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## NOTICE -Taxpayers- May 10, 2024 Deadline for Second Half 2023 Taxes

Reminder - Please mail your copy of receipt off your statement to: Sheridan Co. Treas., P.O. Box 899, Hoxie, KS 67740, Drop Box or online at: [www.kansas.gov/propertytax](http://www.kansas.gov/propertytax).

The second half of the 2023 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before May 10, 2024 your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes will be published by name, last known address, and tax amount as per K.S.A. 19-547.

Shirley Niermeier  
Sheridan County Treasurer

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ, Deceased

Case No.: SD-2024-PR-000014

#### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**  
You are hereby notified that a petition dated April 10, 2024, has been filed in this court by Crystal Kaur, as a daughter and prays for the appointment of Crystal Kaur as administrator 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 administrator 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/ Crystal Kaur  
Crystal Kaur, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
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Attorney for Estate

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### Commission Minutes 4/9/2024

Now on this 23rd day of April 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Vice-Chairman Joe Bainter presiding. Other members present were David Stithem, Harry Joe Pratt, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

At 8:00 a.m. Bainter called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, and Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley presented chemical information on Whetstone, used to treat range pasture musk thistle. Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing 40 gallons of Whetstone from Central Plains Agronomy at a cost of \$245.00/gallon which was the low bid. Stithem seconded. Carried 2-0.

Turley talked with Lishe Kaiser about treating weeds up at the fairgrounds area. The rodeo arena and derby pit are the two areas they would like the County to treat. The City will provide the chemical, and Turley will spray.

Herskowitz clarified for the Board about funds for bridges.

A partial mixed paper load went out last week for recycling. There was discussion about mowing and turning in bills past the 30-day period. Pratt will draft a letter that will be sent to all individuals mowing. The Board will think about and start discussing whether to continue with mowers in 2025 or have the Road & Bridge employees mow. If the employees are not going to mow, should sell the mowers.

Herskowitz will make up a list of the mowers currently sitting there.

Blades are currently running, and they hope to get the retriever out this week.

Herskowitz has heard nothing back from KDOT about the moving of the well. Bracht advised everyone that the bid documents and plan specifications have been received for the work to be done on Sheridan Ave. to 10W. There was discussion about Road 10W being included in the County's information. Bracht has a call in to Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering. Pratt revised the Road Maintenance Agreement between Sheridan County and Scott Foote for Road 10W from Hwy 24 south to Foote's home and east on Sheridan Ave. past the cemetery. Pratt will obtain Foote's signature and then get to the Board for approval.

Pratt advised the Board that Bob Borger contacted him, and the Swap Shop has a leak. They are wanting to know who will pay for the repair. The County covers the insurance on the building but has never paid for repairs or maintenance on the building. Bracht will contact Borger and ask him to come and speak with the Board.

Stithem made a motion, seconded by Bainter, to approve the April 16, 2024 Minutes as amended and the April 19, 2024 Payroll as presented. Carried 2-0.

Brian Diercks, Undersheriff, came to the table. At 8:35, Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 2-0. Present were the Board, Pratt, Bracht, and Diercks. The door opened at 8:40 with no decision needing to be made.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ANASTASIA FELLHOELTER, Deceased ) Case No. SD-2024-PR-13

#### NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 11, 2024, a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee, Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated April 3, 2017, and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Stephen Fellhoelter and Marilyn Schwaiger be appointed as Co-Executors and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioners 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 Co-Executors or other proceedings in the administration 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.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Hoxie at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, 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 (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.

Stephen Fellhoelter  
Marilyn Schwaiger  
Petitioners

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Diercks reported that Officer Cousin's Tahoe has been in the shop for two weeks. Sheriff Carver is looking into "lemon" laws as this vehicle has had multiple problems.

The body and vehicle cameras are all working well. Carver is going to apply for a 30-day free trial of LPR (License Plate Reader).

The tower south of Hoxie has been painted.

Carver is applying for a grant to help cover one-half the costs of vests for the officers. Current vests expire in May.

There was discussion about the problems that are occurring with the Tahoes.

Craig Poe, Executive Director, and Karla McFee, Outreach & Education Specialist, from High Plains Mental Health entered the meeting and Joe Welshon entered as a representative for the High Plains Mental Health Board. The Board and Clerk had received a packet of information prior to the meeting. Poe gave a brief history of himself and then he and McFee discussed the services they provide and answered a few questions. They are asking for a budget of \$17,196.77 in 2025.

Bainter made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Don Rivera, Development Director from Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Brian Diercks, Undersheriff, was also in attendance. Rivera distributed information on Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center and stated they are the first response after a report of child abuse. Rivera discussed the services they provide and requests the Budget remain the same at \$5,000 for 2025.

Diercks advised the Board that Cousins' Tahoe has been repaired and is ready to pick-up.

The following payroll was approved:

General \$94,486.51  
Road & Bridge \$40,606.50  
Nox Weed \$2,136.25  
Public Transp \$1,187.50  
Landfill \$1,923.75

At 10:08 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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

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## Schmidt Announces Second District Congressional Run

(Independence, KS) - Former Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in Kansas' Second Congressional District.

