

OBITUARIES

LARRY H. CARTER

Larry H. Carter, age 77, of Independence, passed away Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Medicalodges.

A memorial celebration of life will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Webb Family Funeral Service with Military Honors by the United States Marine Corps. Friends may call beginning at 1:00 PM before the service. Inurnment is planned at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AWOL or VFW Post 1186 and sent to Webb Family Funeral Service, 4069 CR 3900, Independence, KS 67301.



Carter

Larry Hensel Carter was born October 6, 1947, in Wagoner, OK, to Victor Columbus and Maxine (Hylton) Carter. He was raised in Independence and attended local schools. In 1965, he became a United States Marine and transported personnel during the Tet Offensive. After that, he served two more tours, earning the rank of Sergeant and spending time in Okinawa and Australia. Upon his discharge and after dabbling in acting, he returned to Independence and married Laura Mae Hinthorn Williams in 1972. Mrs. Carter passed away in 2022. Larry had attended God's Lighthouse of Prayer in Peru and was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 1186 and American Legion Post 139. Larry owned his own body shop, worked in asphalt paving and in demolition with G&G Dozer. He belonged to Mister Shifter car club among others, drove cars in Neewollah parades, raced sprint cars his whole life and will be remembered as a sharp dressed man.

Survivors of Larry H. Carter include: His sister, Linda McDaniel, Broken Arrow, OK, and her children, Patrick (Gina), Crystal (Debra) and James McDaniel. Stepchildren, including Joe Williams and Brenda McFarland. nieces and nephews, Sonya Hardcastle, Vickie (Brent) Rowe-Vantine, Robin (Dale) Rinehart, Shawn (Alan) Cannon. Extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Laura Carter, sister and brother-in-law Carol and Douglas Rowe, and a stepson, Terry Williams.

The family of Larry H. Carter has entrusted the arrangement of the services to Zach and Dee Webb of locally owned Zach Webb Family Funeral Service of Independence, KS.

LARRY SUMNERS

Larry Sumners, age 43, of Independence, passed away Saturday, August 9, 2025, at his parents home in Olathe, KS.

A memorial celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions on behalf of the family may be sent to Zach Webb Family Funeral Service. 4069 CR 3900, Independence, KS 67301.

The family of Larry Christopher Sumners has entrusted the arrangement of the services to Zach and Dee Webb with locally owned Webb Family Funeral Service of Independence, KS. Further obituary and donation information may be found at webbfamilyfuneralservice.com.

DOMINIQUE D. THORNTON

Dominique D. Thornton, 29, Independence, Kansas passed away Monday, August 11, 2025, in Wichita, Kansas. Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 22,2025 at Frist Church of The Nazarene in Independence, Kansas. The family will greet visitors on Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Webb & Rodrick Chapel and Crematory. Funeral Service in Hugo, Oklahoma will be 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at Rogan's Funeral Home with burial to follow in Spring Hill Cemetery in Hugo, Oklahoma.

ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Jimmy and Virginia Huffman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends August 9. They were married August 7, 1965 in Wayside, Ks. The family has lived in several different rural communities in Montgomery County. Jim is a retired sales manager from John Deere Manufacturing in Coffeyville, where he worked for over 35 years. Virginia retired from the State of Kan-



The Huffmans

sas SRS in 2006. After retirement, they purchased the family farm and worked there until 2019. They now reside near Independence.



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TRESPASSING

Aug. 6- At 12:45 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, IPD Officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of West Myrtle Street. After investigating, Officers arrested Ashley Seffel, 45 of Independence, for trespassing.

TRAFFIC

July 24- IPD Officers investigated a DUI in the 300 Block of South 15th Street.

Aug. 1- IPD Officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of East Myrtle Street for a report of a two-vehicle, non injuries accident.

Aug. 3- A little before 5:30 p.m., IPD Officers were dispatched to 4293 CR 3375 for a report of a non-injury, two vehicle accident.

Aug. 5- A 2022 Toyota Tacoma driven by Robert Burzinski, 52 of Cherryvale, was parked at the intersection at West Main and 10th Streets waiting for a pedestrian to cross the road. A 2016 Ford Explorer driven by Sydney Foster, 19 of

Cherryvale, who as behind Burzinski stated she had seen the light turn green and believed Burzinski would proceed through the light, but did not, causing a rear end collision.

BATTERY

July 27- A little after 7:00 p.m., IPD Officers responded to a call of battery in the 700 Block of North 13th Street. After investigation, a 14-year-old juvenile was taken into custody and processed on charges of battery and criminal damage to property.

FIRE/EMS

Medical Emergency, 10:17 am Thursday, W. Main
Medical Emergency, 11:17 am Thursday, Elk City
Medical Emergency, 12:05 pm Thursday, 160 CR 1950
Medical Emergency, 1:07 pm Thursday, N. Penn Ave
Medical Alarm, 1:15 pm Thursday, Samuel Pl
Grass Fire, 8:27 pm Thursday, 4600 CR 4300
Medical Emergency, 8:42 pm Thursday, Elk City

WEATHER



Normal for today91 (high) and 68 (low)
Records 111 (1956) and 55 (1992)
Sunrise Sunday 6:40 | sets 8:13
Sunrise Monday 6:40 | sets 8:12
Sunrise Tuesday 6:41 | sets 8:10
click on Daily Report for today's info:
Elk City Lake level..... 798.44 feet | outflow 1221 CFS
Big Hill Lake level..... 857.91 feet | outflow 0 CFS

Forecast for Montgomery County: Sunny and warm again today, with a high near 95. Heat index values could reach as high as 105-110 degrees. Southerly winds 6 to 9 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly starlit, with a low around 75 degrees. South southeast wind around 6 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 94 degrees. South wind 3 to 7 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 95.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

WALL STREET ROUNDUP



Dow Index	45,048.68	+ 137.42 0.31% ▲
S&P 500 Index	6,462.50	- 6.04 0.09% ▼
NASDAQ Index	21,652.45	- 58.22 0.27% ▼

Last updated on 8-15-25 at 1:12 p.m. CST

Source: CNN

LOTTERY



TOPEKA, KAN. - These Kansas lotteries were drawn earlier this week.

