



Hoe & Tell
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Old Man Winter backtracked a bit last night, putting the finishing touches to last week's blow and dumped barely an inch of snow on a thin layer of ice. School started two hours late, giving us time to figure it all out. Looking forward to a week of gradual warming. It's January, just slow down and appreciate the season. My quilt fabric stash is slowly turning into piles of squares and strips, hopefully finding their place in all the quilts that keep cluttering the crevices of my aging brain. Anything can become an unhealthy obsession if you let your guard down, so I have to think about choosing wisely and keeping a balance between work and play.

Greenhouses are fired up and planting time has arrived for early plants such as perennials and hanging baskets. Plugs are poked into the fresh potting soil mixes arriving by the semi-load as new plant combinations are being discussed. Bare rooted perennials take several months to wake up, green up and produce a respectable plant that promises some color in their new addresses. Last summer I tried a new torch lily that pleasantly surprised me with blooms all summer long and I am going to fill in another area with the tall spiky spears that contrasted so well with the rudbeckia. There is not much foliage on the stems, so grouping several plants together is best.

While I mostly hear from new gardeners enjoying the journey through their gardening endeavors, every once in awhile someone shares their disappointments. The biggest reason for throwing in the spade is weed control. Keeping unwanted vegetation (grass is the worst) out of the garden is an ongoing job. Learn to enjoy weeding. Pull or hoe when the weeds are tiny. But better than that, learn to reduce or almost eliminate their opportunity to grow. We use all kinds of mulch, grass clippings, shredded leaves, cardboard, straw and even bagged mulch from the garden center. Some gardeners buy black weed barrier, although we don't use that as much as we used to. Ten years ago, we installed a seventy foot row of drip line, drippers every six feet, and covered it with deep straw, leaves and grass clippings in a ten foot wide area that we renew every year. We have never moved that line, and melons, cucumbers and squash have been planted in the same spot every year. Ignoring the counsel to rotate crops, we have waited for trouble and so far we are picking all we can handle. Last year's watermelons will be moved to the cucumber drippers and the cucumbers will go where the butternut squash was growing. Maybe that is just enough rotation to keep us out of trouble. We shall see.

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LAW OFFICE OF DALE E. PIKE, Chtd. 235 E. Pearl, PO Box 818 Dighton, Kansas 67839 (620) 397-2523 dpike4@hotmail.com
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ENID M. FARMER, Deceased Case No. LE 2025-PR-000001

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

First published in the Dighton Herald, Wednesday, January 15, 2025

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on January 10, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by Richard Farmer, Jr., an heir of Enid M. Farmer, deceased, requesting petitioner

be appointed as administrator, without bond and petitioner be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before February 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, Dighton, Lane 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

RICHARD FARMER, JR., Petitioner

Dighton City Council Meeting Mayor Annita Lorimor switched Up Council Committees

Unapproved Minutes of the City of Dighton Regular Council Meeting held on January 6, 2025

Mayor Annita Lorimor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included: Councilmember: Janet Shapland, Erik Steffens and Marlene Rupp. Also present were Crystal Hoffman, Attorney Dale Pike, Superintendent Craig Collins, Deputy City Clerk Justice Rios, and City Clerk Nicole Strobel. Municipal Judge Jacob Gayer joined the meeting at 6 pm.

Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Erik Steffens seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

Crystal Hoffman met with the council to discuss upcoming activities. Easter activities will be on April 19, 2025, and Kick off to Summer and All School Reunion will be May 23-25, 2025.

Fire Chief Craig Collins reported that fire meetings are better with younger members inputting more. Will need to be getting new air packs for fire department.

Superintendent Craig Collins reported that he talked to Wharton's in Garden City concerning trees for the city park. Superintendent Collins reported that to receive state federal funding our water rates will need to be \$45 to \$47.

City Clerk Nicole Strobel reported that at the last meeting she attended in McPherson discussion was held on adequate rates. City Clerk Strobel presented information on KanCap, a short course for city council regarding water information. Council advised City Clerk Nicole Strobel to try to set up a date for a workshop with KanCap. City Clerk Strobel gave update on gWorks software. City Clerk Strobel mentioned that some of the sidewalks downtown hadn't been cleared of snow/ice from the winter storm. Code states that snow or ice is to be removed within 12 hours from the time that the snow fall or ice storm ceases.

