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personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel. "Recruitment and retention" was identified as being the subject that was to be discussed. When the meeting reopened to the public, Christy announced that no binding action had been taken behind closed doors.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11.

Following the meeting Christy and Walbridge got a firsthand look at EMS 3, which is located in the former Perry City Hall, and spent about 45 minutes at the facility with Emergency Services Director James Tweed, Deputy Director of EMS Jim Schoepf, and other department employees. They were joined for the tour by Domann, Perry Mayor Ramon Gonzalez Jr., City Clerk Aliza Bidinger, and City Superintendent Austin Low.

"This is the ideal location," Christy remarked at one point in talking about the facility. And shortly later, seemingly at a loss for words, Gonzalez simply said, "Isn't it unbelievable?"

EMS 3 includes a spacious living room with a couch, two recliners, a large television screen, and a radio work station in one corner of the room, two bedrooms, a combination kitchen and dining room, a utility room with a washer and a dryer, a walk-in shower, and a separate unisex restroom.

But the facility can house only one ambulance at this point and would have to be enlarged to hold two ambulances, which is the ideal situation.

With some assistance from Auxiliary Services employees, Kearney & Son Construction Inc., rural Valley Falls, transformed the interior appearance of the one-story building at 115 N. Elm.

Passing on right causes accident

An injury accident occurred at Perry when Joel Brown, 15, Perry, was stopped on U.S.-24 and signaling he was turning left onto Elm Street. The driver changed his mind and turned right instead and was hit by a car driven by Hope Collins, 58, Lawrence, who was passing on the right shoulder.

Collins was injured and transported by Jefferson County EMS to Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

A passenger in the Brown vehicle, Thomas Ediger, 16, Perry, was not injured.

The accident occurred at 2 p.m. March 21 and was investigated by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Brown was driving a 2013 Mazda and Collins was driving a 2009 Lincoln.

Cards of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thank you to Jefferson County Hospice for their good care of Chris and all acts of kindness.

The Chris Cox family
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Carol Pottorf

Marking 90 years

The family of Carol Pottorf, Oskaloosa, is requesting a card shower on the occasion of her 90th birthday April 6. She was born on that date in 1936.

"Whether you share a favorite memory, photo, or send a birthday wish, each message will mean so much to her," said a family representative. "Carol would also love to hear from you through phone calls, texts, and Facebook messages. These small gestures will bring her joy not just on her birthday, but for many days afterward."

Celebratory messages will reach Carol at 505 Washington, Apt. 11, Oskaloosa, KS 66066, by phone at 239-246-3524, or on Facebook at E Carol Harbour Pottorf.

Wheel comes off Jeep, damages following vehicle

Caleb Young, 19, Lawrence, was westbound on U.S.-24 highway when the rear passenger wheel came off his Jeep Cherokee.

The tire and wheel struck the front of a 2004 Ford pickup driven by Michael Newell, 63, Oskaloosa, who was following the Jeep. The pickup also drove over the wheel, causing damage to the undercarriage.

The incident occurred about 6:15 p.m. March 18.

Jefferson County Sheriff's deputy Sam Gerety reported that the Jeep had just been picked up from a tire shop earlier that day.

No one was injured in the accident, which happened near the 13th Street intersection.

KHP reports fatality wreck in Winchester

A fatality accident was reported in Winchester March 21 by the Kansas Highway Patrol when a car driven by Connie Wistuba, 83, Winchester, was northbound on 3rd Street and for an unknown reason drifted off the road to the right and made contact with a building.

The incident occurred about 10:30 p.m.

She was driving a 2020 Chevrolet Blazer.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing by the Jefferson County Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on April 27th, 2026, both in person and remotely at the Jefferson County Courthouse at 300 Jefferson Street, Oskaloosa, Kansas.

Said hearing will be before the Jefferson County Planning Commission, for the purpose of hearing all interested parties relative to the following request:

PR2026-03 and Z2026-03 - A request by Dean Lasher/Executor of the Lasher Estate and Tristan & Karen Dorsey as property owners and applicants for Zoning Changes from AG - Agricultural to RR - Rural Residential and SR - Suburban Residential on portions of existing tracts, and a Final Plat of Lasher Estates for the purposes of creating three lots located at 6120 Union Rd., McLouth, KS.

