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Joe's Castle in Czech Republic.



A True Fairy Tale

by Nancy Julien Kopp

Children have been enchanted by fairy tales penned by the Grimm brothers and Hans Christian Andersen for centuries. Aristocrats and castles, trolls and witches fill the pages eagerly turned by little hands. Good versus evil is often the theme, and suspense captures the reader's attention. But can such stories really happen? Yes, they can, for I am acquainted with a man who starred in a real-life fairy tale.

I know him as my friend Joe. He retired after a long career as a professor in the college of Business at Kansas State University where all knew him as Joseph Barton-Dobenin, American citizen. But once upon a time, he was the Baron Joseph Barton-Dobenin of Zbraslav, Czechoslovakia.

Joe was the eldest of three sons. The three boys grew up in a castle surrounded by lush, park-like grounds. Their family owned a brewery that stood within sight of their home, as well as a great deal of property in and around Prague. Rumbles of possible war in Europe cast a shadow over Joe's high school years. When his father

died, Joe inherited the title of Baron, and responsibility weighed heavily on his shoulders. With his mother's guiding hand, he carried on in his father's place.

Before he could enter university, Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia, and German officers moved into the castle. The family worked in the fields each day along with the people of their village. Life was hard, but they managed to survive until the end of the war. Then, at war's end, Czechoslovakia ended up in the hands of Russia. With no choice, the people now lived under Communist rule. A baron could be no part of the communist life, so Joe landed in prison.

One of his brothers was sent to work in a uranium mine, and Joe's mother and youngest brother moved to a tiny apartment in Prague when the castle was seized and turned into a national museum. The real estate and businesses the family owned were confiscated, too. They'd endured and survived the grim war years, but this proved even more forbidding. Hope disappeared like smoke from a chimney.

The Russians finally released Joe. He'd had plenty of

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time in prison to consider his options in this new world. He decided to leave his homeland and find a way to bring the family together again in a free country. His mother sewed the jewels she'd managed to save into his coat, and an escape plan emerged from long nights of talking. To this day, many of the details remain a secret. Joe hid in the men's restroom at the big train station, away from the Russian soldiers who marched the halls. Despite a few frightening moments, the escape plan worked, and Joe made his way to France and then to Tunisia, where he toiled in the fields. He'd had plenty of agricultural experience during the war in his own fields.

A year later, his days were monotonous, and the future looked bleak. One night, he thought about an American banker who had visited the castle in pre-war days. When the visitor left, he clapped Joe on the shoulder and said to look him up if he ever came to America. More and more, Joe thought about the banker's words, until he knew he must set sail for the United States. He'd saved enough money for his passage to New York. Though he spoke several languages, he knew no English, but that did not deter him. His mother and brothers still lived in a communist controlled land, and his aim was to get them out, too.

He arrived in New York, a stranger in a land where he could not understand a word spoken to him. Was it luck or an angel who put him in the path of a woman who spoke German, a language he spoke fluently? She helped Joe make a phone call to the American banker he'd met years earlier. No doubt surprised to hear from Joe, the man instructed him to have the woman help him buy a train ticket to Nebraska.

The man operated properties taken over by his bank, and he put Joe to work managing these repossessed farms. It wasn't long before Joe knew he would not earn enough to bring his family to America. A college education would help. He qualified as a displaced person so was able to enter the University of Nebraska at no cost. He earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees in business, and he married a girl from Nebraska.

He started teaching in the Business Education department at Kansas State University, returned to Nebraska for his doctorate and spent the remainder of his career at Kansas State.

During the many education years, he received word that his mother had passed away. He dared not return to his homeland for fear of being imprisoned again. How his heart ached at not being able to say good-bye to his strong and beautiful mother. He thought often of

her portrait, which adorned a wall in one of the dining rooms in the castle.

Joe told his wife, Elizabeth, that he would never return to Czechoslovakia until it was free again. By the time the Communist rule came to an end, Joe's brothers and their families had immigrated to the United States, too, and Joe had retired. He and Elizabeth made plans to visit his home country. He'd related stories for so long about the castle and all the precious things in it, his family, and friends in his home village of Zbraslav. Now he would show it to her.

