

# Toronto City Council

Mayor Schumacher called the Toronto City Council meeting to order Thursday, March 20 at 7:03 p.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Officials present were mayor Randy Schumacher, council members included Kimberly Shurley, Richard Decou, Richard Scheck, Robert Bucy. Via TEAMS Barry Gilstrap. City attorney Brian Duncan.

Employees present were city clerk Katie Damron, and city treasurer Vicky Altis.

Public present was Steve Myers.

Clerk Damron informed the council that Toronto Public Library Director Jessie Hoag was not going to attend and needed off the agenda. Council member Scheck asked for the fire committee to be removed. Council member Bucy asked to add the brush pile to old business.

Council member Bucy made a motion to accept the agenda with changes, council member Scheck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Council member Bucy made a motion to approve the Thursday, Feb. 13, meeting minutes with an error correction. Council member Shurley seconded the motion, and it

passed unanimously.

Council member Scheck made a motion to approve vouchers 18517-18559. Council member Bucy seconded. The motion passed with four yays and one nay.

Council member Scheck made a motion to enter an executive session at 7:07 p.m. Council member Shurley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular council meeting was called back to order at 7:19 p.m.

Council member Bucy made a motion to enter executive session at 7:20 p.m., council member Decou seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The regular council meeting was called back to order at 7:34 p.m.

Old Business: Treasurer Altis sent a letter and all required material in order obtain a .gov domain name. This will be provided at no cost to the city.

Clerk Damron received the final lease agreement from USPS regarding the new Post Office. The lease begins next month but no word on when construction is scheduled to begin.

Ordinance 502 was published in The Yates Center NEWS on Thursday, Feb. 27. Council

member Gilstrap asked to put off going over the notes attorney Duncan made on the ordinance.

Council member Bucy asked if we were waiting for a permit for a new location for the brush pile. Mayor Schumacher said that it will be west of town on the old West-End Bridge Road and that they were waiting to hear back from the Core of Engineers.

New business: During the public hearing right before this meeting, the council approved attorney Duncan to move forward with writing the FEMA Floodplain Ordinance based off of the sample provided by FEMA.

Committee Reports:  
Zoning: Nothing new.

Finance: January financials were submitted.

Superintendent Crumrine report: Not in attendance.

Tabled: Water rates remained tabled.

Announcements: The next regular council meeting will be Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

Council member Bucy made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Council member Shurley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

# Toronto News

By Kathy Cummings

Is it spring or is it still winter?! My allergies say it's spring, but the thermometer says it's still Winter!

What famous poet read a poem at John F. Kennedy's inauguration?

Hello! To all in area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Hello, also, to all in area hospitals and rehab centers.

We offer our sympathy to the families of Tom Brown, Brian Bishop and Larry Stockebrand and all who lost loved ones this past week. May they rest in peace.

Easter is this coming Sunday which means it's time for egg hunts. And every community in the area is having one, some places more than one. The one here in Toronto is going to be at the ball diamond east of town on Point Road.

I saw a neat video online about coloring eggs. This gal put a sponge in the bottom of the clean toilet bowl, carefully placed 18 eggs in the bowl, then dribbled four colors of food coloring over the eggs.

She then sprinkled baking soda over the eggs, poured in some water, then some white vinegar and let it set and foam up for a bit then flushed the toilet. Then reached in with gloves and pulled out the eggs one by one. The eggs were colorful and pretty! Looked like the least messy way to color eggs.

Wasn't the full moon Saturday night pretty? It was kinda hazy in Wichita, but still pretty. I was in Wichita because Wade had a heart attack Friday night and was transferred from Iola hospital to Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He is scheduled to have open heart surgery Thursday. Two arteries plus the widow maker artery are blocked.

The drive home Sunday thru the Flint Hills is always a pretty drive no matter the time of year. I couldn't help but notice that many of the pastures on the south side of Hwy. 54 had been burned off, but not many yet on the north side.

I know it's because they just

hadn't got to that side yet, but it was kinda cool looking out across the open spaces, rolling down the hills and to the right black and green, and to the left dead grass. Big contrast. In a couple of weeks the drive will be really pretty with the new green grass growing.

