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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of KARLA WESSEL, Deceased.

Case No.: SD-2024-PR-000003

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition dated December 22, 2023, has been filed in this court by Christopher Wessel, as a surviving son of Karla Wessel, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Christopher Wessel 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.

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/Christopher Wessel Christopher Wessel, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch Steven W. Hirsch #12789 HIRSCH LAW OFFICE 104 So Penn, PO Box 296 PH: 785-475-2296 Oberlin, Kansas 67749 Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. HAFFNER, DECEASED.

Case No. SD-2024-PR-000001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointing Executor under Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Julie A. Carroll, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Donna M. Haffner, deceased, praying that the instrument attached to the Petition dated November 2, 2011, be admitted to probate, and for the appointment of Julie A. Carroll as Executor of the Will to serve without bond.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

JULIE A. CARROLL, Petitioner

BAUER, PIKE, BAUER, WARY, CARROLL, & GUNN, LLC 1310 Kansas, PO Box 1349 Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-7239 bp@bauerpikelaw.com Attorneys for Petitioner

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Table with 6 columns: FUND, BEGINNING CASH BALANCE, CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, ENDING CASH BALANCE, OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE. Rows include GENERAL, LIBRARY, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, STREET RESURFACING, AIRPORT, BOND & INTEREST, SPECIAL HIGHWAY, FULLER CEMETERY, SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION, WATER & SEWER UTILITY, REFUSE UTILITY, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPMENT RESERVE, TRANSIENT GUEST TAX, Utility Deposit, POOL PROJECT, SEWER MAINTENANCE, Moderate Income Housing Fund, ARPA, TOTAL.

Table with 2 columns: COMPOSITION OF CASH, Amount. Rows include Checking Account, Money Market Account, Certificate of Deposit, Petty Cash Account, Cash on Hand, TOTAL.

Table with 2 columns: OUTSTANDING DEBTS, Amount. Rows include General Obligation Bonds, East Sheridan Street, Water, Royal Ave. Extension, BTI Sewer Project, Sewer Project, Sunrise Addition Series, GO Bond Total, TRF Loan - Main Street, TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

I, Kandi Washburn, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed Kandi Washburn, City Treasurer

Commission Minutes 1/16/2024

Now on this 16th day of January 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were David Stithem, Joe Bainter, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that one of the graders is having mechanical issues. Three options were given: New engine with three-year warranty at \$68,413; Engine cam with head only at \$12,178 (includes one year labor warranty) or overhaul with head with one year warranty on labor at \$30,177. The grader will go to North Platte for service. No decision was made.

During the cold weather everything has gone fine at the Road & Bridge. One of the trucks is leaking at the water pump. A new water pump can be ordered through CAT at a cost of \$952 and Road & Bridge can install it. Stithem made a motion to order the water pump through CAT, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0

By consensus, it was approved to purchase the fuel through Bainter Oil.

CAT training is \$1200/day with 5-6 employees per class. Herskowitz will get a class scheduled.

At 8:30 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:45 with no decision being made.

Correspondence to First State Bank requesting a new account be created for Freedom Claims was approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier distributed 4th quarter financial information for 2023. Niermeier discussed each of the reports and answered questions.

Representatives from Vyve Broadband were to attend the meeting to discuss concerns but did not travel due to weather.

Brandon Carver, Sheriff, and Brian Diercks, Undersheriff, as well as Niermeier came to the table.

Brian Meder from Vyve called in. Vyve will be rescheduled to meet with the Board on the 23rd at 9:30.

Carver discussed problems they have had at the Sheriff's Office and the concern that they are not listed as "emergency" operations so that they get fast response when needed. General housekeeping

with cords/wiring being cleaned up was discussed as well. Niermeier stated that the printers went down in her office and were down for more than two hours and she had to turn three customers away. Meder stated they will start working on problems at the Sheriff's Office first. Next week when they come it will be determined what Vyve covers and what IOT on Main Street covers so that all employees know who to contact.

The Board discussed the repair needed for the grader. The Board was in agreement that they would rather get it to Murphy Tractor in North Platte, NE, and have them see what is needed and then make an informed decision before proceeding. Bracht will let Herskowitz know.

Carver returned to the meeting and had the Extension Agreement signed by the Board. This Extension Agreement had been approved previously. The Extension Agreement is for the county law enforcement to assist with law enforcement within the city boundaries. The Extension Agreement is for a period of two years. The Board signed the Extension Agreement. Carver distributed information that for an additional cost, NexTech could become "back-up" internet in situations where Vyve, for whatever reason, is down. The Board is not in favor of this at this time. The County is moving forward with Vyve, we will give them a chance.

