

# OBITUARIES

## MARTHA E. ONESLAGER

Martha E. Oneslager, age 90 of Coffeyville Kansas passed away on Friday March 27, 2026, at CRMC. Services will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 2 pm at Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel. Martha will be laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery next to her late husband Don and son Doug following the service. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 31 also at the same location from 5-7pm.

# HAPPENINGS

## SIXTY CLUB

The Sixty Club will not meet this week due to the Easter holiday.

# CITY-COUNTY

## TRAFFIC

**March 26-** IPD Officers were dispatched to Down Home Restaurant, located at 1515 North Pennsylvania Avenue, for a report of a hit and run accident.

**March 26-** IPD Officers responded to a report of a one vehicle injury accident in the 100 Block of South Peter Pan Road.

**March 27-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 600 Block of West Chestnut Street. A 15-year-old minor was issued a citation for driving without valid proof of liability insurance.

**March 27-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 600 Block of Fountain Street. Aundre Nuckols, 52, was arrested for warrants, driving while license revoked and possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia.

**March 28-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 500 Block of West Main Street. Joel Mendel, 51 of Independence, was issued a citation for driving without valid proof of liability insurance and a defective taillight.

**March 28-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 200 Block of North 8th Street. Dwayne Meadows, 41, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving on sidewalks and driving without valid proof of liability insurance.

**March 28-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 300 Block of West Magnolia Street. Tina Stewart, 51 of Parsons, was issued a citation for driving without valid proof of liability insurance and driving while suspended.

**March 28-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 300 Block of South 17th Street. Theodore Schad, 59, was issued a citation for driving without valid proof of liability insurance and texting while driving.

**March 29-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Locust and 13th Streets. After investigating, Anthony Trollope, 49 of Independence, was issued a citation for illegal tag and driving without valid proof of liability insurance.

**March 29-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 500 Block of North 10th Street. Latosha Lewis, 48, was arrested for driving under the influence, improper usage of a turn signal, driving on laned roadways and driving without valid proof of liability insurance.

**March 29-** IPD Officers conducted a traffic stop in the intersection of 12th and Pine Streets. Jessie Lornes, 45 of Independence, was placed under arrest, processed and issued a citation for the following recommended charges: driving without a valid driver's license and driving without lights when needed.

## STALKING

**March 26-** IPD Officers responded to a call of stalking in the 1000 Block of West Main Street. After investigating, Brian Larry Mcugh, 40 of Independence, was cited into municipal court and processed on charges of stalking.

## FIRE/EMS

**Grass Fire,** 5:36 am Monday, 2300 N 20th  
**Slip or Fall,** 1:19 pm Monday, Circle Drive  
**Medical Emergency,** 7:04 pm Monday, Assist Elk Co. EMS  
**Medical Emergency,** 7:49 pm Monday, Labette Health Parking Lot  
**Transfer,** 10:34 pm Monday, Indy ER to JPH  
**Flight Crew,** 11:00 pm Monday, Indy ER to Airport

## LOTTERY



TOPEKA, KAN. - These Kansas lotteries were drawn earlier this week.  
**Super Kansas Cash**.....Jackpot: \$440,000  
**Mega Millions**.....Jackpot: \$80 million  
**Powerball**.....Jackpot: \$194 million

## WEATHER



**Normal for today** ..... 65 (high) and 40 (low)  
**Records** ..... 93 (1946) and 21 (1926)  
**Sunrise** ..... Thursday 7:15 | sets 7:41  
**Elk City Lake level**..... 797.26 feet | outflow 11 cfs  
**Big Hill Lake level**..... 857.33 feet | outflow 0 cfs  
**Tuesday's lake level info. Visit [www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil](http://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil) and click on Daily Report for today's info.**

**Forecast for Montgomery County:** We'll see a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms today, as a strong cold front begins to work its way into our area. Mostly cloudy skies will prevail, with a high near 78 degrees. Breezy, with a southerly wind around 9 to 14 mph, increasing to 17 to 22 mph in the afternoon. Wind could gust as high as 31 mph.

