

Reports . . .

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of the vehicle just south of 118th St. The driver did not report any injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt.

April 28, 2:40 p.m.: Ryan J. Daniel, 78, Ozawkie, was driving a 2022 Lincoln Corsair east on K-92 Hwy. when a deer ran into the front of the vehicle. The accident happened .4 miles west of Kansas Dr. The driver did not report any injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

April 28, 8:41 p.m.: Chad L. VanHoutan, 50, Oskaloosa, was driving a 2020 Nissan Altima southbound on Ferguson Rd., near 154th St., when a deer entered the roadway and tried to jump over the vehicle. The deer struck the roof, windshield, and driver side mirror. VanHoutan nor his passenger, Crystal D. VanHoutan, 48, Oskaloosa, reported any injuries. Both occupants were wearing their seatbelts.

Jail bookings—

April 30, 7:25 a.m.: Benjamin Lansing, 46, indirect contempt of court.

April 30, 9:44 a.m.: Ryan Edwards, 39, failure to appear.

April 30, 4:09 p.m.: Chad Peterson, 50, probation violation.

May 1, 12:40 a.m.: Joseph El-drighoff, 41, violation of protection order, felony stalking, harass by telecom device, and felony breach of privacy, \$5,000 bond.

May 2, 12:01 a.m.: Tanner Page, 27, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and transporting an open container, \$700 bond.

May 2, 12:30 a.m.: David Bledsoe, 42, failure to appear.

May 2, 9:26 a.m.: Frank Smith, 51, criminal damage to property, interference with law enforcement officer, criminal trespass, and ag-

gravated battery on law enforcement officer, \$15,000 bond.

May 3, 10:30 a.m.: Stephen Futral, 39, battery, \$1,500 bond.

May 3, 05:40 p.m.: Brian Beebe, 62, battery and criminal threat, \$5,000 bond.

May 6, 11:20 a.m.: William Kephart, 27, endangering a child, \$25,000 bond.

Police and fire—

April 29: Nortonville PD, handled by officer, 209 Elm; 412 Walnut; Valley Falls PD, handled by officer, 1005 Oak; 1230 Walnut, Oskaloosa; 2 car stops; Rock Creek FD, sick person, 717 E. Wyandotte, Meriden; assist call, 514 Meriden Heights Dr., Meriden; Union FD, controlled burn, 6367 Washington Rd., McLouth.

April 30: Valley Falls PD, 1 car stop; Winchester PD, assist other agency, 1005 Oak, Valley Falls; Kentucky FD, fall, 26 Gary Ln., Perry; Rural FD, fall, 26 Gary Ln., Perry; controlled burn, 35th St./U.S. 59 Hwy., Perry; Fairview FD, fall, 7440 Wildflower Trl., Ozawkie; Oskaloosa FD, sick person, 910 Cherokee; controlled burn, 35th St./U.S. 59 Hwy., Perry.

May 1: Valley Falls PD, assist call, 940 Frazier; 1 car stop; Wildlife and Parks, suspicious activity, Lakeview Boat Ramp, Meriden; Kentucky FD, fall, 409 2nd St., Perry; Rock Creek FD, alarm call, 940 Frazier, Valley Falls; Union FD, investigation, 8394 Willits Rd., McLouth; Jefferson FD, alarm call, 940 Frazier, Valley Falls; District 11 FD, alarm call, 940 Frazier, Valley Falls; sick person, 1420 K-4 Hwy., Valley Falls; Norton FD, alarm call, 940 Frazier, Valley

Falls; unconscious/fainting subject, 112 N. Osage, Nortonville.

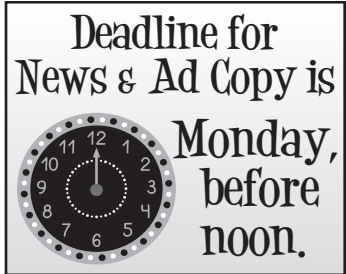
May 2: Nortonville PD, handled by officer, 102 N. Railroad; Oskaloosa PD, assist other agency, 7494 Delaware Trl., Ozawkie; 1 car stop; Valley Falls PD, 5 car stops; Kentucky FD, injury accident, 25th St./Linn Rd., Perry; Rural FD, injury accident, 25th St./Linn Rd., Perry.

