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Charlene Kay “Kate” Wilson, 84, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Funeral services took place on June 23, interment followed at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Arkansas City, KS.

Sue Ann Hiatt, 81, passed away on June 17, 2025. Her funeral service took place at St John’s Lutheran Church in Wellington on June 25. Interment at Sumner Memorial Gardens followed.



This week’s Calendar from the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce/ CVB

Thursday, June 26
10am, Chamber Coffee at Memorial Auditorium.
This week’s Host & Sponsor will be Sumner Mental Health.

Friday, June 27
Deadline to register your 2025 KWF buttons for the Medallion Hunt at Panhandle Federal Credit Union 1-4:30pm, WRC: Lego Lovers. Challenges, games & free play for ages 6 and up, \$35.
Saturday, June 28
9am, June GSSF Practice Match at Trigger Guard
10am, American Legion Post #90, Flag Retirement Ceremony
7pm, Live music with Kitty Hawk Krash at the NoWhere Grill

Sunday, June 29
2pm, Kitten Yoga class at The Humane Society, Ages 13+ \$20

Monday, June 30
1st Medallion Hunt clue will be revealed!
6pm, Wellington Heat Youth Mini Camp at Hibbs Hooten Field

Tuesday, July 1
7pm, Bingo at VFW, the kitchen will be open

Thursday, July 3
10am, Chamber Coffee at Memorial Auditorium. This week’s Host & Sponsor will be Wellington Lions Club

Member News:
Register for the 125th Kansas Wheat Festival Parade! \$5 Entry form at wellingtonkschamber.com or stop by the Chamber Office. Entry forms for all events are available at wellingtonkschamber.com
Get your Wheat Festival buttons! \$5 Each - Available at the Chamber Office, Bank of Commerce, Impact Bank, Panhandle Federal Credit Union, REC Bank, Security State Bank.
The Orphan Train Exhibit is now on display daily 1-5pm through July 6th at the Chisholm Trail Museum.
Wellington Humane Society, June Adoption Special: Adult Cats \$20, Puppies \$175, Adult Dogs \$100
Travelin’s Smoke BBQ will be closed June 30th - July 7th.
The 2nd Annual South Central Library Crawl will run through - July 31st. Visit a participating library, scan the QR code & be entered into a drawing for great prizes!

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Wellington City Council Meeting – June 17th Agenda, Meeting held June 18, 2025

By Ally Wysocki

Due to inclement weather on June 17, the meeting was held on June 18 2025. The City Council meeting opened with the call to order and pledge of allegiance. Councilman Kevin Dodds led the invocation. Councilman Rick Roitman gave prior notice to be absent for this meeting.

Audience participation began with a proclamation for Paul Ybarra’s 100th Birthday. June 25th will officially be Paul Ybarra Day in the city of Wellington.

With the change in meeting date, Zach Cooper was not present to report on Cowley County Community College – Sumner Campus.

During Reports of Mayor and Council, Councilman Dodds thanked the city staff for being out in the storm and working on fixing things when they were down.

Councilwoman Jan Grace reiterated the thank you to city staff. She also reported that the Lion’s Club is grateful to Jeremy Jones for his information to them

on the Aquatic Center, Candy Cane City, and the Veteran’s Park.

Councilwoman Mary Lucas and Councilman Mike Westmoreland also thanked the city staff for the continued cleanup and assistance to the civilians of Wellington. Lucas also asked about updates on 421 North Poplar and city manager Jeff Porter stated he would look into it.

Mayor Joe Soria also thanked city officials for blocking off flooded areas in the city.

During reports of city officials, several street closing requests for the Wheat Festival and the 4th of July celebrations were approved by unanimous voice vote. Streets will be closed at the following addresses on July 4: 106 W. Lincoln to 114 W. Lincoln, 18th street to the alley on North C, South B street from Harvey to Lincoln, 19th street from Blaine

to the alley, 20th St to N Plum Street and 20th to High Street. The alley behind The Dore will be closed during the Kansas Wheat Festival.

The Wellington Recreational Center (WRC) asked that the appropriations they currently receive from the City be continued when they move activities into their new facility at 715 North Woodlawn. The WRC is currently funded together with the School District and the Special Drug and Alcohol Committee. The Council tabled the discussion for the end of July so that they may discuss the appropriations during the budget meeting and come to a decision.

No public hearing took place during the meeting.

