

SUIT...

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ter was in the nursing program.

"She was fantastic as a graduate teaching assistant, but I was chastised for allowing a graduate teaching assistant to teach in my class," Howell said. "Wow, really, you can't use them to teach at all?"

This was the beginning of what the lawsuit alleges is a years-long effort to force Howell out — including multiple false claims against him.

"On November 4, 2020, Dean Brewer sent Dusti a letter of discipline claiming that Dusti had not report-

ed for teaching for 'weeks' (when in fact Dusti's religious absence was a week)," the lawsuit reads. "Brewer claimed Dusti had been absent a week (for the day of Atonement) when in fact it was only one day. Brewer claimed Dusti had sought two weeks of absence (for the Feast of Tabernacles) when in fact it was only one week. Brewer claimed that Dusti had not responded to school emails for upwards of a week (when in fact it was only two days). Brewer contended that meant Dusti was on a leave of absence when he was not. Brewer contended that Dusti had not followed the proper 'process' but never identified where in any published policy of

Emporia State making such requirements."

Indeed, Emporia State not only did not have a written policy accommodating religious observances but — according to filings — had a history of discriminating against students who observe the Jewish holidays.

"In 2016, Emporia State University (ESU) considered developing a written policy regarding absences for religious observances (FSB 16004). Its purpose was described as being 'designed to create a policy on absences for religious observances.' But the ESU faculty Senate failed to enact such a policy," the filing reads, and notes that ESU "developed a custom in refusing to accom-

modate students' request for religious accommodations."

Howell's attorney, Linus Baker, asked for a stay on the lawsuit while the Groff v. Dejoy religious discrimination lawsuit was pending before the United States Supreme Court.

In 2023, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that employers had the duty to prove a religious accommodation would prove an "undue hardship" on the business before it could be denied, rather than forcing the employee to prove it would not.

Baker said in a phone interview at the time that this was clearly not the case here, as Emporia State had provided Howell the accom-

modation for years, until Brewer became dean.

Baker said Howell was refused accommodation, disciplined on a series of trumped-up issues or technicalities, not included on email chains, and then disciplined for not knowing about meetings or departmental issues and threatened with termination.

"It was a constructive discharge," Baker said, referring to a process in which an employer creates a work environment so hostile an employee is forced to resign. "I mean, they just made his life miserable because of his religious practice, which, for the prior administration, had never been an issue."

Baker also noted that

Howell's need to work around his religious observances was hardly new.

"That's something he has practiced habitually since he was there," Baker said. "When he hired on, it was understood, right? So, I mean, it's not like he had some epiphany during his employment where he changed the rules of the game. This has been Dusti from day one. This has been who he is and still is."

Eventually, Howell resigned after being demoted to teach only freshman classes — and after having taught only graduate students for years — believing he was about to be terminated.

Notice of Suit - Conaway Heirs

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 22, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

HGRF Trust
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Heirs at Law of Ann Conaway, deceased; Rena A. Berger; Rhonda Martin; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),
Defendants.

Case No. AN-2026-CV-000001
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devi-

sees, 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 partnership; 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, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

LYING AND BEING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA, COUNTY OF ANDERSON, STATE OF KANSAS; ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS: SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET OF THE EAST END OF LOTS SEVEN (7) EIGHT (8), NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12) IN BLOCK FIVE (5) IN SUPPLEMENT TO MERRILL'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA. LOT NINETEEN (19) AND SOUTH HALF (S 1/2) OF LOT TWENTY (20) BLOCK FOUR (4) MERRILL'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WESTPHALIA, commonly known as 206 Garrison Ave, Westphalia, KS 66093-7245 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the March 4, 2026, in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Notice of Sale - 309 W. 3rd, Garnett

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 29, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff,
vs.
Stacey L. Whitcomb; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Stacey L. Whitcomb; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)
Defendants.

Case No. AN-2025-CV-000016
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Anderson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the West Door of the Courthouse at Garnett Anderson County, Kansas, on February 19, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

The East Half (E/2) of Lot Twenty-two (22) and all of Lot Twenty-three (23) in Block Twenty-nine (29) to City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, commonly known as 309 W 3rd Ave, Garnett, KS 66032-1305 (the "Property")

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. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Wesley McClain, Sheriff
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City of Kincaid 2025 Treasurer's Annual Report

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City of Kincaid
Treasurer's Annual Report
For the Year-to-Date as of December 31, 2025

