

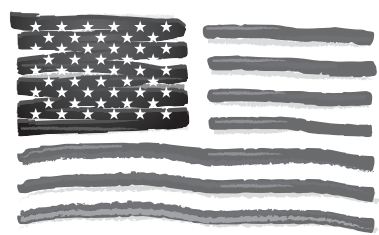
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Briefly...

The February meeting of Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association will meet at the Carnegie Building, 303 W Main St., Council Grove on Thursday, February 10 at 6 pm. All who are interested in providing awareness and education of the history and activities on the Santa Fe Trail are encouraged to attend.

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History Shorts...

(Submitted by Ken McClintock)
The Kansas City Monarchs, a baseball team in the Negro National League, played Council Grove (an all-county team) in Fairgrounds Park (then named City Park) on August 29, 1929. The Monarchs won 10 to 0, after taking a 7-0 lead in the first inning.

Local Grain Prices

(Provided by Agri Trails Coop)
Corn\$6.21
Milo.....\$6.50
Soybeans.....\$15.18
Wheat.....\$7.63

Reservoir Lake Level

Normal elevation1274.00
Current elevation1273.62

THREE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Corps of Engineers Readings, Council Grove Reservoir

High and low
temperatures for the
24-hour period
ending this morning were
57 and 26, with the
8:00 am reading 31°.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 60. Northwest wind gusts. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northwest wind becoming calm.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 52. Light and variable wind. Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Southwest wind gusts.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Gusty west wind. Low around 24.



WEDNESDAY
FORECAST
High 60
Low 29



Empower House Offers Female Addicts Long-Term Recovery Options

By Marcus Hernandez

Melissa Landis's journey through the world of addiction began when she saw her daughter caught up in drug addiction in 2018.

"My daughter was a drug addict in Emporia, and I began to adopt drug addicts as daughters," said Landis. "I started seeing addicts as real people with real problems."

Her daughter went to jail that same year, and Landis said she felt her eyes were opened to a whole new world.

From there, she said she felt compelled to answer a call to ministry, eventually becoming an ordained pastor and working with addicts and prisoners. That same year, Landis entered a county jail for the first time as a pastor to the inmates within.

"I connected with newly released inmates outside of jail to offer both support and friendship," she said. "I was stunned by their living conditions and wondered how they could become clean and sober while living in a drug-infested environment."

Shocked by the lack of housing for women in addiction recovery, Landis teamed with Gayle Taylor-Ford, owner of Therapy Services LLC., to help address the situation. Landis and Taylor-Ford, whose company provides therapy services

for recovering addicts in the Emporia and Burlington areas, created Empower House Ministries in 2020, holding the first board meeting in the fall and being approved for 501 (c) (3) status by the IRS at the end of the year, with Landis serving as Executive Director and secretary to the board.

The ministry began raising funds early in 2021 with the goal of a facility that could house women in addiction recovery. Early this year, Empower House Ministries signed a lease on a four-bedroom, two-bath home that will allow the ministry to house eight women and, as of February 1, are able to provide safe and stable housing for women in recovery.

"Our service area includes Lyon and surrounding counties," said Landis. "We know that all of our seven counties have addiction-related issues, but simply no resources for females who need housing while recovering from active addiction."

Landis said that the goal of Empower House is to address addiction from a holistic and spiritual standpoint in order to help residents have a successful, long-term recovery from their addiction.

"Our mission is to provide a spiritual, life-changing, and empowering

environment where recovering addicts can discover their God-given potential, establish a healthy, intentional lifestyle, master life skills, and become self-sufficient," she said.

The ministry's focus is two-fold, she explained. Firstly, to provide addicts with stable and empowering housing as they move toward long-term recovery. Secondly, to teach essential life skills, such as budgeting, job searching, cooking, health, relationships and self-identity clinics, which will begin being offered later this month.

The ministry has received funding from Sunderland Foundation, Walmart Community Giving, Therapy Services LLC., Dirt Roads Network and Lamont Wesleyan Church and also accepts individual donations. The organization has also received grant funding from a Discretionary Community Service block grant, which will cover many of its operational costs through August. Currently, presentations are being made to surrounding counties regarding the possible use of county Special Alcohol Funds. These funds are derived from county liquor-by-the-drink taxes and help to fund alcohol, drug and smoking cessation programs.

"We are both blessed and humbled by the amazing and overwhelming outpouring of support from our communities," said Landis. "That support has included everything from donations of furnishings, labor time for preparing the home, financial support from foundations and individuals, county commissions and government officials at all levels, and a general sense of enthusiasm and love coming from our communities."

More information and donation links for Empower House Ministries can be found at <https://empowerhouseministries.org> or on Facebook at Empower House Ministries. The website also contains a residency application and the organization is seeking women with addiction issues that could benefit from their programs with housing and life skills training who are dedicated and serious about pursuing addiction recovery.



