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In others' words

"I can remember how I suffered the most amazing embarrassment as a young person when I had secured an hour of solitude in my room by explaining, in response to the curiosity that is typical of family life, why I needed this hour and what I intended to do with it: this was enough to make the hard-won solitude worthless from the start as if it had been sold in advance. The tone that had settled on this hour thwarted its innocence, claimed it and made it infertile and empty, and even before I had set foot in my room my treason had already arrived there and filled it to each corner with depletion, obviousness, and desolation."
—Rainer Maria Rilke

Timetables

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When a man has got a grievance is keeping him awake, some old moldy, tire-some trouble that has made his innards ache, then he comes a-callyhooting to the printing office door, for he wants to share his trouble with the humble editore.

When a man has got a hobby that has put him on the bum, THEN the people flee a-shrieking when they chance to see him come; but he knows one weary mortal who must suffer and endure, so he comes to share his theories with the lowly editure.

When a man has got a story that with age was stiff and stark when old Father Noah told it to the people in the ark, then he comes a-bubbling over, to the Weekly Bugle's lair, for he went to share his gladness with the soulful editaire.

O, he's always freely giving of the things that make us tired, and he's often pretty stingy with the things that are desired; he might bring a ray of sunlight to a life that's sad and drear, if he'd give the absent treatment to the heartsick editiier.

Milestones

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Kansas Archeology Training Program field school, a partnership between the Kansas Historical Society and the Kansas Anthropological Association. Since its founding in 1955, KAA has worked to unite professionals and amateurs interested in learning more about Kansas history. KSHS and KAA started hosting short weekend excavations in 1966, with events held once or twice annually. Eight years later at the insistence of KAA President R.D. Brent and his successor Harold Reed, State Archeologist Thomas (Iom) Witty agreed to partner with KAA in offering a longer, two-week excavation experience to the public. The first official KATP field school was held in 1975 at two archeological sites at Historic Lake Scott State Park in Scott County. Since then, the field school has visited 34 counties, excavated 49 sites, and conducted countless archeological surveys to record and revisit sites across Kansas. Participants have also helped wash, sort, and catalog collections from countless sites in the archeology laboratory over these five decades.
—"Zephyr" from the Kansas Historical Society

The weather

by Thomas J. Ryan III				
	Hi	Low	Precip	
June 16	88	65	.60	
June 17	79	66	.04	
June 18	84	62	.00	
June 19	93	63	.00	
June 20	97	74	.00	
June 21	94	77	.00	
June 22	93	78	.00	

Perry Lake

The lake level June 23 was 893.97 msl., 2½ feet above conservation pool. The discharge rate was 200 cfs. Inflow was 120 cfs. Surface temperature was 78 degrees F.



Photos by Bridget Weishaar

That's a wrap on OOSR 2025

Despite the heat and nonstop wind, friends, families, and neighbors across northeast Kansas came together last week for the 123rd annual Old Settlers Reunion at Oskaloosa.

New this year from the Evans Midland Carnival was the Ring of Fire ride (above) which relieved many a reveler of their cell phone, keys, or wallet.

Below, zombie versions of Rhett Frost and Kyelan Frost, Valley Falls, sons of Jill Winter and Troy Frost, get scrambled.



Broadway Street closure notice

The City of Valley Falls is notifying citizens that Broadway Street will be closed at Walnut Street west to the alley until further notice. This closure is required for the repair of a collapsed sewer main under the brick street. The street will remain closed for several weeks to allow for the sewer main repair and brick street restoration.

City officials ask those who utilize this section of the street (in front of the Delaware Township Hall) to plan accordingly and use alternate routes.

"We thank residents and visitors for their patience and cooperation as we complete these critical repairs to our city infrastructure," said a press release.

City Hall can be reached at 785-945-6612.

Manville leans on 4-H history to assist with county programming

Amanda (Sales) Manville started in the Meadowlark Extension District office at Oskaloosa June 9 as the 4-H program assistant. Her role with Jefferson County entails assisting with day-to-day implementation of youth and project programming, working with program volunteers to ensure success, and promoting activities and events.

Manville brings career experience in communications from Kansas Soybean and the Kansas State Department of Education. Most recently, as communications director at Kansas Soybean, she led farmer outreach strategies for the organization.

During her 13 years in the Prosperity 4-H Club in Jefferson County, Manville worked her way through various projects and officer roles in the club and county council, led youth as a county ambassador and camp counselor, and represented the county at numerous events, including Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, regional conferences, and at Discovery Days as a delegate and CREW member. She is a 2013 graduate of Valley Falls High School, and an alumna of



Amanda Manville

the Alpha of Clovia 4-H Scholarship House at Kansas State University.

Manville received her bachelor's degree in agricultural communications and journalism and a minor in agronomy from K-State in 2017.

She looks forward to "making the best better" within Jefferson County 4-H programs and devoting time to her family, husband, Brett, and two children, who live at Valley Falls.

Her favorite pastimes include designing and drawing, making memories with her children, and riding along during crop harvests.

VF city council hears from PEC engineer regarding sewer failure, project phases

by Holly Allen

A map of the sewer rehabilitation plan provided to the Valley Falls City Council at its June 18 meeting by Professional Engineering Consultants of Lawrence shows that the recently failed section of 110-year-old clay pipe under Broadway did not make the cut for repair during phase one of the city's ongoing sewer project.

Despite being on the mostly completed northern side of the town, the section instead was slated for cure in place piping during phase two of the project, for which the city has only just begun to apply for grant monies.

