



### Why your Medicare summary notice matters

If you are on Medicare or helping someone navigate the Medicare maze, reviewing the Medicare Summary Notice is critical to managing your health and protecting you from fraud and abuse. Senior Medicare Patrol says Medicare loses \$60 billion yearly to fraud, errors, and abuse.

Every quarter, you will receive your Medicare Summary Notice in the mail. This statement provides you with information about the health-care you have received. If this information is inaccurate, it could impact your health and financial well-being. This notice is not a bill; it lists services and items billed to Medicare, what Medicare paid, and the amount you might owe. It also lists any claims that have been denied.

You will want to compare your records with your Medicare Summary Notice. By keeping a healthcare log, you easily catch mistakes if they happen. If you notice any errors, call your healthcare provider with your questions. You can also check your statement by creating an account on the Medicare website. Go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) to set it up. You will want to look for the following:

- Claims you don't recognize. It could be fraud if you didn't receive treatment or equipment.
- Check for provider mistakes. If you think a charge is incorrect, ask your provider about the charge. The staff can give you information that helps you better understand the services or supplies you received.

If you find discrepancies, you can report this information by calling 1-800-Medicare. You must have your Medicare card and the claim or MSN ready. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Medicare drug plan, you can call the Investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor at 1-877-7SAFERX (1-877-772-3379).

Remember, there are things you can do to protect yourself from fraud. Protect your Medicare card like it is a credit card. Don't give out your Medicare or Social Security number to anyone except your healthcare provider or people you know who should have it. Don't let someone use your Medicare card; never use someone else's card. Ask questions if you are unsure about something. You have the right to access your medical information, including the costs billed to Medicare.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL DEPARTMENT  
Freedom Mortgage )  
Corporation )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
Carrie Johnson, et al. )  
Defendants, )  
Case No.JF-2025-CV-000012  
Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Jefferson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on July 1, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Front Door Steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

LOT 4, EXCEPT THE EAST 9.00 FEET THEREOF, IN BLOCK 8, IN THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS., Parcel ID No. 044-097-26-0-30-08-002.01-0. Commonly known as 207 1st St., Winchester, KS 66097 ("the Property") MS225695 to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

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AS ATTORNEYS FOR FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.



## Winchester farmer wins state first place award in 2024 National corn yield contest

Winchester farmer Traci Noll earned a State First Place award in the 2024 National Corn Growers Association National Corn Yield Contest with a yield of 329 bushels per acre.

Noll won with DEKALB® DKC66-06RIB Brand Blend in Class H: Strip-Till, Minimum-Till, Mulch-Till, Ridge-Till Irrigated Class and is one of the top corn yield producers in the nation.

"We congratulate Traci on this outstanding achievement, which reflects a season of hard work and crop management skills," said Jamie Horton, DEKALB brand manager. "We also appreciate these farmers for trusting DEKALB brand to help them attain their wins."

Farmers who planted DEKALB corn captured the most national awards (15 of 27) as well as 230 state-level awards, including 105 first-place yields. Of all DEKALB winners, 121 achieved yields of 300 or more bushels per acre.

Horton said DEKALB products provide the latest exclusive genetics from Bayer Crop Science's robust global breeding program and are supported by a strong portfolio of crop protection products and agronomic professionals who work with farmers throughout the grow-

ing season to help maximize performance.

For a complete list of winners and to learn more about maximizing yield and profit potential with DEKALB products, farmers can visit [cropsience.bayer.us/brands/dekalb/ncga](http://cropsience.bayer.us/brands/dekalb/ncga) or contact their local DEKALB® Asgrow® dealer.

## Reports . . .

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Ferguson Rd., Perry; Union FD, sick person, 13000 Union Rd., McLouth; Norton FD, sick person, 112 N. Osage, Nortonville.

June 1: Valley Falls PD, assist other agency, 12868 K-4 Hwy.; 2 car stops; Winchester PD, harassment, 701 Fourth St.; Wildlife and Parks, handled by officer, 88 Cottonwood Bridge, Meriden; handled by officer, 1 Shelter Rd., Meriden; Rock Creek PD, unconscious/fainting subject, 7608 Hilldale Rd. N., Ozawkie; Oskaloosa FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 405 Monroe; District 11 FD, chest pain (non-traumatic, 908 Oak, Valley Falls.

June 2: Nortonville PD, battery, 717 Elm; Winchester PD, violation of order, 103 Lincoln; Kentucky FD, sick person, 510 Plaza Dr., Perry; Fairview FD, breathing problems, 7646 Rising Sun Trl., Ozawkie; sick person, 10419 Walnut Ridge, Ozawkie.

June 3: Wildlife and Parks, suspicious activity, 26 Cougar Pass, Meriden; Kentucky PD, investigation, 907 E. Front, Perry; Rural FD, investigation, 15017 27th St., Perry; Union FD, unconscious/fainting subject, 25710 Donahoo Rd., McLouth; District 11 FD, grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 500 Elm, Valley Falls.

Phone calls: 911 calls, 133; Administrative calls, 547; Total phone calls, 680; Total dispatch calls, 257; Total burn permits, 39.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JEFFREY LEE DOVER, Deceased.

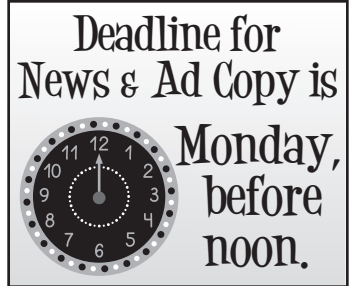
Case No. JF-2025-PR-000018  
**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on April 21, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Angela C. Jones, daughter and heir, and Special Administratrix of the Estate of Jeffrey Lee Dover, deceased, requesting she be appointed Administrator of said estate under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act and that Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to her to serve without bond.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 2, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court in Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, KS, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Angela C. Jones  
Angela C. Jones, Petitioner  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Bruce Stithem, Petitioner, V.  
Sugar Daddies, Inc., AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY SUCH OF THE RESPONDENTS IF DECEASED; AND THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS, AND TRUSTEES OF SUCH RESPONDENTS AS ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANYWISE UNDER LEGAL DISABILITY, Respondents.

