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PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANK MERGER
Notice is hereby given that Bendena State Bank ("Bendena"), 933 Friendship Road, Bendena, Kansas 66008, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Bendena Bancshares, Inc., Bendena, Kansas, and The Bank of Denton ("Denton"), 510 Main Street, Denton, Kansas 66017 have made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the State Bank Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, for its written consent for Denton to merge with and into Bendena (the "Merger"). Bendena will be the resulting entity from the Merger and the separate corporate existence of Denton will cease. Following the Merger, Bendena will remain a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bendena Bancshares, Inc. It is contemplated that Bendena will continue to operate Denton's office as branches.

This notice is published in accordance with Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Any person wishing to comment on this application is encouraged to submit comments through the FDIC's website at <https://cra.fdic.gov/>. Alternatively, comments may be filed, in writing, with the

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Notice

Please remove flowers and decorations at Mount Olive Cemetery by June 16 or they will be disposed of. 5.12

Help Wanted

THE DONIPHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT is now accepting applications for the position jailer. Doniphan Co offers medical, dental and vision benefits for employee. Requirements are must be at least 18 years of age, high school graduate or equivalent, no criminal history record and willing to work nights, weekends and holidays. Applications may be picked up at the sheriff's office at 219 S. Main, Troy, KS or can be found on our website at doniphanso.org. Doniphan Co is an EOE.

THE DONIPHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT is now accepting applications for the position of 911 dispatcher. Doniphan Co offers medical, dental and vision benefits for employee. Requirements are must be at least 18 years of age, high school graduate or equivalent, no criminal history record and willing to work nights, weekends and holidays. Applications may be picked up at the sheriff's office at 219 S. Main, Troy, KS or can be found on our website at doniphanso.org. Doniphan Co is an EOE.

THE CITY OF HIGHLAND is accepting applications for a full or part-time clerk. Applicants must reside in the city, have a high school diploma or GED, additional education and/or clerical and bookkeeping training is preferred. Salary is dependent on experience, qualifications, and training. Position is open until filled. Applications available at City Hall, 220 W Main St., Highland, KS 66035-785-442-3765. EOE 12

regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Kansas City Regional Office at 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, no later than June 28, 2025. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the FDIC Kansas City Regional Office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

This notice is published pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated 9-1724. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the State Bank Commissioner, 700 Jackson, Suite 300, Topeka, Kansas, 66603-3796. The comment period will end June 15, 2025. Public comments must be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act; K.S.A. 45-201 et seq. For information about submitting a request for records, please refer to: <https://www.osbckansas.org/consumers/open-records-requests/>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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QUARTERLY REPORT

Statement of Nicole Diveley, Treasurer of Doniphan County, Kansas, showing the balance on hand at the close of business April 30, 2025.

STATE OF KANSAS, DONIPHAN COUNTY, SS:

I, Nicole Diveley, Treasurer of Doniphan County, Kansas, do solemnly swear that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed:

Nicole Diveley, Treasurer
Doniphan County, Kansas
STATE OF KANSAS, DONIPHAN COUNTY, SS:

I, Peggy Franken, County Clerk of Doniphan County, Kansas, do hereby certify that the following was subscribed and sworn before me, in my presence, by the above named on the 4th day of June 2025.

Signed:
Peggy Franken, County Clerk
Doniphan County, Kansas

TOTAL LIABILITIES: 15,073,888.60
TOTAL ASSETS: 15,073,888.60

REPORT

COUNTY FUNDS:

Co Gen	2,266,215.72
Fema	223,303.77
Cap Impr	138,591.48
Rd & Br	2,793,758.77
Equip Reserve	690.47
Ext Council	57,902.93
Nox Weed	104,344.19
Elderly	269,672.11
Employ Benefit	388,437.42
College Tuition	0.18
Direct Election	74,181.91
Don Co Econ	
Devel Comm	154,891.15
Appraiser's Cost	226,828.49
Noxious Weed Chem	142,554.73
Don Co Health Dept	335,884.50
Don Co Health	
Dept-Mi Levy	100,615.42
Bd & Int	37,282.35
Fire Dist #1 - Gen	82,927.64
Fire Dist #2 - Gen	156,364.35
Fire Dist #3 - Gen	2,633.02
Fire Dist #4 - Gen	6,631.33
Fire Dist #5 - Gen	150,638.57
Ambulance District #1	934,064.12
Elwood Glad Drain	
Dist - Gen	387,331.93
Wolf River Watershed #66	4,833.44
Solid Waste	418,307.77
Title IIIB Trans	960.81
NEK Central Kitchen	6,594.65

