

# Clubs and family living

## VFMS releases 4th quarter honor roll

Administrators at Valley Falls Middle School have released the names of those students named to fourth quarter honor roles. They are as follows:

Eighth grade:  
 Gold (4.0) — Bree Meyer and Harley Brown.

Black (3.6-3.99) — Avery Adcock, Rudy Aranda, Brooklyn Bickford, Greyson Correll, Carabella Dillon, Emily Eaton, Raynah Guenther-Perry, Elliot Harper, Benten Heinen, Birkley Hernandez, Sage Nickelson, Kevin Olson, Nolan Reich, Camden Smith, Caydren Strickler, and Jady Vessar.

Dragon (3.2-3.59) — Jason Abell-Wright, Peyton Burge, Karsyn Moore, Ellie Shipley, Cordell Tyler, and Brayden Voss.

Seventh grade:  
 Black (3.6-3.99) — Zyriya Bowers, Malia Boyce, Chris Giebler, Bently Miller, Olivia Partridge, Levi Regan, Ezra Tracy, Bently Turecek, and Oliver Turner.

Dragon (3.2-3.59) — Kensli Bond, Abigail Burton, Jodi Cook, Seth Essman, Kileigh Evans, Addison Lassiter, Sawyer Schmelzle, and Jack Warth.

Sixth grade:  
 Gold (4.0) — Kennedy Bozarth, Ava Harper, Mylie Merz, Brantley Sparks, Jasper Tyler, and Cavin Webb.

Black (3.6-3.99) — Mason Belveal, Joel Catron, Maddi Fialkowski, Ryken Guenther-Perry, Caleb Kirkham, Essie McAlexander, Brody Olson, Boone Pannell, Cally Strickler, Jeffrey VanGordon, and Joseph VanGordon.

Dragon (3.2-3.59) — Noah Bernasek, Tiana Bryant, Brooklyn Dinger, Jase Funk, Megan Lane, Bailey Marshall, Bentley Meyer, Seth Nickelson, and Tresten Walker.

## VFHS names 2nd semester honors

Administrators at Valley Falls High School have released the names of those students named to second semester honor rolls. They are as follows:

Gold (4.0) — Lillian Brown, Cassidy Frakes, Faith Hefty, Paisley Heinen, Aubrey Hernandez, Brecklyn Moore, Flint Seymour, and Noah Unruh.

Black (3.75-3.99) — Abbey Brosa, Gracie Conner, Hollie Dollen, Jack Johnston, Clay Kirkham, Jillian Meyer, Skylar Neiberger, Taygen Pannell, Danielle Reeves, Helena Shankland, and Jesse Tyler.

Dragon (3.5-3.75) —Layne Adcock, Chesnie Barrow, Emma Bolz, Dakota Boyce, Emily Bozarth, Alila Brown, Lizzie Calsing, Toby Cazares, Grayson Coleman, Chloe Cox, Cali DeLong, Haillie Dollen, Evie Gatzemeyer, Heidi Gibbens, Cole Gier, Katlyn Gier, Shayden Guerrero, Shaylee Herbster, Dylan Herring, Hayden Kearney, Shelby Kirkham, Jamie Koch, Naomi Loop, Chandler Martens, Shaun Nickelson, Ella Partridge, Myles Reich, Brooklynn Schmelzle, Jayden Senn, Caden Shankland, Samuel Sitting Up, Grady Smith, Drake Stein, Caitlin Tavis, Trenten VanHoutan, Kady N Walters, Alexis Welsh, Kaycin Williams, and Abigail Wilson.

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mately met privately with her for a total of 15 minutes for the stated purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel. "Recruitment and retention" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed.

At the request of Christy, the commissioners met privately with County Counselor Josh Ney for 10 minutes under the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. "Interagency issues" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed.

When the meeting reopened to the public, Christy announced that no binding action had been taken behind closed doors.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21.

## by Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

A caterpillar-like insect pest known to create pin holes in tree leaves appears to have launched an attack on Kansas' green ash tree population.

Kansas State University entomologist Raymond Cloyd said he has received several questions about the brown-headed ash sawfly, a yellow-green insect with white and green stripes extending the length of its approximately three-fourths-inch body.

Larvae have a brown head and fleshy leg-like appendages (called prolegs) on every segment of the body, which dis-

tinguishes sawfly larvae from caterpillars.

"The larvae feed extensively, causing noticeable leaf damage and producing frass, or fecal material, that can be found on leaves," Cloyd said.

