

SOCIETY

ODDS AND ENDS

• MidAmerica Nazarene University announced its President's List, Dean's List, and Honor Roll for the spring semester. A total of 425 students qualified for one of the hours. The president's list is a 4.0 GPA for the semester; the dean's list ranges from 3.5 to 3.99; and the honor roll is 3.2 to 3.49. Following are MNU students from Jefferson County named to the Dean's list: Justin Miller, Ozawkie, and Grace Conser, Valley Falls.



Photo submitted

Kiwanis golf tournament winners

The McLouth Kiwanis scholarship tournament was held May 3 at Village Greens golf course, Ozawkie. The tournament hosted 24 teams and had 41 hole sponsors. Pictured above is the winning team golfing 14 under par. They are Matthew Horton, Marc Walbridge, Drew Cerney, and Gary Walbridge. Proceeds from the tournament sponsored 16 scholarships to the McLouth High School Class of 2025.



Photo submitted

Kennedy Guilfoyle, William McGaughey, and Katie Bond present Galaxy Grin at the state FCCLA Conference. The trio qualified for the national conference in July.

OHS FCCLA team advances to National Leadership Conference in Orlando

Oskaloosa's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America chapter has earned the honor of competing at the 2025 National Conference taking place in Orlando July 5-10. The trio of William McGaughey, Katelin Bond, and Kennedy Guilfoyle, represented their school in the Students Taking Action with Recognition event "Focus on Children," where they had to implement a project addressing the needs of children in their community. Their service project centered on teaching kindergarten students about dental hygiene, why it matters and

how to properly care for their teeth. The project advanced through the district level and went on to claim top gold at the state competition. Only two groups from Kansas were selected to move on to the national level, with Oskaloosa being one and Valley Falls being the other. The team is working toward raising \$4,000 to cover the remaining travel, lodging, and conference expenses. Donations can be sent to USD 341, attention FCCLA Nationals, 404 Park Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066.

Shaking front end causes wreck

A mechanical problem that causes the front end of a Jeep to shake, is the apparent cause for Naomi Fawl, 16, Meriden, to lose control on a Clark Road curve and strike a parked vehicle. Fawl was northbound on Clark Road near 78th Street about 6 a.m. April 26 when she lost control and struck a GMC pickup parked off the roadway. The driver was not injured, but was examined by Jefferson County EMS. According to sheriff's deputy

Tyler Wade, who investigated the wreck, the driver told him that the front end of the 2011 Jeep Wrangler she was driving started shaking as she rounded the curve. She said because of the high mileage on the Jeep, shaking was a common occurrence. Paul Harrell, Lawrence, told Wade that he had left his pickup parked off the roadway to go turkey hunting with a friend. Rock Creek Fire Department was also on the scene.

Supreme . . .

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checks of the applicants. The public cannot ask questions or make comments during the interviews, but written comments will be accepted until June 2. Comments may be emailed or mailed to: snc@kscourts.gov; Supreme Court Nominating Commission, Attn: Gloria G. Farha Flentje, 301 SW 10th Ave., 1st Floor, Topeka KS 66612. Justices are appointed to the Supreme Court through a merit-based nomination process that Kansans voted to add to the Kansas Constitution in 1958. The process involves the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, which reviews nominees, and the governor, who makes the appointment. To be eligible to serve as a Supreme Court justice, a nominee must be: • at least 30 years old; • a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas and engaged in the practice of law for at least 10 years, whether as a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school. Justices must follow the law and not be influenced by politics, special interest groups, public opinion, or their own personal beliefs. They also take an oath of office that includes swearing to support, protect, and defend the U.S. Constitution and Kansas Constitution. After one year in office, a newly appointed justice must seek retention by voters in the next general election to remain on the bench. Justices retained by voters serve six-year terms. Members of the commission are Gloria G. Farha Flentje, chair, Wichita; Robert J. Fred-

erick, Lakin; Diane Oakes, Lawrence; Jennifer M. Cocking, Emporia; Frances Gorman Graves, Bartlett; Katie A. McClaffin, Overland Park; Carol S. Marinovich, Kansas City; Thomas J. Lasater, Wichita; and Ebony S. Clemons, Wichita.

Regents recognize 2 county high schools as Apply Kansas All Stars

The Kansas Board of Regents recently recognized 217 high schools as Apply Kansas All Star High Schools. This recognition program honors the work that Kansas high schools do to help students apply to and access college. Those recognized included Jefferson West and Oskaloosa in Jefferson County. The All Star High School program was launched in 2022 as part of the Apply Kansas mission to enhance college access by guiding students through the application process. Students in All Star High Schools receive support in completing admissions applications, seeking financial aid, and celebrating all postsecondary paths. This ongoing series of events, sustained year after year, cultivates a college-going atmosphere throughout the entire school community. In the initial year of the program, 54 high schools achieved Apply Kansas All Star status. The 217 high schools recognized in 2025 is the largest number to date.

