

OBITUARIES

Richard G. “Rick” Tucker

Richard G. “Rick” Tucker, 78, well known retired Parsons attorney, died at 10:15 a.m., Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the Parsons Presbyterian Manor.

He was born September 13, 1946, at Chanute, to George and Bonita (Johnson) Tucker. The family lived in Tokyo, Japan from 1947 to 1951 and in Parsons from 1951.

Rick graduated from Parsons High School in 1964. During his youth, he was active in sports and in scouting, earning the rank of Eagle Scout in 1960. He graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in History in 1970 and from Washburn University Law School with a Juris Doctor in 1973. He also served in the United States Navy.

On July 17, 1971, he and Jane McDermid were married at the earlier location of the Erie Christian Church. After their marriage, they lived in Erie while Rick was with the Fleming and Forsyth Law Firm from 1973 to 1977. In 1977, he established the Law Office of Richard Tucker in Parsons and from 2004 until 2019 he was a partner in the Tucker and Markham, LLC law firm in Parsons.

Rick was admitted to the Kansas Supreme Court, the United States District Court – Kansas and the United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals – Denver. He was a member of the Kansas Bar Association from 1973 and was a Fellow of the Kansas Bar Foundation. He was a member of the Kansas Association of Justice and had been city attorney for St. Paul and Oswego, as well as Parsons Municipal Judge.

In Scouting, he had been assistant scout master of Troop 232 in Erie and scout master of Troop 2 in Parsons. He was a member and past president of the Parsons Rotary Club and was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Among his other many interests were the SEK Audubon Society and serving on the Audubon of Kansas Board of Trustees, the Kansas Ornithological Society, the Parsons Area Amateur

Radio Club. He held an amateur Radio Extra Class License – call sign WORT, and was a



lifelong member of the American Radio Relay League.

For 19 years, he served on the U.S.D. 506 School Board. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church and had served on the Board of Deacons.

Survivors are his wife, Jane Tucker; his three children, Janell Houk (Anthony) of Parsons, Jonathan Tucker (Stacy) of Derby and Justin Tucker (Heidi) of Humboldt; grandchildren, Brett Houk (Megan), Ethan Houk (Emily), Eli Tucker, Kierstyn Houk, Kinley Tucker, Andrew Houk, Lincoln Tucker, William Tucker and Gentry Tucker; great grandsons, Hye Houk and Hunter Houk; sister, Linda Pfingsten of Sun City West, AZ and brothers, Ronald Tucker (Debbi) of Excelsior Springs, MO and John Tucker of Los Lunas, NM.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant sister, Bonnie, brother-in-law, Ron Pfingsten, nephew, Aaron Pfingsten, and sister-in-law, Barb Tucker.

The funeral service were held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, at the First Assembly of God Church, with Rev. Steve Crawford and David Keaton officiating. The flag presentation will be given by the Brown-Bishop Post # 704, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The family received friends at the Carson-Wall Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, August 25.

Memorials are suggested to the First Assembly of God Church, the Parsons Area Community Foundation, or the American Radio Relay League. They may be left at or sent to the Carson-Wall Funeral Home, P. O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357. Online messages may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

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Cynthia L. “Cindy” Garland

Cynthia L. “Cindy” Garland, 67, of Erie, passed away at 10:07 p.m., Sunday, August 24, 2025, at her home in Erie.

She was born on January 5, 1958, at Garden Grove, California to Kenneth and Patricia (Gaddis) Pogue. She grew up in various places in California before the family settled in Chanute. She graduated from Chanute High School in 1976.

Cindy moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, Seattle, Washington, and then to New Braunfels, Texas. She was a managing partner for Outback Steakhouses. She retired and then moved to Erie in 2020, where she managed the Erie Grocery Store in her retirement.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and supporting them in their activities. She liked riding her trike motorcycle, playing cards, and traveling. She attended the Erie Federated Church.

She is survived by her son, Robert Washburn, and his wife, Rene of Cedar Park, TX, her grandchildren, Lauren Washburn and Brandon Washburn, her sisters, Trisha Matthews, and her husband, Roger of Exeter, CA, Karen Yockey, and her husband, Zale of Erie, Sue Hutchison, and her partner, Cherie of Malvern, AR, her brothers, Kenneth Pogue of Sul-



phur, OK and Keven Pogue of Corpus Christi, TX, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her grandparents, Pete and Dorothy Pogue and Louise Pogue.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, August 29, 2025, at the Federated Church in Erie with Pastor Jeff Baker officiating. A private burial will be held in the East Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the University of Kansas Cancer Center for research, and these may be left in care of the funeral home at the service or mailed to the Pierce-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, P.O. Box 182, Erie, KS 66733.

Online condolences may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

Council

FROM FRONT PAGE

“Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Erie, Kansas;

“Section 1: Nuisance Declared. The abandoned vehicle(s) described as follows, are hereby declared to be a public nuisance:

Location: 221 Lincoln St., Erie KS 66733

Description: Ford F-150

“Section 2: Abatement Authorized. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to abate the nuisance pursuant to Erie City Code Section 1-36 by hiring a qualified towing and vehicle storage contractor to remove the vehicle from the property.

