



City of Carthage, Missouri

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 18, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Old Business

1. Approval of July 21, 2026 Minutes

3. Citizen Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Council or Committee should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call Angie Judd at the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035, or email a.judd@carthagemo.gov.)

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss Saddle Club grant
2. Sally with Vision Carthage will discuss Carter Park cleanup day and new signage
3. Discuss potential Mercy Fun Run at Municipal Park
4. Susan Reddy would like to discuss having a street named after her brother, Steve Fierro.
5. Consider and discuss use of Park for Maple Leaf Festival Events
6. Staff Reports

5. Adjournment

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City of Carthage, Missouri **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

July 21, 2026 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, David Thorn, Jack Perkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mariela Telles

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor David B. Flanigan

STAFF PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine, Deputy City Clerk Amy Taylor, City Administrator Traci Cox

Chair Beth Kang called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of June 16th, 2026 minutes

ACTION: Motion to approve June 16, 2026 meeting minutes by Mr. Topete

Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Citizen Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Council or Committee should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call Richard Bonine at the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035, or email r.bonine@carthagemo.gov.)

4. New Business

1. Consider and discuss Soles4Paws fundraiser in Municipal Park

Teresa Nixon discussed the upcoming Soles4Paws event, a pet-friendly running and walking event hosted by the Carthage Humane Society and the Joplin Roadrunners. The event is scheduled for September 26, 2026, at Carthage Municipal Park. Ms. Nixon requested permission to use Municipal Park from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the event. She stated that no road closures will be required. The event will include both individual participants and participants accompanied by their dogs. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the event to provide directions and assist participants and attendees.

ACTION: Motion to forward Soles4Paws fundraiser to Council by Juan Topete
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Consider and discuss pool assessment

Mr. Bonine informed the committee that a proposal had been received from Landmark Aquatic for preliminary aquatic design services related to the swimming pool at Municipal Park. He explained that the proposal includes an assessment of the existing electrical service at the pool and bathhouse to determine compliance with current electrical codes. The proposal also includes a report containing recommendations for electrical service renovations and aquatic facility upgrades necessary for renovation of the facility. Mr. Bonine noted that the results of the assessment could be utilized in pursuing grant funding opportunities to assist with future renovations and improvements to the aquatic facility. The cost of the aquatic design and electrical assessment is \$29,400. Ms. Cox noted that a previous budget adjustment of \$25,000 had been approved for pool assessment services; therefore, an additional \$4,400 would need to be requested to complete the assessment.

ACTION: Motion to approve the pool assessment by Mr. Topete
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Beth Kang, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, David Thorn

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Staff Reports

1. Tourism, Public Information, and Civil War Museum reports

Ms. Little reported that \$15,821 had been invested in a targeted tourism marketing campaign designed to increase visitation to Carthage. The campaign costs were offset through a shared Missouri DMO Grant, from which the City received \$7,910, resulting in a net City investment of \$7,910. Ms. Little also provided an update on Experience History Weekend, which began in April. The event featured several activities, including the Boots Kickoff Party, the Carthage Stampede Rodeo, and the Battle of Carthage Reenactment, all aimed at promoting tourism and highlighting the community's historical and cultural attractions. Ms. Little reported that the Electrek American Solar Challenge will pass through Carthage on July 29–30. Participating solar-powered vehicles will be on display at Memorial Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 29 and at the Boots Court Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. on July 30.

In the Public Information Report, Ms. Little reported that she maintained and updated the City website and created and distributed graphics for the City Council and various boards and committees. She also developed informational materials regarding the Short-Term Rental Regulations and provided updates and communications related to the June storm debris cleanup efforts. Additionally, Ms. Little shared information regarding community-wide events, created graphics and maps for the Red, White, & Boom celebration, and coordinated the Backyard Discovery Giveaway by creating an online entry form and utilizing the My Carthage mobile app to promote and administer the program.

In the Civil War Museum Report, Ms. Little reported that the museum experienced its highest sales month on record in June, generating more than \$1,600 in sales. She also noted that museum attendance reached an all-time high and that the museum welcomed visitors from 14 different countries.

