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Photo by KSHSAA

Chargers move to 3-0

The Jefferson County North football team kept their undefeated record intact Sept. 19 when they traveled to Oskaloosa to face the Bears for their homecoming festivities. The Chargers led 8-0 at the half and 16-0 at the start of the fourth quarter. They scored 22 points in the fourth making the final score 38-0. Above: Oskaloosa Bear Cash Perry runs just out of the reach of Charger defender Merrick Noll.

Ramp changes for K-4 & US-24

Ramp changes on the Kansas Department of Transportation's U.S. 24 reconstruction project in Shawnee and Jefferson counties were rescheduled to begin Sept. 19.

On that date, the on-ramp to eastbound U.S. 24 at the K-4/Calhoun Bluff Road junction reopened to traffic. Crews then closed the eastbound U.S. 24 exit ramp to northbound K-4. The exit is expected to remain closed until late December.

During the closure, motorists can follow the marked detour north on Topeka Boulevard and east on N.E. 46th Street, or use alternate routes that are not marked.

The eastbound U.S. 24 ramps to and from K-4/Oakland Expressway that were previously closed in March will remain closed until December.

All project work and traffic changes are based on conditions permitting.

More information about the U.S. 24 reconstruction and improvements project can be found on the project website: ksdot.gov/us-24-shawnee-county.

McRoberts files for 1st Congressional District seat

Democrat Colin McRoberts announced his candidacy for the U.S. representative from Kansas' 1st Congressional District Sept. 17.

McRoberts, Lawrence, is running for a seat the Republicans have only lost once in 150 years. Incumbent Tracey Mann has held the office since 2021.

"The long odds are exactly why this fight is so important," McRoberts said in a news release. "Gerrymandering and partisanship have kept our incumbent politicians safe even as they give up on representing Kansans in order to serve national donors and powerbrokers. This campaign is about giving Kansans the power to choose a better deal."

McRoberts teaches law and negotiation at the University of Kansas School of Business. He has previously worked as a consultant helping businesses negotiate and a lawyer defending family businesses. He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School in 2004.

McRoberts said he has lived in Kansas for a long time without being involved in politics. He wasn't even registered as a Democrat for many years. He decided to enter the race after he drove earlier this year to Oakley, at the far western end of the 1st District, to attend a town hall called by Sen. Roger Marshall.

"I drove for four hours, along with my mother- and sister-in-law, to hear him explain the disastrous DOGE firings, destruction of USAID, and other crises happening on his watch," he said. "But instead, I saw him walk away from his own town hall because he could not answer obvious, important questions from his own constituents. I saw him refuse to talk to Kansans, or even care about Kansans, and I knew it was time to do something. I had to stand up."

McRoberts said his priorities include:

— Lowering the cost of living, fighting inflation, and opening foreign markets for American crops by returning the tariff power to Congress, as the Constitution requires

— Restoring the U.S. Agency for International Development and its traditional, moral mission of buying American crops to prevent famine and save lives overseas

— Legislating a small business exemption to tariffs, allowing family farms and other businesses to import items with no reasonable domestic substitute at a reasonable cost

— Introducing and supporting federal "Right to Repair" legislation, promoting a fair market for repair services to



Colin McRoberts

lower repair costs for farm equipment and other products

— Working with both parties to defeat the partisan gridlock that has kept Congress from passing a new farm bill since 2018

— Reducing unemployment in Kansas by reinstating USDA and other federal employees lost in mass firings conducted by incompetent political operatives

— Ensuring that funding for law enforcement is spent on keeping Americans safe, rather than illegal and wasteful political stunts

— Working toward immigration reform that creates realistic paths to lawful citizenship and residence

— Restoring funding for scientific and medical research that Congress has allowed the president to illegally withhold

McRoberts said his career has been about problem-solving, exactly what Congress and Kansas need now. As a lawyer, he fought in the courtroom to protect family businesses from fraud. As an internationally recognized expert in negotiations, he worked on some of the most difficult and complex deals, advising major corporations, unions, diplomatic teams, and government institutions around the world on how to make better deals under the toughest conditions.

During his campaign, McRoberts said he will be fighting to give the district a representative who works for all his neighbors in Kansas, instead of the elites of one party.

"I'm fighting to remind Kansans that they can choose a stronger representative to be a check and a balance in government, as the founders intended, instead of being a pure partisan pushover," he said.

