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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Board of County Commissioners
of Sheridan County, Kansas,

Plaintiff SD-2022-CV-000009

vs.

Tracts #1, #2, #8 & #13 Frank M. Drane
Tract #3 Steven Craig Rohleder
Tracts #9 & #10 Donna R. Spence, Sheryl J. Place
Tract #11 Howard W. Turtle and Laura Jean Worley
Tract #12 Charles C. Baalman and Jade L. Baalman

If the above Defendants are living, and if dead, then their unknown spouses, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns; and

The unknown executors, guardians and trustees of such of the above named Defendants who are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and

The unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors of such Defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; and

The unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors, receivers and assigns of any of the above named Defendants who are or were existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; and;

The unknown spouses of the Defendants, and all other persons concerned,
Defendants

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Journal Entry and Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court of Sheridan County, Kansas in the above entitled action, I will, on the 5th day of January, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Sheridan County District Courtroom in the Sheridan County Courthouse in the City of Hoxie, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real estate, to wit:

Cause of Action Tract #1 - Frank M. Drane, more specifically described as:

60 Mineral Acres in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #2 - Frank M. Drane, more specifically described as:

120 Mineral Acres in the West Half (W/2) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #3 - Steven Craig Rohleder, more specifically described as:

An undivided one-seventh (1/7) interest in and to the oil, gas and other minerals for a term of Ten (10) years from November 30, 2017 in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2SE/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Ten (10) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #8 - Frank M. Drane, more specifically described as:

60 Mineral Acres in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #9 - Donna R. Spence & Sheryl J. Place, more specifically described as:

10 Mineral Acres in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Ten (10) South, Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #10 - Donna R. Spence, Sheryl J. Place, more specifically described as:

10 Mineral Acres in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Ten (10) South, Range Thirty (30) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #11 - Howard W. Turtle & Laura Jean Worley, more specifically described as:

20 Mineral Acres in the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S/2NW/4) and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2SW/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

Cause of Action Tract #12 - Charles C. Baalman & Jade L. Baalman, more specifically described as:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning with a point which is marked with a 1 1/2 inch round pipe driven firmly in the ground, 70 feet north of the Northeast corner of Block 1, in the Town of Studley and 54 feet west of the center line of Graham-Sheridan County Line, to a point which is marked with a 1 1/2 inch pipe 24" long, driven in the ground, thence by Court N90° 20' W 346 feet, to a point which is marked with a 1 1/2 pipe 23" long, driven firmly in the ground, thence south 205 feet paralleling said Graham-Sheridan County Line, to a point which is marked with a 1 1/2 pipe 24" long, driven firmly in the ground thence east 346 feet parallel to the north line to Town of Studley, and 70 feet distance therefrom, to point of beginning.

Cause of Action Tract #13 - Frank M. Drane, more specifically describes as:

60 Mineral Acres in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Six (6), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

The above described real estate is taken as the property of the Defendants and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said order of sale and the respective lines, if any, adjudged thereon.


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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
ROSALIE P. HEIER, Deceased.

Case No.: SD-2023-ZPR-300002

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition dated December 4, 2023, has been filed in this court by Richard J. Heier, as a surviving son of Rosalie P. Heier, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Richard J. Heier as executor of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

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/ Richard J. Heier
Richard J. Heier, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
Steven W. Hirsch #12789

Donna Haffner

January 9, 1941 ~ November 18, 2023



Donna Mae (Kraft) Haffner, surrounded by her loving family, peacefully joined her Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Donna was born to John and Leoba (Mense) Kraft on January 9, 1941, at the family's farm north of Park, Kansas. She was the third of five children. Donna attended school in Park and following graduation,

attended, and graduated from Parks Business College in Denver, CO. During her time in college, she began dating a young farmer. George Haffner won her heart, they married and settled into farm life north of Park. Seven children were born to this union: Charles, Kathleen Gerald, Eugene, Mary, Julie, and Ryan.