2. Memorial Hall report

Mr. Bonine reported that Memorial Hall hosted a quinceañera and a birthday party during the previous weekend, resulting in a busy schedule for the facility. He also reported that the Memorial Hall caretaker had resigned and stated that efforts would begin to fill the vacant position. Mr. Bonine further announced that the new Parks Department Assistant Director, Roy Sawyer, is scheduled to begin employment the following Tuesday. In addition, he reported that interviews for the Parks Department administrative assistant position had been completed, a shortlist of candidates had been identified, and he anticipated filling the position within the week. Mr. Bonine noted that discussions had taken place regarding the installation of gates at the stairways leading to the upper floors of Memorial Hall. He stated that gates had apparently existed in the past but had been removed and disposed of. He indicated that staff would explore options for securing the stairways and restricting access to the upper floors when access is not needed.

3. Golf report

Mr. Bonine reported that golf staff reported that a total of 3,277 rounds were played in June 2026 with a total of \$132,926 in revenue. The driving range and concession operations remained significant revenue sources during the month. Increased usage of the driving range was attributed to its condition and maintenance, while concession sales benefited from expanded food and beverage offerings and increased demand during the hot weather. A total of five events were held in June, generating 385 rounds, with the remaining rounds consisting of public and member play. Staff also reported the sale of 32 new memberships, including family, household, junior, senior, and single memberships, in addition to revenue generated through monthly automatic membership withdrawals.

4. Parks report

Mr. Bonine reported that all limbs and debris resulting from the June storm had been removed. He also stated that Parks Department staff have continued maintaining the flowers throughout the community and on the Square and have kept up with mowing operations, noting that grass growth has slowed as rainfall has decreased.

6. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. by Mr. Topete; second by Mr. Perkins; Motion passed with a 4:0
AYES:	Beth Kang, Juan Topete, David Thorn, Jack Perkins
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

K. D. & M. L. Steadley Trust

Legal Organization Information

*Organization Legal Name

City of Carthage

Organization Name, or AKA if different

City of Carthage/Carthage Saddle Club

If your organization is a religious organization, municipality, subdivision of state or a school, your organization may not be required to have a Federal TIN. If this is the case, you can leave the Tax ID field blank, but select "Organization not Found" (in the IRS database) and proceed. Choosing this option will not impact the consideration of your request.

Tax ID / EIN

44-6000157

Website Address

<http://www.carthagemo.gov>

*Fiscal year end date of organization

12/31/2026

*Total Annual Operating Budget (current FY)

\$25,475.00

Current market value of endowment

\$0.00

*Year Organization was Established

04/29/1977

*Number of Board Members

9

*Number of FT staff

0

*Number of PT staff

0

*Number of Volunteers

50

If this request is being submitted on behalf of a fiscally sponsored organization, please provide the name, address, and contact information of the fiscally sponsored organization.

Carthage Saddle Club, Judy Thomas PO Box 904, Carthage MO 64836; dbarjlivestock@yahoo.com 417-425-8052

Primary Application Contact

Prefix

Pronouns

*First Name

Richard

*Last Name

Bonine

*Title

Parks & Recreation Director

*Street Address Line 1

521 Robert Ellis Young Drive

Street Address Line 2

*City

Carthage

*State

MO

*Postal Code

64836

Office Phone

Mobile Phone

4172623503

*E-mail

r.bonine@carthagemo.gov

Executive Contact (e.g., CEO, Executive Director, etc.)

Prefix

Pronouns

First Name

Last Name

Title

Street Address Line 1

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Postal Code

Office Phone

Mobile Phone

E-mail

Organizational Profile

*Organization History: Provide a brief organizational history

We are committed to creating meaningful opportunities for riders, sponsors, and fans to connect, while preserving the welcoming, family-centered atmosphere that defines rodeo tradition.

As the only sanctioned rodeo within a 55-mile radius, we aim to establish Carthage as a recognized destination for competitive rodeo

*Mission & Vision: Describe your organization's mission and overall vision?

Our mission is to grow and strengthen the rodeo circuit in the Carthage, Missouri area by promoting local talent, attracting new participants, and engaging the community through high-quality, family-friendly events. We are committed to creating meaningful opportunities for riders, sponsors, and fans to connect, while preserving the welcoming, family-centered atmosphere that defines rodeo tradition. With contestants traveling from seven different states and the rodeo sanctioned by three separate rodeo associations, this event continues to expand its reach and reputation as a premier regional rodeo experience.

*Strengths & Expertise: Describe your organization's strengths and expertise and how these attributes will enable your organization to achieve the objectives of this request?