Special Alcohol & Drug Programs	51,465.26
Federal Funds Exchange	125,845.79
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:	
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	10,011.00
Current Tax	1,510,494.18
Neighbor Revit	552.08
MV Tax	199,179.30
RV Tax	4,128.37
Taxes Paid in Advance	0.02
Tax Sale Foreclosure	1,277.50
Partial Pmt Delinquent Tax	9,555.32
Int & Fees on Taxes	465,046.76
Redemptions	28,935.33
Delinquent PP Taxes	20,637.91
Driver License	11,201.50
Motor Vehicle	12,233.81
Motor Vehicle Operating	12,963.33
Vehicle Sales Tax	136,992.07
Prosecutor Training & Assist	9,458.74
Restitution Acct	44.66
Co Atty Ck Adm Trust	30,917.19
Diversion	137,342.27
Heritage Trust	1,614.62
Payroll Clearing	1,460.13
Game Licenses	376.15
Bad Check	6,316.47
Register of Deeds Tech	6,286.83
County Clerk Tech	5,104.20
Treasurer's Tech Fund	6,447.42
New Sales Tax	2,198,263.84
Concealed Carry Weapons	9,570.40
Offender Reg Income	19,980.92
Doniphan County	
911 Fund	125,101.75
Commercial Vehicle Tax	46,582.39
Vehicle Inspection Fees	12,500.86
TOWNSHIP FUNDS:	
Burr Oak-Rd Impr	17,466.35
Center-Rd Impr	65,619.69
Independence-Rd Impr	61,442.23
Iowa-Rd Impr	100,973.89
Marion-Rd Impr	21,854.25
Union-Rd Impr	47,431.93
Wayne-Rd Impr	29,886.89
Wolf River-Cemetery #3	14.45
Wolf River-Rd Impr	57,500.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES: 15,073,888.60	
1st Option Bank, Troy	1,612,963.52
Exchange Bank & Trust	2,322,249.50
Farmers State Bank,	
Wathena	3,028,177.76
Bank of Highland	2,333,177.69
Bank of Denton	2,601,723.92
Bendena State Bank	3,027,959.73
1st Option Bank, Elwood	110,516.25
Cash in Drawer	2,093.08
Checks	31,777.91
Certificates of Deposit	3,249.24
TOTAL ASSETS: 15,073,888.60	

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ORDINANCE

NO. 677 SUMMARY

On June 2, 2025, the City of Wathena, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 677, enacted in accordance with Charter Ordinance Number 2 of said City, which provides for the assessment of court costs in cases heard in the Municipal Court of the City of Wathena, Kansas, and repeals Ordinance No. 613 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained or viewed free of charge at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street or at www.wathenakansas.com. This summary is certified legally accurate and sufficient by the Wathena City Attorney pursuant to K.S.A. 12-3001, et seq.

SUMMARY CERTIFIED:
/s/ Alan M. Boeh
Wathena City Attorney

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Kansas Chief May 29, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT
Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc Plaintiff,
vs.
Randy Jenkins, et al.
Defendants,
Case No.DP-2025-CV-000005
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Doniphan County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Doniphan County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on June 26, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Doniphan County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

ALL OF LOTS 4 THROUGH 6, INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK 184, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY OF ELWOOD, DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS, Parcel ID No. 022-089-30-0-30-40-001.10-0. Commonly known as 804 Vermont St., Elwood, KS 66024 ("the Property") MS224990

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Doniphan County Sheriff
MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC
By:
Aaron M. Schuckman, #22251
aschuckman@msfirm.com
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612 Spirit Dr.
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(636) 537-0067 (fax)
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HILLMAN H. HULL,
DECEASED

CASE NO. 2021 PR 16

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on June 4, 2025,

in this Court by Jared R. Pickerell and David J. Hull, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Hillman H. Hull, Deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as Co-Administrators, allowance for attorney fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, and approval of the Family Settlement Agreement you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 7, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on such day, in the District Court Room of the Doniphan County Courthouse, Troy, Kansas, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course and upon said Petition.

