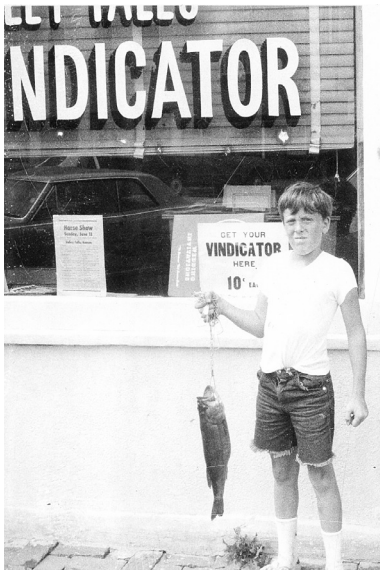


Out-of-the-Past Photos



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Out of the Past

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125 years ago ... May 27, 1910

• The Bloomfield Blues and the Rock Creek Pumpkin Rollers crossed bats on the Bloomfield diamond Monday afternoon for a double-header in which Bloomfield came off victorious.

• The graduates of Valley Falls high school class of 1910 were: Anna Louise Burris, Irene Dean, Anna Senn, and William A. Smith.

65 years ago ... May 25, 1960

• Disaster work in Jefferson County leaped ahead over the weekend when Valley Falls joined other communities in the giant task of cleaning up following the county's worst tornado.

Center of the work was at Meriden where homes were destroyed, the school, churches, and the business district were leveled.

Walter Damme, president of the Community Club, is directing the work for Valley Falls. Virgil Steinmetz is in charge of cleanup and persons wishing to help should contact him. Crews have been working around the clock both in Meriden and over the rural area.

A drive to obtain furniture, clothing and food for those left homeless is also under way. Bob Coleman has donated the Coleman building on Broadway to store items picked up in town. The Live and Learn home demonstration unit, the YWCA, and the VFW Auxiliary are also assisting with this work.

• Commencement exercises for 14 senior Ozawkie students were held Monday evening, May 23.

In the class were: Carol Waters, Patricia Swinney, Mary Jane Spielman, Ronald Seifert, Darlene May, Warren Luthi, Loren Luthi, Howard Hysten, Arthur Heston, Louise Fisher, Clifford Darrow, John Corum, Sandra Adams, and Danny Adams.

50 years ago ... May 15, 1975

• The Valley Falls Board of Education took a positive step toward constructing an addition to the industrial arts shop. They voted 6-1 to have a set of plans drawn for approval by the state architect and asked for a complete cost estimate for the building, plumbing, and furnishings.

The board approved the purchase of four Royal typewriters costing \$1,448.40 and one IBM typewriter for \$455.

• Slow pitch softball will get underway in Valley Falls Sunday with two games at 2 and 3:30 p.m. at Memorial field.

The four town teams will have sponsors this year and be known by the following names: Frommer Oil, Jackson Farm Supply, Valley Implement, and Valley Fashion Floors.

• North Cedar news: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lassiter entertained the following guests Sunday for dinner, celebrating Janet's 10th birthday: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coleman and Janine, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coleman, Lorena and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Art Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie T. Lassiter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bernasek, and Brenda.

• Eighty women attended the Mother's Luncheon Tuesday,

May 6, at the Perry United Methodist Church. The candle-lit tables were decorated in pastel shades. A three-course luncheon was served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Dale Hupe presided at the program, presented in live portraits of each age, infants, childhood, adolescence, youth, the 20s, matrons, and retiring years, accompanied by script, songs and musical numbers.

She was assisted by Mrs. Don Frandle, Mrs. Clyde Tryon, Mrs. Grace Bell and students from grade and high school, and members of UMW.

35 years ago ... May 17, 1990

• Robin Lamme, Valley Falls, and Jane M. Dix, Meriden, have completed bachelor of science degrees in nursing from St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City.

Dix, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dix, Denison, is a 1966 graduate of Valley Falls High School.

Lamme, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dahl, Everest, is a 1976 graduate of Jackson Heights High School, Holton. He and his wife, Judith, live in Valley Falls.

• Chuck and Patti Mohney, Meriden, are the parents of a son, Garret Fanner, born May 9. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. He has a brother, Brent Ryan, 5, to welcome him home. Grandparents are Duane and Marilyn Neiswender, Topeka, and Don and Ellen Mohny, Ozawkie.

• Advertisement: Band Appearing... "Bill Allen Fiddlin' Around" Thursday – Sunday, Uncle Dales's, Valley Falls.

20 years ago ... May 19, 2005

• The Kid E Corral pre-kindergarten graduation and follies will be held Wednesday, May 25, at the Delaware Township Hall in Valley Falls. The class of graduates consists of the following: Taylor Long, Emma Dockweiler, Drew DeLong, Megan Ryan, Paige Wildeman, Mallory Jepson, Brynne Lassiter, Addi Hunt, Ridge Robertson, Cole Brosa, Ryan Wunder, Nick Worden, and Bruce Davies. Teacher Rhonda Mitchell will retire following this graduation. She has taught the preschool class in Valley Falls the past 18 years and taught two years prior to that in McPherson.

• Ammin and Sarah Spencer, Monterey, Calif., announce the birth of their son, Josiah Eran, April 20, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Della and Kevin Berger, Salina, and the late Dennis Beamer. Paternal grandparents are Ar-dith Spencer, Valley Falls, and the late Gary Spencer.

• Crystal Van Houtan, Ozawkie, is among the 49 baccalaureate nurse graduates of the Washburn University School of Nursing.

She is married to Chad Van Houtan and is the daughter-in-law of Tom and Kim Van Houtan, Oskaloosa.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Please take notice that a hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Meriden, Kansas will take place on June 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Meriden City Hall at 103 East Main St. Meriden, KS.

