

Sheriff's report

On June 11, deputies with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office transported Christina Faith Banning, 45, of Independence, from Montgomery County where she was arrested on a Wilson County probation revocation warrant. She is being held without bond with a next court appearance date.

Also on June 11, G&N Fugitive Recovery transported Lucas Ray Pickell from Canadian County, Oklahoma, where he was arrested on Wilson County warrants for felony aggravated assault on law enforcement, felony flee and elude, felony aggravated endangering a child X2, reckless driving, operat-

ing a motor vehicle without a license, failure to show proof of insurance, criminal damage to property, revocation of bond, and failure to appear. He is being held without bond with a next court appearance date.

On June 3, officers with the Neodesha Police Department arrested Phillip Dustin Cunningham, 44, of Neodesha, on a Wilson County warrant for felony possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, felony possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He was processed and released on a \$10,000 cash/surety bond with a next court appearance date.

Wilson County Attorney revamps county's diversion program; changes approved by commission now in effect

No one expects to be arrested, but the harsh reality is that it happens. Every day, in every jurisdiction, both large and small. If the arrest is a person's first offense, it is possible to obtain a diversion, that is, specification of formal terms and conditions which a defendant must fulfill in order to have the charges against him/her dismissed.

Wilson County, and many other counties, has an adult diversion program, which was recently revamped and presented by Wilson County Attorney Brandon Cameron to county commissioners last month, and is in effect for any cases pending or offenses committed n or after May 15, 2025.

Cameron stresses that "diversion of prosecution is a privilege, not a right."

There is no presumption in favor of diversion in any case, and the burden of persuasion falls upon the defendant to establish that the granting of diversion in his/her case will

serve the ends of justice and the interests of the community.

Eligibility for a diversion — typically available only for first-time offenders — depends on the charges being sought. Defendants with prior convictions of DUI or domestic battery, or those charged with child endangerment are not eligible for a diversion; those charged with a Level 4-10 felony or any crime against a law enforcement officer may be considered for diversion on a case-by-case basis.

The procedure for applying for a diversion is also laid out in Wilson County's policy: all applications much be submitted to the Wilson County Attorney's Office within 30 days of the applicant's first appearance before a judge. Applications not submitted in a timely manner will not be considered.

Those defendants participating in a diversion program for either a felony or misdemeanor offense can further be

On June 14, Neodesha police arrested Kourtney Lynn Berg, 32, of Thayer, on charges of possession of cocaine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and failure to wear seatbelt. She was processed and released on a \$2,500 cash bond with a next court appearance date.

On June 6, Neodesha police arrested Jason David Durbin, 45, of Neodesha on a Wilson County failure to appear warrant. He was processed and released on a \$250 own recognizance bond with a next appearance date.

required to participate in and complete — at their own expense —counseling programs relating to the type of offense. All fees associated with a diversion must be paid by the defendant.

The following factors shall be considered by the Wilson County Attorney's Office in determining whether diversion of the defendant is in the best interest of justice and will be a benefit to the defendant and to the community:

1. Nature of the crime(s) charged and the circumstances surrounding it.
2. Any special characteristics or circumstances of the defendant.
3. Whether the defendant is a first-time offender, and, if the defendant has previously participated in diversion, according to the certification of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation or the Division of Vehicles and the Department of Revenue.
4. Whether there is a probability that the defendant will cooperate with and benefit from diversion.
5. Whether the available diversion program is appropriate to the needs of the defendant.
6. Whether there is a probability that the defendant committed such crime as a result of an injury, including major depressive disorder, polytrauma, post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, connected to service in a combat zone, as defined in section 112of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, in the armed forces of the United States of America.
7. If Factor 6 above applies to the defendant, whether there is a probability that the defendant will cooperate with and benefit from inpatient or

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Toronto News by Kathy Cummings

Hope everyone had a great Father's Day. Sunday was a beautiful day for cooking out and just being outside. That is if the mosquitoes didn't drive you inside.

