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Consolidated Rural Water District No. 2
715 215th Street/Bourbon County
Fort Scott, Kansas 66701

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the participating members of Consolidated Rural Water District No. 2, Bourbon County, Kansas shall be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2026, at the office building located at 715-215th Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

1. Report by Chairman on progress made during 2025 and future plans
2. Auditor's report for 2025
3. Election of one Board Member whose term expire: Kale Johnson
4. Any other business that may come before the meeting

This will serve as a notice to the Directors. A meeting will be held after membership meeting adjournment. Purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and act on any other business to come before the board.

Brett Harris, Chairman
Consolidated Rural Water District No. 2
Bourbon County

Publication Dates: January 24 and 31, 2026

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estates of

Case No. BB-2026-PR-000005

Lawrence Hilburn, Deceased
(Pursuant to K. S. A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Caroline Hilburn, surviving spouse and an heir of Lawrence Hilburn, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Bourbon County, Kansas:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-five (25) South, Range Twenty-five (25) East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Bourbon County, Kansas; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the West line of said Section, a distance of 420.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 160.65 feet to the true Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, a distance of 89.78 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 89.78 feet to the true Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 0.29 acres, more or less.

and other interests in real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that property and other interests in real property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 19th day of February, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., in the District Court of Bourbon County, Kansas, sitting at Fort Scott, 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.

Caroline Hilburn
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

BOURBON COUNTY LAND & WILDLIFE LLC,)
Plaintiff,)

vs.)
JESSE D. SLOAN) Case No.

and) BB-2025-CV-000081

STEPHANIE D. WEST) K.S.A. Chapter 60

and)

ENGSTROM CONSTRUCTION, LLC,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued in the above captioned suit by the District Court of Bourbon County, Kansas, to me the undersigned Sheriff of Bourbon County, Kansas, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front steps of the Bourbon County Courthouse at Fort Scott, Kansas, at 10:00 AM on February 20, 2026, the following real estate:

A tract of land located in the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 27 South, Range 23 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Bourbon County, Kansas, further described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West half of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes, 24 seconds West on the north line of said West half a distance of 412.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds West to the South right of way line of the Kansas 39 Highway a distance of 93.38 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 434.62 feet; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 24 seconds East to the East line of the West half of said Northwest Quarter a distance of 412.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds West on said East line a distance of 132.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 24 seconds West a distance of 957.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 44 seconds East to the South right of way line of the Kansas 39 Highway a distance of 557.66 feet; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East on said South line to the point of beginning a distance of 544.43 feet. Legal description written by L. Frank Young, KS. License LS-960 on 11-8-2022,

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and without right of redemption as provided by law, and further subject to confirmation by the Court.

BILL MARTIN, Sheriff
Bourbon County, Kansas

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Is God dead?

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David Mirsch's hypothesis of a clandestine use of drugs to render Jesus comatose on the cross is an ad hoc claim. He offers no supporting data, and the assertion cannot be proven. Beyond that, all swoon theories should address the most critical question: Could He have survived? The evidence seems clear; there is no amount of liniment or spice or, as Brandt suggests, "nutriment from the tomb," that could heal his contusions, mainly the ankle bones of Jesus, in such a timeframe (if ever) to allow him to be seen upright and walking a mere few days after the crucifixion. In fact, biblical scholar Michael Licona concludes that even if Jesus had been removed from the cross prematurely and medically assisted, his chances for survival would have been very bleak." David Strauss, the nineteenth-century liberal theologian, presented the unrealistic nature of the swoon claims, stating, "It is impossible that one who had just come forth from the grave half dead, who crept about weak and ill, in need of medical treatment, of bandaging, strengthening, and tender care, and who at last succumbed to suffering, could ever have given to the disciples that impression that he conquered over death and the grave."

