

Sheriff's Blotter

The Decatur County Sheriff's Office covered the following calls for the week of Jan. 16 to Jan. 22:

Jan. 16

The Department assisted with an ambulance run, conducted follow up activity on South Beaver Avenue, conducted pager tests, conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of U.S. Highways 36 and 83, and answered phone calls.

Jan. 17

The Department investigated a report of a domestic disturbance at the Frontier Motel, assisted with two ambulance runs, and conducted pager tests.

Jan. 18

The Department investigated a report of trespass at R Ln and 500th Road, responded to a Be On the Lookout (BOLO) out of WaKeeney, conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of U.S. Highways 83 and 36, and conducted pager tests.

Jan. 19

The Department investigated a report of elder abuse on East Ash Street, investigated a traffic driving complaint near mile

marker 219 on U.S. Highway 83, investigated a domestic disturbance on South Rodehaver Avenue, conducted four traffic stops within Decatur County, and conducted pager tests.

Jan. 20

The Department investigated a report of burglary at the old Family Dollar/Dollar Tree store space, served two summonses, conducted three traffic stops within Decatur County, answered phone calls, and conducted pager tests.

Jan. 21

The Department did a test call at Good Samaritan Center, assisted with an ambulance run, assisted another agency on North Grand Avenue, conducted a welfare check on Topeka Avenue in Dresden, served three summonses, investigated alarm business at the old Family Dollar/Dollar Tree store, conducted a traffic stop near DCHS on East Commercial Street, answered phone calls, and conducted pager tests.

Jan. 22

There were no call outs as of this writing.

Courthouse News

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

DISTRICT COURT

Traffic

Nov. 22: Marcus Lee Childress Jr., Moss Point, Miss., speeding 81 mph in a 65 zone, \$189.
Dec. 14: Kim R. Jatczak, Papillion, Neb., 82 mph in a 65 zone, \$195.
Dec. 18: Branden Tanner McIntosh, McCook, Neb., 81 mph in a 65 zone, \$189.
Dec. 22: Drew Phillip Martin, Oberlin, Kan., driving without registration or with expired tag, \$208.
Dec. 23: Antonio Gomez, Lamar, Colo., 80 mph in a 65 zone, \$183.
Jan. 7: Donald Peters Schwert, Fargo, N.D., 91 mph in a 65 zone, \$267.

Marriage Licenses

Jan. 20: William Joseph Robb and Samantha Bridget Callahan, both of Oberlin.

Employment Opportunity FULL-TIME APPRAISER'S OFFICE

The Decatur County Appraisers Office is accepting applications for a full-time position. It is preferred the applicant have experience relating to a modern office environment, technical skills relating to computers, and the ability to work independently and exercise initiative and good judgement. Strong communication skills, positive attitude, and ability to work well with co-workers and the public a must. The job involves both inside office and outside work. Applicant is required to have a valid Kansas Driver's license. The position will include full-time benefits which includes: health insurance plan, KPERS retirement, sick and vacation leave. The position will remain open until successfully filled. Resume will be accepted along with the application.

You may apply in person, pick up an application at the Decatur County Appraisers office or you may call 785-475-8109 to have one mailed to you. Decatur County is an EOE.

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Legal Notice

Pursuant to 1.101, ch. 279.2

Results of the market study analysis for Decatur County for assessment year 2026.

A study of the residential real estate market indicated that there is an overall upward inflationary trend.

A study of the commercial and vacant lot real estate market indicated that there is an overall upward inflationary trend.

Values on specific properties may not follow the general trend because of changes in the property, correction of descriptive information or adjustment of values based on sales of similar properties. In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to annually furnish each county the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the use value of agricultural land. Changes can and do occur as a result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Decatur County Conservation District

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of Decatur County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended 12th day of February 2024, at 6:30 pm, an Annual Meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District will be held at the Golden Age Center, 217 N Penn Ave (West door South side of building); Oberlin KS.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items.

One:

The Supervisors of the Decatur County Conservation District shall make full and due reports on their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

Two:

The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors – those present, of two supervisors to serve a term of three years from the date of said meeting.

The terms of Amy Carman and Vacant are expiring.

All in the County of Decatur in the State of Kansas.

Attest:

Kala Brode
District Manager

By

Jason Hirsch
Chairperson
Decatur County Conservation District

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OPEN POSITION: UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT

Utility Superintendent: Full time position with the Village of Trenton municipality has an opportunity for a utility superintendent in Trenton, NE. We are looking for someone who has a CDL. Obtaining a Grade 4 water operator license will be required as well. The wage is negotiable during the interview.

If you are interested in this position, stop by the Village Office at 402 Main St, Trenton, NE 69044 to pick up an application or call (308)334-5488 to get an emailed one. Applications are being accepted until February 9th.

320+ AC CROPLAND & GRASS ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS TUES., FEB. 17, 2026 @ 10:30 AM, CST

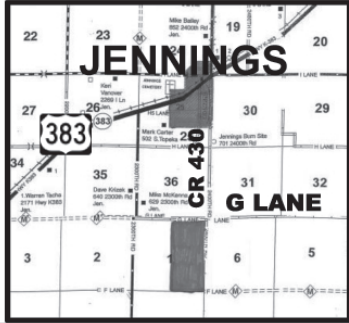
AUCTION LOCATION:
CITY HALL, JENNINGS, KANSAS

SELLERS: MARK & TIA CARTER

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E/2 OF SECTION 1-5-27

FSA INFO:
CROPLAND AC: 159.39
GRASS ACRES: 153.94±
CROPS: No growing crops.
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of
PEGGY A. CARSWELL, Deceased
Case No: DC-2025-PR-000004

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Vincent H. Carswell, executor of the estate of Peggy A. Carswell, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executors, allowance for the services of the executors and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executors be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 20th day of February 2026, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.

/s/ Vincent H. Carswell
Vincent H. Carswell, Executor

/S/ Steven W. Hirsch
Steven W. Hirsch #12789
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CITY OF JENNINGS, KANSAS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDING December 31st, 2025

Funds	Balance			Balance
	1/1/2025	Receipted	Disbursed	12/31/2025
General	\$ 72,185.84	\$ 65,732.18	\$(69,364.75)	\$ 68,553.27
Library	\$ 55.86	\$ 4,896.88	\$(4,952.74)	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 27,790.00	\$ 5,755.70	\$ 7,142.37)	\$ 26,403.33
Special Highway	\$ -	\$ 2,163.19	\$ -	\$ 2,163.19
Bond & Interest	\$ 7,157.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,157.61
Sewer	\$ 70,033.69	\$ 10,509.45	\$(2,743.00)	\$ 77,800.14
Water	\$ 131,764.64	\$ 179,530.16	\$(166,489.58)	\$ 144,805.22
Special Projects	\$ 245.00	\$ 9,762.00	\$(9,462.00)	\$ 545.00
Totals	\$ 309,232.64	\$ 278,349.56	\$(260,154.44)	\$ 327,427.76
\$1006.43 outstanding Checks				

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Paula Krizek City Clerk



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