# LEGALS

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORRS COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Name Amias Kaimere Johnson
Year of Birth 2025 A minor child
Case No. 2026-JC-000006
NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Maliek Lanathan Johnson and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 3rd day of September, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Ty Wheeler, Kansas Legal Services, 527 Commercial Street, Emporia, KS 66801 (620) 343-7520. 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: Joel Ensey, P.O. Box, Marion, KS 66861-0027 (620) 715-0200

Date and time of hearing: September 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Place of hearing: Morris County District Court, 501 W. Main, Council Grove, KS 66846

Clerk/Judge of the District Court

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORRS COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Name Amoura Naylie Shiloff
Year of Birth 2022 A minor child
Case No. 2026-JC-000005
NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Gregory Russell McCoy and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

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## MISC.

"The 36-Hour Day" Support Group meets 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Morris County Hospital Chapel. It is free, safe, confidential and open to anyone caring for a friend or loved one with dementia. For info, call Jan at 303-775-5901 or Liz at 785-466-1590.

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# REMINISCING

(from the files of the Council Grove Republican)

**1976**

Dale Wooden and Milan Harkness win the championship flight of the best ball golf tournament at Council Grove Country Club…Keith Pickett accepts position as assistant to the Public Relations Director at the World Headquarters of 7-Up Corporation in Clayton, Mo…Susan Zimmerman is senior division grand champion in 4-H clothing construction at the Morris County Fair.

**1986**

Gary Carrier signs to play basketball with the Topeka Sizzlers in the Continental Basketball Association…Bruce McAntee, Jay Evans, Michael Hayes and Kyle Hickman among members of Trimmell Ford men's slowpitch softball team to compete in the Class E state tournament in Hutchinson…A daughter, Shelly Sue, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Schwalm, Olpe.

**1996**

Bill Wessel inducted as new member of Council Grove Rotary Club…Jean Johnson, Marjorie Hailey, Joanne Gieswein and Beulah Boyer attend meeting of the State Board of GFWC of Kansas in McPherson…Log house built in 1858 moved to Council Grove from a site near Parkerville for renovation and display.

**2006**

Burdette "Bud" Peterson, Brandon Barr, Heidi Grant and Lynn Reif among eight new staff members with United School District 417…A daughter, Isabel Marie, born to David and Catarina Rziha…Shelley (Hickman) Rickstrew to be playing the part of Minnie Pearl in the production of Hoo-Haw at The Columbian Theatre in Wamego.

**2016**

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Biehler, Herington, to observe their 50th wedding anniversary…Among new teachers in USD 417 are Haleigh Ebert, Amy Redden, Valerie Gehrer, Whitney Berg, Jill Day, Matt Wilkens, John Keating, and Steve Casey.

# On This Day

2008 – Michael Phelps Earns his 8th Gold Medal in the 2008 Olympics--The American champion swimmer won the medal in the 4×100-meter medley relay race in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. With this medal, he broke the record for the most gold medals won by a person in a single Olympic games, a record previously held by American swimmer Mark Spitz.

1978 – by Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman become the first people to complete the world's First Transatlantic Balloon Flight--The feat was accomplished in a balloon called the Double Eagle II. It took Abruzzo, Anderson, and Newman 6 days to fly from Preque Isle, Maine to a barley field near Paris.

1977 – First Nuclear Power Ship reaches the North Pole--Called Arktika, the Soviet surface ship is an ice breaker which was first commissioned in 1975.

**Births**

1960 – Sean Penn--American actor, director

1949 – Norm Coleman--American politician

1943 – Robert De Niro--American actor

1786 – Davy Crockett--American soldier, politician

**Deaths**

1935 – Charlotte Perkins Gilman--American sociologist, novelist

1880 – Ole Bull--Norwegian violinist, composer

1850 – José de San Martín--Argentinian general, politician, 1st President of Peru


