

trans Kansans win ruling to change gender on IDs

Court of Appeals reverses ruling by Shawnee district judge

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For the first time in nearly two years, transgender Kansans will once again be able to change the gender marker on their state-issued driver’s

license. A panel of three judges on the Kansas Court of Appeals reversed a previous decision by Shawnee County District Court Judge Teresa Watson that temporarily blocked the changes. Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly’s administration later agreed to stop changing IDs. The unanimous ruling found that Republican Kris Kobach had not sat-

isfied the legal requirements to block the Kansas Department of Revenue from accepting gender marker changes without a full trial on the matter. In 2023, Kobach sued Kelly’s administration to stop the state from allowing transgender people from changing the gender marker on their drivers licenses. Kobach argued that allowing gender marker changes violated the

newly enacted “Women’s Bill of Rights” that defines a man and woman as their sex assigned at birth. Kobach also said gender changes on government IDs would interfere with law enforcement’s ability to identify criminal suspects. The American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas called the ruling a victory for transgender Kansans. The legal organization had intervened in the case

on behalf of five transgender Kansans, arguing Kobach’s lawsuit and the court’s injunction violated their constitutional rights. D.C. Hiebert, a Civil Liberties Legal Fellow for the ACLU of Kansas, said the ruling shows Kobach’s lawsuit failed to prove changing gender markers on IDs causes any harm. “Being required to use a license with the wrong gender marker has already meant that transgender

Kansans have been outed against their consent in their daily lives,” Hiebert said. “We commend the incredible courage and sense of community our clients have had in standing up to this attack on all of our fundamental rights.” Kobach’s office did not immediately respond to requests for comment. His office has 30 days to appeal the ruling.

Scott Co. LEC Report

Week of June 9-16 Police Department

June 9: 11:50 a.m. Felipe Isaias Garcia Raya, 24, was arrested at 602 W. 5th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was transported to the LEC.

June 10: 11:05 a.m. Officer investigated an injury accident at 100 W. Court Street where a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle.

June 10: 12:00 p.m. Officers investigated a forgery/theft in which checks were altered without the victim’s permission.

June 11: 10:29 p.m. Rebecca Sandoval, 18, was arrested for DUI, transporting an open container and possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor. She was transported to the LEC.

June 11: 1:25 p.m. Amanda Babriella Barajas, 25, was cited and released for driving on a suspended license.

June 12: 8:17 p.m. Britany Ane Escalona, 35, was arrested at 1505 S. College Street for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

June 12: Britany Ane Escalona, 35, was arrested at 507 E. 7th Street for possession with intent to distribute marijuana within 100 feet of a school, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and no drug tax stamp. She was transported to the LEC.

June 12: 8:29 p.m. Kimberley June Burseson, 65, 507 E. 7th Street, was cited and released for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

June 13: 9:57 p.m. Miguel Chavarria, 24, was cited and released for no valid driver’s license.

June 14: 12:45 a.m. Gavin James Fisher, 24, was arrested at 410 Myrtle Street for criminal damage and criminal trespass. He was transported to the LEC.

Sheriff’s Department

June 10: 2:01 p.m. Laura May Hickert, 41, was arrested at 508 York Street for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school and no drug tax stamp. She was transported to the LEC.

June 10: 2:01 p.m. Rebecca Peterson, 31, was arrested at 508 York Street for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was transported to the LEC.

June 10: 10:35 p.m. Nathan Mayes, 36, was arrested at 8750 South US83 Highway for criminal damage and transported to the LEC.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PLAN FOR THE 2026 CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Scott City Council will hold a special meeting on June 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 221 West 5th Street, Scott City, Kansas, to consider the following agenda item(s):

1) For the City Council and department heads to discuss budget expenditures for the 2026 budget year and other budget related items.

Dated: June 19, 2025

Ruth Becker
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Scott City Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on July 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 221 West 5th Street, Scott City, Kansas, to consider the following agenda item(s):

1) Application for Variance by Mike Stoppel to allow the construction of a lean-to covered porch which encroaches into rear yard setbacks, as outlined for an R-1 zoning district by City Code 10-6A-4 at the property legally described as Lots 3, Block 1 in the Eastside Estates of the City of Scott City (406 E Parklane).

A complete legal description is available for public inspection at City Hall. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at such hearing. Any person appearing at the hearing has the right to appeal the reasonableness of the zoning decision to the district court.

Dated: June 19, 2025

Les Spangler, chairman
Scott City Planning Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF THE 2025 REVISED AND THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF LANE, SCOTT, WICHITA, GREELEY AND WALLACE COUNTIES.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1030 that: WHEREAS, a revised budget for 2025 and a yearly budget for 2026 has been duly drafted and filed on behalf of the above captioned district.

WHEREAS, a copy of said budgets are available for public inspection in the office of the secretary of said district at 906 W. 5th, Scott City, Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, a public hearing will be held on the 23rd day of July 2025, at 8:00 a.m. (CDT) at the district office in Scott City, Kansas, at 906 W. 5th, for the purpose of presentation of proposed changes, modifying and adopting a final draft of said budget. An alternative date of the 30th of July 2025 is also being noticed if needed due to quorum. Any persons desiring to be heard shall file, in duplicate, with the office five days prior to said date of hearing a written statement of their intent to appear at said hearing and the substance of the views they wish to express.

Mark Callender, president
Board of Directors
Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Jo De Rowe, deceased

Case No. SC-2025-PR-000004

Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on April 21, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by James D. Andrask, an heir, legatee, and devisee of Jo De Rowe, deceased.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court of Scott County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Have questions about the Scott
Community Foundation?

call 620-872-3790 or e-mail: leslee@scottcf.org

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ORDINANCE NO. 1278
ORDINANCE SUMMARY

On June 16, 2025, the City of Scott City, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 1278 regulating the sales, locations, conduct, and employment restrictions related to the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages within the City of Scott City, Kansas, including, but not limited to, prohibiting the times in which alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages can be sold at retail in the original package for consumption off premises on Sundays; amending current Code Sections 3-1A-6 and 3-1B-5; repealing current Code Sections 3-1A-6 and 3-1B-5; all to the Codification of the City of Scott City, Kansas.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be viewed free of charge at www.scottcityks.org or may be obtained from the City Clerk at the City Hall, 221 W. 5th Street, Scott City, Kansas 67871.

This Ordinance Summary is certified that it is legally accurate and sufficient by Jennifer V. Cunningham, City Attorney.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name: A.M.

Year of Birth: 2024

A male

Case No. SC-2024-JC-04

NOTICE OF HEARING

Publication Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Josh McLemore, Joshua McLemore, parents of Josh/Joshua McLemore, any unknown fathers, any unknown grandparents and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that a petition, along with a motion to terminate parental rights has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the motion is scheduled for July 30, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition/motion with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition/motion, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Ashley Jackson, 325 South Main Street Scott City, KS 67871 Phone: 620-874-9844. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support.

Date and time of hearing: July 30, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Place of hearing: Scott County District Court 303 Court Street Scott City, KS 67871 Phone: (620) 260-2552

Laura L. Lewis
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