

# Killer

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patrols would endanger citizens. In the end, according to victim surveys, reported crime rates and arrest data as well as a survey of local businesses, the study findings determined more or less patrol and officer presence had no impact on crime or on civilian anxiety surrounding it. With corruption rooted as far back as the Pendergast era in the 1930s, the KCMO PD remains the only urban police force in the country whose board of commissioners is appointed by the governor, not local city officials.

Regardless, in the Kansas City of the early 1970s, there were still lots of ways for kids to fall in with the wrong crowd. Jimmy Dollison apparently found one, and ended up one of Garnett's longest mysteries. Sentimental townsfolk paid for his interment in Garnett Cemetery and a custom headstone reading "Known Only To God – A Mother's Son."

In July 2005 as DNA technology developed, the KBI and then-Anderson County Attorney Fred Campbell obtained a court order to exhume the body



Anderson County Review archive photo  
A burial plot and tombstone were secured in Garnett Cemetery for Dollison's remains, paid for by locals touched by the heartbreak of the lost boy's anonymous story.

for the purpose of attempting to use the new science to identify the victim. It took over four hours for officials to retrieve the skeletal remains of the body, but they were well preserved inside a vinyl bag that had been laid inside a simple wooden box for burial decades earlier. A DNA analysis was undertaken at the University of North Texas Health Center at Fort Worth, and a facial reconstruction was completed in 2008 with photos widely circulated. Still, the new work generated no new leads.

It wasn't until grant funding became available through the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System for ad-

vanced DNA testing that a break in the 52-year-old case arose.

"I want to say back in 2021, I got with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to have some more advanced DNA testing of the remains," Anderson County Sheriff Wes McClain said Wednesday. "Unfortunately, at that time the DNA testing we were wanting to have done was going to be pretty expensive for either agency to have to pay for." McClain said the funds became available through NamUs in 2024. The advanced testing – and the money – paid off.

"Our office and the KBI were able to locate the John Doe's siblings to conduct interviews and col-

lect DNA from a sibling for comparison," McClain said. "The results gave a positive identification of the 52-year-old John Doe cold case and finally identifying him as Jimmy Allen Dollison."

"We are thankful that we can bring a little closure to the family, and they may finally lay their loved one to rest," McClain said.

The sheriff said the investigation now turns toward deciphering clues as to Dollison's disappearance and the last people known to have seen him alive. That part of the 52-year-old mystery is yet to be told.

Anyone who has information about the disappearance or murder of Jimmy Dollison is asked to call Anderson County Sheriff's Office at (785) 448-5678 or the KBI at 1-800-KS-CRIME, or report tips online at <https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>.

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## County reviews roadway safety plan under SS4A program

BURLINGTON — Kimley-Horn representatives Aaron Pritchard and John Pileggi presented a Roadway Safety Action Plan to the Coffey County Commission April 7 as part of the federally funded Safe Streets for All (SS4A) initiative. Managed regionally by the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, the project is entirely grant-funded—80% from the U.S. Department of Transportation and 20% from KDOT—imposing no immediate cost on the county.

The plan aims to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes through infrastructure improvements and a "Safe System Approach," supporting the long-term goal of "Vision Zero."

Crash data from the

past decade showed 14 fatal crashes and 309 injury crashes in Coffey County. A high-injury network map revealed that approximately 18% of local roads account for 90% of crashes, particularly near Burlington and the I-35/U.S. 75 interchange.

Kimley-Horn recommended 19 potential projects, including roadway departure improvements, intersection upgrades, corridor studies, and measures for vulnerable road users.

Next steps include finalizing the draft plan by April, adopting a Vision Zero resolution, and considering future grant applications ahead of the June 26 SS4A deadline. Participation is voluntary but required to access future federal safety funding.

### COFFEY COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

**Register of Deeds**  
**Warranty Deeds**  
Zachary and Hannah Herrick to Cheryl Hovious: lot 19, in Pioneer Meadows Subdivision to Burlington.  
Christopher S. Bartlett to Ronald L. and Dawn Bartlett: the NE/4 of 15-19-16, less a 415.19' by 315.58' tract.  
Hangin F Ranch, LLC to Barry D. Patton: a 113.89-acre tract in the frNE/4 of 6-20-15.  
Wayde F. and Cecilia M. Thomsen to Aaron C. and Jennifer K. Thomsen: a 19.13-acre tract in the E/2 NW/4 of 8-21-14.  
Robert L. and Robin L. Acree to Linda Vestal: lots 1 and 2, in block 1, Subdivision of Jacobs Creek Landing; a tract in the SW/4 of 33-20-14.  
Cletus W. and Tammy White to Jonas M. and Clara D. Bornreger, an undivided one-half interest, and Joseph J. and Mattie J. Bornreger, an undivided one-half interest: the N/2 NW/4 of 5-19-17.  
James Michael and Virginia M. Dubuque to Michael Eugene and Margaret Ann Smith: lots 3 and 4, in block 6, Vince's Addition to Burlington.  
Donovan O. and Nancy L. Lee, David E. and Sherry K. Klasing, and Michelle Lee to William R. and Stephanie K. De Lay: the N/2 of lot 4 and all of lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in block 30, McFadden's Third Addition to Waverly.

