

Reports . . .

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stops; Winchester PD, handled by officer, 605 Spruce; traffic problem, 302 Fifth St.; paper service, 416 Delaware; juvenile call, 9613 Village Ln., Ozawkie; 3 car stops; Rural FD, hemorrhage/lacerations, 1245 Oak, Perry; Fairview FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 9929 Park Ln., Ozawkie; Ozawkie FD, fall, 11925 K-92 Hwy., Oskaloosa; Oskaloosa FD, fall, 11925 K-92 Hwy.; sick person, 613 Herkimer; Jefferson FD, back pain (non-traumatic), 15515 Marion Rd., Valley Falls; District 11 FD, back pain (non-traumatic), 15515 Marion Rd., Valley Falls; Emergency Management, weather related damage, 206 Pine, Perry.

April 25: Meriden PD, juvenile call, 4050 74th St., Meriden; Nortonville PD, eight code enforcements, 407 Main; Oskaloosa PD, assist other agency, 10058 K-92 Hwy., Ozawkie; Valley Falls PD, 5 car stops; Rock Creek FD, sick person, 7700 Trail Rd., Meriden; grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 114th St./King Rd., Meriden; fall, 512 Condray, Meriden; Ozawkie FD, sick person, 7700 Trail Rd., Meriden; assault/sexual assault, 10058 K-92 Hwy., Ozawkie; grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 13399 Hamilton Rd., Valley Falls; Oskaloosa FD, assist call, 405 Liberty; fall, 405 Liberty; Union FD, psychological/abnormal behavior, 5437 Wild Horse Rd., McLouth; heart problems, 206 S. Franklin, McLouth; Norton FD, vehicle fire, 3835 Lincoln Rd., Cummings.

April 26: Nortonville PD, traffic problem, Osage St./Walnut St.; criminal damage/vandalism, Elm St./Taggart St.; Oskaloosa PD, wanted misdemeanor, 802 Liberty; 1 car stop; Perry PD, assist other agency, 315 E. Bridge; Valley Falls PD, 3 car stops; Kaw FD, sick person, 3954 39th St., Grantville; Kentucky FD, unconscious/fainting subject, 315 E. Bridge, Perry; Rock Creek FD, sick person, 3954 39th St., Grantville; injury accident, 74th St./Clark Rd., Meriden; sick person, 3566 62nd St., Meriden; Fairview FD, injury accident, 74th St./Clark Rd., Meriden; Oskaloosa FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 505 W. Washington.

April 27: Oskaloosa PD, assist ambulance, 704 Liberty; trespassing, 508 Jefferson; Fairview FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 6844 Lincoln Rd., Oskaloosa; Oskaloosa FD, breathing problems, 704 Liberty; Union FD, psychological/abnormal behavior, 10870 N. K-92 Hwy., McLouth; Norton FD, hemorrhage/lacerations, 225 Main, Nortonville.

April 28: Nortonville PD, domestic disturbance, 121 N. Norton; disturbance, 120 Taggart; handled by officer, 207 Walnut; handled by officer, 407 Main; Oskaloosa PD, code enforcement, 512 Atchison; Ozawkie PD, chase/road block, 8548 K-92 Hwy.; 1 car stop; Perry PD, keep the peace, 205 W. Bridge; disturbance, 510 Plaza Dr.; roll call, 115 Elm; 2 car stops; Valley Falls PD, chase/road block, 8548 K-92 Hwy., Ozawkie; 2 car stops; Winchester PD, citizen assist, 208 Second St.; Sarcozie FD, breathing problems, 17311 46th St., McLouth; Rock Creek FD, two storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; Fairview FD, storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; Oskaloosa FD, storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; Oskaloosa FD, structure fire, 700

Cherokee; vehicle fire, 12485 82nd St.; storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut; Union FD, structure fire, 19893 McLouth Rd., McLouth; vehicle fire, 12485 82nd St., Oskaloosa; storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; Jefferson FD, sick person, Fifth St./Spruce St., Winchester; storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; District 11 FD, sick person, 14391 Ferguson Rd., Valley Falls; chest pain (non-traumatic), 19804 Coal Creek Rd., Valley Falls; two storm spotters activation, 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; Norton FD, two storm spotters activation.

