

Korikov Named 4th Quarter 2024 City of Elkhart Employee



Jevgeni "John" Korikov was named City of Elkhart Employee of the 4th Quarter 2024. You are greatly appreciated! Photo/Information courtesy of Vivian Whisennand

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Morton County location is now accepting applications for milking positions starting at \$14.00 an hour with a \$250.00 signing bonus. Benefits include 401K, health insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance. Please apply in person at our office (751 SE CR 36, Syracuse, KS 67878) or call 620-492-2525.

Elkhart Recreation Commission announces vacancy
The Elkhart Recreation Commission announces a vacancy in board member position. Questions concerning this vacancy should be directed to Tonya Parks.
Interested patrons may send a letter of interest describing qualifications to Tonya Parks, Treasurer, Box 182, Elkhart, KS 67950. Letters must be received by noon, February 11th. It is the Boards intent to consider filling the position at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 12 2025.
This position has been created by the resignation of Leo Carrillo

City of Rolla Maintenance Position
Full-Time, 40 hour work week, alternating on-call weekends.
Benefits Include: Partial paid Health Insurance, KPERs, sick/vacation/personal time earned after 1 year of service. Paid holidays. Salary based upon experience.
Acquiring certifications in small water systems and wastewater will be a requirement for this position.
Resumes can be mailed to: PO Box 125, Rolla, KS 67954 or you may pick up an application at City Hall, 304 Washington, Rolla, KS. Applications due February 11th, 2025

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TCEC
Billing Specialist
The position of **Billing Specialist** will open to applicants beginning on January 20 and will remain open until February 3, 2025. Executes, monitors, and reviews billing to serve members by processing accurate and timely billing. Provide accurate and complete billing reports to ensure the accuracy of accounts receivable, including reviewing kWh usage reports, post accurate readings, and processing the pre-bill for each billing cycle.
HS diploma is required. Years of experience: 3 year(s), or an equivalent combination of education and experience is preferred.
Position description and application may be obtained at www.tcec.coop under the Careers tab.
Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
TCEC is an equal opportunity employer.

Legal Notice
First published in the Elkhart Tri-State News, Thursday, January 16, 2025, Thursday, January 23, 2025, Thursday, January 30, 2025.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
CLARENCE WAYNE JONES A/K/A)
CLARENCE W. JONES A/K/A)
SONNY JONES, DECEASED) Case No. MT-2025-PR-000001

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on 3rd day of January, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Toni Wiggins, an heir and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Clarence Wayne Jones a/k/a Clarence W. Jones a/k/a Sonny Jones, deceased, dated June 20, 2024 praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; and that Toni Wiggins be appointed as Executor, without bond.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 13th day of February, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., of said day, in this Court, in the City of Elkhart, in Morton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the later of (i) four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law; or (ii) thirty (30) days after actual notice is given to any creditor. Creditors are notified that if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Toni Wiggins, Petitioner
Nathaniel C. Foreman, # 22691
Tate, Kitzke & Foreman, LLC
1024 S. Trindle
Hugoton, Kansas 67951
(620) 544-2103
Attorneys for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES)
OF) Case No. MT-2025-PR-000002
JAMES F. TAYLOR, DECEASED, AND)
RUSSELL W. TAYLOR, DECEASED, AND)
MARY JO LEWIS, DECEASED)
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Nancy J. Divine, an heir Russell W. Taylor, deceased, requesting:
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Morton County, Kansas:
Minerals in the E/2 S27-T34S-R41; NE/4 S23-T33S-R40; NE/4 S9-T33S-R39 W 6PM, Morton County, Kansas;

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedents at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedents at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Elkhart, Morton 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/ Jeremiah Johnson
Jeremiah Johnson #21968
Graber & Johnson Law Group, LLC
701 Vilymaca, PO Box 450
Elkhart, KS 67950
(620) 697-2163
Attorneys for Petitioner

Legal Notice
First published in the Elkhart Tri-State News, Thursday, January 30, 2025.
RESOLUTION NO. 382

A RESOLUTION OF CENSURE expressing disapproval of Councilmember Martin's recent conduct and reaffirming the City Council's commitment to transparency in governance and responsible use of City resources.