Jared R.

Pickerell and David J. Hull, Co-Administrators

BY:

Robyn Johnson, Attorney for Co-Administrators

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Ruby Dinning, Deceased

Case No. DP-2024-PR-000011
Pursuant to KSA Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that an Amended Petition has been filed on May 16, 2025, in this Court by Mark A. Dinning, as a person interested in the estate of Ruby Dinning, deceased, requesting descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Doniphan County, Kansas:

The East Seven and one-half (7 1/2) acres of the East Fifteen (15) acres of the South thirty (30) acres of the East one half of the South East Quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Township two (2) in Range Twenty-Two (22), Doniphan County Kansas.

A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section seventeen (17), Township two (2), Range twenty-two (22), thence south on said line about seventy-five (75) rods to the north line of land heretofore conveyed to William F. Schuler and Edward C. Schuler; thence east fifty eight (58) rods; thence north about seventy five (75) rods to the north line of the said quarter; thence west fifty eight (58) rods on said line to the place of beginning, containing twenty seven (27) acres more or less.

The South Twelve and One-half (12 1/2) acres of the West One-half, of the Southeast Quarter, of Section Seventeen (17), Township Two (2), In Range Twenty-Two (22) containing 12 1/2 acres.

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 June 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in said court, in Doniphan 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.

Mark A. Dinning
Petitioner
PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:
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Kansas Farm Bureau Insight

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Pioneers and cottonwoods

When the Kansas legislature selected a state tree it chose the native cottonwood because its presence was synonymous with homestead success. The fast-growing trees require adequate moisture to grow, so a standing grove indicated crops were likely to succeed as well.

"It might honestly be said that the successful growth of the cottonwood grove on the homestead was often the determining factor in the decision of the homesteader to stick it out until he could prove up on his claim," legislators reasoned in 1937. "The cottonwood tree can rightfully be called the pioneer tree of Kansas."

Cottonwoods were also named the state tree in Nebraska and Wyoming, largely for the same reason.

A large specimen of the popular poplar stood just outside the Statehouse when the cottonwood became Kansas' state tree. It had shaded citizens and politicians alike, with presidents Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and William Howard Taft having sought refuge under its canopy.

Standing in the shadow of a cottonwood's triangular leaves offers protection from the sun and a bit of a light show. The top side of the leaves are a lustrous green while the underside reflects hints of silver causing a shimmering effect as they sway in the breeze. The fronds turn a brilliant yellow before falling to the ground in the fall.

Legend has it the Statehouse Cottonwood sprouted from a stake driven during the construction of the Capitol. A less exciting (and more believable) story is the tree was already an established sapling in 1866 when construction started and it survived the building process, in addition to other calamities before succumbing to old age in 1984. Today a cutting from the original grows in its place.

While not a redwood or sequoia, cottonwoods can be massive compared to other trees in Kansas. They top out around 100 feet, but the trunks can be several feet in diameter. The towering nature of the trees meant they also served as landmarks, like one in Osage County that designated a turn on the Santa Fe Trail.

Cottonwoods don't get their name from the wood inside those towering trunks. Instead, it comes from the small seeds the behemoths produce. The lightweight kernels are coated in fluffy fibers resembling strands of cotton that act like sails dispersing the seeds with the wind.

It's not uncommon to see flurries of cotton flying in June as large groves of the trees shed their seeds. The white puffs are barely heavy enough to fall toward the ground. On calm, sunny days, it's not uncommon to watch the rise and fall with the invisible thermal currents.

Cottonwoods, like early explorers on the high seas, can reach anywhere the winds blow. Kansans chose cottonwoods as the state tree because they served as crude symbols of likely success to prairie pioneers, but cottonwoods colonized the landscape much like their human counterparts through resilience, adaptability and determination.

They thrive in a new and harsh environment, traits necessary for any settler. Cottonwoods embody the characteristics of Kansans in a state founded and shaped by persistence and possibility.

City of Wathena Emergency Numbers

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