Obituaries

HARRY A. NORTH

Harry A. North, 89, of Baldwin City, Kansas, passed away on June 24, 2025, at his home.

Celebration of life services will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Baldwin City Golf Course Clubhouse in Baldwin City, Kansas. For full details, please visit Harry's tribute wall at https://www. dengelmortuary.com/obituaries/harry-north.

JOANNE JOYCE BITTNER

Joanne Joyce Bittner of Ottawa, KS died on June 29, 2025. She was the daughter of William and Helene Carver and was born on June 30, 1936, in Lansing, MI. After receiving her Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University she taught music in the East Lansing School System until her marriage to Richard H. Bittner on July 22, 1962.



During their 62 years of marriage, they resided in Michigan, California, New Hampshire, Iowa, and Kansas. From 1947 to 2009 Joanne played violin in the Lansing State Orchestra, Sacramento State Orchestra, New Hampshire State Orchestra, and the Ottawa Orchestra. She also served as Concert Mistress for the Fort Dodge Orchestra in Fort Dodge, Iowa for many years. In addition, she taught private violin lessons for over 40 years. Joanne enjoyed sharing her music with the churches and organizations in the areas where they lived

Joanne is survived by her children: Curt and Kendra Bittner of Lenexa, KS, Chris and Peggy Bittner of Ottawa, KS, and Scott and Carol Jones of Greensburg, PA. She had 10 grandchildren and 20 greatgrandchildren.

Services at Westminster Presbyterian Church will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation or Ethnos360 and sent c/o Lamb-Roberts-Price Funeral Home, P.O. Box 14, Ottawa, KS 66067. Condolences may be sent to the family throughwww. lamb-roberts.com



Franklin County announces road repair in Ottawa set for July 11-12

I'm Not Fanatical. I'm right.



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I've been convinced plastic is taking over the world ever since a plastic grocery bag got tangled high in my cottonwood tree many years ago. I saw it out my dining room window every time I ate for a month and a half and I eat a lot in a month and a half.

My husband got tired of hearing me complain about it so he climbed the tree and took it down. No he didn't. But he was as relieved as I was when the bag finally flew off to someone else's tree.

Unfortunately it was eventually replaced by another one. I've lost track of how many plastic bags have come and gone from our tree since then. They're like migrating birds except

they're not as pretty and they don't sing or eat the grasshoppers. I'm thinking of having the tree cut down.

Not really. But I do use canvas bags when I shop so at least my own grocery bags aren't winding up in my cottonwood tree. You know what they say: If you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem. And if you're part of the problem, you should learn to climb trees.

If you asked my husband, and I prefer that you don't, he would probably tell you that I've become somewhat fanatical about plastic, and not just bags. I think fanatical is a strong word. I prefer to say I'm very conscientious about plastic and I happen to think everyone else should be exactly like me.

Sure, I've been known to snatch other people's recyclable plastic right out of their trash cans and carry it home to my recycling bin. But only if I can't find theirs.

And yes, I occasionally wash and reuse plastic sandwich bags, but only if they didn't have something gooey in them first.

I wash and reuse plastic cutlery too—gooey or not. I've kept every piece of plastic cutlery I've acquired since the invention of the spork.

And yes I've been using the same plastic straw in my refillable stainless-steel mug since I got it at a fastfood restaurant in 2014. I was thrilled when I finally found a straw-cleaning brush for it in 2020.

I bring my own containers to restaurants for our leftovers when we eat out too. I think this embarrasses my husband. People do look at us funny sometimes. But I reassure him that it's probably not because of the containers.

And I admit I occasionally launch into a public tirade about plastic overuse. Once in a department store I saw a display of socks hanging on little Barbie-sized plastic hangers. I must have gotten because people were starting to stare. So I quickly wrapped up my rant with, "Thank goodness I won't

have to iron my socks anymore."

Still I don't think any of that makes me a fanatic. I think it makes me right. And I'm relieved to know I'm not alone. I've found my tribe. More than 150 million people around the globe participate annually in Plastic Free July, an entire month set aside to encourage the reduction of single-use plastic. You know, the kind that's used just once before it's tossed into the landfill or the road ditch where it doesn't actually decompose. It just breaks down into tinier and tinier pieces until plants absorb it and animals eat it and it works its way right up the old food chain and into our poor, unsuspecting bodies and does who knows what to our health. Ya, that stuff. It's trouble. But at least we have hangers for our socks.

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ALENDAR OF E 1

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July 9

8:30 Franklin a.m. County Commission Meeting at the Commission Chambers, 1418 S. Main St., Ottawa. 2-3 p.m. Creative Writing Club at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St, in the children's activity room. Geared towards 8-12 year olds to practice creative

Collaborate and connect with other crafters and artists. Bring your own crafting supplies.

4 p.m. Ottawa City Commission Meeting at City Hall, 101 S. Hickory St., Ottawa.

July 10

10-11 a.m. Thursday Toddler Time Storytime, at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa, in the Children's activity room. Geared towards caregivers and their

Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa. Geared toward players 12 years and older with some chess experience.

6-7 p.m. End of Adult Summer Reading Party at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa. July 11

8-9 a.m. Ribbon Cutting with the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce at KC Appliance Repair, 216 S. Main St., Ottawa.

10-11 a.m. Friday

awards, prizes and the car parade. 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. Play games and do activities

at The Munsee Tribe in Kansas, 1302 S. Main St., Ottawa.

July 13 No events.

July 14

12-1 p.m. Brown Bag Books meeting at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa. Geared towards adults discussing all things books. July 15

6-7:45 p.m. Play inter-

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WEDNESDAY

The City of Ottawa issued a statement last week advising local motorists of roadwork scheduled for next week.

Road repairs on 14th street between Main and Cedar begin Friday and are scheduled to be completed Saturday.

This part of the road may be limited in use. The timeline of the project could be extended where permitted.

writing with editing and revision support.

2-3 p.m. Teen Creative Writing Club at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St, in the children's activity room. Geared towards 12-18 year olds to practice creative writing with editing and revision support.

4-7 p.m. Open Art Jam at The Collective Heart, 204 S. Main St., Ottawa.

toddlers.

5-8 p.m. Chicks with Sticks at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa, in the Study Session Room. Program is geared toward adults. Work on any sewing, textile and fiber project and/ or bring a project to share with the group.

6-7:45 p.m. Play intermediate chess with other players at the Ottawa

Toddler Time Storytime, at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa, in the Children's activity room. Geared towards caregivers and their toddlers.

2-3:30 p.m. Kids Film Friday at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa. This time the movie is a mystery, soon to be discovered at the library. Bring your own snacks and

mediate chess with other players at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St., Ottawa. Geared toward players 12 years and older with some chess experience.

7-8 p.m. Munsee Genealogy Through Census Research at Neosho County Community College, 900 E. Logan St., Ottawa.

July 16

a.m. Franklin 8:30 County Commission Meeting at the Commission Chambers, 1418 S. Main St., Ottawa.

10 a.m. Ottawa City Commission Meeting at City Hall, 101 S. Hickory St., Ottawa.

2-3 p.m. Teen Creative Writing Club at the Ottawa Library, 105 S. Hickory St, in the children's activity room. Geared towards 12-18 year olds to practice creative writing with editing and revision support.

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