April 29: Nortonville PD, theft report, 412 Walnut; Perry PD, 2 car stops; Valley Falls PD, 1 car stop; Winchester PD, disturbance, 200 Oak; 1 car stop; Oskaloosa FD, assist call, 405 Madison.

April 30: Nortonville PD, code enforcement, 218 N. Taggart; six code enforcements, 407 Main; Perry PD, 2 car stops; Valley Falls PD, 911 call/hang-up, 901 Oak; 2 car stops; Winchester PD, traffic problem, 208 Fourth St.; disturbance, Fourth St./Osage St.; domestic disturbance, 200 Oak; phone call, 5559 Kimberly Dr., Ozawkie; 2 car stops; Rock Creek FD, assist other agency, 74th St./Dickinson Rd., Meriden; Fairview FD, assist other agency, 74th St./Dickinson Rd., Meriden; Ozawkie FD, alarm call, 700 Cherokee, Oskaloosa; Oskaloosa FD, alarm call, 700 Cherokee; Union FD, alarm call, 700 Cherokee, Oskaloosa; psychological/abnormal behavior, 10870 N. K-92 Hwy., McLouth; Jefferson FD, alarm call, 700 Cherokee, Oskaloosa; assist other agency, 74th St./Dickinson Rd., Meriden.

Phone calls: 911 calls, 98; Administrative calls, 665; Total phone calls, 763; Total dispatch calls, 275; Total burn permits, 29.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SOURS, deceased  
No. JF-2025-PR-000017

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Hazel Lucile Sours by Martha Jeanette Drury as Attorney-in-fact, heir of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SOURS, deceased, praying that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Leavenworth County, Kansas, to-wit:

Lot 1 and East 12.61 feet of Lot 2, Block 9, City of Winchester, Jefferson County, Kansas

Commonly known as 81 Win-

chester Street, Winchester, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of decedent's death.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of May 2025 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard via Zoom. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Hazel Lucile Sours by Martha Jeanette Drury, Attorney-in-Fact  
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Burk sentenced in protective order cases

Brian C. Burk, Valley Falls, was sentenced in Jefferson County District Court April 24 for two counts of violating a protective order that occurred in February and April of last year and one count of harassment by a telecommunications device that also occurred in April of 2024.

In a combined journal entry, District Judge Christopher Etzel sentenced Burk to 12 months in jail, which he suspended, and placed the defendant on 24 months of supervised probation.

The judge assessed court costs of \$158 on all three counts plus \$60 for a supervision fee on each one.

The terms of the supervised probation has "no contact" orders for certain family individuals.

Burk was found guilty of the charges in a bench trial March 7 along with one other charge of cruelty to an animal, a Level 10 felony. The judge ordered a presentencing investigation before handing down a sentence in that case.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LOIS COVERT, Deceased.

Case No.: JF-2024-PR-000069  
Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
TAKE NOTE that the above-captioned case will come for hearing on the Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration on the 28th day of May 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County District Court, 300 Jefferson St., Oskaloosa, KS 66066, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**EARLY COPY NOTICE DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 23, 10 a.m. FOR THE May 29 ISSUE**



The Vindicator and The Independent offices will be CLOSED Memorial Day Mon., May 26 in observance of the holiday.

TIMES GONE BY

Reprinted from the archives of The Oskaloosa Independent — compiled by Jen Trowbridge

35 years ago May 10, 1990

Under the direction of Kathie McCormally, the McLouth High School drama department will give three performances of the timeless Rogers and Hammerstein production, "Oklahoma."

A few of the musical cast members are Rebecca Vinlove as Aunt Eller, Jason Carlson as Curly, and Leslie Lash as Laurey.

Joan Robinson's slogan for the Nortonville Fall Festival theme, "Nortonville Friendly Town, USA" was selected as the winner of the two free dinners to the pork barbecue during the annual fall festival.

