

# Soil remediation continues in Caney; other areas being pursued

306,000 tons of contaminated soil have been removed from Caney residential yards, EPA says

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CANEY — While contractors with the Environmental Protection Agency work to remediate contaminated soils continue to do their work in Caney, the EPA is taking the remediation effort to a new area of the community.

The contaminated soil stems from previous industrial activities in the Caney community. Heavy metal contaminants have leached into the soils through human traffic, transfer of soils, or through the air.

Kellen Ashford, spokesperson with the EPA Region 7 office, said contractors have remediated 415 residential properties: 335 from past removal activities and 80 from the current remediation action contract.

As part of EPA's response activities, an estimated 306,000 tons of lead/zinc/cadmium-contaminated soil



Crews from government contractor Kemron replace contaminated soil at an East Third Street property in Caney. ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRONICLE

have been removed and disposed of at state-permitted disposal facilities. This includes the estimated 229,500 tons from the past removal activities, which was an early phase of cleanup before the EPA triggered a second wave

of remediation in 2022. Another estimated 76,500 tons from the current remedial action is expected to be removed by the end of the 2025 calendar year.

“EPA has made tremendous progress in remediating the lead contamination in Caney, but work remains,” Ashford said. “There are a few residential properties we would like to sample and encourage homeowners to work with EPA, through our access agreement process, so

we can sample the remaining yards.”

Ashford said the EPA was actively investigating the abandoned Missouri Pacific railroad tracks and remaining smelter facility as part of an ongoing remedial investigation. This effort includes addressing the railroad bal-

last, which was constructed using smelter chat as a filler material.

“Remediating such source material is crucial to ensuring that EPA's work on residential properties remains protective and effective,” he said.

# ICC Summer Enrollment Days set

INDEPENDENCE — Independence Community College's Summer Enrollment Days present an excellent opportunity for prospective students to embark on their academic journey.

These Enrollment Days are scheduled for the following dates: June 12 and 25; July 14, 23 and 31; and Aug. 4.

Enrollment services will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each of these dates, with the entire enrollment process taking approximately one hour. Attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-register.

To incentivize preregistration, the Enrollment Resource Management (ERM) team is excited to announce a partnership with the ICC Foundation to offer four \$1,000 scholarships (\$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester). This initiative aims to motivate students to secure their spots and actively engage in the enrollment process.

Scholarship winners will be drawn shortly after the final enrollment day. The drawing will include all students who preregistered and attended any completed Enrollment Day, as well as

those who attend one of the upcoming sessions after preregistering.

“We are excited to support our students in this way,” said Tyler Allen, Director of Enrollment and Retention Management. “This initiative not only helps students financially but also emphasizes the importance of being proactive in their education.”

For more information about the ICC Enrollment Days and scholarship opportunities, contact Laura Jamison at [ljamison@indycc.edu](mailto:ljamison@indycc.edu) or visit ICC Enrollment Days.



The new Victra outlet in Coffeyville is located at 909 W. 11th.

# CCC announces spring semester honor rolls

COFFEYVILLE — Coffeyville Community College has recognized students who have earned academic distinction for the spring 2025 semester.

Honor Roll placement is based on outstanding scholastic achievement and a strong commitment to academic excellence.

Placement on the President's Honor Roll requires a minimum of 14 hours of graded academic work with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher and no grade below a B. The Vice President's Honor Roll requires a minimum of 12 hours of graded academic work with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher and no grade below a B.

The following area students have met these requirements.

Haden Johnson, Michael McCullough, Triana Morris, Joseph Neuenschwander, Cody O'Connell, Melanie Rodriguez, Garrett Vannoster, Anna Washburn.

- Independence: Katie Alexander, Alexandria Blattner, Ashley Hernandez Jimenez, Audrey Hoggatt, Elizabeth Kippenberger, Hannah Kippenberger, McKenna Mata, Maricsa Medrano, Chad Rincker, Lori Summer
- South Coffeyville: Lyndi Giesen, Nicholas Long, Mylissa McWhorter, Jessica Meyer.

**President's 3.75 Honor Roll**

- Caney: Libby Stapleton.
- Cherryvale: Dylan Plumley.
- Coffeyville: Brynn Balentine, Hannah Johnson, Isabelle Judd, Bode Stotts.
- Independence: Ana Esquivel.
- South Coffeyville: Kylie Conley.

