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COURT

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up by a microphone, to include the jury selection process. She said, for example, if the mics can't pick up what a potential juror says during the selection process, the judge will have to have that person repeat what was said each time.

"I just wanted to give you a heads up (that) we're going to have to do something with the sound system," Jackson said.

She added there is a big

TV that is set up in the courtroom for anything held via Zoom, such as for truck drivers who are from out of state and contesting traffic citations. However, the TV is placed in front of the jury box, so it can't be there if a jury trial takes place.

Jackson said the consideration is to get two big TVs or monitors mounted in the courtroom. She said she will need to get quotes for that, along with all equipment needed for a sound system that will fit the court's needs.

"It's not going to be pret-

ty," she said.

County Commission Jack Thimesch said that while the costs up front would be a concern, he said if a new system could replace the need for a court reporter, that's less salary the county needs to pay.

County Counselor Brandon Ritcha said he believed the 30th district's court reporter position has been vacant since Larry Solomon retired as district judge back in 2017. Jackson said that reporter position was, in fact, open before Solomon retired.

As far as saving money goes, Jackson said transcripts depend on the situation. She said if somebody hires an attorney and that attorney requests a transcript of a hearing, it's on the attorney to cover the cost. But if a person has a court-appointed attorney, the county picks up the costs for a transcript.

Ritcha told the commissioners he wanted Jackson to speak with the commissioners because of the importance of keeping a record of court hearings if, for example, any rulings are appealed.

COUNTY

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county commissioner serves on the advisory committee and to request a notice of meeting and agenda for the committee so everyone knows what will be discussed.

Per the agreement, there are supposed to be quarterly meetings to review the EMS budget.

During discussion, Thimesch mentioned that he appreciated Wallace mention-

ing the advisory committee and requesting to table the item. He said it could have been easy for the city to contact the county to let them know about what they had in mind.

Elders questioned whether or not the vehicle — a 2022 Dodge Durango previously used by the Kansas Highway Patrol — would be reliable or in good condition. He added that he had checked on prices of similar used vehicles and found some that cost less money.

Lyon said she had visited with Wallace, along with Kingman Healthcare Center CEO Preston Sauers, about the intent to enable a provider to return to the station and be available for transfers or other calls.

As far as questions about the ambulance reserve fund, County Counselor Brandon Ritcha said that he would have to double check on the accounts EMS has, but that the reserve fund would be a city account.

Regarding the city's pur-

chase, Ritcha said that the advisory committee doesn't have any authority over purchases, but the commissioners could "disapprove" of the purchase as a formal statement of its disagreement.

As for information about the EMS budget itself, County Financial Officer LaDawn Stegman noted that the city had recently published its first quarter financial statement, but she would have a better idea about where things stand with EMS at the end of the second quarter.

NORWICH

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He has since had the chance to learn from administration at Norwich and through volunteering for district and building leadership teams.

"I am incredibly proud

to represent our school and community in this new role," Kyle said. "I know very well that it can be just as challenging as it is rewarding to work for your local school. With that said, I look forward to doing my best to work in the best interest of our students, faculty, and

community members each and every day."

Kyle said he looks forward to working alongside Hedrick, saying that he has heard that Hedrick brings a strong vision for students success and a leadership style that inspires growth.

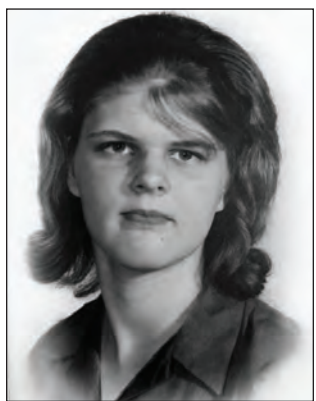
"His commitment to fos-

tering a positive school culture and supporting both staff and students aligns perfectly with my own values," Kyle said. "I believe his leadership will create an environment where we can all thrive, and I'm looking forward to learning from him and contributing to the team."

OBITUARY

JUDITH MARIE MESSECAR

Judith Marie Messecar passed away on Jan. 9, 2024, two days before her birthday.



Judith was born Jan. 11, 1948, in Pratt, the daughter of Harold and Nancy Messecar of Pratt. Judy was a 1966 graduate of Pratt High School. After graduation she worked as a secretary for attorney Jack Black of Pratt, and then at Pratt USD 382.

From 1976 to 1981 Judy was the circulation manager and assistant editor for Kansas Fish & Game magazine, a job she dearly

loved. On New Year's Eve 1976 she met the love of her life, Mark Becker of Kingman (KHS '75), on a blind date set up by friends. The two married on May 2, 1977, at Pratt First United Methodist Church and later purchased a fine historic home in town which was Judy's pride and joy. In 1981, when daughter Sarah was born, Judy became a stay-

at-home mom. Later she went back to work at Pratt County Social Rehab Services and retired from SRS in 1999 when she was diagnosed with Guillian-Barre Syndrome.

In 2004 the Beckers moved to their country home in rural Kingman County, where Judy enjoyed watching Mark work on their classic vehicles.

Judy and Mark loved to travel and took their "black cherry" 1933 Chevrolet coupe to car shows all across America. Besides cars, her hobbies included photography, stained glass, coin collecting, and spoiling her dogs Zoey and Tootsie. Judy was a devoted wife and mother and beloved "Grandma Judy" to her three grandchildren.

In November 2023, Judy was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

She was predeceased by her parents and a stepbrother, Eugene Webster of Pratt. She is survived by her dear husband Mark, her daughter Sarah Parris of Coal Creek, Colo., her grandchildren Seth, Gwendolyn and Axle, also of Coal Creek, and many beloved nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

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USD 331 Kingman-Norwich is soliciting bids for the replacement of the Fire Detection and Notification system at Kingman Elementary School, at 607 N Spruce St, Kingman, KS 67068. Interested parties should contact Andy Albright, Assistant Superintendent, at 620-532-3134. We encourage participation by disadvantaged small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.

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