

Beesley and Hewitt receive the Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education award

Ella Beesley and Austin Hewitt, seniors at Hugoton High School have received the Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award, sponsored by United School Administrators of Kansas.

Pat Atkins, principal, announced Ella and Austin have demonstrated the characteristics necessary to receive this annual award given in honor of a distinguished Kansas educational leader. Recipients of this award are identified from their schools and across the state as individuals who have displayed the citizenship, community and schools service, scholarship, and strong self-awareness that make them a quality individual.

The Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award was established in 1996 by Kansas school administrators to honor the long and valuable service Dale M. Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of the Kansas State Department of Education, has provided to the students and educators of Kansas. The individual attributes which characterize Dale M. Dennis as a friend of education, and more importantly as a first class citizen, are the basis for determining the recipient of this award.



Dale Dennis Award is presented by Beth Settlemyer and given to Ella Beesely and Austin Hewitt. Photo courtesy of Beth Settlemyer.



HMS Students of the Month for April are seventh graders Saul Talavera, Yazlin Gonzalez; and eighth graders Cassandra Villa and James McCann. Photo courtesy of Lupe Camacho.



CTE Scholars are Yareli Guerrero Paredes, and Channing Dillinger. Photo courtesy of Beth Karina Avila, Faith Beesley, Paola Hernandez Settlemyer.

Five Hugoton students achieve the status of CTE Scholar

Five students achieving the status of Career and Technical Education Scholar, an award given by the Kansas State Department of Education were honored Wednesday, May 7. The students are Channing Dillinger, Faith Beesley, Karina Avila, Paola Hernandez and Yareli Guerrero. This recognition means these students have developed academic, technical and employability skills and demonstrated leadership and civic engagement as graduating seniors in Kansas.

To receive this award a scholar: Must have completed a minimum of three secondary level credits in a single

pathway, with at least two of those credits being a combination of technical and application-level courses.

Must have a GPA in CTE courses of 3.5 or higher.

A minimum of one of the following technical skill attainment options must be earned:

- Earned an end of pathway assessment/certification for completer status (industry-recognized certification or a passing score on a third-party, end-of- pathway assessment) recorded on the K-PAC (Kansas Pathway Assessments, Credentials or Certifications)
- Earned an Excel in CTE Qualifying Recognized Credential aligned to the Pathway.

• Earned nine (9) + college hours leading to completion of a certificate, or post-secondary program aligned to the Pathway's Program of Study.

• Completed a high-quality work-based learning career preparation experience.

Civic Engagement or Outstanding Community Service (minimum of 40 hours)

This year, KSDE announced 200 students received such recognition, and there are five at Hugoton High School.

A commemorative certificate, pin and graduation honor cord is awarded to each CTE Scholar as recognition of this achievement.

HERMES EARLY DEADLINE THURSDAY, MAY 22@ 5 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET MASON, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2025-PR-000022

NOTICE OF HEARING (Chapter 59)

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above Court on May 1, 2025, by Sherri L. Sheppard, daughter of the decedent, Margaret Mason, praying for the determination of descent of the real estate as more fully described in the petition, and all other property, both real estate and

personal property, or interests therein, including mineral interests, owned by Margaret Mason within the State of Kansas at the time of her death on June 27, 2023.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 30th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. of said day, in the district courtroom at the county courthouse, in the City of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Sherri L. Sheppard, Petitioner

KRAMER, NORDLING & NORDLING, LLC 209 East 6th Street Hugoton, KS 67951 Telephone: 620-544-4333 Attorneys for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

WAYLON M HUMPHREY, JOHN DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), JANE DOE (UNKNOWN TENANT/OCCUPANT), ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No.: SV-2025-CV-000006 Division No.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successor 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; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a

Petition has been filed in the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Two (2), Block Sixteen (16), to the City of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 207 S Monroe Street, Hugoton, KS 67951 ("Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before June 25, 2025, in the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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 will be used for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.