Answer: Robert Frost. John F. Kennedy asked him to recite the poem "The Gift Outright" unless he wanted to write a new one. Frost wrote a new poem "Dedication" for the event, but between the sun's glare and the wind blowing so hard he was unable to read what he had written. So he reverted to "The Gift Outright" as he knew it by heart.

My mind just drew a complete blank! I guess I'm done writing for this week.

Have a happy, fun Easter weekend. Hopefully the weather will be nice for all the outdoor activities planned.

Quote: "The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities," Stephen Covey.

## Special council meeting

Officials present were mayor Randy Schumacher, council member Richard Decou, council member Robert Bucy, council member Richard Scheck. Absent were council members Kimberly Shurley and Barry Gilstrap. Others present were city clerk, Katie Damron, and city attorney Brian Duncan. Public present: None.

The special meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by mayor Randy Schumacher.

The mayor took roll and gave the floor to attorney Duncan who explained that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was needed between the city and the Woodson County Commission. The commission will be appointing a board to handle

appeals associated with the ordinance. Council member Bucy made a motion to allow mayor Schumacher to enter the MOU on behalf of the city, council member Scheck seconded the motion. Votes, yays three and nays 0.

Attorney Duncan presented the council with Ordinance 503 to review and adopt. Council member Bucy made a motion to approve Ordinance 503 as written, council member Scheck seconded the motion. Votes, yays three and nays zero. The ordinance was signed and dated by the mayor and city clerk.

### Public Notice

(First Published in The Yates Center NEWS on Thursday, April 17, 2025.) 16-1tc  
BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS  
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: OWENS OIL COMPANY, LLC – Application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater into the Bahr Lease #10LH, located in Woodson County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that OWENS OIL COMPANY, LLC has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater into the Mississippi at the Bahr Lease #10LH located 3112 feet from the South line and 4269 feet from the East line, of Section 23, Township 23S, Range 13E, Woodson County, with a maximum operating pressure of 200 psi and a maximum injection rate of 400 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

OWENS OIL COMPANY, LLC  
1274 202nd Rd  
Yates Center, KS 66783  
620-496-6804

### Public Notice

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IN THE 31st JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Elizabeth Marleah Cullison, To Change His/Her Name to: Elizabeth Marleah Hatch  
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 60  
Case No. WO2025CV4 Div. No.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Elizabeth Marleah Cullison, filed a Petition in the above court on the 7th day of March, 2025, requesting a judgment and order changing his/her name from Elizabeth Marleah Cullison to Elizabeth Marleah Hatch.

The Petition will be heard in Woodson County District Court, 105 W Rutledge St., Yates Center, Kansas, on the 15th day of May, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before May 14th, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Petitioner, Pro Se Elizabeth Cullison  
Address 1: 309 S Prairie St.  
City, State, Zip: Yates Center, KS 66783  
Telephone Number: 620-305-1131

### Public Notice

(First published in The Yates Center NEWS on Thursday, April 10, 2025.) 15-3tc  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON KAY HALL, Deceased.  
Case No.

WO-2025-PR-000007  
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Michael Hall, praying that the court approve a family settlement agreement; and for the determination of descent of the following described real property: Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 NE/4), Lot Six (6), all in Section Twenty-eight (28) Township Twenty-six (26), Range Fourteen (14), Woodson County, Kansas (except a portion sold to Marrs Farms), owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of May, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Yates Center, in Woodson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

MICHAEL HALL, Petitioner.  
ROBERTA L. WILKES  
111 S. State St.  
Yates Center, KS 66783  
(913) 299-0229  
Attorney for Petitioner

## Protect yourself from tick borne illnesses

By Megan Clinesmith, RN

As we enjoy the warmer weather and spend more time outdoors, it's important to be aware of the risks posed by tick borne illnesses here in Kansas. While hiking, fishing, gardening, or simply enjoying our backyards, we may come into contact with ticks carrying harmful bacteria and viruses. In Southeast Kansas, tick borne diseases such as Ehrlichiosis, Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (which includes Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), Tularemia, and Lyme disease have all been reported.