The larvae can defoliate trees by feeding on leaves. Cloyd said brownheaded ash sawfly pupate in the spring, with adults emerging (eclosing) and females laying eggs inside leaves. Larvae emerge (eclose) from eggs and congregate in groups, feeding from May through June.

"Larvae create shot holes, or pin holes, on young leaves, but as they increase in size, the larvae consume entire leaves,

especially terminal leaves, except the main veins," Cloyd said. "By June, larvae are fully grown and shed a papery-like skin that is attached to the leaf."

The larvae move toward the base of the tree and construct protective cocoons. Brownheaded ash sawfly overwinter as full-grown larvae, or pre-pupae, within silken lined cells located on the top of the soil and at the base of previously infested trees. There is one generation per year in Kansas.

Cloyd said rainfall will quickly remove larvae from trees. Larvae can also be removed by hand and placed into a container of soapy water to

kill them.

"An insecticide application is not warranted unless brown-headed ash sawfly populations are causing extensive damage that compromises the aesthetic value of an ash tree," Cloyd said.

In that case, he adds, "insecticides with contact activity can be applied, but thorough coverage of the tree canopy, particularly the leaf undersides, is important."

More information on the brownheaded ash sawfly is available in the publication, Brownheaded Ash Sawfly, available for free online from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore.

# Obituaries

**THEO SHIRLEY-HUNTER**  
 Theo Jeaninne Shirley-Hunter completed her circle of life on June 3, 2025.

Theo was born on May 28, 1929, to William Theodore Shirley and Amelia Matthias Shirley at Christ Hospital, Topeka, KS. Theo was raised on the family farm in Grantville, KS, by her mother and farm foreman, Mark Haynes, having lost her father at the age of 4. Her special relationship to Mark would continue through her life until Mark's death in 2006.

She attended Perry Rural High School, graduating in 1947. She then enrolled in airline stewardess school in Kansas City. After completing school and being told to relocate to Atlanta, Theo decided that Atlanta was not for her and came back to the farm.

She then became engaged to Harold Gene Hunter and they married on June 24, 1951, before Harold shipped off to Korea. After his time in the service ended, they moved to Topeka, KS, where they had three sons, splitting time between raising rambunctious boys and working various jobs including Universal CIT and DuPont.

In 1970 the family moved to Overland Park, KS, where she worked as a stenographer for the Marley Company until her retirement in 1995. Theo lost her soul mate in 1999 and continued to live in Overland Park until her passing. She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Buddy Shirley; and her husband, Harold Gene Hunter.

She was a gracious and loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and friend to all that knew her. She enjoyed life and was a go-getter. She was a water skier and taught her boys to

ski with the Shawnee Ski Club. She enjoyed square dancing with the Guys & Dolls dance club, was a lifelong member of the Perry United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member of Perry American Legion Aux. Unit No. 142. She loved camping, sewing, and cooking. She was the best!

She will be greatly missed by her three sons, Terry (Janey) Hunter, Silver Lake, Tim Hunter, and James (Susan) Hunter, both of Overland Park; four grandchildren, Ian, Kali, Chris, and Jake; and two great-grandchildren, Thea and Em-malyn. Rest in peace now Mom, you have earned it. Love You!!

In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Catholic Community Hospice.

A service was June 10 at Barnett Family Funeral Home, Oskaloosa. Burial was at the Grantville Cemetery. [barnettfamilyfh.com](#)

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## ORDINANCE NO. 12-201

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS, ORDERING THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN THE CONDEMNATION AND APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF SAID CITY PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 26-501, AND ORDERING SAID INTERESTS TO BE CONDEMNED, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH K.S.A. 26-201, ET SEQ., AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Valley Falls, Kansas, did on April 2, 2025 adopt Resolution No. 2025-3 thereby finding, determining, and resolving it to be necessary and in the public interest to exercise its power of eminent domain to appropriate for public use and purpose certain real property interests in Jefferson County, Kansas, located at and commonly known as 18441 Jackson RD, Valley Falls, KS 66088, the legal description of which is set forth in Section 3, below, needed by the City for the purpose of acquiring certain property interests including a fee simple interest in real estate as well as a permanent easement as to real property located in Jefferson County, Kansas to access, maintain, use, and enjoy the City Lake, as declared in Resolution 2025-3; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has heretofore authorized and ordered a survey by a licensed land surveyor of the real property to be condemned and said survey has been made and filed with the City Clerk for the City of Valley Falls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The above-stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference and shall be as effective as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. The Governing Body hereby affirms all of its prior orders and declarations regarding the necessity for the appropriation, through the exercise of eminent domain, of certain real property and interests therein located at and commonly known as 18441 Jackson RD, Valley Falls, KS 66088, the legal description of which is set forth in Section 3, below, for the purpose of acquiring certain property interests including a fee simple interest in real estate as well as a permanent easement as to real property located in Jefferson County, Kansas as declared in Resolution 2025-3.

