

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Published on March 12, 2026

The Kansas Department of Aging has appropriated funding the Older Americans Act and State of Kansas including the Kansas Senior Care Act. The Area Agency on Aging is also receiving proposals on or before March 27, 2026 for supportive services in the Ten Counties for Fiscal Year 2027.

The South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging is receiving proposals until March 27, 2026 covering nutrition services for the Elderly for Fiscal Year 2027 for the following counties: Harper and McPherson

Telephone No: 620-442-0268

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Interested applicants should contact Jodi Whitmore for more information at: South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging
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Published in the Prairie Star on March 5, 12, and 19, 2026

IN THE 14th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

SITTING IN SEDAN, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of NONA J. ROSS a/k/a

NONA J. LOUDON-ROSS, Deceased

Case No. CQ-2026-PR-000004

(Petition Pursuant to 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 to Admit Will to Probate and for Appointment of Executor filed herein by Douglas Ray Shoop will come on for hearing on March 30, 2026, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of such day, in the District Court Room, at the Courthouse, in the City of Sedan, Chautauqua County, Kansas.

You are required to appear or plead in response to the Petition at or before the time set for hearing and should you fail thereon judgment and decree may be entered upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against said estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Of this matter take notice and govern yourself accordingly.

Douglas Ray Shoop, Petitioner

Prepared By:

/s/ Paul M. Buck

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WALLACE LYNN THOMPSON, Deceased

Case No. CQ-2025-PR-8

REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Virginia L. Smith, duly appointed and qualified Executor of the Estate of WALLACE LYNN THOMPSON, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon filing of receipts, the Executor be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 23, 2026 at 9:30 A.M. in the Chautauqua County District Court 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.

Virginia L. Smith, Petitioner

Jason P. Brewer

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Arkansas City, KS 67005

620-442-1950

Receipts of \$13,552.24 and Expenses of \$7,728.83. Heath Joslin motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Paul Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New business: The City Council approved the donation of \$100 to the SHS After Prom fund.

It has come to the attention of the City that there have been recent cases of utility theft. There will be legal action taken.

Heath Joslin motioned for the council to approve bills to be paid. Donald Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Heath Joslin motioned to adjourn. Allen Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Cucar announced the food drive on the 18th and the community building bathroom remodeling will start on the 12th of Feb.

With no other business on hand Councilwoman Hey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Councilwoman Hogan seconded; the motion carried 5-0.

USD 286 Board of Education

The following was taken from the USD 286 Board of Education meeting minutes on Feb. 9:

Unified School District #286 Board of Education held its regular meeting on Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office. President Kelsey Williams called the meeting to order with the following present: Kelsy Sproul, P.J. Buck, Garrett Jones, Jonathan Cude, Becky Smilko, Kati Sears, District Board Clerk, and Jamie Wetig, Superintendent. Wesley Wilson was noted as being absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and an opening prayer was given by Kelsy Sproul. The preamble to the meeting was read by Kelsey Williams and the student desk philosophy was read by Jamie Wetig.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Becky Smilko to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by P.J. Buck. Motion carried 6-0.

Classroom Connections:

Mrs. Sandi Williams and Mrs. Kristen Miller, along with their 4th grade students, presented their Kansas Day projects to the Board of Education. Each student shared a highlight from their project and responded to questions from Board members.

Public Forum:

Jarot Blakemore addressed the board asking for his son to have eligibility to participate in a wrestling cooperative with West Elk. He shared that West Elk has already agreed to this. He stated that the season will run from Feb. 11 through March 9. Mr. Blakemore also shared the hours of class time that his son would miss.

John Brown addressed the board of education sharing his concerns of the ADA violations in the district. He also expressed that he had submitted requests for an ALS device that was denied and was provided with a knock off from Mr. Wetig. He asked the board to correctly fulfill the request.

Michael Clark spoke not to complain but to commend each board member for stepping up to join the board. He told them that he understands the hard decisions that they will have to make. He thanked Mr. Wetig for providing the student desk philosophy so that each meeting the board members are reminded of the purpose of the meeting. His closing remarks were to always remember to make the right decision to

the best of their abilities.