EMPOWER HOUSE -- A home for women in addiction recovery, the Emporia Empower House site is a four-bedroom, two-bath home provides safe, stable housing for up to eight women. Residents at the home will receive housing as they move toward long-term recovery, as well as learning essential life skills to assist them in their transition out of the group living environment. Melissa Landis, Executive Director and Board of Directors Secretary at Empower House Ministries, said she was moved to begin ministry to females with addiction issues following her daughter's addiction and legal issues.

GOP Fails To Undo Veto Of Remap Plan Hurting Democrat

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA (AP) — Top Republican lawmakers in Kansas learned Monday that they didn't have the votes yet to override Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's veto of a GOP redistricting plan that would make it harder for the state's only Democrat in Congress to win reelection.

The GOP-controlled state Senate voted 24-15 to overturn Kelly's action, but Republican leaders needed three more, or 27 in the 40-member chamber, for the necessary two-thirds majority. Four of the chamber's 29 Republicans broke ranks with GOP leaders and joined 10 of the chamber's 11 Democrats in voting no. The absent Democrat also would have voted no.

Senate President Ty Masterson, a Wichita-area Republican and one of the architects of the plan, also voted no, so that under the Legislature's rules he can ask senators to reconsider Tuesday. If GOP leaders fail to muster a two-thirds majority then, or the Senate does not vote Tuesday, the GOP plan will die.

"I can already hear the sounds of bones breaking," said Democratic state Sen. David Haley, of Kansas City, suggesting the GOP dissenters will face heavy pressure to change their minds.

The Republican plan would split the state's portion of the Kansas City area into two congressional districts, costing Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids some of the territory in her 3rd District where she performs best. The map also would move the liberal northeast Kansas community of Lawrence, home to the main University of Kansas campus, from the 2nd District of eastern Kansas into the 1st District of central and western Kansas with conservative communities six or more hours away by car.

The vote Monday was an unexpected setback for Kansas Repub-

licans as the national GOP tries to recapture a U.S. House majority in this year's elections.

States must redraw congressional districts at least once every 10 years to make them as equal as possible in population following shifts in population. If the state doesn't enact new boundaries, federal judges are likely to draw the lines.

After a decade of growth, the state's side of the Kansas City metropolitan area has too many people for an ideal Kansas congressional district with 734,470 residents. Republicans argued that lawmakers shouldn't divide the faster-growing suburbs south of Kansas City, Kansas, and made I-70 roughly the boundary between the 2nd and 3rd Districts.

Democrats argued that the plan would be unacceptable to the courts because the percentage of Black and Hispanic voters in the 3rd District would drop, lessening their political clout. Masterson countered by noting that the percentage of minority voters in the 2nd District would increase.

"The truth is, it preserves fairness," Masterson said. He also has argued that that Davids still would be reelected based on 2020 election results.

Police: 11-Year-Old Set Fire At Manhattan Bar And Grill

MANHATTAN (AP) — An 11-year-old child intentionally started a fire at a Manhattan bar and grill over the weekend, officials said Monday.

RC McGraws was occupied when the fire was started early Sunday but patrons were able to leave and no one was injured, Manhattan fire officials and Riley County police said. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the small fire, The Manhattan Mercury reported.

Officials estimated a fire caused \$12,000 damage to the bar and grill.

KDOT Awards \$2M For Charging Stations

The Kansas Department of Transportation has awarded \$2 million to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along the state's most traveled highways. KDOT received 32 project proposals seeking to use \$2 million of the state's allocation of Volkswagen Mitigation Trust funds dedicated to the installation of Direct Current Fast

Charging (DCFC) stations. KDOT had identified 12 priority locations for these funds to improve public access to charging stations along primary corridors, to which applicants made their case for providing EV services.

"The quality of proposals made the selection process very competitive, and it was clear there is much support across Kansas for electric vehicles and infrastructure," said Matt Messina.

KDOT's Transportation Planning Manager. "Many applicants proved dedication to EV services beyond the required five-year commitment as they are eager to promote transportation options."

Each award recipient is responsible for providing 20% of the project cost, bringing the total estimated investment for the seven selected projects.

(See Charging Stations, Page 4)

KBI Investigates Deputy's Shooting Death

MANKATO (AP) — The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating the death of a Jewell County Sheriff's deputy at his home in Mankato.

The KBI said the sheriff's office sought assistance after receiving two calls from different people reporting a domestic violence situation early Monday at the deputy's home.

The responding sheriff's deputy found 27-year-old Colton Koch dead of a gunshot wound, the KBI said in a news release.

Koch was a Jewell County Sheriff's deputy for about 2.5 years.

