

OBITUARIES

Barbara Rott

May 22, 1932 – May 4, 2026

Barbara Rott, 93, of Concordia, Kansas, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Marquis Place in Concordia.

She was born on May 22, 1932, in Concordia, Kansas, to Orin and Mildred (Snook) Heitsman.

On June 13, 1953, she was united in marriage to Maynard J. Rott at Brantford Covenant Church near Clyde, Kansas. To this union, one daughter, Kathy, was born.

Barbara devoted her life to her family as a farm wife. She enjoyed gardening, reading, completing word search puzzles, and collecting hummingbird and Santa Claus decorations. She especially valued time spent with her family. Barbara was a member of WFLA Lodge #19.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Byrd of Concordia, Kansas; and her grandson, Casey Pettinger of Lincoln, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard J. Rott; and her parents, Orin and Mildred Heitsman.

Visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2026, at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia, Kansas. Burial followed in Pleasant View Cemetery, rural Vining, Kansas, with Pastor Michael Ostermann officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Marquis Place Assisted Living, 205 W. 21st Street, Concordia, Kansas 66901, in memory of Barbara. Condolences may be left online at www.chaputbuoy.com.



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POLICE DEPT.

On Sunday, May 10,

At 9:03 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West 8th Street for a report of disorderly conduct.

At 5:49 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Lincoln Street for a report of an individual in possession of a controlled substance.

At 5:22 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 600 block of West 6th Street for a domestic disturbance. Upon investigation, there was no physical contact made. Both parties were separated.

At 4:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of West 10th Street for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon investigation, there was no physical contact made. Both parties were separated.

At 12:10 p.m., officers made contact with a male individual, Dustyn Roth of Worland, WY. Upon investigation, Roth had an active warrant out of Sherman County for failure to appear, original charge: DUI, domestic battery and no proof of a valid driver's license. Roth was transported to Cloud County Corrections for processing.

On Saturday, May 9,

At 10:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of East 8th Street for a welfare check.

At 4:56 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of West 6th Street for a report of criminal trespass.

On Thursday, May 7,

At 10:09 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection of Kansas Street and 11th Street for a noise complaint.

At 7:25 p.m., officers made contact with a male individual who had an active warrant out of Riley County. Upon investigation, Caden Swisher was arrested and transported to Cloud County Corrections for processing. Swisher was booked in on his Riley County warrant.

At 8:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 500 block of West 6th Street for a welfare check.

On Wednesday, May 6,

At 4:50 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Olive Street for a report of a civil dispute.

At 10:53 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 800 block of East 7th Street for a report of a non-injury accident.

On Tuesday, May 5,

At 6:29 p.m., officers were dispatched to the police department for a report of child abuse.

At 5:34 p.m., officers made contact with a male individual, Christopher Young of Concordia, in the intersection of a 14th Street and Spruce Street. Young was known by Officers to have an active Cloud County warrant. Young was placed under arrest, and upon investigation with additional charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, felon in possession of a firearm. Young was transported to Cloud County Corrections for processing on his Cloud County warrant, original charge: larceny, theft, and criminal damage to property. Young was also booked in on the previous said charges.

At 12:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of East 9th Street for a report of a battery. Charges have been forwarded to the Cloud County Attorney.

On Monday, May 4,

At 11:52 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Republican for a report of harassment via telecommunication device.

At 9:57 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of east College Drive for a report of criminal trespass.

At 8:55 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 200 block of West 21st Street for a report of a missing person. Upon investigation, the individual was located safely.

At 11:06 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of East 13th Street for a welfare check.

At 10:11 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of East 17th Street for a report of a civil standby.

City Commission accepts 2025 audit

An official acceptance of the City's 2025 financial audit, the purchase of a new mower for the Parks Department, and three public hearings for unsafe and dangerous properties were among the items on the agenda at the regular city commission meeting on Wednesday, May 6.

Commissioner Marsha Wentz attended the meeting via Zoom.

The meeting began with a presentation by Neil Phillips of the firm Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips regarding the City's 2025 audit.

The City had contracted with the company on November 19, 2025, to provide audit services for the 2025 fiscal year at a fee not to exceed \$14,000, and in the event of Federal expenditures exceeding \$1,000,000, there would be a single audit not to exceed \$2,900.