No doubt, such a presentation of Christ to the disciples would have weakened the impression of one who had conquered death. Matthew records that Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples at Galilee

and that "When they saw Him, they worshiped him; but some were doubtful." (Matthew 28:17). The fact that some were doubtful gives testament that Jesus was fully healed and well. Had He appeared before them in the condition described by Strauss, no one would have doubted; the evidence that He had been so abused by crucifixion would have been overwhelmingly evident.

Due consideration needs also be given to the excruciating, post-crucifixion pain that would have been. Dr. Michael Carnahan, board-certified pain management physician, states, "It is medically impossible, from a pain tolerance perspective alone, to think Jesus could have appeared three days later to the disciples as fully healed." Even had the proper narcotics been available, the dosages needed would have rendered Jesus incoherent, not the glorified presence portrayed to the disciples.

Most convincingly, the spear thrust was not a beneficial "bloodletting" as Deedat proposed, nor was it a superficial flesh wound as proposed by Mirsch. To claim either is to deny the fact that the soldiers of Rome were professional and practiced killers adhering to a duty on which they prided themselves. The embarrassment and corporal punishment of botching a crucifixion in the presence of witnesses was to be avoided with diligence, and to assume otherwise is unrealistic and in opposition to the records of Paul, the Gospels,

and Rome. In addition, the spear thrust to the heart was not a Gospel myth; it "has also been verified as a Roman crucifixion technique by the Roman author, Quintilian (A.D. 35-95).

Edwards and Gabel write, "Clearly, the weight of historical and medical evidence indicated Jesus was dead before the wound to his side." Adding that had he not been dead, the spear thrust by the Roman soldier would have ensured death. Considering the overwhelming medical testimony, the fact is, even if Jesus were not dead when removed from the cross, anything short of a modern, fully staffed Intensive Care Unit, a staff of highly skilled surgeons, and at least 6-weeks of immobile recovery, the swoon hypothesis that Jesus did not die on the cross and later walked from the tomb is unfounded and unsupported by modern medical knowledge.

For these reasons and more, we can safely say that David Mirsch's Swoon Theory fails to acknowledge two of the three minimal historical bedrock facts:

1. Jesus Died by crucifixion; Recall, a broad consensus of scholars, both Christian and atheistic, believe this fact. Mirsch, however, disagrees.

2. Very shortly after Jesus' death, the disciples had experiences that led them to believe and proclaim that Jesus had been resurrected and had appeared to them. Mirsch

does provide a theory for this appearance fact, but it is implausible.

3. Within a few years after Jesus' death, Paul converted after experiencing what he interpreted as a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to him. Mirsch fails to address the minimal bedrock fact of the Pauline appearance of Jesus on the Road to Damascus.

All in all, having failed to address two of these three minimal historical bedrock facts and provide a plausible explanation of what happened to Jesus after His crucifixion, we can set aside David Mirsch's theory and all swoon-type theories. Since it is a historical fact that a man named Jesus of Nazareth lived, was crucified by the Romans, and was buried, what can explain the other two bedrock facts of his appearance to his disciples and to Paul? It has been suggested by critics that the disciples hallucinated a risen Jesus. Join us next week as we begin to investigate; "were the disciples tripping?" Until then, think about the evidence so far, then ask yourself: is God dead?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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NOTICES

Public Auction for nonpayment of rent: Fort Scott Self Storage will hold an auction on storage unit B41. The auction begins at 10 a.m. at 2518 Richard's Rd, Fort Scott, KS, on 2/7/2026. Call 620-223-1434 for details.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PENNY J. ISAACS, DECEASED

BB-2026-PR-000003

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on January 15, 2026 in this Court by Bryan Wolfe, as Petitioner for the Estate of Penny J. Isaacs, Deceased, praying for the determination of descent of personal property and real property in Kansas, real and personal, or interest therein, owned by the decedent at the time of her death. You are hereby required to file your written defenses to such Petition on or before the 19th day of February 2026 at 1:00 p.m. of said day in said Court, in the city of Fort Scott, in Bourbon County, 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 such Petition.

/s/ Bryan Wolfe, Petitioner

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