

SOCIETY

Winchester Happenings

• The meeting of the Winchester Library Board of Trustees will be held at 7 p.m. May 15 in the library room of the library.

• Coffee & Chat, a new seniors group, meets at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

• The American Legion Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale from 8 a.m. to noon May 24.

The sale will take place in the parking lot of KT's Short Stop. Baked good donations are needed.

Contact Judy Scott for more information at 913-774-8611.

• The Davis-Gibson Legion Post will begin placing flags on veteran's graves Wed., May 21.

Flags will be placed at the cemeteries of Plum Grove, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hull, Mooney Creek, Spring Grove, and Winchester (Wise).

To volunteer, contact Judy Scott at 913-774-8611.

• Moonlight Movie nights at the United Methodist Church in Winchester are scheduled for June 14 and 28 and July 12 and July 26.

Showtime is approximately 9:15 p.m. The events are free to the public.

• Swimming lesson sign-up will take place at the Nortonville Library from 3 to 5 p.m., May 14 and the Winchester Library May 15.

Lessons will take place from 9 to 9:40 a.m. at the Valley Falls pool June 16 through June 26.

If you cannot make it to sign-up, call Judy Scott at 913-774-8611.

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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.

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Two Youth Program Delegates Announced

FreeState Electric Cooperative is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 Youth Programs. This year, two outstanding students have been selected to represent our community in prestigious youth leadership events and will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship in 2026.

Tilly Johnson from Perry-Leocompton High School will be attending the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., this June. This program offers a unique opportunity for students to learn about the cooperative business model, engage with their peers from across the country, and meet with their elected officials. Tilly is the daughter of Cindy Hart and Todd Johnson.

Charlesey Coffin from McLouth High School will be heading to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colo. this July. The camp provides an enriching environment where students can develop leadership skills, participate in team-building activities, and gain a deeper understanding of the cooperative principles. Charlesey is the daughter of Abby and Michael Coffin.

“We are proud to support these exceptional students as they embark on these life-changing experiences,” said Sarah Farlee, communications manager at FreeState. “Our youth programs are designed to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, and we are confident that Tilly and Charlesey will represent our cooperative well.”

The winners were selected from a competitive pool of applicants from seven different schools. The selection process included interviews and evaluations based on their applications, essays, and community involvement.

The official announcement of the winners will be featured in the May issue of Kansas Country Living.

For more information about FreeState Electric Cooperative's youth programs, please visit our website at www.freestate.coop/youth.

ODDS AND ENDS

•The University of Saint Mary Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Michelle Metzinger announced the Spring 2025 Dean's list.

The following USM students ended the semester with a 3.5 GPA or better.

Those from Jefferson County include: Drake Duncan, McLouth; Sierra Lane, Nortonville; Allison King, Oskaloosa; and Preston Gibson and Devin Watkins, Ozawkie.

Wendling named governor's scholar

At the invitation of Governor Laura Kelly, Anna Wendling, Jefferson County North High School, was selected to attend the 42nd Annual Scholars Awards Program May 4 in Topeka.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic 1% of Kansas high school seniors.

Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.

This program is coordinated for the Governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force was formed 42 years ago to strengthen confidence in public education. The following organizations are members of the Task Force: American Association of University Women, Kansas State Board of Education, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas State High School Activities



Anna Wendling

Association, Kansas National Education Association, Kansas League of Women Voters, and United School Administrators of Kansas.

Wendling will be attending Emporia State University in the fall where she plans to major in Biology with a concentration in Ecology and Biodiversity.

She is the daughter of Marijo Swendson, Nortonville.

KDOT OK's multi-county signage bid in April

The Kansas Department of Transportation has announced approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects. The letting took place April 16 in Topeka.

Collins and Hermann Inc., St. Louis, with receive \$1,880,000 for signing in Jackson, Shawnee, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Atchison, and Jefferson counties on routes U.S. 75, K-62, K-79, K-16, and K-116.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Pursuant to KSA Chapter 59 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Barry Lee DePoy, Deceased

Case No. JF-2025-PR-000021 NOTICE OF HEARING AND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition was filed in this Court on April 28, 2025, by James Lee DePoy, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the “Last Will and Testament of Barry Lee DePoy,” deceased, dated September 11, 2024, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate. You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 6, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., in the District Court, in Jefferson County, 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. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

James Lee DePoy, Petitioner

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY: Werring Law, LLC Andrew E. Werring, #22184 Attorney for Petitioner 110 N. 5th Street Atchison, KS 66002 P: 913-367-2424 F: 913-367-7017 E: andrew@werringlaw.com

KU announces new 2025-2026 Self Memorial Scholars

Twenty students have been selected to receive the University of Kansas Madison and Lila Self Memorial Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Self Memorial Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship that is awarded to outstanding seniors from KU who will be transitioning into their first year of a master's or doctoral program at KU in the fall 2025 semester. Students who were selected demonstrated achievement in leadership and scholarship, capable of envisioning and attaining goals that require energy and tenacity.

