



Youth attending the Lone Star Church VBS enjoy the warm weather Saturday as one of the activities involved water balloons and baseball. The Church had a Scavenger Hunt for Jesus and it was a blast. There were 21 kids and 14 adults who came for food, fun, and of course a huge campus wide scavenger hunt.



Ember has experienced 200 books in the Stevens County Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. Nicely done Ember!

Senior Lifestyles

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Hello everyone. It seems that summer is truly hitting us now. Please Make sure to stay cool and hydrated as we have 100+ temperature days! Bingo Night is almost here. Next Thursday the 30th, the doors will open at 6:00pm for Bingo Night! The concessions will be available for food and drink so you can be energized for the games. The first number

will be called at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you here!

Don't forget the next Grace and Gather Table is on the 27th.

Menu

July 22.....Chicken and Noodles
July 23.....Bacon Sausage
July 24.....Bierock
July 27.....BBQ Mini Meatballs
July 28.....Chicken

.....Spaghetti
July 29.....Goulash
July 30.....Cranberry
July 31.....Chicken
.....Hamburger
.....Gravy
Activities
Wednesday, July 22
Cards.....12:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 23
Bridge.....12:30 p.m.
Friday, July 24
Bingo.....12:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 25
Cards.....6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 27
Grace and Gather Table
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 28
Dominoes.....12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29
Cards.....12:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 30
Bridge.....12:30 p.m.
Bingo Night 6:30pm
Friday, July 24
Bingo.....12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

William S. Faison; Katie M. Faison; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)

Defendants.

Case No. SV-2025-CV-000010

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Stevens County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at

the Front Door of the Courthouse at Hugoton Stevens County, Kansas, on August 4, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate. Surface and Surface Rights only, in and to: Lot Six (6), in Block Two (2), Kallinbach's First Addition to the City Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, commonly known as 1111 S Jefferson St, Hugoton, KS 67951 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Ted E Heaton, Sheriff
Stevens County, Kansas

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How to tell bees, hornets and wasps apart

People who spend any measurable amount of time outdoors likely have crossed paths with various flying insects that co-habitate in a typical yard. Some of the most ardent pollinators and pest control agents also have the potential to be dangerous if provoked. While most bees, wasps and hornets are content to go about their business, their stingers can make these insects formidable foes, particularly to those who are allergic.

According to The Best Bees Company, there are more than 20,000 known species of bees and more than 100,000 known species of wasps worldwide. Those who don't want to get too up close and personal with stinging insects may not know how to tell the different types apart. Bees, wasps and hornets are distinguished by their behavior, waist and body texture.

Bees

If it has a fuzzy body, it's a bee. Bees tend to be non-aggressive and may be carrying pollen on their backs. They also live in wax hives. You'll likely see bees flitting from one flower to another in the warmer weather. Honeybees will die after one sting, advises PBS, but bumblebees and carpenter bees have smooth stingers that will not get stuck, enabling them to sting again.

Wasps

Wasps are stinging insects which can be social or solitary. Wasps have smooth, shiny bodies and narrow waists. They can be bright black and yellow or black and white. Wasps can sting repeatedly, says The Spruce, but they may not always be aggressive; it depends on the species. Yellowjackets are a type of wasp. They are sensitive to threats and not afraid to use their stingers. Another way to distinguish wasps from bees is that wasps hang their legs down while flying and bees keep them tucked in.

Hornets

Hornets are wasps and tend to be social in nature. They only construct paper nests and can be more aggressive than other types of wasps. The Old Farmer's Almanac says hornets can be highly defensive with more painful stings, and also may be larger and rounder in size than other wasps. In the United States, the one true hornet species is the European hornet, which nest in trees.

It's impossible to avoid bees and wasps entirely, but individuals can be mindful of where they are making their nests. As these insects are important to the ecosystem, it's key not to exterminate

them haphazardly. If a nest is problematic, it's best to have a professional come and relocate or remove it safely.

Submitted by Metro Editorial Service.

SCR 1611 Constitutional Amendment

A PROPOSITION to amend sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to the supreme court; providing for direct election of justices; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission; permitting justices to make contributions to and hold office in a political party or organization and take part in political campaigns.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas are hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 5. Selection of justices of the supreme court. The citizens of Kansas who are qualified electors shall elect the justices of the supreme court. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Justice positions 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected at the general election in November of 2028, justice positions 4 and 5 in November of 2030 and justice positions 6 and 7 in November of 2032, and every six years thereafter, respectively. Any vacancy occurring on the supreme court for an unexpired term shall be filled by election as provided by law.

