

Reports . . .

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Valley Falls PD, 4 car stops; Winchester PD, inmate transport, 301 E. Kansas, Lansing; 3 car stops; Wildlife and Parks, controlled burn, 5 Hobie Cove, Meriden; Kentucky FD, unconscious/fainting subject, 215 Elm, Perry; Rock Creek FD, assist call, 11543 K-4 Hwy., Ozawkie; Oskaloosa FD, unconscious/fainting subject, 405 Liberty; sick person, 405 Liberty; convulsions/seizures, 904 Westview Dr.; Union FD, assist call, 21820 McLouth Rd., McLouth.

July 12: McLouth PD, 7 car stops; Nortonville PD, repo vehicle, 220 Locust; Oskaloosa PD, trespassing, 613 Herkimer; Ozawkie PD, 1 car stop; Perry PD, theft report, 210 Linden Cir.; handled by officer, 607 Cedar; Valley Falls PD, assault, 417 Broadway; unknown trouble, 505 Maple; Winchester PD, 1 car stop; Wildlife and Parks, phone call, 17 Hobie Cove, Meriden; non-injury accident, 5481 Ferguson Rd., Oskaloosa; disturbance, 5196 Ferguson Rd., Perry; 1 car stop; Kaw FD, unconscious/fainting subject, 2708 Knoll Dr., Topeka; investigation, 3028 Detlor Rd., Grantville; Kentucky FD, investigation, 3028 Detlor Rd., Grantville; unconscious/fainting subject, 2708 Knoll Dr., Topeka; Rock Creek FD, citizen assist, 624 Delaware Dr., Ozawkie; chest pain (non-traumatic), 906 Broadway, Valley Falls; unconscious/fainting subject, 2708 Knoll Dr., Topeka; Ozawkie FD, citizen assist, 624 Delaware Dr.; Jefferson FD, sick person, 510 Osage, Winchester; District 11 FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 906 Broadway, Valley Falls; unknown problem/man down, 505 Maple, Valley Falls; Norton FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 906 Broadway, Valley Falls; fall, 230 N. Oak, Nortonville; Emergency Management, investigation, 3028 Detlor Rd., Grantville.

July 13: McLouth PD, assist other agency, 5196 Ferguson Rd., Perry; handled by officer, S. Union St./W. Agnes St.; 6 car stops; Valley Falls PD, assist other agency, W. Lake St./Union St., McLouth; phone call, 940 Frazier; 1 car stop; Ozawkie FD, assault/sexual assault, 8497 Mockingbird Ln.; fall, 9716 Delaware Dr.; Oskaloosa FD, chest pain (non-traumatic), 700 Cherokee; Jefferson FD, assist call, 416 Delaware, Winchester.

July 14: McLouth PD, 1 car stop; Valley Falls PD, 1 car stop; Rock Creek FD, investigation, 209 E. Main, Meriden.

July 15: McLouth PD, traffic problem, K-16 Hwy./259th St.; Perry PD, handled by officer, 115 Elm; Valley Falls PD, animal call, 1000 16th St.; Kentucky FD, assist call,

Rising Sun Boat Ramp, Perry; Fairview FD, assist call, 8663 Cozy Ln., Ozawkie; Oskaloosa FD, breathing problems, 405 Liberty; traumatic injury, 500 Park; hemorrhage/lacerations, 16120 Fairview Rd., Union FD, hemorrhage/lacerations, 24921 McLouth Rd., McLouth; breathing problems, 405 Liberty, Oskaloosa; allergies (reactions), 17601 78th St., McLouth; Jefferson FD, grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 134th St./U.S. 59 Hwy., Winchester.

July 16: McLouth PD, handled by officer, 206 S. Cedar; theft report, 204 Baker Dr.; 1 car stop; Kentucky FD, abdominal pain/problems, 9539 22nd St., Perry; Rural FD, abdominal pain/problems, 9539 22nd St., Perry; Rock Creek FD, grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 8275 K-4 Hwy., Meriden; fall, 5654 Clark Rd., Meriden; Ozawkie FD, structure fire, 502 Madison, Oskaloosa; Oskaloosa FD, stroke, 700 Cherokee; structure fire, 502 Madison; assist call, 13376 102nd St.; Union FD, overdose/poisoning (ingestion), 5437 Wild Horse Rd., McLouth; structure fire, 502 Madison, Oskaloosa; Jefferson FD, structure fire, 502 Madison, Oskaloosa; District 11 FD, fall, 7281 162nd St., Valley Falls; Emergency Management, structure fire, 502 Madison, Oskaloosa.

