Obituaries Cont.

Mary Ross

Columbus, Kansas - Mary Ellen Ross, formerly of the Crestline-rural Galena, Kansas community, passed away at Gran Villas- Medi-

calodge of Columbus on Friday, August 1, 2025, to the waiting arms of Jesus, where she will meet her loved ones that have passed on before her. She was born August 8, 1937, in Newkirk, New Mexico, to Wm. Russell and Wilma (Knowles) Moore



lived on her family's ranch, then later, the family moved to a farm near the Crestline/Galena area.

She attended Columbus High School, where she met and married John Ross on March 29, 1954. They had two children, a daughter, Annette Ross of Jefferson City, Mo. And a son, Steve Ross, who preceded her in death. She was a receptionist at St. John Hospital for 10 years. Gardening, sewing, and her dogs were her favorite hobbies.

She is survived by her daughter, Annette; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are twin sisters, Glenda Allen (Lemmie Stone) and Linda Jackson (Ronnie); sister-inlaws, Sue and Billye Moore; numerous nieces and nephews; and close friends, Mary Bruner and Linda Mitchell.

She had a kind and loving heart that will be missed by all who knew her. She was of Christian faith and baptized at Crestline Baptist Church. Preceding her in death are her parents, husband, son, and two brothers, Kenneth and Bill Moore.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to a charity of the individual's choice.

To respect Mary's wishes, she has been entrusted to Derfelt Funeral Home of Columbus for cremation. No services are planned at this time

Clardy Eaglin

Baxter Springs, Kansas - Clardy Lee Eaglin, Jr., 92, formerly of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, passed from this life on Monday, August 4th, 2025, at Quaker Hill Nursing Home, Baxter Springs.

Clardy was born May 15th, 1933, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Clardy L. Eaglin Sr. and Easther Melissa Eaglin. After graduation, Clardy enlisted in the United States Air Force and served from August 1951 until September 1974, retiring after 23 years of service. He was united in marriage to Nadine (Ervin) Eaglin on October 16th, 1982, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Clardy and Nadine were faithful members of the Spring River Assembly of God Church, Riverton, Kansas.

Clardy is preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and one brother. He is survived by his wife, Nadine Eaglin of the home; son, Peter W. Eaglin; daughter, Sue Ann Roth; along with three brothers, one ½ sister; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, August 7th, 2025, at the Spring River Assembly of God. Pastor Joseph Parker will officiate. Burial will follow at Forest Park Cemetery, Joplin, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until service time on Thursday at the church.

Judith Hornung

Galena, Kansas - Judith Hornung, age 83, passed away on July 31, 2025. Cremation arrangements are under the care of Derfelt Funeral Home of Galena.

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to build a house in 2026, and asked that the \$1,200 in special assessment fees for mowing be waived. Councilman Robert LaTurner stated that he would like to see plans for the construction and for them to be further along in their process before the council waives the fees.

Galena Police Chief Chad Allison stated that his department, between July 16th and August 3rd, had 75 calls for service, took 28 reports, one drug arrest, and four code enforcement/animal control calls (the code enforcement/animal control officer had been off work due to medical issues but was back to work). He also stated that he had one new officer who had graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Two of the new cars will be delivered at the end of the month.

The council approved setting a public hearing for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the purchase of a new fire truck. The hearing will be held on Monday, August 18th, at 6:00 pm.

In other business, the council approved appropriations in the amount of \$115,638.75.

Councilwoman Jamie Jackson was absent.

The next council meeting will be on Monday, August 18th.



Jesus Proves He's God By Ordering Nature

Read Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 8:23-27; and Luke 8:22-25

We've been looking into the life of Christ a bit. We're asking questions like, "Is Jesus God?" and if so, "How is He God?" We began with a simple look at His appearance before the Sanhedrin, where He openly declared Himself to be God. Then, last week, we learned that He uses miracles to show His divinity. We saw that He can forgive sins, which only God can do, and He provided a miracle as proof. Now, we're excited to explore another miracle—how He controls nature to demonstrate that He is indeed God.

In Mark's account of the event, Jesus has just spent a long day teaching a large crowd about the kingdom of God using parables. As evening approaches, He decides to cross the Sea of Galilee. Although it's called a sea, it functions more like a lake. The Sea of Galilee is located in a small basin surrounded by a few mountains and smaller ranges. This geological setting causes intense windstorms to strike the lake, especially at night. In our account, Jesus is asleep while experienced fishermen manage the boat and crew across this six-mile lake. Even these skilled guides become afraid when the storm hits. When Jesus is awakened from His sleep, He calms the waves and wind with two words: "Silence! Be Still" (Mark 4:39, CSB). By doing this, Jesus demonstrates His divinity. It reminds us of how God created everything—by speaking, and it came into being. This shows absolute power: from nothing, God brought everything into existence, bringing order from chaos (Genesis 1). The same thing happens here—chaos on the lake is met with Jesus bringing order simply through His words. This miracle clearly shows that Jesus is God in the flesh. May the God who is Lord of all things speak order into your chaos



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Commission Discusses Asphalt Repairs in County

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Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook updated the commission on completed asphalt work. He stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had finished the work near SE 90th and Blackjack Road, and they would be working on making repairs to that area. It has been stated that when they complete the work, they are to send the cost to the EPA to be reimbursed for the repairs to the roads that were destroyed during the EPA's work.

Zook also presented the commission with the bridge inspections that need to be completed. He stated that there are 283 bridges in the county, and the current cost is \$187.88 each. But the Kansas Department of Transportation has made modifications to what/ how inspections need to be done, and the cost will increase for next year to over \$300 per bridge.

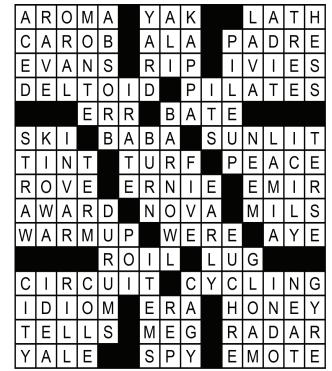
Commissioner Myra Carlisle addressed the issue of the ditch on Northwest Coal Valley Road, stating that it does not comply with the statute and needs to be corrected back to a ditch and not filled in. Commissioner Jack Garner made a motion to allow the ditch to be left alone, which is filled in by the property owner. Commission Cory Moates stated that he has not looked at the property and cannot second the motion, nor vote on the issue at this time.

Mr. Kevin Stephen came before the commission to ask what could be done about the rock on a private road. He stated that the roadway goes through four properties. Commissioners stated that since it is a private road, they cannot do anything, and it would need to be addressed by an attorney.

Melia Elliott came before the commission to discuss the removal from the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan since it was a clerical error on her part in paying the taxes late. The commission stated that they would have to see which plan her property was on. The first 5-year plan was that if you were late on paying your taxes on any property, you were removed from the plan. During the second 5-year plan, if you are late on any of your taxes, you are only removed from the plan for one year. The commission said it would check into it and readdress the issue at the next meeting. They would update Ms. Elliot with their decision.

The contract for the Postage Machine needed to be renewed. The rate is for three years. The cost will be \$401.69, which is an increase from the current rate of \$320. Commissioners approved.

Mr. Roger Larison came before the commission to let them know that Santa Fe Towing has established business in the City of Baxter Springs, and is currently completing the application to be put into the rotation for tows by the Sheriff Department.



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