An autopsy is scheduled. The investigation is continuing.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

This week's student of the week at Council Grove Elementary School is Matthew Calmes. He is 11-years-old and a student in Mrs. Booker's sixth grade class. Matthew's favorite school subjects are science, social studies, recess and lunch. His favorite extracurricular activities are wrestling and football. When not in school, Matthew enjoys going on walks with his friends.

"I placed second in a big video game tournament," said Matthew. "I want to be a professional football player when I grow up."

Speeding In Construction Zones Can Be Costly

With the speed limit reduced to 50 miles per hour ahead of full construction on K-177 Highway beginning late next month, Morris County Sheriff Jay Simecka has reiterated to the community the uniform fine schedule for speeding, particularly speeding in construction zones.

Per Kansas Statute, exceeding the maximum posted speed by 1-10 miles per hour is a fine of \$45. Exceeding the speed limit by 11-20 miles per hour is a fine of \$45, plus \$6 per mile per hour over the 10 mile per hour limit. For exceeding the limit by 21-30 mile per hour, the fine is \$105, plus \$9 per mile per hour over the limit, while 31 miles per hour or higher over the speed limit is a fine of \$195, plus \$15 per mile per hour over the limit. Fines are doubled if the infraction occurs within a road construction zone.

Simecka noted that the fines included a court cost of \$108 for traffic tickets set by the 8th Judicial District.

FBI Reviewing In-Custody Death Of Restrained Teenager

WICHITA (AP) — The FBI is reviewing the death of a Black teenager who was restrained for more than 30 minutes at a Kansas juvenile detention center, a county official said Friday.

Sedgwick County Commission Chairman David Dennis said he was told by county Sheriff Jeff Easter that the FBI requested all information regarding the death of 17-year-old Cedric Lofton, The Wichita Eagle reported.

"Sedgwick County provided everything that they asked for and will continue to do that," Dennis said.

Dennis made his comments at a commission meeting that was called after a community task force recommended Thursday that the U.S. Department of Justice be asked to review Lofton's death. The FBI is part of the Justice Department.

Lofton died two days after being taken to Sedgwick County Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center in Wichita on Sept. 24 after his foster father called authorities seeking help because the teenager was hallucinating.

Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett said last month that the 5-foot-10, 135-pound Lofton assaulted at least one police officer before being taken to the intake center. Lofton walked out of a cell there and struggled with several staff members before he was shackled, put on his stomach and handcuffed, Bennett said. Staff members eventually realized Lofton had no pulse. They attempted chest compressions and called for emergency personnel to take him to a hospital, where he died two days later.

An autopsy ruled that Lofton's death was a homicide.

Bennett has said the county employees involved in Lofton's death could not be prosecuted under Kansas' self-defense laws because they were protecting themselves. That decision has prompted some state lawmakers to consider revising the law.

County Counselor Mike Pepon said Friday the federal investigation would not involve any discussion of the state law Bennett cited.

"The FBI and the DOJ could look into civil rights criminal violations, hate crimes, that sort of thing, like they've done in other cases," Pepon said. "They will not be looking at whether or not anybody violated any of the statutes that Marc Bennett was looking at."



OBITUARIES

Flossie Cyd Maria Garrett

Flossie Cyd Maria Garrett, 68, of Council Grove, passed away February 1, 2022, at her residence.

She was born in Council Grove, the daughter of Charles L. and Mary Lou (Wilson) Garrett, on December 31, 1953.



In Cyd's early years she worked at the local IGA and Bakers Grocery Store. When she became disabled, she took care of her nephew when he was ill, as well as her other nieces and nephews. She also cared for her mom and dad when they needed help.

Cyd was a member of the Community Christian Church.

She loved to cross stitch, knit, gardening, visiting with her friends, going to the farm with her brother and watching all sports. One of her greatest joys was taking care of her nieces, nephews and great nieces. Cyd had simple ways and wants.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, nephew Justin Yadon, niece Stefanie Drummond and a sister Michelle Garrett.

Cyd is survived by her siblings: Chadelyn Garrett, Coleen (Kenny) Yadon, Pat Garrett, Tim (Kathy) Garrett, Cara Garrett; and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, February 10, at Alta Vista Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Christian Church or Care and Share.

Condolences may be left at www.sawyerchapel.com.

Esther Myrtle (Kamisky) Brabb

Esther Myrtle (Kamisky) Brabb, 100, of Council Grove, Kansas formerly of the Welcome Community near Alta Vista, died Wednesday, February 2, 2022.



Esther was born on December 7, 1921, the daughter of Albert and Frances (Kruger) Kamisky. She attended local grade school and graduated from Alta Vista High School. She then attended St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Manhattan and graduated as a Registered Nurse.

Esther's nursing career included working at the old Morris County Hospital, the Geary County Hospital, serving as a private duty nurse, the Kansas State Student Health Center, and finally until her retirement at Morris County Medical Center. Esther's passion was nursing. She was known as the unofficial community medical and EMR on call nurse.

