

GOP candidate for governor removed from ballot

Wire report

The Kansas secretary of state relied on a legal opinion issued by the attorney general to remove Republican Doug Billings from the roster of candidates running for governor.

Attorney General Kris Kobach's nonbinding opinion pointed to state law requiring governor and lieutenant governor candidates to run as a team. Kobach said the statute meant the decision by Billings' running mate, April McCoy, to be removed from the ticket and have her name scrubbed from the August 2026 primary ballot meant Secretary of State Scott Schwab was obligated to terminate Billings' candidacy.

Kobach said the key point was that when one member of

this type of electoral alliance withdrew or died, after officially submitting candidate filing documents but prior to the state's filing deadline, the candidacy had to be concluded because there was no mechanism in state law to replace one of the running mates.

"The Legislature knows how to prescribe a procedure for allowing a candidacy to continue, and it did not include one for this scenario," Kobach's opinion said. "While the remaining member is free to find another running mate and pursue ballot access, he must do so as part of a new candidacy."

Kobach said Billings would be able to relaunch a campaign for governor, but would have to complete all requirements

of a candidate to include payment of filing fees.

Billings couldn't be immediately reached for comment on the decision.

Schwab, who serves as the state's top elections official and is a candidate for the GOP nomination for governor, requested the attorney general's opinion. Schwab's office said the decision to remove Billings as a candidate for governor was based on the legal advice from the attorney general.

Billings, an Olathe podcaster and supporter of President Donald Trump, launched a long-shot campaign for governor. The GOP field includes Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, Senate President Ty Masterson, former Gov. Jeff Colyer, Schwab and

several others.

Billings, who began hosting "The Right Side" podcast after a career in human resources, said Kansas needed a governor who would mirror the budget mindset offered by Trump and former DOGE adviser Elon Musk. He said reducing state spending and lowering income and businesses taxes would lead to a flourishing state economy.

In terms of election security, Billings promised to direct the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to investigate voting "irregularities" in Kansas.

"We need a strong conservative governor in that office," Billings said during an interview in May. "We need a politician who's going to tell the truth."

In mid-August, the Kansas City Star published an article highlighting concerns raised by McCoy and others that Billings pocketed a \$2,700 donation to his gubernatorial campaign. McCoy says the money was earmarked for purchase of a software program useful to a statewide campaign. Billings told the newspaper the dispute was a misunderstanding and the payment was a donation to his podcast.

In addition, the Star reported Billings was convicted during 2010 in Johnson County District Court of a felony charge of theft involving more than \$25,000. Eight counts of fraud were dismissed by the prosecutor, records showed.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. LV-2025-PR-000135 In the Matter of the Estate of GENE C. DRAKE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on July 31, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Michael K. Drake, an heir of Gene C. Drake, deceased, praying that descent be determined of the decedent's interest in the real estate legally described in Exhibit "A" filed with the Petition in the above-captioned matter and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 12, 2025 at 8:30 o'clock A.M. in this Court, 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 on the Petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Leavenworth County, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Arvest Bank Plaintiff, vs. Carrie Duffett, Raymond Duffett, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Jackson Heights Association, et al., Defendants Case No. LV-2025-CV-000276 Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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 oth-

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er person who are or may be concerned: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Leavenworth County, Kansas by Arvest Bank, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF LEAVENWORTH, STATE OF KANSAS, TO-WIT: LOT 30, BLOCK 5, JACKSON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF TONGANOXIE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF Parcel ID No. / Tax ID No. 33311. Commonly known as 900 N Willow Ct., Tonganoxie, KS 66086 ("the Property") MS 228748 and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before September 30, 2025 in the District Court of Leavenworth 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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On August 5, 2025 Wuanetta Lachelle Lewis filed a Petition in Leavenworth County District Court requesting a judgment and order changing her name to Wuanetta Lachelle Deeds. Affirmative judgement shall be issued at noon in Courtroom 2 - 601 S 3rd St, Leavenworth, KS - on September 26, 2025 unless objection to the requested name change is filed in the court or an appearance to object is made in court that day. Published in the Leavenworth Times, Aug 20, 27, Sep 3, 2025 3771140

