

Insight: Cure for Cabin Fever

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I drove my kids to school one morning last week. As we drove to town, we passed a farm pond that had the remains of a homemade hockey rink pulled onto the wheat surrounding the pond. This particular pond has had many days this winter where the ice has been so thick that hockey games and ice skating has been a common sight for passersby. Now, the ice on the pond has melted and replaced by an impressive number of geese floating on the water.

Since the hockey rink had not been stored away yet, it left me wondering if someone still believes that the pond will freeze thick enough for a few more rounds of hockey this winter.

I would soon discover not everyone shared the belief as the owner of the beached hockey rink.

As I inched closer to the school drop-off line, I couldn't believe my eyes. Shorts!

They were everywhere.

Kids with exposed legs walking into the school building. Some kids wearing sweatshirts, some wearing long sleeve shirts, some wearing jackets. But so many kids entering the building wearing shorts!

Yes, the temperature outside that

morning was significantly warmer than the majority of the days we've experienced the last few months.

But in my mind, it was as if those same kids had just gone to school in heavy coats, insulated overalls, knit caps, gloves and snow boots. Literally just days before.

These were the same kids who didn't have outside recess because of extreme wind chills just days before. The same kids who had multiple days of school called off and late start days because of the wintery conditions. And now, these same kids were all walking into school that morning wearing shorts.

Perhaps the youth do believe that we are still in the throes of winter. Maybe they saw an opportunity to shed some of the extra layers that have been weighing them down for what seems like months. Perhaps they are simply capitalizing on temporary warmer temperatures.

Whatever the case, I caught myself saying out loud as I drove off from the school: "Madness! Pure madness!"

The next day, after much pleading by the kids and double checking the forecast by the parents, both of my kids went to school wearing shorts, too.

Who knows if winter will reap-

pear again before spring officially sets in? Who knows if the kids will have to layer up and stay inside for recess again due to cold temperatures? Who knows?

All I know is that the warmer temperatures, the bright sun and the lack of wind have left many who experienced extreme cabin fever ready to embrace the next season.

Yes, there are many experiencing this fever right now. And for many kids in our school district, the cure for this fever is in the form of shorts.

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank National Association)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. MT-2024-CV-000007
vs.)	Court Number:
Steve Tregellas; Unknown Spouse, if any, of)	Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Steve Tregellas; United States of America,)	
Secretary of Housing and Urban)	
Development; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant);)	
Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant))	
Defendants.)	

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Morton County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Morton County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Elkhart Morton County, Kansas, on March 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block Twelve (12), Nason Addition to the City of Elkhart, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, situated in Morton County, Kansas, commonly known as 233 N Baca, Elkhart, KS 67950 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Shelby Ralstin, Sheriff
Morton County, Kansas

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Wheat Scoop: Beyond the Value of the Grain: K-State Research Details Wheat's Value in a Cropping Rotation

For the audio version, visit kswheat.com.

Tracking the price of grain — whether on an app or tuning into the right radio station for the market reports — is an important and routine part of farming. Still, Kansas Wheat and K-State wheat researchers encourage producers to look beyond the value of the bushels in the bin when deciding on their crop rotations to the economic, operational and environmental benefits of planting wheat.

"Wheat's value extends far beyond the grain's market price," said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. "The

advantages of including wheat in your cropping system are wide-ranging, from providing flexibility in planting and nitrogen fertilizer timing, opportunities for dual-purpose production or double-cropping and the value of wheat residue."

The compiled K-State research findings were published in a WheatRx publication this winter that describes the versatility wheat brings to farming operations. The article is part of "Wheat: Beyond the Value of the Grain," an educational campaign organized by Kansas Wheat and K-State

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HOWARD ANDREW DUNN a/k/a
HOWARD DUNN, deceased.

CASE NO. 23-PR-300001

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Don R. Dunn and Verda Mae Allen, Administrators of the above-entitled estate, will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

Surface and Surface Rights only in and to the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Thirty-Two (32) South, Range Forty-one (41) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas; and

Surface and Surface Rights only in and to the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 of the NW/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Forty (40) West of the 6th P.M., Morton County, Kansas.

The sale will commence on April 1, 2025 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and ending on May 2, 2025 to the highest bidder for cash. The location of the auction shall be by phone and bids shall be placed to Karen Yoder of Faulkner Real Estate, Inc. by calling (620) 544-3730 or by calling Faulkner Real Estate, Inc.'s main office at 620-356-5808. The successful bidder will sign a contract and deposit 10% earnest money with Frazee Abstract & Title as escrow and closing agent. Seller and Buyer will split the cost of title insurance and closing fee. Real Estate taxes will be prorated to the date of closing. Sale will be subject to owner acceptance and court approval. The property is being sold As-Is. Bidders shall make inspections of the property prior to placing bids. Bidding is not subject to financing. Information concerning the sale may be found at www.faulknerrealestate.com All interested persons should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Don R. Dunn, Petitioner
Verda Mae Allen, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Freedom Mortgage Corporation)	Case No. MT-2025-CV-000005
Plaintiff,)	Court No.
vs.)	Title to Real Estate Involved
Kyle L. Custer, Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al.,)	Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
Defendants)	

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Morton County, Kansas by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT FIFTEEN (15), BLOCK SIX (6), NASON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ELKHART, MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, Parcel ID No. 065-244-17-0-10-08-005.00-0. Commonly known as 112 N Baca Ave., Elkhart, KS 67950 ("the Property") MS 225708

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 9, 2025 in the District Court of Morton County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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