When they arrived in Prague, Joe's heart nearly broke upon seeing the deterioration of the beautiful city he'd once known. Neglect was evident in the once-magnificent buildings, and the people walked with heads down, no smiles upon their faces. Pride had somehow been destroyed. What would he find when they visited the castle? He and Elizabeth secured transportation to the small village where he'd once lived so happily. The castle remained a museum for the forty-some years of Joe's absence. When he climbed the steps and entered his old home, his heart beat faster, and he was both fearful and eager to see what it looked like inside. Nothing had changed. Every piece of furniture, every rug, every piece of porcelain remained. When he walked into the dining room, his feet could carry him no further. He faced his mother's portrait, painted in the days when she ruled as Baroness. The tears he had not been able to shed at her funeral came in earnest as he gazed at the beautiful young woman wearing a froth of a dress.

Joe introduced his American wife to several old family friends. He learned that many of the valuable paintings the family had left with friends remained hidden by the villagers. Not all of them, however. Some were sold to keep families alive, but others remained stashed in attics. Joe discovered that the new government returned confiscated properties if ownership could be proven. Never dreaming he would have any of the family property again, he began the legal process to see if he might get some of the holdings back. As if by magic, he became the owner of a castle and real estate in downtown Prague. But he had no intention of moving back to the Czech Republic. He had given up being the Baron long before. He was an American now. He knew he must return to his homeland to oversee the many business details, and so their retirement years slipped into a new routine. Four times a year Joe and Elizabeth journeyed to the Czech Republic for three weeks at a time, and the rest of the year they spent in America.

Now Joe had a problem. What was he to do with the profits from these newfound businesses? He devised a plan which would help the youth in the Czech Republic and to also benefit the American university where he'd taught so many years. He started a scholarship program for Czech students to come to Kansas State University for one or two semesters; come they did. After the first group completed their time, word spread around Prague like wildfire. Students at Czech Tech and Charles University learned that not only could one spend a wonderful year at an American university, but also the man and his wife who made it possible invited you to their home for dinner, becoming your American family. More students came each year, and now some of the Kansas State students have gone to Prague in a reverse exchange. The American students on the exchange program now see a revitalized Prague, a city that shines once again and people who have once again found pride in living there.

Each year, Joe told the young Czech students that they are the future of their country. "Study hard," he said to each new group. "Go home and help the Czech Republic." They listened to this man who lost so much and then regained it almost 50 years later.

Fairy tales often end "...and they lived happily ever after." I think Joe would agree that is the way his story ended, too.

GAME DAY

Beef Nachos

Fried tortilla chips topped with creamy queso, seasoned ground beef, red onions, tomatoes & shredded lettuce, \$9

Bacon Cheeseburger Sliders

Two 3-oz. burgers with bacon & cheddar cheese on mini buns served with a side of fries, \$11.50

Mac & Cheese Bites

Eight fried mac & cheese bites filled with smoked gouda, macaroni, & bacon in a crunchy coating. Served with ranch dipping sauce, \$9

Boneless Wings

Six boneless wings tossed in your choice of buffalo or BBQ sauce with celery sticks, \$7

Chili Cheese Fries

French fries topped with housemade chili, shredded velveeta cheese, and diced green onions, \$7

Willie's Ranch Water

Jose Cuervo tequila, soda water, lime juice, and a splash of blue curacao, \$5

Grape Ice Cream Float

Two scoops of vanilla ice cream and grape soda served in a pint glass topped with whipped cream, \$5

Sept. 12, 11 a.m.

KSU vs. Washington St., **HOME**
Channel: TNT

Sept. 19, 11 a.m.

KSU vs. Tulane, **HOME**
Channel: ESPN 2

Sept. 26, TBD

KSU vs. Cincinnati, **AWAY**
Channel: TBD

Oct. 10, TBD

KSU vs. Houston, **HOME**
Channel: TBD



JIM HASLER IS TURNING 90!