A single audit over Federal expenditures was not needed. The audit was paid in full, and the total cost was \$12,000, which was lower than the agreement.

Phillips reported to commissioners that there were no issues with the 2025 audit.

Commissioners voted to accept the audit and authorized Mayor Ashley Hutchinson, City Manager Amy Lange, and Finance Director Amber Farm to sign the management representation letter.

Next on the agenda, commissioners voted to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper 725DT with Powervac from Krier Mower and Electric for the price of \$23,080.00, to be paid out of the City's Equipment Reserve Fund.

The City's Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Atkins, reported that his department had requested a quote from Krier Mower and Electric for a new Grasshopper front-mounted riding mower to replace an existing mower that had continuous mechanical problems.

The new mower is the same uniform model as 5 of the 6 mowers used by the Parks Department, but will have a Powervac attachment on the back. The Powervac attachment is removable, but will benefit several areas where additional cleanup is necessary, such as the City Park when leaves have piled next to the fence, the ball-fields, the Broadway Plaza to keep

clippings out of the splash pad, and other areas that may leave heavy patches of cut grass.

Atkins stated that front-mounted mowers have become a vital part of the City's equipment and are in constant use. The front-mount allows City staff to maneuver in and out of headstones at the cemetery and reach further into trees and bushy areas, cutting down the amount of time needed to go back and weed-eat areas.

The mowers also give staff the ability to safely raise the blade deck to do maintenance or change blades without having to jack or use a winch to raise the deck.

Commissioners then approved the purchase of an AutoPulse NXT from Zoll Medical Corporation in the amount of \$23,508.70, for the Concordia Fire Department/EMS. The device will be paid for with assistance from the Kansas Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) Grant Program. The Grant will reimburse \$16,532.85 of the \$23,608.70.

Concordia Fire Chief John Christensen stated that the mechanical CPR device will replace a 2015 AutoPulse from Zoll Medical that had a seven-year life span.

The AutoPulse is stored in a soft case that is then deployed as a soft stretcher for carrying the patient. This setup prevents a pause in compressions while moving the patient to a secondary device for carrying.

Christensen further stated that the equipment is important for CFD/EMS to give cardiac arrest patients the highest survival rate. Studies show that high-quality CPR by uninterrupted continuous chest compressions is a vital part of gaining the best survival rate.

Commissioners next approved Resolution 2026-2229 that set the date of June 17, 2026, for a public hearing regarding the establishment of a Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID).

On May 15, 2025, commissioners executed a development agreement with TransEquity for the 1100 block of East 11th Street. This housing development will require the construction of new infrastructure (street, storm sewer, water, sanitary sewer, and sidewalks) to support the construction

of 11 new single-family attached homes (22 housing units) by TransEquity. TransEquity intends to build the infrastructure to public standards, but will maintain it privately.

On April 1, 2026, the commission approved Resolution No. 2026-2228 that declared its intent to establish an RHID, which establishes a funding stream to pay for improvements to serve new homes. The Kansas Department of Commerce approved these findings on April 6, 2026.

The next step in the process is to hold a public hearing. During this public hearing, the commission will review the details of the feasibility study and redevelopment plan, and is expected to take action on the redevelopment plan.

The hearing is an opportunity for the public to share their questions, comments, support and concerns with the City Commission about the use of the RHID to construct improvements to serve the new homes constructed within the geographic boundary of the RHID.

In their final action item of the evening, commissioners approved Resolution #2026-2230, Resolution #2026-2231, and Resolution #2026-2232 that set the public hearing date of

Wednesday, July 1st, 2026, for the condemnation of the properties at 311 W. 2nd St., 321 E. 12th St., and 424 E. 1st St.

The condemnation process allows the City to force action on a blighted and dilapidated building or property.

The City's Public Works Director Shane Kisby reported to commissioners that the recent citywide cleanup project resulted in city crews disposing of 51 truckloads of tree limbs, 45 loads of furniture, seven loads of mattresses and cushions, one load of metal, and 440 tires, all weighing 8.57 tons.

Commissioners then entered into a 22-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Cloud County Attorney Justin Ferrell. No action was taken.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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