

Public Notices

(First Published February 6, 2025 in The Jewell County Record)
In the District Court of Jewell County, Kansas

In the Matter of the Estate of Geneva M. Hiltgen, deceased.

Case No. JW-2025-PR-000002
Notice to Creditors

The State of Kansas to all persons concerned:

You are hereby notified that on January 29, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Testamentary was filed in this Court by Cary E. Hiltgen and Jeanette K. Howard, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Geneva M. Hiltgen, deceased, dated February 16, 1999, and she was appointed Co-Executors thereon.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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City of Mankato
Final Performance
Public Hearing Notice CDBG
Sewer Lines Improvement Project

The City of Mankato will hold a final performance public hearing on February 18, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., at the Mankato City Hall at 217 S. High St., Mankato, Kansas, for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant No. 22-PF-024 which was proposed to improve the city's waste water lines including - but not limited to: making repairs and improvements to its collection system, CIPP sewer main lining, manholes and other point rehabilitation. The proposed project also included engineering services, grant administration and mobilization. All quantities listed are approximations.

The project is completed including, furnishing and installing PVC sewer main with gravel bedding, furnishing

and installing service reconstructions, manhole replacements, breakout flushout manholes for access, point repairs, surfacing removal and replacement for manholes and point repairs, cast in Place Pipe (CIPP) Sewer lining, reinstatement of services, service connections, removing protruding taps, investigation of active laterals/dye testing and removing tuberculation in cast piping. The proposed project also included engineering services, grant administration and mobilization. All quantities listed are approximations. Additional project work that was completed included was erosion control, traffic control, mobilization, demobilization, engineering design and construction inspection/observation, grant and loan administration.

The total project cost was \$2,896,790.00 with \$600,000 in CDBG funds utilized. This grant was funded, all or in part, from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. All aspects of the grant will be discussed and oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City of Mankato CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to the Mankato City Administrator by February 15, 2025.

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Courthouse News

Jewell County

Deeds

Jan. 21 to 31

Jerry and Nadine J. Durham, trustees to Eric J. and Jennifer L. Eldert; the NE1/4 of 25-5-8 except a tract; N1/2 NW1/4 of 25-5-8 except a tract.

Luke M. and Adrianna Purcell to Kristy Nabity and Bradley Fournier; Lots 3-6 inclusive in Block 50, Original Town of Jewell.

Everett L. and Bonnie J. Benoit, trustees convey to Douglas Benoit, trustee; Part of SW1/4, and Part of SW1/4 SE1/4 of 3-3-10; Five acres in NE1/4 NE1/4, W1/2 NE1/4, W1/2 NW1/4, and NE1/4 NW1/4 of 10-3-10; NW1/4 of 20-2-10; a tract in NW1/4 SE1/4 3-3-10, Part of NW1/4 SE1/4 3-3-10.

Bonnie J. and Everett L. Benoit, trustees to Douglas Benoit Trustee W1/2 13-3-10; N1/2 24-3-10; W1/2 SW1/4 24-3-10; SE1/4 24-3-10; SE1/4 32-3-9; NE1/4 19-2-10; W1/2 SE1/4 and SW1/4 30-2-10.

Jerry Richter to Derrin Luong; W1/2 of Lot 19, and all of Lots 20-3 in Block 32, Fairview Addition to

Mankato.

Homer E. and Lois R. Smuck, Jeanette A. Mosier, Jeanice A. and Mak H. Janke, Herschel W. and Denise A. Smuck to Smuck Family Farms, LLC; N1/2 NE1/4 1-1-10; NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4 4-1-9; NE1/4 and NE1/4 SE1/4 5-1-9.

Jeremy L. Fredrickson, trustee to Jeremy L. Fredrickson and Cary G. Wikoff, trustees; NW1/4 35-2-6; NE1/4 3-3-6; and SE1/4 26-2-6.

David A. Kadel to Kristopher and Jannae Green; a tract in NW1/4 of 12-5-6.



Eli Whelchel lays up the ball to the basket during the game with Red Cloud. Photo by Sheila Lorence.



Noah Eakins shoots from the free-throw line during the game with Red Cloud. Photo by Sheila Lorence.

Rock Hills crush the Trojans in Mankato

Last Tuesday, the Rock Hills girls defeated the Tescott Trojans 53-20 in Mankato.