Our organization has extensive experience planning and managing livestock events, supported by dedicated leadership, volunteers, and strong agricultural partnerships. Continued growth in participation reflects our success but has exceeded the capacity of our current holding pens.

We prioritize safety, animal welfare, and efficient event flow. The current layout limits our ability to properly stage livestock, creating congestion and operational challenges.

This project will allow bulls and horses to be safely contained in one centralized area until needed, improving safety, organization, and overall event quality. With a proven track record of responsible project management and community support, we are well-positioned to successfully implement and sustain this improvement.

*Recent Accomplishments: Describe your recent accomplishments and outcomes, using concrete examples from the past few years.

In 2025, we welcomed over 6,000 attendees to the rodeo, demonstrating strong community support and growing regional interest.

Through a grant from the Steadley Foundation in 2025, we successfully completed phase 1 of our improvements needed by replacing all bucking chutes and roping chutes, significantly improving safety and functionality for participants.

Members of Carthage FFA contributed their time and effort to repaint the arena, enhancing the overall appearance and experience for guests.

With funding and volunteer support from the Carthage Saddle Club, we completed major facility upgrades, including improvements to the holding pens, replacement of aging wood structures, and installation of new arena sand.

*Partnership & Collaboration: Please list any partners, intermediaries or advisors contributing to your success. Describe how you collaborate and notable successes from such efforts.

We collaborate with:

- 1) Carthage City Parks & Recreation Department who take care of grounds upkeep and minor facility maintenance.
 - 2) Jasper County Sheriff's office who allow inmates help with painting jobs.
 - 3) Carthage R-9 FFA who do small maintenance and upgrades.
 - 4) Carthage Saddle Club & Arena volunteers
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*Board and Staff Composition: Describe the make-up of your board and staff, including any efforts to ensure they are representative of the community you serve.

Our organization is led by a volunteer board with backgrounds in agriculture, business, and event management. Members reflect the local community and are actively involved in livestock and agricultural programs.

Staff and volunteers support operations and event coordination, bringing strong local knowledge and experience. We promote inclusivity through open participation and community partnerships, ensuring broad representation in our programs.

*Organizational Changes: Describe any recent major changes to your organization, (e.g., leadership, emerging community needs, financials, etc.)

There have been no significant changes to the Saddle Club's leadership or structure. Recent focus has been on responding to increased community use and identifying facility improvement needs to better serve riders, events, and youth activities.

We encourage applicants to [update your GuideStar Nonprofit Profile](#) which also includes a survey on demographics.

Does your organization have a "clean audit", free from material concerns for the most recent FY?

- If your response is yes, answer "No material concerns."
 - If your response is no, provide a brief explanation.
 - If your organization does not have audited financial statements, or an alternative review for the most recent FY, provide a brief explanation.
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*Does your organization have a "clean audit", free from material concerns for the most recent FY?

Yes

*Sustainability: What actions does your organization take to ensure the sustainability of the organization and /or its programs?

The Saddle Club maintains sustainability through active volunteer leadership, community support, and responsible management of its facilities. Ongoing operations are supported by memberships, events, and fundraising, with an emphasis on regular maintenance and long-term planning to ensure the club's programs remain accessible and viable.

Communities You Serve

*Proposed number of people to be served

20000

*Constituent Demographics: Describe your target population, including age, gender, ethnicity, geographical location, and any other relevant characteristics. Are there any demographic factors that are unique to your constituents or important for us to know?

The Saddle Club serves children, youth, adults, and families of all genders from Carthage and the surrounding rural Jasper County area. Constituents share an interest in horses, agriculture, and community events, with strong multigenerational and family participation being a defining characteristic of the club.

*Constituent Input: How does your organization solicit direct input from the communities you serve to ensure that your programs or services are effectively identifying and meeting their needs?

The Saddle Club gathers input through regular communication with members, volunteers, and event participants. Board members and volunteers receive feedback informally at events, work days, and meetings, allowing community members to share suggestions, needs, and concerns directly. This ongoing, community-based feedback helps guide decisions related to programming, facility use, and improvement priorities.

Grant Request Detail

*Project/Program Title

Arena Improvements Phase 2

*Brief Summary of Request

We have outgrown our livestock pens, creating safety and space concerns. We plan to add three 20'x20' pipe pens with an alley and gates to safely contain and rotate bulls and horses. The announcer's stand (built in 1977) is deteriorating and poses safety risks. Replacing it will provide a secure, functional space for staff operations and contestant transactions, improving overall event safety and efficiency.

