



DOG #1



DOG #2



DOG #3



Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. has 3 dogs for adoption

These three dogs were recently seized by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and are now looking for loving forever homes.

- They are:
- Dog #1 – A smaller, spayed female lab mix. Sweet as can be, gets along with all dogs, and loves everyone she comes in contact with.
 - Dog #2 – A brown neutered Pitbull mix male. Very good dog, loves people, however, does not seem to get along with other dogs. Very gentle and loving dog towards humans.
 - Dog #3 – A Pitbull, blue brindle, neutered, nice

dog always looks mad but never appears to be mad. It seems to get along with other dogs pretty well.

All three are now safe, but they need families who will give them the care, stability, and affection they deserve.

They appear to be great companions, full of potential, and are available for adoption now.

Adoption will be through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

If you're interested in giving one of these dogs a home, please email Lt. Kyle Hand at khand@mgso.us or Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken at

lschwatken@mgso.us and they will send you an application to fill out. You will then need to email the application to lschwatken@mgso.us or bring it by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at 300 E. Main in Independence.

You will need to have a reference from a veterinarian. A full background check will be conducted on all the applications that are received. If you have any questions, contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at 620-330-1000 and ask to speak with Lt. Kyle Hand or Administrative Assistant Liz Schwatken.

CRMC Foundation bestows scholarships

COFFEYVILLE — The Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Foundation would like to announce the recipients of the 2025 CRMC Foundation Scholarships. The Best Family Scholarship continued a 20-year tradition by awarding two Best Family Medical Scholarships.

A new scholarship, the Barry and Carol Phillips Nursing Scholarship, was awarded to one student.

The Best Family Scholarship was created by the children of Jerry and Norma Best in memory of their father and to honor their mother. The scholarship provides financial assistance to local students who have been accepted into an accredited health-related program such as paramedic, lab, radiologic technology or nursing. All donations to the Best Family Scholarship are generated by fundraisers held by the family.



Ornelas

The winners of the 2025 Best Family Medical Scholarships are Viridiana Ornelas and Kaygan Fleming. Both are licensed practical nurses (LPN) pursuing their RN degrees at Coffeyville Community College.

Ornelas began working as a CNA at CRMC in 2017, while attending Field Kindley High School. Ornelas is a Coffeyville resident and plans to use her skills as an RN in Acute Care and Women's Health at CRMC.

Kaygan Fleming works at Americare-Montgomery Place in Independence. She is a Caney Valley High School graduate and resides in Tyro with her husband and four daughters. Fleming's goals include becoming a labor and delivery nurse.

Ornelas is also the recipient of the new Barry and Carol Phillips Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship was established earlier this year by Barry and Carol Phillips of Coffeyville. The Phillips were dedicated to the nursing profession for more than 45 years, Barry as a nurse practitioner and Carol as an RN.

"Nursing was a wonderful profession for both of us. It allowed us to make a good living for many years. With our nursing degrees, there were always jobs available to us. The Barry and Carol Phillips Scholarship is a way for us to give back to healthcare and the nursing profession that was so good to us. We also want to support Coffeyville Regional Medical Center. It's difficult for small, rural hospitals to fill nursing positions. It's our goal to make it easier for nursing students to get their degrees so they can come back and work in Coffeyville. We need our small-town hospital. It's the glue that holds our community together," said Barry Phillips.

Applications for the next round of CRMC Foundation scholarships will open next spring. For more information, visit www.crmcinc.org/foundation.



Fleming

C'ville utility customers can have average monthly payments

COFFEYVILLE — The City of Coffeyville Utility Billing Office is offering residents the opportunity to take control of their monthly bills by enrolling in the Average Monthly Payment (AMP) Plan. Enrollment is open Oct. 1-31.

This service is offered two times a year — each March and October — giving customers multiple opportunities annually to sign up.

The AMP Plan helps customers avoid seasonal fluctuations in their utility bills by spreading costs more evenly throughout the year. This

allows for easier budgeting and predictable monthly payments.

How it works:

- Your monthly payment is calculated using a 12-month rolling average of your household's utility usage.
- You will still receive your monthly bill, showing actual usage and charges.
- The program is open to residential customers who have at least 12 months of billing history at their current address and are in good standing.

Option: go paperless

In addition to the AMP Plan, Coffeyville utility customers are encouraged to sign up for paperless billing. Customers who enroll will receive their bill by email and enjoy the convenience of paying online—quick, easy, and secure.

How to enroll:

- Visit the City's website to learn more: www.coffeyville.com/444/Average-Monthly-Payment-Plan
- Sign up directly here: <https://www.coffeyville.com/forms.aspx?FID=98>

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- For paperless billing, visit: <https://www.coffeyville.com/445/Paperless-Billing>
- Customers may also call the Utility Billing Office at 620-252-6100 for more information or assistance with

enrollment.

Enrollment for the AMP Plan is available only during October and March each year, so customers are encouraged to act now to secure predictable monthly billing.

Foresters to gather at area property for annual Field Day

Local landowners, forestry enthusiasts, and community members are invited to step into the woods and learn more about Kansas forestry at the upcoming Kansas Forestry Association (KFA) Field Day, hosted at Phil Eastep's property in Montgomery County this year.

The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Easter ranch east of Sycamore.

Field Days are an opportunity for anyone with an interest in forestry to engage directly with forestry professionals, ask questions, learn hands-on skills, and connect with others who care about Kansas woodlands.

"Expect good people, great information, and a relaxed setting," said Carolyn Turney, a longtime KFA member. "You'll walk away with ideas you hadn't considered, whether it's how to manage timber, plant trees, or just to appreciate what you already have."

Workshops and demonstrations include topics like tree identification walks, log-splitting and sawing demonstrations, forest preservation, and details about programs like carbon capture and legacy planning for woodlands. There will be plenty of informal conversations during breaks and a locally catered lunch as well.

"It's not just about the facts," said Floyd Schmidt, President of KFA and Walnut Council interim. "It's about the people, the passion, and the shared love for the land."

Eastep, this year's host, emphasizes that the event isn't about business — it's about promoting forestry. "It's a hassle to prepare, sure," he laughed, "but it's worth it if it inspires people to care for their land."

Details, registration info, and sponsorship opportunities can be found by at <https://www.ksforestryassociation.org/kfafallfieldday>



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