

SOCIETY



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OHS FCCLA Nationals-bound
The Oskaloosa Family Career Community Leaders of America team of William McGaughy, Katelin Bond, and Kennedy Guilfoyle earned gold at the state conference and are headed to nationals. The National Conference will be held July 5 through 9 in Orlando.

Spring beef show brings 106 head of cattle to VF

The Jefferson County Spring Beef show was held March 29 at the fairgrounds in Valley Falls. Johnathan Emmerson from Paola evaluated 106 head of cattle by 62 exhibitors from 15 counties in Kansas.

The top three heifers were exhibited by Caleb Manche (1st), Broxtin Navensky (2nd), and Ally Williams (3rd). Breed winners for heifers are as follows:

Angus – Champion: Caleb Manche, Reserve: Pate Parsons
Brangus – Champion: Henry Urban, Reserve: Ryan Neill
Chiannina – Champion: Aden Grathwohl, Reserve: Austin Sage

Hereford – Champion: Delaney Figge, Reserve: Charlotte Valek

Maine Anjou – Champion: Teagen Parsons, Reserve: Taygen Boyce

Shorthorn – Champion: Jansen Gerstner, Reserve: Aden Grathwohl

Shorthorn Plus – Champion: Brody Grathwohl, Reserve: Cooper Burling

Simmental – Champion: Taygen Boyce, Reserve: Delaney Figge

All Other Breeds – Champion: Jaden Teter, Reserve: Jaden Teter

Commercial – Champion: Broxtin Navinsky, Reserve: Rucker Harring

1st place Senior Showman was Delaney Figge.

2nd place Senior Showman was Jansen Gerstner.

3rd place Senior Showman was Ally Williams.

1st place Intermediate Showman was Brogan Harring.

2nd place Intermediate Showman was Brody Grathwohl.

3rd place Intermediate Show-

man was Colby Jones.

1st place Junior Showman was Caleb Manche.

2nd place Junior Showman was Gage Jensen.

3rd place Junior Showman was Eric Manche.

1st place PeeWee Showman was Clara Elliott.

2nd place Junior Showman was Charlotte Valek.

3rd place Junior Showman was Braylee Aquilar.

4th place Junior Showman was Avaleen Roade.

The top three steers were exhibited by Jaden Teter (1st & 2nd) and Jansen Gerstner (3rd). Breed winners for steers were:

Angus – Champion: Austin Sage, Reserve: Ivan Hanes

Charlais – Champion: Jaden Teter, Reserve: Lane Coppinger

Chiannina – Champion: Jaden Teter, Reserve: Jansen Gerstner

Hereford – Champion: Delaney Figge, Reserve: Colby Jones

Maine Anjou – Champion: Austin Sage, Reserve: Ella Coppinger

Shorthorn Plus – Champion: Jansen Gerstner, Reserve: Harper Mitchell

Simmental – Champion: Jaden Teter, Reserve: Remington Peuker

All Other Breeds – Champion: Danielle Reeves, Reserve: Braylee Aguilar

Commercial – Champion: Harper Mitchell, Reserve: Alayna Westbrook

Overall Champion Jefferson County Steer – Danielle Reeves

Overall Reserve Champion Jefferson County Steer – Alayna Westbrook.



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The Golden Egg Adventure
Josiah Adams, son of Derek and Elaina Adams, Winchester, found the grand golden egg at the Winchester Library's Easter egg hunt April 18. Stuffed inside the golden egg were various candies and a smaller golden egg containing \$20.

Overall there were 40 children in attendance and 765 eggs were found. After the egg hunt, a free raffle was held for a pack of egg-shaped sidewalk chalk. The winner was Halcey Haddock.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL ESTATE
THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF KANSAS
TO: ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE INTERESTED

TAKE NOTICE: pursuant to KSA-19-26,109 the Jefferson County Land Bank will sell the following parcels of Real Estate thirty (30) days from the published date of this notice.

Lots 180-182 Lakeside Village - Park Woods

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Deadline for News & Ad Copy is Monday, before noon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in The Oskaloosa Independent April 24, May 1 and 8, 2025)3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LOIS COVERT, Deceased.