"This campaign will remind Kansas the 1st District is not party property. We can flip the First and create a district that expects competitive elections from now on."

Vintage baseball star attraction at Lecompton Territorial Day

The historic town of Lecompton invites the public to celebrate Lecompton Territorial Day Saturday, Sept. 27. The free, family-friendly festival is described as packed with old-fashioned fun.

This year's celebration brings together carnival rides and games, food trucks, local vendors, live music featuring The Crumpletons, and historical demonstrations — all set against the backdrop of one of Kansas' most storied communities.

The day kicks off with the annual Territorial Parade and builds to a highlight event: a

vintage baseball game played using 1860s rules, with the Emporia Nine taking on a local Lecompton team at the ballpark.

"Territorial Day is about celebrating our past and bringing the community together in the present," said Olivia Schwyhart of the Territorial Days Committee. "It's a little bit of history, a lot of fun, and something we hope to keep as a tradition for families across the area."

Other highlights will include a historical firing demonstrations and live music and entertainment.

Hit and run reported in US-24 construction zone

Jefferson County Sheriff's officers are investigating a hit-and-run accident after finding a wrecked 2002 Chevy Avalanche abandoned in a construction area on Highway U.S.-24 Aug. 29.

Officer Tim Clarke's report stated that it appears the vehicle was eastbound on U.S.-24 near the Wilson Road intersection and ended up entering a closed section of the highway and crashing into a bridge structure that is under construction.

The report stated the vehicle had disabling damage. The driver is unknown. The vehicle had a Leavenworth County tag and is owned by Shelby Stough, Tonganoxie.

The time of the accident is unknown. The sheriff's department was notified at 7:17 a.m.

Authors of book about local unsolved murder to be recognized at OJT

The Jefferson County Historical Society along with The Oskaloosa Public Library and the Friends of the Oskaloosa Library will be recognizing Kim Hurley Andrews and Delila Mize McCabe as Jefferson County authors for their published book "When the Leaves Began to Unfold," which was released in early 2025.

The award will be presented at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, in the Edmonds Chapel at Old Jefferson Town, Oskaloosa.

The book is about the unsolved murders that occurred near Meriden in 1923. The murders still remain the biggest mystery in Jefferson County and neighboring communities of Meriden, Perry, Ozawkie, and Oskaloosa.

The program is open to the public with no admission charge.



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2025 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

USD 338-eligible voters living in Delaware Township, Norton Township, Rock Creek Township, Ozawkie Township and Valley Falls City will vote at the Delaware Township Hall, 501 Broadway St. in Valley Falls. Atchison County voters in USD 338 will vote at their regular polling places in Atchison County. Jackson County voters in USD 338 will vote at their regular polling places in Jackson County.

Position 4
Position 5 Jessica Clark 17655 N. Cedar Rd. Valley Falls, KS 66088
Position 6 Jesse Nickelson 211 Sycamore St. Valley Falls, KS 66088

USD 339-eligible voters living in Norton Township, Delaware Township and the City of Nortonville will vote at the Nortonville Senior Center, 107 Taggart St. in Nortonville. Voters living in Jefferson Township, City of Winchester, Oskaloosa Township, Union Township will vote at the Winchester City Hall (411 Spruce St.) in Winchester. Atchison County voters in USD 339 will vote at their regular polling places in Atchison County. Leavenworth county voters in USD 339 will vote at their regular polling places in Leavenworth County.

Position 4
Raymond Brown 811 Locust St. Nortonville, KS 66060
Justin Finley 12995 Osborne Rd. Oskaloosa, KS 66066
Jim Bodenheimer 15594 Wise Rd. Winchester, KS 66097

USD 340-eligible voters living in Rock Creek Township and the City of Meriden will vote at St. Aloysius Church, 615 E. Wyandotte St. in Meriden. Voters living in Shawnee County will vote at their usual polling place in Shawnee County. Voters living in Jackson County will vote at their usual voting place in Jackson County. Voters living in Ozawkie Township and the City of Ozawkie will vote at the Ozawkie Community Center, 524 Kiowa St. Ozawkie. Voters living in West Fairview Precinct will vote at the St. Aloysius Church, 615 E. Wyandotte St. in Meriden. Voters living in Kaw Township will vote at the Community Building, 3877 South St. in Grantville.

