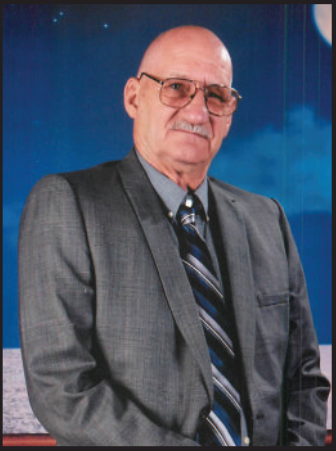


Obituaries

Donald Bruce Edwards Sr.



Donald Bruce Edwards Sr, age 89, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2026 at his home in Alba, Mo., with his family at his side. Don was born to Fred and Lucille Edwards (Ghrom-bly) on October 27, 1936 in Fall River, Ks.

Graveside services, under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Altoona Cemetery, Altoona.

Don attended schools in the Fredonia, Fall River and Severy areas, graduating from Fredonia High School in 1954. After high school he worked with his father Fred in a painting and wallpapering business that Fred operated.

While working in Wichita, Ks., he met Merry Carolyn Duncan, who eventually became his wife on June 25, 1956 in Fredonia, Ks. Don and Mary were married for 68 years until her passing in October, 2024. Don and Merry were parents of 7 children: Allan, Carol Sue, Cindy Marie, Fred, Teresa, Donald Jr and Mike Edwards.

Don worked in several jobs

in his lifetime including off and on with his father’s painting, US Government as a civilian painter in California and Idaho painting missile silos, the Ks Army Ammo Plant in Parsons, Ks, a logging business with his brother Bill Edwards, and in the early 1970’s he purchased a gas station in Neodesha, which he named the Merry Truck Stop and Restaurant, and operated it until the mid-1980’s.

While operating the station Don and friends were making plans to go to Montana and Idaho to dredge for gold until Mt. St. Helen blew up and the government wouldn’t allow any gold hunting in the area so that idea was shut down. After the truck stop was sold, Don and Merry moved to Wagoner, Okla., where Don commercial fished and clammed in Ft. Gibson.

After that, they moved to the Joplin, Mo., area where Don attended Truck Driving School. After school Don was an OTR truck driver for a number of years until his retirement in the early 2000s. During the truck driving years Don and Merry settled in Alba, Mo.

They lived their retirement in Alba. Don, after retiring, enjoyed going camping and fishing with his wife and family, going to garage sales and repairing damaged cars and pickups which he would re-sell.

Don is survived by 6 of his children, Allan Edwards (Pam), Cindy Marie Johnson, Fred Edwards (Angie), Teresa Ilean Ganus, Donald Edwards Jr (Glenda), Mike Edwards (Dana); 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by his wife Merry, daughter Carol Sue, his parents Fred and Lucille, two brothers Kenneth and Bill and one sister, Marie Beckum

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Hot weather was the topic for the day! Fat cattle continue to sell cheaper and the futures trade continues to be volatile. Today's cattle sold very well for the weather and the market. Longed weaned cattle with no hair sold very well. Un-weaned cattle with hair sold under pressure. No test on pairs or bred cows. Weigh cows & bulls sold \$3 to \$5 higher. Consigned for next week, 8 straight loads. 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.

Steers	Heifers
5hd,blk,Fredonia,542lbs.,\$451.00	8hd,blk,Indy,423lbs.,\$469.00
5hd,blk,Caney,575lbs.,\$447.00	2hd,blk,ElkCity,448lbs.,\$453.00
4hd,blk,Indy,624lbs.,\$445.00	4hd,blk,Indy,599lbs.,\$387.00
44hd,blk,Caney,683lbs.,\$410.00	4hd,blk,Galesburg,605lbs.,\$365.00
6hd,blk,Indy,708lbs.,\$394.00	10hd,blk,Indy,694lbs.,\$341.00
11hd,blk,Chanute,708lbs.,\$395.00	
14hd,blk,ElkCity,710lbs.,\$393.00	

The market report is based on choice stocker & feeder calves.
Pairs: No Test
Weigh Cows: \$160-\$192
Bred Cows: No Test
Weigh Bulls: \$204-\$229

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Verdigris Township
Wilson County

will meet on August 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at 3936 2400 Rd, Fredonia KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Larry Marr's residence and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,879	0.345	2,469	0.342	4,875	1,045	0.304
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	1,879	0.345	2,469	0.342	4,875	1,045	0.304
Revenue Neutral Rate**							0.304

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	1,879	2,469	4,875
Total Tax Levied	1,180	1,187	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation:			
Township	3,612,677	3,664,204	3,440,222
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1			
2024	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Larry Marr
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Varner Joint Cemetery District #36
Wilson County

will meet on September 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at 2593 Ottawa Rd, Neodesha KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Janie Gillum's residence and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Wilson County (home county) Montgomery County

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,796	1.246	6,000	1.904	8,012	5,780	1.904
Debt Service							
Totals	3,796	1.246	6,000	1.904	8,012	5,780	1.904
Revenue Neutral Rate**							1.904

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	3,796	6,000	8,012
Total Tax Levied	3,364	5,451	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation:	2,700,905	2,871,991	3,036,027
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,			
2024	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Janie Gillum
Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Shellev Cemetery District #40
Wilson County

will meet on August 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Terry Pendleton's residence for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Terry Pendleton's residence and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,165	0.706	3,365	0.682	8,825	2,228	0.645
Debt Service							
Totals	2,165	0.706	3,365	0.682	8,825	2,228	0.645
Revenue Neutral Rate**							0.645

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	2,165	3,365	8,825
Total Tax Levied	2,240	2,246	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation	3,183,739	3,265,629	3,455,635
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,			
2024	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Terry Pendleton
Officer

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