	Beginning Cash	Cash Receipts and Transfers	Cash Disbursements and Transfers	Ending Cash	Accounts and Payroll Payable	Ending Cash Less Payables
General Fund	148,961.56	79,546.22	60,513.64	167,994.14	0	167,994.14
Special Revenue						
Special Highway Fund	22,929.29	7,895.04	7,919.98	22,904.35	0	22,904.35
ARPA Grant Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enterprise						
Water Fund	23,695.56	54,143.67	44,424.82	33,414.41	0	33,414.41
Sewer Fund	79,025.80	34,378.37	3,870.28	109,533.89	0	109,533.89
Trash Fund	25,492.50	11,949.69	8,378.04	29,064.15	0	29,064.15
Agency						
Payroll Clearing Fund	759.22	16,955.46	15,428.94	2,285.74	0	2,285.74
Sales Tax Clearing Fund	4,504.76	624.65	0	5,129.41	0	5,129.41
Deposit Clearing Fund	6,791.82	5,114.27	5,201.29	6,704.80	0	6,704.80
Penalty Clearing Fund	13,316.08	2,067.51	14,990.70	392.89	0	392.89
Total	325,476.59	212,674.88	160,727.69	377,423.78	0	377,423.78

Note: Payroll is encumbered only for year-end financial statement reporting.

Outstanding Debt as of Statement Date:	G.O. Bonds	0
	Revenue Bonds	0
	Other Debt	22,501
	Total Debt	22,501

Notice of Rural Water District No. 5 annual meeting

(First published in the Anderson County Review on January 29, 2026.)

5, Anderson County, Kansas will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the office at 204 East Broad, Colony, Kansas, for the purpose of election of three directors and considering such other business as may properly come before the meeting, as authorized

by the By-laws of the District.

Board of Directors
Rural Water District No. 5
Anderson County
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City of Colony - 2024 Treasurer's Report

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CITY OF COLONY, KS
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

FUND	CASH BALANCE AT 1/1/25	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	CASH BALANCE AT 12/31/25	OUTSTANDING ACCTS PAYABLE	UNENCUMBERED CASH AT 12/31/25
General	143,074.02	156,337.97	150,456.33	148,955.66	5,834.19	143,121.47
Sewer	150,566.16	109,678.16	93,376.92	166,867.40	1,034.94	165,832.46
Water Works	163,082.11	141,414.49	124,655.89	179,840.71	5,854.79	173,985.92
Sanitation (1,889.04)	29,484.69	25,664.98	1,930.67	2,333.18	-	(402.51)
Special Highway	163,166.76	10,285.45	1,777.55	171,674.66	-	171,674.66
Equipment Reserve	27,128.02	3,550.00	-	30,678.02	-	30,678.02
Library	253.12	4,956.32	7,998.34	411.10	157.98	253.12
Security Deposits	10,955.53	2,280.00	4,793.48	12,442.05	37.96	12,404.09
Total	656,336.68	457,987.08	401,523.49	712,800.27	15,253.04	697,547.23

GSSB - Checking	447,205.97
GSSB - CD	265,594.30
Total Cash	712,800.27

Notice to creditors - Lickteig Trust

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 15, 2026.)

In the Matter of the
Margareta Lickteig Living Trust
Dated September 12, 2023,
And any amendments thereto
(Now Irrevocable Trust)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Grantor of the above-named Trust Agreement, Margareta Lickteig, passed away on the 26th of November, 2025, in Allen County, Kansas, being a resident of Anderson County, Kansas. All parties interested in the Margareta Lickteig Living Trust dated September 12, 2023, and any amendments thereto, (now an Irrevocable Trust), shall govern themselves accord-

ingly. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Trust within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Said demands shall be delivered, in writing, to the office of the Margareta Lickteig Living Trust dated September 12, 2023, Trustee as follows: First Option Bank, Successor Trustee, of the Margareta Lickteig Living Trust, 702 Baptiste Drive, Paola, Kansas, 66071.

First Option Bank
Successor Trustee

First Option Bank
702 Baptiste Drive
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(913) 294-9222
Successor Trustee

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Notice of Sale - 221 E. 2nd, Garnett

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
JERRY K WEST III, ET AL.
Defendants.

Case No.: AN-2025-CV-000026
Division No.
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Anderson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM on February 19, 2026, front steps of the Anderson County Courthouse for the following real estate located in the County of Anderson, State of Kansas, to wit:

Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) in Block Sixteen (16) to the City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas. ("Property") Commonly known as: 221 E 2nd Avenue, Garnett, KS 66032

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.

Wesley McClain
Anderson County Sheriff

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MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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- Atv-LS 450 Land Star American Land Master Dump Bed, Gas Motor, Front and Back Window, Good Rubber
- Wood Splitter**- Huskee 22 ton Log Splitter (like New)
- Zero Turn Mowers**- Grasshopper 227 only 961 hrs, Commercial grade mower, kohler 27hp motor 72" cut Grasshopper 335 Commercial grade Mower 72" cut only 226 hrs Kohler 27hp motor; Toro Battery Powered Push mower new in the box
- Tractors**- Ford 8630 Dual Power Farm Tractor, only 6100 hrs clean tractor, good rubber & good paint, Duals on back, Weights on front; Alice Chalmers project tractor.
- RV-2006 Ford E-450 Super Duty Chateau Sport only 41k miles Econoline motor
- Tons of tools, Straw, household, Cattle Chute Priefert, and much more