JOIN US FOR CAKE
AND ICE CREAM ON
SEPTEMBER 19TH
FROM 2-4 PM IN
THE MEADOWLARK
COMMUNITY ROOM.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please Return Grocery Carts

Residents are kindly reminded to return shopping carts after each use so they are available for others who need them. Carts may be returned to the Hospitality Desk or placed in the designated area under the stairs at the west entrance.

Thank you for helping keep our shopping carts convenient and accessible for everyone!

Take a Chance on \$50,000!

Tickets are on sale for the Meadowlark Foundation's \$50,000 Raffle, benefiting the Meadowlark Cancer Program and Meadowlark Memory Program. For just \$50 per ticket, you'll have a chance to win big while helping keep both Community Programs free and accessible to adults throughout the region.

Purchase your ticket by Sept. 30 and you'll also be entered to win the \$1,000 Early Bird Prize. Even better, the Early Bird winner remains eligible for the \$50,000 Grand Prize drawing on Dec. 1!

Tickets are available at the Hospitality Desk, from Becky Fitzgerald or Sarah Gido, during Meadowlark Market sales, or online at meadowlark.org. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card.

\$50 could win you \$50,000, and help two worthy causes along the way!

Fanny and Furby

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

You're invited to visit with Furby from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Kansas Room! Furby is a lovable cockapoo who is training to be a therapy dog. Come spend time with her and her fur-mama, Fanny, each Thursday. You will be able to enjoy some fun conversation and doggie snuggles!

Seafood Boil

Friday, Sept. 11, at 5:15 p.m.

Please join us in the Courtyard, or Event Center if it's too hot, this Friday, Sept. 11, for a Seafood Boil. The first dump of the pot will occur at 5:15 and will be refilled as needed until 6:45 p.m. Mixed Berry Cobbler and key lime pie are also included for \$17. Come and get it while it's hot!

His Nostalgic Advocate

Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

Meadowlark welcomes Michael Eichten, His Nostalgic Advocate, on Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Event Center. Formerly known as The Nostalgic Advocate, Michael recently changed the name of his musical ministry to reflect the faith that inspires his work.

Through a combination of music and storytelling, Michael seeks to encourage those facing challenges,

offer friendship to those who may feel alone, and share a message of faith and transformation. Join us for an uplifting evening of music, stories, and fellowship.

KSU Football Watch Party!

Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m.

All are invited on Saturday, Sept. 5, to the Kansas Room and Prairie Star to watch our K-State Wildcats take on Washington State. Light refreshments will be served during the game. The time of the game is 11 a.m. The game will be shown on TNT.

Worship Services

Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10 & 11 a.m.

Join Rev. Melanie Nord, at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, in the Community Room/Chapel for Worship Service, "Evangelism 101." Coffee and fellowship will be available in the lobby between 9:30 a.m. and noon. All are welcome.

Andy Bell & Friends

Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m.

The Bell Family Foundation is pleased to welcome Andy Bell & Friends back to the Meadowlark Event Center at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Enjoy an afternoon of jazz and blues featuring some outstanding Kansas musicians.

The group will feature Felix Smalley on vocals and drums, Alan Bell on keyboard, Kurt Morrow on bass, Andrew Bell on guitar, Javier Garza on vibraphone, and Andy Bell on saxophone. All are welcome to enjoy this fun afternoon of live music!



American Storytellers

Monday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m.

Meadowlark welcomes American Storytellers to the Event Center at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14. Founded on the belief that history is most powerful when told through stories rather than a list of dates, American Storytellers brings the past to life through research-driven, authentically costumed performances.

Using techniques from journalism, theater, and history, performers introduce audiences to historical figures and the human experiences behind their stories. Join us for an engaging afternoon as American history comes to life!

Prairie Star Writing Group

Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m.

Interested in joining Meadowlark's writing group? Prairie Star Writers, led by Cathy Hedge, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The next group is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Patriot Room.

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This session, "Oh My...If You Had Known Me Then!", invites you to look back at the person you were decades ago. How have you changed over the years, and what qualities have remained an important part of who you are? Perhaps a special person or relationship helped shape who you became. Bring your stories—and even a photo of your younger self, if you'd like—as we have some fun getting to know the "you" of years gone by!

