

OBITUARIES

DAVID EUGENE CORN, SR.



Corn, Sr.

David Eugene Corn, Sr., age 80, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2026, at his home in Independence, Kansas, surrounded by his loving family.

David was born on September 9, 1945, at Cherryvale, Kansas to LeRoy and Ruth Alene (Carpenter) Corn. He attended school in Cherryvale, Kansas and graduated from Cherryvale High School in 1963. He served on the Board of the Cherryvale Alumni Association for many years.

David married Mary (Hamilton) Corn on April 29, 1967, in Independence, Kansas. They had two children, David E. Corn, Jr. and Shelly (Corn) McGuire.

David worked for 25 years at Safeway and Homeland Grocery Stores in Independence, Kansas. He also worked as the Manager at Homeland Grocery Store in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Many of his grocery store customers and co-workers became his lifelong friends.

After retiring from Homeland Grocery, he partnered with his son, David Corn, Jr. in several baseball card/sports collectible stores that they owned and operated in Independence, Coffeyville and Bartlesville.

David and his family traveled to more than 300 sports collectible shows across the United States.

He attended the Cherryvale Bible Holiness Church. David was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy and Ruth Alene Corn, his brothers Charles and Gary Corn, and his sister Linda (Corn) Wilkerson.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Mary Corn, one son David E Corn, Jr. of Independence, Kansas and one daughter Shelly McGuire, one grandson Tyler McGuire and one granddaughter Michyla Handley of Overland Park, Kansas; three brothers: Larry (wife Gay) Corn, Danny (wife Kim) Corn of Independence, Kansas; Terry (wife Sharon) Corn of Cherryvale, Kansas; one sister Elaine (husband George) Glines of Independence, Kansas and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Webb & Rodrick Chapel and Crematory, 306 W Main St, Independence, Kansas. Burial will take place at mt Hope Cemetery in Independence, Kansas immediately following the funeral services.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Cherryvale Bible Holiness Church and can be left at the funeral home. To leave a special message for the family please visit www.webbrodrickchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Webb & Rodrick Chapel and Crematory.

CONNIE JEAN SHERLOCK



Sherlock

Connie Jean Sherlock, age 79, of Independence, Kansas, passed away March 21, 2026, at Olathe Hospice House, Olathe, Kansas. Connie was born September 11, 1946, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Russell Benson and Nettie (Miller) Benson.

Connie received an associate's degree from York College, York, Nebraska. She continued her studies at Oklahoma Christian College, Edmond, Oklahoma, and she received a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. She taught many years at Columbia Christian, Portland, Oregon. Following teaching, she became a designer and maker of Americana arts and crafts, composed of various dolls, patterns, stitcheries, and quilts. Later, she designed websites.

Connie and David Dale Sherlock were married August 27, 1966, in Baldwin City, Kansas. He passed August 13, 2018.

Connie touched many lives through her generosity of time and presence. She was active in various crafting and quilting communities, and she inspired her grandchildren to be crafters. Connie was a member of the church of Christ, where she taught Bible classes, wrote vacation Bible school material, and supported her husband as a preacher. Connie has been featured in various magazines showcasing her patterns and books.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers, Ronnie Benson, Rusty Benson; and sister-in-law, Cindy McGill.

Connie is survived by her children, Kimberly Waggoner, Shawn (Beth Follmer) Sherlock; grandchildren, Leslie (Weston) Vanderpool, Jessica Newkirk, Michael P. Waggoner, Rebbecca (Michael) Kessler, Anna Waggoner; great-grandchildren, Cole and Jordan Vanderpool, David Newkirk, Arisbeth, Felicity, and Elowyn Kessler; siblings, Dennis (Dorcus) Benson, Judy Benson, Richard (Samantha) Benson, brother-in-law, Stuart (Rhonda) Sherlock, sister-in-law, Kay Benson; numerous nieces and nephews, and many adopted children and grandchildren.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in The Venue at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 1883 US Highway 54, Iola, Kansas.

A funeral service will be Monday, March 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the chapel at Feuerborn family Funeral Service. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence, Kansas.

Memorials are suggested to Animals With Our Love Humane Society, Independence, Kansas, and may be left with Feuerborn Family Funeral Service.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

• ICC announces

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ICC Interim President Taylor Crawshaw emphasized the impact Underwood's story will have on graduates.

"Brad's success is a testament to the hard work, perseverance and foundation our students build at ICC," said Crawshaw. "We are honored to have him return to share his message with our graduates as they stake the next step in their own journeys."

As a former student-athlete, Underwood's return to campus serves as a full-circle moment, highlighting the lasting impact of community college education and the opportunities it creates.

WEATHER



Normal for today64 (high) and 39 (low)
Records92 (1895) and 15 (1899)
Sunrise Sunday 7:11 | sets 7:44
Sunrise Monday 7:09 | sets 7:44
Sunrise Tuesday 7:08 | sets 7:45
Lake Info for Friday (visit www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil and click on Daily Report for Today's info):
Elk City Lake level..... 796.14 feet | outflow 11 CFS
Big Hill Lake level..... 857.35 feet | outflow 0 CFS

Forecast for Montgomery County: Sunny, with a seasonable high near 63 degrees. Light and variable winds switching to the south around 9 to 14 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 22 mph at times.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46 degrees. Southerly wind 10 to 14 mph, gusting as high as 23 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and warmer, with a high near 78 degrees. South wind 11 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61 degrees.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Breezy.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

LOTTERY



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

Super Kansas Cash.....Jackpot: \$420,000
Mega Millions.....Jackpot: \$70 million
Powerball.....Jackpot: \$166 million

WALL STREET ROUNDUP



	Price	Change
Dow Index	45,597.88	- 362.23 0.79% ▼
S&P 500 Index	6,424.09	- 53.07 0.82% ▼
NASDAQ Index	21,139.47	- 268.61 1.25% ▼

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• Commissioners

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Commission, asking them to proclaim April 12-18 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Independence. The proclamation was approved unanimously.