*Type of Support

Project/Program

*Amount Requested

\$62,150.00

*Funding Period Requested (# of Years)

1

*Start Date

06/13/2026

*End Date

12/31/2026

Total Project/Program Budget, if applicable (for support other than general operating)

\$72,150.00

*Purpose: Describe the purpose of the request, the need or problem you seek to address, and the population who might benefit from your efforts.

The existing structure is over 45 years old and has significant safety and usability concerns, including deteriorating flooring, lack of functional windows (currently covered with plywood), and the presence of mold and mildew on the walls and ceilings.

We strive to be a family-oriented destination for the community, and having a safe announcer stand is integral to this mission. The announcer is there to keep the event on track for participants, but also provides an educational component to the community at large to allow them to know what is going on throughout the event.

*Goals & Activities: State the specific goals, outcomes, or success indicators of the requested project /program, including the activities you plan to take to meet these goals. What evidence (if any) exists to support your approach?

This project will improve safety, capacity, and event efficiency. We will expand holding pens with new pipe pens, an alley, and gates, and replace the outdated announcer's stand. Success will be measured by reduced congestion, safer livestock handling, improved event flow, and the ability to support continued growth.

*Organizational Employees: Describe the individuals who will be responsible for delivering the program or leading the project. Please share details on their relevant experience, knowledge and skills as it relates to the purpose of the program or project. What makes your organization unique in addressing the need /problem, including anything that would distinguish your organization from others in your geographic area who are providing similar services in the communities you serve.

Our organization is led by experienced volunteers and community members who manage livestock events, facility operations, and event coordination. Team members bring hands-on knowledge in livestock handling, rodeo production, and agricultural programming, ensuring safe and efficient operations.

What sets our organization apart is our strong volunteer base, deep local roots, and direct involvement in the agricultural community. We provide a unique, locally driven venue for livestock and rodeo events that supports regional participation and preserves rural traditions while meeting growing demand in our area.

*Evaluation: Describe how you will evaluate the effectiveness of your proposed request, including measurable milestones and expected dates for accomplishing your goals. If this is an existing program, also state the outcomes of the most recent year of the project/program. How will you share your results?

Project effectiveness will be evaluated through completion of construction milestones, including installation of new holding pens and replacement of the announcer's stand within the grant timeline. Success will be measured by increased livestock capacity, improved safety, and more efficient event flow. Current overcrowding and facility deterioration provide clear baseline evidence of need. Results will be shared through event participation levels, feedback from participants and staff, and updates to community stakeholders.

*Challenges: Describe any anticipated challenges to the success of your proposed program or project and how you plan to overcome them, if applicable.

Potential challenges include funding limitations, construction timing, and coordinating improvements around scheduled events. To address these, we will phase work as needed, seek additional funding sources if necessary, and schedule construction during off-peak times to minimize disruption. Our experienced team and strong volunteer support will help ensure the project stays organized, on schedule, and aligned with safety goals.

Outcomes Summary: If your organization received funding from this foundation within the past 24 months, please include a short summary highlighting the impact of the grant on your organization and constituents. This summary may be excerpted from your formal outcomes report.

In May 2025, our organization received a \$25,000 grant to support Phase 1 of arena improvements. These funds were successfully used to complete critical upgrades that enhanced safety, functionality,

and event quality. The improvements helped accommodate growing participation, improved livestock handling, and strengthened our ability to host successful events, benefiting both participants and the community.

Additional Detail: Add additional information, if necessary, to clarify any answer you provided previously.

This project represents Phase 2 of continued arena improvements following a successfully completed Phase 1 in 2025. Together, these efforts address growing participation and long-standing facility limitations. The improvements will support safer operations, better livestock management, and continued use of the facility as a key community asset for agricultural events.

Attachments

501(c)(3) Determination Letter

Tax Exemption.pdf

*Operating Budget, Current FY

Saddle Club Budget FY26.pdf

*Operating Budget, Previous FY

Saddle Club FY25.pdf

Program/Project Budget (including detailed expenses and revenue)

Arena Improvements Phase 2.pdf

*Most Recent Audited Financial Statements or alternative

Saddle Club FY25.pdf

Most Recent 990

*Board List (with affiliations)

Saddle Club Board Members.pdf

Annual Report (if applicable)

Outcomes Summary: If your organization received funding from this foundation within the past 24 months, please attach a short summary of the impact of the grant on your organization and constituents. This summary may be an excerpt from your formal outcomes report.