Her life was centered around her family, and she cherished the times she had with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and being a part of their activities. Esther had several hobbies, but she was an accomplished knitter. She spent countless hours knitting Christmas socks, sweaters, scarfs, and baby blankets. Many of the blankets were made for her church until Macular Degeneration caused her eyesight to fail. Esther was also known for her homemade jellies, popcorn balls, candies, pickles, and Angel Food cakes. She enjoyed a full Christian life and was a member of Welcome Presbyterian Church until it closed and then transferred to the Manhattan First Presbyterian Church.

Esther married Kenneth Edward Brabb on August 28, 1943. They lived on the family farm together for seventy years until his death on October 16, 2013. After Kenneth's death, Esther moved to Council Grove.

Esther is survived by her daughters; Linda Schultz (Ron) and Peggy Schultz (Gary), both of Alma; her grandchildren, Christa Kraus (Corey), Jared Schultz (Janelle), Candi Martin (Christopher), and Luke Schultz (Dawn); her great-grandchildren, Marisa Gasperich (Brandon), Cortney Giefer (Taylor),

Cooper Martin (Samantha), Karsen Schultz, Caxton Martin, Bo Kraus, Dawson Schultz, Tulsa Schultz, and Destin Schultz; and her great-great grandchildren, Oaklee, Bodhi, Chet, and Cru. Esther was also preceded in death by her parents, her grandson, Justin Schultz, her great-granddaughter Caitlin Miller, and her four siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 pm, Monday, February 7, 2022, at Campanella & Stewart Funeral Home in Alma. Reverend Jason Pittman will be officiating. Burial will follow at Welcome Cemetery. The family will greet friends prior to the service beginning at 12:30 pm. They suggest memorial contributions to the nursing scholarship at Morris County Hospital Auxiliary, and those may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.campanella-stewart.com.

Marlene Florence (Hill)

Marlene Florence (Hill) went home on January 30, 2022. She was born July 31, 1948 rural Eskridge, Kansas to Ellis and Alice (Stratton) Hill. She attended Eskridge grade and high school.

She married Lloyd Florence in 1967. They were together for 54 years. They enjoyed traveling and going to flea markets. Marlene was a loving wife and mother.



She was preceded in death by her husband and both parents and one brother. Marlene is survived by her son Jeff Florence and wife Jennifer; daughter Lori Knight and husband Randy; sister Patricia Warren and husband Lloyd; brother Kevin Hill and wife Shelia. Grandchildren: Toby Florence (Jen), Elizabeth Florence, Tori Masters and Kate Masters. Great grandchildren: Max Olsen, McKenzie Olsen, Hayden Florence, Hudson Florence and Mavrick Florence.

A graveside service will be at Chalk Cemetery on Friday, February 11 at 11:00 am.

Memorial contributions may be sent in care of Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604.

Name Added To List Of Survivors

A sister-in-law, Carol Ann Pickett, Georgia, has been added to the list of survivors of Maxine Pickett who passed away Jan. 25.

Chase County Churches Plan 'Super Service'

