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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Quivira Royalty, LC, vs. Travis H. Cook; Terrell E. Cook; Niccole Kochenderfer; Ellen Cook Erickson; Don B. Cook; Marilyn Cook Hasty; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnerships; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, Defendants Case No: LG-2026-CV-00003 Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 60.

Tract in the SW/4 of 10-11-33 Logan County, Kansas, commencing at the NE corner of the SW/4, thence on an assumed bearing of South 02 degrees 19 minutes 47 seconds West, 187.57 feet along the East line of said Quarter Section to the POINT OF BEGINNING; FIRST COURSE, thence continuing South 02 Degrees 19 Minutes 47 Seconds West, 137.49 feet along said East line; SECOND COURSE, thence North 72 Degrees 21 Minutes 18 Seconds West, 43.08 feet; THIRD COURSE, thence North 55 Degrees 38 Minutes 15 Seconds West, 103.08 feet to the Southerly right of way line of the existing highway; FOURTH COURSE, thence North 69 Degrees 40 Minutes 26 Seconds West, 837.16 feet along said Southerly right of way line to the North line of said Quarter Section; FIFTH COURSE, thence South 87 Degrees 41 Minutes 35 Seconds East, 323.27 feet along said North line to the Northerly right of way line of the existing highway; SIXTH COURSE, thence South 69 Degrees 40 Minutes 26 Seconds East, 529.74 feet along said Northerly right of way line; SEVENTH COURSE, thence South 74 Degrees 06 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 100.86 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said Tract containing 1.90 acres, which includes 1.84 acres of existing right of way.

NOTICE OF HEARING A petition has been filed by Unified School District # 274 in the office of the City Clerk praying for the vacation of 7th Street from 147 feet west of the Center Street and 7th Street intersection to Edgerton Street in the City Oakley, Logan County, Kansas. A hearing on said request will be held on May 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting room, 415 W 2nd, Oakley, Kansas. At such time and place all persons interested can appear and be heard under the petition. \Leann Hughes\ City Clerk

There's No Place Like Home - Home Safety Evaluations

By Jill Kruse, DO In my role as a hospitalist, I am always happy when a patient is healthy enough to be discharged. A resounding majority of people want to go back to their home after they leave the hospital. What we do not want is an unsafe environment leading to repeat injuries resulting in a hospital readmission.

At discharge we can have members of the Home Health team perform a "Home Safety Evaluation". Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and sometimes Speech Therapists will evaluate a person's home for safety concerns and ensure it is set up optimally for best function. The team looks at areas where injuries typically occur. This could include the installation of grab bars in the bathroom or having a shower chair. Paying attention to slipping or falling hazards - such as throw rugs or loose stair railings. Good lighting, especially on stairs and in hallways, can help prevent tripping and falling.

Before hospital discharge Physical Therapists will evaluate how well a person can walk including their balance. If there are steps in the home, they will ensure the ability to navigate stairs is evaluated. They perform tests which can help predict who is at a higher risk for falling. The proverb may be, pride goeth before a fall, but a walker or cane could help prevent that. Unfortunately, too often pride is the reason that the walker or cane is not used in the first place. Using

And you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before Tuesday, May 21, 2026 in the District Court of Logan County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. Respectfully submitted,

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Spring Surprises

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

It's that time of the year when the trees begin to blossom, the wheat fields become a magnificent green and our yard becomes an interesting site thanks to our farm dog, Rosie. During the winter months Rosie spends a lot of time indoors. Whether it's taking day naps while my husband or I work in the office, patrolling the shop while equipment is worked on or willingly sleeping inside the house at night. But when the days and nights warm up, Rosie spends much more of her time outside. She'll nap outside the office door soaking up the midday sun. She'll sniff around the shop before leaving to patrol the farmyard. She refuses to come inside the house at night, preferring to sleep on a wicker bench on my front porch. When Rosie comes inside to sleep during the winter, she actually sleeps. When Rosie migrates to her bench on my front porch, she usually does not sleep. Whether it's barking near my bedroom window at all hours of the night, launching herself off the porch bench in pursuit of night creatures that get too close to her house or patrolling the farmyard in the dark, Rosie's winter hibernation ceases and her spring behaviors kick into full gear. It's quite common to open the front door to find treasures she has gathered throughout the night strewn about our front yard. Sometimes you'll spot a large bone she has found somewhere during her patrols. At other times you will find multiple rabbits - or portions of rabbits or birds, or opossums, or rats or raccoons on display. Sometimes Rosie will leave her treasures for us to see and then relocate them to an area near the barn where she buries them for later. Other times, our farm dog leaves her treasures in the yard for us to appreciate and/or deal with. Spring is the season that requires a pitchfork or shovel readily available in order for us to pick up after Rosie's night shift. I often wonder what delivery drivers dropping off packages at our place think as they walk up to our porch during the spring months. A neighbor recently shared on social media a photo montage of the items her dogs have started bringing home and leaving in her yard as well. I had to chuckle and was thankful that I have someone I can commiserate with thanks to our dogs' spring antics on the farm.

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someone else's old walker may be a bargain, but proper walker and cane height is important. A used device may be more dangerous if not adjusted properly and therapists can help confirm they are at the correct height.

Occupational Therapists evaluate a person's ability to perform "Activities of Daily Living". These include being able to feed, dress or bathe themselves, and using the bathroom. They have lots of assistive devices, tricks and tips to assist people if arthritis, injuries, or recent surgery prevents the person from moving like normal. Speech Therapists are asked at times to assess a person's cognition and "safety awareness". They evaluate and determine if

this person can the person recognize an emergency and get to safety or call for help. With dementia, the part of the brain responsible for logic and good decision making is no longer working. Dementia patients often make impulsive mistakes such as walking into traffic or forgetting to turn the stove off after cooking.

There is no place like home, but it needs to be a safe home. With a few tips and modifications, your home can be a safer place to live thereby keeping you there longer. We want you to "Stay healthy in there."

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Algal Bloom Season

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and grow year-round in affected waterbodies. In flowing waters, such as streams and rivers, HAMs may disperse and move downstream.

The health risk from HAMs is greatest when exposure occurs through ingestion and when contact or disturbance of algal mat material occurs (particularly for small children and dogs). KDHE HAB response program will notify public waterbody managers if HAMs are detected at the waterbody while responding to algae bloom complaints and recommend that signage be posted. New HAM advisories are only posted and released once identified and confirmed.

If you notice HAM signage posted at the waterbody or excess algal growth that appears dark green, blue-green, brown or black in color, be aware that potential health risks may be present when engaging in recreational activities. KDHE HAB response program recommends the following precautions be taken at HAM affected waters:

Do not allow people or pets to eat algal mats or ingest lake or stream water.

Do not touch or contact algal mats. Use caution when engaging in recreational activities, especially primary contact recreation, such as swimming. Wash with clean water after skin contact with affected water.

Do not transport algal mats to other waterbodies and follow KDWP's guidance for cleaning boats and equipment.

For more information on Harmful Algal Mats or to see all waterbodies confirmed to be affected by HAMs, please visit: www.kdhe.ks.gov/HAM.

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