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ideas, constructive criticism, and different perspectives. But there is a difference between offering solutions and simply criticizing from the sidelines. One helps move a community forward. The other rarely accomplishes much at all.

The strongest communities have always been built by people willing to show up. They are built by individuals who volunteer for the difficult jobs, who spend their evenings attending meetings, who organize events, raise money, mentor youth, coach teams, and serve on boards. They are built by people who understand that making a community better requires effort and that perfection is rarely possible when volunteers are carrying the load.

As I look around our communities today, I think the

greatest need is not necessarily more ideas. It is more participation. Most organizations would gladly welcome additional volunteers, additional perspectives, and additional help. In fact, many are desperate for it. New faces, new energy, and new involvement are what keep communities healthy and moving forward.

The next time an event isn't perfect or a detail gets overlooked, it might be worth remembering how much work went into making it happen in the first place. More importantly, it might be worth asking not why someone else didn't do more, but whether there is a way we can help next time.

After all, communities are not built by spectators. They are built by people willing to roll up their sleeves, work together, and invest in something larger than themselves.

## POLICE BEAT

CITATION:

06/15/2026	Ochoa, Cruz Jr	04/18/1991	SPEEDING 85/65	ULYSSES, KANSAS
06/15/2026	Lowe, Jordan R.	03/27/1988	SPEEDING 77/65	MUNDAY, TEXAS
06/18/2026	Martinez Gomez, Nahun	12/15/2008	SPEEDING 80/65	ULYSSES, KANSAS

ARRESTS:

06/14/2026	Grant, Brayden E.	05/20/2002	DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ASSAULT	JOHNSON, KANSAS
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## Legal Publication

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STANTON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No.:ST-2026-PR-000007

Susan Lynne Shaw, Deceased.

K.S.A. Chapter: 59

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mary Katherine Harris, the sole heir of Susan Lynne Shaw, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in **STANTON COUNTY:**

An undivided .0053571428571% of the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under the following described real property in **Stanton County, Kansas**, to-wit:

The West Half of the East Half (W/2 E/2) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Thirty (30), Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M.

And all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the District Court, in the city of Johnson City, in Stanton County, Kansas, 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 upon the Petition.

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**Farmers National Company** L-2500551

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