

# Community



Backroads with Warren  
Warren Farris

## The beloved flower of spring

In an upper pasture just northwest of Nevada, it stood tall in its shortness.

In fact, it reflected the early sunlight so bright, everything surrounding it looked bleak, in gray and off-white. I only noticed it from the corner of my eye, much like a brightly-colored bird will flit by a feeder and capture our attention. The cardinal passing through winter branches has such an effect. The first arrival of orioles on a grape feeder will do the same.



Submitted photo

In this case, it was a sole dandelion – the finest and fittest of all the flowers – boldly announcing its appearance without a care in the world what the roses, tulips, daffodils or day-lilies think. In fact, if you look closely at a dandelion – really closely – it has a certain smirk about it.

Oh, it knows all the stories – scourge of the yard, garbage weed, trash between the bricks, and on

and on. And yet, that happy-go-lucky face it presents when it first pops up cannot really be associated with anything ugly or noxious or bad.

If one is truly honest with themselves, they know they crack a slight smile when they see that first beautiful splash of yellow. Whether it's because they see it as a sign of spring, a sign that daffodils are just around the corner or just because it's

just so bold, we smile, too.

My own affection for the flower came about early and honest in life, mostly, when Grandpa introduced me to the fine flavor of dandelion wine – home-made, of course.

I was 8, so my own preferences for such things had not yet been strongly established, but I knew right away that it was something I wanted to pursue with whatever gusto one can when he or she is 8.

Mom and Dad curtailed that gusto pretty quickly, and it was back to apple juice and fruit boxes for this kid.

But the notion that such a simple little flower could produce something so tantalizing never left me, and the sight of a bold, brazen yellow spot early in the spring fills me with a reminder that even with all the ballyhoo over its appearance, it remains. And it will remain.

And I can smile at that.

## Honor Flight Gala



Volunteers register attendees at the Fort Scott Flight of Honor Gala fundraiser Saturday at the River Room. The event raised funds to honor veterans with all-expense paid trips to Washington D.C.

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The theme Come Fly with Us was celebrated at the Flight of Honor Gala Event Saturday at the River Room Event Center. The event raised funds to honor veterans with all-expense paid trips to Washington D.C., thanks to generous donations from a multitude of local and area businesses, as well as a host of volunteers who manned the event.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

**EARL DELASKI HULL**  
Also known as EARL HULL, Deceased Case No. 2025 PR 000029

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Jessica Joyce, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Earl Delaski Hull also known as Earl Hull, deceased, praying the Administrator's acts be approved; the Last Will and Testament be construed and the entire Estate be assigned to Jessica Joyce, the sole residuary devisee and legatee, the administration of the Estate be closed upon the filing of receipts, the Administrator be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Earl Delaski Hull also known as Earl Hull, deceased, and the Administrator be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 9, 2026 at 1:30 P.M. in the District Court of Bourbon Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

**JESSICA JOYCE, Petitioner**

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