Vesper Devotion Series

Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Join us each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room for evening Vesper Services led by Rev. Melanie Nord. This week's message is titled, "Today's False Idols." All are welcome.

Memory Café

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m.

Memory Café meets every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the KSU Classroom at Meadowlark and virtually via Zoom. Memory Café is led by Linda Montgomery, Licensed Social Worker, and features story sharing, reminiscing and social engagement.

ML U: The Complexities of Poverty Today

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m.

Continue your semester at Meadowlark University on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Event Center. This week's session, "The Complexities of Poverty Today," will be led by Dr. Sarah Barrett, Vice President for Impact Strategy & Grant Programs with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.

Dr. Barrett will help us take a closer look at poverty in today's communities, including the challenges surrounding affordable housing and other factors that can make financial stability increasingly difficult. Join us for an informative discussion designed to broaden perspectives and encourage thoughtful conversation about an issue affecting individuals and families in our community.

IT Training from Manhattan Public Library

Thursday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m.

Take advantage of one-on-one help with tablets, laptops, and phones. This opportunity is offered by Fred Darkow with Manhattan Public Library every third Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Kansas Room. Registration is not required to attend.

Veterans Group

Thursday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m.

Veterans and their spouses are invited for coffee and conversation at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Manhattan Room. This group meets every third Thursday.

Parkinson's Connection Café

Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m.

Are you new to the Meadowlark Parkinson's Program? Have you been involved and want to learn more? Join us in the Flint Hills Room at Meadowlark to learn more about the Meadowlark Parkinson's Program. Come and go as your schedule allows, grab coffee or a snack, and make connections with other participants.

Prairie Rose DJ

Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

Get ready for an evening of great music when Johnny Cyrene, better known as the Prairie Rose DJ, returns to Meadowlark at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in the Event Center or Courtyard, weather permitting.

Johnny began playing dance music in 2006 as a fundraiser for the American Legion and quickly discovered a love for entertaining. He specializes in classic country and favorites from the '50s and '60s and welcomes requests from the audience. Come listen, dance, request a favorite tune, and enjoy the evening. All are welcome!

Shopping at Hobby Lobby & Dollar Tree

Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m.

The next scheduled trip is Saturday, Sept. 19, with transportation going to Hobby Lobby and Dollar Tree East. The bus will depart from the Village Entrance at 10:30 a.m., and the return time is set for 11:45 a.m. Please sign up in the Blue Book to participate.