Phone calls: 911 calls, 153; Administrative calls, 731, Text to 911 calls, 1; TTY to 911 calls, 0; Total phone calls, 885; Total dispatch calls, 308; Total burn permits, 36.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

DIVISION TWELVE

In the Matter of)
the Estate of)
GAVIN W. ROYER,)
Deceased)

Case No. JF-2025-PR-000030
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Aspen G. Royer, heir of Gavin W. Royer, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County, Kansas: The South half of Lot 4 and all of lot 5 in Block "A", in Coy's Addition in the City of Valley Falls, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 8, 2025 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

ASPEN G. ROYER,
Petitioner

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Attorneys for the Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent July 24, 2025)1t
Jefferson County, Kansas
Board of
County Commissioners
Resolution – Z2025-02

WHEREAS IT APPEARS that, under the provisions of Article 30 of the Jefferson County Zoning Regulations, Mike and Lori Worthington applied for a change in Zoning Classification from "AG" Agricultural to "RR" Rural Residential on a tract as described below:

A tract of land located in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 18 East of the 6th P.M., Jefferson County, Kansas, described by Stephan Tufte, PS No. 1252, on October 28, 2024, as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the said Northwest Quarter; thence S88°22'56"W assumed bearing, along the North line of said Northwest Quarter 669.71 feet for the Point of Beginning, thence S02°17'11"E parallel with the West line of said East Half 1319.76 feet; thence S88°22'56"W parallel with said North line 660.20 feet to said West line; thence N02°17'11"W along said West line 1319.76 feet to the Northwest corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence N88°22'56"E along said North line 660.20 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 20.00 acres more or less. Subject to easements of record and public road right-of-way.

AND WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Regional Planning Commission, after advertising and holding a public hearing on the subject application on the 24th day of February 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 17th day of March 2025 that said zoning request be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 17th day of March 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:
By: /s/Julie Dunkle
Julie Dunkle, County Clerk

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Bible Study..... 10 a.m.
Worship Services.....11 a.m./6 p.m.
Home Study Group, Wed7 p.m.
Paul A. Reed, Pastor, 863-2328
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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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.



Valley Falls
Community Foundation

Delaware Township Hall Basement
Please plan to attend to learn more about Match Day 2025.

We want to help make your Match Day a SUCCESS!!

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Nortonville
will meet on September 10, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall 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 City Hall 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.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget for 2026
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	285,942	21.703	270,900
Library	43,750	9.361	48,896
Special Highway			2,000
Water Deposits	1,658		2,000
Water	179,664		188,350
Sewer	104,002		70,710
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	1,222		
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	6,340		
Totals	622,578	31.064	580,856
			31.649
			1,122,472
			174,346
			36.649
			Revenue Neutral Rate**
			30.236
Less: Transfers	34,000		0
Net Expenditure	588,578		580,856
Total Tax Levied	133,685		143,850
Assessed			
Vakation	4,303,517		4,544,981
Outstanding Indebtedness,			
January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	1,495,889	2,488,809	1,496,259
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	84,257	42,739	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	1,580,146	2,531,548	1,496,259

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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

Barbara S. Polson
Official Title: City Clerk

Times Gone By Photos



Response to last week's photos: The picture is the District E-East Future Homemakers of America national meeting. Attendees were Ann Malone, Oskaloosa High School, Lisa Keeler, Tonganoxie High School, Chris Loftin, Oskaloosa High School adviser, and Susan Malone, Oskaloosa High School.

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 26, 1990

After just two years of shooting muzzleloading shotguns Jerry Terry, McLouth, has become the state's best at it.

Hitting nine of 10 skeet Terry won the Kansas State Muzzleloading Shotgun Championship in Overland Park last weekend. He won the title with a reproduction of a double-barrel 12-gauge Navy Arms Shotgun that he originally brought just for turkey hunting.

The location for a new jail, law enforcement center, and ambulance center is being narrowed to a strip of land south of Oskaloosa. County Commissioner William Rhodes told the board that a 20-acre site, about a quarter mile of US-59 frontage south of the mental health clinic, was available for \$60,000. Additional land for the site can be purchased for \$1,000 an acre.

