

Lyndon Winter Royalty Candidates



Submitted

Lyndon will host Olpe at its Winter Royalty game Friday, where a king and queen will be crowned. King and queen candidates include, from left, Jaedyn Segrist, Allie Kneisler, Jensen Sturdy, James Marcotte and Dimitri Zapata.

Marais des Cygnes Valley Spelling Bee



Submitted

Marais des Cygnes Valley held its spelling bee Jan. 27. Contestants included (above), from left, front row, Elizha Traver, Logan Ulupano, Gracie Morgan, Jase Uttinger, Rae Todd, Clint Davis; middle row, Josue Chavaria, Maggie Wiley, Jakoby Schimmel, Aubriana Hamic, Ryne Cormode, Benson Bean, Brayden Traver, Koltyn Sturgeon; back row, Conner Bennett, Kylen Moore, Mady Todd, Kaylee Criquei, Braylee Patterson, Hailey Fine, Lilleigh Hewitt, Hunter Turner and Akya Kitt.

SFT School Counselor Recognized



Submitted

Erin Metsker (center), a counselor at Santa Fe Trail USD 434, was recently honored as Kansas School Counselor of the Year at the National School Counselor of the Year Gala in Washington, D.C. School counselors are essential to the success of our students and schools, and Metsker exemplifies the very best of the profession through her leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to students.

Winners of the MdCV spelling bee were (below), from left, Hailey Fine, first place; Kylen Moore, second place; and Aryka Kitt, alternate). Fine and Moore will move on to participate in the Osage County spelling bee, which will take place at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Burlingame Junior High/High School.



Public Notices

(First published in The Osage County Herald-Chronicle Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, and subsequently Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026, and Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026.)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of January, 2026, the Petition of Nicole Ann Stewart was filed in the 4th Judicial District of Osage County, Kansas, court with case OS-2026-CV-000001, seeking to change her name from Nicole Ann Stewart to Nicole Blanche Jones. The court has fixed Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at 9 a.m. via Zoom Docket with Judge Godderz for the hearing. All persons interested in the proposed change of name should contact Osage County court before then with any reason why the name change should not be granted.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of RELLA ANN MORGAN, Deceased.

No. OS-2024-PR-000038

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETI-

TION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court by Kristal Morgan and Kristina H. Overman, Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Rella Ann Morgan, deceased, praying for final settlement of said estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as Co-Executrixes, for payment of fees and expenses; and also praying that the Court determine the heirs, devisees, and legatees entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the Last Will and Testament of Rella Ann Morgan; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Co-Executrixes be discharged and released from further liability; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of February, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the city of Lyndon, in Osage County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Kristal Morgan and Kristina H. Overman, Co-Executrixes

FREDERICK W. GODDERZ,

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NOTICE

TLEC BOD meeting date change Old Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. New Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. Location- TLEC Boardroom, Lyndon KS

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NOTICE

The City of Osage City staff and possibly 5 or more members of the Osage City Council will be attending the Mayor's Summit, scheduled for Thursday, February 12th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., located at Santa Fe Depot. We are providing notice to our community per KOMA guidelines that we will potentially have a majority of our governing body in attendance.

ANNUAL REPORT OF OSAGE COUNTY FIRE #7 DISTRICT OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS

The undersigned treasurer of Osage County Fire District#7, submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Table with 6 columns: Fund*, Cash Balance Jan. 1 **, Total Receipts, Total Expenditures, Cash Balance Dec. 31, Unpaid Bills Dec. 31. Row 1: General, 44,881.20, 54,807.67, -67,781.28, 31,907.59, 0.00

* Detailed fund pages are available at the county clerk's office. ** Includes all money the township has including checking account savings and investments.

I certify that this financial report is a correct summary of all money received and expended as well as all unpaid bills for the special district during the year ending December 31, 2025.

Date: 01-29-25

Signature of Treasurer

City of Lyndon, Kansas Summary Statement of Receipts and Expenditures Regulatory Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Table with 7 columns: Fund, Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance, Cash Receipts, Expenditures, Unencumbered Cash Balance, Encumbrances and Payables, Ending Cash Balance. Total City: 2,008,763, 2,041,788, 1,960,928, 2,089,623, 43,801, 2,133,424

Composition of Cash: Checking Accounts \$ 1,923,439; Checking Accounts Court \$ 11,710; Checking Accounts Veterans \$ 3,076; Certificates of Deposit: \$ 215,000; Petty Cash and Change Funds \$ 140

Total Primary Government 2,153,365 Agency Funds per Schedule 3 (19,941) Total City 2,133,424

I do here Certify that the above statement is correct

Signature of Treasurer

Signature of Attest: Clerk

Table with 5 columns: FUND, BALANCE AS OF 01-01-2025, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, BALANCE AS OF 12-31-2025. Total Funds: 279,729.52, 647,257.31, 666,485.94, 260,500.89

General Obligation Bonds (Series 2017) 295,000

Roxie Bush, Melvern City Treasurer

Tamara Massey, Melvern City Clerk