Outcomes Summary

Arena Improvements Phase 1.pdf

Sources of Funding: If project or program support is requested, list the sources of confirmed and pending support, including the grant date, or anticipated date of funding, and amounts. If general operating support is requested, list the sources of confirmed and pending support for the organization, including the grant date, or anticipated date of funding, and amounts.

*Sources of Funding

Additional Funding.pdf



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1. Remake 2 pens in half size / Add 2 gates.
2. Add 2 gates for alley.
3. Add 3 20' x 20' holding pens with 10' alley (60' x 30').

4. Crows Nest

In May 2025, our organization received a \$25,000 grant to support Phase 1 of arena improvements. The project was completed following the June rodeo, ensuring all upgrades were in place for the Maple Leaf Rodeo.

As anticipated, improvements to the bucking chutes and roping chute enhanced safety and functionality. Success was measured through increased contestant entries and participation, demonstrating the positive impact of these upgrades on event growth and overall operations.



Melissa Little

From: Judy Thomas <dbarjlivestock@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 10:48 AM
To: Melissa Little
Subject: Fwd: Congratulations!

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Verify all requests or information before clicking any links.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Community Foundation of the Ozarks <administrator@grantinterface.com>
Date: April 30, 2026 at 5:54:59 PM CDT
To: dbarjlivestock@yahoo.com
Subject: Congratulations!
Reply-To: lcarter@cfozarks.org

Dear Judy,

Congratulations! I am confirming good news from your local affiliate community foundation. Your agency, Carthage Saddle Club and Arena, has received a grant for \$10,000.00 to support Announcer Stand as part of the Carthage Affiliate Grantmaking Program FY26.

Please note you will shortly receive two more emails outlining the next steps for your grant program. At this time, your next step will be to complete the grant contract (for which you will receive a separate email) in the Grant Interface system. This will confirm your agency's willingness to abide by CFO's terms of grantmaking as well as the plan outlined in your grant proposal. You will also receive information about a final/one year grant report, which your agency will need to complete one year from now. Additionally, you may at any time request a Mid-Year Report if your agency needs to request permission to make alterations to the program outlined in your proposal.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I am happy to help!

Best wishes,

Latesa Carter
Community Impact Coordinator
Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Applications

Submitted Applications Incomplete Applications

Grantor	Process	Application Name	Application Title	ID	Date Submitted	Status	Amount Requested	Grant Status	View
K. D. & M. L. Steadley Trust	K. D. & M. L. Steadley Trust	K. D. & M. L. Steadley Trust	Arena Improvements Phase 2	768020	05/13/2026	✓ Approved	\$62,150.00	Grants ▲	+

Amount	Status	Date Submitted
\$35,000.00	✓ Funds Sent	08/06/2026

Gary Rose Construction, Inc.

Galena, KS 66739

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
4/21/2026	39

Name / Address
Carthage Saddle Club 521 Robert Ellis Young Dr. Carthage, MO 64836

P.O. No.

Description	Total
This estimate is for a 300-350 Square Foot elevated crow's nest, finished, HVAC and electric, windows, metal siding, 36" door.	
Framing Materials	9,750.00
Windows and doors	7,000.00
Metal interior/exterior siding, ceiling	6,200.00
Electrical Materials	3,500.00
heating/air	5,100.00
Construction labor	12,000.00
Profit & Overhead @ 20%	8,710.00
This quote is subject to change after 30 days. Questions? Please contact Gary Rose Construction, 620-783-2379	
Total	\$52,260.00

MITCHELL FENCE & FAB

(417)840-4922

Byronmitchell71@gmail.com

646 E Dade 16 Dadeville MO 65635

T0: Carthage Saddle Club

Date: 1/08/2026

Bid Description	Bid Cost
30x60ft working pens, including	
10ft alley	
9 gates with overheads	
Add 4 gates to cross road	
Dirt work	
Material & Labor	\$14,390.52

Thank you very much for the opportunity to bid your job!