WHEREAS, on or about June 25, 2024, it was brought to the attention of City Administrator, Tim Hardy, that documents had been discovered in the municipal court room indicating that the court room was potentially improperly used on two occasions to record a minor's statement by a former municipal judge with Councilmember Martin participating as a witness as evidenced by her signature;

WHEREAS, the discovery of the documents was immediately turned over to the City Attorney by the City Administrator for further investigation;

WHEREAS, the City Attorney reported to the City Council that the municipal court room was likely improperly used for personal use without permission, contrary to the City of Elkhart Employee Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in its meeting held on January 14, 2025, moved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members to censure Councilmember Martin in order to express its disapproval of her conduct described above, which in the opinion of the majority of the council, demonstrated by a lack of proper judgment by participating in the improper use of the municipal court without permission of the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Elkhart, Kansas, as follows:

1. The above stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference, and accurately recite the City Council's censure of Councilmember Martin and the reasons therefore;
2. The City Council of the City of Elkhart reaffirms its commitment to transparency in governance and responsible use of City resources; and
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval and shall be published in the official City newspaper.

Passed and adopted this 14th day of January, 2025.
ATTEST:
Vivian Whisennand, City Clerk
Leo Carrillo, Mayor

Legal Notice
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IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT
DREAM FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Heartland Tri-State Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Elkhart,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. MT-2024-CV-000004
vs.) Title to Real Estate Involved
JAMES ROILDON McDONALD, a/k/a James R. McDonald, a/k/a Roildon McDonald; TERRI LYNN RANKIN; JOLENE GAIL POPPLEWELL; BRENT ALAN McDONALD; MIKI LEAH McDONALD; the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of BRAD EUGENE McDONALD, deceased; the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendant; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and SKYLAND GRAIN, L.L.C.,)
Defendants.)
Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Morton County, Kansas, in the above entitled action, I will, on the 18th day of February, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., in the lobby of the court house of the Morton County Courthouse, 1025 Morton., Elkhart, KS 67950 in the City of Elkhart, Kansas, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of the right, title and interest of the Defendants above named in and to the following described real property located in Morton County, Kansas ("Real Estate"):

- Parcel 1 Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 13-32S-40W
- Parcel 2 Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 20-32S-39W
- Parcel 3 South Half (S/2) of Section 21-32S-29W
- Parcel 4 South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 SE/4))
Northeast Quarter (NE/4))-- Section 28-32S-39W
South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S/2 SW/4))
Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4))
North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NW/4))
Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NW/4))

Said Real Estate is levied on as the property of Defendants above named, with each Parcel sold separately, without appraisal, to satisfy said Order of Sale.
Said Defendants have a redemption period of three (3) months in and to the Real Estate.

Thad Earls, Sheriff
Morton County, Kansas
Karl R. Swartz, #12532
MORRIS LAING LAW FIRM
300 North Mead, Suite 200
Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 262-2671
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE
WHEREAS, on June 18, 2007, a certain Mortgage was Executed by Earnest E. Henley and Barbara E. Henley, his wife as mortgagors in favor of James B. Nutter & Company as mortgagee, and was recorded on June 27, 2007, in Book 148, Page 116 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Morton County; Kansas and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated August 3, 2020, and recorded on August 13, 2020, in Book 201, Page 522, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Morton County, Kansas,

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that payments were not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 31, 2025 is \$57,218.24; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, attached hereto and recorded herewith, notice is hereby given that on January 31, 2025 at 10:30 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

LOT 3, BLOCK 39, IN THE CITY OF ELKHART, MORTON KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF;

BEING THE SAME PREMISES AS CONVEYED IN DEED FROM ROLAND F. CAFFEE AND CAROL L. CAFFEE, HIS WIFE RECORDED 12-7-76 IN BOOK 47, PAGE 49 IN SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

TAX ID: 24516020120030000000
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 611 Point Rock Rd, Elkhart, KS 67950

The sale will be held at the front door of the Morton County, Courthouse, City of Elkhart, State of Kansas. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$61,902.24.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$6,190.22 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$6,190.22 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00 paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$57,218.24 as of January 31, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

This notice is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC
Foreclosure Commissioner
612 Spirit Drive
St. Louis, MO 63005
(636) 537-0110
File No: 224556.013125.451064 HCOM

NOTICE
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.