(a) Any vacancy occurring in the office of any justice of the supreme court and any position to be open thereon as a result of enlargement of the court; or the retirement or failure of an incumbent to file his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself as hereinafter required; or failure of a justice to be elected to succeed himself shall be filled by appointment by the governor of one of three persons possessing the qualifications of office who shall be nominated and whose names shall be submitted to the governor by the supreme court nominating commission established as hereinafter provided: (b) In event of the failure of the governor to make the appointment within sixty days from the time the names of the nominees are submitted to him; the chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment from such nominees (c) Each justice of the supreme court appointed pursuant to provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall hold office for an initial term ending on the second Monday in January following the first general election that occurs after the expiration of twelve months in office. Not less than sixty days prior to the holding of the general election next preceding the expiration of his term of office, any justice of the supreme court may file in the office of the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy for election to succeed himself. If a declaration is not so filed, the position held by such justice shall be open from the expiration of his term of office. If such declaration is filed, his name shall be submitted at the next general election to the electors of the state on a separate judicial ballot, without party designation, reading substantially as follows:

—(a) Shall
(Here insert name of justice.)
(Here insert the title of the court.)
—be retained in office?
—If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining him in office, the position or office which he holds shall be open upon the expiration of his term of office; otherwise he shall, unless removed for cause, remain in office for the regular term of six years from the second Monday in January following such election. As the expiration of each term he shall, unless by law he is compelled to retire, be eligible for retention in office by election in the manner prescribed in this section: (d) A nonpartisan nominating commission whose duty it shall be to nominate and submit to the governor the names of persons for appointment to fill vacancies in the office of any justice of the supreme court is hereby established; and shall be known as the "supreme court nominating commission." Said

commission shall be organized as hereinafter provided: (e) The supreme court nominating commission shall be composed as follows: One member, who shall be chairman, chosen from among their number by the members of the bar who are residents of and licensed in Kansas; one member from each congressional district chosen from among their number by the resident members of the bar in each such district; and one member, who is not a lawyer, from each congressional district, appointed by the governor from among the residents of each such district: (f) The terms of office, the procedure for selection and certification of the members of the commission and provision for their compensation or expenses shall be as provided by the legislature: (g) No member of the supreme court nominating commission shall, while he is a member, hold any other public office by appointment or any official position in a political party or for six months thereafter be eligible for nomination for the office of justice of the supreme court: (h) The commission may act only by the concurrence of a majority of its members."

"§ 8. Prohibition of political activity by justices and certain judges. No justice of the supreme court who is appointed or retained under the procedure of section 5 of this article, nor any judge of the district court holding office under a nonpartisan method authorized in subsection (a) of section 6 of this article shall directly or indirectly make any contribution to or hold any office in a political party or organization or take part in any political campaign, except when such judge is a candidate for election to a position on an appellate court."

"§ 15. Removal of justices and judges. Justices of the supreme court may be removed from office by impeachment and removal as prescribed in article 2 of this constitution. In addition to removal by impeachment and conviction, justices may be retired after appropriate hearing, upon certification to the governor, by the supreme court nominating commission that such justice is so incapacitated as to be unable to perform adequately his duties. Other judges shall be subject to retirement for incapacity, and to discipline, suspension and removal for cause by the supreme court after appropriate hearing."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment gives the voters the right to elect the justices of the Kansas supreme court. The justices shall serve terms of six years, with the elections of justice positions 1, 2 and 3 to occur in 2028, positions 4 and 5 to occur in 2030 and positions 6 and 7 to occur in 2032, and every six years thereafter. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Any vacancy on the court for an unexpired term shall be filled at an election as provided by law.

"A vote for this proposition would give Kansas citizens the right to elect Kansas supreme court justices as provided by law. Justices will hold office for terms of six years. The Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, would be abolished.

"A vote against this proposition would continue the current system in which the Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, provides the governor a list of three individuals to choose from for vacancies on the Kansas supreme court. Justices hold office for a term of six years and retain their offices if they win a retention election in which they do not face an opponent.

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at a special election, which is hereby called on August 4, 2026, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the primary election held on such date.

