



OBITUARY

Terry Edward Porter

June 28, 1951 ~ August 10, 2026
Terry Edward Porter, 75, passed away Aug. 10, 2026, in Cottonwood Falls.

He was born June 28, 1951, at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, the son of Richard Porter and Albertina Porter. He was raised in Wichita by his mother and stepfather, Leonard Crabtree.



In his early 20s, Terry moved to Oklahoma, where he worked for various companies. Among the jobs he most enjoyed was his work for Vickers Oil, where he served as a district supervisor.

Terry and Tanya met in Wichita in 1984 while working together at Pony Express, a courier company. They moved to Cedar Point in 1990 and to Cottonwood Falls in 1999. They were married in 2014.

Terry began a landscaping and moving business in Wichita in 1991, which grew after he moved to Chase County. He took pride in his work and considered each yard he mowed his "canvas," viewing himself as an artist when it came to mowing lawns, large or small.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening and spending time outdoors. Terry grew plants and flowers that others enjoyed purchasing from him, and his favorite place to be was outdoors.

Terry also loved animals and especially enjoyed raising and racing pigeons. He was involved with the Wichita Homing Club and, in 1977, received a diploma for having the fastest homing pigeon in a race covering more than 100 miles. He also enjoyed his Chiweenie, Toto, a Dachshund-Chihuahua mix.

Survivors include his wife, Tanya Porter; son, Jaison D. Porter; stepsons, Daniel Tope and Jeff Johnson; grandchildren, Jaison Porter, Hailey Porter and Mitch Tope; and great-grandchild, Kourtlyn Porter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Life Church, 24 N. Union, Council Grove, followed by a luncheon for family and friends.

Artemis II team visits

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Kansas?" Moran recalled the astronauts telling him.

Following the crew's return to Earth from its mission around the Moon earlier this year, Moran invited the astronauts to Kansas to see firsthand the work being done at the Cosmosphere to educate and inspire future scientists, researchers and engineers.

That invitation became a reality Tuesday when the astronauts, Isaacman and Kansans gathered at the museum.

Moran connected the visit with Kansas' state motto, "Ad Astra Per Aspera," commonly translated as "to the stars through difficulties."

The motto, he said, does not suggest reaching the stars will be easy, safe or certain, but instead reflects the importance of continuing to explore and pursue difficult goals.

Moran said the event served as a reminder of the importance of preparing young people who will help shape the future of American innovation, discovery and exploration.

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Morris County Budget report for the month of July

Fund/Dept.	Budget	YTD Expenses	% of Budget Remaining
Commissioners	80,500	42,799.43	47%
Clerk	142,000	78,207.56	45%
Treasurer	216,450	110,518.89	49%
Attorney	199,100	112,369.52	44%
Register of Deeds	138,850	67,342.64	51%
Sheriff	634,550	298,492.31	53%
Dispatch	271,750	151,649.76	44%
Courthouse	592,600	422,013.30	29%
District Court	65,906	28,483.43	57%
Emergency Mgmt.	46,510	24,562.18	47%
Elections	80,750	48,522.73	40%
Juvenile Detention	32,000	12,051.93	62%
Jail	260,000	189,596.93	27%
Public Transportation	209,000	90,861.23	57%
Sanitarian	19,250	9,381.56	51%
Road & Bridge	3,923,000	1,104,857.10	72%
Special Bridge	1,589,558	131,763.34	92%
Reappraisal	217,000	103,240.47	52%
Noxious Weed	267,250	179,619.00	33%
Transfer Station	415,800	154,253.93	63%
Recycling	154,500	81,643.67	47%
Employee Benefits	2,021,000	981,573.53	51%
Nine One One	214,770	33,455.60	84%

Fund/Dept.	YTD Expenses	Cash Balance Remaining
Capital Improvement	205,001.48	470,368.96
Equipment Reserve	342,668.54	1,050,445.23

Commissioners

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a \$40,000 individual stop loss is estimated to be \$606,179.64. The estimated annual expected claims (with the county funding at the max liability) are \$851,226.48. The total estimated annual premium for the 2026-2027 BCBS self-funded plan is \$1,457,406.12. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the BCBS Dental Plan renewal for 2026-2027. The renewal reflects a 12.7% increase from the prior year, with an estimated annual premium of \$30,813.24. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the county's 2027 budget; the BCBS renewal was not as low as the county was hoping; this will affect the budget remaining revenue neutral. Further review will be done at the county's RNR/Budget Hearing.

Shelly Lautt gave the following public works report for the week of August 3rd -7th:

Road & Bridge:

Slough Creek Quarry road rock was placed on M Ave. from 2400-2500, 2500 Rd. from M-P, P Ave. from 2500-2800, 2600 Rd. from L-P, 2600 Rd. from G-J, 1600 Rd. from B-D, J Ave. from 1300-1400, F Ave. from 2100-2200, 2100 Rd. from F-G, 2300 Rd. from B-F and 1200 Rd. from T-U

Creek gravel was hauled to M Ave. from 400-Old Hwy 4, Old Hwy 4 from 500-600 and 525 Rd. and X Ave.

Tree limbs and brush were cut on 1700 Rd. and AA Ave.

Brush was removed from box culverts on 2000 Rd. from R-T and M Ave. from 2100-2200

Culverts were cleaned on J Ave. between 800-900, F Ave. between 600-700, 1100 Rd. between D-F, D Ave. between 1000-1100, 1300 Rd. between J-K and 2100 Rd. between C-D

Work was done at 2300 Rd. from B-C; ditches and culvert were cleaned and road was graveled

A new entrance culvert was installed at 2500 Rd. and P Ave.

