

SPORTS

Jefferson County Volleyball Club finishes season



The Jefferson County Volleyball Club had seven teams this year. Shelbie Morgison is the club director. Tryouts and open gyms for JCVBC are held in the summer to form teams for the winter. This year, JCVBC hosted three weekend tournaments at Perry-Lecompton with the help of tournament directors Tracey Paramore, Perry, and Jessica Stark, Nortonville. Breakdown of number of players by location: Perry (21), Oskaloosa (11), JCN (5), Topeka (5), Lawrence (3), Jefferson West (2), Valley Falls (1), McLouth (1), and Royal Valley (1).



12-1s: This team competed in four tournaments from January through February where they finished third twice. From left, coach Kelsey Kasson, Aubrey Ediger, Mayson Neitzel, Kensie Herman, Sadie Jo Landis, Varah Higgins, Ellie Wade, Gracyn Cook, and coach Audrey Trowbridge, all Perry.



12-2s: This team competed in three tournaments from January through February. This was the first year for the majority of the team to participate in club volleyball. Front row from left: Maris Newell, Oskaloosa, Varah Higgins, Perry, and Finley Weis, Oskaloosa; back row: Tymber Harsh, McLouth, Kimber Newman, Teagan Josling, and Rylan Garrow, all Oskaloosa; not pictured: coach Courtney Weis, Oskaloosa.



13-1s: This team competed in five tournaments from January through March where they took home two first-place medals, one second-place medal, and one third-place finish. At the time of this write-up, they are ranked 67th out of 191 teams in their division. Front row: Sydney Rockhold, Lucy Welch, both Perry, and Emmalynn Feuerborn, Jefferson West; back row: coach Addie Hoover, Maebrey Soden, Taevyn Boucher-Tucker, all Perry, Kelcie Aspinwall, JCN, Charley Winfrey, Lawrence, Kenslie Guerra, and coach Shelbie Morgison, both Perry.



14-1s: This team played in five tournaments from January through March where they took home one first-place medal, one second-place finish, and one third-place finish. At the time of this write-up, the team was ranked 67th out of 216 teams in the 14s division. Front row: Baelyn Coppinger, Alyssa Myers, both JCN, and Reece Van Dyke-Lawrence; back row: coach Hailey Kelly, Ozawkie, Evie Clark, Lawrence, Kinley Miller, Oskaloosa, Addlee Hernandez, Axton Gistad, and coach Kennadi Hernandez, all JCN.



14-2s: This team played in six tournaments from January through March where they took home one third-place finish. Front row: Jaceigh Dunaway, Emmie Brandenburg, both Perry, and Stella Tenpenny, Seaman; back row: coach Michael Dunlap, Lawrence, Callie Hopkins, Royal Valley, Layla Quigley, Hailee Rogers, and Luxdyn Hoffman, all Perry; not pictured: Karson Cross, Perry.



15-1s: This team competed in seven tournaments January through March where they took home four second-place medals and one third-place finish. At the time of this write-up, the team was ranked 65th out of 163 teams in the 15s division. Front row: Gabby Hicks, Topeka, Avery King and Leila Flax, both Oskaloosa; back row: coach Allison Edgar, Alyssa Decker, Brooklyn Sawatzky, Aria Edgar, all Topeka, Chevelle Michael, Kinsley Van Dyke, both Oskaloosa, and coach Angie Decker, Topeka.



16-1s: This team competed in four tournaments January through February where they took home one second-place medal and finished third once. Front row: Morgan Casto, Jefferson West, Jai'Lynne Baker, Perry, and Lexie Welsh, Valley Falls; back row: coach Devin Aldrich, Kendall Craig, both Perry, Michaela Berry, Oskaloosa, Peyton McCune, Perry, coach Graycen Evans, coach Kiersten Gregory, both Lawrence.

40th annual All-Star basketball games

The 40th annual Northeast Kansas All-Star Basketball Games were played March 29 at Highland Community College. The girls' game began at 1 p.m. and the boys' game followed at 3. Both games were at Allen Field House on the Highland campus. Following is the rosters for both teams:

Women's Navy Roster

1. Harper Whetstine, Guard, 5-9, Troy HS; 2. Lauryn Marten, Forward, 6-0, Onaga HS; 3. Emmy Jo Whetstine, Guard, 5-6, Doniphan West HS; 4. Abigail Ringel, Forward, 5-8, Onaga HS; 5. Jadyan Haskin, Guard, 5-8, Onaga HS; 6. Niahla Duncan, Guard, 5-3, Riverside HS; 7. Bryn Shupe, Guard, 5-6, Jackson Heights HS; 8. Lili Tanking, Guard, 5-8, Holton HS; 9. Isabelle Smith, Guard, 5-7, Doniphan West HS; 10. Chesnea Cochren, Guard, 5-8, Jackson Heights HS; 11. Cora Thompson, Forward, 5-7, Centralia HS; 12. Alyson Grable, Forward, 5-6, Troy HS. Head coach: Perry Smith; Assistant coaches: Kyra Johnson and Jim Leatherman.

Women's Gold Team

1. Rylee Dick, Guard, 5-6, Rossville HS; 2. Kailyn Hanni, Guard, 5-7, Silver Lake HS; 3. Kaitlyn Folsom, Forward, 6-0, Maur Hill Mount Academy; 4. Emma Vogel, Guard, 5-9, Oskaloosa HS; 5. Hannah Coady, Guard, 5-3, Maur Hill Mount Academy; 6. Brynlyn Brockman, Forward, 5-10, Blue Valley HS; 7. Devin Aldrich, Forward, 5-4, Perry-Lecompton HS; 8. Madison Martin, Forward, 6-2, Atchison County Community HS; 9. Emma Sides, Guard, 5-5, Jackson Heights HS; 10. Kenzie Nelson, Forward, 5-4, Hiawatha HS; 11. Natalee Strathman, Forward, 5-10, Axtell HS; 12. Kalya Downing, Forward, 6-0, Atchison HS; 13. Adison Williams, Guard, 5-6, Hiawatha HS. Head coach: Stacey Jasper; Assistant coach: Kelsey Hubin.