Position 4 "Bo" Harley Henderson 6469 94th St. Meriden, KS 66512
Monica J. Bruna 6791 Village Cir. Meriden, KS 66512

Position 5 Matthew Williams 8907 Butler Rd. Meriden, KS 66512
Kelly Midgley 7658 Sumac Ln. Meriden, KS 66512

USD 341-eligible voters living in Oskaloosa Township, the City of Oskaloosa, Rural Township and Sarcoxie Township will vote at Oskaloosa City Hall, 212 W Washington St., Oskaloosa. Voters living in Ozawkie Township will vote at the Ozawkie Community Center, 524 Kiowa St., Ozawkie. East Fairview voters will vote at the Fairview Fire Station, 7424 Ferguson Rd., Ozawkie

Position 4 McKabe Christopher O'Neal 11333 74th St. Oskaloosa, KS 66066
Brandy Farmer 15440 94th St. Oskaloosa, KS 66066
Ken Newell 802 Cherokee Oskaloosa, KS 66066
Elizabeth Folks 702 Union Oskaloosa, KS 66066

USD 342-eligible voters living in Union Township and the City of McLouth will vote at the McLouth Fire Station, 106 W. Lucy St. Voters living in Sarcoxie Township will vote at the Sarcoxie South Fire Station located at 2151 Union Rd. Voters living in Leavenworth County will vote at their regular polling places in Leavenworth County.

Position 2 (unexpired) Joe Mahon 705 S. Union Mc Louth, KS 66054
Tara Garrow 18554 118th St. McLouth, KS 66054
James Copeland 403 Olive St. McLouth, KS 66054
Heather A. Coit 6693 259th St. McLouth, KS 66054

USD 343-eligible voters living in Kaw Township will vote at the Community Center, 3877 South St. in Grantville. Voters living in Kentucky Township and the City of Perry will vote at the Community Building, 604 Front St. in Perry. Voters living in Rural Township and Sarcoxie Township will vote at the Buck Creek School, 15490 13th St. Voters living in Douglas County will vote at their usual voting place in Douglas County. Voters living in Rock Creek Township will vote at the Community Center in Grantville.

Position 2 (unexpired) Bill Culver 401 Oak St. Perry, KS 66073
Adam Tucker 2098 Barton Rd. Grantville, KS 66429
Daniel Landis 3287 Dettlor Rd. Grantville, KS 66429
Daniel Bahnmaier 1753 E. 550th Rd. Lawrence, KS 66049
Ryan Soden 13093 46th St. Perry, KS 66073
Lindsey Trent 218 Halderman St. Lecompton, KS 66050
Nick Fergus 309 Whitfield Lecompton, KS 66050

McLouth City (3 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of McLouth will vote at the McLouth Fire Station, 106 W. Lucy St.
City Council William A. Hansen 800 E. Lake St. McLouth, KS 66054
City Council Steve Horton 202 Harker Dr. McLouth, KS 66054
City Council Patrick D. Bartlett, SR 605 S. Union McLouth, KS 66054

Meriden City (3 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Meriden will vote at St. Aloysius Church, 615 E. Wyandotte St., Meriden
Mayor Dana E. Boyer 311 S. Maple St. Meriden, KS 66512
Andy Surritt 300 S. Dawson Meriden, KS 66512
City Council Keith Steele 418 East Main St. Meriden, KS 66512
City Council

Nortonville City (2 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Nortonville will vote at the Nortonville Senior Center, 107 Taggart St., Nortonville.
Mayor Raymond Brown 811 Locust St. Nortonville, KS 66060
Dustin Roloff 225 Oak St. Nortonville, KS 66060
Chris Lane 116 North Ave. Nortonville, KS 66060
City Council Jacob Abel 110 Sylvan St. Nortonville, KS 66060
City Council Robert E. Hauk 220 Main St. Nortonville, KS 66060
City Council Jack Weishaar 711 Locust Nortonville, KS 66060
City Council Steven L. Noll 414 Eastern Nortonville, KS 66060
City Council Mitchell Ellerman 205 E. Cottage St. Nortonville, KS 66060
City Council Randall Allen Schneider 716 Elm St. Nortonville, KS 66060