MITCHELL FENCE & FAB

(417)840-4922

Byronmitchell71@gmail.com

646 E Dade 16 Dadeville MO 65635

T0: Carthage Saddle and Arena

Date: 5/1/2026

Description	Bid Cost
Build pens and platform for crows nest	\$5,500.00
Material & Labor	\$5,500.00

Thank you very much for the opportunity to bid your job!

Carthage Saddle Club and Arena

Carthage Saddle Club originated in 1977 and has produced many rodeos and events for the community. Each season starts in April through November with Shodeos each month which involve children and adults of all ages. This encourages Cowboys and Cowgirls as they grow to have confidence and compete in different equine events. We also produce Jr Rodeos where they compete until age 21 according to their rule book. Barrel Racing Events are also produced by other Contractors.

Other events are also produced in and around the arena are 4 H and FFA activities such as the Horse Show and FFA mud volleyball.

Carthage Stampede Rodeo is scheduled each June, and the Carthage Maple Leaf Rodeo is in October to kick off the Maple Leaf Week. Carthage had never experienced over 300 contestants competing in the Rodeo until last year. It was standing room only for spectators.

We offer events for children as young as 3 where they can compete in Muttin Bustin to ride sheep. It is a great event and a 'hold on tight' event. Additionally, kids 12 and under can compete in the calf scramble for fun and win \$5. These are both fun family events and really build self-assurance and teamwork.

In 2021 we started a Queen / Princess / Sweetheart Contest to giveaway a Kodiak Combo Trailer with partnership with Aaron Alumbaugh a Carthage resident and owner of Kodiak Trailer in Lockwood. These contestants compete by selling ads on the Trailer, Raffle Tickets, Rodeo Tickets, Rodeo Sponsors and compete in Sportsmanship and Horsemanship.

We have really concentrated on making several improvements over the last year. We have added more sand to the arena. Painted in and around the arena and purchased a Food Trailer to take the pressure off the Cook Shack. We recently replaced the Bucking Chutes and Roping Chutes and replaced some pipes that were in need.

In 2022 we partnered with Pete's Convenience Store and are Fundraising for CASA at each Rodeo with donated items in drawings to help children in Family and Court Matters.

In 2023 we donated funds to the Pray for Shaylynn Fundraiser who continues to fight a battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Shaylynn Boyd is now 11 years old and goes to Children's Mercy in KC for treatment.

Holding Pens

We have outgrown the existing holding pens as we do not have enough room for all of Livestock. Our current plan is to extend the holding pens in the back by adding three pipe pens which will be 20' X 20' with a 10' alley for rotating Livestock. Total would be 60' X 30' also adding gates to rotate them safely. This will allow the bulls and horses to be contained in one area until needed.

Carthage Saddle Club and Arena



Announcer's Stand (Crow's Nest)

The Announcer's stand is from 1977 and is in need of replacement. It is becoming a safety issue, and we would like to replace it with Red Iron or Pipe structure. The windows are temporary and need changed out. We have repaired or replaced here and there and now it really needs replacement. Contestants gather in the announcer's stand to pay fees or collect their winnings as well as our Rodeo Staff works from there.

Concrete Bleachers

Concrete Bleachers need replacement, and another goal is to replace them and install a roof over them as they are on the South side of the arena. As Professional Rodeos and events continue to grow we want to grow with improvements to the arena for the safety of the Livestock, Contestants and Spectators.

We realize these improvements will take a few months, but we believe with the assistance of the city and some Grants together we can build a great Arena for families to come and have a great time.

THE CARTHAGE CHARITABLE

COLOR 5K COLOR FUN RUN!

RUN, WALK OR
LAUGH YOUR WAY
THROUGH A
RAINBOW OF FUN!



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**



**SAME DAY REGISTRATION
AVAILABLE STARTING AT
7:30 AM**



**RACE STARTS AT
9AM SHARP!**



LOCATION:

Carthage Municipal Park
531 Robert Ellis Young Drive
Carthage, MO 64836 US

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & GET READY TO GET COLORFUL!