Ticks are most active from early spring through late fall and can be found in grassy, wooded, or brushy areas, places that are abundant in our rural landscapes. While not all ticks are infected, it only takes one bite from the right tick to transmit a potentially serious illness.

Common Tick borne Illnesses in Kansas Include:

Ehrlichiosis: Symptoms often include fever, headache, fatigue, and muscle aches. It is caused by bacteria transmitted primarily by the lone star tick.

Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever): Look for fever, rash, headache, nausea, and muscle pain. If untreated, this can become severe.

Tularemia: This can be transmitted through tick bites or direct contact with infected animals. Symptoms vary but may include fever, skin ulcers, and swollen lymph glands.

Lyme Disease: Although less common in Kansas, cases do occur. Look for the classic bullseye rash, along with fever, fatigue, and joint pain.

Tick Bite Prevention: How to stay safe outdoors.

Protecting yourself and your loved ones from tick bites is the best way to prevent tick borne disease. Here are some important prevention strategies to follow:

Dress Smart: Wear long sleeves and long pants. Tuck your pants into your socks or boots to keep ticks from crawling inside. Choose light-colored clothing to make it easier to spot ticks.

Use effective repellents: Apply EPA-registered insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Treat clothing and gear with products con-

taining 0.5% permethrin for added protection.

Stay on the trail: Avoid walking through tall grasses and brush. Stick to the center of trails when hiking.

Check for ticks often: Do frequent tick checks, especially on children and pets. Pay close attention to warm, hidden areas like the scalp, ears, underarms, waistline, and behind knees. Bathe or shower within two hours of being outdoors to help wash off ticks and more easily spot them.

Create a tick-safe yard: Keep lawns mowed, remove leaf litter, and stack wood neatly. Place a barrier of wood chips or gravel between lawns and wooded areas to restrict tick migration into recreational spaces.

Protect pets: Use veterinarian-recommended flea and tick prevention products year-round. Check pets for ticks daily—especially if they spend time outdoors.

Remove ticks safely: Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward steadily and clean the area with soap and water.

Avoid twisting or squeezing the tick. Do not use petroleum jelly, heat, or nail polish to remove it.

Kansas Tick Surveillance Project: Thanks to a collaboration between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Dr. Erin Petro, State Public Health Veterinarian, Dr. Elizabeth Smith, State Public Health Entomologist, and Harold Wilcox III, Vector Borne Disease Medical Investigator, a Tick Check Station has been placed at Cross Timbers State Park, at Toronto Lake.

This station is designed to educate visitors about tick safety and encourage self-checks after spending time outdoors. It also includes a tick specimen collection jar. If you find a tick on yourself or your pet, you can place the tick in the jar, these specimens are sent to the state laboratory for testing. This valuable program helps provide real-time data on the types of ticks in our area and the diseases they may be carrying, helping inform public health efforts across the state.

The Woodson County Health Department is committed to supporting community aware-

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by council member Scheck at 6:35 p.m. and was seconded by council member Decou. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

### Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
CIVIL DEPARTMENT  
TTCU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs.  
JOSHUA M. HESS, Defendants.

Case No:  
WO-2024-CV-000007  
Pursuant to Chapter 60 of K.S.A.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Woodson County, Kansas, in the above entitled action, I will, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the center of the Woodson County Courthouse 1st Floor under the clock, 105 W. Rutledge St., in the City of Yates Center, County of Woodson, Kansas, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the right, title and interest of the defendants above named in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Woodson, State of Kansas, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 58.8 feet West and 393.1 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot 6 in Section 30, Township 26 South, Range 14 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, thence West 217.8 feet, thence South 170 feet, thence East 217.8 feet, thence North 170 feet to the place of beginning (Also being the East Half of Lot 13 and the North 70 Feet of the East Half of Lot 12 of Curtis Subdivision), Woodson County, Kansas commonly known as 258 Sunset Terrace, Toronto, Kansas

Said real property is levied on as the property of the defendant above named and will be sold without appraisalment to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Sheriff, Woodson County, Kansas. BRUCE & LEHMAN, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 75037 Wichita, Kansas 67275-5037 Telephone: 316-264-8000 Attorneys for TTCU Federal Credit Union