**Tonight:** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could be strong to severe, with high winds, dime sized hail and heavy rain the main threats with any storms that may form. Breezy overnight, with southerly winds 13 to 31 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph. Chance of rain is 90%.

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## • Kansas History

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some the Dunn Brothers. Legend tells that during a gunfight in Ingalls one day, Rose ran out into the whizzing bullets to bring Newcomb extra ammunition and even directed rifle shots at local lawmen to give Newcomb time to reload his pistols.

Unfortunately, Newcomb proved to have a bit of a yellow streak and ran away after getting only two shots out and getting wounded. Newcomb eventually fled Ingalls.

On May 2, 1895, on the pretense of visiting his paramour Rose, George and Charley Pierce rode their horses up to the Dunn ranch. As soon as their boots hit the dirt, Rose's brothers, the bounty-hunting foursome, opened fire on the duo. They didn't stand a chance.

The Dunn brothers loaded up the bodies in their wagon and brought them into town to collect the bounties on their heads. All of a sudden, Newcomb stirred and moaned. The Dunn brothers quickly dispatched him. Some lore indicates that young Rose had a hand in her beau's death, even unknowingly.

George's father James claimed his body and brought him home southwest of present day Norman, Oklahoma.

## • IHS Band

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**Sophia Lewman**- 2- flute  
**Anderson Jacinto**- 2- alto sax  
**Madeline Seel**- 1- flute  
**Collin Chaplin**- 1- tenor sax  
**Sean Graham**- 1- snare

**Brodie Small**- 1- trombone  
**Asia VanWinkle**- 1- trumpet  
**Percussion Ensemble** (Caven Jabben, Quinlan Boyer, Brynlee Taylor, Sean Graham, JP Tharp, Aiden Drews, Easton Gray, Eli McCambridge, Eli Shelton)- 1  
**Abby Bright**- 1- clarinet  
**Easton Gray**- 1-2 mallet marimba  
**Elly Han**- 1- Clarinet  
**Natalie Anderson**- 1- flute

**Madelin Beshear**- 1- trumpet  
**Miguel Francisco**- 1- trumpet  
**Andrew Kuehn**- 1- trumpet  
**Sax Duet** (Dalton Werner and Toby Colon) -1  
**Kale'a Achong**- 1- trumpet  
**Jacob Youk**- 1- trumpet  
**Kristina Achong**- 1- trumpet  
**Clarinet Trio** (Abby Bright, Dalton Werner, Kaylee Williams)- 1  
**Jaidyn Price**- 1- clarinet

## • ICC moves forward

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to emails. Chair John Eubanks asked if all members of the Board can attend a party together outside of a meeting. Chubb stated that that is no problem as long as they do not discuss board business. He explained also, "By statute, one of your duties is to appoint a President." This is a two-step process. The administration chooses the person the faculty approves of. That candidate will then be presented to the Board for approval.

Eubanks introduced Payables. Null motioned to accept. Lasater seconded. The motion carried.

The Board then discussed issuing a resolution authorizing Larry Kleeman, Ranson Financial, to help with the acquisition and outfitting of a new welding facility. They have the legal authority to proceed with the financing. The Board has previously discussed a sample schedule for a loan for a project cost of \$2.1 million. However project costs have increased to \$2.3 million to accommodate the ventilation system and welding equipment.

Kleeman recommended making this a \$2.4 million loan and shortening the loan period to a five-year issue. That would be a repayment of \$850,000 for the first two years. The remaining portion would be col-

lected over the next three years. Snyder asked when they need to make a decision. The process needs to be complete by June 30. Taylor Crawshaw, Vice President for Academic Affairs, explained that the loan is necessary in order to use the grant funds they have available for the project. The Draw grant will provide \$740,000, while the EDA grant will provide just over \$1 million funds. The college will be responsible for \$250,000.

