

VINDICATOR CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

ROAD CREW/ GENERAL LABORER

Jefferson County Public Works is seeking applicants for a full-time road crew position in the Road and Bridge Department – Oskaloosa Shop. Successful applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license and be able to acquire a CDL after employment.

Applications are available at the Road Department Office located at 14991 94th St., Oskaloosa, KS or at the County Clerk's Office located at 300 Jefferson St., Oskaloosa, KS.

Applications with resume must be submitted online or returned to the Road Department Office or mailed to P.O. Box 322, Oskaloosa, KS 66066, open until filled.

These positions require satisfactory drug, vision, hearing, and physical capacity screening results. Jefferson County is an equal opportunity employer.

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4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT

The Meadowlark Extension District is seeking to hire a part time 4-H Program Assistant for the Jefferson County office.

The 4-H Program Assistant will coordinate and manage the district's 4-H youth development initiatives under the guidance provided primarily by the 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent in the Oskaloosa Office with administrative support from the District Director. This role requires occasional evening and weekend work, as well as potential overnight travel for trainings or youth chaperoning.

Applicants may access our District website, www.meadowlark.k-state.edu, to review the position announcement and application of employment instructions.

Screening of applications will begin after May 5, 2025 and continue until a suitable applicant has been hired. Questions should be directed to the Meadowlark Extension District:

Heather Roenne, District 4-H Agent
100 E Washington, Oskaloosa, KS
Email/phone: hroenne@ksu.edu or 785-863-2212

OR
David Key, District Director
1500 Community Drive, Seneca, KS
Email/phone: dkey@ksu.edu or 785-336-2184

K-STATE

Research and Extension

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service

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Meadowlark
District

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INVITATION TO BID

Invitation to Bid

The Valley Falls Historical
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from contractors for: New
walls, siding, and insula-
tion for the north storage
room at the museum lo-
cated at 310 Broadway St.
(Local contractors preferred.)

Bids will be taken through May
1, 2025. Contact 785-945-6834
for more information.

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GARAGE SALES

**Holton - Jackson County
City and County-wide
Garage Sales**

April 25 and 26
Garage sale map inside
April 23 edition of Holton
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cational materials" to local
schools in taking advantage of
the grant, according to the news
release.

Counselors at the elemen-
tary schools will soon get sets
of "Timbi Talks About Addiction
and Lambi Learns About Ad-
diction: A Story About Preven-
tion" for use with pupils. This
story focuses on the effects of
substance abuse. At the middle
schools and high schools, coun-
selors will be given "Coping
Skills for Teens" workbooks
to assist "adolescents navigat-
ing the challenges of living in
substance-affected environ-
ments," quoting again from the
statement.

Meanwhile, taking "proac-
tive steps" to protect children
throughout the county, the co-
alition will be teaming up with
the Sheriff's Office to purchase
and install later this spring an
"amnesty box" to be located at
the Law Enforcement Center in
Oskaloosa. This resource will
give individuals a place to safely
dispose of "illicit drugs and
medications," thus "reducing
the risk of exposure to children."

The coalition also will be
partnering with the juvenile
justice system to add "research-
based support materials" to the
crisis care bags that are used
to "help mitigate negative out-
comes" for children who have
been impacted by substance
abuse on the part of a parent or

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caregiver.

Those bags also include tools
designed to assist with the
"healing process" in children.

A drug-endangered child
has been defined as a child
"who resides in an environ-
ment where illegal drugs are
used, manufactured, sold, or
distributed, or where significant
evidence of drug activity exists."
Children in this kind of an en-
vironment face a greater risk of
experiencing "neglect, physical
and emotional abuse, and devel-
opmental challenges," quoting
again from the statement.

According to the National
Alliance for Drug Endangered
Children, approximately one
out of every eight children in
the United States lives with a
parent or caregiver who has a
"substance use disorder." These
children are often the first to
suffer the consequences that
can result from the use of illicit
drugs and yet are usually the
last to receive the support and
services they need.

Fortunately, however, com-
munity DEC programs such as
the one here in Jefferson County
"play a crucial role in bringing
together law enforcement, child
protective services, medical pro-
fessionals, and other agencies to
provide a coordinated response
for these vulnerable children,"
quoting again from the state-
ment.

National Drug Endangered

Children Awareness Day is
to be observed this coming
Wednesday. With this in mind,
the health department is en-
couraging residents of the coun-
ty to take part in a couple of
"awareness activities" that are
planned for the day to demon-
strate their support for the work
of the coalition.

Those activities are Wear
Red for Awareness and "Chalk
Around the Square."

By wearing red six days from
now, people can call attention to
the issue of drug-endangered
children and show solidarity
with this particular population.