In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID L. CARTER, Deceased. Case No. LV-2025-PR-000102

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Settlement has been filed in this court by Christina Carter praying for settlement and distribution, David L. Carter at the time of his death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of October, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Leavenworth, in Leavenworth County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail there-

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in, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.
Christina Carter, Petitioner
Submitted By:
/s/Benjamin J. Rioux
Benjamin J. Rioux #28318
Attorney For Petitioner
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of Citizens Federal Savings Bank, will be held at the Home Office located at 5151 S. 4th Street Trafficway, Leavenworth, Kansas on September 16, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.
Teana Hundley, Secretary
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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CIVIL DEPARTMENT
Trust Bank Plaintiff, vs. James L. Patterson aka James Larry Patterson Sr. (Deceased), Melissa Ann Patterson aka Melissa Ann Burke, Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al., Defendants Case No. LV-2025-CV-000282 Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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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 Leavenworth County, Kansas by Trust Bank, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate: LOT 2, PATTERSON SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Parcel ID No. 052-078-34-0-40-06-003.00. Commonly known as 1205 S 15th St., Leavenworth, KS 66048 ("the Property") MS 228970 and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before October 7, 2025 in the

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District Court of Leavenworth 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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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minor) CV43-24-177 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF Kansas, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF VALLEY, IN RE: Leavenworth County, KS A Petition to change the name of Ramzey Marie Craig, now residing in the City of Leavenworth, State of Kansas, has been filed in the District Court in Leavenworth County, KS. The name will change to Ramzey Marie Ruebhausen. The reason for the name change is: Adoption. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for December 19, 2025, at the Leavenworth County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change. Date: August 22, 2025 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE INTEREST OF P.H.

CASE NO. LV-2024-JC-000108

DOB xx /xx / 2024 A female NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2267 TO: John Doe/Unknown Father(s), Putative Father and all other persons who are or may be concerned
A motion to find the parent(s) of each child named above unfit and to terminate parental rights, appoint a permanent custodian, or enter such orders as are deemed appropriate and just has been filed. A hearing on that motion will be conducted on October 1, 2025 at 1:30pm, in Courtroom #3 of the Leavenworth County Justice Center located at 601 S 3rd St, in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas. The Court will receive testimony and other relevant information with regard to the safety and wellbeing of each child named above and may enter orders regarding custody

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and case planning necessary to achieve permanency for each child named above, including proposals for living arrangements for the child(ren) and services to be provided the child and the child(ren)'s family. The following persons shall receive notice by return receipt delivery, except as set out in K.S.A. 38-2267(b)(3): the parents, parties, interested parties, grandparents, the closest relative of each of the child's parents whose address is known if no living grandparent's address is known, the parent's nearest relative who can be located if a parent of a child cannot be located by the exercise of due diligence, the child(ren)'s foster parent(s) or permanent custodian(s), preadoptive parents, and relatives providing care. No person receiving this notice shall be made a party or interested party to this action solely on the basis of this notice.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Patrick J Cahill, 901 N 20th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: C. Joseph Osborn, 529 Delaware St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Date and time of hearing: October 1, 2025 at 1:30pm Place of hearing: Courtroom 3 of the Leavenworth County Justice Center in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas

Amanda White, Deputy Clerk First Published in the Leavenworth Times, September 3, 2025.(21)

The belongings of Dennis Eastman from 507 Shawnee St #1 Leavenworth KS 66048 will be disposed of September 28, 2025. Published in the Leavenworth Times, September 3, 2025.

The belongings of Jessica Sharma from 1016 N 9th St Leavenworth KS will be disposed of September 28, 2025. Published in the Leavenworth Times, September 3, 2025.

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