May 3: Nortonville PD, non-injury accident, Main St./Oak St.; threat/biochemical threat, 112 N. Railroad; Oskaloosa PD, roll call, 304 Warren; Valley Falls PD, threat/biochemical threat, 112 N. Railroad, Nortonville; Rock Creek FD, grass/brush/tree/pole fire, 214th Rd./X Rd., Holton; Fairview FD, convulsions/seizures, 10614 Kaw Ln., Ozawkie; Ozawkie FD, convulsions/seizures, 10614 Kaw Ln.; Oskaloosa FD, convulsions/seizures, 10614 Kaw Ln., Ozawkie; unknown problem/man down, 601 Hamilton; Jefferson FD, unknown problem/man down, 109 Oak, Winchester; heart problems, 416 Delaware, Winchester.

May 4: Valley Falls PD, 1 car stop; Kentucky FD, controlled burn, 5200 Labette Rd., Perry; assist call, 2978 Ferguson Rd., Perry; Fairview FD, injury accident, Ferguson Rd./K-92 Hwy., Ozawkie; breathing problems, 8720 Maple Dr., Ozawkie; Ozawkie FD, injury accident, Ferguson Rd./K-92 Hwy.; Oskaloosa FD, injury accident, Ferguson Rd./K-92 Hwy., Ozawkie; fall, 610 Liberty.

May 5: Nortonville PD, harassment, 109 Osage; Valley Falls PD, handled by officer, 700 Walnut; Winchester PD, theft report, 603 Sixth St.; Wildlife and Parks, animal call, 114 Sunset Ct., Ozawkie; Jefferson FD, sick person, 230 N. Oak, Nortonville; Norton FD, sick person, 230 N. Oak, Nortonville.

Phone calls: 911 calls, 102; Administrative calls, 811; Total phone calls, 913; Total dispatch calls, 268; Total burn permits, 90.



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Political letters are accepted up to two weeks prior to an election. Any correspondence from a candidate must be a paid advertisement, except where responding to a paper's editorial column or someone's letter.

The deadline is noon Monday, but there is no guarantee that submissions will be included in that week's paper.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
For the month ending April 30, 2026

General Fund	\$3,584,947.06
Public Works	\$5,590,589.67
Health	\$578,689.41
Employee Benefits	\$409.44
Landfill Access-Road Maint	\$619,344.40
Ambulance	\$995,087.50
Ambulance Grant	\$1.00
Appraiser's Cost	\$204,716.55
Special Road and Bridge Machinery	\$2,307,618.45
Abandoned Cemetery	\$8,541.77
Spec. Parks and Recreation	\$300,403.72
Spec. Alcohol Program	\$117,424.97
County Bond & Interest	\$294,133.55
Payroll Clearing	\$86,816.51
Auto Administration	\$55,062.42
Heritage Trust Fund	\$1,566.00
Technology Register of Deeds	\$84,406.41
Road District #1 Special	\$27,897.00
Special Law Enforcement Trust	\$92,069.25
Elevator Maintenance Fund	\$1,490.87
911 Emergency Communications	\$81,701.81
Jefferson Co. Equipment Reserve	\$3,708,291.10
Law Enforcement	\$1,377,465.01
Noxious Weed C.O. Equipment	\$173,036.34
Lake Patrol	\$140,642.63
Ambulance Capital Outlay	\$84,844.14
Jeff. Co. H.D./Hospice/H.H.	\$24,284.48
D.A.R.E. Fund	\$52.91
Grants Jefferson County	\$15,110.07
EDM EMPG Grant	\$11,308.47
Worthless Check Trust Fund	\$1,899.84
Tax Sale	\$317,957.49
County Attorney Federal Forfeiture	\$221.34
Special Prosecutor's Trust	\$1,162.39
Fairway Drive Improvement	\$2,563.21
Northwind Dist. #3 Improvement	\$3,054.32
Northwind Dr. Rd. Dist. #3 Debt Service	\$15,667.27
Northwind Dr. Rd. Dist. #3 Cost Issuance	\$873.50
Mid-States Material Fund	\$4,870.81
MCM Sand Plant Road Agreement	\$235,613.35
Jefferson Co. Capital Improvement	\$3,078,027.42
County Clerk Technology Fund	\$53,457.45
Treasurer Technology Fund	\$52,429.78
Driver's License County Fee	\$22,091.67
Land Bank	\$164,796.32
Reserve Fund for Health Insurance	\$896,410.72
Personal Property Warrant Fees	\$574.45
American Rescue Plan	\$125,003.62
National Opoid Settlement Fund	\$28,447.75
Brown Greer PLC Opoid Fund	\$4,991.47
Current Tax	\$2,093,034.96
Motor Vehicle Pers. Prop. Tax	\$627,135.51
Treasurer's Holding	\$2,440.22
Collection Agency	\$230.64
Prior Year Taxes	\$2.97

