

NEWS

K-State students earn spring semester honors

Nearly 4,600 Kansas State University students earned semester honors for their academic performance in the spring semester.

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 graded credit hours receive semester honors along with commendations from their deans.

The following students from Jefferson County earned semester honors:

Grantville – Chloe Daniels and Caidon Quinlan.

McLouth – Noah Beach and Kennedy Coffin.

Meriden – Kristin Biltoft, Keegan Colbern, Kamryn Fleischer, Joshua Murphree, Mellany Roenne, and Neva Roenne.

Nortonville – Blake Fowler, Grant Fuhrman, Braden Huss, Clara Johnson, Ethan Noll, and Aubrey Weishaar.

Oskaloosa – Paige Antholz and Margot Dangermond.

Ozawkie – Delaney Diehl, Taylor Rowe, and Avery Schwinn.

Perry – Gunnar Ball, Kyndol Gray, and Eryn Vaughan.

Valley Falls – Gage Burdick, Peyton Lockhart, and Adie Manville.

Winchester – Korrie Bertels, Ryan Feldkamp, Garrett Kellner, and Layne McAfee.

KU announces students named to spring honor roll

Nearly 8,700 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2025 semester.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of Architecture and Design, Business, Education and Human Sciences, Engineering, Health Professions, Journalism and Mass Communications, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy, Professional Studies, and Social Welfare.

Following is a list from Jefferson County:

McLouth – Caleb Baze, Alexander Bennett, Hope Coates, Christine Funk, Laci Gallagher, Jonathan Johnston, Tristyn Lilly, Sumner Ping, and Anne Posch.

Meriden – Joshua Broxterman, Maddie Midgley, and Kierstyn Sutton.

Nortonville – Kate Hoskam, Connor Keirns, and Trenton Kraxner.

Oskaloosa – Cali Sharp and Marek Skeeba.

Perry – Laikyn Coursen, Riley Ellis, TJ Evans, Shamus Sawyer, Jillian Schuler, and Kenneth Woodward.

Valley Falls – Emma Gibbens, RheaAnn Parker, and Serena Toll.

Winchester – Tyler Theno.

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John Steuart Curry to achieve “an enhanced magnanimity” visually suggestive of the old so-called “tall tales” closely connected with Western mythos.

“It will be life-affirming, honorable, strong, beautiful, and unique,” he promised.

According to Garret, he will be relying heavily on the photographs, newspaper articles, journals, and other items at the research library inside the Kilgour-Plum Grove Building “to inform the style and character” of the figures the stone will be yielding as it gradually submits to the tools in his hands.

Garret said in his letter that once the block of marble, No. 8352, has been delivered to OJT, he can start the time-consuming task of turning the heroic image that exists now only in his mind and on paper into a reality. He also said people are welcome to drop by and watch him as he works, and indicated that he is even willing to teach them the basic techniques of sculpting.

“I have no intention but to create a masterpiece that will stand for a century, and draw people from all across the country for as long as it lasts,” Garret wrote. “This is a project that will provide a serious economic, spiritual and historical boost to the pride and strength of the people of Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, northeast Kansas, and towns and cities all across the Midwest.”

Garret is a co-owner of American Surveying, rural Oskaloosa, and has been working for the business either full time or part time for the past 25 years. He has been performing crew chief duties for close to 15 years.

In 2007 Garret graduated from the University of Kansas



Photo courtesy of Garret Tufte

This bust, which has been dubbed “Archibald,” was made by Garret Tufte from cottonwood limestone in 2022 and 2023 using what he described as “a throwaway sketch stone” he had obtained from a friend who ended up with some “leftover pieces” while working on renovations to the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Garret tackled the project when he was still living in Kansas City, Missouri.

with a degree in English.

After receiving his initial training in Italy, Garret has been producing marble and limestone statues for the past 12 years. To view some of his creations, visit www.tuftes-variations.com and click on the Sculpture link.

A 2003 graduate of Oskaloosa High School, where he was the valedictorian of his class, Garret is the son of Steve Tufte, the other co-owner of American Surveying, and the late LeeAnn (Volkman) Tufte.

McLouth Happenings

- The McLouth Recreation Commission is seeking volunteers to serve on a planning committee for future community events (Christmas, Family Fun Day, 4th of July Celebration).

If you're interested in serving, contact Dan Holwick at 913-634-5267 or d.holwick@yahoo.com.

- The McLouth Parks and Recreation Commission has three open seats.

Monthly meetings are 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the McLouth Community Center/Library.

The recreation commission sponsors children's tumbling classes; the annual Barbecue Blowout; annual Patriots Day celebration and parade; recreational volleyball for third through sixth graders; recreational basketball for third through sixth graders; and shooting sports for all school ages.

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McLouth's Independence Day “Stars, Stripes, & Spokes” morning bike parade and evening fireworks display was a huge success. We were blessed with perfect weather, donations, and volunteers.

A heart-felt thank you to our sponsors: McLouth Recreation Commission, City of McLouth, McLouth Kiwanis, McLouth Fire Department, Bank of McLouth, Dan Holwick family, Rick and Beverly Muzzy, McLouth Tire & Lube, The Sweet Life, Town Clipper, McLouth Public Library, and Murrfield Farms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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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.

Case No. JF-2025-PR-000032
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.

Sunny Hepner, Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY OF NORTONVILLE ORDINANCE NO 2025-003
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2025 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTONVILLE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: City Code Section 11-101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

INCORPORATING UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Nortonville, Kansas that certain code known as the “Uniform Public Offense Code,” Edition for the year of 2025, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, save and except such articles, sections, parts, or portions as are modified or changed previously by the existing Nortonville City code. A copy of said Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped “Official Copy as Incorporated by the Code of the City of Nortonville, Kansas”, with all sections or portions thereof intended to be omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such omission or change and to which shall be attached a copy of this section and filed with the City Clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.

SECTION 2: Repeal. Existing Code Section 11-101 Ordinance No. 2024-001 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF NORTONVILLE, KANSAS THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Raymond B. Brown, Mayor
Attested Barbara S. Polson, City Clerk

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The Wild Horse Cemetery will have an annual budget meeting on Fri., Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at 24463 Dempsey Rd., McLouth. The public is invited to attend.

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Notice to Customers

All unclaimed or past due balances related to property stored at General Leasing Marketing, 10015 US 59 hwy, Oskaloosa, KS 66066 must be resolved by August 1. Any remaining unpaid or unclaimed property after this date will be deemed abandoned and surrendered.

Any questions please contact:
Tom Meyer 785-224-7089.

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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.

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