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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CLOSING SCHOOL BUILDING OR BUILDINGS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1431, of a public hearing to be held on the 13th day of October 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Wellington High School Auditorium, 1700 E 16th St, Wellington, KS 67152 regarding the Unified School District No. 353, Sumner County, Kansas proposal to close Washington Elementary for the following reasons:

- Realignment of class sizes across the district
 - Declining enrollment
 - Effective use of taxpayer dollars
- Students residing in the Washington Elementary boundaries will be reassigned to Lincoln Elementary.

A representative of the board of education will present the proposal to close Washington Elementary and the board will hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing.

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. SU-2026-PR-000062

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IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, SUMNER COUNTY,
KANSAS
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RONALD LOUIS WENKE, deceased.

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are notified that on September 18, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Rosemond Wenke, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of RONALD LOUIS WENKE," deceased, dated February 27, 2018, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before **November 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.**, in this Court, at the Probate Department located at 501 N. Washington, Wellington, Kansas, 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate 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.

/s/ Rosemond Wenke
ROSEMOND WENKE
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RIVER

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the Hat at Universal's Islands of Adventure. He also enjoyed watching the orcas at SeaWorld, although he was disappointed that he couldn't play with them.

After meeting Woody and Buzz Lightyear in person, he now has new favorites — and the autographs to prove it.

River wore a lanyard that indicated to park staff that he was a special guest.

"They made us feel very special," Katelyn shared. "Disney and Universal are amazing with Make-A-Wish children. The staff didn't ask questions, just escorted him to the front of the line. It was exhausting but we got it all in!"

When the family returned to Wellington, River joined Jessica Rains' kindergarten class at Eisenhower Elementary. There has been a learning curve in getting his wheelchair to school because the family does not yet have a vehicle that can transport it. For now, they are walking.

"The hard part has been trying not to take his childhood away, but to still encourage him to use the chair as much as he can," she said.

People with Duchenne progress differently, and doctors cannot tell the family how much time River has before he can no longer walk.

"It's been hard because we can't plan for what's coming."

A GoFundMe campaign, "A Wheelchair Van for River," is currently raising funds to help the family purchase a wheelchair van so they can transport River and his electric wheelchair.

"The diagnosis happened so fast, we've had to adjust our whole house and lifestyle," Katelyn said. "There's no cure. Even though he can walk, he is using a wheelchair now to try and save as much muscle as possible to give him more time."

Editor's Note: River isn't the only young man in Wellington living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Wellington High School 2021 graduate Ethan Higginbotham was diagnosed with Duchenne at age 3. Today, Ethan is pursuing a master's degree in mathematics at Emporia State University, with plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics/astrophysics, focusing on theoretical cosmology.