

Reports . . .

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112 Walnut Ct., Perry; Fairview FD, sick person, 112 Walnut Ct., Perry; hemorrhage/lacerations, 10770, Perry Park Dr., Perry; special event, 300 Jefferson, Oskaloosa; breathing problems, 3405 Ferguson Rd., Perry; Union FD, sick person, 24921 McLouth Rd., McLouth; hemorrhage/lacerations, 16879 46th St., McLouth; District 11 FD, heat/cold exposure, 611 Walnut, Valley Falls.

June 22: McLouth PD, 3 car stops; Perry PD, 2 car stops; Rock Creek FD, hemorrhage/lacerations, 6697 134th Rd., Valley Falls; Fairview FD, sick person, 10962 Seminole Ln., Ozawkie; Ozawkie FD, sick person, 10962 Seminole Ln.; Oskaloosa FD, vehicle fire, 12604 54th St., power lines down, 500 Park; citizen assist, 307 Jefferson; District 11 FD, hemorrhage/lacerations, 6697 134th Rd., Valley Falls.

June 23: Nortonville PD, code enforcement, 218 N. Taggart; Winchester PD, citizen assist, 605 Spruce; 2 car stops; Rock Creek FD, vehicle fire, 110th St./Butler Rd., Meriden; two calls grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 110th St./Butler Rd., Meriden; Fairview FD, convulsions/seizures, 7523 Delaware Trl. N., Perry; Oskaloosa FD, sick person, 700 Cherokee; heart problems, 500 Monroe; Union FD, diabetic problem, 110 W. Gertrude, McLouth; Jefferson FD, abdominal pain/problems, 609 Osage, Winchester.

June 24: Nortonville PD, check welfare, 321 Elm; Pery PD, suspicious activity, 405 Cedar; Valley Falls PD, 1 car stop; Winchester PD, animal call, 300 Poplar; Wildlife and Parks, case, 32 Cougar Pass, Meriden; Kaw FD, investigation, 3178 82nd St., Meriden; Kentucky FD, breathing problems, 510 Plaza Dr., Perry; Rural FD, breathing problems, 510 Plaza Dr., Perry; Rock Creek FD, fall, 9621 Chief Dr., Meriden; investigation, 3178 82nd St., Meriden; Ozawkie FD, investigation, 3178 82nd St., Meriden; fall, 9621 Chief Dr., Meriden; Union FD, fall, 21331 25th St., McLouth; Jefferson FD, assist call, 513 Third St., Winchester.

June 25: Nortonville PD, disturbance, County Line Rd./Locust St.; handled by officer, 115 E. Cottage; Valley Falls PD, animal call, 907 Francis; Winchester PD, abandoned vehicle, 15796 K-192 Hwy.; Wildlife and Parks, repo vehicle, 7424 Palmberg Rd., Meriden; Rock Creek FD, breathing problems, 300 N. Owen, Meriden; Jefferson FD, unconscious/fainting subject, 409 Delaware, Winchester.

Phone calls: 911 calls, 124; Administrative calls, 520; Text to 911 calls, 5; TTY to 911 calls, 1; Total phone calls, 650; Total dispatch calls, 280; Total burn permits, 14.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY,
KANSAS

In the Matter of)
the Estate of,)
DUANE R. SMITH,)
Deceased)
(Petition Pursuant)
to K.S.A. Chapter 59))

Case No. JF-2024-PR-000012
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by MATTHEW SMITH, son of DUANE R. SMITH, deceased, requesting Partial Distribution and Approval of Valid Family Settlement Agreement with regard to all of interest in the name of DUANE R. SMITH in the following real estate legally described as follows:

The North 100 acres of the Northwest ¼ of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 17 East of the 6th P.M., Jefferson County, Kansas, except the South 20 Rods thereof.

And that such property and all personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death will be assigned according to the Valid Family Settlement Agreement.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 30th, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the city of Oskaloosa, 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.

/s/Matthew Allan Smith
Matthew Allan Smith,
Petitioner

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Collision sends 3 to hospital

A collision at the intersection of 142nd Street and Rawlins Road resulted in three people being injured about 3:45 p.m. June 15.

