

Sports

County baseball teams pull through first-round regionals



Photos by Bridget Weishaar
 Valley Falls took on McLouth at home May 14, besting the Bulldogs, 9-2. Above, junior Carter Pickerell sets to swing. At right, senior Trenten VanHoutan reaches for a fly ball. Monday's semi-final games were postponed until Wednesday for rain.



Photos by Stacey B Photography
 Jefferson West won 3-0 over Wellsville at Ozawkie during quarterfinals May 14. Above, junior Cooper Watkins preps for a pitch. Top left, senior shortstop Drew Beilman celebrates after a third out at second base. The Tigers will play again Wednesday.

BBQ, BINGO & BULLSEYES
 a benefit for the Jefferson County BB & Air Rifle shooting sports program

Sat., May 31
5:30 to 9 p.m.

Jefferson County Fairgrounds • Valley Falls
 Meal 5:30 p.m. • Bingo 7 p.m.

\$15 includes a pulled pork meal, dessert buffet & one bingo card
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Monday - Saturday
 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.

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Photo by Tiffany Strickler

Tied record
 The 8th-grade girls' 4x200 team at Valley Falls tied a 26-year record from 1999 during a track meet at Easton May 8 with a time of 2:02.

The 1999 4x200 group was Katie Mitchell, Chelsey Shepard, Katie Henderson, and Jenny Brevitz.

The 2025 4x200 group, from left, are Avery Adcock, Birkley Hernandez, Caydren Strickler, and Sage Nickelson. Chelsey (Shepard) Coppinger, Nortonville, from the original team is pictured in the middle.

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the bid on Lot 451 in Lakeside Village the board tabled a week earlier, saying the bidder, Daniel Logan, thought he was making an offer on two lots and not just one. The Community Development director then explained that the cause of the confusion could be traced to the fact that Lot 451 and Lot 452 comprise the same parcel of land.

The meeting was recessed for roughly 10 minutes to accommodate the business of the Land Bank.

Voting 3-0, the board OK'd a motion that by way of a Quit Claim deed, an unplatted piece of property located north of the entrance to Lakeside Village be transferred from the county to the Land Bank and that Christy be authorized to sign the necessary paperwork on behalf of the governing body.

The property in question covers approximately half an acre.

The board passed Resolution 2025-018 on a 3-0 vote following the required public hearing on a petition to vacate the platted setbacks for Lot 2 in Roe Addition. That petition was filed by Daniel and Linda Foltz, 11091 46th Street, Perry.

During the hearing Metzger told the commissioners that his office hadn't received any objections to the proposed vacation of the existing setbacks, which reportedly are greater than what the county's zoning regulations call for.

No one at the hearing expressed any objections to the proposed vacation of the setbacks.

Executive Sessions

At the request of Christy, the commissioners met privately with Bond and Ehrlich for 10 minutes so that the client group could be given legal advice under the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. An "interagency issue" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed.

At the request of Emergency Manager Keith Jeffers, the commissioners met privately with him and Ehrlich for five minutes so that the client group could be given legal advice under the attorney-client privilege exception to KOMA. "Land acquisition" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed. Metzger was invited to join the closed-door conversation about a minute after it had begun and did.

At the request of Public Works Director Ben Domann, the commissioners met privately with him for 10 minutes for the stated purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel. "Recruitment and retention" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed.

At the request of Metzger, the commissioners met privately with him and Ehrlich for five minutes so that the client group could be given legal advice under the attorney-client privilege exception to KOMA. "Potential litigation" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed.

At the request of Walbridge, the commissioners ultimately met privately for 10 minutes for the stated purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel. "Recruitment and retention" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed. Ehrlich was invited to remain in the room for the closed-door conversation and did.

When the meeting reopened to the public, Christy announced that no binding action had been taken behind closed doors.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33.

Baseball

2-1A Valley Falls Regional – May 14 in Valley Falls – Play-in Game – McLouth wins by forfeit – Quarterfinals – Valley Falls over McLouth 9-2; Jefferson County North over Pleasant Ridge 8-1;	
May 14 in Oskaloosa – Quarterfinals – Oskaloosa over KC Christian 13-1;	
3A Bishop Ward Regional – May 15 in Ozawkie – Quarterfinals – Jefferson West over Wellsville 3-0	
May 15 in Overland Park – Quarterfinals – Perry-Lecompton over Bishop Ward 11-2.	
Records	W-L
<i>Northeast Kansas League</i>	
Valley Falls	20-4
Oskaloosa	18-6
Jefferson County North	6-19
McLouth	4-17
<i>Big East League</i>	
Jefferson West	24-2
Perry-Lecompton	15-10

Softball

May 12 in Tonganoxie – Jefferson West over Tonganoxie 6-1 and Tonganoxie over Jefferson West 2-1;	
May 12 in Lawrence – Lawrence over Perry-Lecompton 10-0 and 2-1.	
Records	W-L
<i>Northeast Kansas League</i>	
McLouth	26-0
Oskaloosa	19-5
Valley Falls	11-12
Jefferson County North	8-16
<i>Big East League</i>	
Jefferson West	19-5
Perry-Lecompton	8-18

Meriden Ozawkie Area
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 President – Scott Stanley
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The Meriden-Ozawkie Area Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization that strives to promote economic growth and a progressive community image. The Chamber continues to strengthen the business environment with monthly meetings and community projects.

The Chamber meets the third Thursday of every month in the Community Room in the Countryside Square Shopping Center. 7272 Highway K-4 • Meriden, Kansas 66512

Want to be a member?
 Go to www.MeridenKS.com then click on City Clerk. Under "Documents" there is a link for the Meriden Ozawkie Area Chamber of Commerce. Click on it and you will find a membership form.

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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.