Maybe it's just me, but the skeeters seem to be worse this year. I know all this rain hasn't helped, but there sure seems to be a lot more than usual.

Question: When and where was the first roller coaster ride?

KDWP seeks public input on state's Wildlife Action Plan

PRATT – The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is seeking public comment on a revised draft of the Kansas State Wildlife Action Plan, which serves as a blueprint for conserving Kansas' most at-risk wildlife and habitats.

The 2025 draft updates the state's 2015 plan, as required by Congress for continued eligibility for state wildlife grants. These grants support proactive efforts to conserve wildlife before they become more scarce and costly to protect.

"We have a duty to care for and protect the natural world," said KDWP Secretary Christopher Kennedy. "This plan is just one way that we are ensuring future generations inherit healthy ecosystems and have the same opportunities to

Hello, to all in area nursing and assisted living facilities; Hello, also, to all in area hospitals and rehab centers.

We offer our sympathy to all who lost loved ones this past week. May they all rest in peace.

Answer: Coney Island on June 16, 1884, as was known as 'The Switchback Railway' and traveled at a whopping 6 mph! It became so popular that by the turn of the century there

were hundreds of roller coasters across the U.S.

Where did you ride your first roller coaster? For me it was at Joyland in Wichita. I loved it. That's the first thing I wanted to ride whenever we went to an amusement park.

Quote: "In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them." - Aldo Leopold

experience and enjoy the outdoors that we have today."

The Kansas plan identifies high-priority species and habitats that need conservation and outlines potential actions to address the threats they face. While KDWP coordinates the plan, it is intended to serve as a guide for other agencies, organizations, stakeholders, experts, and interested individuals to ensure that Kansas' wildlife and habitats are preserved for future generations.

Federal guidelines require each state to review and revise its plan at least once every 10 years. As part of that process, KDWP welcomes feedback from conservation partners and the public. Notable updates to the 2025 draft include updated conservation issues and ac-

tions, information on outdoor recreation and education, as well as enhanced collaboration with law enforcement on issues related to sensitive species.

The draft plan is available for public review and comment through July 18, 2025, at ksoutdoors.com/Services/Kansas-SWAP. Comments may be submitted through the email link provided on the webpage.

Public participation is vital to shaping a plan that will help conserve Kansas' wildlife and natural resources for future generations.

For more information, visit ksoutdoors.com/services/Kansas-SWAP.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Wilson County Citizen on Thursday, June 19, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of

NORMAN RAY EISELE, Deceased
WL-2023-PR-000040

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified a Petition was filed on September 7, 2023, in this Court by George Sterling Eisele, praying for the appointment of George Sterling Eisele, as Executor of the Estate of Norman Ray Eisele, and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2239, all creditors of the decedent are hereby notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
/s/GEORGE STERLING EISELE, Petitioner

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LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

TO: MILLER OIL COMPANY, LLC, 1020 S. Larson Ave., Chanute, KS 66720-2648; and all other persons concerned.

The undersigned, owners of the following described land situated in Wilson County, Kansas:

All that part of the North Half of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 N/2 SE/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Fifteen (15) East, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the East line of the right of way of the Verdigris Valley, Independence & Western Railroad and the center line running East and West through Section Ten (10), thence East on said center line to the West line of Verdigris Street of the Town of Benedict, thence Southeasterly along the West line of said Street 12 feet, thence Southwest-erly to a point on the South line of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 NW/4 SE/4) of Section Ten (10), which shall be 824 feet East of the East line of the right of way of the V.V.I. & W. Railroad; thence West on said South line of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 NW/4 SE/4) to its intersection with the said East line of the right of way; thence Northerly along said line of tight of way to beginning;