The board of education thanked each community member for addressing them. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Prior to the approval of the consent agenda, Kelsey Williams communicated with the members that she would ask for a show of hands for each vote. She also informed them that if there were any items that they would like to further discuss, please make the motion to pull it off and place it in the appropriate place.

Kelsey Williams then opened the consent agenda for discussion. Jonathan Cude asked for about the 3 iPads on the consent agenda. Kelsey explained that they are different than the previous meeting. They have a spreadsheet that shows the iPads with serial numbers.

Motion was made by Kelsy Sproul to approve the organizational items on the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Becky Smilko. Motion passed 6-0.

Items approved as listed:

A. Monthly Approvals and Reports

· Approval of Minutes - January 12, 2026

· Treasurers Report

B. Resignation of Personnel

· Nate Thompson

· Vicky Hadley

C. Employment of Personnel

· David Nelson, Elementary Teacher

(26-27)

· Timothy Porter, Elementary Principal

(26-27)

D. Disposal of District Property

· 3 iPads

Board Setting Goals:

Mr. Wetig asked each board member to share their response to the question, "What is one thing that is most important to you as a board member?" Each member provided their input, and Mr. Wetig took notes. This discussion served as the beginning of the board goal setting process.

Superintendent Report:

Jamie Wetig, Superintendent

provided updates on the following items:

A. ADA Overview

· Mr. Wetig read a report on the update of ADA information for the district.

B. Daycare Handbook

· Shared the first draft of the daycare handbook with the board. There were a few clarification questions that Mr. Wetig was able to answer. The board asked for some numbers of the potential loss that the district would take by making the

steering committee.

Register of Deeds

Stephanie Ollenborger presented the report for January 2026. They had a total of forty-six instruments recorded and a total deposit of \$3,667.00.

Community Development

Diane Cucar stated the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge went great. There were 22 businesses and 36 kids with 22 volunteers. First place went to Thomas 3D, second place was A&M Magnets, and third place was Precision PC. The food drive held in Moline went well. There were 96 boxes handed out. Mrs. Cucar will be attending the CBDG meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Cucar stated that Professional Engineering Consultants are doing the site certification at 1285 Evergreen in Moline. They are currently working on getting the Evergy lien taken off.

Rural Fire

Todd Winscher would like to purchase three remote water monitors for the front of the deuce fire trucks for \$10,000 each. The remote water monitors will take the place of a fireman standing on the front of the trucks. This will help with the lack of volunteer fire fighters. Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to purchase two more remote water monitors next year. Mr. Winscher stated one of Longton's 1-tons is in the shop and when that one

gets out another one will be going due to shifting problems. Commissioner Liebau stated he attended the Grenola City Council meeting and spoke to them about the need for a rural fire barn.

Executive Session 1:46 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with Public Works Supervisor Don Sanders and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2 p.m. No action taken.

Executive Session 2:02 p.m.

Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean present not to return to open session until 2:07 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in session 2:07 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve a merit increase to Stefni Hebb from \$19.33hr to \$20.03hr. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Russell moved and Commissioner Liebau seconded the motion to approve a merit increase to Malarie Chamberlain from \$16.85hr to \$17.55hr. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$146,741.50. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to adjourn at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Elk County Commission

The following was taken from the Elk County Commission meeting minutes on Feb. 23:

Call to Order

Chairman Hendricks called the regular meeting to order at 1 p.m. Commissioners Liebau and Russell were present as well as County Clerk Kerry Harrod and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Minutes' Approval

Commissioner Liebau moved and Commissioner Russell seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of Feb. 9 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS

Gillian Beaumont stated 205 and 206 were evaluated for the yearly inspection. Mrs. Beaumont said 205 is good and 206 will be needing new brakes in about two thousand miles. Mrs. Beaumont presented outsource billing service quotes to the commission.

