



My “Year” of Flying Small Planes

by John Walters

In 1968, I was employed by the Philips Petroleum Fibers Lab in Bartlesville, Okla. We visited Bruce Miller in Colorado Springs, Colo. with our two oldest children. He was an accomplished power plane/glider pilot and offered to take us up in his glider. First Anne, then Matthew, then me. We had to wear parachutes as he did acrobatics, such as loop-the-loops, hammerhead stalls, wingovers. I was convinced!

When we got back to Bartlesville, I located private pilot lessons with Ed Davis in Dewey on his own grass strip airport. He had been flying since 1926 and stopped keeping a logbook after 20,000 hours of flying! His first flight was in a single-seater Jenny, which means that was also his first solo! He told stories from his own experience, such as “flying pipeline” in Wyoming. One day as he was approaching

Caspar, Wyo., he was flying in a snowstorm. He knew there was a very tall radio tower in the vicinity, and he had to avoid that. It was Instrument Flight Rules, and he was qualified, but he still couldn’t see the tower, so he lowered his elevation until he could see a railroad below and followed that into Caspar. He said IFR means “I follow railroads”!

He gave me the basic training in a Cessna® 150, and I started flying solo. We continued the teaching with the solos. My favorite flight was flying from Dewey, Okla. to Emporia, Kan. I flew by “pilotage”, observing landmarks and the map. I flew over Fall River reservoir at 3,000 feet, and there was a strong downdraft which dropped my elevation by 1,500 feet. When I crossed the lake, there was an equally strong updraft, and I was right back up to 3,000 feet! I flew

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on to Emporia airport, made a standard approach, landed, and taxied to the main building. I got out, walked into the building, got my logbook signed and flew back to Ed Davis's airport.

I *liked* flying in the prairie country! If you had to make an emergency landing, you could land almost anywhere! Just look out for rocks, fences and power/telephone lines and an occasional tree. (I never did have to make an emergency landing.)

Another time, I flew from Ed's airstrip to an airport at Grand Lake O' the Cherokees and back. It was a very hazy and windy day. I flew there, got my logbook signed, and flew back. I could see only about a quarter square mile of ground below me and one 30-mile stretch had NO visual landmarks, just more grass. I also had to correct for a strong crosswind from the south. When I crossed this visual desert, I was within ½ mile of where I expected to be.

One afternoon, I took off to practice flying 720s, two complete circuits around the compass. This was my 2nd hour of solo. Suddenly, I discovered that my left wing was pointed straight towards the ground – severe turbulence! I got the single engine Cessna® 150 leveled out and looked back to the zinc smelter in Bartlesville and the SO₂ smoke plume, highly visible, had a 90° bend in it. I had passed through a “dry line” that the weather service was unaware of! The wind had increased to 35 mph, and I was not legal under those conditions! I went ahead and practiced my 720s around Nolan Smith's house about 10 miles north of town. I flew back to Ed Davis's “grass strip” and observed the windsock. It was fully extended and indicated that the wind was at 90°, straight across the runway. I had had crosswind landings explained but had NO practice! I flew around the landing strip twice considering what I should do. The sun was setting and I HAD to land. So, I approached a landing from the east and made my 90° turn to the runway. I was drifting off to the east rapidly. So, I tilted my right wing into the wind, to slip into it. I was still drifting off the runway rapidly! So I turned the plane into the wind, and approached the runway at a serious angle, that stopped the drift away from the runway, but if I landed at that angle, I would rip the wheels off the airplane! When I got to about 5 feet above the ground, I straightened the airplane to the correct alignment, with the right wing still

dipping into the wind. The landing was so soft, I never felt the touchdown. I taxied to the stop and turned the airplane around. The wind was so high, it kept blowing the back of the airplane to the east. I had to ride the right brake to keep the airplane from running off the runway. I got back to the hangar and greeted two instructors who had watched the whole thing, Ed and his son Ed, Jr. were both impressed and expected I would be a good pilot!

One cloudy Saturday I drove out to Ed's grass strip. He said it was IFR conditions, so I couldn't solo. He took me up to teach me the importance of the plane's instruments. We flew up through the lowest layer of clouds, and we still had another layer above us. I had no reference to the ground. The position of the sun was unknown. All I could see were the two featureless cloud layers. He covered the compass and started flying in circles. After a while he asked me in what direction we were flying. I could not tell. Then he uncovered the compass. My sense of direction was completely wrong! He told me, “ALWAYS trust your instruments!”