AND
Also, all that part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Fifteen (15) East, bounded as follows: Bounded on the Northwest by the extended Southerly line of Avenue "A" on the Northeast by the Westerly line of Verdigris Street, on the South by the South line of said Northeast Quarter (NE/4), on the West, with a line parallel with and 80 feet Easterly from the center of the line of the main tract of V.V.I. & W. Railroad, all in Section Ten (10), Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Fifteen (15) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wilson County, Kansas, upon which an oil and gas lease dated October 24, 1980, recorded in Book 113, Page 151, was given to G. K. Miller, et al. do hereby notify you that the terms of said lease have been broken by the owner thereof, and we hereby elect to declare, and do declare, the said lease forfeited and void, and that unless you do, within twenty (20) days from this date, notify the Register of Deeds of said County as provided by law that said lease has not been forfeited, I will file with the Register of Deeds an Affidavit of Forfeiture as provided by law, and we hereby demand that you execute or have executed a proper surrender of said lease and that you put the same of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County within twenty (20) days from this date.
Dated this 29th day of May, 2025.

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Brad Haun: 620-485-4530

June 17, 2025 - Headcount: 839

Lighter run of cattle due to rain! Lighter calves sold \$5 to \$10 higher. Five to six weights sold \$5 to \$10 cheaper and seven to nine weights sold \$3 to \$4 higher. Futures market created some stress because sell-off. Cash fat cattle continue to sell very well. Replacement cows and pairs sold very well with active buyers. Weigh cows & bulls continue to sell steady at all time highs. Check us out on Facebook. Call with your consignments or to have cattle videoed. If you have grass to lease, please give us a call.

Early Consignments for June 24, 2025

22 head of black 3 to 4 yr. old September calves bred to Hillcrest bulls and 3 straight loads of steers

No sale Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Video Sale & Special Grass Load Lot Cattle Sale

Friday July 11, 2025 - Expecting 50 loads.

Steers	Heifers
9hd,blk,Thayer,507lbs.,\$376	9hd,blk,Fredonia,478lbs.,\$377
9hd,blk,Fredonia,512lbs.,\$380	3hd,blk,lola,497lbs.,\$364
15hd,blk,ElkCity,558lbs.,\$378	10hd,mix,FtScott,570lbs.,\$355
3hd,blk,Fredonia,578lbs.,\$358	10hd,blk,Parsons,621lbs.,\$330.50
5hd,blk,Fredonia,630lbs.,\$348	13hd,blk,Madison,623lbs.,\$328
2hd,blk,Indy,640lbs.,\$356	16hd,blk,Fredonia676lbs.,\$320
6hd,blk,Fredonia,676lbs.,\$349.50	17hd,blk,lola,701lbs.,\$304
10hd,mix,ElkCity,709lbs.,\$335	32hd,blk,Longton,786lbs.,\$287
11hd,blk,lola,717lbs.,\$320.50	
3hd,blk,Indy,763lbs.,\$324	
61hd,mix,Erie,828lbs.,\$310.75	
61hd,mix,Longton,913lbs.,\$303.50	
170hd,mix,Erie,923lbs.,\$298	

The market report is based on choice stocker and feeder calves.

Pairs \$2,850-\$3,600 Weigh Cows \$140 to \$175
Bred Cows \$2,350-\$2,950 Weigh Bulls \$190-\$235

Fredonia Livestock Auction, LLC... Where top dollar and customer satisfaction meet.

Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast

Friday, June 27
6:30 to 9 am
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
629 North 7th Street • Fredonia
Sausage gravy and plain gravy available
Call in orders: 378-2637

OPEN HOUSE

PARKVIEW VILLAGE

aka

FREDONIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Do you have questions regarding Parkview Village?
Have you always been curious about the size of the apartments?

COME JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

The Project Manager will be available in the Rec Room to provide general information, such as Tenant eligibility requirements and services!

Parkview Staff or Board Members will be available in vacant apartments to provide apartment information!

Tenants will be available in the Rec Room to provide tenant activities information!