A car driven by Dustin Anderson, 28, Oskaloosa, was eastbound on 142nd Street and failed to yield the right of way at the intersection. His car was struck on the passenger side by a vehicle driven by Holly Domann, 54, Winchester, who was northbound on Rawlins Road.

Wreck on country road results in DUI

A Topeka teenager was injured and charged with driving under the influence after wrecking his car on Butler Road about 1 a.m. June 14.

According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's report, Camdon Stiffler, 19, Topeka, was traveling north on Butler Road and failed to stop at the T-intersection with 134th Street. The car went through a fence into some trees.

Jefferson County EMS transported the driver to Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

Stiffler was driving a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze.



David Hallauer

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Transition planning: Step seven – Do we have what we need?

There's nothing quite as frustrating as getting geared up to get something accomplished — then having to put everything aside because you don't have everything you need.

It doesn't matter if it's an equipment repair or home improvement project or your operation's transition plan, getting the ball rolling then having to stop because you don't have the right resources to get it to completion can cause significant setbacks. Particularly when it comes to a farm transition plan, there can be a lot of resource assessment needed to help make it successful.

While the more tangible resources like land, machinery, and buildings might be difficult to place an accurate value on, we can see them and list them and know what they are because they're typically in front of us every day. Less tangible to track are other things like alternative financial resources or community support services or even people. Whether the resource is easy to define or a little less clear, how you evaluate and value it is important as well.

For example: Can the building we already have function only in its current capacity or could it be used in other ways, or even have dual-purpose usage? Is there a resource on hand but not currently being used that better helps us

reach our operational mission or the goals we've set for the enterprise? Don't hesitate to think outside the box a bit as you do this evaluation.

Your people resources are a large part of this evaluation process. Do any of our current team members have skill sets currently unutilized? Maybe they can provide expertise or value in a completely different way. It might take some digging but determining whether current resources can help us reach our end goal is a big part in keeping the transition planning process from getting completely overwhelming.

It's difficult enough to get started, let alone catalog all the resources you have — or need. If you are interested in a three-page starter document to help you begin doing your resource inventory, Oklahoma State University has a nice form. Drop me a line for a link to it or contact any district office to request a copy.

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The Meadowlark Extension District is committed to maintaining a safe, supportive, civil, and productive work environment that treats everyone involved with respect and dignity. It is a violation of this policy for employees or other individuals to engage in acts or threats of violence against persons or property, including acts of intimidation, harassment, or other inappropriate behavior that causes fear for personal safety and/or disruption in the workplace or at any District sponsored or supported event.

Violent or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and all reports of incidents will be taken very seriously and dealt with appropriately. Individuals who create a hostile work environment may be removed from settings and prohibited from returning.

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Times Gone By Photos



Response to last week's photos: Linda Duncan has identified the photo as her parents, John and Mary Lou Tullis on their wedding day June 21, 1950. Mary Lou, 91, was excited to see the photo in the paper and told her daughter to call.

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.

TIMES GONE BY

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

35 years ago July 5, 1990

- Army National Guard Pvt. Rosemary Johnson has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is the daughter of James W. and Edna J. Johnson, McLouth.

The private is a 1989 graduate of McLouth High School.

- Nortonville PRIDE week three winner of Yard of the Week was Jack and Beverly Hoffman. The Bruce Brown residence was the winner for week four.

Work has begun on the bandstand in the city park. Anyone who donates \$100 or more will have their name placed on a plaque.

- Roger and Melanie Bostwick are the parents of a baby girl, Mandy, born June 30 at a Kansas City hospital. She weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces. Mandy has a sister, Molly, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Delvis and Eva Jean Steffey. Paternal grandparents are Bryn and Lola Mae Bostwick, Gardner. Great-grandparents are Bill and Erma Steffey.

- The Oskaloosa Lions Club has elected new officers. Those elected were: Bud Newell, president; June Malbrough, vice president; Ida Hehn, secretary; Caroline Ogan, treasurer; and Norma Sherve, program director.

- The Rev. Michael Mullen will be saying his last Sunday mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Nortonville this weekend.

