

NEWS

Perry Farm to Fork celebrates year one

Perry Farm to Fork will hold a celebration Saturday, June 28, in honor of the one-year anniversary of its opening. The event will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. at 605 Cedar St., Perry.

Vendors will consist of: a bouquet bar, pyrography (burnt wood) art, 3D printed items, local produce and honey products, BBQ rubs and sauces, live plants and flowers, macrame and crocheted items, jewelry, freeze dried candy, and baked goods.

Multiple food and drink trucks will be on hand.

There will be a raffle for a whole hog by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau. Kansas Corn, Kansas Soybean, and The Perry-Lecompton Library will have booths. There will be a rope making demonstration.

Local speakers have agreed to talk at the event, including:

- 3:30p.m. — pasture to plate for dairy products by Lilly Thompson, KSU food fellow
- 4 p.m. — Foraging locally for food by Jim Guffey, lifelong outdoorsman
- 4:30 p.m. — farmers market salsa demo by Cindy Williams, Meadowlark extension agent
- 5 p.m. — soil health by Laura Phillips - Meadowlark extension agent
- 5:30 p.m. — veggie questions with a veggie farmer by



Scotty Thellman, owner of Juniper Hills Farms and Pine Garden Market

• 6 p.m. how to repot houseplants by Becky Caddell, lifelong florist

Music by the band Buck Creek will be from 6:30 to 10pm. Outdoor seating and shade will be provided, but attendees

should bring lawn chairs for the music.

Farm to Fork provides a space for seasonal farm fresh goods and local wares to be sold and is run by sisters Emma Jenks, Morgan Gleason, and Ella Gantz. The sisters shared their best sellers over this first year have been tomatoes, watermelons, bacon, bratwurst, steaks, beef sticks, pies, sweet corn, peaches and sour dough.

“We have enjoyed providing this opportunity for the community as there is a large need to have local fresh food in our area,” Gleason said. “We have enjoyed getting to know the local shoppers who visit often.”

A to Z Fireworks

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

June 20 - July 5 next to the Valley Falls Casey's in the BeOutdoors parking lot

June 27 - July 5 in Ozawkie beside Casey's

Firework raffle ticket for every \$20 spent.

Over 300 items to choose from.

Fair . . .

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first livestock sale night as the parent of a 4-H'er. My young son entered the auction ring with his first steer, Rocky. The previous year, Rocky was the black white-faced bucket calf that had captured our hearts. However, a hard truth is that the second year, Rocky was a market steer.

I remember my son leaning on his steer back in the barn after the sale and sobbing as he knew the finality. An older woman and her family were walking through the barns, and she stopped to talk to him. She told him that he would grow into a good, strong cattleman one day. She said that she knew this because she saw that he cared so much for his animal. That was community. That was a collective memory. That was the culmination of a county

fair.

Take time to visit your county fair. Take the time to notice, appreciate, and celebrate all that makes our communities what they are.

The Jackson County fair is July 14-18 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. This year marks their 100th anniversary. Their theme is “100 Years through the Decades.”

The Nemaha County fair is in Seneca July 24-28. Their theme is “Cowboy Boots and Fair Roots.”

The Jefferson County fair is in Valley Falls from July 28-31 with the theme, “Sew It; Grow It, Show It.”

Come on out and soak in the sights and sounds of your county fair, while making cherished memories with your family.

Cyclist injured on Perry Park Dr.

A motorcyclist was injured when the cycle he was riding laid over on its side and went skidding across the road on a slight curve on Perry Park Drive near 39th Street about 8 p.m. May 31.

Griffin Matthew, 49, Ozawkie, was transported to Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka by county ambulance, according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's report.

Matthew was riding a 2022 Harley-Davidson.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent June 26, 2025)It Jefferson County, Kansas Board of

County Commissioners
Resolution – Z2025-06
WHEREAS IT APPEARS that, under the provisions of Article 30 of the Jefferson County Zoning Regulations, Todd Murrell and Debra Knapp applied for a change in Zoning Classification from “SR” Suburban Residential to “RR” Rural Residential on a tract as described below:

Lot 2 of T&D Acres Subdivision
AND WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Regional Planning Commission, after advertising and holding a public hearing on the subject application on the 19th day of May 2025 submitted the following report and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners:

Voted to recommend approval of said change to the zoning classification.

AND WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Kansas decided on the 16th day of June 2025 that said zoning request be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of June 2025, that the above zoning request be approved.

Board of County Commissioners:
/s/ David Christy
David Christy
/s/ Richard Malm
Richard Malm
/s/ Doug Walbridge
Doug Walbridge

ATTEST:
Julie Dunkle
Julie Dunkle, County Clerk

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