

Kansas Wetlands Education Center hosts open house

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GREAT BEND — The Kansas Wetlands Education Center staff will celebrate the Christmas season with a Holiday Open House from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 13.

The KWEC gift store is stocked with perfect gift selections for any nature enthusiast. Visitors can take advantage of a 40 percent discount on one item,

excluding consignment items. Find the hidden Christmas Goose and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate.

Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to decorate bird-shaped sugar cookies that resemble birds that visit Cheyenne Bottoms. Information about some of the winter birds commonly found in the area will also be presented. In addition, participants can create a unique eagle ornament to take home.

Bald eagles are a common sight at Cheyenne Bottoms in the winter.

This year, three beautiful stained-glass bird ornaments will be hidden along the nature trail path, waiting to be discovered. If you find one, it's yours to keep as a special holiday treasure. Take a stroll, enjoy the winter scenery, and see if you can spot these colorful surprises during your visit.

No registration is required for this free

family-friendly event. Kick start your holiday spirit with a visit to the Kansas Wetlands Education Center. For more information, visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu or call 1-877-243-9268.

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center, affiliated with Fort Hays State University's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, is located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend on K-156 Highway.

Trying to “Lure” customers in?

We can help your business succeed. Call Alan Rusch at the I/R today to discuss your advertising needs.

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EARLY LEGAL DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Dec. 25 legals are due at noon Friday, Dec. 12

Jan. 1 legals are due at noon Wednesday, Dec. 17

Additional legals are on p. A8

Civil Suit EW2025CV8

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, November 20, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Joseph Ranker, Plaintiff

Case No. EW2025CV8

and Kansas Department of Revenue, and June Fenimore, and Ally Bank.

Pursuant to Chapter 60 of Kansas Statutes Annotated

NOTICE OF SUIT

To any and all possible previous owners of a 2021 Mazda CX-30 car with VIN: 3MVDMBAY5MM232889 and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Ellsworth County by Joseph Ranker Plaintiff praying that title to property stated in the Petition be awarded to the Plaintiff and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before Jan. 15, 2026. If you fail to plead, judgement will be entered upon the Petition.

Joseph Ranker, Plaintiff
1002 Prospect St.
Ellsworth, KS 67439
(785) 472-7059

3t 12/4

Kanopolis Resolution: Deming Vehicles

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, December 04, 2025)

RESOLUTION NO. #2025-R-06

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS AT WHICH THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, did on the 3rd day of September, 2025, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the junked motor vehicles, hereinafter described, need to be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 13th day of January, 2026, before the governing body of the city at 5:25 o'clock p.m., at 100 S. Kansas Ave. at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the junked motor vehicles located at:

Lots Twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30) in block Ninety-five (95), City of Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, KS.

Also known as 328 S. Kansas, Kanopolis, Kansas.

may appear and show cause why such vehicles should not be removed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

Mayor
(SEAL) ATTEST: City Clerk

2t 12/11

Request For An At-Risk CM

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, December 04, 2025)

Request for Qualifications

At-Risk Construction Management for the Ellsworth County Courthouse & Law Enforcement Center Renovation

Response Deadline:

December 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM CST

Issued By:

Board of County Commissioners
Ellsworth County Courthouse
210 N Kansas Ave
Ellsworth, KS 67439

Announcement of Request for Qualifications:

After a successful county-wide vote, Ellsworth County, Kansas is renovating their Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center to better meet the needs of the community. The County has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a Construction Manager for the project. To qualify for consideration, a firm must be prepared to provide the expertise, resources and personnel experienced in project planning, cost management, project control, pre-construction and construction techniques, value-engineering analysis, scheduling, and quality assurance throughout the planning and construction phases of the project.

Interested parties must **submit eight (8) physical copies and an electronic copy of their corporate qualifications to the Ellsworth County Clerk no later than December 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM local time.** Contact the County Clerk's office (785-472-4161) or visit the Ellsworth County website for full RFQ information.

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Kanopolis Resolution: Kramer Vehicles

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, December 04, 2025)

RESOLUTION NO. #2025-R-05

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS AT WHICH THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, did on the 22nd day of October, 2022, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the junked motor vehicles, hereinafter described, need to be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 13th day of January, 2026, before the governing body of the city at 5:25 o'clock p.m., at 100 S. Kansas Ave. at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the junked motor vehicles located at:

Lots Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19) all in Block Eighty-six (86), City of Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas;

Also known as 206 S. Kansas, Kanopolis, Kansas.

may appear and show cause why such vehicles should not be removed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

Mayor
(SEAL) ATTEST: City Clerk

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Wenslow F. Dolezal Estate

(First Published in the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter, November 20, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS
(Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

In the Matter of the Estate of Wenslow F. Dolezal, Deceased
Case No. EW-2025-PR-000030

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Anna Anderson, daughter of Wenslow F. Dolezal, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Ellsworth County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Fifteen (15) South, Range Seven (7) West of 6th P.M., described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said section; thence North along the West section line a distance of 1386.40 feet; thence East, parallel to the South section line, a distance of 446.22 feet; thence South, parallel to the West section line a distance of 1386.40 feet, to a point on the South section line, 446.22 feet East of the Southwest corner; thence West along the South section line to the point of beginning, said tract containing 14.200 acres, more or less

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent 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 December 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Ellsworth 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.

Anna Anderson
Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

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Kanopolis Resolution: Weaver Property 2025

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-04

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS AT WHICH THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Kanopolis, Kansas, did on the 22nd day of October 2025, file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structures, hereinafter described, are unsafe and dangerous.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KANOPOLIS, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 13th day of January, 2026, before the governing body of the city at 5:25 o'clock p.m., at 100 S. Kansas Ave. at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at:

Lots Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24) all in Block One hundred six (106), City of Kanopolis, Ellsworth County, Kansas;

Also known as 420 S Iowa, Kanopolis, Kansas.

may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned as an unsafe or dangerous structure and ordered repaired or demolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 17th day of November 2025.

Mayor
(SEAL) ATTEST: City Clerk

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