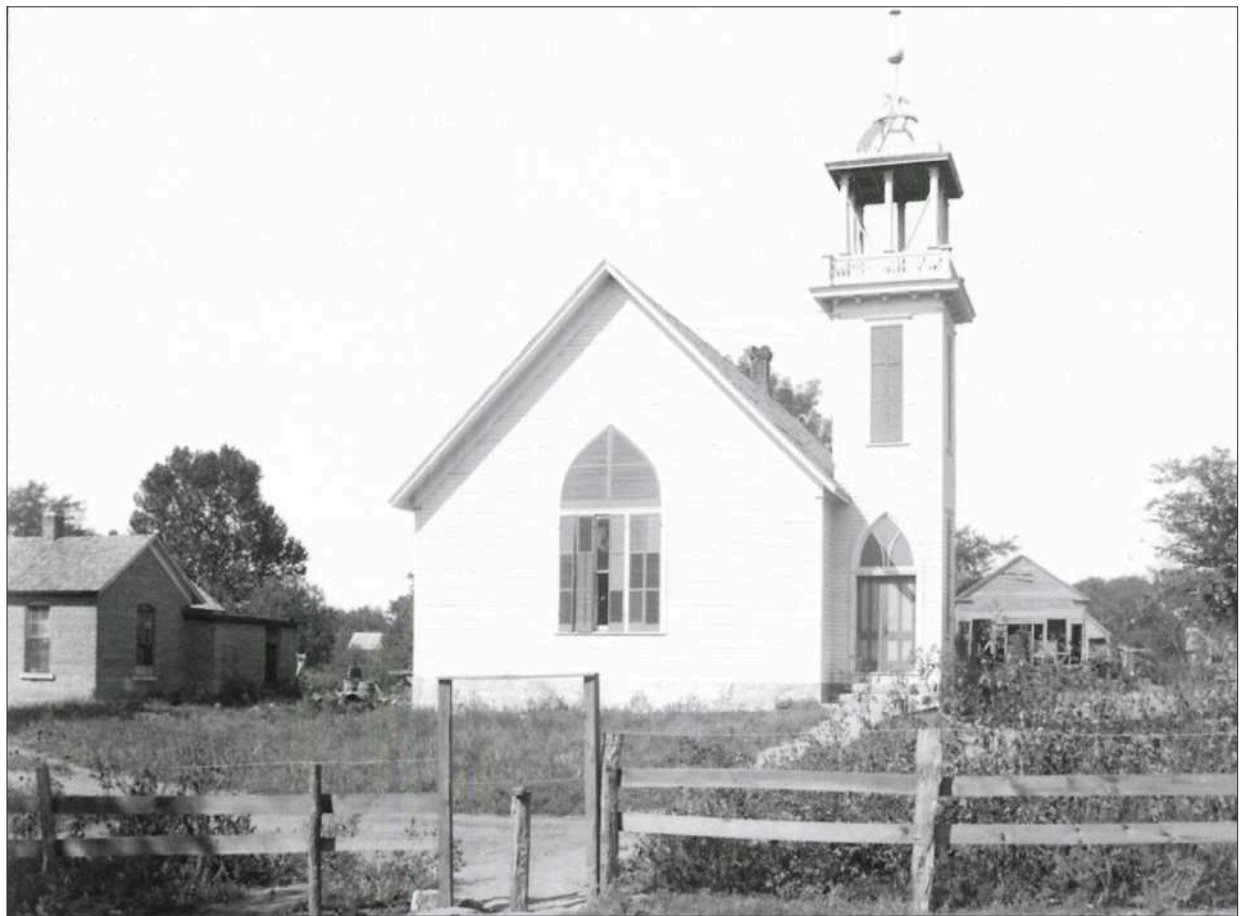
On Super Sunday, February 13, churches in the Chase County area will combine for a Super Service. The service will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Flint Hills Community Church, 1998 Highway 177, Cottonwood Falls.

The sermon will be delivered by Pastor Tim Woods, of Cottonwood Falls and Elmdale United Methodist Churches.

The idea of the merged service grew from the history of a community service that was once an annual event at the Flint Hills Rodeo and from the prompting of several 4-H students who will be attending Citizenship in Action workshops in the Washington D.C. in June.

Related to the combined service will be a breakfast in the Flint Hills Community Church Gym from 7-9:30 a.m. that morning, with a freewill donation being taken to help with expenses for the 4-H trip.

The service will be livestreamed via the Flint Hills Community Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/flinthillschurch. Questions regarding the service may be directed to Flint Hills Community Church at 620-273-6777 or flinthillschurch@gmail.com.



Christian Church in Council Grove prior to the 1903 flood

ECHOES OF THE PAST

From the files of Morris County Historical Society

REMINISCES OF COUNCIL GROVE

by Neosho Fredenburg

....."Across Market Street, in the two story brick home that was just recently demolished, first lived a Dr. Starbuck. I believe they had moved into Council Grove from Parkerville. They had a son, John. My recollections of them are few as I was quite young when they lived there."

"The second family were the Foresman's. He was the South Methodist minister. The South Methodist Church was a small brick church on the lot now occupied by the Methodist parsonage at the corner of Chautauqua and Main. After the two churches affiliated, the South Methodist Church was demolished and replaced by the parsonage. The Foresman's were definitely southerners. Mrs. Foresman told of her father being an overseer on a plantation, though did not say exactly where. Mrs. Foresman was quite active in the Rebekah Lodge and Home. They had two sons who married local girls. They farmed and raised families. I do not know if any members from this family are still here."

"Across the street and on the east side of Union was the Baptist church. It too was a small brick church, just south of the Snider Garage. My memory of this church was at a Christmas Eve service when they distributed sacks of candy to the children. The church was very crowded that time."

"There were four couples of about the same age who settled on this east side of Union. They planned on raising their families here and staying on the street. Jesse Carpenter and Laura, Leb Fredenburg and Josie, Will Axe and Lucy, and Peter DeHoff and Annie. The Carpenters had a two-story house on the corner of Union and Market where the Snider Garage now stands. Jesse Carpenter was owner and editor of the Council Grove Guard. (later the Republican) He died, unfortunately in 1900, at age 38, when their youngest child was but an infant. This left Laura Carpenter to raise and support their four children alone. Mr. Carpenter was from a Quaker background. His father and mother lived over on Third Street. Lucille and I would stop by on our way home from school and Mrs. Carpenter would treat us to huge, thick sugar cookies. They were so delicious! Laura Carpenter was quite talented in music, and played the piano. She taught her children in their favorite instruments - Will learned to play the trombone, Walter the clarinet, and Ina played the violin. They had a small family orchestra, which I suppose played for hire. Will was much in demand to play his trombone at dances. Ina was an excellent violinist and traveled some with the Chautauqua circuit. Walter did not stay home long and settled up in Urbana, Illinois. Will married Ethel Patterson and their daughter

Lillian Frances married Kenneth Eckert. They live in California."

