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TONIGHT

A chance of rain, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 8 to 10 mph. New rainfall amounts between a 0.25 and 0.5 inches possible.



TOMORROW

Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 87.
Wednesday night: Rain likely before 1 a.m., then a chance of rain after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. New rainfall between 0.10 and 0.25 inches.

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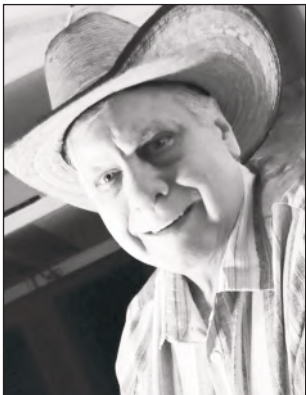
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In Loving Memory



PATRICK HARRISON

Patrick Jack Harrison, 65, passed away Sunday, July 13 2025 at his home in Cape Coral, Fla.

He was born Feb. 22, 1960 in Wichita, but grew up in Liberal. He was the oldest of three sons of Anna Fay Harrison (Wright) and Jack Merle Harrison, both from Liberal. He was preceded in death by both brothers, Mike Harrison of Green Valley, Ariz. and Tim Harrison of Kansas City.

He graduated from Liberal High School in 1978.

Survived by his wife Jacqueline Matkin, and his daughter Monica Harrison of Oklahoma. There are two sister-in-laws Kari Harrison of Arizona and Lupi Harrison of Kansas City, a nephew Dustin Hunt of Houston Texas, and a niece Amanda Harrison of Kansas City. He was loved and he loved his aunt Ellan Brown and uncle Terry Brown of Colorado. There are many surviving cousins in and around Liberal.

Patrick lived in Liberal after high school for several years where he worked for the telephone company, then moved to Oklahoma City and went to college. He ended up staying in Oklahoma City for many years, working for Cox Communication.

In 2011 he moved to Florida and married his high school sweetheart, Jacqueline Matkin. He was the sweetest man with the biggest heart. He was the kindest, gentle and loving man I have ever known.

He loved animals, but it was his beloved Siamese cat "Lola" he brought with him, that he loved so much and they were buddies. She followed him everywhere and he catered to her every meow until she passed at the age of 15 this year.

Patrick loved Florida; he would always say "we live in paradise" and it was paradise, I loved living here with him. I will miss him dearly.

"I will love you forever and for always."

Arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Paid obituary



WARREN KOST

Warren Kost, 97, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025 in Liberal.

He was born May 28, 1928 to Glen and Mary Irene (Barker) Kost in Clayton, N.M.

He married Dorothy Hockett Dec. 26, 1948 in Clayton, N.M. They later divorced.

He later married Joyce Mitchell in Liberal. She preceded him in death.

He graduated from high school in Cane Hill, Ark. in 1946.

He later moved to Liberal and started working for Ideal Foods (which later became Nash Finch), where he worked as a supervisor devoting 50 years of service.

Even after retiring, he remained active in the workforce, lending his experience to Electric Motor Service for an additional 15 years.

Survivors include four sons:

Glenn Kost, Delbert Kost and wife, Diane, Jerry Kost and wife, Patsy, and Gerry Kost and wife, Kay, Hugoton; daughter, Sherry Newman, Turpin, Okla.; stepchildren, Frank Laville and Kim Luna; eight grandchildren: Brandee Snook and husband, Troy, Brandon Newman, Jeri Talcott and husband, Clint, Jena Walla and husband, Chris, Michelle Ray and husband, Justin, Melissa Kost, Michael Kost, and Tyson Kost; 10 great grandchildren: Rowdy Snook, Colten Snook, Alyssa Anderson, Ashton Talcott, Casen Walla, Quinn Walla, Sterling Ray, Stetson Ray, Drake Kost, and Cheyenne Kost; great-great-grandchildren, Keyziah Anderson and Zimmrye Anderson; special friend, Marlin Meisenhiemer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Ralph Kost, Glenna Mayer, Richard Kost, Leon Kost, Marvin Kost, Mary Ann Musgrave and Clyde Delbert; and stepchildren, Mina Laville and Bonnie Laville.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025 at Restlawn Cemetery, with Reverend Rex Petty presiding.

Condolences may be left at www.hornungfuneralhome.com.



