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Search to Find Children in Need of Special Education
Southeast Kansas Interlocal #637 is seeking to identify every student from birth through age 21 who lives within the boundaries of Crawford CO Schools, Cherokee CO, Labette CO: USD #235Untiontown:USD #246 Arma: USD #247 Cherokee: USD #248 Girard: USD #249 Frontenac: USD #250 Pittsburg: USD #404 Riverton: USD #493 Columbus: USD #499 Galena: USD #504 Oswego: USD #505 Chetopa/St. Paul: USD #506 Altamont: USD #508 Baxter Springs who has developmental delays or may be in need of special education. If you have a child or know of a child who you think has a development delays or special need, contact:

Greg Kubler
400 N. Pine Street
Pittsburg, KS 66762

Areas of special education include: birth through age two (infant/toddler), early childhood disability, developmentally delayed, visual impairments including blindness, hearing impairments including deafness, deaf blindness, autism, traumatic brain injury, emotional disturbance, specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, speech or language impairments, and gifted.

Parents are advised that all special education services are designed to offer the utmost in educational opportunities for each qualifying student, as well as to provide assistance and support in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and social growth. State and federal laws are followed in providing each student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. Call: 1-800-281-2749 or (620) 235-3180 if you have a child or know of a child who may need special education services.

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the [SCHOOLS] receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the [SCHOOLS] to amend a record should write the school principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office	SEK Interlocal #637	USD 404Riverton
U.S. Department of Education	400 N. Pine	6860 SE Hwy 66
400 Maryland Avenue, SW	Pittsburg, KS 66762	Riverton, KS 66770
Washington, DC 20202	1-800-281-2749	(620)848-3386

ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION
USD 404 has been complying with federal and state asbestos regulations for many years. Some of the building materials in our schools do contain asbestos. These materials are periodically inspected and maintained to ensure that they do not present a health hazard to students, employees or visitors. The asbestos management plan for USD 404 is located in the district administrative office and in the administrative office of each school. Interested persons may inspect the plan at any time. If you have specific questions, you may contact Justin Wilson at 620-848-3386.

ELEMENTARY:
ENROLLMENT FEES \$20.00
Enrollment dates: August 5-8
Enrollment Times:
8:00 am – 3:00 pm
(11:30 – 12:30 Office Closed for lunch)

HIGH SCHOOL:
ENROLLMENT FEE \$25 PLUS
ELECTIVE CLASS FEES
1:1 INITIATIVE FEES - \$50
Enrollment dates:
Jrs/Srs – August 5
Fresh/Soph – August 6
9th Gr Orientation – August 7 - 6:30 pm
Open Enrollment August 7 - 8
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(12:00 - 1:00 Office Closed for lunch)



The Riverton Unified School District No. 404 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, genetic information, or religion in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies.
Dr. Kevin Cooper, Superintendent
6860 SE Hwy 66
Riverton, KS 66770
620.848.3386
July 15, 2025, July 22, 2025

CHEROKEE COUNTY JAIL REPORT

Jessica Lynn Nugent, 46, was arrested Saturday by Galena Police officers on charges of battery; causing bodily harm and was released on \$1,500 bail.

Samantha Jo Heine, 40, was admitted to the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center Friday on a court ordered commitment.

Randall Gene Deatherage, 40, was arrested Friday by Quapaw Marshals on a warrant and is being held in lieu of \$135 bail.

Shirley Kristeen Kingsbury, 41, was arrested Friday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on charges of driving under the influence and was released.

Stevana Kay Clark, 30, was arrested Friday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on three counts of disorderly conduct, two counts of assault, battery; causing rude physical contact and two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior and is being held without bail.

Alexandria Renee Kloer, 28, was admitted to the Cherokee County Law

Enforcement Center Friday on a court ordered commitment.

Racheal Michelle Turnbough, 36, was arrested Friday by Galena Police officers on four counts of failure to appear and probation violation and is being held in lieu of \$1,594 bail.

Cory Dewaine Reynolds, 49, was arrested Friday on two counts of attempted aggravated battery of a Law Enforcement officer; with a motor vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude; reckless driving, possess opiates, opium, narcotic drug or certain stimulant and use or possess drug paraphernalia for use in the human body

and is being held in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

Cathy Ann Simpson, 63, was arrested on a warrant for Jasper County Missouri and is being held without bail.

Landen Laroy Robi-nette, 20, was arrested Thursday by Galena Police officers on charges of domestic battery; physical contact in rude manner and was released on \$1,000 bail.

