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TAKING BIDS

THE BROWN COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT requests sealed bids for the removal of an existing 6' x 6' concrete box culvert as well as the placement of two 48"x30' tubes, one with a headwall and one with a toe wall, and an elbow band that connects the two tubes in the middle, located on Dewberry Road south of 36 Highway. A copy of the specs required can be obtained by calling (785)740-0943 or emailing roads@brocks.org.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Road & Bridge Department at 601 Oregon St., Suite 106 marked (SEALED BID) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025. Please send a total listing of specs included with the bid. Bids will be opened at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 21, 2025, in the County Commissioners Room, on the first floor of the Courthouse. Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION: Autos-4-U will hold an auction on July 16th, 2025 at 4p.m., 1426 1st Ave East, Horton, Ks 66439, 785-486-2302.

Vehicles for Bid: 2005 Ford F-150 Lariat VIN# 1FTPW14595KF09573  
2006 Lincoln Mark LT VIN# SLTPW18566FJ17541

PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION: Autos-4-U will hold an auction on July 23rd, 2025 at 4p.m., 1426 1st Ave East, Horton, Ks 66439, 785-486-2302.

Vehicle for Bid: 2007 Chevrolet Suburban LTZ Vin# 1GNFK16337R404208

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Horton Headlight July 17, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of The Estate of DOUGLAS WAYNE SPELLMEIER, Deceased

Case No. BR-2025-PR-000023 (Proceedings Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of July, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Allan Spellmeier for Letters of Administration of the Estate of Douglas Wayne Spellmeier, Deceased, and praying that the Court grant Letters of Administration to Allan Spellmeier, as Administrator.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 7th day of August, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. in the District Court of Brown 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 four 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.

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Liberty Under Fire

Dr. Harold W. Pease, PhD  
syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution.

Bombshell Declassified ICA Report on 2016 Plot to Overthrow Elected President

The new CIA Director John Radcliffe just released ICA's Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) revealing the CIA, FBI and DNI's unsuccessful attempt to nullify Trump's 2016 election victory over Hillary Clinton because of alleged Russian collusion in the election. In this, outgoing President Barack Obama and then CIA director John Brennan played major and intentional roles in both. The Russian Hoax and its coverup, is now the biggest political scandal in American history. The Report, showed that "then-CIA Director John Brennan, FBI Director James Comey and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, who were "excessively involved" in its drafting, and rushed its completion in a "chaotic," "atypical" and "markedly unconventional" process that raised questions of a "potential political motive" ("Obama's Trump-Russia collusion report was corrupt from start: CIA review," by Miranda Devine, New York Post, July 2, 2025). The obvious intent, though not cited, was to leave Trump, the 2016 election victor, unseated, against the will of the people who elected him.

A glaring curiosity was the timing, "on December 6, 2016, six weeks before his presidency ended," and a month after the election, "Barack Obama ordered the assessment, which concluded that Russian President Vladimir Putin 'aspired' to help Trump win the election"—thus Russian collusion (Ibid.). Brennan had an obvious obsession to include in the report the unverified, even discredited Steele dossier, "despite objections of the authors and senior CIA Russia experts, so as to push a false narrative that Russia secured Trump's 2016 victory." Still another unexplained anomaly for a guy leaving the presidency within weeks, is Obama's wire tapping of Hillary's political opponent. Trump responded, "Just found out that Obama had my 'wires taped' in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!" (X22 Report, Ep. 3679b, July 3, 2025, 47:19, X). "Never has a president left office to collude with others to impede the next sitting president of the United States of America until Obama! (Ibid. 52:23).

The release of the classified "Tradecraft Review of the 2016 Intelligence Community Assessment [ICA] on Russian Election Interference" was conducted by career professionals at the CIA's Directorate of Analysis and was commissioned by CIA Director John Ratcliffe last May. It concluded that in 2016, then CIA director Brennan and others rushed the Russia Election Interference Intelligence Assessment. In it "Brennan is shown to have dismissed high-level warnings that the Clinton campaign opposition research, the 'Steel Dossier,' was not credible. The intelligence community CIA, FBI, DNI, etc. intentionally fabricated intelligence information to create an entirely fictitious storyline"and weaponized the fake narrative against Donald Trump to prevent him from taking office after being elected by the people (Ibid., 48:19).

If the Coup d'état. was unsuccessful then why does this matter now in 2025—nine years later? Because those unpunished then remained in place enabling them to cheat even more so in every two year election cycle thereafter, potentially to infinity if not exposed, punished and stopped.

Rasmussen Reports labeled the CIA Directors' recent release as "An Enormous Scandal, Dwarfing Watergate and the Pentagon Papers," much much bigger than Watergate (Ibid., 48:52). To which Lee Smith, an investigative reporter replied, "Useful detail but misses crucial fact. I've reported in three books: Obama ordered ICA and knew by August 2016 [that the] only intel tying Trump to Russia was [the] dossier. That's the scandal, not bad tradecraft or stove piping intel etc: Obama framed Trump" (Ibid. 49:25). Let us repeat, "Obama framed Trump."