**T-SHIRT
INCLUDED**



**MUSIC, GAMES
& FUN ACTIVITIES!**



**COLOR STATIONS
ALONG THE ROUTE!**



**ALL AGES
WELCOME!**
Strollers Welcome!



**CHILDREN
IN STROLLER
FREE**



**AGES 17
AND YOUNGER
\$15**



**AGES 18
AND UP
\$30**



NO SHIRT GUARANTEED AFTER AUGUST 27TH



PROCEEDS SUPPORT **LaVerne Williams Children's Christmas Party**



**LET'S MAKE
A COLORFUL
IMPACT!**

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



RESOLUTION 2100

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY SUPPORT AND PERMISSIONS FOR SEVERAL PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE 60TH ANNUAL MAPLE LEAF FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the Festival began in 1966 as a marching band competition, and since then, has become an event that celebrates the beauty of the maple-leaf trees' foliage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carthage is known as America's Maple Leaf City, and hosts one of the region's biggest festivals, drawing over 65,000 visitors in October to pay homage to this historic festival; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Maple Leaf Festival has grown into a beloved event featuring parades, live music, local artisans, family-friendly activities, and the participation of schools, organizations, and volunteers from across the region; and

WHEREAS, dedication of the festival's organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners ensures that success of this iconic event year after year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Carthage,

- Will provide security from the Carthage Police Department for the following events
 - Tuesday October 13, 2026, from 5 pm- 7 pm, for Taco Tuesday, at Central Park.
 - Friday October 16, 2026, from 6 pm – 11 pm, for the Friday Night Concert on the Square.
- Give permission to allow arts/crafts and non-profit vendors to sell under the Carthage Chamber business license
- Allow temporary signage placement during Maple Leaf Festival events in the public right of way, on utility poles, and on signs owned by the City of Carthage
- Will close and vacate the following streets at the dates and times listed

10/12/2026 5 pm – 8 pm Complete square for touch-a-truck

10/16/2026 7 am – 7 pm County parking lot located at 4th & Grant Friday - Saturday

10/16/2026 8 – 12 pm Corner of 3rd and Main Friday – Sunday

10/16/2026 5 – 7 pm Grant (from 5th to 2nd) Friday - Saturday

10/16/2026 5 – 7 pm 300 block of Main Friday – Saturday

10/16/2026 5 – 7 pm 3rd (Grant to Main) Friday – Saturday

10/16/2026 5 – 7 pm 4th (from Main to Howard) Friday – Saturday

*The closures listed for 10/16 will also include channelizers and ropes

10/16/2026 All Day 4th & Howard free parking lot Friday – Saturday

10/17/2026 5 – 7 pm 6th & Main free parking lot Friday – Saturday

10/17/2026 5 am – noon Centennial (from Grand to, but not including Main)

10/17/2026 5 am – 10 pm 3rd (from Grant to, but not including Howard)

10/17/2026 5 am - 7 pm Main (from 3rd to 2nd)

10/17/2026 5 am – 10 pm 3rd (from Main to Lyon)

10/17/2026 7 am – 1 pm Grant/Grand (from Central to and including Centennial)

10/17/2026 7 am – 1 pm Centennial (from Grand to, but not including River)

10/17/2026 7 am – noon Main (from Central to and including Chestnut)

10/17/2026 7 am – noon Lyon (from Central to and including 7th)

10/17/2026 7 am – noon Maple (from Central to and including 7th)

10/17/2026 7 am – noon 2nd-7th (from Garrison to, but not including Howard)

10/17/2026 7 am – noon Chestnut (from Garrison to, but not including Howard)

10/17/2026 7 am – noon Memorial Hall parking lot

- Will allow the use of Municipal Park for the Maple Leaf Festival Rodeo starting at 10 am Thursday October 8th through 2 am Sunday October 11th and allow overnight camping to watch the livestock
- Will allow the set- up of a 20x40 tent in Central Park for use during Maple Leaf Festival events starting Thursday October 8th, 2026, through Monday October 12th, 2026
- Will allow the use of Central Park for the following events on the dates and times listed
 - Saturday October 10, 2026 all day for the Baby Show/Toddler pageant and BBQ contest
 - Sunday October 11, 2026, all day for the Maple Leaf Festival, Sunday in the Park event featuring a chili cook-off and the Carthage Humane Society dog show and races

- Tuesday October 13, 2026, 2 pm- 8 pm for the Maple Leaf Festival Taco Tuesday Event
- Wednesday October 14, 2026, from 3 pm – 8 pm for the Maple Leaf Night of Praise
- Saturday October 17, 2026 all day for the Maple Leaf Tractor Show

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all residents and visitors to participate in the festivities and join in honoring the legacy and spirit of the Maple Leaf Festival.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

ATTEST:

David B. Flanigan, Mayor

Miranda Deal, City Clerk