Deputy Clerk Justice Barton reported that cash reports for bank accounts were in the packet. Mayor Annita Lorimor switched up Council committees as follows: Finance Commissioner: Erik Steffens Streets and Alley Commissioner: Marlene Rupp Park Commissioner: Janet Shapland Utilities Commissioner: Austin Bretz Pool Commissioner: Craig Doris

Councilwoman Janet Shapland reported still looking at ways to fund Capital Improvement Funds. Councilman Erik Steffens asked Superintendent Craig Collins about the ramp leading to the pool if it would be completed before All School Reunion. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to table municipal court until more details can be worked out, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried.

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Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve updates made to the Employee Handbook, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Superintendent Craig Collins talked to the council about not having a trailer big enough to support the bobcat and snow blower when they need to be hauled for repairs. Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to direct Craig to rent trailer and truck to get snowblower to Garden City for repairs before next snow at \$5 per loaded mile, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Superintendent Craig Collins presented bids to the council for seeding the city park: GAS Lawn Pros LLC - hydroseeding - \$6400.00 T & T Landscaping - Overseed park - \$6273.40 L & R Lawn Care & Supply - overseed and drill - \$5951.50 Councilman Erik Steffens made the motion to accept the bid of \$6400.00 from GAS Lawn Pros LLC for hydroseeding the park, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to have Superintendent Craig Collins serve Notice of Designation of Dangerous and Unfit Dwelling to owner of 315 S. High, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to order a second monitor for Nikki and Justices' desks, Councilwoman Janet Shapland seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Discussion was held on the panic alarm in the city office and needs to be tested to see if dispatch in Dodge gets notified. Councilwoman Janet Shapland made the motion to approve bills as presented, Councilwoman Marlene Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. Councilwoman Marlene Rupp made the motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Janet Rupp seconded, yeas by all, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm. Annita Lorimor, Mayor Nicole Strobel, City Clerk

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LANE COUNTY AP- 10% per year. PRAISER LANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE PO BOX 250 DIGHTON, KANSAS 67839 620-397-2804 K.S.A. 79-1460a RESULTS OF MARKET STUDY ANALYSIS FOR LANE COUNTY FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR 2025 PURSUANT TO L.1919, CH 279, 2

Annually, at least ten business days prior to the mailing of change of value notices pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1460a, and amendments thereto, the county or district appraiser shall cause to be published in the official county newspaper and on the official county appraiser's website the results of the market study analysis as prescribed by the Director of Property Valuation of the Department of Revenue.

A study of the residential real estate market indicated that there is an overall inflationary trend of 8% to 15% per year.

A study of the commercial/industrial real estate market indicated that there is an overall inflationary trend of 15% to 20% per year.

A study of the real estate market for vacant lots indicated that there is an overall inflationary trend of 8% to

Values on specific properties may not follow indicated trends because of changes in the property, correction of descriptive data or adjustment of value based on sales of similar properties. Some properties may increase at a greater rate, some properties may decrease or change in valuation only slightly. All real property owners will be notified of the county appraiser's estimate of value on or prior to March 1, 2025. The appeal period extends to thirty days from the mailing date.

In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to annually furnish each county the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the use value of agricultural land. Changes can and do occur as a result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices, and production costs.

Currently agricultural land values have been established by the Division of Property Valuation and Kansas State University. Lane County will implement the agricultural land values as provided by the Division of Property Valuation. These values are available for review within the County Appraiser's Office.

Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications

MANHATTAN — The Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture is now accepting applications for 2025 scholarship awards. "Supporting education is one of the core missions of the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture," says KFB President Joe Newland. "We are so proud to support the next generation of leaders in agriculture as they continue their education at institutions across the state." The program offers up to 47 scholarships at universities, community and technical colleges in Kansas for students who demonstrate a commitment to agriculture, leadership and communi-

ty involvement. To apply, students or their parents must have an active Kansas Farm Bureau membership. Detailed guidelines and the application form are available at www.kfb.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 1. The KFB Foundation for Agriculture has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships over the past decade to ensure the continued growth and success of the agricultural industry. For additional information about the scholarships, contact Shannon Martin at 620-886-1703 or martins@kfb.org.

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