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IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, RICE COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Case No. RC-2026-PR-000023 JOHN P. GRIFFITT, deceased **NOTICE OF HEARING** THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 31, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Phyllis J. Griffith as an heir and named Executor of the Estate of John P. Griffith deceased, praying that Informal Administration be granted; the instrument offered as the Decedent's Will be admitted to probate; all assets of the estate be assigned to the sole devisee and legatee; and the court excuse the fiduciary bond.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **October 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** in the District Court, in Lyons, Rice 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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Notice of Annual Meeting
August 31, 2026
Notice is hereby given that Lyons Federal Bank shall conduct its Annual Meeting of the Members on September 18, 2026, at the home office of the Bank. The meeting shall be convened at 10:00 AM.
The agenda is as follows:
1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting held September 19, 2025.
2. Management will provide a summary of the operating results of the Institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.
3. Election of two individuals to serve three-year terms commencing September 18, 2026.
4. Such other matters that may come before the Members.
5. Adjournment.
The Board has established the date of June 30, 2026 as the date of record for determining the number of votes of the members.
By: Kevin McClure, CEO and Asst. Secretary

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. RC-2026-CV-000032

MCCORD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK, and CITIBANK N.A., and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and, assigns of such of the Defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the Defendants; the unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such of the Defendants as are partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of such of the Defendants as are minors or in anywise under legal disability; trustees, creditors and assigns of such of the Defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Quiet Title has been filed in the District Court of Rice County, Kansas, by Plaintiff, McCord Property Management, LLC, praying for quiet title of the real property identified below:

Lot Sixteen (16), in Block "C", of the Lyon's First Addition to the City of Lyons, Rice County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat, thereof (*Commonly known as 321 S. Pioneer, Lyons, Kansas*)

and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the 1st day of October, 2026, by 5:00 o'clock PM in said Court at Rice County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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“You keep out of this!” Bubba yelled. “I’m talking to that little jerk on your knee!”

From Will Rogers
“The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has. . . . Taxes is more important to every individual than the name of any man that will be in the White House.”

“This would be a great time in the world for some man to come along that knew something.”
“We shouldn’t elect a

president; we should elect a magician.”

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FRIENDSHIP MEALS

Friday, Sept. 11

Sack Lunch

Monday, Sept. 14

Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, pickled beets and apple cobbler

Tuesday, Sept. 15

BBQ glazed meatballs, baked potato, green beans, butter bread and peanut butter bars

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Baked fish, french fries, cole slaw, hushpuppies and cherry pie

Thursday, Sept. 17

Pork loin, stuffing, broccoli/cauliflower salad and peach cobbler



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State of Kansas Budget Form USD-A USD #401 2026-2027

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget
The governing body of Unified School District 401 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 6:05 PM at 313 E. Ave C, Chase, KS 67524 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. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at district office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.
The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2026-2027 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)
OPERATING						
General	06	1,889,633	20.000	1,748,517	20.000	2,150,572
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	632,069	27.552	611,100	18.569	719,507
SPECIAL REVENUE						
Federal Funds	07	424,115		165,560		310,817
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	20,000		10,802		75,563
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0
At-Risk Education Fund	13	301,936		506,201		758,159
Bilingual Education	14	35,980		13,510		19,425
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0
Capital Outlay	16	323,642	8.000	355,659	0.690	738,150
Driver Training	18	2,409		3,386		30,321
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0
Food Service	24	146,588		160,642		507,238
Professional Development	26	2,084		6,719		32,490
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0
Summer School	29	0		0		0
Special Education	30	310,141		315,413		496,633
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	16,599		13,933		54,836
Gifts and Grants	35	0		0		20,000,106
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0
KCPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	178,410		155,147		159,026
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		0		0
Activity Fund	56	17,833		18,980		0
DEBT SERVICE						
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
COOPERATIVES						
Special Expenditures	78	0		0		0
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	4,301,469	55.552	4,085,569	39.259	26,052,843
Less: Transfers	105	843,592		849,331		933,023
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,457,877		3,238,238		25,119,820
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,468,849		916,736		1,346,212

1. Specifying District Only

		2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2026-2027 Proposed Budget		
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)
OTHER						
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,468,849		\$916,736		\$1,346,212
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$23,704,346		\$22,245,194		\$20,697,234
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$25,761,837		\$24,364,351		\$24,355,351
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$24,818,009		\$23,978,647		\$24,355,351
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	266,756		165,902		30,210
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	266,756		165,902		30,210

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year					
Revenue Neutral					
	Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)
General	\$444,904	20.000	\$444,904	21.488	\$413,945
ALL OTHER FUNDS					20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$454,578	18.569	\$454,578	19.808	\$737,424
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0
Capital Outlay	\$17,254	0.690	\$17,254	0.736	\$194,843
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0
Public Library Board/District	\$0	0.000			\$0
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0
Revenue Neutral Calculation					
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$916,736	39.259	\$916,736	42.032	\$1,346,212
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$471,832	19.259	\$471,832	20.544	\$932,267

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