

Booe bows out

Assistant Administrator steps in

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Monday morning, Montgomery County County Administrator Jonathan Booe stepped away from his position after almost exactly two short years, and amid some turmoil.

At the beginning of the meeting, Booe looked calm and collected as he spoke to the Commission regarding the County's lack of a Data Center policy. Without a falter, the rest of the meeting went on, which will be covered in tomorrow's Independence Daily Reporter. After an executive session, Commission Chair Cordray read a letter to those who remained at the meeting:

"Dear Board of County Commissioners, "I am writing this letter to inform you of my resignation from the County Administrator position of Montgomery County, Kansas. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the employees and residents



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of Montgomery County as the first County Administrator.

"There have been many challenges that not only I, but the administrative team, have faced over the last two years. I know they have the intelligence, integrity and ability to keep this county moving forward in my absence until the next County Administrator is appointed.

"I want to thank each Commissioner for the support I have received and the knowledge knowing regardless how tough the decision was, you had my back through it all.

"I want to thank the employees of Montgomery County for working alongside me, as well as working through the changes that have taken place over the last two years.

"I want to thank Ashley, for being my 'work sister.' From day one, we have worked on so many projects and worked through a lot of tough situations. I appreciate your friendship, work ethic and willingness to always do what is right.

"I want to thank Kori for being my sounding board, my level head when I struggled. A true example of what it means to put others first. Your work ethic, willingness to adapt and example of biblical leadership is truly unmatched.

"Lastly, I am reminded of the Bible verse from Proverbs 16:9 that says: 'A man's heart plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.' While I had plans to stay here longer than two years, the Lord has directed my path in a different direction and I follow Him, regardless of what this world thinks I should do or where I should go.

"I cannot begin to thank you enough for the opportunity to hold this position. I'm wishing nothing but the best for every employee and, more importantly, the residents of Montgomery County.

"Sincerely, Jonathan Booe"

After reading the missive, the Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Kori White, former County Administrative Assistant, as the interim County Administrator. She will hold this title until it is either filled or possibly eliminated.

The Journal has reached out to Booe for comment, but had not received one at press time.

County Treasurer reminds property owners of looming delinquent tax deadline

STAFF REPORT

The Montgomery County Treasurer's Office is reminding property owners that Friday, July 31, 2026, is the deadline to pay delinquent real estate taxes before properties are published in the county's official newspaper as required by Kansas law.

Under Kansas law, county treasurers are required to publish a notice listing real estate parcels with delinquent property taxes. Publication serves as legal notice to property owners and is one of the required steps in the delinquent tax collection process.

As of this notice, 4,256 real estate parcels in Montgomery County remain delinquent, representing \$3,453,421.83 in unpaid property taxes.

The delinquent parcels are distributed throughout the county as follows:

- Delinquent Taxes by City
- Coffeyville: 1,443 parcels totaling

- \$1,115,378.94
- Independence: 1,028 parcels totaling \$850,512.99
- Cherryvale: 419 parcels totaling \$283,935.15
- Caney: 301 parcels totaling \$265,108.06
- Elk City: 94 parcels totaling \$30,140.87
- Dearing: 45 parcels totaling \$19,287.94
- Tyro: 43 parcels totaling \$19,172.13
- Liberty: 26 parcels totaling \$7,476.14
- Havana: 24 parcels totaling \$11,063.03

The incorporated cities account for 3,423 delinquent parcels and \$2,602,075.25 in unpaid taxes.

- Delinquent Taxes by Township
- Independence Township: 166 parcels totaling \$168,635.35

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City to begin system-wide water line flushing

STAFF REPORT

As part of the City of Coffeyville's ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and dependable drinking water supply, the Water Services Department will begin its annual free chlorine flushing program on Monday, August 3, 2026. This routine system-wide flushing effort is conducted under the guidance of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and is designed to remove chemical and biological build-up from the city's water distribution system.

As part of this process, the City will temporarily stop adding ammonia to the water treatment process on July 31 and

begin using free chlorine as the primary disinfectant. Hydrant flushing may begin as early as Monday, August 3, and could continue for up to four weeks. The City anticipates completing the flushing and resuming ammonia addition as early as September 1.

Residents may experience short-term changes in water quality, including:

- Cloudy or discolored water
- Unusual taste or odor
- Temporary reduction in water pressure

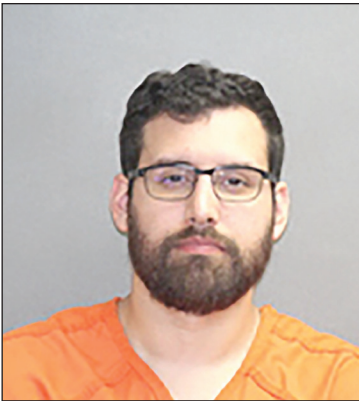
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Parsons Police Officer arrested after allegedly videotaping juvenile in restroom

STAFF REPORT

On Saturday, July 25, Tyler D. White, 28, a Parsons Police Officer, was arrested by the Labette County Sheriff's Office.

A press release published yesterday by the Labette County Sheriff's Office said that at approximately 2:18 a.m. on Saturday morning, deputies responded to a report of an individual allegedly videotaping a



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female juvenile in a bathroom. The investigation, video evidence was collected, and that based on evidence obtained, White was arrested for of breach of privacy and official misconduct. No official charges have been filed as of this report.

This investigation remains ongoing, and according to LCSO, more information may be released as it becomes available and all suspects are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

The release also stated that during

Coffeyville set to celebrate 12th annual National Night Out

The Coffeyville Police Department welcomes and invites the community to attend the 12th annual National Night Out Tuesday, August 4, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Big Hill Splash Aquatic Center, located at 1906 North Buckeye.

National Night Out is a nationwide event that works to strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and the community, while promoting neighborhood safety, crime prevention and community pride. This free, family-friendly event gives residents an opportunity to connect with local first responders in a fun, relaxed setting, while enjoying an evening full of activities for all ages.

This year's event builds on the success of the many previous National Nights Out celebrations and continues CPD's commitment to building strong relationships with the community through positive engagement.

Event highlights include:

- Free admission to Big Hill Splash Aquatic Center
- Inflatable bounce houses
- Music and family games
- D.A.R.E. activities
- Meet-and-Greet with Coffeyville Police, Fire and EMS personnel
- Booths hosted by numerous local community organizations
- Giveaways, prizes and much, much

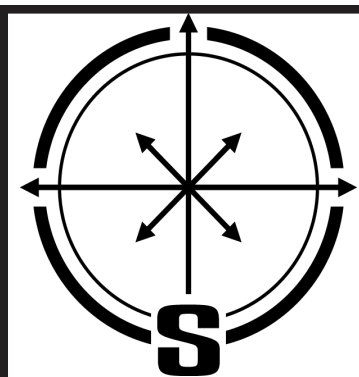


SOAKING UP THE SUMMER FUN — Last year's National Night Out was a complete blast and each one prior to that has been the same. Many Coffeyville residents look forward to the annual National Night Out celebration at Big Hill Splash Aquatic Center. Courtesy Photo

more.

"National Night Out is one of our favorite community events each year because it allows us to connect with residents outside of emergency situations," said Police Chief Kwin Bromley. "Building trust and relationships is an important part of keeping Coffeyville safe and we invite everyone to come out, meet our officers and first responders and enjoy a

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Weather

	High	Low	Precip	Wind
Wednesday	92°	75°	24%	7mph
Thursday	93°	75°	40%	9mph
Friday	96°	70°	45%	12mph
Saturday	88°	66°	10%	15mph

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