Eubanks explained that the grant requires them to spend the money before they can draw down the grant. Once the loan is spent, the college will be able to pay back the loan using the grant funds available. They have applied for equipment grants as well but will not hear back about those in a timely manner. On April 20, the Board will review their bids presented by Ranson Financial and make their final decision. Logan Null motioned to accept the five-year schedule and go out for loan bids based on that plan. Snyder seconded. The motion carried.

Crawshaw presented the grant application for the Cherokee Nation's Public Health and Wellness grant. These grant funds will be used to repair the bridge walk-way in the middle of campus. The college is requesting \$125,800 for the project. Null motioned to approve. Susan Porter seconded. The motion carried.

The ICC Board of Trustees meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the FabLab on the ICC main campus. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## • New County-wide

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roll out. As discussed, this is a comprehensive plan that will have to be budgeted for as currently the EDA and USDA grants for comprehensive plans are not being funded," he explained. "Part of the reason for getting this kicked out as early as possible is to get those numbers in during budget season." Commissioner Bever asked that for transparency sake, the RFP be published in the County paper for the public to review before approval. Commissioner Phil Clubine stated, "We are trying to protect everybody's interests here." There will be town hall meetings and public discussions before the plan is finalized. These regulations are not intended to restrict private property owners but to restrict companies from using agriculture land for other purposes. The Commissioners approved.

Melody Kikkert, County Appraiser, requested to put a 2011 Ford Escape with 113,000 miles up for sale on Purple Wave. They are not currently using it. She has already offered it to the other departments. The Commissioners approved.

Ashley Hand, Human Resources, and Booe provided a review of a payroll, timekeeping and HRIS RFP for approval. The County currently uses Paylocity. Booe reported that the County staff are experiencing a considerable number of issues with the software and not receiving support from the company. "It is not accurately calculating time," Booe explained. "We are at the point where we are going to have to get something in here that works." This will be the third change in payroll software companies in the last four years. "I don't want to have to keep changing companies over and over again because they haven't been vetted properly. I will ensure that this happens this time and that this will be the last time we change," Booe stated. The Commissioners approved.

Booe then presented a review of a GIS and Geospatial Services RFP for approval. At the start of the year, the voter precinct maps needed updating. The County contracted Schneider Geospatial of Iowa to come in and fix the maps. Booe recommended that the County now contract with a company that will continue to provide GIS and map support and services. This software would make these maps available on the County website for the public to view. It would also replace the GIS department all together, saving the County at least \$45,000 per year by streamlining services. The Commissioners approved.

Booe and White presented a Juvenile Housing Agreement with Johnson County for approval. "We did go up and visit that facility and look at the services they can provide," Booe explained. The agreement is \$150 per day, per bed. This is expected to cost the County a total of \$78,000 per year at their current rate of need. The County currently pays \$260,000 per year to contract with the facility at Girard. The Commissioners approved.

He then presented a Juvenile Housing Agreement with Reno County for approval as a back-up plan for when Johnson County's facility is full. They offer the agreement at \$165 per bed per day. The Commissioners approved.

Jason Clubine, IT, provided the quarterly report. They implemented a new ticket system and began using it on January 20. They opened 193 trouble tickets. Of those, they worked and closed 164. They onboarded some new employees and installed some of the new computers that were purchased by grant. They repurposed several old printers. "Grand total it saved us about \$1,400 to use what we have," he stated. Document Solutions will be training the Registrar of Deeds

staff to use the Bookeye scanner to digitize records.

Brandon Beurskens, Public Works, presented the quarterly report. He began by providing a summary of the 2025 year, including Noxious Weed and Household Hazardous Waste expenses. Bridge 913 on CR 1800 was completed. Bridge 59 on Buckeye St. was patched. Bridge 527A on CR 2500 was awarded funds through the Off-system Bridge program. It is expected to be completed sometime in May of this year. They were also awarded funding through the High-Risk Rural Roads program for the second half of the Peter Pan project.

The next meeting of the County Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 6, at 9:00 a.m., in the lower level of the Judicial Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Recordings of the meetings are available for viewing at the new county website [www.ks-montgomerycounty.civicplus.com](http://www.ks-montgomerycounty.civicplus.com) under the agendas section.

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