General Mike Flynn, who was himself victimized by the Deep State, said, "The newly declassified ICA proves without a shadow of a doubt that the entire operation was a rigged partisan hack job. It wasn't intelligence. It was propaganda meant to undermine the incoming POTUS. And who orchestrated this disgrace – John Brennan, a man who wore the title of CIA Director but acted like a political assassin in service to the Obama/Clinton machine. He didn't just fail in his duties. He betrayed it. He weaponized the CIA to push a lie, boxed out the rest of the intelligence community and engineered a fraudulent narrative that tore our nation apart. He knew the Intel was a lie yet he led a small handpicked Cabal to hide the truth and manufactured a story that served their agenda .... Everything they accuse Trump, myself, and others of doing they were doing behind the scenes. That is what Marxists do. And while they pushed their fiction, real Americans paid the price. I exposed all of it in my new book 'Pardon of Innocence.'" General Flynn's suggestion now is that "John Brennan needs to be put under investigation immediately." (Ibid., 49:47). Kash Patel in his book "Government Gangster's" verifies in detail how this was done—this whole attempted Coup d'état.

There are good reasons why Trump could not go after those who went after him and Flynn when he was president before Joe Biden. Then, few knew of the Deep State. Even fewer would have believed him and had he sought justice who would have investigated and who would have prosecuted—a rogue FBI and Department of Justice? And with the corrupt judicial justices that are only now being exposed, who would have convicted? Even now that the vast majority of the people are awakened to these coup conspirators we are probably not ready to give long prison sentences to them—perhaps executions? If justice is not restored they will be back in power.

Fortunately, "there exists no statute of limitations for conspiring to defraud the US government," none also for criminal Rico activities, more especially, if criminal activities are ongoing or there exist any attempt to cover them up. This includes cheating in elections in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024—much of which has been documented. This is why Trump allowed them to continue to do this. It removes the statute of limitations." (Ibid., 52:08). But we must win decisively both houses 2026.

Ratcliffe in an exclusive interview summarized the rational for the released Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA). "This was Obama, Comey, Clapper and Brennan deciding 'We're going to screw Trump.'" And they did. Others called it treason then and now.

Real Estate Transfers

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American Legion of Everest to Wischropp, Craig and Wischropp, Trudy M. L 17, B 27 P OL, L 18 B 27, P OL, L 19 B 27 P OL and L 20, B 27 P OL, all in Subdiv: EVRS  
Plato, Evanelle F. AKA Palato, Evie to Caldera, Sheri and Wilson, Daryl, NE/4 SE/4 of 29-2-17

On the Extension Line

By Matthew Young, Ag/Natural Resource Agent

How to Pick a Ripe Melon

Telling when a melon is ready to be harvested can be a challenge, or it may be quite easy. It all depends on the type of melon. Let's start with the easy one. Muskmelons are one of those crops that tell you when they are ready to be picked. This can help you not only harvest melons at the correct time but also choose good melons when shopping. As a melon ripens, a layer of cells around the stem softens so the melon detaches easily from the vine. This is called "slipping" and will leave a dish-shaped scar at the point of stem attachment. When harvesting melons, put a little pressure where the vine attaches to the fruit. If ripe, it will release or "slip."

When choosing a melon from those that have already been harvested, look for a clean, dish-shaped scar. Also, ripe melons have a pleasant, musky aroma if the melons are at room temperature (not refrigerated).

Watermelons can be more difficult and growers often use several techniques to tell when to harvest.

1. Look for the tendril that attaches at the same point as the melon to dry and turn brown. On some varieties this will need to be completely dried before the watermelon is ripe. On others it will only need to be in the process of turning brown.
2. The surface of a ripening melon develops a surface roughness (sometimes called "sugar bumps") near the base of the fruit.
3. Ripe watermelons normally develop a yellow color on the "ground spot" when ripe. This is the area of the melon that contacts the ground.

Honeydew melons are the most difficult to tell when they are ripe because they do not "slip" like muskmelons. Actually, there is one variety that does slip called Earlidew, but it is the exception to the rule. Ripe honeydew melons become soft on the flower end of the fruit. The "flower end" is the end opposite where the stem attaches. Also, honeydews should change to a light or yellowish color when ripe, but this varies with variety.

Kansas Farm Bureau Insight

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Driving for the future

I love a good road trip, especially one around Kansas. That is why I am so excited about the listening tour Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) President Joe Newland and I will be embarking on July 21-23 and 30-31. Tour stops are listed at www.kfb.org, and you can register there also. Joe and I along with district directors will be at every stop.

This is truly a listening tour, and we want to hear what is on your mind. Your board of directors has spent the last year going over the organization's strategic plan and we would like to present it to all our members for their input also.

This is also a time when we would like to hear your ideas of what Kansas Farm Bureau should look like in the future. Let's talk about things that are going well and other places where we can make improvements. Where are some areas that we can grow and maybe some innovative ideas that we need to try.

The bottom line is that we want to hear from you. The grassroots nature of Kansas Farm Bureau is why we have been so successful for more than 100years. Our organization is driven by you, the members, and that is why this listening tour is so important.

I know the dates and locations may not work for everyone. Believe me, we tried to make it as convenient as possible for everyone. We also know calendars are jam packed, so we did the best we could to accommodate as many as possible.

I know I speak for Joe and your district director when I say we want to hear from you. If you cannot attend, please reach out to us and tell us what you think. Our emails and phone numbers are easy to find, and if you need some help reach out to your count coordinator. We really do want to hear from all of you.

I know you are busy but if we could get a couple of hours of your time, the discussion about the future of Kansas Farm Bureau will be even better with more voices. Please go on the Kansas Farm Bureau website and click through the links to register. Supper will be provided.

I am looking forward to going all around the state, but I am even more excited to have a discussion about our strategic plan and the future of Kansas Farm Bureau. I am proud of our organization, and I think we can make it even better in the years to come.

Find the site closest to you, or, if you want a road trip of your own, sign up for the location of your choice. The last one is at the Dodge City Roundup if you are a rodeo fan. I cannot wait to see you and hear your ideas.

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