Keldan Alazae-Noe Cerano, 18, was arrested Thursday by Galena Police officers on charges of interference with law enforcement; obstruct or resist and criminal damage to property and was released on \$6,000 bail.

Probate records in genealogical research

The death of a loved one is a sorrowful and stressful time for family members, but that event can provide a wealth of valuable information for the family researcher. A number of documents are created at the time of a person's passing. Usually an obituary or death notice is printed in a local newspaper. Other documents would be a funeral home record, a death certificate, a cemetery or church burial record, but one of the most prized documents for a genealogist is probate records.

Probate records, which have been recorded in the

Genealogy Corner



By
Ella
Buzzard

United States since the first permanent settlement, are the documents generated in the course of settling an estate. These records exist in places and for time periods when few other records are available. This author was able to find probate records for her third great-grandfather who died in 1856 in Indiana. That record gave the names of his children

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
KAREN LOUISE PHELPS, DECEASED.

Case No. CK-2025-PR-000055
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on July 9, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Tamera M. Wellner, one of the heirs of Karen Louise Phelps, deceased, requesting Tamera M. Wellner be appointed as Administrator and she be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 12, 2025, at 9:30 o'clock AM at the Cherokee County Courthouse, Columbus, 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 the 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.

Tamera M. Wellner,
Petitioner.

Timothy L. Fielder - #08649
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Girard, KS 66743
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Attorney for Petitioner.
July 15, 2025 July 22, 2025 July 29, 2025

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Millsap & Singer, LLC
8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 339-9132
(913) 339-9045 (fax)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC
Case No. CK-2025-CV-000046
Plaintiff, Court No.
vs. Title to Real Estate Involved
Nicky McDowell, Jr, et al. Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Cherokee County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Cherokee County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on July 31, 2025 at the time of 10:00 AM at the front steps of the Cherokee County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

LOT TWENTY-TWO (22), IN CHAPMAN'S HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BAXTER SPRINGS, CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, Parcel ID No. 011-221-11-0-40-02-001.14-0 / R304622 Tax ID. Commonly known as 3329 Shepard Ave, Baxter Springs, KS 66713 ("the Property") MS226927

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.

Cherokee County Sheriff

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
July 8, 2025 July 15, 2025 July 22, 2025

Ryan Joe Burkholder, 21, was arrested Thursday by Cherokee County Sheriff's Deputies on two counts of abuse of a child inhuman corporal punishment under age 18 and criminal threat; cause terror, evacuation or disruption and is being held in lieu of \$30,000 bail.

The Information presented in this column is collected from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and is provided for the convenience of the reader. Every effort is made to keep such information accurate and up-to-date. Charges and bond amounts may change after court appearances.

and grandchildren, as well as a complete description of his property and a listing of all his livestock and farming equipment.

Among the information that is generally found in a probate packet is the deceased's death date and death place, names of family members, family relationships, residences, a description of the deceased's estate, localities where the deceased owned the property, and adoptions or guardianships for minor children, dependents or incompetent adults. An inventory of other property, such as stocks and bonds, is also included. The will, if there is one, will provide extra insight into the deceased and his or her opinion of individual family members. Each packet will vary in content depending on when and where it was filed.

Probate laws can vary from state to state and in some states, estates with a value under a certain amount may not be probated. However, the laws tend to follow certain general practices. The probate of the estate of a deceased person who has left a will is called "testate". The probate of the estate of someone who has died but did not leave a will is called "intestate". At the end of the twentieth century, nearly all deaths are followed by probate, if only to establish that there is no need for probate proceedings. If there is a will, then there will be an executor of the will. If there is no will, then there is an administrator of the estate.

Probate records are usually housed in the county courthouse that presided over the area where your ancestor died. Sometimes the early records were moved to other depositories such as a state archives to allow for better temperature, humidity control and security. Some genealogical society libraries have an index for probate records. However, the Cherokee County Kansas Genealogical-Historical Library has the actual probate records from 1868 to 2002 for Cherokee County. Occasionally, one can access probate records through www.Ancestry.com or www.familysearch.org.

When looking for an ancestor's probate records, it is important to check for probate records in each locality where a person owned property, especially if the ancestor lived near a county or state line.

When searching for a probate packet, keep in mind that the probate process can sometimes take years and the records may have been created at different times and in different offices of the court. Therefore, the final settlement of the estate may not occur for some time after the date of death. Fortunately, all this information is usually gathered into one packet. This search can also lead to checking out land records which may predate the existence of other record types.