

NEWS



Photo submitted

Pawsitively representatives pictured from left receiving a donation from the Meriden-Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce are Julie Blichmann, trapping coordinator and digital media creator; Niki Henry, secretary, community outreach, social media and fundraising coordinator; Bekki Heckman, volunteer; Zac Surritt, chamber vice president; Mary Hogan, volunteer coordinator; Kami Hinnergardt, vice president; Beth Royel, president; and Deb McClelland, check-in coordinator.

Pawsitively benefits from Chamber golf tourney

Pawsitively Jefferson County, a feral cat management organization which traps, neuters, vaccinates, and returns community cat colonies to their original location, was the beneficiary this year's Meriden-Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce golf tournament held June 13 at Village Greens golf course, Ozawkie.

The organization, which runs solely off donations and fundraising, was presented the \$2,100 check at its monthly meeting July 16.

"We can't thank the chamber and the golfers, sponsors, and our team of helpers enough for the opportunity to be the beneficiary of this fundraiser. These funds will help our program continue TNVR for all of Jefferson County," stated Niki Henry, Pawsitively secretary.

The funds will go toward replenishing supplies after a big TNVR at Meriden and spay and neuter costs for future clinics around the county. Each clinic takes care of 40-plus county cats.

"The chamber voted to give Pawsitively a good portion of the tournament's proceeds due to their efforts around the county," stated Jessica Schenkel, chamber secretary. "They had a good group of volunteers show up to assist and worked very hard to help us provide a smooth golf tournament for our teams."

Oskaloosa man dies in Douglas Co. wreck

An Oskaloosa man, Leonard Schupp, died in a three-vehicle accident July 18 in Douglas County.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol crash log, a 2012 Ford Focus was heading west-bound on U.S. 40 Friday around 12:45 p.m., while a 2021 Ram 1500 Promaster and a 1965 Ford F100 were heading eastbound on U.S. 40.

The Focus, driven by Zachary Odom, 29, Tecumseh, went into the eastbound lanes, striking the rear driver-side tire of the Ram after it attempted an evasive maneuver into the right ditch.

The Focus then continued westbound in the eastbound lanes and collided with the Ford F100 head-on.

Schupp, 51, was the driver of the Ford F100. He died at the

scene. A passenger, a 15-year-old girl, was taken to Stormont Vail Hospital with serious injuries.

Odom, 29, was taken to Stormont Vail Hospital for serious injuries.

The driver of the Ram, Kieron Nicholson, 54, Memphis, Tennessee, was taken to Stormont Vail Hospital with minor injuries.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Sarcoxie Township and Sarcoxie Fire District #4
Jefferson County

will meet on August 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station #2, 21st St. & Union Road, Sarcoxie TWP, for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the revenue neutral rate. Detailed budget information is available at Jefferson County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	49,000	0.434	10,000	0.392	48,980	7,564	0.368
Fire General	66,073	3.055	90,000	2.760	108,040	56,705	2.760
Totals	115,073	3.489	100,000	3.152	157,020	64,269	3.128
Revenue Neutral Rate-Township General**							0.368
Revenue Neutral Rate-Fire District**							2.587
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	115,073		100,000		157,020		
Total Tax Levied	60,941		60,932		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township General	17,461,712		19,330,389		20,541,753		
Library							
Fire District	17,461,712		19,330,389		20,541,753		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Roberta Renz, Township Treasurer

OBITUARIES

BETTY NEWELL

Betty Louise Newell, 85, of Oskaloosa, KS, died Sunday, July 13, 2025, at F.W. Huston Medical Center in Winchester. Betty was born July 23, 1939, in rural Missouri, the daughter of Cecil Robert and Mamie Louise Tadlock Allen. She was a 1957 graduate of Lecompton



High School, Lecompton, KS. Betty worked in food service at the University of Kansas in Lawrence from 1977 to 1986. She then transferred to food service at Oskaloosa Public schools USD 341, retiring in 1990.

She was a longtime member of the Williamstown Assembly of God Church and the Cross-roads Cowboy Church, both in Williamstown. She was an avid supporter of her churches and her family. Betty was a wonderful cook and made the best cinnamon rolls.

Betty was married to Victor Lee Newell on December 7, 1958, at Oskaloosa. He preceded her in death on November 12, 1991.

She is lovingly survived by two sons, Tracy (Cindy) Newell, Joplin, MO, and Randy (Judith) Newell, Basehor, KS; one daughter, Shelly (Wayne) Partridge, Peculiar, MO; a daughter-in-law, Shella, Newell, Indiana; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, the Rev. Terry Newell; and a brother, Robert Gene Allen.

Funeral services were July 19, 2025, at Williamstown Assembly of God Church, Williamstown. Burial was at Pleasant View Cemetery, Oskaloosa, KS. Memorials are suggested to F.W. Huston Sr. Living Center Activities Fund. Barnett Family Funeral Home, Oskaloosa, is assisting the family.

barnettfamilyfh.com

Paid obituary

AMY BLAUFELDER

A casual open house to celebrate Amy C. (Auchard) Blaufelder's life will be held from 12 to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 9, at Chrisman Manor, 13925 54th St., Oskaloosa. Amy died June 23, 2025.

Come at your leisure to enjoy food, music, conversation, warm memories, lively stories, and to share tears and laughter. RSVP to 816-305-8608 is appreciated, but not required. Everyone is welcome.



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IN THE 2nd
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
Taylor Lynn Lang
To Change His/Her Name to:
Taylor Lynn Neuenswander
Case No. JF-2025-CV-000058
Div. No.

PURSUANT TO
K.S.A. CHAPTER 60

NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Taylor Lynn Lang, filed a Petition in the above court on the 15th day of July, 2025, requesting a judgment and order changing his/her name from Taylor Lynn Lang to Taylor Lynn Neuenswander.

The Petition will be heard in Jefferson County District Court, 300 Jefferson Street, Oskaloosa, Kansas, on the 16th day of September, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before September 3, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

/s/ Taylor Lynn Lang

Petitioner, Pro Se
Taylor Lynn Lang
6266 Rock Creek Dr.
Ozawkie, KS 66070
913-705-0312



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY,
KANSAS

Pursuant to KSA Chapter 60
IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF:
DELMAR WILLIAM KRUSE
To Change His/Her Name to:
DELMAR HERMAN KRUSE
Case No. JF-2025-CV-000057

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Delmar William Kruse filed a Petition in the above court on the July 15, 2025, requesting a judgement and order changing his/her name from Delmar William Kruse to Delmar Herman Kruse.

The Petition will be heard

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 named 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.

DEANA GOLETTO

PETITIONER

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ATTORNEY
FOR PETITIONER

in Jefferson County District Court, September 17, 2025, at 1:45 p.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before September 17, 2025, in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgement and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Delmar William Kruse

Petitioner

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