"My family and I are grateful for the many friends and neighbors who have reached out to let us know they believe we have more to offer Kansas," said Schmidt, a fifth-generation Kansan. "I feel a calling to serve, so I am excited to announce that I am running. I strongly believe that America needs more effective, conservative voices in public service."

As Kansas Attorney General for 12 years, Schmidt had a strong record of prosecuting criminals, including numerous illegal aliens who committed crimes in Kansas. He led special initiatives to protect children from sexual predators and to protect older Kansans from financial and physical abuse. He proudly represented Kansas before the United States Supreme Court, personally arguing three cases and winning all of them. He also repeatedly sued the Obama and Biden Administrations when their actions were illegal and harmful to Kansas.

Schmidt issued the following statement:

"President Biden and the radicals he enables have unleashed a dangerous agenda on our country. Those of us who represent Kansas conservative

## Joyce Peter July 22, 1938 ~ April 24, 2024



graduation, she married Charles Babcock. They moved to Hays, and were blessed with three children, Douglas, Susan, and Kristine. They later divorced.

Joyce and her children moved to Hoxie where she worked as secretary at the Hoxie High School. In 1971, Joyce married Verl Mowry. He passed away in 1977. Joyce met Gary Gayle Peter, and they were married January 16, 1988. They lived on Gary's farm and spent many happy years together. Gary passed away on May 20, 1996. Joyce moved back to Hoxie and worked at the Sheridan County Hospital until she retired. Joyce was an excellent seamstress, making many of her children's clothes, and made a blue jean quilt for each of her children and grandchildren. Joyce's passion was spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was a member of the Hoxie Presbyterian Church and had a deep faith and showed it to others with her kindness and caring. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Joyce leaves to mourn her passing a son, Douglas Babcock and wife, Dalene, of Hoxie; daughters: Susan Ellmore and husband, John, of Garden City, and Kristine Babcock of Hoxie; stepchildren, Tom Peter, Tony Peter, and Jeni Duerksen; sister, Judith Weeks of Hoxie; sister-in-law, Ardith Karnes of Hoxie; 9 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Verl Mowry and Gary Peter; brother, Vic Karnes; stepson; Vern Mowry, and step-grandson; Vess Mowry.

A funeral service is planned for Friday, May 3, 2024, 10:30 A.M. at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, with burial following the service in the Selden Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home with family receiving friends from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Library or the Sheridan County Long Term Care Activities. Memorials may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at [www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com](http://www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com).

values need to stand up and fight back. In Congress, I will work to secure our border, fight overreach from a federal government that doesn't understand or respect our way of life and stop the federal government from making daily life increasingly expensive and difficult.

"My steady guidepost will be what is best for the people of the Second District and for America. These past four years have made clear that America was stronger when President Trump served in the White House, and I look forward to working with him and others next year - yes, to truly make America great again.

"Kansans know me and my longstanding support for our freedoms that generations of Americans have sacrificed so much to defend, for law and order, for Veterans and those currently serving in our armed forces, for farmers and ranchers, for small businesses, for our great Kansas colleges and universities, for life, and for the Second Amendment. They know I am proud to be a Kansan. Always have been. It would be an honor to be your voice in Congress. I respectfully ask for your vote."

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## Social Security's Top 5 Scam Awareness Articles

Did you join us for Slam the Scam Day in March? If so, you know how important it is to raise awareness about government imposter scams. That's why we want you to have all the information you need to protect yourself. Check out our top 5 scam awareness articles below:

1. We work with our Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to protect you from scams that use Social Security as bait. In How We Protect You from Misleading Advertising and Communications, we detail what to do if you receive a suspicious advertisement or imposter communication. Please see [blog.ssa.gov/how-we-protect-you-from-misleading-advertising-and-communications](http://blog.ssa.gov/how-we-protect-you-from-misleading-advertising-and-communications).

2. Identity theft affects millions of people each year and causes serious harm. Here are 10 ways to protect yourself by securing your personal information at [blog.ssa.gov/10-ways-to-protect-your-personal-information-2](http://blog.ssa.gov/10-ways-to-protect-your-personal-information-2).

3. Financial crime against all Americans is an ongoing problem. People living with dementia have a higher risk of becoming victims of fraud. You can learn how to minimize this risk for your loved ones at [blog.ssa.gov/minimizing-the-risk-of-scams-for-people-living-with-dementia](http://blog.ssa.gov/minimizing-the-risk-of-scams-for-people-living-with-dementia).

4. Fraudsters also target veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. To learn what to look for and how to help the veterans and military members in your life, check out [blog.ssa.gov/stay-alert-fraudsters-target-veterans-active-duty-service-members-and-their-families](http://blog.ssa.gov/stay-alert-fraudsters-target-veterans-active-duty-service-members-and-their-families).

5. Quick Response (QR) codes are very popular these days. A QR code is a scannable barcode that directs you to a website or social media account. Did you know scammers place fake QR codes on top of official ones? It's among the latest trends we list in this post to combat scams at [blog.ssa.gov/new-years-resolutions-to-combat-scams](http://blog.ssa.gov/new-years-resolutions-to-combat-scams).

We encourage you to review these articles and bookmark them for future use. Please share this information with friends and family to help us spread the word about scams.

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