One Saturday, I flew down to Muskogee, Okla. To do so, I had to fly through Tulsa-controlled airspace and keep my radio on. I liked to fly with the radio off, so I didn't fly in that direction again.

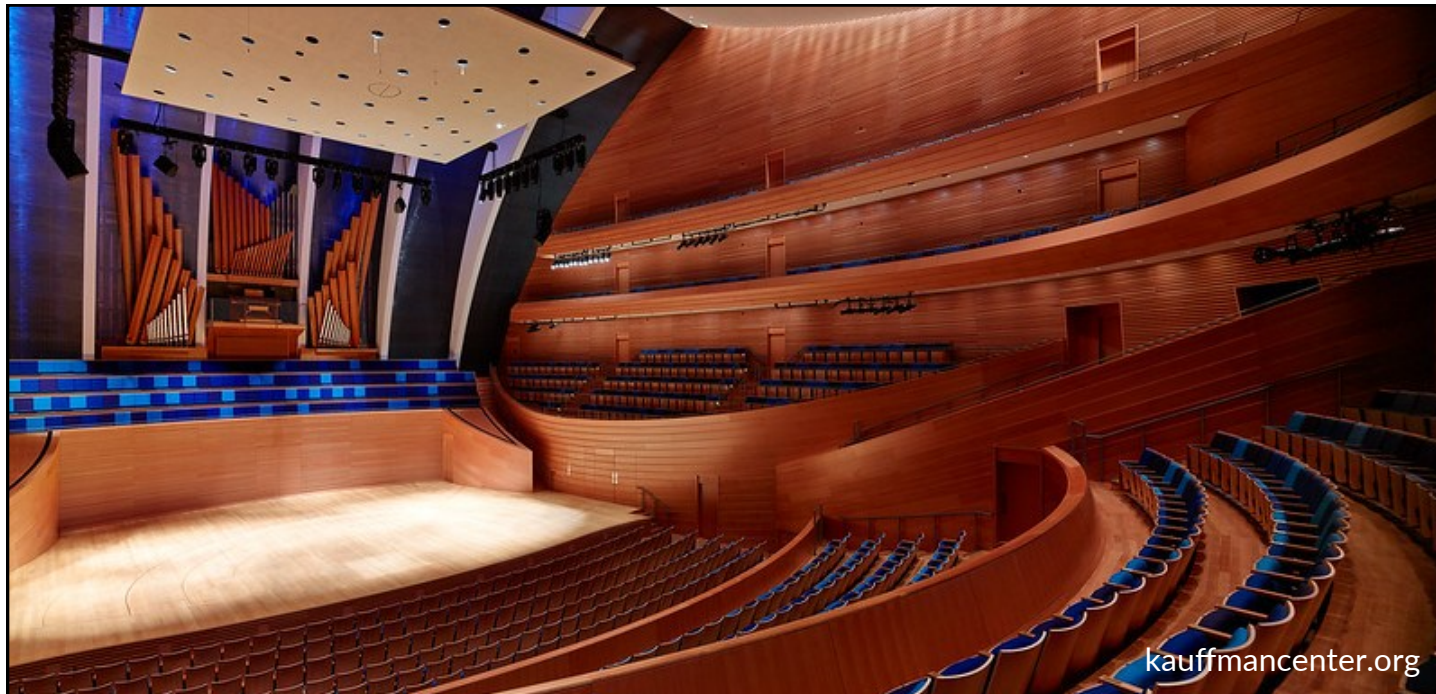
I easily passed my private pilot's written exam and needed to practice short-field landings and takeoffs to pass my flying exam. It was two weeks until I was transferred to Greenville. In that two-week time, the wind in Bartlesville NEVER dropped below 35 mph. I could do no flying before I left.

Flying in Ed's Cessna® 150 was \$10 per hour and only \$12.50 if instructor fees were included. In Oklahoma environments, emergency landings would not be difficult as there is lots of grass (Just look out for telephone wires, fences, and rocks). In South Carolina, fees were \$25 per hour with grass and almost all trees!

Flying had one more problem. To keep up proficiency, weekly practice is needed. I needed to spend that time with family. Karen liked the idea of being able to fly back to Manhattan, but my flying career was at an end. So, my year was only 9 months. Ed Davis was deeply disappointed with my decision.