"Market Street should have a few markets on it, to live up to its name, but no markets ever materialized. At the east end of Market Street were some holding pens for cattle ready for shipment (perhaps ready for market, hence the street name. Ed.) Cattle were driven in herds to the shipping terminals and there were many herds driven to and through Council Grove. We would all make for the porches when a herd started by. There was much shouting and cracking of whips to keep them in the street, it was quite the show!"

Going up Market Street, lived the Sharps. Mr. Elwood Sharp was a railroader. Mrs. Sharp (Mamie) was quite a prominent woman in the town. She was particularly interested in the Library. Her son, Elwood, gave the plaque which carries her name on the front of our library. The Sharps had two children, Jessie and Elwood Jr. Jessie never married but taught school on the east side for many years. Elwood Jr. became quite a well-known doctor, having settled in the Chicago area.

The Gildemasters also lived on Market Street. They were among the very earliest of settlers. The Asa Pitzenberg family lived on Market, he was a blacksmith. Over by the Creamery was a family named Sherman and prior to them a family by the name of Irwin. The Creamery was first run by a Mr. Edmunds. The west end of Market Street extended to the east side of the river. Before the dike was built, the river made a wide swing to the west and curved around and flowed under the bridge. It is easier to visualize this change in the river by realizing the low area west of the Girl Scout cabin was once the riverbed. At the bend of the river were buildings, including the Christian Church. Ford Street, which extends from Market to the ford crossing, serviced this area. When the first floods came, most of these buildings were moved out. The same Christian Church now stands on East Main Street.

Bill and Lucy Axe were our closest neighbors. There was a well-beaten

path between the two homes. My mother and Lucy Axe were great friends. There was always a pot of coffee on the stove and a time to visit. Mr. Axe was a harness maker and had a shop at the corner of Wood and Main, just east of the Post Office at the time. He had a life-sized wooden horse in front of his shop. Their children were Bertha (who married Herb Ferguson), Mamie (who married Fred Clary, of Missouri, and Merrill, who married Ruth Wilson). They adopted a little girl who later had her own son. There are none left who now carry the Axe name of this family.

Lucy Porter Axe came with her parents from Illinois and had settled on Rock Creek, just south of Porter Hill. She told of her family's experiences with the Indians still at Rock Creek and how they would come begging for food without much more than a blanket. She told of riding side-saddle and visiting a sister who was married to a Bartlett. The Bartletts had a large log cabin with an especially large kitchen. Mr. Bartlett had several Russian men working for him. They would come by with their musical instruments and play and dance in their kitchen. Highway 56 was a bit different then. The hills were much higher and steeper in the earlier times. They were referred to as the Russian Hills, probably due to the Russian emigrants living in the area. Later the hills were called the Flint Hills. The road then was only wide enough for a buggy to pass, and in the fall, sunflowers scraped the sides of the buggies.

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MORRIS COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

01/30/2022 Ambulance run/ Unresponsive male, Morris County; Cows out, Morris County; Dog attack, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Difficulty breathing, Morris County; Welfare check, Council Grove; Reckless driver/ Vehicle chase/ Arrest, Morris County; Ambulance run/ Broken leg/ Code Black, Morris County; Welfare check, Morris County; Follow up, Council Grove; Complaint about smoke, Council Grove

01/31/2022 Hit and Run, Council Grove; Follow up, Council Grove; Past threats, Council Grove; Out of Vehicle, Council Grove; Out of Vehicle, Council Grove; Information/ Extra Patrol, Morris County; Vandalism, Council Grove; Runaway JV/ CINC X3, Council Grove; Deputy standby, Morris County; Found lawnmower, Council Grove; Inmate bonding information/ Transport, Geary County; Dog at large, White City

02/01/2022 Ambulance run/ Difficulty breathing, Council Grove; Car vs Deer, Morris County; Inmate transport, Morris County; Past ID theft, Council Grove; Speak with Officer, Council Grove; Follow up, Council Grove; Information, White City; Ambulance run/ Lift assist, Council Grove; Inmate medical, Morris County Jail; Ambulance run/ Code Black, Morris County; Inmate transport, Dickinson County; Agency assist/ death notification, Weld County CO/ Council Grove; Traffic stop, Council Grove; Case information, Morris County; Ambulance run/ fall, Council Grove; Mutual aide/ Vehicle Chase, Dickinson County/ Morris County; Ambulance run/ Fall, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Arm pain, Council Grove