Stithem made a motion, seconded by Mader, to approve the January 9, 2024 Minutes as amended. Carried 3-0

The January 12, 2024 Payroll was approved and signed on a motion by Bainter and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0

Mader made a motion to update the various 2024 Resolutions. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The following payroll was approved by the Board: General \$56,905.60 Road & Bridge \$14,849.01 Public Transp \$409.75 Noxious Weed \$1,079.05 Landfill \$961.88

At 10:50 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Mike "Buck" Mader, Chairman

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Sheridan County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 29th day of January 2024 at the Hoxie Elks Lodge in Hoxie, KS.

The meeting agenda will include the following business items:

ONE: The supervisors of the Sheridan County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The terms of Daniel Schultz and Don Rowilson have expired. All in the County of Sheridan in the State of Kansas.

Chairperson By: Daniel Schultz, Sheridan County Conservation District

Attest: DeeAnn Schamberger Sheridan County Conservation District Manager

Sharron Heim

March 6, 1942 ~ January 15, 2024



Sharron Karel Heim (Northrup) passed away peacefully in her home on January 15, 2024. Sharron was born to Lawrence and Patricia Northrup on March 6, 1942, in the farming community of St. Francis. She graduated from Cheyenne County High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Hays State and the University of Kansas, respectively.

From childhood onward, Sharron wanted to be a teacher. After years of practice on her largely uncooperative brothers, she went on to teach English and Spanish at Nallwood Jr. High in Overland Park, and Carmel Jr. High in Indiana. Sharron loved to travel and spent summers in Mexico and Europe as a young adult. She also had a fondness for reading, writing, and music. Sharron knew the value of friendship and maintained lifelong connections with friends from childhood, her college sorority, and beyond. Friends and family alike could always count on her kindness, intelligence, and wit - the latter of which sparked laughter in good times and in bad.

Sharron married Joseph Heim, her husband of fifty-seven years, in 1967. Together, they welcomed Sarah (David) Galante in 1976, followed by Laura (Jon) Spiegel in 1979. The first of five grandchildren arrived in 2006. As a treasured grandmother, Grandma "Ruby" was known for her homemade pies, her fierce card playing skills, and her ridiculous white elephant presents at Christmas.

Sharron is survived by her husband; her children; her grandchildren, Ava, Lauren, Joseph, Dominic, and Emily; her brother, L. Scott Northrup; her sister-in-law, Linda Northrup (Hill); and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Robert Northrup.

Sharron's faith was a cornerstone in her life until the end. In her words:

Now my dear ones, don't grieve for me. I am with the Lord Jesus, resting in my heavenly Father's arms. I expect to unite with you all one day because of our common belief that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. He died for our sins, and we will live eternally in glory. So, for now, I won't say goodbye; I'll say see you later.

Memorials in Sharron's name can be sent to the below organizations or to a charitable organization of your choice.

- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 3613 Wyandot St. Denver, CO 80211 Capuchin Province of St. Conrad 8445 Keystone Crossing #135 Indianapolis, IN 46240

Visitation was January 20 at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie. Services were at the same location with burial following in the Saint Frances Cabrini Cemetery, Hoxie.

Ellie Douglass

January 29, 1938 ~ January 9, 2024

Eleanora "Ellie" M. Douglass, 85, of Ellsworth, KS, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. She was born in Hoxie on January 29, 1938, to Ludwig "Louis" C. Bieker and Ludwina (Munsch) Bieker. She married William "Bill" R. Douglass in Hoxie on November 7, 1955. They were blessed with four children, Diana Douglass of Independence, MO, Tina Heinze (Robert, deceased) of Lincoln, KS, Terry Douglass (Melinda) of Siloam Springs, AR, and Curt Douglass (Jeanne) of Newton, KS.

Ellie worked with Bill at their businesses in Lincoln and Tescott, KS. She also taught CCD classes for many years in Lincoln and made many quilts for family and friends. She was always on the go!

Ellie is survived by her children; and siblings, Eugene (Pauletta) of Oberlin; Alex Bieker (Willetta) of McCook, NE; Elizabeth Stillman (Albert, deceased); and Mary K. Sanders (William, deceased) of Hoxie; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, five brothers, and three sisters.

Memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 2024, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Ellsworth. A rosary recitation will take place at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, at the church prior to the service. Inurnment will take place at a later date, at the Denison Cemetery in Denison, KS.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Bernard's Catholic Church, c/o Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Condolences can be left at parsonsfh.com.

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