The Commissioners also approved setting the date of May 14 at 5:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing to instate a Reinvestment Housing Investment District for 201 North Pennsylvania Avenue. As previously reported, US Federal Properties Co., LLC, in partnership with 201 Investors LLC, are wanting to redevelop the old Professional building at the corner of Myrtle and North Pennsylvania Avenue. The extensive project will go far to preserve what is considered a key anchor building in our historic downtown district. The project has advanced quickly, with the property under contract, environmental studies completed and financing secured. The developers are requesting the establishment of a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District, which allows the base property tax value to remain unchanged, while a portion of the new taxes generated from improvements made on the second floor or above for housing may be rebated to offset eligible housing construction costs for up to 25 years. According to the files located on the City's website, the City will continue to receive all existing tax revenue, with only the incremental increase subject to rebate. RHID's are a critical tool in enabling housing development in rural communities where construction costs often exceed final property values.

Also approved was a bid for a roofing project at Riverside Park. Again, Park and Zoo Director Scott Patton spoke to Commissioners, sharing that the Stitch Shelter House, which was constructed in 1917 in memory of Adolf C. Stitch, is in dire need of a new roof. The current roof on the building is the original terracotta tiles and is over 100 years old. The roof has taken extensive damage and has deteriorated beyond the point of simple repair, with a number of tiles cracked and crumbling, while several ongoing leaks have been observed in the building.

Along with the shelter house, the project covers the Park Office, locally known as the Garden House. The small structure was built in the 1930s, as a part of the WPA program and was once the shower house for the segregated tennis courts that occupied the area where the mini golf course is located now. Like the shelter house, the park office also retains its original roof, consisting of asbestos shingles. Both buildings are listed on the local Register of Historic Places by the Independence Historic Preservation and Resource Committee.

The Committee recommended that replacement materials closely match the original materials to best preserve the historic character of each building, therefore flat slab clay tiles in a terracotta red were chosen for the shelter house and pewter gray diamond-cut shingles were chosen for the park office. Four bids for the projects were received, with H&H Roofing, LLC coming in with the lowest bid in the amount of \$166,758.28. Their bid is approximately \$49,000 less than the closest competing bid. Funding for the project was approved in the 2026 budget.

Public Works Director John Garris asked the Commission to approve the purchase of a new truck for the Water/Sewer Department. The existing truck is aging and becoming somewhat unreliable. A replacement crew cab truck has been located at the price of \$65,333.95. The existing truck will be sold at auction via Purple Wave. The Commissioners approved.

Also approved were a number of projects concerning the airport, including a contract for construction of observation for the airport apron pavement maintenance to H.W. Lochner, Inc. The contract is in the amount of \$105,000 and KDOT is funding 90% of the project, leaving the City's total cost at \$10,500. The next is a contract for airport apron pavement maintenance to Maxwell Asphalt in the amount of \$440,220. KDOT is also covering part of this payment, which would leave the City liable for \$44,022, to be paid for from the Airport Capital Projects Reserve Fund. Lastly, the Commission approved two ordinances relating to the leasing of hangars at the airport. One ordinance establishes the authority to rent the hangars and the other adds the hangar rental rates to Appendix D.

Lastly, the Commission approved extending the contract with Resource Recovery, Inc for use of the landfill. According to Garris, the company has agreed to a contract extension at the same rate, subject to a CPI adjustment in July, extending the contract for six months. As the Green Environmental Recycling and Disposal LLC's transfer station is not yet operational, this will provide a continuation of service. Resource Recovery has lower prices than Green, so the contract extension will positively impact Sanitation costs.

China First

China imports the most crude oil of any country in the world, the U.S. is second. China is investing in other power sources so they will be less reliant on oil in the future. China is the world leader in fusion power, wind power, electric cars, and solar power, the world's cheapest power source.

Ad Written & Paid for by Robert Greenwood Jr

HAPPENINGS

OPEN ARMS DINER

The Open Arms Diner will be serving to-go only meals Tuesday, March 31, from 5:00-5:30 p.m. The menu is chicken and noodles, carrots and cookies. Free will donations are always welcomed and accepted.

CITY-COUNTY

TRAFFIC

March 25- IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of 10th and Maple Streets. After investigating, Johnnie Williams, 20, was arrested and cited into municipal court.

THEFT

March 25- IPD Officers were dispatched to the Police Department lobby for a report of theft.

FIRE/EMS

Medical Emergency, 7:38 am Thursday, Mulberry St.

Medical Emergency, 8:01 am Thursday, Grand Ln

Slip or Fall, 9:35 am Thursday, S. 17th

Fire Assist, 3:15 pm Thursday, Landfill

Transfer, 3:37 pm Thursday, Indy ER to JPH

Motor Vehicle Accident, 6:11 pm Thursday, Walmart

Transfer, 7:25 pm Thursday, Indy ER to JPH

Medical Emergency, 9:02 pm Thursday, N. 2nd

Medical Alarm, 9:56 pm Thursday, S. Penn Ave

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