Commercial Vehicle Tax	\$16,717.79
Severance Tax-Spec Mineral Pro	\$127.36
Advance Tax	\$123.98
Flood Control	\$146,257.96
Recreational Vehicle Tax	\$17,466.06
Perry RHID	\$4,655.64
County Property Sales	\$171,028.15
Norton Twp-Fire District #12	\$294.49
Norton Twp-Fire #12 No-Pump WT	\$11,097.93
Union Twp-Fire District #9	\$1,510.76
USD 342-Capital Outlay	\$21.30
Fowler Cemetery	\$77.51
Nortonville Cemetery	\$59.05
Wildhorse Cemetery	\$68.10
Grantville Drainage District	\$9,869.16
Hutchinson Ditch Drainage	\$3,281.29
Kaw-Half Breed	\$3,017.46
Delaware River Drainage	\$646.54
Delaware Watershed #10	\$195.67
Motor Vehicle License Fee	\$11,097.93
Motor Vehicle License Sales Tax	\$130,816.18
Driver's License Fees	\$430.50
Long and Short	\$5,885.64
Fish and Game Licenses	\$133.10
Prosecutor Training Account	\$3,974.15
Overpayments	\$11,924.00
Lakeside Village General	\$13,066.99
Lakeside Village Special Works	\$40,215.26
Lakeside Village Water Fees	\$115,948.17
Lakeside Village Napoleon Boone Garden	\$87.69
Hilldale South Sewer #11	\$1,270.33
Lakeside Village Lagoon	\$40,414.19
Indian Ridge Sewer #2	\$15,949.05
Hilldale Sewer #3	\$36,099.71
Lakeshore Estate Sewer #6	\$239,139.61
Lakeshore Estate Parks & Rec	\$6,771.13
Lakeshore Estates FEMA/Grants	\$14,810.69
Lakeridge Sewer #7-SP Access	\$3.39
Wind-N-Wave Sewer #8	\$18,006.11
Wind-N-Wave Sewer #8 Assessments	\$863.55
Three Hills Sewer #10	\$21,577.65
Hilldale South Sewer #11	\$21,277.65
Lakeshore Estates Imp. District Special	\$45,591.34
Lakeshore Estates Imp. District General	\$2,356.56
Rock Creek Village Road Maint	\$10,800.00
Lakeshore Estates Bond	\$42,332.86
Hilldale SO SD #11 Bond	\$5,414.43
Westshore Estates Sewer #12 Bond	\$5,209.25
Westshore Estates Sewer #12 Maint	\$61,800.31
Hickory Acres Sewer #5 Loan Payment	\$167,288.09
Final Totals	\$29,862,267.96

I, Douglas S. Bond, Treasurer of Jefferson County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of balances as of April 30, 2026.

Times Gone By Photos



Response to last week's photos: The April 30 photo has been identified as Ralph "Rube" Curry and Bill Allen. Information provided by Sharon Stevens. The May 7 photo has been identified as the Oskaloosa High School Class of 1986 salutatorian, Vivian Stevens, and valedictorian, Camille Bond.

Any information about these and other photos that have run in this section is encouraged and welcome. We love hearing from you. Please email responses to: independent@jeffcountynews.com.

TIMES GONE BY

Reprinted from the archives of The Oskaloosa Independent — compiled by Jen Trowbridge

45 years ago

May 14, 1981

• Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace, Winchester, announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Rachel Ann, born on May 4 at the Jefferson County Memorial Hospital. The other three daughters are Shawna, Stacy and Melissa.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Durland Wallace, Winchester. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Anna Lee Wallace, Winchester.

• Mrs. Lola Akerstrom, Ozawkie, received third place in the National Grange sewing contest held at the Grange headquarters on Lake Perry Saturday.

The Grange sewing contest is now the largest nationally organized sewing contest of its type in the world.

• Oskaloosa High School will graduate 40 seniors on Tuesday evening. Nina Stevens is the valedictorian. Tracy Weekman is the salutatorian.

Jefferson County North High School has 45 seniors graduating on Monday evening. The guest speakers were Henry Karle and Terry Porter.

McLouth High School has 43 seniors graduating on May 24. Valedictorian is Denise Thiry and the salutatorians are Glenda Harshberger and Susan Willits.

• The cold temperatures Monday morning caused damage to some crops. Farmers are most concerned about wheat and oat crops. Home gardeners had damage to crops such as tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, and other crops as well.