Kauffman Center
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



During the Meadowlark Travelers' recent adventure in Kansas City, they saw "Christmas Festival" at Helzberg Hall, one of two performance venues at the Kauffman Center and home to the Kansas City Symphony. The following afternoon, the curious group enjoyed a private tour, learning that red oak (floors) and cherry (door frames and paneling) woods were selected by architect Moshe Safdie to produce an environment that is aesthetically pleasing, durable, and acoustically superior. The group's seats overlooked the stage, enabling them to closely watch the musicians, conductor, and soloists.



Inspired by grand opera houses of Europe, the larger Muriel Kauffman Theatre (left) showcases diverse forms of performing arts. Tour guide Deborah points to the balustrades, explaining that their mylar coverings were crumpled by one woman in order to create uniformity across the theatre. (Right) The Great Hall's steel cables were pulled taut during construction, providing stability to the structure and keeping the glass lobby securely in place.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Be a Mentor for K-State Students

Kansas State University's Gerontology program is offering an exciting intergenerational learning opportunity at Meadowlark this spring! Associate Professor Justine Irving is teaching a course on diversity in the experience of aging across the lifespan, and we're looking for Meadowlark residents to serve as mentors and discussion partners for undergraduate students.

The class meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from Jan. 20 through late April, and mentors are asked to participate every other week for approximately one hour. Each session will focus on different topics related to aging in the contexts of social determinants of health and how different people experience aging. This program builds on a successful similar initiative led by Gayle Doll several years ago that was highly valued by both students and community members.

If you're interested in sharing your experiences and perspectives with the next generation of professionals, please sign up in the Blue Book at the Hospitality Desk. Contact Justine Irving at jirving@ksu.edu or (785) 532-5945 if you have questions or would like more information. A schedule of topics and key dates will be provided when you sign up or at the course kickoff.

The Music of Paul Hunt

Friday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

Meadowlark is excited to welcome on Friday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Event Center, Paul Hunt. Paul plays the jazz trombone in addition to being a great vocalist. He sings and plays the American Song Book. All are welcome!

Music from the Church Ladies

Saturday, Jan. 10, at 3:30 p.m.

You're invited to enjoy some afternoon melodies from the Church Ladies at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Event Center. Stick around for refreshments following the show!

Grief & Loss Education Program

Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m.

Meadowlark invites residents and guests to take part in a compassionate eight-week Grief & Loss Education Program designed to support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Each weekly

session offers a meaningful blend of education, community connection, and practical tools to help participants navigate the emotional, physical, and spiritual impacts of grief at their own pace.

The program will meet on Tuesdays, Jan. 13 through March 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Flint Hills Room. This initial series is dedicated to healing after the loss of someone close.

Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 11:30 a.m.

The Page Turners Book Club is once again reading books that have been adapted into movies. The first selection is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. This compelling nonfiction work tells the story of Henrietta Lacks, whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became the first “immortal” human cell line and helped revolutionize modern medicine.

The book explores the scientific breakthroughs made possible by HeLa cells, while also examining the ethical and racial issues surrounding their use and the lasting impact on Lacks' family. The story was later adapted into an HBO film starring Oprah Winfrey.

Line Dancing Lessons

Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m.

Join us starting Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Verna Belle's Lounge for Line Dance lessons at 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The classes will be led by the Scoot-A-Boot Country Dancers Association. They come highly recommended when it comes to line dance, two-step waltz, and more. All are welcome!

Veterans Group

Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m.

Veterans and their spouses are invited for coffee and conversation at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the Manhattan Room. This group meets every third Thursday.

Weekly Ecumenical Communion Service

Thursday, Jan. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

Join us every Thursday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the Community Room for a weekly ecumenical communion service. The service follows Protestant liturgy and will be led by Rev. Melanie Nord. All are welcome to attend.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Jim Sharp Celebration of Life & Funeral

Thurs., Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. & Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to join together for a celebration of life for Jim Sharp in the Event Center, on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

A funeral service will take place on Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m., at the College Avenue United Methodist Church. Meadowlark will provide transportation to the service. Sign up for transportation in the Blue Book.

Shopping at Hobby Lobby & Dollar Tree

Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 a.m.

The next scheduled trip is Saturday, Jan. 17, 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.