The commissioner, who talked with the landowner, said the price was non-negotiable.

The applied math inservice program at Oskaloosa USD 341 has been awarded a \$6,480 Carl Perkins Grant by the Kansas State Board of Education.

The Oskaloosa program was one of just 13 programs throughout the state to receive a Carl Perkins Grant this year.

Ceramic and painting works by Oskaloosa artists Nancy Reed, Kevin Reed, and Rhonda Schuller will be featured this weekend at the John Steuart Curry Memorial Gallery located in Old Jefferson Town, Oskaloosa.

Shelah Shanks, Winchester, was a member of the Kansas State University forensics squad that finished second out of 635 colleges in the national sweepstakes standings. Ranking first in the standing was George Mason University.

Recent winners in the Yard of the Week contest were Bill and Laura Keirns, Larry and Cheryl Domann, and Louise Noll. Nortonville PRIDE sponsors the event each week.

25 years ago

July 27, 2000

Jefferson County 4-H youths, armed with drills, secured new roof sections to the livestock barns at the fairgrounds at Valley Falls. The volunteer work crew that showed up Saturday morning hailed mostly from the area from Oskaloosa north through Mooney Creek.

Apple Valley showman and Jefferson County native Dale Easton took his final curtain call July 18 at age 73.

The producer and star of melodrama including "The Drunkard" during the 1970s at the barn theater that now bears his name on Perry Lake, suffered from emphysema in his later years and had had a series of small strokes.

Easton was born April 13, 1922, in Winchester to Chester and Rachel Easton. The family moved to Holton when Dale was four and later to Topeka for the Depression years.

There were 2,930 reports of calls for service for the sheriff's department filed by county dispatchers from Jan. 1 to June 31, accounting for each time a deputy was dispatched to a location for a variety of reasons.

The Oskie PeeWee A team finished the year 13-1, including four straight wins in Tier 1 Tournament play July 15 and 16 to claim the league championship.

Team members were Ben Drinkard, Joey Adams, Curtis New, Ross Eubank, Nick George, Brandon Hawks, Dustin Kitchen, Cory Anderson, Clay Metzger, Boone Heston, Keith Wentz-Hall, Derek Brey, Dillon Robbins, and Zack Beach.

Coaches for the team were Kevin Adams, Kenny Metzger, John Heston, Roy Eubank, and George Robbins.

Geny George, Winchester, became the newest agent of Carolyn Reiling Realty, Inc. in June.

George has three children and one grandchild, Mike and Matt, both of Oskaloosa, and Amber, of the home with her son, Louis.

Previously George was director of environmental services for five years at Hickory Pointe Care and Rehabilitation, Oskaloosa.

15 years ago

July 29, 2010

Ashlyn Tillery, 17, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and Sheriff's Department coin and patch by Sheriff Jeff Herrig last week at her home.

On June 21 Tillery was hanging out near a low-water crossing near North Cedar Road with Garrett Steinlicht, 9, who she was babysitting at the time. The two were playing near flood waters where a whirlpool had begun to form.

Steinlicht had stood on a pile of sticks that was floating by. Before Tillery could tell him to get off the sticks he was sucked into a 40-foot drainage tube. Tillery jumped in after him, was able to find him bobbing up and down in the water on the other end of the tube. She was able to grab him and pull him to dry ground.

Raul Morffi, 29, a Lenexa native, will join Drs. James Rider and Larry Campbell the first of August in providing medical services in Oskaloosa, Valley Falls, Winchester, and Nortonville.

The doctor did his undergraduate work at Kansas State University graduating in 2003 and obtained his medical degree from the University of Kansas in 2007.

The steeple on the top of the Pathway to Life Church on the corner of Lucy and Liberty streets in McLouth was struck by lightning Tuesday, July 20, during a severe storm that passed through the area according to the Police Chief Marcus Koch.

Galen Loving, son of David and Linda Loving and a 1994 graduate from Oskaloosa High School, received his doctorate degree in organic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology June 3.

He is now participating in a research fellowship with Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in one of the world's leading biomedical imaging facilities. After his postdoctoral program, he plans to pursue a career in academics.

Oskaloosa 2010 graduate Brandon Barnes has been selected to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl this Saturday.

Barnes is currently attending summer classes at Coffeyville Community College and has a scholarship to play football there this fall. Brandon is the son of Mark and Kristy Barnes of Ozawkie.

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