Case No.: JF-2024-PR-000069

Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING
TAKE NOTE that the above-captioned case will come for hearing on the Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration on the 28th day of May 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County District Court, 300 Jefferson St., Oskaloosa, KS 66066, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

Respectfully submitted, Fagan & Emert, LLC /s/Mark T. Emert Mark T. Emert #22186

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OBITUARIES

KENNETH EDMONDS

Kenneth Kurtz Edmonds passed peacefully on April 17, 2025, at St Luke's North Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born on January 19, 1958, in Winchester, KS to Herbert N. and Elsa Kurtz Edmonds.

Known to his family and childhood friends as "Kenny," and his adult friends as "Ken," he spent a lifetime sharing his musical and creative talents with all who knew him.

He graduated from McLouth High School in 1976, and from Kansas State University in 1981 with a degree in music. While in college, he was a member of the K-State Marching band, served as a trumpet section leader, and traveled with the band to England to play for the soccer championships. He accompanied many groups and individuals over the years on the piano/organ, including his parents, as they performed many programs for various events and organizations.

Kenny moved to the Kansas City area after graduation and worked at Tiffany's Attic and Waldo Astoria as a musical performer and wait staff member. He also worked for Hallmark for many years before disability forced him into retirement.

He was a lifetime member of the McLouth United Methodist Church and served as an organist and pianist for nearly 30 years, accompanying, and later leading, the choir during that time. He also served as

accompanist for the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church for the last several years.

He was well-known for his dinner party planning, cooking and baking skills. He often hosted family dinners for Mother's Day each year, and participated in many Saturday night friends' dinners. He helped decorate for several annual fundraising galas in the Kansas City area as well.

He is survived by his mother, Elsa Edmonds, Lawrence; sisters, Vicki (Tony) Bechard, McLouth, and Kathy Edmonds, Leavenworth; aunt Linda Beher, niece, Chelsey (Josh) Herman; nephews, Derek Terry and Jarrod (Elizabeth) Bechard; several great-nieces and nephews; cousins; many dear friends; and his church family.

Kenny was preceded in death by his father; niece, Kristen Bechard Caldwell; and his best friend, David Wrigley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the McLouth United Methodist Church. A visitation and light lunch will follow. A private family inurnment service will be held at a later date. Memorials to honor Kenny may be made to the McLouth United Methodist Church or the Kansas State University Marching Band and sent in care of the funeral home.

Barnett Family Funeral Home, Oskaloosa, is in charge of cremation and service arrangements. The service will be live streamed on the McLouth United Methodist Church Facebook page.

Paid obituary

First YY of 2025 is out

The spring edition of Yesteryears, the semiannual publication of the Jefferson County Historical Society, made its debut last week after it had been faithfully compiled by the editor, Jane Hoskinson.

The edition begins in earnest with three "In Memoriam" entries, one for Irene Mary (Rottinghaus) Malone, one for Dr. Richard "Dick" Eli Bowen and one for Virginia Anne (Manville) Winsor, and concludes with an article about the out-house that represents the most recent addition to Old Jefferson Town in Oskaloosa.

Malone, Bowen and Winsor all belonged to the historical society.

In between the tributes to the departed and JCHS President Greg Noll's piece focusing on the two-seater are 15 articles that should be of at least some interest to historically-minded residents of Jefferson County.

The articles include "Surely You Know about the Shirleys" by Shirley Janice (Bower) Tompkins, "Bovine Concert," a biographical sketch of Ella Galena (Hull) Fulton with an accompanying photograph of her, Fulton's "The Ladies Aid at Centerville," "Funeral Hymn" and "Pioneer Mother," "Did Your 'Formal Education' Cover the Courthouse?" by Rick Nichols, "Bygone Remedies," "The Practice of Medicine," "The Linotype," "Soldier of the World War, Corporal J. Henry Irwin," "Mixed Messages," and "Early

Reminiscences of North-Eastern Kansas in 1857" by Isaac Maris.

Part IV of Maris' reminiscences is nicely complemented by pieces penned by Hoskinson and former Yesteryears editor Liz Leech.

The edition also includes an advertisement for Housh's from the July 3, 1914, issue of The Oskaloosa Independent and an ad from the Dec. 17, 1915, issue of The Winchester Star promoting a boys basketball game between Winchester High School players and former WHS students who were attending the University of Kansas at the time.

To view the latest Yesteryears, visit <https://jchks.com/publications>, then click on the link that says Spring 2025 Yesteryears.

The fall edition of Yesteryears is scheduled to be published in October.

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