After two years at St. Joseph's, his first parish assignment, the Rev. Mullen is being transferred to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ottawa.

Replacing him will be the Rev. Peter O'Sullivan. The Rev. O'Sullivan will be teaching at Maur Hill in Atchison, and serve as pastor for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Valley Falls.

- The Oakland Expressway is a bypass project of the Kansas Department of Transportation that is expected to have a growth impact on Jefferson County. The new highway will connect K-4 with east Topeka and provide another bridge across the Kansas River.

25 years ago July 6, 2000

- The 98th annual Old Settlers Reunion will begin today in Oskaloosa to commemorate the early settlers of this area as countians have done for almost

100 years.

The Central Old Settlers Union of Jefferson County was formed in 1899 to collect and preserve memories of the settlement of this county. For membership in the group a person must have been a resident of Kansas before Jan. 1, 1864, and paid dues in the amount of .25 cents.

- The Delaware Marsh Trail below the dam at Perry Lake has a trail 1¼ miles around a seasonal wetland that had just been developed by the Corps of Engineers.

"It's the most accessible trail to the public," Park Ranger Willem Helms, a native of Oskaloosa, said. "It's relatively flat and is more suitable for a leisurely walk." He said the trail doesn't require the endurance needed for the longer, upland trails.

- Lewis Spielman, Ozawkie, was honored Sunday at the Lucky Spur Saddle Club arena for more than 35 years of service to the Kansas State Horse Show Circuit.

Lewis is a founding father of the Lucky Spur Saddle Club and a charter member of the KSHSC. He was the show director for most of those years and his wife, Betty, baked pies and was in charge of concessions.

- Jim and Natalie Bradshaw, Winchester, announce the birth of their son, Jonah Michael, June 26, at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City. He weighed 3 pounds, 5½ ounces, and was 16 inches long. Jonah has a sister, Stacey, 7.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Betty Bradshaw, Winchester.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Gayle Sharp, Ozawkie, and Bill Brownell, Beagle. Maternal great-grandmother is Bea Sharp, Ozawkie.

- The City of Oskaloosa police department issued seven failure-to-stop tickets June 21 at the four-way stop recently installed at the intersection of US-59 and K-92 highways.

15 years ago July 8, 2010

Middle School Principal Armin Landis has retired from the Perry-Lecompton school district ending a 38-year career in education.

He and his wife, Nancy, a fourth-grade teacher at Oskaloosa, have one son, Aaron, 25, a KU graduate now living in Austin, Texas.

Landis, 61, said he does not know what the cards hold now

that he's retired. The home and farmstead needs a lot of work and in time he expects to find something else to do, maybe at a school or maybe in the private sector.

- Members of the rural electric cooperative, Leavenworth-Jefferson, are going to be hearing a lot about that glass bulb on the light pole with the spinning wheel that reads their electrical usage.

The meters will be replaced by solid-state smart meters and those who take advantage of the technology will be able to save money.

A member who uses electricity before 3 p.m. and after 8 p.m. would pay the 8.45 cents per kilowatt-hour. Any usage during those hours would cost them 17.89 cents per kwh.

- Friends and family of Rhonda Lindsay's piano students gathered at the Lindsay home in rural Ozawkie for a piano recital and covered-dish picnic June 26 with 26 people in attendance.

After giving over 100 students piano lessons since she was in the seventh grade, Lindsay quit a few years ago because, she said, parents didn't make their kids practice. She started lessons this year after five students promised they would practice every day. "Their tenacity has paid off as shown by the great job they did performing their pieces for the recital," Lindsay said.

Those five students were Joel Abel, Devon Wilson, Logan Wilson, Natalie Barrett, and Julie Schrick.

- The Jefferson County Humane Society held its first volunteer work day Sunday and 12 volunteers turned out.

Lots of walls were painted bright colors, new glass doors were installed to allow visitors to look into town rooms with kittens, new trim work was installed, and lots of cleaning was done.

The humane society has been busy recently. It was host to a dunk tank and Beagle Bounce at the Old Settlers Reunion in Oskaloosa and the "Fore the Animals" golf event at Lake Perry Country Club.

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