02/02/2022 Traffic stop, Council Grove; Unwanted subject/ Extra patrol, Council Grove; Welfare check, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Fall, Council Grove; Follow up, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Patient Transport, Council Grove; Slide off, Morris County; Stolen Vehicle, Council Grove; Snow drifts, Morris County; Ambulance run/ Code black, Council Grove; KDOT truck in ditch, Morris County; Alarm, Council Grove

02/03/2022 Signal 4 patient, Council Grove; Traffic stop, Council Grove; Temporary road closure, Morris County; Ambulance run/ Fall, Council Grove; Speak with officer, Council Grove; Speak with officer, Council Grove; Possible battery, White City

02/04/2022 Cow out, Morris County; Speak to Deputy, Council Grove; 10-49 Patient transfer, Manhattan; Follow up, Council Grove; Construction zone issues, Morris County; Possible animal neglect, Morris County; Alarm, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Unresponsive, Morris County; Out of vehicle, Morris County; Ambulance run/ ill, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Headache, Council Grove; Dogs at large, White City; Weekend commit no show, Morris County Jail; Speak with Officer, Council Grove; Traffic stop, Morris County; Traffic stop, Morris County; Disabled vehicle, Council Grove; Traffic Stop, Council Grove; Disabled vehicle, Morris County; Traffic stop, Morris County

02/05/2022 Ambulance run/ Fall, Morris County; Traffic stop, Morris County; Transport, Council Grove; Ambulance run/ Lift assist, Council Grove; Welfare check, White City; Dog complaint, White City; Ambulance run/ Pt transfer, Council Grove; Question about parking, Council Grove; Traffic Stop, Council Grove; Traffic stop, Morris County; Ambulance run/ difficulty breathing, Council Grove; Traffic Stop, Morris County; Traffic stop, Morris County

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Today in History

(by the Associated Press)

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2022. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 8, 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

On this date: In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony. In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1922, President Warren G. Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

In 1952, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1960, work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

In 1965, Eastern Air Lines Flight 663, a DC-7, crashed shortly after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport; all 84 people on board were killed. The Supremes' record "Stop! In the Name of Love!" was released by Motown.

In 1968, three Black students were killed in a confrontation between demonstrators and highway patrolmen at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg in the wake of protests over a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1971, NASDAQ, the world's first electronic stock exchange, held its first trading day.

In 1973, Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal, including its chairman, Democrat Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina.

In 2007, model, actor and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.

In 2020, the U.S. Embassy in Beijing said a 60-year-old U.S. citizen who'd been diagnosed with the coronavirus had died on Feb. 5 in Wuhan; it was apparently the first American fatality from the virus.

Ten years ago: Washington state lawmakers voted to approve same-sex marriage.

Five years ago: The Senate confirmed Sen. Jeff Sessions to be attorney general, 52-47, despite fierce Democratic opposition to the Alabama Republican over his record on civil rights and immigration. Britain's House of Commons gave its final approval to a bill authorizing the government to start exit talks with the European Union, despite fears by opposition lawmakers that the U.K. was setting out on a rocky path to Brexit with a sketchy roadmap.

One year ago: In legal briefs filed on the eve of Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial, lawyers for the former president insisted that he was not guilty of inciting a violent mob at the Capitol to try to overturn the election; prosecutors said Trump must be convicted for this "most grievous constitutional crime" even after leaving the White House. Anthony Sowell, 61, died in prison while awaiting execution for killing 11 women and hiding their remains in and around his Cleveland home. Mary Wilson, one of the original members of the 1960s Motown group the Supremes, died at her Nevada home at 76. Longtime NFL coach Marty Schottenheimer died in North Carolina at 77.

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PLAINS FOLK

By Jim Hoy and Tom Isern

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There is no doubt that the Plains Indians were masters of horsemanship. Consider the Cheyenne, who were forced onto the plains in the later eighteenth century by traditional enemies who had acquired guns. The Cheyenne adapted quickly to the equine lifestyle of the plains, immediately giving up farming and becoming nomadic hunters, a change that flew in the face of anthropological theory that assumed a steady progression from hunter-gathering to farming to becoming civilized.

It was the horse that gave the Cheyenne and the other nomadic tribes of the Great Plains the ability to excel in this often harsh environment. And it was the Spanish who, however unintentionally, gave the native peoples the horse. Realizing the value of the horse as a weapon of warfare, the Spanish had outlawed giving the horse to Native Americans or even allowing them to ride, but they learned anyway.