Super Kansas Cash..... Jackpot: \$1,025,000
Mega Millions Jackpot: \$198 million
Powerball Jackpot: \$565 million

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• Development

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care appointments, employment and even to drop students off at school. The Commissioners collectively thanked them for their hard work and continued dedication.

Moving on, the Commissioners accepted the Consent Agenda as it was presented and began with the evening's Items for Commission Action, which approved the following items:

- A proclamation signed by Mayor Smith proclaiming August 21, 2025 as National Senior Citizens Day.
- The issuance of Ordinance No. 4492, amending City code section 42-261 of the Flood Plain Ordinance. Assistant City Manager David Cowan spoke on this, stating that staff had been in talks with a Certified Floodplain manager who had reviewed the City's floodplain regulations and had found an error in the elevation requirements for flood protection. In the City Code Section 42-161, Division 4, Subsection (4)(d), code states that elevation of one foot above Base Flood Elevation is required, while Sections 42-262(1) (a) and 42-263(2)(d) require a minimum of two feet above Base Flood Elevation. In order to resolve the mixup, the City is amending Section 42-261(4)(e) to require all new or replacement water supply and sanitary sewage systems be elevated a minimum of two feet above the Base Flood Elevation, aligning all the sections of City Code.
- Setting the date of October 22 as the date for a public hearing to consider the condemnation of 401 South 2nd Street as dangerous and unsafe. On May 3, the structure at this address was involved in a fire that created extensive damage to the second floor and water damage throughout the home.

Approval of a lease agreement with South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad for the purpose of a walking trail. The agreement would give the City a lease on the walking trail that goes underneath the railroad trestle that goes over the Verdigris River.

- Approval of a signage plan and installation of said signs along the Indy Trails System. Brittney Holum, Community Foundation for Independence's Rural Champion, is spearheading the project. Through a grant provided by the Kansas Department of Commerce, Holum created and curated the trail system, which leads from the park, along the old Interurban track base, around the Central Park Sports Complex and ending back at the Central Park Complex after turning at the Pine Street Dam and is called the Verdigris Vista Trail. The 2.4-mile trail is fully constructed and is in the final stages before it is ready to be open to the public. Holum updated the Commission on the progress of the project, sharing that SKOL has to finish installing a safety barrier under the trellis, the signage needs to be designed and placed, a bit more trail "grooming" needs to be completed and a gate will be installed at one access point along Wells Drive to inhibit vehicles from traversing the walking trail.
- Approval of a Downtown Independence Building Grant for 113 West Myrtle Street in the amount of \$24,561.03. Independence Housing Authority Director April Nutt spoke on the matter, stating that she was visiting with the owner, walking through the building where eleven apartments will be going in when she had noticed there was water damage. The owner, too, had noticed the damage and had originally intended to replace the roof, tuck point the exterior and replace windows and exterior doors. Now that the roof is leaking, Nutt explained, the urgency has kicked in and the owner wants to get the roof repaired as soon as possible before any further damage to the property is incurred.

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to commit four vacant City-owned lots for a federal Affordable Housing Program grant application. Again, April Nutt address the Commissioners and stated that the Independence Housing Authority Board of Directors had approved submission of federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program grant application in the amount of \$1.5 million in partnership with Trident 3D Homes for the possible construction of 40 single-family homes on infill lots owned by the Independence Land Bank. Nutt expressed that the monies would be used for downpayment assistance on these homes, which would be available for home-buyers meeting the moderate income limits. These four lots would basically sweeten the deal when applying for the grant, as it shows initiative. These four lots are located at: 913 West Myrtle Street; 917 West Myrtle Street; 401 North 10th Street and a lot in the 800 Block of West Myrtle Street.

• Summer Bash

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through the quiet stillness of the heartland. Attendees will get that manic, big show energy and a healthy dose of small town pride for good measure.

"This is our scene, this is your summer send-off," stated Mathew Austin, coordinator of the event. "We're not a big-city fest, we're not a mega-budget tour. We're a group of fans, bands and believers who bring the best of the midwest to a town that deserves to rock just as hard. End of Summer Bash is for the bands, the kids, the families and every die-hard that's ever dreamed of the stage. Come make noise with us!"

The fun begins September 20, 2025. Gates open at 12:00 p.m., music starts at 1:30 p.m. at My Place, located at 850 South Liberty Street in Cherryvale. Cost of admission is just \$5 for all ages.

Ten bands from Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri will be on tap and include:

- Ghost in the Atlantic (*South Coffeyville*)
- EdgeOverEdge (*Cherryvale*)
- We Are Arya (*Kansas City*)
- Project Revolution (*Coffeyville*)
- Gravehuffer (*Joplin*)
- Why Footer (*Pittsburg*)
- Seven Boot Monkey (*Tulsa*)
- Khaos Theory (*Kansas City*)
- If I Were King (*Joplin*)
- Split Sanity (*Parsons*)

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