An ordinance amending section 20-161 of the code of the City of Wellington, Kansas

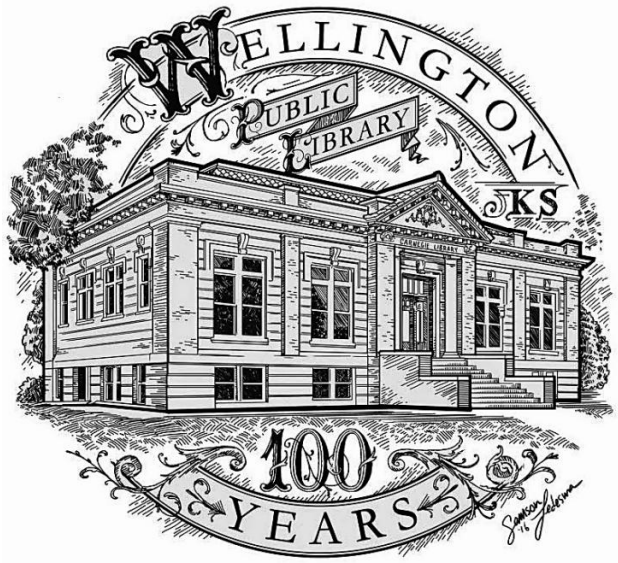
pertaining to firework regulations and restrictions and repealing the originals of said section was discussed. The requested changes were that retail sales extend from 10am to 11pm from June 30 through July 5, discharging of fireworks extend from 10am to 11pm from June 30 through July 5 and extend to midnight on July 4. After discussion and motions, the ordinance did not pass, 0-5. Current guidelines remain in place.

A resolution approving the common consumption area as requested by the Regent Theater was discussed for July 3, 2025. The resolution was passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

A second resolution approving the common consumption area as requested by The Dore was discussed. This will be during the Wheat Festival. The resolution was passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Future items mentioned were the July 8, 2025 Budget Work Session.

The City Council meeting was adjourned.



Thursday, June 26
YA Canvas Shoe Embroidery at 11:30 am
Family movie at 2 pm - Free popcorn and drinks!
Spanish Club @ 6 pm

Friday, June 27
Colorful Crusaders “Emoji Paint Workshop” at 9:30 am
Fearless Fireflies “3D Rainbows” at 2:30 pm


Saturday, June 28
Family Olympics. Registration at 10 am. All ages welcome!

Monday, June 30
Book Themed Sidewalk Chalk Contest at 11:30 am
YA Book Logs for Wellington Heat tickets due

Tuesday, July 1
Silent Movie Night at 6 pm

Wednesday, July 2
Raising Readers Storytime at 10:30 am
Adult Cricut Crafts at 5 pm

Thursday, July 3
YA Movie at 11:30 am
Family Movie at 2 pm - Free popcorn and drinks!



Rick’s Rain Report

PRECIPITATION AS OF MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
Since 6.13.25: 6.34”
This month: 16.35”
YTD: 23.7”

Obituaries

MITZI MARLENE HAGGARD

Mitzi Marlene Haggard passed away peacefully on June 15, 2025, at the age of 91. Mitzi was born and raised in Kansas. She met her husband, Jerry, in high school. They were high school sweethearts, a match that would endure until Jerry’s passing three years ago to the day. They moved from Kansas to Virginia and settled in Phoenix, making lasting friendships along the way.

Mitzi loved to travel. Family vacations with friends took them on adventures under the ocean and on the ocean, from atop mountains to exploring within mountains. However, wherever they traveled, a patio was an important part. Before dinner, whether overlooking ocean waves, viewing snow-covered mountains at a ski resort, sitting on their sailboat or tailgate of their station wagon at the end of every day, Mitzi and Jerry enjoyed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres & conversation with a view.

Mitzi was everyone’s friend. She was described as a “peppy little brunette cheerleader” in the Wellington, KS newspaper. Everywhere she went, her smile was described as the best and biggest, which must come from the biggest heart. As much as others loved her, she loved them and loved serving them. She spent her life active in volunteer work, touching countless lives. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, loyal friend, and volunteer.

Cooking, needlepoint, and knitting are just a few of the crafts Mitzi embraced. She spread her love with these crafts, sharing Rocky Road Bars and homemade Chimichangas that were made by the dozens. Her Chimichangas were so good they were treated like gold. Mitzi’s charm and Chimis will forever be missed.

Mitzi is survived by her children; Phil (Julie) and Deidre (Cliff); and her grandchildren, Kendall, Donovan, and Bradley. Mitzi (Mom) was my cheerleader, she was everyone’s cheerleader. Keep smiling, Mom. Give a kiss to Dad. I know that will make him smile too. We love you both! Rest in Peace Mitzi, Mom, Gommies, and friend. Always keep smiling.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mitzi’s memory to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS). Mitzi volunteered countless hours for Multiple Sclerosis fundraisers honoring people she knew dearly who had this disease. The Memorial Service celebrating Jerry & Mitzi’s lives is tentatively planned for September and will be announced.



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