Next month's trip will travel to Target and Dollar Tree West on Saturday, Feb. 21. Please sign up in the Blue Book to participate.

Prairie Star Writing Group

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m.

Join Cathy Hedge and fellow writers in the Patriot Room for this session's theme, "A Letter to My Younger Self." Reflect on what you might share with the younger you—or the youngest person in your heart—and explore how time, perspective, and experience shape our stories.

Interested in joining the writing group at Meadowlark? Prairie Star Writers is led by Cathy Hedge. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays. All are welcome.

Volunteer & Tech Helper

Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m.

Deborah Goins will be available to help residents with technology questions between 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Flint Hills Room. Deborah looks forward to building connections through this opportunity and meeting others, so be sure to stop by during her visits on the third Tuesday of every month!

A Counterfeit, Errors, & a Letter Bomb

Friday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

Tim Lindemuth, Meadowlark Passport member and longtime journalist for K-State, will discuss "A Counterfeit, Errors, and a Letter Bomb," seven treasures from his international gold-medal-winning stamp collection on Friday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Event Center. His exhibit of the 20-cent Flag Stamp Over the Supreme Court has won awards at the international philatelic competitions at San Francisco 1997, Washington 2006, and New York 2016.

Lindemuth will be displaying the "20c Flag Spliced to the 17c Auto," the famous unique error of all U.S. postage stamp production that is pictured in four books.

The envelope was X-rayed for containing a letter bomb involves Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," the fatwa of Iran's Shia leader, the Grand Ayatollah Khomeini, and Penguin Books of Great Britain.

Kitchenware Donation Drive

Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Please consider donating your gently used or new kitchen items/tools to support Meadowlark Market and persons in need who receive starter kits from Kitchen Restore, a local outreach

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CANCER PROGRAM
MEADOWLARK

UNDERSTAND & EMPOWER:
MONTHLY CANCER EDUCATION

“Intention Over Resolution: Creating Meaningful Change in 2026”

TUESDAY, JAN. 20, AT 6 P.M.
AUDITORIUM AT MANHATTAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
629 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, Kan.

Begin the year with intention.
Join Spiritual Life Leader Melanie Nord for January's Understand & Empower session on creating grounding routines and choices that nurture connection, safety, and understanding—helping you build meaningful, lasting change.

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program, as well as the Cats Cupboard, which benefits K-State students, faculty, and staff. Proceeds from Meadowlark Market benefit our Good Samaritan Fund, which assists persons living in a Meadowlark healthcare household who have exhausted their financial resources. This donation drive will be held from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Event Center on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Items such as measuring spoons, cups, mixing bowls, baking dishes, cookie sheets, plates, utensils, glasses, and mugs are all items that will be accepted. Please note that due to insufficient storage, donations will only be accepted on the day of the event.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation to Kitchen Restore, checks can be made out to GMCF. Please write FFC/Kitchen Restore in the memo, and mail to P.O. Box 1127, Manhattan, KS 66505.

To donate online, you can visit www.nourishtogether.org and click the *Donation* button.

Kansas Day Happy Hour & Charcuterie

Thursday, Jan. 29, at 2:30 p.m.

Join us in the Event Center on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. as we celebrate Kansas's 164th birthday. Enjoy complimentary, locally sourced smoked sausage, cheeses, jams, and house-made flatbread. Kansas wines, whiskey, and beer will be available for purchase at the bar.

The video "Road Trip through Kansas (Our 42nd State)" will be shown at 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. No sign-up is required—come and go as you wish!

Manhattan Area Teachers Assoc.

Friday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.

Join us on Friday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room for an evening of piano music featuring members of the Manhattan Area Music Teachers Association (MAMTA). Enjoy a variety of piano solos and duets, along with performances by talented Kansas State University piano students from the KMTA student chapter. All are welcome to attend this celebration of music and community.

Art Engagement *from the* Beach Museum of Art



Steve Heckman (United States, 1945 - 2004), *Bessy's Tree*, 1978
Kansas Artists' Postcard Series I, Photomechanical reproduction on paper
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, CM2r.2023

The title an artist gives an artwork can provide meaning to the viewer's experience. Sometimes the title may suggest more questions than answers. The landscape shown here is titled *Bessy's Tree*. As you look at this photomechanical reproduction of a painting, what kinds of things do you wonder about? Who is Bessy: person or animal? How is Bessy related to the tree? Does Bessy live in the present or the past? What story can you imagine using this artwork as inspiration?