/s/ David V. Noyce David V. Noyce, #20870 11111 Nall Avenue, Suite 104 Leawood, KS 66211 Phone: (913) 800-2021 Fax: (913) 257-5223 dnoyce@mlg-defaultlaw.com ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The Hugoton USD 210 Board of Education met Monday, May 12 for its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. The agenda was approved. The board also approved the consent agenda with surplus items added.

New hires approved by the board were James Kent, HLA Director; Mikyah Cain, Daycare; and Olga Laas, HS Custodian.

Resignations approved were Dusty O'Neil, Engagement Specialist; Ida Marie Piper, Forensics; Nathan Piper, Forensics; Alicia Frownfelter, HS math; Elizabeth Rios, HS cook; and Reed Rome, wrestling and cross country. Change of status approved by the board was Laura Rendon, daycare to MS/HS ESL Para. New coaching hire was Tino Degollado, Asst. HS FB.

Hugoton High School Principal Pat Atkins introduced the three Kansas State Scholars recipients Austin Hewitt, Tobias Grubbs and Fernando Sepulveda. He then introduced the five Kansas Career Technical Ed (CTE) Scholars Karina Avila, Faith Beesley, Channing Dillinger, Paola Hernandez and Yareli Guerrero.

Primary School Principal Tiffany Boxum showed the board pictures of what the teachers did for Teacher Appreciation Week last week.

Intermediate School Principal Sonja Watkins showed the pictures of the students that had 100% attendance and 99% attendance at the elementary. She showed pictures of the two principals for the day.

Middle School Principal Tina Salmans talked about the different themes the middle school did last week. The theme was "Wicked". The middle school had eight students that had perfect attendance. KSHSAA Citizen award went to Kendra Howie and Blake Salmans.

High School Principal Atkins talked about the senior showcase and how

well it went.

Director of Student Learning Anthony Davis said with the CTE Pathways data management system has opened up and it is due in August. He takes the transcript of every student from Hugoton High School and he evaluates it to see what pathway they are currently in. He then labels it as a concentrator or a completer and then that data is sent to the state. The state sends the report on to federal. It is essentially an evaluation of Hugoton's Pathways.

Athletic Director CJ Korf informed the board that sports is winding down. The middle school finishes their season at the GWAC tournament at Scott City Tuesday. The High school has the GWAC tournament at Goodland Thursday. Then Regionals May 22. Golf had its league tournament Monday at Colby and Regionals is May 19 at McPherson. Baseball has its last game Tuesday against Scott City, they did not make the post season this year. Softball has its last regular game Tuesday at Scott City and seatings for Regionals is May 17. As of Monday the district has 15 open coaching positions.

Health insurance rate and renewal was discussed. The board approved the health insurance rate and renewal as presented. The board also approved the insurance dental rate as presented.

The Eagle Impact Award winner was Abel Medina.

Superintendent Adrian Howie informed the board of LETERS day Wednesday and work day Thursday. There will be the district awards and luncheon Thursday at 11:30. There will be two sites for food service this summer, at the park during swim lessons and at the high school pick up site. You will be picking up a hot meal and cold meal, so it will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday pick up. It is free for anyone 1-18 years old.



Kansas State Scholars recipients Fernando Sepulveda, Austin Hewitt and Tobias Grubbs are recognized at the school board meeting Monday night.



CTE Scholars are recognized at school board meeting. Pictured from the left are Faith Beesley, Channing Dillinger, Paola Hernandez, Yareli Guerrero Paredes and Karina Avila.

Governor Kelly directs flags be flown at

half-staff for Peace Officers Memorial Day

Governor Laura Kelly, in accordance with Executive Order #20-30, Tuesday, directed flags throughout the State of Kansas to be flown at half-staff from sunup to sundown Thursday, May 15, 2025, in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day. Peace Officers Memorial Day pays tribute to local, state, and federal peace officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty. "Every day, Kansas peace

officers put their lives on the line in service to their communities and fellow Kansans," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Peace Officers Memorial Day is a solemn reminder to acknowledge and appreciate their sacrifices and commitment."

To receive email alerts when the governor orders flags to half-staff, please visit: <https://www.governor.ks.gov/newsroom/kansas-flag-honors>.

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