Public comments or questions regarding the cases may be submitted ahead of the meeting. Comments and questions must be received by 12 pm on Friday, Apr. 17, 2026. Please provide correspondence electronically using the following link jfcountyks.com/905 and then select the relevant case number.

All reports and a link to join the meeting will be posted online at jfcountyks.com/905 no later than close of business on Wednesday, Apr. 22, 2026. Reports will include information about each case, submitted applications, proposed plats, the complete legal description of the tracts, and maps of the rezoning areas. Paper copies can be provided by the Jefferson County Community Development Office upon request.

The Planning Commission may continue consideration of this matter at the conclusion of the public hearing to a future date without further notice.

In accordance with the provisions of the ADA, every attempt will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. If you have a disability and require assistance during public hearings held before the Planning Commission, please contact this office at (785) 403-0000 ext. 3 or email Stephan Metzger at smetzger@jfcountyks.com.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
/s/ Stephan Metzger
Stephan Metzger, Zoning Administrator/Secretary

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OBITUARIES

LELAND DOMANN

Leland "Lee" Paul Domann, 76, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026, at Baptist Health — Lexington. He was the husband of Elizabeth Gale Domann.



Lee was born on June 1, 1949, in Topeka, Kansas, and was the son of Paul William and Leona Lucille Grant Domann, both of whom preceded him in death. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, and spent over 50 years in ministry with the United Methodist Church.

Lee had a God-given talent for singing, performing, and writing music, which was inspired in his early years in Kansas by his mother who was a pianist and music teacher in their hometown. Lee comprised seven albums of his own music during his career. He was a gifted storyteller, and wrote and performed the one-man show "Down to Monterey." He wrote thousands of songs including: "Howard Gray," "Jesus Laughing," and "Death Ain't No Big Deal." His songs have been recorded by such artists as Kathy Mattea, Riders in the Sky, Mark Lowry, The Bishops, and Wendy Bagwell & the Sunliters. Lee sang and traveled with the group Dust & Ashes. He loved playing his guitar and was still singing even during his last hospital stay just days before his passing.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Gale Domann, of Richmond; one son, William Henry Paul Domann, of Nashville, TN; and two step-children, Heather Elizabeth Gale, of Richmond, and Michael David Gale, of Crestwood, KY.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 10, with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. and the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Oskaloosa First United Methodist Church.

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ROBERTA HAGEMANN

Roberta E. Hagemann, Ozawkie, died on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

She was born May 25, 1922, in Eskridge, Kansas, the daughter of James Oscar and Edith C. Fullerton Oyler. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1940 and earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Washburn University in 1984. She married Albert R. Hagemann on December 18, 1941, at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Hagemann was employed as an account clerk by the Motor Vehicle Department, State of Kansas in the 1950s. For 27 years she worked with her husband as bookkeeper and office manager in his business ventures and had also been an Avon Representative.

She was a member of Rock Bible Church, Meriden, and a former member of Topeka Bible Church. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonists, United States Daughters of 1812, and the Daughters of Union Veterans. She served six years as a member of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature and on the Advisory Council of the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging. She had been a regular volunteer at the Jefferson West Elementary School in Meriden for over 20 years.

Survivors include her nieces, Kathy Lewis of Oklahoma, Lori Stark of Washington, and Florence Deeter of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert R. Hagemann; her son, Dennis Hagemann; grandson, Travis R. Hagemann; her sisters, Mildred Oyler Reagan and Rosalie Galletly; and brothers, James Oyler and Edward Oyler.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Rock Creek Bible Church, 5257 Highway K92, Meriden, KS 66512. The family will greet friends 30 minutes prior to the service. Burial will take place at the Meriden Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rock Creek Bible Church.

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Election office reports filings

Recent filings for public office by the Jefferson County Election office are the following:

Paula Hladky, 80, Perry, filed for Kentucky Township Precinct Democratic Committeewoman.

