

# OBITUARIES

## Robert Baldwin, 87, Parsons

Robert "Bob" Harvey Baldwin, 87, longtime Parsons resident, died at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Born January 29, 1938 at McCune, Bob was the son of Harvey Laverne and Inez Lorene (Shaffer) Baldwin. He was raised in McCune and Girard and attended school at McCune, graduating from the McCune High School in 1956.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 retiring in 1994 as a Master Sergeant. During his service he attended the Labette Community College and received an associate's degree. Throughout his military career, he was stationed at El Paso, Texas and was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the early 1990s. He also worked at Ruskins Manufacturing from 1975 until his retirement in 2000.

Bob and Donna Jean Shields were united in marriage August 16, 1958 at Parsons. She preceded him in death March 17, 1999.

He was a member of the First Christian Church. He was also a life member of the Brown-Bishop Post 704, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also belonged to E.L.K.S. Lodge No. 527 of Parsons. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, hunting and playing softball in younger years.

He was preceded in death by three brothers Lynn Baldwin, Allan Baldwin and Leon Baldwin; four sisters Irene Heavin, Marjorie Freeman, Leona Kay Ashley and Lois Bevans.

Survivors include two daughters Melanie D. Dixon of Kansas City, Michele D. Ramirez and her companion, Daniel Dorris of Pittsburg; one son Monte D. Baldwin and his wife, Luann of Parsons; eight grandchildren Kyleigh Dixon of Merriam, Jaran Dixon and his wife, Mallory of Parsons, Ashleigh Dixon and her husband, Ross of New York, NY, Justin Ramirez and Megan Baldwin both of Pittsburg, Dylan Ramirez of Joplin, Mo., Brett Baldwin and Kinsey Baldwin both of Parsons; four great-grandchildren, with one on the way; three brothers Pastor Ralph Baldwin of Weatherford, Texas, Gary Baldwin of Chanute, Randy Baldwin of Burlington; three sisters Jean Hall of Ulysses, Coralie Bennett and Cheryl Bennett both of Girard.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, at the Carson-Wall Funeral Home with Pastor Ralph Baldwin officiating. Military Honors were given by the Brown-Bishop Post No. 704, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Burial was in Springhill Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Brown-Bishop Post No. 704, Veterans of Foreign Wars. These may be left at or mailed to the funeral home, P.O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357.

## CHEROKEE COUNTY COURT DOCKET

*This is the schedule of the District Court Room with Judge Maradeth Frederick presiding. All of the hearings, conferences, arraignments, dismissals, appearances and trials are open to the public. They are also subject to change or cancellation without notice.*

**District Court Judge Maradeth Frederick Wednesday, May 7**

9 a.m. - In the Matter of the Estate of Max T. Byrd, hearing, (probate)

9 a.m. - In the Matter of the Name Change of William David Rawlins, hearing, (civil)

**Thursday, May 8**

9 a.m. - In the Matter of the Estate of William Venard Martin, bench trial, (probate)

11:45 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Danny Lee Smith II, arraignment, (criminal)

11:45 a.m. - State of Kansas vs. Curtis Seeber, arraignment, (criminal)

**Friday, May 9**

1:15 p.m. - Jordan Steele Roberts vs. Levi Edwin Collier, status conference, (domestic)

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**District Court Judge Steven A. Stockard**



## Frederick Terry, 80, Joplin, Mo.

Frederick Michael Terry, 80, Joplin, Mo., beloved husband, father and friend, died peacefully at his home in Joplin, Mo.

Born August 13, 1944, in Kansas City, Missouri, Frederick was the son of Fred and Elsie Terry. Fred's journey was marked by a deep appreciation for life's adventures and a lifelong commitment to family and work.

Fred was a man who lived life at full throttle. He had a profound love for motorcycles and fast cars, often finding joy on the open road with the wind at his back. His heart also belonged to the quiet solace of nature, especially when a fishing pole was in hand and the water was calm around him. He was also an avid golfer and at one time got to play the TPC Sawgrass course in Florida, a bucket list item for him for sure.

Professionally, Fred was a key figure in the Photographic Equipment industry for over five decades. His career began in the 1960s with Sears, and he became a respected leader and mentor in the field. His expertise and entrepreneurial spirit led him to own and operate Lawrence Photo and Video in Springfield, Mo. There, he made a lasting mark before retiring just a few years ago. Through his work, he helped countless people capture life's most treasured moments.

Fred's true pride and joy, however, was his family.

Survivors include his loving wife Kathy and her two children Beth and Chuck Haake of Baxter Springs and Bob Siwinski of Harrisonville N.H.; Fred's three children from a prior marriage to Marsha his high school sweetheart who preceded him in death in 1995; Kevin and Robin Terry of Wichita; Sean and Brenda Terry and their two children Tiffany Willour of Independence Mo., and Brandon Terry of Blue Springs Mo., and Megan and Michael Howard and their three children Austin, Kaitlyn, and Own Howard of Warsaw Mo.

Fred was known not only for his sharp mind and generous spirit, but for the deep and unwavering love he had for those closest to him. To know Fred was to feel seen, heard, and supported.