Before riding his horse into the arena, Todd Newell, one of the littler cowboys taking part in a May 6 Kansas State Horse Show Circuit competition in Oskaloosa, got a helping hand with his bandana from his mother, Marty.

Newell, who competed in the five and under lead-in class along with his mom and his horse, was one of 70 riders competing in the show. The show was sponsored by the Lucky Spur Saddle Club.

The Phillips '66' station on the corner of Jefferson and US 59 in Oskaloosa is once again open for business. What was once Ada's '66' is now Blondie's '66' and Bait.

Virginia Mauzey opened the station May 1 and plans to do all she can to serve the public. In the bait shop she plans to carry a small amount of prepared baits and as many types of live bait as possible.

The Winchester senior bus took seven people to the Food Fair in Topeka Saturday. They saw many different kinds of food produced in Kansas.

Winning eight out of 17 events, the girls from Jefferson County North High School claimed a team track title in Oskaloosa May 1.

The Lady Chargers scored 114 team points to outdistance Oskaloosa which was second with 66, and Valley Falls, which finished third with 50 points.

25 years ago May 11, 2000

As his senior project Jay Powell installed the flat bed onto a truck used by Oskaloosa Fire District No. 8 to fight grass fires. The project involved leveling, painting, and bolting the bed on. He wrote his essay on firefighting safety. Powell has been a volunteer with the fire district for over a year.

The Oskaloosa City Council voted unanimously to pay Gerard Tank & Steel, Concordia, the remainder owed to the company for the water tower north of town. The \$5,395 bill included a fee of \$1,195 for repainting the bear logo.

Rocky Himpel and Chuck Landis were sworn in as new Oskaloosa City Council members. The were elected this spring to replace Mike Baker and Mike Paavola, who did not seek reelection. Don Haynes was also sworn in after he was reelected.

Jefferson County North's Tucker Porter competed in his first sanctioned U.S. Powerlifting Federation meet in Seminole, Okla., April 29.

This meet was a push-pull meet or bench press and deadlift only.

Tucker finished first in the high school division, 242-lb. class. He had a personal best in the bench of 325 lbs. and a 585 lb. deadlift. This deadlift exceeded the state of Oklahoma high school record by 50

pounds.

Cassandra Keefer is the valedictorian and Dan Harmon is the salutatorian of the Oskaloosa High School graduating class.

Cassandra is the daughter of Tina and Jim Penny and Gary and Lucy Keefer, Oskaloosa. Dan's parents are John and Jo Kerl, Ozawkie.

The valedictorian of Jefferson County North High School 2000 graduating class is Justin Finley, son of Paul and Elizabeth Finley, Winchester. The salutatorian is Robert Herring, son of Ronald and Lorraine Herring, Winchester.

Three will share the valedictorian status of the McLouth High School graduating class. They are Staci Braksick, daughter of Bob and Candy Braksick, Penny Kitterman, daughter of Lawrence and Reta Kitterman, and Amanda Bailey, daughter of Ralph and Karen Bailey, all of McLouth.

15 years ago May 13, 2010

This week in Kansas History, May 19, 1960, A tornado measuring more than a mile wide at times nearly destroyed the entire town of Meriden and destroyed the Jefferson County Courthouse. At the time it was the oldest courthouse in service in the state.

The Oskaloosa City Council approved a plan last Thursday to bring recycling bins to

the city. There will be four separate recycling bins. One bin will be used to collect glass, another for tin, and two more for paper products and plastic.

Trash customers will see an increase to their monthly bill by \$1 when the bins are in place.

A Jefferson County 4-H team consisting of Libby Phillips, Zia Gaines, Steuart Hensleigh, Jacob Schrick, and Elijah Phillips attended the state Habitat Judging Contest April 31 at the Quivera Wildlife Refuge west of Hutchinson.

The senior team, Elijah, Jacob, and Steuart, placed third in their division and Steuart placed first overall individually. Libby and Zia were on the junior team.