MEADOWLARK



UPDATE

Advent Community Offering

The worship community blessed Be Able with nearly \$3,000 and five boxes of supplies to assist their neighbors this winter. This was a part of our advent challenge to prepare for Christ by sharing our resources with those in need.

Gifts benefiting the Bell Foundation Music Series, Good Samaritan Fund, Helping Hands Fund, Meadowlark Memory Program, Meadowlark Parkinson's Program, Purpose in Motion capital campaign, and the Stolzer House staff were received by Meadowlark Foundation during the month of December.

Memory of
 Doris Brannan
 Imogene Lamb Bolls*
 Ron Janasek
 Berl & Tina Koch
 Marceil Lauppe
 Dick Matthes*

Honor of
 Dolly Gudder

*Tribute gift as part of 15th annual Dollar-a-Day campaign

Associated Audiologists

is coming to
Meadowlark Hills

Dr. Molly Whiteley, Au.D.
*with Associated Audiologists, Inc.
 will be at Meadowlark Hills*

Tuesday, January 13, 2026
 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

****SEEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY****
Call Associated Audiologists to schedule
785-539-7361

ON-SITE SERVICES INCLUDE:
(Service fees may apply)

- Consultations regarding state-of-the-art hearing aid technology
- Hearing aid cleaning and maintenance
- Assistive device recommendations
- Hearing aid batteries and wax filters for purchase
- Will answer your questions regarding hearing care issues



Please see below for corrections to the birthday list printed in the 12-31-25 Messenger. Staff apologizes for the mistake.

Happy Birthday

Sue Klingler - Jan. 7
 Young Hoi Willingham - Jan. 21



RESTAURANT **SPECIALS**

<p>Sunday, Jan. 11</p>	<p>Sunday Brunch Brunch Menu available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>\$14 Dinner Swedish Meatballs <i>served over Egg Noodles</i> Buttered Carrots</p>
<p>Monday, Jan. 12</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch Maple-Bacon-Chicken Sandwich <i>served on Croissant</i> Watergate Salad</p>	<p>\$14 Dinner Ham Loaf Roasted Red Potatoes Creamed Peas</p>
<p>Tuesday, Jan. 13</p>	<p>\$12 Lunch Steak Gyro Garlic Parmesan Fries</p>	<p>\$16 Dinner Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Side Caesar Salad</p>
<p>Wednesday, Jan. 14</p>	<p>\$10 Lunch Everything Bagel Sandwich <i>(Ham, Turkey & Swiss Cheese)</i> Macaroni Salad</p>	<p>\$16 Dinner French -Onion-Stuffed Pork Loin Roasted Brussel Sprouts Garlic Mashed Red Potatoes</p>
<p>Thursday, Jan. 15</p>	<p>\$9 Lunch Ham & Beans Cornbread</p>	<p>\$16 Dinner Pot Roast <i>with Carrots, Onions and Celery</i> Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans</p>
<p>Friday, Jan. 16</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch Mac & Cheese Bar</p>	<p>\$17 Dinner Pesto Grilled Shrimp Risotto Asparagus</p>
<p>Saturday, Jan. 17</p>	<p>\$12 Lunch Lobster Hoagie Cucumber Salad</p>	<p>\$19 Dinner Short Ribs Loaded Mashed Potatoes Green Beans</p>

Weekly Opportunities Calendar *Jan. 11 to Jan. 17*

Sunday • Jan. 11 *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 • Jan. 12 *Trash pick-up*

9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Memory Care Partners Group, **STM**
 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**
 1:30 p.m. ~ God Talk, KSU CL
 4:15 p.m. ~ Hable Espanol, FHR
 7:00 p.m. ~ Community Bingo, CR

Tuesday • Jan. 13

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
 12:00 p.m. ~ Rae Stamey Birthday, EC
 1:00 p.m. ~ Grief & Loss Education Program, FHR
 1 to 3:30 p.m. ~ Associated Audiologists, PR
(by appointment only)
 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

Wednesday • Jan. 14

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**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Lutheran Luncheon, BR
 11:30 a.m. ~ Page Turners Book Club, PR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Tai Chi, **1960 only**
 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CR