Case no. JF-2025-CV-000041  
**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on May 16, 2025, a Petition for Quiet Title was filed in this Court by Bruce Stithem, requesting the Court enter judgement quieting title and terminating any interests of Respondents.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 2, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court of Jefferson County Kansas, 300 Jefferson St #2, Oskaloosa, KS 66066 at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Bruce Stithem  
Petitioner  
Respectfully Submitted  
By: /s/ Geri L. Hartley  
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## Times Gone By Photos



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## TIMES GONE BY

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### 35 years ago

June 14, 1990

Three area residents were among 163 Kansans honored June 5 by Governor Mike Hayden, first lady Patti Hayden, and the Aid Association for Lutherans for their outstanding volunteer contributions.

Vera Sieben, Winchester, was honored for her work with senior citizens. For years, Sieben has assisted shut-ins by taking them shopping, delivering meals, and performing household tasks.

Ruth Clark, Winchester, received recognition for volunteer efforts in education and literacy. She was instrumental in reorganizing and revitalizing the Winchester Library.

Cathy Barnes, Valley Falls, was honored for her volunteer work with veterans. As chairperson of the Kansas State University Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee, Barnes was responsible for coordinating fund raising, special events, the site dedication ceremony, the groundbreaking, and the dedication of the memorial.

Steven Woelk, McLouth, received the Ex-Prisoner of War Medal from Congressman Jim Slattery during the state Veterans Foreign Wars convention.

Woelk was permanently disabled during captivity when his ship, the USS Pueblo, and its crew were taken prisoner in 1968 by North Korea. One person was killed during the incident. The crew was held captive for 11 months.

Ethel Pottorf, Oskaloosa, celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of Mike and Carol Pottorf. Eighty relatives and friends attended a dinner to help her mark this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Ray, Winchester, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 23 at the Winchester Community Building. Hosts will be the couple's son and family, Albert, Ann, and Travis Ray, all of Winchester.

Donald Ray and Marjorie Davis were married June 22, 1940, at Winchester. Don is a retired rural mail carrier with 42 years of postal service. Marjorie retired from Macomber Meat Processing after 22 years.

Katherine Rollins, McLouth, was the first runner-up in the Tonganoxie Rodeo Queen contest held June 9. She received a gift certificate and flowers for her efforts.

Rollins is the daughter of Melvin and Paula Rollins.

David Pottorf, Kevin Tenpenny, and Rich Stebbins, were all awarded plaques of appreciation from the members of the Larned-Graves American Legion Post in Oskaloosa.

The three men have been playing taps at Memorial Day ceremonies put on by the Oskaloosa post and the Bicentennial American Legion Post in Ozawie for several years.

### 25 years ago

June 15, 2000

The sixth annual Winchester June Jubilee will be held in the F.W. Huston Park this Saturday. The event will start with a parade, then the Jefferson County Memorial Hospital will provide a hamburger and hot dog lunch for free-will donations.

The Showstoppers Dance Group, Nortonville, will be performing. There will be a moonwalk, free throw competition, and a horseshoe tournament.

The event will finish off with a community potluck.

The first-ever Oskaloosa Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday in the high school gym. The tournament will be a round robin and all teams will get to play at least four games.

Jerry Lobb received his master's degree in political science during a ceremony at Auburn University, Montgomery, Ala., last month.

Lobb is the son of Clifford and Cora Belle Lobb, Nortonville.

He is a major in the Air Force Reserve. He serves as the Chief of Public Affairs for the 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Pat Sullivan, a teacher at DeSoto High School, received the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in mathematics and science teaching. He is the son of Gerald and Linda Sullivan, McLouth.

Sullivan graduated from McLouth High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas.

Jefferson County North fifth-grader Jennifer Benner ended the school year with 506

Accelerated Reader points — a fifth grade record.

Jennifer is the daughter of David and Pam Benner, Winchester. The fifth-grade teachers are Sue Means and Mandi Minor.

### 15 years ago

June 17, 2010

Cancer survivor Roy Heston, Oskaloosa, and Roger Bostwick and Mandy Bostwick, both of Ozawie, were among the volunteers painting the "Purple Brick Road" in Oskaloosa Sunday evening.

The purple path leads to the school and the track where this year's Relay for Life will get underway on Friday night. Joan Pentlin, Oskaloosa, who headed the painting party, said, "Our path may not be straight, but neither is the path to cancer."

The Oskaloosa USD 341 Oskaloosa School Board voted unanimously late Monday night to cut the district's automotive industrial arts program and teacher David Tenpenny.

The district is cutting close to \$38,000 from the budget for the next school year.

Col. Lee Tafanelli has been selected as the next assistant adjutant general — Army and commander of the Kansas Army National Guard.

Tafanelli and his wife, Tammy, live in rural Ozawie with their two children, Nicholas and Francesca.

If there is enough interest, a new Jefferson County Community Band will be started. The idea is to play one night a week for one to two hours in a location where people in the community of Jefferson County can come with their lawn chairs and listen to free music.

Oskaloosa native Matt Miller, 29, has joined the volunteer group for the Old Settlers' Reunion. Miller, who has always attended the festival, was surprised to learn how involved the planning was.

Miller said the planning process has not scared him off and he plans on being part of the process in the future.

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