Gravel was retrieved on 2100 Rd. from F-G and 2300 Rd. from B-C

Potholes on RS-140 Bridge on Dunlap Rd. were repaired with concrete patches

Trash and furniture that was dumped in the ditches were removed on U Ave. from 3000-3100, 800 Rd. from H-J and on Lake Rd.

Routine sign work was done across the county

Mowing was done on the Burdick, Dwight and White City routes

Assisted with a cattle pot incident on X Ave. between 400-525

Noxious Weed:

Morris County will be hosting the area Noxious Weed Meeting in the Road Department Conference Room

Transfer Station:

Republic Services is having issues with staffing and not enough truck drivers; this limits the amount of materials we can take on certain days; we will be keeping the public updated through our Facebook Page

Another community reports possible mountain lion

MCPHERSON COUNTY (JC POST) — The City of Inman has received a report of a possible mountain lion sighting in the area of the Motocross & Country Park, 457 9th Avenue in the city of Inman.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to use extra caution in and around the area.

Google indicates that if you encounter a mountain lion:

Do not approach it or run.

Give the animal plenty of space.

Keep children and pets close.

Make yourself appear larger and slowly back away.

Report the sighting to the appropriate local authorities.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

My ancestors were Scotch-Irish "non-conformist" Presbyterians seeking religious freedom. In Battery Park, NYC, there is an impressive bronze sculpture by sculptor Luis Sanguino, "The Immigrants," which, according to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation website, "depicts figures of various ethnic groups and eras, including an Eastern European Jew, a freed African slave, a priest, and a worker [to] emphasize the struggle and toil inherent in the experience of the immigrant..."

Nearby at 55 Water Street is the "New York Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza Square," built in 1985 and renovated by "The Friends of the Veterans Plaza" in 2001. According to the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza website, "The Plaza was the first public space ... reopened after the attacks on New York City on September 11th, 2001 ... [as] a place for peaceful respect, remembrance and tribute for those who served in Vietnam and to solemnly honor those 1,744 NYC residents who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Vietnam War."

In 1945 President Harry Truman signed an order changing the Seal of the President of the United States so the eagle looks towards the olive branch, not the arrows, symbolizing a shift in America's outlook and our desire always to strive towards peace.

This shift by a leader who preserved our freedom and validated the sacrifices of those who fought in World War II, in concert and consultation with our allies, looms large in the thinking of many Americans today who do not approve of thoughtless words and actions by an administration at war with its own people and, on any given day, with nearly every one of our former allies. Trump has gutted the national treasury, wasted munitions, and shredded alliances at home and abroad which will take decades to restore.

Sincerely,

Robb Scott

School MENU

USD 417 menus for August 20-28

Breakfast and lunch menus have been announced for USD 417. Menus are subject to change.

Breakfast grab and go options daily are cereal, muffins, donuts, bread slices and pop tarts. Milk choices are 1% white milk and 1% chocolate milk. Items offered daily on the fresh fruit/fresh veggie bar are lettuce, carrots, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, mixed peppers, celery, seasonal fruit.

Breakfast

Thursday – Breakfast pizza

Friday – Cooks choice

Monday – Breakfast pizza

Tuesday – Syrup Tuesday, sausage

Wednesday – Breakfast sandwich

Thursday – Biscuit and gravy

Friday – Cooks choice

Lunch

Thursday -- *Meal of the Day* Pancake on stick*Student Favorite* Chicken Parm sandwich; *Extras

Friday -- *Meal of the Day* Grilled cheese sandwich*Student Favorite* Pizza;*Extras

Monday -- *Meal of the Day* Chicken and waffles*Student Favorite* Corn dog, string cheese; salad bar/grain *Extras

Tuesday -- *Meal of the Day* Turkey and cheese sub*Student Favorite*Cheeseburger; salad bar/ grain; *Extras

Wednesday -- *Meal of the Day* Hot dog, mac and cheese*Student Favorite*Chicken wrap; salad bar/ grain; *Extras

Thursday -- *Meal of the Day* Quesadilla, queso cheese*Student Favorite*Chicken Parm sandwich; salad bar/grain; *Extras

Friday -- *Meal of the Day* Pizza Hut pizza; salad bar/grain; *Extras

USD 481 Menus For August 24-28

Breakfast and lunch menus for USD 481 for next week have been announced.

1% white milk and fat-free chocolate milk are served at both meals. Fruit and juice are offered at breakfast. Each day an extra fruit is offered for grades 9-12.

Monday -- Bagel & cream cheese; pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, apple slices, milk

Tuesday -- French toast & eggs; chef salad, garbanzo beans, carrots, cucumber, crackers, banana, milk

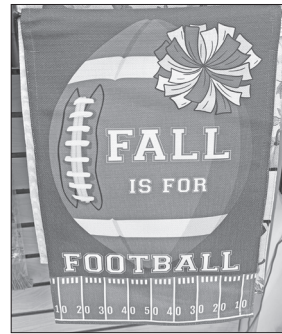
Wednesday -- Sausage biscuit; spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, peas, orange slices, breadstick, milk

Thursday -- Muffin & yogurt; mac 'n cheese & little smokies, corn on the cob, cucumber, pears, roll, milk

Friday -- Blueberry bubble bread; chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, carrots, cinnamon puff, peaches, milk

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