OBITUARIES

JEFFREY HURST

Jeffrey Mark Hurst, Topeka, Kansas, passed away May 9, 2025, after a long and courageous health battle. Jeff was born August 17, 1947, in Christ Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, the second of two sons born to Irene June (Herdt) Hurst (06/26/1923-08/17/2017) and Paul Arthur Hurst (02/11/1918-06/13/1992). His brother, First Lt. Quentin Foxx Hurst (11/16/1944-09/27/1968) was a U.S. Army helicopter pilot killed in action in Vietnam.

Jeff was raised at Valley Falls where he and his brother assisted their parents with the family farm operations. He was baptized in the Valley Falls United Methodist Church and received recognition for 13 years perfect attendance at Sunday school. He graduated from Valley Falls High School in 1965. He attended Kansas State College of Pittsburg and Emporia State Teachers College before graduating Magna Cum Laude from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science on March 22, 1968.

Jeff was married to the love of his life, Loretta Renee Smith, of Oskaloosa on Super Bowl Sunday, January 11, 1970, at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church. They were happily married for over 55 years, were true life partners, and did everything together.

He began working at the Hagge Funeral Home in Valley Falls during his high school years. After he completed mortuary school, he served his apprenticeship in Oskaloosa before working at funeral homes in Manhattan and Ottawa. On September 8, 1981, he and Loretta joined Gene and Arvilla Parker at their North Topeka mortuary and was manager there until his retirement on March 25, 2018. He was recognized at the Kansas Funeral Directors Association for being licensed for 50 years. During his years as a member of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association he served as a district president and was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association.

His Masonic career started as being raised a Master Mason on February 19, 1969, in Valley Falls Lodge No. 21, AF & AM, where he served as Master for two years and at that time was the youngest man to ever serve as Master of a Kansas Masonic Lodge. He served as Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 90 AF & AM

in 2010. He joined both the Topeka York Rite Bodies and Topeka Scottish Rite Bodies in 1970. On November 19, 2011, the Topeka Scottish Rite Bodies coronated him with the Thirty-third Degree Inspectors General Honorary. Jeff was appointed to the Arab Shriners Divan in 2011 and served as their Potentate in 2017. He also served as a Director and Executive Vice-President of the Kansas Masonic Foundation. Jeff had been a member of Manhattan's Sunflower Lions Club (Past President), Solar Kiwanis Club of Manhattan; North Topeka Kiwanis Club (Past President); and Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka.

Surviving is his wife, Loretta, of the home; children: Quentin Ashley and M. Ilene Hurst of Overland Park and Jay Robert Hurst and Valerie VanDerSluis of Topeka; and six grandchildren: Garrhett Paul and Anna Hurst, Cecily Faith Hurst, Jonathan David "Jack" Hurst, Corey Matthew Hurst all of Overland Park, Benjamin Richard VanDerSluis, Madilyn Michelle VanDerSluis of Topeka.

Funeral services were May 19 at First United Methodist Church, Topeka, followed by Rose Croix Services conducted by Topeka Scottish Rite Bodies. Interment was in Valley Falls Cemetery with Masonic graveside services conducted by Golden Rule Lodge No. 90, AF & AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 4400 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63110 or RiteCare Topeka Scottish Rite Bodies, 4228 SW 29th Terrace, Suite A, Topeka, KS 66614.

Dove Southeast Chapel, 2843 SE Minnesota Ave., is assisting the family with service arrangements. To leave the family a special message online, please visit www.DoveTopeka.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent May 8, 15, and 22, 2025) 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

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 **Sat., May 31**
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Jefferson County Fairgrounds • Valley Falls
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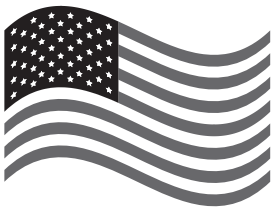
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- Assured Title of Northeast Kansas – Oskaloosa, 785-863-2224
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- City of McLouth – 913-796-6411, www.cityofmcclouth.org
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- Heinen P-H-E Services, LLC – Valley Falls, 785-945-6668
- Heritage Gardens – Oskaloosa, 785-863-2108, heritagegardenshrc.com
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- JCN – Winchester, USD 339 – 913-774-2000
- Jayhawk Area Council, BSA Sunflower District – 785-354-8541, jayhawkcouncil.org
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