Donna was a devoted mother, and her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Most important to Donna, besides her family and friends, was her Catholic faith. She was a selfless individual who was devoted to volunteerism in the communities near to her in Sheridan and Gove counties. She didn't know a stranger, and later took that trait to Presbyterian Manor in Salina where she lived her final days.

To know Donna was to love her. To be known by Donna was to be loved by her. She truly knew no strangers and the world is a better place because of her. We will miss the twinkle in her eye, contagious laugh, wisdom, and love.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Haffner, her parents John Kraft and Leoba Mense Kraft, brothers Donald, Robert, and Ronald Kraft, and sister Kathy Boxler-Denning.

Donna is survived by her four sons, Charles Haffner (Lisa), Wichita, Gerald Haffner (Joan), Hutchinson, Eugene Haffner (Melissa), Overland Park, and Ryan Haffner (Laura), Hays; three daughters, Kathleen Schmidtberger (Arnold), Salina, Mary Rossman (Jason), Hoisington, and Julie Carroll (Brian), Great Bend; 19 grandchildren, one great-grandchild on the way; and many nieces and nephews.

A full description of her amazing life can be found at baalmanmortuary.com.

Father Basil Torrez

June 14, 1929 ~ December 5, 2023



Father Basil Torrez, age 94, died on December 5, 2023, at the Gove County Medical Center, Quinter. He was born on June 14, 1929, in Kanopolis, KS, the son of Jose and Dionisia (Villalobos) Torrez.

Father Torrez attended Kanopolis Grade School and graduated from Kanopolis High School, where he played football. After graduating from Conception Seminary,

he was pastor and priest in many different Catholic churches until his retirement on July 1, 1999. He served in Seguin/Hoxie, Kanopolis, Hollyrood, Brookville, Lady of Guadalupe, Salina, Hope, Pfeifer, Sharon Springs/Wallace, Grinnell/Angelos, Washington/Morrowville, and Collyer/St. Peter. Father Torrez spent over 60 years serving his Lord and Savior in the Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree, and he was active in the communities where he lived. He was an assistant Scoutmaster in Hope, KS; he coached girls' softball; built scale replicas of churches; embroidered quilts; and he was a member of the Grinnell Pride Community and the Collyer Community Alliance.

Father Torrez is survived by his sister, Margaret Cowen of San Francisco, CA, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents; brothers: Bill, Timothy, Joseph, and Benedict Torrez; and his sisters, Pauline Gonzales, Toni Waltz, Trini Hunt, Helen Benda, Elodia Camarena, and Diann Torrez.

Visitation was at St. Michael Church, Collyer on Monday, December 11, 2023, followed by the Parish Vigil. A Rosary was led by the Knights of Columbus following the vigil.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael Church, Collyer on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, followed by burial in the St. Michael Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the St. Michael Cemetery Fund.

Words of support and memories may be left for the family at www.schmittfuneral.com.

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Notice of Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles

Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1102 the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office. These vehicles and contents will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on January 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office Parking lot at 940 8th St. Hoxie, KS.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicles & contents within ten (10) days of the second publication of this notice by paying the removal, storage, & publication costs incurred.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification number verification form will also be required to obtain title of any vehicle purchased & will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification & pay the costs involved.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office Reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the described vehicles prior to time of sale. No implied warrant of condition shall be understood by such sales.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office an all sales must be settled at the time of the sale. Titles will be transferred to buyers, if available. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale & proof of publication.

Vehicles in storage at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Impound Lot to be sold:

Homemade 5x8 flatbed trailer with wood floor

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Wilma Bieker

February 11, 1932 ~ December 4, 2023



Wilma L. Bieker passed away at the Sheridan County Long Term Unit on December 4, 2023. Wilma was born on February 11, 1932. On October 29, 1951, she was united in marriage with Julius Bieker of Hoxie.

