vestring, Ashley Ingalls, and Deb Wheeler created colorful, comfortable table settings amid interesting artifacts collected by Jeremy. President Deb Wheeler welcomed all and member Anna Vestring introduced our guest speaker, Calla Edwards, Horticulture Agent at the Butler County Kansas State Extension Office. Calla highlighted the history of her organization: from Land-grant college, to agriculture experiment stations, to cooperative extension agents. Butler County now has four extension agents covering the areas of Agriculture Education, 4-H and Youth

Development, Family and Consumer Sciences and Horticulture. In her area, Calla directs the Master Gardener program, also classes introducing preschoolers to plants, gardening and more. The longest running extension program has been a demonstration garden in Augusta. This spring and summer, the seed library project filled 12,000 seed packs for distribution at multiple locations across the county for no cost to home gardeners. Calla ended her talk by answering many questions from members about army worms, when to prune, when to divide perennials, the best tomato varieties and more. On behalf of the club, Anna Vestring presented to Calla a small thank you gift. Deb Wheeler gave a warm welcome to three new members, Jeri Burton, Susan Holthaus and returning member Robin Forpahl. Guests were welcomed-- Janice



Freya speaker Calla Edwards, (left), of Kansas State University Extension Butler County Office and Freya President Deb Wheeler.

Jones's daughter Linda Niederklein from Pittsburg and Kelsey Sundgren's youngest child Cal. From the club, Deb gave Cal a charm for his mom's bracelet. Hostesses served refreshments and Kelsey Sundgren explained the finger-size Nesbitt's rocket kit (an antique replica) for each member from Jeremy. Deb Wheeler began the business meeting



Freya hostesses from left to right: Deb Wheeler, Kelsey Sundgren, Anna Vestring and Ashley Ingalls.

with Flag Salute and Club Collect. Treasurer Cindy Koehler provided copies of the Freya budget for 2025-26 and reminded members that dues and charity gift are due. The Oct. Freya meeting will take place in the Butler

CC Stadium Skybox 206. The club donated \$420 to Partners In Education (PIE) for the 2025 Back to School Bash. Members attending not previously mentioned were Jennifer Callaway, Robyn Dick,

Jane Doornbos, Jo Hess, Bobbie Jaax, Cherrie Kehler, Nancy King, Elaine Murphy, Paula Pepperd, Marlene Rethman and Bernie Spradling. The meeting was adjourned.



Excerpt from "Milkweed Gardners" (2022) by Michael McCaffrey

Butler Fine Arts to Feature Michael McCaffrey Exhibition

Butler Community College

Michael McCaffrey is the latest featured artist at Butler Community College's Erman B. White Gallery of Art, with a new exhibition titled "Dog Days." An assistant teaching professor in the visual art department at the University of Kansas, McCaffrey's work typically features oil paintings and drawings of his elderly father and his home in Lawrence, Kansas. With color choices alternating between bright synthetic hues and neutrals associated with Kansas, McCaffrey records accurate visual information

and abstract forms.

Butler assistant art professor Rachel Curtis served as the college's point person for the exhibition. "We are very excited to host the work of Michael McCaffrey, a prolific artist who makes vibrant and chunky work based on his life and relationships," she said. McCaffrey has exhibited regionally and nationally, including at the Prince Street Gallery and First Street Gallery in New York, New York, Manifest Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Leedy-Voulkos Arts Center in Kansas City, Missouri, and the University of Southern Mississippi in

Hattiesburg, Mississippi. In 2016, his work was published in Manifest Gallery's International Painting Annual 5, and he has twice received an international grant from the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation. **Quick Details** What: Michael McCaffrey's "Dog Days" art exhibit Where: Erman B. White Gallery of Art, 901 S Haverhill Rd, El Dorado, KS 67042 (700 Building) When: September 22 - October 29 Public Reception: Thursday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost: Free to attend

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EHS Class of 1985 to host 40th Class Reunion

El Dorado High School Class of 1985

The El Dorado High School Class of 1985 will be holding their 40th year class reunion on October 3rd and 4th, 2025. The Class will gather and cheer the alma matter at the EHS vs. Mulvane Homecoming football game on Friday, October 3, on the skybox level of BG Products Veterans Memorial Stadium. The Class will gather at 6:30 and game start is at

7:00pm. Food and drink available at concessions or support the Encore and Drama department as they promote pulled pork sandwiches as a fundraiser on the concourse level. Admission is \$7 and Drama sandwiches are \$13. The Class will gather again on Saturday, October 4, at Frawg's Bar and Grill inside the bowling alley. Dinner and drinks are on your own from Frawg's menu. Social time and music bingo with 80's era music. No registration is required. Join for one or both evenings. The Class has designated the EHS Booster Clubs as this reunion's cause to donate.

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