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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of) DELORES DIANE LOCKHART f/k/a)

DELORES BAALMANN, Deceased) Case No. LG-2025-PR-000023

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 May 7, 2026 in said Court by the undersigned, Administrator of the Will of the decedent, praying

for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Oakley, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Jason Baalmann Petitioner

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 30 A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS, FROM CERTAIN PORTIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1697 AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NOS. 27 & 28.

Be It Ordained By the Governing Body of the City of Oakley, Kansas:

SECTION 1: The City of Oakley, Kansas, is a city of the third class, and by the power vested in it by Article XII, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt, and does hereby exempt itself, from, and make inapplicable to it, that portion of K.S.A. 12-1697, which authorizes the levy of a transient guest tax at not to exceed the rate of two percent (2%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations exclusive or charges for incidental services or facilities in any hotel, motel or tourist court.

SECTION 2: In place of that portion of K.S.A. 12-1697 referred to above, the governing body of the City of Oakley, Kansas, hereby levies a transient guest tax at not to exceed the rate of six and one-half percent (6.5%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid

by transient guests for sleeping accommodations exclusive of charges for incidental services of facilities in any hotel, motel or tourist court. All other provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697 shall remain in effect for the City of Oakley.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

SECTION 4: Charter Ordinances Nos. 27 and 28 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the ordinance, as provided in Article XII, Section 5, Subdivision (c)(3), of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case the ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS ELECT VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF, ON THE 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2026, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DAY.

/s/ Russ Kahle Mayor Attest: /s/ Leann M. Hughes City Clerk

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION ACO-4 Application for Commingling of Production

RE: Murfin Drilling Co., Inc. - Application for a permit to authorize the commingling of produced fluids from the Ahrens A 1-16 well, located in Logan County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, and all persons whomever concerned.

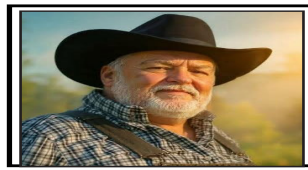
You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Murfin Drilling Company, Inc. has filed an application to permit the commingling of produced fluids in the Ahrens A 1-16 well, located in Sec. 16-11s-33w, Logan County, Kansas from the Lansing-

Kansas City and Johnson groups.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Murfin Drilling Company, Inc. 250 N. Water, Suite 300 Wichita, KS 67202 316-267-3241



Morning Meanderings of Gator Bob

Dear readers; Just a quick note to explain and apologize for my absence.

Sometime back my check engine light came on (ie heart) it became apparent that something had to be done to correct this cardio aberration. That time finally arrived and so far appears to have been successful. So bear with me during this brief absence. Again I truly apologize and will be back soon.

Keep your trigger finger lubed and your powder dry.....

Let Freedom Ring!!!

KANSAS GOP URGES STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO JOIN SECOND LADY USHA VANCE'S 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AND OUT-READ THE NATION

Topeka — The Kansas Republican Party is calling on all Kansas students in grades K-8 and their families to participate in Second Lady Usha Vance's Summer Reading Challenge, running June 1 through September 4, 2026.

The nationwide effort aims to transform summer vacation into a season of discovery, helping children explore new worlds, meet favorite authors, and develop a lifelong love of reading alongside their families, schools, and local libraries.

As part of the Summer Reading Challenge, Second Lady Usha Vance is urging all children in grades K-8 to read at least 12 books. Once complete, participants will receive a personalized certificate, an America 250th anniversary-themed bookmark and

a special link to receive a prize. Participants will also be entered for a chance to visit Washington, D.C. and the White House.

"Summer reading isn't just a good habit. It's one of the most powerful things students can do to protect their academic progress and walk back into the classroom ready to learn. That's why I'm excited to see Second Lady Usha Vance making childhood literacy a national priority with her Summer Reading Challenge," said Kansas Sen. Renee Erickson, Chair of the Kansas Senate Education Committee. "In Kansas, we've made the same commitment through our Blueprint for Literacy, and this challenge is a perfect complement to that work. I encourage every Kansas family to visit the website and sign up to read 12 books for

a summer of adventure and a chance to visit the White House. Let's read, Kansas!"

The official Summer Reading Challenge includes a leaderboard tracker, and Kansas Republicans are urging Kansas kids to out-read the rest of the nation.

"Kansas kids are readers, and this summer is the perfect time to prove it. Second Lady Usha Vance's Summer Reading Challenge is a wonderful opportunity for Kansas students in kindergarten through eighth grade to keep their minds sharp, explore new worlds, and build a lifelong love of learning," Danedri Herbert, Kansas Republican Party Chair, said. "Reading is foundational to academic success, critical thinking, and future opportunity. By taking the challenge and striving to lead the country in total

books read, Kansas families can strengthen their communities and give their children a competitive edge. Join today and make this the summer Kansas kids read more than anyone else in America."

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to children nationwide in grades K-8. Participants receive free resources and a reading log designed to make tracking progress fun and rewarding. Families are encouraged to join the official Summer Reading Challenge www.whitehouse.gov/read/

Kansas Republicans in the Kansas Legislature adopted the Blueprint for Literacy in 2024. The Blueprint makes literacy a state-level priority. Read more about the Blueprint for Literacy- www.kansasregents.gov/about/kansas-blueprint-for-literacy



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