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Piano with Barbara Rees

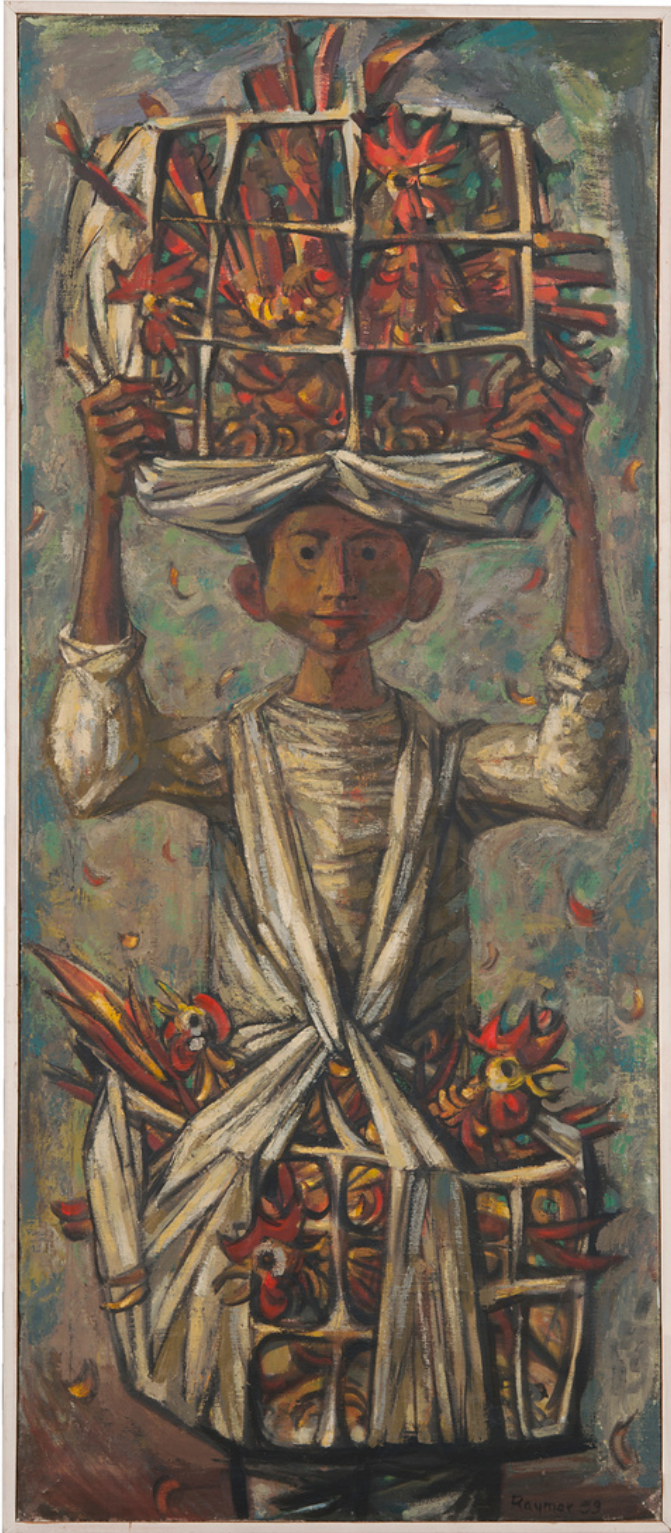
Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m.

Join us Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m. in the Community Room for a special afternoon of music with Meadowlark resident Barbara Rees. Barbara will share old favorites and selections from composers she loves, including George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Richard Rodgers.

Barbara began playing piano at age 6, when her mother bought her a piano, and has continued sharing her love of music throughout her life. After more than 10 years at Meadowlark, she is a familiar and admired member of our community. Come enjoy a delightful afternoon at the piano!



Art Engagement with the Beach Museum of Art



In this oil painting, the artist Lester Raymer uses the technique of **scumbling**.

Scumbling is a technique where you apply a thin, broken layer of color over another layer so the colors underneath show through. Where do you see scumbling happening in this artwork and what colors do you see being layered?

Artists use scumbling to give their work depth, create textures, add variety to their palette, or create a flash of something unexpected. Impressionist painters used scumbling to create atmospheric softness, and Renaissance painters used it to mimic the textures of fabric. In a painting, where do you think would be a good place to use scumbling?

Lester Wilton Raymer (United States, 1907 - 1991)
Title Unknown (boy with chickens), 1959
Oil on canvas

KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, gift of
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MUSEUM OF ART



September 25-27, 2026
Eisenhower Library & Museum
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Register at: flinthillsmilitary.com

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Flint Hills Military History Symposium

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Keynote Speaker

Dr. John Curatola
National WWII Museum



Gifts benefiting the Good Samaritan Fund, Helping Hands Fund, Meadowlark Memory Program, and Meadowlark Parkinson's Program were received by Meadowlark Foundation during the month of August.

Memory of

Glenna Fogo
Ruth Friedmann
Nancy Harts
Orris Kelly
Richard W. Lind
Lea Orsborn
Velma Osborn
John Roberts
Carla Robker
Jim Sharp
Lila Snell
James "Jim" Shaver

Honor of

Bietau Bears*
Gail's Galloping Gala*
Grandpa Larry's Walkers*
Jack Miller
Larry Nobert
Straub Squad*
Team Gunner*
Team LARBO*
Team Meadowlark*
Team Vanderbilt*
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5TH ANNUAL SPACE RACE 100
DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
TUTTLE CREEK FAMILY DISC GOLF COURSE
Manhattan, KS

100 HOLES! | DAY & NIGHT ROUNDS

RACE TO 100!
A TEST OF ENDURANCE!
100 HOLES IN ONE DAY!
Day Rounds (5) & Night Rounds (5)
| 20 HOLES PER ROUND