"Chalk Around the Square"
will give people a chance to vi-
sually express what hope looks
like to them as they draw with
chalk on the sidewalks to the
north, east, south and west of
the courthouse in Oskaloosa.
And after you have completed
your "masterpiece," so to speak,
you can share it online with
others by using the handle #DE-
CAwarenessDay.

The Jefferson County Drug
Endangered Children Coalition
meets bimonthly. To find out
about the dates and times of
meetings, check the Jefferson
County Health Department's
Facebook page for up-to-date
information. Or you can call the
health department at 785-403-
0025 if you want more informa-
tion about the coalition or want
to get involved in its work.

Tyler . . .

eral area. Several other family
members and friends work in
the business tearing down the
barns and hauling the wood
back to the field next to Tyler's
home.

Tyler has several roles in
this business. He markets the
company, he deals with the
general public, makes sales,
closes deals, and helps his dad
manage the crew. A majority of
Tyler's 9-5 time is spent in his
wheelchair with a leather apron
grabbing old barn boards, many
of which are as long as 16 feet,
putting them on his sawhorse
and pulling the nails out of each
and every board. He does this
manually with nothing but a
pair of work gloves, steel toed
boots, a leather apron, hammer
and a wheelchair.

One of the tools Tyler uses to
market the family business is
Facebook. Tyler posts pictures
of the crew working, the beautiful
wood they restore, the barn finds
that they have such as old toys
and bottles, the trailers packed
strategically with old lumber to
be hauled off to distant lands
to be brought back to life as a
floor, a wall, ceiling, fireplace,
a table, and hundreds of other
refurbished projects.

Tyler and his father also
have a couple of ponds and an
aviary where they have all sorts
of birds, such as pheasants, pea-
cocks, quail, chickens, doves,
and other exotic birds. He frequently
shares beautiful pictures of the
variety of birds that they are
raising. They have incubators
and pens for hatching. Tyler
posts many pics of these birds
and their environment. Tyler's
Facebook photos are truly won-
derful. The stories he writes to
go with the photos are equally
wonderful.

With time, Tyler started get-
ting more people to follow him on

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1998 file photo by Clarke Davis
Tyler Christman, son of Darin and Patricia Christman, receives the league MVP trophy during a Pee Wee tournament in McLouth June 28, 1998. His dad is holding the trophy.

Facebook, not just for business
reasons but for the bigger story
here and the person he is. He
now has over 54,000 followers on
Facebook. He admits this makes
him proud but also admits it can
be overwhelming as he never
wants to disappoint anyone.

I am now 63 years old and
I believe Tyler is 33. My most
recent adventure with Tyler was
the opening day baseball game of
the Kansas City Royals March
27. Tyler and I and my two sons
and my 88-year-old father took
off for the stadium.

All the way there, during
our two-hour pregame tailgate,
throughout the game, and all the
way home we enjoyed conversa-
tion that primarily involved
sports but also involved some
of the things going on in our
personal lives. Tyler is super
intelligent, bright, friendly, and

a joy to sit with and chat. He
glows with a thirst for life that
is infectious.

Our hometown Royals did
not win that opening game. That
was disappointing to all of us,
but it really didn't matter. That
day reminded me of the first day
I met Tyler when he hit the ball
off the tee and ran so determined
to first base. It didn't matter how
long it took him to get there, it
only mattered that he was safe.
It really didn't matter that the
Royals lost the game. What
mattered was that we all went
together, enjoyed the adventure,
and made it home safe.

If you would like a daily dose
of what is good in the world,
search "Tyler Christman" on
Facebook, click on his name and
there should be a "follow" button
you can click. You will not be
disappointed.

MERIDEN CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

& MERIDEN CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

This Year's City-Wide Garage Sales are on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd of 2025. If
you live in the city limits or the surrounding area and would like to be included on the items for sale map,
come by City Hall to fill out this form with your name, address, list of items for sale and a \$5.00 advertising fee
will be needed to cover some of the costs of paper, copies and advertising. We will publish the flyer in the
Topeka Capital Journal & the Valley Falls Vindicator. The deadline to be included on the map will be April 29th
by 4pm.



**Meriden City Wide Clean-Up will be held
beginning Thursday, May 8th to Friday, May
9th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., then
Saturday-May 10th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00
p.m.** A dumpster will be provided at the burn pile,
but you must come to the back of City Hall with I.D
and items to be disposed of for approval.

Town & Country Motors

10282 Highway K-4
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- **Good May 5th through May 23rd, 2025**

As part of the community, **Town & Country Motors Auto Service** would like to offer the residents of the City of Meriden, the
opportunity to dispose of unwanted scrap tires FREE at their business during the spring cleanup. They will extend this service
through the weeks of May 5th through May 23rd, 2025, during their normal business hours, as listed above. ☺

Name: _____ Address: _____

Garage Sale Items/Please limit your items to the two lines below:

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