

NEWS

Commodities to be distributed next week

Lynn Luck, executive director of the Jefferson County Service Organization, announced that the commodities made possible through the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program will be available to qualifying households in Jefferson County this coming Monday, July 14, in Oskaloosa and Valley Falls.

The distribution in Oskaloosa will take place at the JCISO office, 410 Liberty, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and continuing until 3 p.m.

The one in Valley Falls will be at Sunset Haven, 940 Frazier. It will start at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

For more information, call Luck at 785-863-2637.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERT SHIMMIN, Deceased
Case No. JF-2025-PR-000019 (PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on April 22, 2025, a "Petition For Issuance of Letters of Administration" was filed in this Court and Deana Goletto, an heir, devisee, and legatee of William Robert Shimmin, deceased, requesting the petitioner be name Administrator of the "Estate of William Robert Shimmin," deceased.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before August 4, 2025, in the District Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, at which 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 four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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This is to notify Denise K. Libel that if she does not collect the International Scout II VIN F0062FGD11067, impounded by Andrew M. Libel and Dawn Williams, that we will apply for ownership of it under Kansas Abandoned Property statute listed in the 15-day notice letter dated June 17, 2025. This ad will run for the next two weeks. If you choose to collect it during this time, you must pay all storage fees listed in the May 27, 2025, letter, removal charges, and publication costs incurred by us before the vehicle can be removed from our property.

NARFE to meet July 15 at VF

The Jefferson County Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, at the Kendall Bank room in Valley Falls. All current and retired federal employees are invited and encouraged to attend. Each member is asked to bring either a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Chicken will be supplied by the chapter. Respond to the person who normally calls you with the number of people attending. Those joining for the first time should call Harry McDaniel at 816-225-8046. This will be a "summer picnic" enjoyed in air-conditioned comfort.

Bev Schuler has arranged for the program. A representative from the F.W. Huston Medical Center will speak about the services they offer.

The June program was provided by Marlene O'Shea on her European Travels.

Cards of Thanks

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Thank you to the county mower man who mowed Ferguson Rd. Good job!

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT E. SHEAFFER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified on July 3, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by Sunny Hepner, heir and Administrator of the Estate of Robert E. Sheaffer, deceased, praying that Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Administrator to serve without bond.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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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)

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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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank Trust ()
National Association, ()
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capacity but solely as ()
owner trustee for ()
RCAF Acquisition Trust ()
Plaintiff, ()
vs. ()
Jerri A. Welliver a/k/a ()
Geraldine Welliver, a/k/a ()
Geraldine Ann Welliver; ()
Unknown Spouse, if any, ()
of Jerri A. Welliver; ()
State of Kansas, ()
Department of Revenue; ()
State of Kansas, ()
Department of Revenue - ()
Division of ()
Motor Vehicles; ()
State of Kansas, ()
Highway Patrol ()
Defendants. ()

Case No. JF-2024-CV-000049
Court Number:
Pursuant to
K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Jefferson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Oskaloosa Jefferson County, Kansas, on July 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lot 1 & 2, Block M, LAKE SHORE ESTATES, a subdivision in Jefferson County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 9716 Delaware Dr, Ozawkie, KS 66070 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Jeffrey L. Herrig, Sheriff
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Times Gone By Photos

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 12, 1990

• The 89th annual Old Settlers' Reunion gets under way tonight with a Rotary Club ice cream social and the Midland Empire Carnival wristband night.

• Jefferson County North Elementary School will soon have an afternoon tutoring program. The program, which will be strictly on a volunteer basis, is designed to help students in three specific areas.

This would be for students who are constantly not completing work on time, in need of re-taking a test or an assignment, or in need of remedial help to master basic skills.

• With a 3-0 vote the Oskaloosa City Council cleared the way July 5 for the city's first bed and breakfast inn to Leroy and Lana Gardner, Oskaloosa. The bed and breakfast is located at 802 Delaware.

• Tom Hotchkiss of the Bank of Perry will lead the Jefferson County Bankers Association this year. Hotchkiss was elected June 26 at a meeting of the association in Nortonville.

Steve Stoskopf, Kendall State Bank of Valley Falls, Winchester, and Nortonville was elected secretary and treasurer.

• The Jefferson County Memorial Hospital and Geriatric Center, Winchester, initiated a smoke-free environment in its buildings as of July 1.