Wilma is survived by her brother Daryl Hyde; her sons, Larry Bieker and wife, Susan; John Bieker and wife, Tina; and Steve Bieker; daughters: Judy Powers

and husband, Jim; Ladena Jones; and Ladonna Krider; 13 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.

Will was preceded in death by her husband, Julius Bieker; parents: Walt and Mae Hyde; sister, Ruth Taylor; and brother, Ralph Hyde.

Her passions in life were her love for music and family.

A private family funeral service and interment will be held. The family suggests memorials to the Hoxie High School Band Program to honor Wilma's love of music. Memorials may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort and care may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Bill Bixenman

September 27, 1931 ~ December 5, 2023



William (Bill) Henry Bixenman, 92, of Grinnell, KS passed away peacefully at his home in Grinnell on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

He was born September 27, 1931, in Hays, KS to John and Mary (Ostmeyer) Bixenman. Bill attended Pleasant Ridge Country School north of Grinnell. On August 18, 1956, he married Harriett Beedy.

Bill was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grinnell, KS.

He was a member of the Angelus 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Council #2773.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Harriett; two daughters: Denise and Gerri; sisters: Doris Manhart and Stella Krannawitter; and brothers: Fred and Joe Bixenman.

Survivors include his children, Pam Bechard (Richard), Shawnee; Doug Bixenman (Lisa), Grinnell; Stephanie Ostmeyer (Terry), Grinnell; Roger Bixenman (Karla), Hays; and 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Bill served in the US Army from 1951-1953 and was stationed in Japan. He was a life-long farmer/rancher. They lived on the family farm until 1986 when they moved to Grinnell. He had so much love for his family and relished every opportunity to attend his children and grandchildren's sporting events. He also loved to watch the Kansas Jayhawks and Kansas City Chiefs. His most enjoyable hobby was playing cards with family and friends.

Visitation was Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Grinnell, with a Vigil. Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, December 11, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Grinnell. Burial with military honors by Grinnell VFW Post 2864 was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell Senior Center or Hospice and sent in care of Baalman Mortuary, PO Box 391, Colby, KS 67701. For information or condolences visit baalmanmortuary.com.

Howard Heskett

January 10, 1942 ~ November 21, 2023



Howard Duane Heskett, a long-time Sheridan County resident, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Graham County Hospital. Howard was born in Rural Sheridan County to Rolland M. and Minnie Lenore (Miller) Heskett on January 10, 1942. He grew up on the family farm with his brothers and sisters.

Howard attended Bow Creek School graduating from 8th grade. He then attended Sheridan Community High School in Hoxie, graduating with the Class of 1959. After graduation, he worked for a short time before enlisting in the United States Air Force. Following his time in the Air Force, he returned to Sheridan County. He worked for Studley Co-Op until he began farming. Howard married Mary Lou Hedge on June 26, 1966, at the Hoxie Presbyterian Church.

Howard and Mary Lou lived at the farm until moving to Studley, where they still reside. They were blessed with two children: Steve and Libbey. Howard enjoyed the competition of shooting pool, playing cards, bowling, and trap shooting. He enjoyed baseball and wrestling in his younger years. In his later years, following retirement from farming, he enjoyed creating metal sculptures and watching his grandchildren play sports. His family was important to him, and he was very proud of all of them.

Howard is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Lou of Studley; children: Libbey Minium (Chuck) of St. George, KS; and Steve Heskett (Monica) of Hoxie; brother, Darryl Heskett (Linda) of Morland; sister, LeAnn Simon (Edwin) of Hoxie; grandchildren: Cody Heskett (Danielle) of Wichita; Colton Heskett (Kelli) of Hoxie; Dante Lesage of Salina; Logan and Lexi Heskett of Hoxie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rolland and LeNore Heskett; brother, Elwyn Heskett; and sister, Kathaleen Kichty.

While Howard will be missed, we celebrate a life well lived.

A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home with interment in the Hoxie City Cemetery. Visitation was Monday, November 27, 2023, with family receiving friends. Memorials are suggested to the Howard Heskett Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort and caring may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.