The Grizzlies dominated the entire game. In the first quarter they scored 10 points, followed by 14 in the second, 18 in the fourth. Tescott scored in the single digits each quarter.

Tuesday, Rock Hills was scheduled to play Sylvan-Lucas at Sylvan. Results were not available at press time.

The Rock Hills boys also prevailed over the Trojans 49 to 18. The Trojan boys also scored only in single digits each quarter, while Rock Hills scored 17 in the first quarter, 13 in both the second and third quarters and six in the fourth. Noah Eakins was selected as Grizzly player of the game. Eakins is a sophomore.

RHJSHS Activities

Monday the PTL Basketball Tournament was at Rock Hills.

Tuesday high school basketball was at Sylvan-Lucas. Lied performers were at Rock Hills to perform for the 6 through 12 grade music classes in the Little Theater.

Wednesday was the FFA Speech and Employability competition. An FFA meeting was held during Seminar.

Today (Thursday) the PTL Basketball Tournament continues at Rock Hills.

Friday High School Basketball vs. Lakeside at Downs.

Saturday is Regional Piano Contest. PTL Basketball Tournament continues at Rock Hills.

The Moser Minute #2

By Lisa Moser

District 106 Kansas Representative

House Floor Action: The Kansas House has taken a crucial step in protecting the well-being of children by passing the Help Not Harm Act, SB 63, ensuring that minors are not subjected to irreversible medical treatments (medications and surgeries) under the guise of so-called "gender-affirming care." The passage of this bill is a victory for common sense, reinforcing the notion that children—who are not legally allowed to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, get tattoos, or even vote—should certainly not be allowed to make life-altering decisions regarding their biological identity. The Senate passed it earlier this past week, and we passed it on Friday, Jan. 31. SB 63 has been sent to the Governor.

Other: The Annual March for Life was held Wednesday, Jan. 29th. Many legislators, including myself, gathered on the south steps of the Capitol to show our support for mothers and their unborn children. Thousands of pro-life Kansans showed up to march and stand in support of moms and babies.

Protecting Ammunition and Firearm Components: A Critical Defense

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of Gun Rights - The right to keep and bear arms means little if the government can restrict access to ammunition, firearm accessories, or essential firearm components. That is why I co-signed on and support this constitutional amendment, which ensures that Kansas explicitly protects not just firearms themselves, but also the ammunition and parts necessary for their lawful use. Next week this Kansas Constitutional amendment will have a hearing in Federal and State Affairs.

Amendments to Kansas Constitution on Voting Rights (HCR 5004) - As your representative, I want to ensure that every eligible voter in Kansas can trust the integrity of our elections. That's why I co-signed on and support HCR 5004, which explicitly states that only U.S. citizens can vote in Kansas elections. While this principle is already implied in our laws, making it clear in our state constitution protects against potential challenges and ensures consistency with surrounding states like Missouri and Oklahoma.

Fungus gnats on houseplants

Have you noticed tiny insects flying around your home? Fungus gnats are common household pests that are quite annoying. Here are some ways to keep them in check.

• Water houseplants only as needed rather than on a regular schedule to avoid oversaturating plants and attracting fungus gnat.

• Dump water out of the saucer once it drains so plants are not in standing water.

• If fungus gnats are already present in your plants, allow the soil to dry at least through the upper three-inches.

• For extreme cases, repot the plant in fresh soilless media. Remove as much soil as possible from the plant roots to eradicate the eggs and larvae of the gnats.

Scale Insects - Varying in size and host, scale insects cause damage by sucking sap from plants. Their damage is not restricted to just trees and shrubs. They can devastate crops of herbaceous ornamentals as well. The time for investigating plants for scale is here and early detection is the best way to prevent crop damage. Many scale varieties have white, tan or brown shell-like coverings that are round or oval in shape. They can blend into the bark so close inspection is necessary. If signs of scale are found, a dormant oil can be used as long as the plant is in dormancy and the temperature is above 40 degrees F. Dormant oils are beneficial because they can combat a wide range of life stages for scale insects. They are less detrimental to beneficial insects because of the application timing and are less toxic than chemical controls. Read more about the use of dormant oils from K-State Extension Entomology. Here are some resources to check out for more information about specific scale insect varieties and their hosts: [Enonymus](#) [Scale Magnolia](#) [Scale Pine Needle Scale](#) [Scale San Jose Scale](#)

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