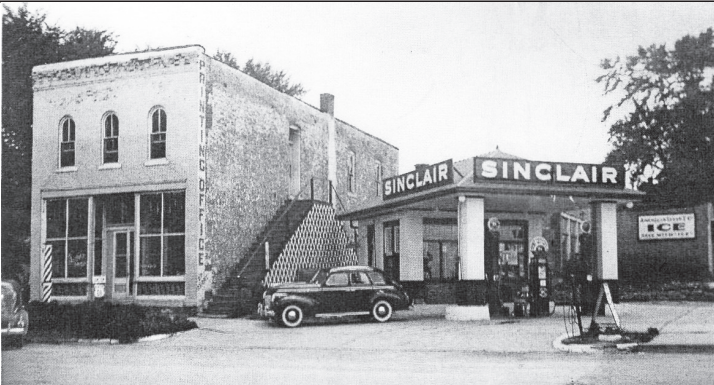
Hospital officials believe that as a health care provider, the facility has an obligation to take the lead in promoting good health practices.

• Mike and Rhonda Tomlinson announce the birth of their first child, Millissia Ruth. She was born July 7 at St. John's Hospital in Leavenworth. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19½ inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Don and Vicki Tomlinson, Wetmore. Maternal grandparents are Cyril and Gerre Brown, Newton. Great-grandparents are Bernedine Hueter, Wetmore, and Epsie Goodwin, Heavener, Okla.

25 years ago July 13, 2000

• The Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce recognized Henry Streator, 91, as the oldest man who registered at Old Settlers Reunion last week. Mae Edwards, 91, was the oldest woman. She also received a prize for living the most years



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in the county.

Dorothy and Henry Streator were the oldest couple with a combined age of 175 years.

Ray Oroke has lived the most years in the same house at 78 years and 10 months, and Betty Patterson had the most children living in the county. She has three.

• The 2000-2001 Oskaloosa Middle School cheerleaders took part in the National Cheerleading Association camp at Emporia University June 19 through 22. Being the only complete middle school squad among 250 students, the girls brought home a first place superior ribbon for the home routine. Throughout the week they learned various cheers, chants, and stunts.

The squad consists of Khrista Hilton, Kari Bellinger, Alex Moeller, Erika Engelken, Erica Subelka, Emilee McInroy, Whitney McGinnis, Erin Newell, Erin Subelka, and Shelby Newell.

• The Winchester D2 girls softball team (grades K-2) finished their regular season in first place in the division with a 7-1 record. They finished second in the end of the season upper bracket tournament with a loss to Royal Valley in the finals.

Team members were Kate Brickell, Sara Peres, Jordan Kramer, Megan Hill, Stacey Bradshaw, Beth Anne Brickell, Krista Weishaar, Mallory GrandPre, Sara Navinskey, Laura Wallace, and Molly Lyon. They were coached by Lynette Brickell, Anna Weishaar, Lori Navinskey, and Lori Hill.

• Sherri Turner, formerly of Winchester, has been named assistant director of the Lawrence Public Library. She is a graduate of Emporia State University and has worked at LPL for a number of years.

She is the daughter of Bob and Mae Claxton.

• Raymond Sproul, McLouth, will serve as a director for the

Kansas Junior Angus Association this year.

15 years ago July 15, 2010

• Happy 150th Independent. It has been nearly 32 years since the last remaining link to the past of the Independent was razed. The building that housed the Independent for nearly 100 years was demolished in 1978.

During the building's first years the first floor housed a roller rink while the Independent staff put together the paper on the second floor. The newspaper press was located in the basement. A rope and pulley was used to lower the chases — the heavy frames holding a page of type — to the pressroom in the basement.

• Col. Lee Tafanelli, Ozawkie, took command of the Kansas Army National Guard at the Kansas National Guard Museum Saturday in Topeka.

In his civilian career, Tafanelli is a state representative for the 47th District. He is a program coordinator for the National Agricultural Biosecurity Center in Kansas State University. He and his wife, Tammy, have two children, Nicholas and Francesca.

• The official changing of the guard took place last Wednesday when outgoing Oskaloosa Rotary Club President Allen Wise handed the reins to new president Quentin Davis.

The club's new vice president is Gus Barnett.

• The Kansas Crush baseball team for 14-year-olds is the NBC 14U state champion. The tournament took place at Lake Shawnee. They also took third place in the USSSA 14AAA state tournament held in Gardner in June.

The team will be going to Steamboat Springs, Colo., to compete in the Triple Crown World Series.

Local team members are Gates Glassel, Valley Falls, and Bryce Stottlemire, Oskaloosa.

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