35 years ago

May 16, 1991

• A big day is now on the horizon for seniors in Jefferson County. That day, graduation day, will mark the end of their high school lives and the beginning of the rest of their life.

Thirty-one Jefferson County North diplomas are to be awarded this year. The valedictorian is Jill Ostrander and the salutatorian is Crystal Ellerman.

McLouth High School has 30 seniors receiving diplomas. Doug Ledbetter is the salutatorian and Cathy Means is the valedictorian.

Oskaloosa High School will be handing out diplomas to 26 seniors Schuyler Laverenta is the valedictorian. Heather Crowe is the salutatorian.

• Tom and Jeannine Flory, rural Nortonville, are the parents of a daughter born May 1

at Stormont-Vail Hospital, Topeka. Laura Kathleen weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. She has two sisters, Michelle and Belinda.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rutten, Cedar Rapids, Neb. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Flory, Valley Falls.

• Sharon Marie Newell, daughter of Fred and Mary Newell, Oskaloosa, and Claude Byron Powell Jr., son of Claude and Shirley Powell, Lenexa, were united in marriage April 6 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lawrence. The Rev. Mike Scully officiated at the double-ring wedding.

• Debra Kay Nichols, administrator of the Jefferson County Health Department and Home Health Agency, Oskaloosa, was a recipient of the University of Kansas Nursing School "Nursing: the Heart of Healthcare" award.

25 years ago

May 17, 2001

• Shelby Leonard, Oskaloosa, received the champion Simmental award at the Kansas Classic Livestock show May 5 and 6 in Hutchinson. Tyler Leonard, Oskaloosa, won second place in the beef showmanship intermediate competition.

• Oskaloosa High School students Zac McIntyre and Will Krebs won second prize for their web movie about Oskaloosa in the Computer Learning Foundation's national Our Town Merit Competition.

• Heather Robbins is the valedictorian of the Oskaloosa High School graduating class. She is the daughter of Virginia and John Robbins III, Oskaloosa.

McLouth High School valedictorians are Amy Hansen and Brad Barker. Hansen is the daughter of Bill and Debbie Hansen, McLouth, and Barker is the son of David and Debi Barker, Tonganoxie.

The Jefferson County North 2001 valedictorians are Stephanie Hill, Jason O'Neill, and Jorie Reel. Hill is the daughter of Steve and Lori Hill; O'Neill is the son of Jay and Cindy O'Neill; and Reel is the daughter of Ellen Reel. All live in Winchester.

• Rose Patterson received a flower for each year of her life May 9 where she resides at Hickory Pointe Care and Rehabilitation Center, Oskaloosa. All 89 of the red and yellow roses were sent by her grand-

daughter and family, Terry and Ken McPherson and Steffany, Grantville.

Patterson has lived in the county since 1948 when she moved here with her late husband, Clifford. She has two daughters, nine grandchildren, about 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

• Jefferson County North Middle School students held a Renaissance Festival May 11 after school and invited the community to take part in historical activities like a madrigal feast, grape-stomping, the application of a leech for bleeding at Ye Old Apothecary, and fortune telling.

15 years ago

May 19, 2011

• Postal workers collected more than mail May 14 in Jefferson County. They gathered 144 pounds of food for the needy in the 19th annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. The food was delivered to God's Storehouse in Meriden.

• The results of the 2-1A regional softball tournament Monday night set up a championship game between Oskaloosa and Valley Falls for the chance to go to state.

The game was to be played Tuesday night at Oskaloosa.

In semi-final action, Oskaloosa and Troy were tied at the end of seven innings and the Bears pulled out a victory in the eighth with a score of 4-3. The game between Immaculata and Valley Falls was called by the umpire in the fourth inning as the Dragon's 16th run crossed the plate.

• The McLouth Lady Bulldogs advanced to the semi-finals of the Silver Lake regionals with a 14-0 win over Wathena on Monday.

• Trevor Roberts was honored by American Legion Riders Post 41, Tonganoxie, May 8. The Riders sponsored a fundraising "Ride for Trevor" a week prior. The Poker Ride began with a breakfast prepared by the McLouth Student Council, sponsored by Sandy Walbridge. Terry and Angie Reiling helped coordinate the fundraiser, working with the school and the many businesses that contributed food, cash gifts, and prizes toward the ride.

The event raised a total of \$1,480 which was presented to Trevor. He was accompanied by his guardians, Jarred and Lisa Humerickhouse.

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