Fred had battled with COPD for the last 20 years and defied the odds. If it were not for the grace and loving care that was given to him by his amazing wife Kathy, Fred would not have survived this long. They both loved one another dearly and shared their love of motorcycles and road tripping with great friends and family. They ran the family business, Lawrence Photo and Video in Springfield Mo. together until they retired a few years ago and spent the rest of Fred's days together living, laughing and loving one another. Soul mates, to say the least.

He was a force of nature, a storyteller, a trailblazer, and above all, a man who was truly beloved.

His memory will live on in every road well-traveled, every photograph cherished, and every heart he touched.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Ozark Memorial Park Crematory, Joplin, Mo.



## CHEROKEE COUNTY JAIL REPORT

**Willard Wayne Carver**, 24, was arrested Sunday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on charges of aggravated internet trading in child pornography and is being held without bail.

**Leeann Elizabeth Williams**, 40, was arrested Sunday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on charges of driving under the influence and was released on \$2,500 bail.

**Terry Lee Kindred**, 48, was arrested Saturday by Baxter Springs Police officers on charges of driving under the influence and was released on \$445 bail.

**Ulises Mendez-Olaez**, 25, was arrested Saturday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on charges of driving under the influence, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, maximum speed and transporting an open container and was released on \$5,000 bail.

**James Allen McCaslin**, 44, was arrested

Saturday by Wyandotte Nation on charges of driving under the influence and is being held in lieu of \$500 bail.

**Nicholas Allen Cheslic**, 22, was arrested Thursday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on charges of abuse of a child; torture or beating; child under age 18 and is being held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

**Robert Zane Hefley**, 35, was arrested Thursday by Baxter Springs Police officers on charges of domestic battery; knowing or reckless bodily harm and was released on \$445 bail.

*The Information presented in this column is collected from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and is provided for the convenience of the reader. Every effort is made to keep such information accurate and up-to-date. Charges and bond amounts may change after court appearances.*

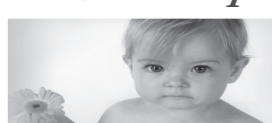
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Auctioneers Delbert Rowden 620-762-2416, and Jack Garner and Mike Torchia

### Legal Notice

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### CHEROKEE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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Since the enactment of the Kansas Commercial Industrial Hemp Act (Act) in 2018, misinformation has been disseminated to businesses, consumers, and the public about the legality of a cannabinoid known as Delta-8 THC in Kansas. On December 2, 2021, the Kansas Attorney General issued a legal opinion finding that Delta-8 THC is a Schedule I controlled substance and is unlawful to possess or sell in Kansas. The only exception is when it is (1) made from industrial hemp; and (2) if it is industrial hemp, it must contain no more than .3% total tetrahydrocannabinols. The Attorney General's entire opinion can be found at: <https://ag.ks.gov/media-center/ag-opinions/2021>.

Importantly, pursuant to the Act, it is unlawful to manufacture, market, sell, or distribute the following hemp products: cigarettes, cigars, teas, or substances for use in vaping devices in Kansas. It is also unlawful under the Act to market, sell, or distribute the buds of industrial hemp plants and ground floral or leaf material from industrial hemp plants to consumers in Kansas.

Moreover, the Attorney General's opinion, states that other state and federal law place additional legal limits on the sale of consumer products (e.g., gummies and dietary supplements) containing THC and other cannabinoids.

This letter is to inform you my office has learned that your business may be marketing and/or selling unlawful Delta-8 THC products as set forth above and specifically covered in the Attorney General's opinion. The sale or distribution of Delta-8 products is an illegal distribution of a controlled substance. Thus, should a local or state-wide law enforcement agency choose to enforce violations of the Act, this office will review all investigation materials submitted to us and will prosecute violations under the Act accordingly.

We are providing your business written notice of the illegality of marketing and/or selling Delta-8 THC products to consumers. We ask that you remove these unlawful items and no longer sell them to consumers. Our office will begin reviewing prosecutions for the unlawful manufacturing, marketing, selling, or distribution of unlawful hemp products on **July 1st, 2025**.

Should the Kansas Legislature choose to revisit the legal status of Delta-8 THC, then this office will certainly reassess its position on this issue.

I appreciate your compliance with this notice.

Sincerely,

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## Railroad rates to be reduced for harvesters

### Years Ago

By Ella Buzzard & Marilyn Schmitt



Extracted from Newspapers at the Genealogy Library

•Continued from Page 4 School auditorium. Mrs. Locke of the high school also consented to have some of the high school talent take part, and Miss Sara Elliott will have some of her dancing pupils give several numbers.

Topeka, May 4 - Railroad rates will be reduced about one-half for harvest hands traveling to Kansas wheat fields, the public service commission announced today after a conference which was attended by railway officials, farm bureau leaders, and George

E. Tucker of Kansas City, field director for the federal labor department.

A civil service exam for the positions of post office clerks and carriers will be held at the Galena post office soon. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday but not their forty-third birthday on the date of the examination. Male applicants must be physically sound, must measure not less than five feet and four inches in height, and weigh at least 125 pounds.

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