Oskaloosa City (3 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Oskaloosa will vote at Oskaloosa City Hall, 212 W Washington St., Oskaloosa.
City Council Victoria Edmonds Metzger 522 Atchison Oskaloosa, KS 66066
City Council Michael Smith 908 Union St. Oskaloosa, KS 66066
City Council Dorothy Malsbury 904 Westview Dr. Oskaloosa, KS 66066
City Council Dave Magill 508 W. Topeka St. Oskaloosa, KS 66066

Ozawkie City (2 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Ozawkie will vote at the Community Building, 524 Kiowa St.
Mayor Loren Lutes Grandview Ct. Ozawkie, KS 66070
City Council Robert L. Fisher 613 Kansas Dr. Ozawkie, KS 66070
City Council Laci Heller Cottonwood Ct. Ozawkie, KS

Perry City (3 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Perry will vote at the Community Building, 604 Front St., Perry
City Council Jason Phillips 111 Linden Cir. Perry, KS 66073
City Council Felicity Gorski 404 W. Bridge St. Perry, KS 66073
City Council Thomas R. Holroyd 211 Pine St. Perry, KS 66073

Valley Falls City (2 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Valley Falls will vote at the Delaware Township Hall, 501 Broadway St., Valley Falls
Mayor Jeanette Shipley 706 Broadway Valley Falls, KS 66088
Dawn Kennedy 809 Linn St. Apt. A Valley Falls, KS 66088
City Council Kevin Loy 934 Frazier St. Valley Falls, KS 66088
City Council Brett Dallman 512 Walnut St. Valley Falls, KS 66088

Winchester City (3 Council Seats)- Voters in the City of Winchester will vote at the City Hall, 411 Spruce St., Winchester
City Council Kara Beletsky 209 Oak St. Winchester, KS 66097
City Council David Gorden 509 Osage St. Winchester, KS 66097
City Council Katherine J. Defilippis 416 Delaware Apt. 308 Winchester,

KS 66097

Lakewood Hills Improvement District (3 Seats)- Voters vote at the Fairview Fire Station, 7424 Ferguson Rd., Ozawkie
Board of Director Jami Smith 8724 Longview Rd. Ozawkie, KS 66070
Board of Director Christopher Cain 8357 Oakcrest Ln. Ozawkie, KS 66070
Board of Director William R. Hutting 8838 Hickory Ln. Ozawkie, KS 66070

Lakeside Village Improvement District (3 Seats)- Voters vote at the Fairview Fire Station, 7424 Ferguson Rd., Ozawkie
Board of Director David G. Griffith 7440 Wild Flower Trail Ozawkie, KS 66070
Board of Director Martin W. Ross 9992 Village Ln. Ozawkie, KS 66070
Board of Director

Lakeshore Estates Improvement District (3 Seats)- Voters vote at the Ozawkie Community Building, 524 Kiowa St., Ozawkie
Board of Director Sharon Blankenship 10918 Panoroma Dr. Ozawkie, KS 66070
Board of Director Marvin Kopp 10665 Fox Ln. Ozawkie, KS 66070

Meadowlark Extension District (2 Seats)-All voters in Jefferson County will vote on the Extension District Board Members.
Board of Director Michael McNary 6500 86th Meriden, KS 66512
Board of Director Julie Newman 5433 Republic Rd. Oskaloosa, KS 66066

Grantville Drainage District (3 Seats)
Director Doug Ingenthron 2979 13th Topeka, KS 66617
Director Rod Bigham 5268 58th St. Meriden, KS 66512
Director

Kaw-Delaware Drainage District (3 Seats)
Director Gary Starr 5991 17th St. Grantville, KS 66429
Director Mark Gantz 1485 Buck Creek Rd. Perry, KS 66073
Director Rod Bigham 5268 58th St. Meriden, KS 66512

Kaw Half-Breed Drainage District (3 Seats)
Director Regina Brown 6103 SW 39th Cir. Topeka, KS 66610
Director Linda Clare Everhart 1711 NW 59th Terr. Topeka, KS 66618
Director

Muddy Creek Drainage District (3 Seats)
Director Dennis E. Stanwix 4420 US HWY 24 Grantville, KS 66429
Director Andrew T. Winsor 3005 Clark Rd. Grantville, KS 66429
Director Diane Shirley 4459 21st St. Grantville, KS 66429
Rod Bigham 5268 58th St. Meriden, KS 66512

Stonehouse Drainage District (3 Seats)
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