SECTION 3. The real property and interests therein required to be taken for such public purpose are described as follows:

A fee simple interest of the following:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 05, TOWNSHIP 08 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, BEING DESCRIBED AND PREPARED ON 04/15/2025 BY GREGORY E. MCDOWELL PS #1393 AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS P.A., C.L.S. #65, AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S88°01'14"W (BEARINGS BASED ON THE KANSAS COORDINATE SYSTEM 1983 NORTH ZONE) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH HALF OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1471.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S88°01'14"W ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 717.00 FEET; THENCE S01°48'12"E A DISTANCE OF 81.39 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 224 PAGE 395 IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE; THENCE N88°11'48"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT A DISTANCE OF 717.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE N01°48'12"W A DISTANCE OF 83.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ENCOMPASSING 59,150 SQ FT OR 1.358 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

And

A PORTION OF THE NORTH 100 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, AND A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 08 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, BEING DESCRIBED AND PREPARED ON 04/15/2025 BY GREGORY E. MCDOWELL PS #1393 AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS P.A., C.L.S. #65, AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S87°54'54"W (BEARINGS BASED ON THE KANSAS COORDINATE SYSTEM 1983 NORTH ZONE)

ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTH-EAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1709.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF A TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 224 PAGE 395 IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S07°59'45"W A DISTANCE OF 641.55 FEET; THENCE S19°24'14"W A DISTANCE OF 443.21 FEET; THENCE N72°40'19"W A DISTANCE OF 301.10 FEET; THENCE N01°47'48"W A DISTANCE OF 348.14 FEET; THENCE N19°39'40"E A DISTANCE OF 680.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 224 PAGE 395; THENCE S00°56'20"W ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 373.99 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303 IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE; THENCE S08°26'48"W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303 A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303; THENCE S81°33'12"E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303 A DISTANCE OF 165.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303; THENCE S81°33'12"E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303 A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET TO NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT IN BOOK 108 PAGE 303; THENCE N21°44'48"E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF A SAID TRACT IN DEED BOOK 224 PAGE 395 A DISTANCE OF 401.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ENCOMPASSING 198,965 SQ FT OR 4.57 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

An access easement described as follows:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 05, TOWNSHIP 08 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, BEING DESCRIBED AND PREPARED ON 04/15/2025 BY GREGORY E. MCDOWELL PS #1393 AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS P.A., C.L.S. #65, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S88°01'14"W (BEARINGS BASED ON THE KANSAS COORDINATE SYSTEM 1983 NORTH ZONE) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH HALF OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1471.30 FEET; THENCE S01°48'12"E A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE N88°01'14"E PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 1471.27 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE N01°43'09"W ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ENCOMPASSING 29,426 SQ FT OR 0.676 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SECTION 4. That certain real property interests therein described in Section 3, hereof, are hereby ordered condemned for the purposes and for the use described in Section 2, hereof.

SECTION 5. Attorneys for the City of Valley Falls, Kansas, for and in behalf of the Governing Body, are hereby authorized and directed to file, under the Eminent Domain Procedures Act, K.S.A. 26-501 et seq. a verified petition in the District Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, for the condemnation and appropriation of certain real property and interests described in Section 3, hereof, together with Resolution No. 2025-3 of the City of Valley Falls, Kansas, and to do all things necessary for the condemnation and acquisition of said real property and interests therein for the purpose of acquiring certain property interests including a fee simple interest in real estate as well as a permanent easement as to real property located in Jefferson County, Kansas as declared in Resolution 2025-3.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall constitute the final order exercising eminent domain and setting forth the condemnation of the real property and interests therein described herein and the purpose for which the same shall be used.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Valley Falls, Kansas, this day of June 4, 2025.

APPROVED  
 /s/ Jeanette Shipley Mayor

ATTEST:  
 /s/ Destiny Schrick City Clerk  
 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
 Andrew Werring City Attorney