The Self Memorial Scholarship provides each recipient with a \$10,000 scholarship award, \$1,000 professional development award, leadership and career development training, and an opportunity to be a part of an interdisciplinary cohort of graduate students. The leadership and career development training, the Scholar Development Program, complements the specialized education and training provided by the graduate programs.

From Jefferson County is: Christopher Rathel of McLouth: bachelor's degree in accounting, minor in business analytics from KU; incoming master's student in accounting.

Border to Border Kansas Run

Two Kansas ultrarunners, Sean Frost and Jonathan Prosser, will be attempting a historic 250-mile run across Kansas from May 22-26.

This endurance attempt will traverse the state from the Nebraska border to the Oklahoma state line.

On day one, the duo will make a 66-mile trek from the Nebraska border to Oskaloosa. They will leave Oskaloosa the morning of May 23 heading for Ottawa.

To follow the runners along their journey, search for Border to Border Kansas Run Event on Facebook.

For more information or to make a donation, visit: RunKansas: 250 miles for the Vulnerable GiveSmart Donor CRM.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JACOB E. THUNDER JAAP, Deceased. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59. TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

Case No.: JF-2022-PR-38 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 11, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by ISAAC J. MERRIWEATHER JAAP, Executor of the Estate of JACOB E. THUNDER JAAP, deceased, for a final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of ISAAC J. MERRIWEATHER JAAP as Executor, allowance for attorneys' fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 6, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., on such day, in such Court, in the City in the District Court, in Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

ISAAC J. MERRIWEATHER JAAP, Petitioner PREPARED AND APPROVED BY: STEVENS & BRAND, L.L.P. 900 Massachusetts Street, Suite 500 P.O. Box 189 Lawrence, KS 66044-0189 (785) 843-0811 (phone) (785) 843-0341 (fax) mhoy@stevensbrand.com Attorneys for Executor Matthew H. Hoy, #18469 Ann J. Premer, #20747

OBITUARIES

LEE WEGNER

Lee W. Wegner, 82, of rural Parsons, passed away at 4:47 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2025.

He was born on January 6, 1943, in Westmoreland, Kansas, to Raymond and Pearl (Peterson) Wegner. The family moved to Ozawkie, Kansas, where he grew up and attended Ozark and Oskaloosa schools. Lee graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1961. After high school Lee worked for a custom harvesting crew traveling from Texas to Canada.

He and Marlene Elkinton were married on September 12, 1965, at Oskaloosa. They moved to rural Parsons where Lee was a lifelong farmer. The family farm included a dairy operation and row crop. He and his brother, Roger Wegner, operated the Wegner Brothers Implement Company.

Lee's hobbies included tractor pulling, playing cards, KU basketball, and Ham Radio operating. Most of all he cherished his wife, sons, and grandchildren.

He was a longtime member of the First Christian Church in Parsons where he served as a Deacon.

In addition to his wife, Lee is survived by his sons, David Wegner and his wife, Michelle, of Wichita, Darrin Wegner and his wife, Brandi, of Centerton, Arkansas, and Chad Wegner and his wife, Rachelle, of Lenexa; six grandchildren, Morgan Craytor and her husband, Andrew, of Wichita, Jason Wegner and his wife, Jenna, of Wichita, Peyton Wegner, of Centerton, Arkansas, Mackenzie Wegner, of Centerton, Arkansas, Haley Wegner, of Lenexa, and Dalton Wegner, of Lenexa; four great-grandchildren, Memphis Wegner, Swayze Wegner, Mayzie Craytor, and Foster Wegner; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Roger Wegner.

Funeral services were May 13, 2025, at the First Christian Church with the Reverend Jennifer Dawson officiating. Burial followed in the Memorial Lawn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church of Parsons or to Camp MITIOG, a week-long camp for children with Spina Bifida. These may be left at or mailed to the funeral home 112 N. 26th St., P.O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357. Online condolences may be left at www.wallfuneralservices.com.

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JENNIE DAUGHERTY

A graveside memorial urnment service for Jennie Rene (Sabin) Daugherty, 87, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Pleasant View Cemetery in Oskaloosa. A Celebration of Life will follow at her granddaughter's

home in McLouth. Memorials are suggested to the Jefferson County Humane Society. barnettfamilyfh.com

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Clara Allene Mattox, Deceased

Case No. JF-2024-PR-000033 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale and Petition for Confirmation of Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale, was filed in this Court by Charles R. Mattox, Jr., Executor, heir, devisee, and legatee of the Estate of Clara Allene Mattox, decedent.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 28, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in the District Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Charles R. Mattox, Jr. Petitioner

Submitted By: Geri L. Hartley KS #24182 HARTLEY LAW GROUP, LLC 26 West Peoria; P.O. Box 407 Paola, KS 66071 (913) 294-4512 geri@hartleylawgroupllc.com Attorney for Petitioner

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