Wednesday • Jan. 14, *continued*

3:00 p.m. ~ Sing-a-long, FHR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Line Dancing Lessons, VBL
 4:00 p.m. ~ 4th Floor Social, FHR

Thursday • Jan. 15

9:00 a.m. ~ Messenger Team, KSU CL
 9:00 a.m. ~ Library Tech Help, FHR
 9:30 a.m. ~ Ecumenical Communion Service, CR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Care Partners Group, **WPL**
 10:00 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, KSU CL
 10:00 a.m. ~ Veterans Group, MR
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:15 a.m. ~ Chair Yoga, CR/**1960**
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 2:00 p.m. ~ Jim Sharp Celebration of Life, EC
 2:30 p.m. ~ Card Making with Michelle, FHR
 5:30 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Circle Dinner, MR

Friday • Jan. 16

7:30 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, **PF**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Depart for Jim Sharp's Funeral, VE
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 2:30 p.m. ~ Fanny & Furby, KR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Catholic Rosary, CR

Saturday • Jan. 17

9:00 a.m. ~ Tai Chi, **1960 only**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Band Bust Exercise Class, **1960 only**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Depart for Shopping Trip, VE

Room Abbreviations

1960 , TV Channel 1960	ME, Main Entrance
BR, Bison Room	MM , 120 Scenic Drive
CR, Community Room	MR, Manhattan Room
CY, Courtyard	PF , Peakform Wellness Center
EC, Event Center	PR, Patriot Room
FHR, Flint Hills Room	PS, Prairie Star Restaurant
GC, Grosh Cinema	STM , St. Thomas More Church
KR, Kansas Room	VBL, Verna Belle's Lounge
KSU CL, KSU Classroom	WPL , Wamego Public 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: Jan. 11

AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER (2022) PG-13, 3 hr. 12 min. *Action Epic, Sci-Fi Fantasy, Adventure*

Cast: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, & Sigourney Weaver

Jake Sully lives with his newfound family formed on the extrasolar moon Pandora. Once a familiar threat returns to finish what was previously started, Jake must work with Neytiri and the army of the Na'vi race to protect their home.

MONDAY: Jan. 12

RESIDENT REQUEST

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (2004) PG-13, 2 hr. 23 min. *Period Drama, Tragic Romance*

Cast: Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum, & Patrick Wilson

A young soprano becomes the obsession of a disfigured and murderous musical genius who lives beneath the Paris Opéra House.

TUESDAY: Jan. 13

8 SECONDS (1994) PG-13, 1 hr. 45 min. *Western, Biography, Drama*

Cast: Luke Perry, Stephen Baldwin, & James Rebhorn

This movie chronicles the life of Lane Frost, 1987 PRCA Bull Riding World Champion, his marriage, and his friendships with Tuff Hedeman (three-time World Champion) and Cody Lambert.

WEDNESDAY: Jan. 14

THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10 (2025) R *for some violence and language*, 1 hr. 32 min. *Mystery, Thriller*

Cast: Keira Knightley, Guy Pearce, & David Ajala

A journalist stumbles upon a gruesome secret while traveling aboard a luxury cruise ship.

THURSDAY: Jan. 15

RESIDENT REQUEST

STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK (1980) PG, 2 hr. 4 min. *Action Epic, Sci-Fi Adventure*

Cast: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, & Carrie Fisher

After the Empire overpowers the Rebel Alliance, Luke Skywalker begins training with Jedi Master Yoda, while Darth Vader and bounty hunter Boba Fett pursue his friends across the galaxy.

FRIDAY: Jan. 16

HUSTLE (2022) R *for language*, 1 hr. 57 min. *Psychological Drama, Sport, Comedy*

Cast: Adam Sandler, Queen Latifah, & Juancho Hernangomez

A basketball scout discovers a phenomenal street ball player while in Spain and sees the prospect as his opportunity to get back into the NBA.

SATURDAY: Jan. 17

RESIDENT REQUEST

SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE (1972) R *for nudity, profanity, and violence*, 1 hr. 44 min. *Sci-Fi, War*

Cast: Michael Sacks, Ron Leibman, & Eugene Roche

Billy Pilgrim has mysteriously become unstuck in time. He goes on an uncontrollable trip back and forth from his birth in New York to life on a distant planet and back again to the horrors of the 1945 fire-bombing of Dresden.