The subject matter of the hearing will be whether a variance should be granted to change the current setback requirement along 74th Street near the intersection of 74th Street and Kansas Highway 4, to allow a softball field to be constructed within a portion of what is now the current setback.

City . . .

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ment of Sunset Haven from the Topeka Housing Authority. The KHRC administrative offices are at Atchison.

The pair reported that members of the VFHA were amenable to the agreement and suggested the council move to authorize the local entity to sign the contract. Once signed, new management will assume control July 1.

In other business, council members:

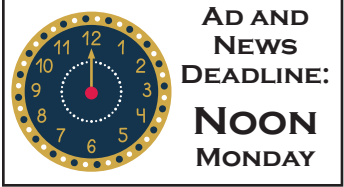
• Voted unanimously to approve up to \$21,600 worth of crack sealing on asphalt streets by Complete Pavement Maintenance Inc. of Spring Hill. Since this maintenance was skipped last year, the quote is higher than the usual annual cost. The bill will be paid from the highway fund using fuel tax revenue.

• Agreed to extend a three-week stay at the RV park by an additional four weeks for new police officer Cody Spire while he searches for adequate local housing. Any stay longer than three weeks requires council approval.

• Authorized two resolutions for Brickstreet Bourbon to host live band events May 23 and 30. The resolutions extend the restaurant's liquor license to the street until 2 a.m. and close the 400 block of Broadway

• Discussed responsibility for trash cleanup along the Doodlebug Trail. Mayor Shipley said the Recreation Commission is responsible, but Lanter noted that it is "technically our lease, even if that's the agreement. If they don't, we have to," referencing the city's lease on the Corps of Engineers land.

City Hall will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 26.



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News and society items are printed once free of charge, but are subject to editing. We welcome community reporting.

News items must be typed and accompanied by name, address, daytime phone number and email address of the person submitting the item.

Photos for births, engagements, weddings, and anniversaries are printed at a cost of \$20. A charge of \$30 is assessed if the item is requested to be printed in both newspapers. Only quality photos will be accepted. Pictures printed off home computers on bond paper are usually not satisfactory and will not be run.

The paper charges for thank yous, apologies, and other expressions not considered news.

Promotions and fundraisers are considered advertising and will be charged, including nonprofit groups. "If you charge, we charge," is the key.

Advertising rates apply to obituaries. Letters to the Editor are encouraged and welcome. They must be signed and contain the address and phone number of the person submitting the letter. Letters will not be published to arbitrate disputes between private parties.

Political letters are accepted up to two weeks prior to an election. Any correspondence from a candidate must be a paid advertisement, except where responding to a paper's editorial column or someone's letter.

The deadline is noon Monday, but there is no guarantee that submissions will be included in that week's paper.

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At the ready

The Walk of Honor featuring local veterans was reinstalled for the season at the Valley Falls City Park May 8, just in time for Mother's Day. Members of local VFW Post No. 3084 including Senior Vice Commander Ellis Moses, Steve Kientz, Commander Jerry Tullis, Chaplain Larry Springer, Merle Pickerell, and Junior Vice Commander Tim MacKenzie, were in charge of affixing the banners to the solar light poles which line the diagonal sidewalk through the park.

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Obituaries

JAMES ANDERSON

James Franklin Anderson, 83, of the Lake Ridge Estates community of Ozawkie, KS, died Friday, May 9, 2025, at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

James was born March 23, 1942, at Vermillion, KS, the son of Otis Adelbert and Florence "Maxine" Heath Anderson. He was a 1960 graduate of Waterville High School. James and his wife, Jeris, owned and operated a grocery store and meat locker plant in Barnes, KS, for 20 years. He then worked as a truck driver for the Ameripride Company before retiring. He was a member of Meriden United Methodist Church and as an avid golfer, he was a member of Lake Perry Golf Club. He was also a former member of Barnes Lion's Club.

He married Jeris Kay Brychta June 6, 1964, at Waterville, KS. She survives of the home. Other survivors include two daughters,

Dawn (Brenden) Delahanty, Broken Arrow, OK, and Tammy (Todd) Parker, Waterville, KS; one son, Bob (Stacey) Anderson, Meriden, KS; three sisters, twins Marlene Rowland, Clay Center, KS, and Maxine (Larry) Plegge, Humboldt, KS, and Gayle (Dean) Link, Clay Center, KS; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Anderson and Dean Anderson; and two sisters, Hazel Worthington and Ruth Neal.

A Memorial Celebration of Life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at Meriden United Methodist Church. Cremation care is planned. Inurnment will be at Maple Woods Cemetery, Barnes, KS, at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the James F. Anderson Memorial, to be designated at a later date. Barnett Family Funeral Home/Jefferson County Crematory of Oskaloosa is assisting the family.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Community Improvement Application Public Hearing Notice

The city of Valley Falls, KS will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in Valley Falls City Hall, 417 Broadway, Valley Falls, KS 66088, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Water and Sewer Infrastructure category.

The specific project application to be discussed is a Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project, which will include approximately 15,000 LF of pipe rehabilitation, 130 pipe point repairs, 11,000 LF of heavy pipe cleaning, 300 service reconstructions, 70 manhole rehabilitations, and miscellaneous appurtenances related to construction activities. Project activities will occur at multiple locations in an area generally bounded by the city limits of Valley Falls, KS. The estimated total project cost is approximately \$2,283,331 with the grant request for \$650,000 of the project costs. The remaining \$1,633,331 in matching funds will be contributed by the city of Valley Falls in the form of USDA Rural Development loan funds.

Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become part of the city's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the city clerk (785)945-6612 by May 20, 2025.

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