\$45

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REGISTRATION: <http://www.DiscGolfScene.com/5SR100>
CHECK-IN 1:00 PM | ROUND 1 STARTS 2:00 PM

RESTAURANT **SPECIALS**

Sunday, Sept. 13	Sunday Brunch Brunch Menu available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	\$13 Dinner BBQ Meatballs Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Salad
Monday, Sept. 14	\$11 Lunch Turkey Avocado Melt Red Potato Salad	\$15 Dinner Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dressing Green Bean Casserole
Tuesday, Sept. 15	\$11 Lunch Cowboy Burger French Fries	\$13 Dinner Beef Enchiladas Mexican Rice Refried Beans
Wednesday, Sept. 16	\$10 Lunch Bacon-Cheddar-Egg Salad Sandwich Breakfast Potatoes	\$17 Dinner BBQ Ribs Ranch-Style Corn on the Cobb Baked Bean Corn Bread Casserole
Thursday, Sept. 17	\$12 Lunch BBQ Mac & Cheese Bowl <i>(Mac & cheese, shredded brisket, BBQ sauce, cheddar cheese, and fried onions)</i>	\$15 Dinner Chicken Cordon Bleu <i>served with Supreme Sauce</i> Rice Pilaf Broccoli
Friday, Sept. 18	\$11 Lunch Taco Bar	\$16 Dinner Fried Catfish <i>served with Tartar Sauce</i> Cornbread Pudding Coleslaw
Saturday, Sept. 19	KSU Game Day Menu <i>See page 3.</i>	KSU Game Day Menu <i>See page 3.</i>

Weekly Opportunities Calendar *Sept. 13 to Sept. 19*

Sunday • Sept. 13

Put your trash at the curb!

8:45 a.m. ~ Transport to College Ave UMC, ME
 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Fellowship, ME
 10:00 a.m. ~ Transport to College Ave UMC, ME
 10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service, CR/**1960**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Transportation to FUMC, ME
 11:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service, CR/**1960**

Monday • Sept. 14

Trash & Recycle pick-up.

8:30 a.m. ~ IL Resident Council, BR
 9:30 a.m. ~ Town Meeting, EC
 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:00 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, **PF**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Meadowlark Valley Luncheon, BR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 1:00 p.m. ~ American Storytellers, EC
 1:30 p.m. ~ God Talk, KSU CL
 1:45 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Voice Class, CR
 5:30 p.m. ~ Tuttle Creek Dinner, MR
 6:00 p.m. ~ Care Partner Support Circle, FHR
 7:00 p.m. ~ Community Bingo, CR

Tuesday • Sept. 15

10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Activities Class, EC
 10:00 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, KSU CL
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR/**1960**
 12:00 p.m. ~ 4th Floor Luncheon, MR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Prairie Star Writers Group, PR
 2:00 p.m. ~ 10-Point Pitch Group, GR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Social Circles, PS
 2:00 p.m. ~ Water Media Painting, KSU CL
 3:00 p.m. ~ Coffee Corner, EC
 3:30 p.m. ~ Ambassadors Meeting, PR
 4:00 p.m. ~ Tech Help, FHR
 5:30 p.m. ~ 2nd Floor Supper, BR
 6:30 p.m. ~ Vespers, CR

Wednesday • Sept. 16

9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:00 a.m. ~ Walmart/Dillons Shopping Trip, ME
 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Care Partners Group, FHR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Café, KSU CL
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR
 11:30 a.m. ~ West Monarch Luncheon, BR

Wednesday • Sept. 16, continued

11:30 a.m. ~ North Monarch Luncheon, KSU CL
 1:00 p.m. ~ Meadowlark U, EC
 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Sing-a-Long, FHR

Thursday • Sept. 17

9:00 a.m. ~ Messenger Team, KSU CL
 9:00 a.m. ~ Library Tech Help, FHR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Wamego Memory Caregiver Grp, **WPL**
 10:00 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, KSU CL
 10:00 a.m. ~ Veteran's Group, MR
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:00 a.m. ~ FUMC Communion, FHR
 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Lettuce Ketchup with PD, KSU CL
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 3:00 p.m. ~ Fanny & Furby, KR
 4:15 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Singers Practice, CR
 5:30 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Circle Dinner, MR
 6:30 p.m. ~ UFM CLASS: Civil War West of Miss., CR

