Two area residents nominees to fill judge vacancy

(KNZA)--Two area residents are among three nominees to fill a district magistrate judge vacancy in the 21st Judicial District, composed of Clay and Riley Counties.

The 21st Judicial District Nominating Commission will convene Thursday morning at the Clay County Courthouse in Clay Center to interview the nominees, which include Dan Brenner of Holton, John McNish of Marysville and Audrey Waid of Clay Center.

Brenner is a Jackson County Commissioner and owner of Diamonds by Design.

McNish is a lawyer and owns a private practice in Marysville.

Waid is the executive director of the Clay County Child Care Center and formerly practiced law.

A magistrate judge doesn't have to be a practicing attorney but must be able to pass an examination to become certified within 18 months.

The individual selected by the nominating commission will fill a vacancy created by the death of former 21st Judicial District Magistrate Judge William "Bill" Malcom, who was killed in a car crash last October.

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