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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of
**Diamond Township**
**Chase County**
will meet on September 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Elmdale Methodist Church, 301 Spruce St, Elmdale for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at Chase County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| Fund | Prior Year Actual 2025 Expenditures | Prior Year Actual 2025 Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Estimate 2026 Expenditures | Current Year Estimate 2026 Actual Tax Rate* | Proposed Budget 2027 Budget Authority for Expenditures | Proposed Budget 2027 Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Budget 2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 4,798 | 0.731 | 9,290 | 0.721 | 12,746 | 5,975 | 0.681 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 4,798 | 0.731 | 9,290 | 0.721 | 12,746 | 5,975 | 0.681 |
| *Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate*** | | | | | | | 0.000 |
| *Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate*** | | | | | | | 0.681 |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 4,798 | | 9,290 | | 12,746 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 5,975 | | 5,975 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Total Assessed Valuation | 8,165,900 | | 8,290,343 | | 8,776,134 | | |
| Township Assessed Valuation Only | | | | | 8,466,036 | | |

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Mary Harshman
Treasurer

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

2027

The governing body of
**Fire District No. 13**
Morris County
will meet on September 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilsey Community Building, Wilsey, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied.
Detailed budget information is available at Morris County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| FUND | Prior Year Actual 2025 Expenditures | Prior Year Actual 2025 Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Estimate for 2026 Expenditures | Current Year Estimate for 2026 Actual Tax Rate* | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Budget Authority for Expenditures | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 30,731 | 7.646 | 26,000 | 7.424 | 37,157 | 28,014 | 7.050 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
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| Non-Budgeted Funds | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 30,731 | 7.646 | 26,000 | 7.424 | 37,157 | 28,014 | 7.050 |
| *Revenue Neutral Rate*** | | | | | | | 7.050 |
| Less: Transfers | 7,000 | | 5,000 | | 5,000 | | |
| Net Expenditures | 23,731 | | 21,000 | | 32,157 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 28,075 | | 28,010 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation | 3,663,134 | | 3,772,913 | | 3,973,350 | | |

| Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Pur. Princ. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Frances Davies

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of
**Comiskey Cemetery District**
Morris County
will meet on September 1st, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at Morris County Courthouse, 501 West Main, Council Grove for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied and Revenue Neutral Rate.
Detailed budget information is avaiable at Morris County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

**SUPPORTING COUNTIES**

Morris County (home county) Lyon County

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| FUND | Prior Year Actual 2025 Expenditures | Prior Year Actual 2025 Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Estimate for 2026 Expenditures | Current Year Estimate for 2026 Actual Tax Rate* | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Budget Authority for Expenditures | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 10,833 | 2.516 | 11,135 | 5.026 | 20,789 | 8,000 | 7.943 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
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| Totals | 10,833 | 2.516 | 11,135 | 5.026 | 20,789 | 8,000 | 7.943 |
| *Revenue Neutral Rate*** | | | | | | | 4.965 |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditures | 10,833 | | 11,135 | | 20,789 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 2,501 | | 5,000 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation: | 993,928 | | 994,932 | | 1,007,206 | | |

| Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Pur. Princ. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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***Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Patricia Whitaker

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of
**Township Nine**
**Morris County**
will meet on September 3rd, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Wilsey Community Building, Wilsey, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at Morris County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

| Fund | Prior Year Actual 2025 Expenditures | Prior Year Actual 2025 Actual Tax Rate* | Current Year Estimate 2026 Expenditures | Current Year Estimate 2026 Actual Tax Rate* | Proposed Budget 2027 Budget Authority for Expenditures | Proposed Budget 2027 Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Budget 2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 12,349 | 3.952 | 13,467 | 3.836 | 62,359 | 14,475 | 3.643 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
| Library | 4,055 | 0.999 | 4,233 | 0.973 | 4,182 | 3,670 | 0.924 |
| Road | | | | | | | |
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| Special Machinery | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 16,404 | 4.951 | 17,700 | 4.809 | 66,541 | 18,145 | 4.567 |
| *Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate*** | | | | | | | 0.000 |
| *Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate*** | | | | | | | 4.567 |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 16,404 | | 17,700 | | 66,541 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 18,178 | | 18,139 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Total Assessed Valuation | 3,663,134 | | 3,772,913 | | 3,973,350 | | |
| Township Assessed Valuation Only | | | | | 3,355,441 | | |

| Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Kenneth Davies
Township Nine Treasurer


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