Steuart, Elijah, and Libby are members of the Winchester 4-H Club, Jacob is a Mooney Creek member, and Zia is a Beacon Builder.

The 50th annual McLouth-area Rural School reunion was held May 2 in the community center. Twenty-five people attended representing nine one-room schools: Wildhorse, Stanwood, Eureka, Round Grove, Woodstock, Brown, Wilham, Hinton, and Parsons.

Paul Flower spent his last day on the job this past Friday at Kansas Secured/Finley Title. Flower sold Finley Abstract and Title two years ago, but agreed to stay on for two more years. He was presented with an artist rendition of the front of Finley Abstract and Title.

Times Gone By Photos



**Response to last week's photos:** Last week's photo was identified as the 1985-86 Oskaloosa High School Future Business Leaders of America members.

Any information about these and other photos that have run in this section is encouraged and welcome. We love hearing from you. Please email responses to: [independent@jeffcountynews.com](mailto:independent@jeffcountynews.com).



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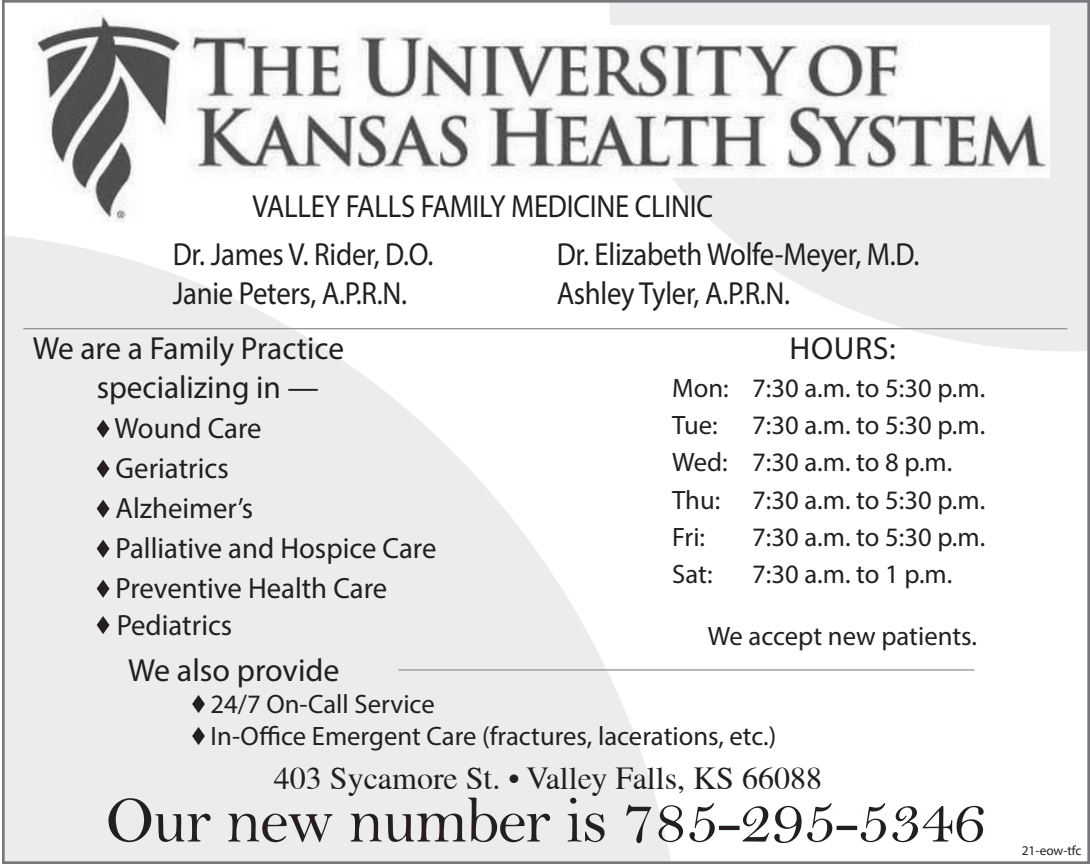
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