Public Works

Don Sanders stated he would like to purchase a small roller to help with asphalt repairs around the county. The estimated cost would be \$30,000. The Osage Trail bridge should be finished by the end of the week. A bridge at Pioneer and Road 6 just east of the Elk River was submitted and the estimated cost is 1.6 million dollars. If funding is awarded it will be a 2028 project. Mr. Sanders stated that we need someone to be on the steering committee for Safe Streets for All. Commissioner Russell will be on the

Commissioner Shaw moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 to protect the health of Chautauqua County citizens from noise pollution. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Shaw moved for an executive session to discuss employee matters under attorney-client privilege with Counselor Newton and Mark McCall present. The open meeting shall resume no later than 9:30 a.m. in the commission room. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Massey moved to approve Feb. 16 minutes.

Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Public Works Superintendent, Mark McCall, provided department updates and Public Works Office Manager, Melissa Havellana provided the annual Noxious Weed report for signatures.

Marci Lafen shared information about federal surplus equipment programs.

Emergency Manager Cody Collier provided department updates.

Commissioner Massey moved to approve Allied claims payment in the amount of \$2,350.08. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Blount moved to approve the Allied Administration fees in the amount of \$23,880.88. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the Claims Register for Feb. 27 in the amount of \$76,455.50. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Massey moved to accept the bank reconciliations as provided. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Blount moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0 at 9:38 a.m.

The following was taken from the Chautauqua County Commission special meeting minutes on March 4:

On March 4, at 1 p.m., Commissioners Parker Massey and Rodney Shaw joined the special meeting by phone. Commissioner John Blount Jr. was present in the commission room at the courthouse, along with Clerk Niki Collier and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko.

Commissioner Massey opened the special meeting and discussed a request from the City of Sedan to use the commission room for a city meeting on Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m. After some discussion, all members expressed their agreement with the request.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Blount gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0 at 1:04 p.m.

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The Chautauqua County Historical & Genealogical Society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 5 at the History House, 116 W. Main, at 6:30 p.m. President Richard Blankinship called the meeting to order with the following present: Steve Zimmerman, Jim Chase, Paulia Hubert, Douglas Boswell and Sue Kill.

Sue read the minutes of the previous meeting. Jim moved to approve, second by Douglas, motion carried. Richard presented the treasurer's report from Carlotta Munson.

Jim led a discussion about the Endicot Drilling operations in Chautauqua County; their office was in the building next to Blue Devil Supply south of Sedan. Sue was employed in the office.

Douglas brought a Dritz Tailor Tracker, copyright 1948 purchased at Thrift and Treasures to show that he

plans to use.

Some times deaths are listed as years, months and days on tombstones, etc. Steve shared that death date calculators are available online to get the date.

Richard is working on maps showing the old oil belt road, the Independence Road and Cherokee Trail.

Sue reminded everyone of the Roots Tech Conference online at familysearch.org during March. A good place to learn about researching your family, seeing famous people you may be related to and connecting with relatives around the world.

Next meeting will be April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The History House will be open the second Saturday of March from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for research or visiting.

Sue moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Peru City Council

The following was taken from the Peru City Council meeting minutes on Feb. 3:

On the evening of Feb. 3, the City of Peru Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., with Mayor Barbara Rincik presiding.

Council members present were Allen Wallace, Paul Marshall, Donald Simpson, Marilyn Simpson, and Heath Joslin.

City employees present were City Clerk Adam Joslin and City Superintendent Greg Joslin.

The City Clerk read the minutes of the January meeting. Heath Joslin motioned to accept the minutes as read. Paul Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Moline City Council

The following was taken from the Moline City Council meeting minutes on Feb. 4:

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 7p.m. at the community building

Council present were: Nick Laney, Connie Hey, Andy Cooke, Diane Cucar & Haley Hogan

Others present: Mark Townsley, Marla Foster-Ware

Regular Meeting Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Discussion & Motions

Councilman Laney moved to donate \$200 to the West Elk After Prom party. Councilman Cooke seconded, motion carried 5-0

Councilwoman Cucar moved to approve the audit agreement with Rodney Burns for \$6325 & \$525 for the

budget for the year 2025. Councilwoman Hey seconded, motion carried 5-0

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