Cheryl Hovious to Zachary S. and Shelby J. Hoffman: a 480' by 454' tract in the frNE/4 of 8-19-14, and a 222.65' by 454' tract in the frNE/4 of 8-19-14.  
Coly Bryant to James E. and Tonya J. Combes: a 660' by 660' tract in the NE/4 of 34-19-14.  
Paula Griffith to Eric Megna: lots 14, 15 and 16, in block 34, McFadden's Third Addition to Waverly.

**Trustee's Deeds**  
Wayne E. Simmons, trustee of the Wayne E. Simmons Survivor's Trust, James M. and Roxanne Simmons: all that

### PUBLIC NOTICES

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#### ORDINANCE NO. 451

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AN ENFORCING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEROY, KANSAS:

1. That Ray Ward is appointed for the year of 2025 as the enforcing officer for the City of LeRoy to make determinations as to whether structures are unsafe or dangerous structures or abandoned property pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq.  
2. That Ray Ward's appointment as enforcing officer will automatically renew annually on the first day of each year unless other action is taken by the governing body.  
3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2025.  
THE CITY OF LEROY  
/s/ Steve Cox,  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
/s/ Kim Alexander,  
City Clerk  
(SEAL)

part of the SW/4 of 1-22-15 lying north and east of the center of the main channel of the Neosho River, not including the island gravel bar.

Wayne E. Simmons, trustee of the Wayne E. Simmons Survivor's Trust, to Jeremiah J. Simmons: a tract lying east of the center of Rock Creek in the SW/4 of 26-21-15.

Debra Evans, successor trustee of the Clara M. Thomas Revocable Trust, to Newell E. Thomas Revocable Trust: the W/2 NW/4 and the NW/4 SW/4 of 28-19-14; the SW/4 and the N/2 SE/4 of 29-19-14; lots 3 and 4, block 2, Lebo; the SW/4 of 4-20-14; the S/2 SW/4 of 10-20-15; the SE/4 of 9-20-15; the NE/4 NE/4 of 29-19-14; the NE/4 of 14-20-14; and the SE/4 of 34-19-15.

Roger Edward Thomas, successor trustee of the Newell E. Thomas Revocable Trust, to Lebo Baptist Church: the west 25 feet of lot 4, in block 2, Lebo.

Michael O'Shane Beard, John Kevin Beard and Patrick Eugene Beard, successor trustees of the Joanne Beard Living Trust to Patrick Eugene Beard: a 400' by 500' tract in the NW/4 of 1-23-16.

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

#### NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: OWENS OIL COMPANY, LLC – Application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater into the Bahr Lease #10LH, located in Woodson County, Kansas.  
TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that OWENS OIL COMPANY, LLC has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Mississippi at the Bahr Lease #10LH located 3112 feet from the South line and 4269 feet from the East line, of Section 23, Township 23S, Range 13E, Woodson County, with a maximum operating pressure of 200 psi and a maximum injection rate of 400 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.  
OWENS OIL COMPANY, LLC  
1274 202nd Rd  
Yates Center, KS 66783  
620-496-6804

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A public hearing was held at 10 a.m. to consider a special-use permit (SU-2025-01) for the establishment of an animal clinic with outside pens in an agricultural district, located at 1395 Old Highway 50. With no objections or communications received, the commission approved the proposal and adopted Resolution No. 2025-945.

Commissioners authorized contracts, including pavement striping with Straight-Line Striping and airport access road work with Killough Construction.

Commissioners met in a 15-minute executive session with Planning and Zoning Administrator Heidi Harris and Bowie to discuss legal matters regarding review of a proposed legal agreement. Upon return to open session, commissioners authorized the signing of a contract for services with Marvin Planning Consultants to complete Coffey County's Comprehensive Plan, to be substantially completed by September 30, 2026.

Commissioners met in

a 15-minute executive session with Bowie to discuss legal matters regarding the current county commissioner structure. No action was taken.

#### CrossWinds

Amanda Cunningham, Executive Director of CrossWinds Counseling and Wellness, presented a 2025 funding request and agency update to the Coffey County Commission. She was joined by CFO Sarah Stockwell and Program Manager Mallory Keefe.

CrossWinds provides mental health and substance use services to Coffey County. CrossWinds also serves Chase, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties.

