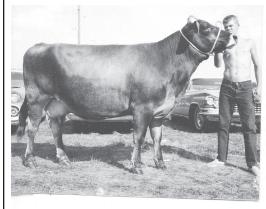
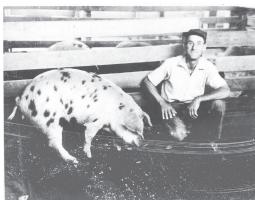
Out-of-the-Past Photos









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Out of the Past

Reprinted from the files of The Valley Falls Vindicator — Compiled by Lesa Brose

100 years ago ... July 24, 1925

• "All dressed up and no place to go" might aptly be applied to the financial situation of Valley Falls. Last April the voters elected a Klan council and anti-Klan mayor. The mayor made his appointment but the council refused to confirm; the mayor contends under the law and supreme court decisions he has the right to select his officer, but the council will not stand for an anti-Klan clerk, so four months of claims against the city are not paid, though there is plenty of city money to meet them. (Topeka Capital, July 21)

The foregoing article was sent to the Topeka Capital from Valley Falls and was published last Tuesday. The article is absolutely misleading in that it attempts to throw discredit upon the council of city. We have refrained from mentioning this controversy in the columns of this paper for some time, in hopes that the matter would be ironed out satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

—Clayton Wyatt, Editor

77 years ago ... August 15, 1948

• 1st annual 4-H fair ad:



ALLIS-CHALMERS

MURRAY & HEER MOTOR CO. 65 years ago ...

August 3, 1960 • Photo - Part of a crowd of 450 persons who lined foodheaped tables Wednesday night as guests of the county 4-H members at the 4-H fairgrounds in Valley Falls. Ted Johnson, council president, presided over a program which consisted of a vocal solo by Rita Burns, tap dance by Louise Kramper and skit by the Billtown club.

• Photo - Young beauty served ice tea at the 4-H dinner for business people in the county Wednesday night. From left to right are Louise Volkner, Joan Nolte, Ila Thorp, Lois Graner, and Marie Noll.

• Delmar Tucking, 1957 graduate of Valley Falls High School and a recent graduate of Kansas City barber college, will be employed at Chuck's Barber shop each Monday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Tucking, he will be employed in Kansas City the remainder of the week.

• Randall Kirk is the name chosen by Mrs. Melba L. Babsky for her son born July 27 at a Topeka hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Robertson of Topeka. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shermer and Ms. Birdie Teel.

50 years ago ... July 24, 1975

• The Bank of Perry was the scene of a "hold up" Friday, July 18, about 1:30 p.m.

Frank Obenland, executive vice president, went to the teller's window to wait on a young man who had appeared there.

He demanded money at gun point. When Frank asked if he was serious and the customer responded, "yes," Frank obliged and placed the working cash in his sack and he fled to a waiting car that sped north across the parking area.

The Sheriff's department was notified immediately and assisted by the Highway Patrol; the two robbers were apprehended east of Lawrence. The money was recovered.

Evan Williams, 25, White City, driver of the car, and Raymond Staufenberg, 24, Herington, were in the Jefferson County jail under \$75,000 bond

Staufenberg and Williams were charged in Jefferson County Court with aggravated robbery.

• Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lonard, Topeka, have chosen the name Steven Ernest for their son born June 24 at a Topeka hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Geneva Lonard and Mr. and Mrs. Art Klassen, Hillsboro.

• Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Martin celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 13. They were married at Atchison July 11, 1906 and started housekeeping in Kansas City, Mo. They moved to the family farm northwest of Meriden where they resided until 1955 when they retired to their present home in Topeka.

The occasion was celebrated at the home of Bill Martin, five miles north of Meriden.

35 years ago ... July 26, 1990

• The Valley Falls City Council is rethinking its plans to vacate 142 feet of Caroline Street after receiving a letter from Gordon Lowry, city attorney, advising against the move.

The area in question is the street between the ballpark concession stand and Rush Field. Concerns over the safety of children who run back and forth across the street prompted the council's action.