“Section 3. Cost Assessment. Pursuant to Erie City Code Section 11-38 the costs of abatement, including towing, administrative fees, and storage, shall be the responsibility of the vehicle owner and/or the property owner.

“Section 4. Notice to Owners. Pursuant to Erie City Code Section 11-36, City staff shall provide final notification to the property owner and registered vehicle of the City Council’s decision and in the imminent abatement.

“Dated and adopted this 27th day of August, 2025.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the council 4-0 and signed by Mayor Lester “Butch” Klingenberg and at-

tested by City Clerk Jessica Altman.

Hours later, the vehicle was removed as the resolution instructed.

The owner of the vehicle requested to be placed on a phone call during Wednesday’s special meeting. Unfortunately for the individual, a hearing deadline had passed and the council moved forward as planned. The city’s official policy requires a formal request for a hearing to the city clerk. That didn’t happen in this case.

Also during Wednesday’s special meeting, the council continued discussion on the closing of the Erie Market and the end of the one-year lease agreement with River Grocery, LLC, which expires Aug. 31. The special meeting included a four-minute executive session to discuss financial affairs of a second party – namely the monthly \$4,444.44 payment on the note for the \$480,000 borrowed when the city took ownership of the grocery store Jan. 1, 2021. The same topic was also discussed in executive session during Monday’s regular meeting. Action was not taken at either meeting on the executive session.

As of Wednesday late afternoon, Jason Richards of River Grocery plans to do a final walk-thru at Erie Market with City of Erie representatives Saturday, Aug. 30.



ACROSS THE TRACKS

Local KDOT Employee Celebrates 25 Year Service Anniversary

The Kansas Department of Transportation expresses its appreciation for employees celebrating state service anniversaries in September. KDOT is proud to acknowledge them for the long-term dedication they have provided to the state of Kansas. The listed included Kenneth Franklin, an Equipment Operator Specialist, in Walnut. He has been with KDOT for 25 years.

SEK Audubon Society Schedules Meeting for Tuesday in Parsons

The Southeast Kansas Audubon Society will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. Trevor Starks of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Ecological Services Section will be discussing recent stocking of a rare turtle and freshwater mussel species into southeast Kansas rivers.

This meeting will take place at the Parsons Arboretum, located at 2004 Briggs Ave., at the corner of 21st and Briggs in Glenwood Park in Parsons. The public is always invited and refreshments will be served following the program.

For additional information call 620-779-0830, 620-779-2090, or 918-977-1502.

Valley of SEK Lodge of Perfection Plans Sept. 4 Dinner and Meeting

All members of the Valley of Southeast Kansas Lodge of Perfection are ask to attend the Stated Dinner and Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Armstrong Masonic Lodge, 3105 N. Joplin St., Pittsburg. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at approximately 7 p.m. Reservations are required, so please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at sekscottishrite@sbcglobal.net or by calling 620-223-1330.

Walnut Days Returns Saturday Of Labor Day Weekend

Walnut Days in Walnut is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 30, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The event will take place on Main Street. It will feature a morning parade, craft and food booths, live music, and more, celebrating rural life.

Walnut Days is an annual event held on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. The event’s Facebook page says the event is hosted by Walnut Days-Labor Day Celebration. The event begins at 7 a.m. on Main Street. Kansas Tourism says it includes a parade, craft and food booths, and live music.

See the Walnut Days flyer inside this edition for additional details and schedule.

Empowered Caregiver Series Scheduled for Oct. 7 and Oct. 14

Join us for The Empowered Caregiver series, an education program by the Alzheimer’s Association that teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia. This program features five topics, including building foundations of caregiving, supporting independence, communicating effectively, responding to dementia-related behaviors, and exploring care and support services. As part of the program, you will receive activities to apply person-centered care approaches to your own caregiving journey.

Join us Tuesdays, October 7 and 14, at 6 p.m., at the K-State Extension meeting room, 1006 N. State Street, Iola. A meal will be provided. Please call 620-244-3826 to RSVP.

Montgomery Co. Beekeepers Plan Sept. 11 Meeting at Independence

The Montgomery County Beekeepers Association will meet on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Independence Community College West, at 2615 W. Main St. in Independence. This meeting will be a fun and informative meeting when we all share our mistakes and disasters while working with our bees and how we learned from these mistakes. Bring all your stories, including ones that you thing are dumb or embarrassing because we have all been there and learned valuable lessons from our mistakes. These stories may give confidence and learning points to new beekeepers who will also have their stories. There will be discussion time for various points of view as we can all share the different methods that work for us and possibly learn better ways of beekeeping.

We encourage and welcome anyone interested in honeybees to come enjoy the program and meet our beekeepers. A door prize relating to beekeeping will be given and refreshments will be served after the program.

For additional information call 620-332-4486, 620-332-4673, 620-331-9394, 620-249-4864, 808-347-1557 or 918-977-1502.

Correction

In the Aug. 8 edition, The Erie Record was referencing the amount the City of Erie purchased Stub’s Market from Dave and Shirlene Mahurin. In the pre-purchase survey sent to Erie utility customers, the survey said the city was planning to borrow \$350,000 for the transaction. In reality, the City borrowed \$480,000. However, the City paid the Mahurins \$300,000 (not \$350,000) for the building, property and equipment.

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