

Legals

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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 Hastey; 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-000003
 Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 60.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State Of Kansas To

All Of The Above Named Defendants And All Other Concerned Persons:
 You are notified that a Petition has been filed in District Court of Logan County, Kansas, by Quivira Royalty, LC, seeking an order Partitioning and Quieting Title in and to the following described tracts of land in Logan County, Kansas ("Tracts"):
 Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Thirty-three (33) West of the 6th P.M., Logan County, Kansas, less the following described tract conveyed to the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas in Book 199, Page 252:
 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.

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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 City of Oakley
 Attn: Leann Hughes, City Clerk/Finance Administrator
 415 W. 2nd Street, PO Box 287
 Oakley, KS 67748
 785-671-3136

Oakley VFW Auxiliary Post 2981

**Minutes
 April 8, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakley VFW Auxiliary Post 2981 was called to order by President Bert Maxfield at 7:01 pm on April 8, 2026 with 14 members and 1 guest present. Three officers were absent.

Dwight gave the opening prayer and the flag salute was performed.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Official communications were read.

Treasurer's report for March was given and approved subject to audit. Bills were presented. It was moved and seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Program reports were given with no action taken.

Old business- The roof has not yet been inspected but is on

the schedule. Challenge coin was discussed. It was decided to form a committee with the VFW and American Legion to decide on a design for the coin.

New business. Charter was draped for Peggy Haake Past National President who passed away April 2, 2026. The first quarter audit was presented. It was moved and seconded to accept the audit. Motion carried. Officer elections were held. Nominations were-President-Bert Maxfield, Sr. Vice President-Tim Barnett, Jr. Vice President-Lisa Jacobus, Treasurer-Johnne Maxfield, Chaplain-Dwight Abell, Conductress-Janet Bean, Guard-Travis Ryburn, Trustee #3-Tatum Corbett. With no further nominations, the nominations ceased. It was moved and seconded

to accept the officers as elected. Motion carried. LaRene Wentz was appointed as Secretary. Discussed flying Armed Forces flags at Bertrand Park by the Library. They will be taken care of by the staff of the library. It was moved and seconded to purchase new Armed Forces flags and get them to the library staff. Motion carried. Discussed restocking supplies for our Stags. It was moved and seconded to let Janet Bean take care of this and order any supplies needed. Motion carried.

Dwight gave the 9 pm prayer and with no further business closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting will be May 13, 2026 at 7 pm.

LaRene Wentz

Secretary



Spring And Smoke

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau Spring can be a trying season in the Flint Hills. The temperature fluctuations and swirling winds make picking out the right jacket nearly impossible on any given morning. And if it happens to be nice enough to not need any extra layering one morning, you'll likely need it by late afternoon.

The fickle weather is what makes the truly beautiful spring days so enjoyable. The kind where a light breeze is needed to temper the warmth of the sun because the treetops are still a tangle of tender limbs and buds, but not a shroud of leaves to offer any shade. Even cloudy days bring hope of gentle rains that tame the dust and fuel an explosion of vibrant colors.

Kansas native prairie is undergoing a similar awakening against a backdrop of warm days and cool nights. Stunning blue skies are sometimes interrupted by smoke from prescribed burns. In a few short weeks the barren landscape left after prescribed fires will transform into an ocean of green grass supporting grazing for millions of cattle.

This is a cycle that's been repeated for thousands of years. The diverse mix of native grasses and forbs that blanket the countryside are adapted to episodic fire that clears away woody plants like eastern red cedars or non-native forbs like sericea lespedeza.

Protecting the state's 15 million acres of grassland is a year-round process and despite farmers' and ranchers' use of prescribed fires, the prairies of Kansas are facing significant threats from invasive species that outcompete the native vegetation.

Over the past 30 years, Kansas has seen woodlands advance across its eastern flank, with large swaths of the central portion of the state transitioning to land that's not quite a forest but isn't prairie either.

Invasive species go beyond fencelines, and the westward march of woodlands is changing the landscape of Kansas.

Prescribed burns are essential to maintaining the prairie that's left, and they will be vital in reversing the encroachment that has already taken place. I also know there's a significant consternation when plumes of smoke create a nuisance in towns and cities.

More than once I've had to close my windows on a pleasant day and turn on the air conditioner because the erratic atmosphere of spring has trapped smoke close to the ground. Usually the fires are relatively close when this happens, but there are days when the sky is deep blue in the morning but it morphs into a gray haze as the smoke from distant burns filters in.

It's easy to curse the smoke when it settles in, clinging to a spring day that feels too nice to waste indoors. I've done it myself. But that haze is also a sign that those who depend on the prairie for their livelihood are caring for it in a time-tested manner. The same winds that make us second-guess our jackets each morning are carrying something else across Kansas this time of year — the work it takes to keep the prairie from slipping away.

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HELP WANTED

Logan County is accepting applications for the position of Noxious Weed Director.

This position is full-time with PTO, KPERS, full family health and dental insurance. The director is responsible for the Noxious weed and prairie dog control program within the county. This person must fulfill the state law requirements with the Kansas State Department of Agriculture. Applicants need to request an application and job description from Crystal at the Logan County Clerk's office at 710 W. 2nd, Oakley, KS 67748 or by calling 785-671-4244. Applications accepted until April 17, 2026. Logan County is an EOE.