Following the June 6 overnight failure of the sewer sys-

tem in which a pipe collapsed along a 20-foot-deep stretch in front of the Delaware Township Hall, four bids were obtained in short order and a special meeting of the council was held June 12 to award the emergency repair to Farmer Excavating, Oskaloosa, in the amount of \$49,500.

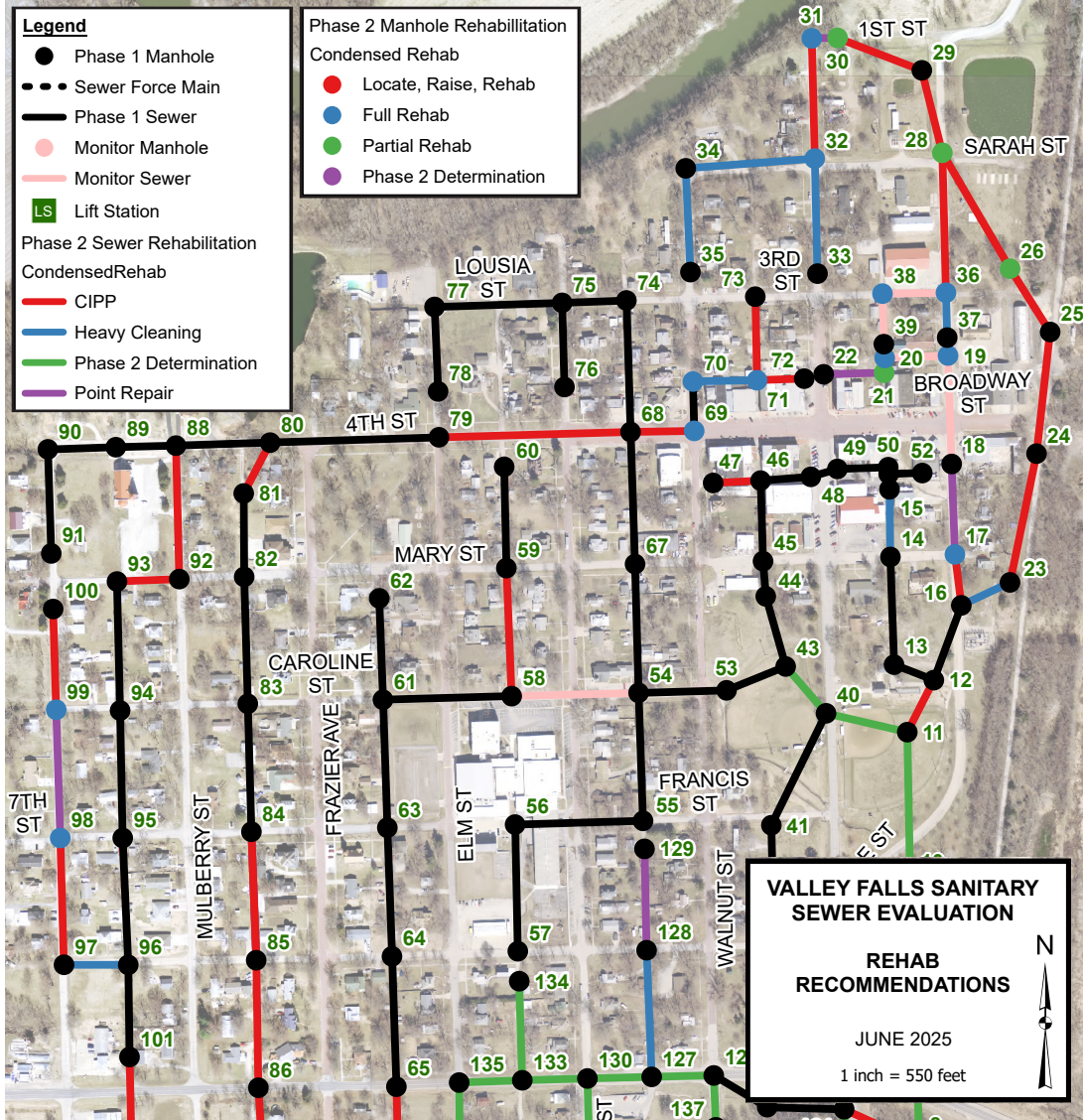
However, as questions lingered as to why this section of century-old pipe was not included in phase one, Alex Darby, an engineer with the city's engineering firm, PEC, was requested to attend last week's meeting. During his time in front of the council, Darby imparted he and the company have been working with the city

since 2008.

He provided the project map and explained that the part of the sewer which failed (stretch No. 68 on the map below) and the preceding manhole (No. 69) were "past the cutoff" for what could be done financially in phase one, and moved to phase two.

While an agreeable conversation was had, some pushback was provided to the engineer by Councilman Brett Dallman, who asked, "But didn't we decide to do more work south of the highway because we had extra funds available toward the end of this project? We put

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The city's sewer project evaluation map provided by PEC shows the areas north of K-16 which were completed with phase one and those planned for phase two. The section of 110-year old clay pipe buried 20 feet under Broadway which collapsed earlier this month was slated for relining during phase two.



Photo by Holly Allen

Foam fun in the sun

Summer's sole Broadway Nights event at Valley Falls was June 13. A small but jovial crowd was in attendance to enjoy a foam party on the bricks outside Aahh Some Blossom courtesy of Ultimate Foam, Topeka.

Pictured above are Emmylou Schrick, Annabelle Schrick, and Seth Nickelson; at right, Ella Partridge and Huxlee Schrick; and below, Royal Ross and Reylee Seymour.