CrossWinds is requesting the same county appropriation as 2024—\$104,000—plus additional liquor tax funds previously allocated to Corner House, a substance use facility now operated by CrossWinds. With a 2025 budget of \$22 million, CrossWinds continues to grow under the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model, which provides cost-based Medicaid reimbursement.  
The agency now has

nearly 300 employees and has expanded services countywide. Staffing enhancements include a new patient navigator and a bilingual therapist. Summer programs will continue with a 4:1 staff-to-child ratio, and school-based services are provided in all Coffey County districts.

Cunningham emphasized the need for ongoing county support to meet rising mental health demands, expand access, and maintain essential programs like substance use treatment and jail diversion.

#### Landfill

Commissioners discussed potential changes to landfill pricing, particularly for out-of-county waste. Road and Bridge Superintendent Ryan Durst explained that the county raised its out-of-county rate from \$25 to \$40 per ton in 2023. However, Woodson County, which has a transfer station, is paying a reduced rate of \$26.50 per ton.

Durst noted that Coffey County receives about 1,000 tons annually from Woodson County—generating approximately \$28,000—but operates at a loss at the current rate.

in lieu of a \$1,500 cash/surety bond.

Robert Allen Carpenter, 48, Grandview Plaza, Mo. (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for probation violation. Held in lieu of a \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

Christopher Stephen Bartlett, 42, Waverly (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for violate protection order. Held in lieu of a \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Isacc Colton Sidebottom, 23, Waverly (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO on an outstanding warrant. Held in lieu of a \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Richard Lee Parnell, 25, Burlington (April 4-11) – Arrested by BPD for possession of opiates, possession of controlled substance, use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia. Held in lieu of a \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Christina Marie Williams, 39, Emporia (April 4-10) – Arrested by BPD for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$503 cash bond.

Vanessa Elaine Burnett, 35, Emporia (April 4-8) – Arrested by BPD for an outstanding warrant. Released.

Ryan Gregory Spalding, 41, Edgerton (April 4-11) – Arrested July 8 by CCSO for fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault of law enforcement officer, use of a deadly weapon, aggravated battery on law enforcement officer, physical contact to officer on duty. Held in lieu of a \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

Renee Elaine Oakes, 40, Melvern (April 4-11) – Arrest-

### COFFEY COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

\*The jail roster lists all people who were in Coffey County Jail during the days listed, with the exception of those under age 18 or those who may be protected under a witness program. The charges listed are those for which the person was booked into jail and are not necessarily the charges formally filed against the person.

#### (April 4-11)

Ryan Douglas Gleue, 36, LeRoy (April 4-11) – Arrested May 4, 2022, by CCSO for aggravated burglary, criminal damage to property value greater than \$25,000, aggravated battery and aggravated assault. Held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

Anthony Bishop, 65, LeRoy (April 4-11) – Arrested March 14 by CCSO for possession of paraphernalia with intent to manufacture controlled substance, distribute opiates less than 3.5 grams, unlawful to acquire proceeds from drug transaction less than \$5,000. Held in lieu of a \$75,000 cash/surety bond.

James Allen Fancher, 38, Uvalde, Texas (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear. Held in lieu of a \$40,000 cash/surety bond.  
Kyle Douglas Henry, 31, Waverly (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for theft of property or services, value \$1,500 to \$25,000, burglary; non-dwelling to commit felony, theft, domestic violence or sexually motivated crime, theft of property or services; value over \$100,000; theft from building, criminal damage to property; without consent value less than \$25,000, domestic battery,

second in five years. Held in lieu of a \$158,000 cash/surety bond.

Daniel Eugene Thorp Jr., 19, Burlington (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for rape, aggravated indecent liberties with a child; fondling a child 14 to less than 16 years of age. Held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

Hoyt James Massingill, 50, Burlington (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for probation violation. Held with no bond.

Leon Lile, 77, Waverly (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for rape, aggravated sexual battery. Held in lieu of a \$250,000 cash/surety bond.

Austin James Hambleton, 21, New Strawn (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for probation violation. Held in lieu of a \$10,000 cash/surety bond.

Brett J. Wempe, 43, Emporia (April 4-8) – Arrested by CCSO for probation violation. Released.

Stevie Nicholle Meier, 38, Leavenworth (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for failure to appear, use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia, possession of opiates. Held in lieu of a \$30,000 cash/surety bond.

James Edward Mann, 61, Burlington (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for aggravated burglary, possession of marijuana, two or more prior convictions, use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia. Held in lieu of a \$150,000 cash/surety bond.

Byron Paul West, 22, Burlington (April 4-11) – Arrested by CCSO for an outstanding warrant, interference with law enforcement officer. Held