Willard Epling, 84, Perry, filed for Kentucky Township Precinct Democratic Committeeman.

Craig Smith, 67, Ozawkie, filed for West Fairview Township Precinct Democratic Committeeman

CONNIE WISTUBA

Connie Sue Wistuba, 83, of Winchester, KS, died Saturday, March 21, 2026, in Winchester. Connie was born April 28, 1942,



in Valley Falls at her grandparents' home, the daughter of Walter "Don" and Dorothy Jean Swisher Heineken. She was a 1961 graduate of Valley Falls High School. She attended the Stewart Beauty Academy in Topeka, graduating in 1963. She was a cosmetologist for over 50 years. Connie owned and operated Connie's Beauty Salon in Winchester before retiring in 2004.

She was a member of Valley Falls United Methodist Church. She also attended St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Easton.

Connie married Francis Edward "Ted" Wistuba on October 5, 1964, at Holton, KS. He preceded her in death on July 2, 2025.

She is survived by a daughter, Vicki Jones, Kansas City, KS; a son, Steve (Lisa) Wistuba, Shawnee, KS; four grandchildren, Caleb (Amber) Wistuba, Joey Landin, Colin (Kathryn) Wistuba, and Chloe (John) Tierney; and three great-grandchildren, Declan Tierney, Harper Tierney, and Emerson Wistuba.

A funeral service was March 28, 2026, at Barnett Family Funeral Home, Oskaloosa. Burial was at Valley Falls Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to F.W. Huston Medical Center. barnettfamilyfh.com

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NOTICE TO TRUST CREDITORS

(Pursuant to K.S.A. 58a-818)

To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on October 19, 2025, the decedent, Lucille T. Noll, died a resident of Winchester, Kansas. Greg Noll, with a correct post office address of 16218 Scott Road, Winchester, Kansas 66097, is the trustee of the Lucille T. Noll Trust established September 26, 2000, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

All creditors of the decedent are noticed to present their claims against the trustee within the later of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus presented, they shall be forever barred as against the trustee and the trust property.

Greg Noll, Trustee
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IN THE 2nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

Crystal Ahlin

To Change Her Name to:

Crystal Eagle

Case No. JF-2026-CV-000021 PURSUANT TO

K.S.A. CHAPTER 60

NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Crystal Ahlin filed a Petition in the above court on the 9th day of March 2026, requesting a judgment and order changing her name from Crystal Ahlin to Crystal Eagle.

The Petition will be heard in Jefferson County District Court, 300 Jefferson St., Oskaloosa, Kansas 66066, on the 6th day of May 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before May 5, 2026 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Crystal Ahlin
Petitioner

JOHNSTON, EISENHAUER, EISENHAUER & LYNCH, LLC
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Pratt, KS 67124
(620) 672-5533
Attorneys for Petitioner

Jefferson County Food Pantry List

<p>Ozawkie United Methodist Church Heaven's Closet Food Pantry 106 Goldenrod Street • Ozawkie 785-876-2756 45 minutes after phone request</p>	<p>Jefferson County Service Organization Mobile Food Pantry 400 Liberty Street • Oskaloosa 1st Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. - Oskaloosa 11:30 a.m. - Lakeside Village</p>
<p>Oskaloosa United Methodist Church Food Pantry 402 Liberty Street Oskaloosa Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>Valley Falls Food Pantry 411 Broadway Street • Valley Falls Wednesday • 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>God's Storehouse Food Bank 107 W. Main Street • Meriden Saturday • 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.</p>	
<p>Crossroads Cowboy Church Food Bank Hwys 24 & 59 • Williamstown 2nd & 4th Mondays • 1 p.m.</p>	
<p>Pantry of Hope 329 Elm Street • Nortonville Thursdays • 3 - 5 p.m.</p>	

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS MEET GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

EGGS AND ISSUES

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
PERRY AMERICAN LEGION
BREAKFAST BEGINS 8:00 AM

Breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, coffee and more for a free-will offering.

Auction items offered.

Sponsored by the Jefferson County Republican Central Committee, Sharon Sweeney, chair

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