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improving billing, strengthening distribution, and expanding advertising and classifieds. It also means returning to the roots of community journalism by increasing local coverage and encouraging public involvement. This paper belongs to the community, and its success depends on the voices within it.

As part of that vision, we are also exploring additional options

such as digital delivery, including emailed editions, to keep pace with changing reader habits while still honoring the importance of print.

For those wondering why this week's edition looks so different, it's worth understanding how much the newspaper industry has evolved. The days of hand-set type, engraved plates, and linotype machines are long gone. Modern printing relies on aluminum plates, precision imaging systems, and a four-color process—cyan, magenta, yellow, and black—to produce each page. These materials are

sourced globally, with newsprint often coming from Canada and plate components manufactured overseas. Rising costs and international supply challenges, including tariffs, have made traditional printing methods increasingly expensive to maintain.

This change is not just about adapting—it's about surviving and growing.

Speaking with longtime Johnson Pioneer owner Ronda Ford she stated, "I want people to know that this has been a passion. Our newspaper has its place, and IS important. If you don't like what you see, then help us so we can make it what you want. Most of all keeping the Pioneer allows us to promote the businesses we have."

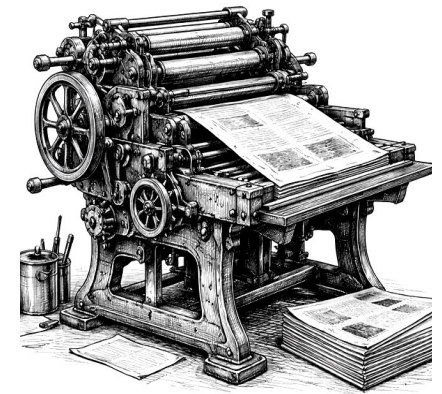
We understand that change can be difficult, especially with something as familiar as your local newspaper. That is why we genuinely want to hear from you. If this new format is well received, we will continue to build on it. If not, we will continue exploring options that better align with what our readers want.

My intention has never been to walk in and immediately change something so deeply rooted in this community. But sometimes, change presents an opportunity—and this is one of those moments.

As we move forward, I look

forward to working alongside this community to continue telling its stories. If there are ideas, topics, or voices you feel should be represented in these pages, I encourage you to reach out.

Because at the end of the day, *The Johnson Pioneer* is not just a newspaper. It's YOUR newspaper. And its future will be shaped by all of us.



"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost"

-Thomas Jefferson



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(Published in **The Johnson Pioneer**, Thursday, the April 2, April 9, April 16, 2026)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STANTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
CARLOS WISSAR, *Deceased*) Case No. ST-2026-PR-000002

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

NOW on this 25th day of March, 2026, the Court finds that the "Petition for Determination of Descent" has been filed and is properly before the Court. The Court further finds that although the names and addresses of the heirs and persons interested in the estate are known, they include individuals residing both within the State of Kansas and outside the State, including some located within Stanton County, Kansas, the county of publication.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that notice of hearing on said Petition be given by publication, once each week for three consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in Stanton County, Kansas. The notice shall include:

1. Carlos Wissar, Decedent;
2. July 25, 2020, Stanton County, Kansas, date and place of death;
3. Guillermina Leyva, P.O. Box 554, Johnson Kansas 67855, Petitioner;
4. A Petition has been filed requesting the Court to determine the descent of the decedent's real estate and other property;
5. A hearing shall be held on the 23rd day of April, 2026 at 1:00 PM; and
6. Any objections must be filed prior to the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Electronically signed via e-Flex
HON. JERRY A. GUM
District Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Guillermina Leyva, heir of Carlos Wissar, *deceased*, praying for all determination of descent of the following described property interests in Stanton County, Kansas to-wit:

- A. Lot Two (2), Block Eight (8) in the Stanton County Development Corporation Addition to the City of Johnson City, Stanton County, Kansas, according to the duly recorded plat thereof;

and all other property, real, personal, or mixed, or has an interest therein, owned by the Decedent at the time of his death. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of April, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Johnson, Stanton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

/s/ Guillermina Leyva
Guillermina Leyva, Petitioner

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