DONETTA DRIETZ

Donetta S. Drietz, 76, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 at Northwest Hospital in Bentonville, Ark.

She was born Nov. 12, 1948 to Harold and Mary (Langacher) Lambert in Liberal.

She graduated from Southwestern Heights High School with the Class of 1966. She also attended Fort Hays University. She returned to school at Friends University, where she earned her bachelor's degree.

She married Joe Drietz Jr. Dec. 6, 1975. He survives.

She was a full-time farm wife for many years, and she enjoyed cooking, gardening and spending time with her family.

In 1984, she went to work at Dekalb where she worked for 15 years. She then went on to work as an assistant in the registrar office of Seward County Community College. She later became the college registrar where she worked until retirement.

She was a lifelong member of the Calvary Mennonite Church before moving to Rogers, Arkansas with her husband in 2013.

Survivors also include son, Jeremy Drietz (Kerri), Liberal; daughter, Lana Drietz, Rogers, Ark.; siblings, Carolyn Kay Arrow-smith (Howard) and Larry Joe Lambert (Anna Marie); grand-daughter, Jaden Toto (Noah); step-grandchildren: Kirsten Ross, William (Bo) Ross and Hunter Huskey; and step-great-grandchildren, Knox and Blaze Peralta; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; aunt, June Langacher; and step-great-grandson, Jaxon Peralta.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025 at Rollins Funeral Home at 1401

Hudson Road in Rogers, Ark.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 27, 2025 at Hornung Funeral Home at 1212 W. 2nd Street in Liberal.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025 at Calvary Mennonite Church at 831 S. New York Avenue in Liberal, with burial to follow at the Kismet Cemetery in Kismet.

Condolences may be left at www.hornungfuneralhome.com.

EUNICE PADGETT

FWLER – Eunice R. Padgett, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2025 at the Lone Tree Retirement Center in Meade.

She was born July 16, 1933 to Elmer and Lula (Nichols) Gardner.

She graduated from Fowler High School in 1950. While in high school, she developed a love for art and had her design for the Fowler Goldbug chosen for the yearbook cover.

She married Kenneth (Kenny) Padgett Sept. 22, 1950. He preceded her in death in 2018.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Fowler and the Christian Matrons. She served by teaching Sunday school, leading worship songs and helping with the youth programs.

She was a talented seamstress and would sew outfits for loved ones as well as make quilts and doll clothing. She also spent time learning from local expert artists and would go on to create many oil and acrylic paintings.

She also served on the Meade County Extension, was a part of the CCC Club, bridge club, and loved a good game of cards or round of Scrabble.

Survivors include her sons: Larry Padgett and wife, Sonya, Meade, Jeff Padgett and wife, Marshan, Meade, and Mike Padgett, Abilene; sister, Ardith Hansen, Cunningham; eight grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Orel and Carrol (Red) Gardner; and sisters, Gevene Sutton and Grace Wegley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025 at the First Christian Church in Fowler.

Burial will follow at the Fowler Cemetery in Fowler.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, 2025 at Fidler-Orme-Bachman Mortuary in Meade.

Memorials are suggested to the Vera Waters Art Center in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at fidleromebachmanmortuary.com.

GARY LITTLE

ELKHART – Gary Thomas Little, 81, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025 at Kansas Soldiers' Home in Fort, Dodge.

He was born March 21, 1944 to Thomas and Florence (Vandervort) Little.

He earned his GED and went on to complete two years of college.

He began his military career in the United States Army as a tank gunner for three years before becoming a personnel administrative specialist. Gary retired after serving more than 20 years and was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant E6. His service took him to Korea, and he was stationed in Germany for the majority of his military career.

He enjoyed a good game of pool, fishing, and drinking Pepsi with a Hershey's chocolate bar.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters: Shirley Olham, Karen Bullick and Anita Demyson.

Memorial service and innumment will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025 at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Dodge, with Chaplain Ada Bogart officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the United States Army Military Funeral Honor Guard.