Kenedi Redden, Damaris Smith, Cory Turner, John Twitchell, Cane Wheeler, Robert Whittle, Rayna Witwer, Delilah Wright.

- Independence: Shelby Hendrickson.
- Liberty: Kari Bever, Paige Strimple.
- South Coffeyville: Hunter Fox.

**Vice President's 3.4 Honor Roll**

- Caney: Kaelynn Brewer, Jackson Griffin, Isaiah Jennings, Haylee Osborn, Rachael Regis, Casey Wiswell.
- Coffeyville: Mersela Alonzo,

Brayden Burki, Jeremiah Council, Jonathan Council, Landon Graham, Sydnie Lanning, Amelia Maulsby, Bryan McDaniel, Jacy Meyer, Peyton Pauzauskie, Manuel Strickland, Riley Wintjen.

- Dearing: Anna Powers.
- Elk City: Lexie Reed.
- Liberty: Jayden Camp.
- Niotaze: Laci Ast, Kiersten Spencer.
- South Coffeyville: Marissa Chick, Kate Eveleigh, Emma Lemos, Delaney Pippin, Madison Rogers.
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# Voss, Torres are listed on OU President's Honor Roll

NORMAN, Okla. – The University of Oklahoma announced today the students named to its spring 2025 honor roll, a distinction given to those who achieve the highest academic standards.

A total of 10,801 students were named to the spring 2025 honor roll. Of these stu-

dents, 4,564 were named to the President's Honor Roll for earning an “A” grade in all their courses.

Among the local students who were named to the President's Honor Roll were Daric Voss of Coffeyville and Daniela Torres of Independence.

# Verizon retail store opens doors in C'ville

COFFEYVILLE – Victra, the largest Verizon-authorized retailer with over 1,800 locations nationwide, announces the opening of its newest wireless store in Coffeyville at 909 W. 11th Street, Suite D.

Local residents can now explore the full range of Verizon's award-winning services and products in-store, including 5G wireless and 5G Home Internet.

“We're excited to expand Victra's presence in Coffeyville and offer the latest in Verizon's cutting-edge technology to this community,” said Rich Balot, chief executive officer and founder of Victra. “Our mission is to enhance connectivity and provide access to Verizon's 5G network, empowering local residents with faster, more reliable service. Whether it's streamlining everyday tasks, staying connected with loved ones, or supporting business needs, we're here to deliver a seamless experience for all of our guests.”

The new Victra Verizon store offers a complete lineup of Verizon's 5G services, including mobile plans and 5G Home Internet, all on the most reliable network in the U.S. The store also features a wide range of devices and accessories, supported by an expert team dedicated to helping customers find the perfect solutions to fit their needs.

Victra is Verizon's largest authorized retailer in over 1,800 locations.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

(Published in the Montgomery County Chronicle on Thursday, June 12, 19, and 26, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KAN.,  
SITTING AT INDEPENDENCE

In the Matter of the Estate of Kay L. Hyatt, deceased  
No. MGI-2025-PR-000030

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by James A. Hyatt, the surviving son of Kay L. Hyatt, deceased, requesting descent be determined to the following described Kansas real estate, to-wit:

Lot 5, Block 2, Commercial Club Second Addition, City of Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas (commonly known as 809 W. 1st Coffeyville, Kansas) and all other Kansas real and personal property owned by decedent at the time of death; and that such property be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Montgomery County District Court Sitting in Independence, Kansas, 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.

James A. Hyatt, Petitioner

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### DEMOLITION BIDS SOUGHT

The City of Cherryvale is accepting bids for the demolition of structure(s) located at the following addresses:

**722 E. 3rd St.**

**135 W. Whelan St.**

**210 E. Main St.**

Bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 123 W. Main, Cherryvale, KS 67335 until noon Monday, July 7, 2025. At 3:00 p.m. on that date, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. At 6:00 p.m. on that date, the bids and bid board recommendation will be made to the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Bid packets can be picked up at the City Clerk's office or found on the City's website at [cherryvaleusa.com](http://cherryvaleusa.com). MCC-C23-31b

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