The letter from the attorney was on the council table at the July 18 meeting. Lowry advises that if the street is vacated the land goes to the adjoining landowner, in this case the Corps of Engineers. Should the council decide in the future that it wants to reopen the street, the city would have to purchase the land back.

Lowry is advising instead that the council close the street off for the six months that the ball field is in use. The council held off taking action until members Ron Watson and Wayne Ukena are present.

• Jason DeLong, 11, Valley Falls, has qualified to participate in the National Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships in St. Petersburg, Fla.,

July 28 through Aug. 5. Jason placed third in the pentathlon at the region 9 competition in Norman, Okla., July 20. Region 9 is composed of the states of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The five mandatory events which make up the pentathlon are the 80-meter hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put, and the 1500-meter run.

• Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, Riverton, Wyo., announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Maria, June 27, 1990. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wunder, Valley Falls.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Martin, Riverton. Paternal great-grandmother is Carmen Ago, River-

Jenna Maria is welcomed home by her sister, Mary Katherine, 22 months old.

• Tammy Montgomery, Valley Falls, announces the birth of a second daughter, Meloni Ann, June 10, 1990, at the Holton City Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 ozs., and was 19 in. long.

Meloni has a sister, Melissa, 2½ years old, to welcome her home.

Grandparents are Wayne and Carol Church, Valley Falls, and Charles and Barbara Montgomery, Valley Falls.

Great-grandparents are Velma Church, Valley Falls, Ann Godfrey, Meriden, and James and Pearl McPeek, Paola.

20 years ago ... July 28, 2005

• A Meriden business has become the first company in the Midwest to own a digital garment printing system. Comp-U-Sew, located on K-4 Highway on the north side of Meriden, recently purchased the system to replace the screen printing previously done on T-shirts.

Comp-U-Sew is owned and operated by Canada native Holly Spiess and her husband, Jerry. The couple opened Comp-U-Sew in 2001. At that time, it was located in a rented building on the Countryside Square in Meriden. The business has since expanded to outgrow its old location and the couple nurchased the old Iron House Café building on K-4 Highway the first of the year.

• Broken beer bottles forced Kendall Memorial Pool, Valley Falls, to close this past weekend. The incident happened late Friday night.

Saturday morning, a lifeguard painting around the pool, reported to pool manager Shirley Allen that there were broken beer bottles inside the pool.

Due to the broken glass inside the pool, Allen had no choice but to close the pool and drain it completely. Lifeguards that were scheduled to work Saturday and Sunday spent a few hours scrubbing down the pool to where there was no glass in sight.

"It takes about 20 hours to drain the pool and another 20 hours to fill it back up," Allen said. "The glass was so small that I was afraid to have people swim and get some in their eyes."

Allen reported the incident to Valley Falls Police Chief Tammy Gross. Allen reported that Gross found some evidence on the scene.

• Alan and Jennifer Mattox announce the birth of their son, Cooper Dale. Cooper was born May 27, 2005, at Stormont-Vail Medical Center, Topeka.

He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 19¾ inches long. Maternal grandparents are Dale and Pat Brunton, Mer-

iden. Maternal great-grandmother is Ethel May, Meriden. Paternal grandparents are Alan and Wanda Mattox, Tecumseh. Paternal great-grand-

mother is Patricia Mattox, Topeka. Josh and Angel Funk, Valley Falls announce the birth of a daughter, Jenna Ellen, born July 19. She weighed 8 lbs., 9

ozs., and was 20¾ in. long. Jenna has a sister, Mikela, 12, and three older brothers, Logan and Tyler, 13, and Joshua, 4.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Jeannie Martin, Valley Falls. Maternal greatgrandfather is Ted Martin, Meriden.

Paternal grandmother is Cathy Funk, Kansas City, Mo. Paternal great-grandmother is Martha Goodwin, Topeka.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Valley Falls Vindicator July 24, 2025)1t NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Kentucky Township and Kentucky Fire District #2 Jefferson County

will meet on August 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Kentucky TWP Community Hall , for the purpose of hearing and aswering 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 Jefferson County Clerk's Office 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.

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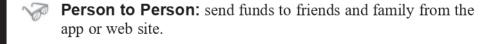


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