Memorials are suggested to the Kansas Soldiers' Home in care of Gamand Funeral Home, PO Box

Monday's weather

Sunrise 7:11 a.m.
Sunset 8:20 p.m.
Monday's high 75°
Monday night's low 55°
9:30 a.m. temperature 60°
Relative humidity 93 percent

Barometer 30.31 rising
Wind SE @ 12 mph
Precip. as of 10 a.m. None reported
August precipitation 3.85"
Precipitation year to date 16.91"
Conditions at 9:30 a.m. Overcast

agendas

LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

The next regular meeting of the Liberal City Commission will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the City Commission Chambers in the Liberal Recreation Center at 950 S. Grant Avenue.

Call to Order
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Awards, proclamations and presentations
Approval of Agenda
Minutes
a. 8/12/25 special meeting
b. 8/12/25 regular meeting
c. 8/12/25 work session
Items from Citizens
Items from Groups
Consent Agenda
a. Cereal malt beverage license – Western Corner
b. Joel Mettlen – Lease #41.09
Allan and Patricia Kirk – Lease #12.03
Hay, Rice & Associates, Chtd.
a. 2024 audit
b. 2025 audit contract
Revenue Neutral Rate
a. Public hearing
b. Resolution No. 2437 – levy property tax exceeding RNR
Resolution No. 2438 – authorization of water project funds grant
Ortuño Addition
a. Dedication of streets
b. Retention pond
Water meter purchase
Firearm purchase
NRP appeal – 112 W. 2nd Street
Liberal Memorial Library Board appointment
City Staff
City Manager report
Items from Commissioners
Vouchers
Adjournment

defective muffler
Yarexy Godina-Saenz, 21 – 8/1 – 213 W. 5th Street, Liberal – Domestic battery
Eric Alejo-Ruelas, 26 – 8/1 – 605 S. New York Avenue, 5 Liberal – Day server
Alexis Quezada, 22 – 8/1 – 905 N. Roosevelt Avenue, Liberal – Domestic battery, criminal restraint
Rafael Perez, 57 – 8/3 – 424 S. Roosevelt Avenue, Liberal – Domestic battery, criminal possession of weapon by a felon
Andrew Camacho, 24 – 8/3 – 926 N. Carlton Avenue, Liberal – Criminal trespass, probation violation
Daniel Baca-Lopez, 31 – 8/3 – 10615 FM 2589, Dumas, Texas – Max speed limits, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, TOC, DUI, reckless driving, and littering from vehicle
Jessica Gallegos, 23 – 8/3 – 1625 N. Waterman Avenue, Apt. 229, El Centro, Calif. – Domestic battery
Jorge Tino Lopez, 36 – 8/3 – 918 Nebraska Avenue, Liberal – Driving left of center, DUI, and driving without a license
Colton Ratzlaff, 19 – 8/4 – Transient, Hooker, Okla. – FTA, possession of marijuana, and use/possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body
Dusty Torres, 25 – 8/4 – 113 W. Walnut Street, Liberal – FTA

CHARGE CODES:

DL – Driver's License
DUI – Driving Under the Influence
DV – Domestic violence
DWS – Driving While Suspended
FTA – Failure To Appear
FTC – Failure To Comply
LEO – Law Enforcement Officer
MIP – Minor In Possession
PBT – Preliminary Breathalyzer Test
PFA – Protection From Abuse
TOC – Transporting an Open Container
WWI – Walking While Intoxicated

calendar

TODAY

■ Morning transportation for persons age 55 and older is available from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. through the Liberal Senior Center. For more information or to schedule a ride, call 624-2511.

■ The Liberal Area Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Services Women's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at 111 E. 2nd Street.

■ Weight Watchers meeting every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 for registration and weigh-ins. Come to 215 S. Western to Western Avenue Church of Christ. Questions? Call 580-651-5654.

■ Residents at Pioneer Manor in Hugoton play Bingo at 2 p.m. Community members are invited to volunteer or play a game.

jail log

The Seward County Jail Calendar will now be published only in the Leader & Times. The information is provided by the Seward County Sheriff's office at L&T's request and only lists when and why a person was incarcerated. Those reasons do not mean the individual was charged with those crimes, or if any charges were incurred. That decision is determined separately by the Seward County Attorney's office.

Jail Log from August 1 through 4, 2025

Name – Age – Date in – Address – Charges
Edgar Morente-Garcia, 28 – 8/1 – 402 Ellison Street, Guymon, Okla. – Possession of THC, driving without a license, and

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