Friday • Sept. 18

7:30 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, **PF**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:00 a.m. ~ PD Connections Cafe, FHR
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 3:00 p.m. ~ Catholic Rosary, CR
 7:00 p.m. ~ Music with Prairie Rose DJ, PS/CY

Saturday • Sept. 19

9:00 a.m. ~ Tai Chi, **1960 only**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Band Bust Exercise Class, **1960 only**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Saturday Shopping Trip, VE
 11:00 a.m. ~ KSU Football Watch Party, KR/PS
 2:00 p.m. ~ Jim Hasler's 90th B-Day Celebration, CR

Room Abbreviations

1960, TV Channel 1960	ME, Main Entrance
BR, Bison Room	MM, 120 N. Scenic Drive
CR, Community Room	MR, Manhattan Room
CY, Courtyard	PF, Peakform Wellness
EC, Event Center	PR, Patriot Room
FHR, Flint Hills Room	PS, Prairie Star Restaurant
GC, Grosh Cinema	STM, St. Thomas More
KR, Kansas Room	VBL, Verna Belle's Lounge
KSU CL, KSU Classroom	WPL, Wamego Library



GROSH CINEMA SHOWTIMES

Monday to Saturday ... 1:00 p.m. / 4:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.
Sunday ... 2:00 p.m. / 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: Sept. 13

DON'T SAY GOOD LUCK (2026) PG-13, 1 hr. 35 min. *Musical, Drama*

Cast: Sunny Sandler, Melanie Lynskey, & Max Greenfield

Sophie Birenbaum is ready for the spotlight as the lead in her high school musical — until suddenly she's living with even more drama at home than on the stage.

MONDAY: Sept. 14

LULLABY OF BROADWAY (1951) Approved, 1 hr. 32 min. *Comedy, Musical, Romance*

Cast: Doris Day, Gene Nelson, & S.Z. Sakall

A showgirl returns to her New York home to visit her alcoholic mother, where she catches the eye of a Broadway producer.

TUESDAY: Sept. 15

STRAIGHT TALK (1992) PG, 1 hr. 31 min. *Drama, Comedy, Romance*

Cast: Dolly Parton, James Woods, & Griffin Dunne

A woman ditches her small-town life for big-city Chicago, where she becomes a sensation as a radio-show host.

WEDNESDAY: Sept. 16

THE GREAT WALL (2016) PG-13, 1 hr. 43 min. *Action, Adventure, Fantasy*

Cast: Matt Damon, Tian Jing, & Willem Dafoe

In ancient China, a group of European mercenaries encounters a secret army that maintains and defends the Great Wall of China against a horde of monstrous creatures.

THURSDAY: Sept. 17

DUMPLIN' (2018) PG-13, 1 hr. 50 min. *Comedy, Drama*

Cast: Danielle Macdonald, Jennifer Aniston, & Odeya Rush

Willowdean ("Dumplin'"), the plus-size teenage daughter of a former beauty queen, signs up for her mom's Miss Teen Bluebonnet pageant as a protest that escalates when other contestants follow her footsteps, revolutionizing the pageant and their small Texas town.

THIRD THURSDAY CLUB

FRIDAY: Sept. 18

CALENDAR GIRLS (2003) PG-13, 1 hr. 48 min. *Drama, Comedy*

Cast: Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, & Penelope Wilton

Best friends Chris and Annie are members of a charitable institute. When Annie's husband succumbs to leukemia, the friends decide to pose nude for a calendar to raise funds for a local hospital.

SATURDAY: Sept. 19

NON-STOP (2014) PG-13, 1 hr. 46 min. *Psychological Thriller, Action, Mystery*

Cast: Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore, Scoot McNairy

An air marshal springs into action during a transatlantic flight after receiving a series of text messages demanding \$150 million into an off-shore account, or someone will die every 20 minutes.