Men's Navy Roster

1. Ethan Mortan, Guard, 5-11, Hiawatha HS; 2. Lane Kesler, Center, 6-4, Hiawatha HS; 3. Michael Jensen, Guard, 5-10, Hiawatha HS; 4. Collin Kearney, Forward, 6-2, Valley Falls HS; 5. Ethan Sacco, Guard, 5-11, Clifton Clyde HS; 6. Yogi Purdy, Center, 6-3, Atchison HS; 7. Ty'Zell Harrington, Guard, 5-9, Riverside HS; 8. Wes Anderson, Guard, 6-1, Frankfort HS; 9. Ben Devander, Guard, 5-11, St. Mary HS; 10. Drake Mellies, Guard, 5-10, Jackson Heights HS; 11. Nate Layton, Guard, 6-2, Pleasant Ridge HS; 12. Chance Jenkins, Guard, 6-4, Jefferson County North HS; 13. Isaac Laird, Center, 6-9, Jefferson County North HS; 14. Luke Nobert, Forward, 6-1, Clifton Clyde HS. Head coach: Brady Jasper, Assistant coaches: Jeff Moore and Brian Lay.

Men's Gold Team

1. Hunter Miller, Guard, 6-0, Oskaloosa HS; 2. Zac Hiltgen, Guard, 6-2, Linn HS; 3. Hays Hall, Forward, 6-2, Blue Valley HS; 4. Hunter Engemann, Guard, 5-10, Troy HS; 5. Henry Geiger, Forward, 6-3, Troy HS; 6. Kolter Peterson, Guard, 5-10, Doniphan West HS; 7. Dustin Veach, Guard, 5-9, Doniphan West HS; 8. Colin Shaughnessy, Guard, 6-2, Axtell HS; 9. Landon Schmitz, Guard, 5-9, Axtell HS; 10. Kerrick DeDonder, Guard, 6-1, Holton HS; 11. Korben Fox, Guard, 5-10, Holton HS; 12. Caden Kesinger, Center, 6-4, Oskaloosa HS; 13. Noah Thalman, Center, 6-5, Linn HS. Head coach: Jayseon Tynon; Assistant coaches: James Shaughnessy and Abby Stueve.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
KANSAS
Amanda Lawrence
Petitioner,
Vs.
Kansas Department
of Revenue and
Unknown Defendants
Case No.: JF-2026-CV-000032
NOTICE OF HEARING
Comes now, the Plaintiff, by and through her attorney, John M Solbach, and notifies all interested persons in the above captioned matter that hearing it set for May 13, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. to hear the petition for the quiet title of Amanda Lawrence with respect to a mobile home that is attached to the foundation of her real estate at 1187 Oak St., Perry KS 66073. Respectfully submitted,
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of)
the Estate of)
DIANA M. BROWN,)
Deceased.)
Case No. JF 25 PR 000041
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on March 23, 2026, a Petition has been filed in this Court by Michele M. Moore, Administratrix of the above-entitled Estate of Diana M. Brown, requesting an Order authorizing the private sale of the following described real estate, to-wit:
Legal Description:
Survey 17 KHBIL, S20, T11, R018, 74.42 Acres

Survey 17 KHBIL, S20, T11, R018, 72.48 Acres

S16, T11, R018, 62.12 Acres, Beg 1155' W SE Cor, TH W570', WNWL960', N2460', E150', SELY1030', E1205', S1725' to POB AND That part of S12, T11, R18, North of US-24 Hwy

S21,T11,R018, 48.39 Acres, W1509.75' Lots 1 & 2 NE1/4; LESS That part of S21, T11, R18, N of US-24 HWY

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 1st day of May, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the District Court in the City of Oskaloosa, in Jefferson County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard.

Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Tom R. Barnes II
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All-League Boys' 1st Team:

Damian Cervantez – Valley Falls
Collin Kearney – Valley Falls
Isaac Laird – Jefferson County North
Chance Jenkins – Jefferson County North
Drake Mellies – Jackson Heights
Beau Harsh – McLouth
Jayce Campbell – Maur Hill Mount Academy
Richie Rockhold – Oskaloosa
Derrick Harvey – Oskaloosa
Ty'Zell Harrington – Riverside
Henry Geiger – Troy
Kaston Jasper – Troy

All-League Boys' 2nd Team:

Jame Gaddis – ACCHS
Talon Hooper – Horton
Rex Fuhrman – Jefferson County North
Bo Wurtz – Maur Hill Mount Academy
Nate Layton – Pleasant Ridge
Kobe Koehler – Riverside
Keagan Hughes – Riverside
Flint Seymour – Valley Falls

All-League Girls' 1st Team:

Kansas Keo – Horton
Kara Coversup – Horton
Emma Vogel – Oskaloosa
Mayzie Peak – Oskaloosa
Chesnea Chochren – Jackson Heights
Chloe Cox – Valley Falls
Kaitlyn Folsom – Maur Hill Mount Academy
Capri Koehnner – Maur Hill Mount Academy
Niahla Duncan – Riverside
Kennedy Griffin – Riverside
Hailey Groff – Troy
Harper Whetstine – Troy

All-League Girls' 2nd Team:

Madison Martin – ACCHS
Kirsten Smith – Horton
Marlysa Banks – Horton
Rylee Thompson – Jefferson County North
Lucy Noll – Jefferson County North
Gwynn Blattner – Jefferson County North
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