Hernan Cortez unloaded sixteen horses (eleven stallions and five mares) at Vera Cruz in 1519, on his way to the eventual conquest of the Aztec Empire. Some of the descendants of these horses, along with others brought over from Europe, escaped and multiplied into the vast herds of mustangs that roamed the prairies. As depicted by George Catlin in his painting of some Comanche catching mustangs, Plains Indians didn't need to be given horses; they could catch their own.

Recently my daughter forwarded to me an article she had seen on the internet, titled "Indigenous Horse of the Americas," which is about the Ph.D. dissertation of Yvette Running Horse Collin, who is of Lakota/Nakota/Cheyenne heritage. In her dissertation, from the Indigenous Studies program of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Collin claims that Native Americans did not get horses from Europeans but had always had them. Collin cites fossil evidence, historical documents, and oral history to back up her claim.

I've not seen her actual dissertation, but the article I read suggests that she believes the discovery that

horses originated in North America is fairly recent. Actually, scientists have known for well over a century that the horse evolved here and then spread to Asia and Europe. The earliest known horse, the *Eohippus* (the Dawn horse), goes back to the Eocene Epoch, an era that occurred from 55 to 33.9 million years ago. This first horse had four toes on its front feet and three on its back feet, and was twelve inches tall, about the size of a fox. *Eohippus* was the first of a dozen or more kinds of early horses, and all from the family that gave us the tapir and the rhinoceros.

Because I haven't seen her dissertation, I'm not sure what fossil evidence supports her claim, and I don't know of any historical documents that would either. I do know that the Hudson Bay Fur Company documented the year that the various tribes they dealt with each acquired the horse. Obviously none of them had horses before that.

For oral history, she apparently relies on the stories passed down by various tribes. Native peoples all over the world have traditional stories about the creation of the earth and the animals in it, including themselves. But these stories, while interesting anthropologically, are obviously no more scientifically accurate than that the earth, and all that is in it, was created in six days. So just because the creation story of a particular Plains tribe says that they have always had horses doesn't mean that it is literally true.

Scientific reaction to Collin's claim was predictably negative, and I, too, think she's wrong, but then many long-held beliefs are often upset by new discoveries. Just a month ago *Smithsonian Magazine* reported that woolly mammoths, wild horses, and steppe bison did not go suddenly extinct thirteen thousand years ago, as previously believed, but were still extant eight thousand years later.

So, I'm not going to openly scoff at Collin's theory, but it will take a lot more hard (emphasis on *hard*) evidence to shake my belief that the American Indians acquired the horse from the Spanish.

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Police Identify 2 Killed In Apparent Murder-Suicide

DERBY (AP) — Police have identified a man and woman who died in an apparent murder-suicide in the Wichita suburb of Derby.

Haley Powell, 19, of Wichita, died after being shot Friday afternoon outside the Trails at Derby Apartments, the Wichita Eagle reported.

Police called to the scene found Powell with gunshot wounds and rushed her to a hospital, where she died. Police said witnesses told officers that 21-year-old Tiryn Young, also of Wichita, had shot Powell.

Police later spotted Young at the Derby Golf & Country Club about a mile north of the apartments and ran to arrest him. Young was a "considerable distance ahead of them when he shot himself in the head," Derby Police Chief Robert Lee said.

Young died at the scene. Powell and Young both lived at the apartment complex, Lee said.

Police believe the shooting was a case of domestic violence.

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Dwight Sunflowers 4-H Club

By Kaylee Ehrlich, reporter
The January meeting of the Dwight Sunflowers 4-H Club was called to order on January, 9th 2022 at 5:00 pm by President, Mark Andres. The meeting was held at the Dwight Methodist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cindy Prince and the 4-H pledge was led by Laramie Mayer. Roll call was answered by, "What time do you get up on Saturdays?" It was answered by 29 members, 1 clover bud, and 4 leaders.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary, Castyn Andres and were approved as read. The treasurer's report was read by Cole Wilson. There were no communications or committee reports. Reporter, Kaylee Erlich, let us know she submitted the reporter's report to both papers. The 4-H Council had not yet had its January meeting. The leader's report was presented by Alisca Mayer and Lisa Lee. We talked about our new club T-shirt orders. We have upcoming Foods and Nutrition and Dog meetings. We were also reminded Club Days is coming up Saturday, March 5th, and the County Lock-in is scheduled for the night of February 5th-February 6th. Beef and sheep producer day, dance lessons at the fairgrounds, online record book training, and YQCA upcoming dates were also discussed.

There was no old business. For new business, our club voted to donate \$50 to the two Dwight Sunflower Club members attending the Washington focus trip. We voted to move our February meeting to February 6th because of the Super Bowl. We also voted to pay half of the price of one new club shirt for each member, clover bud, and leader to help offset costs.

For the program, we had a Foods project talk by Mark Andres on herbs. We had a Safety talk by Hudson Lange on fishing safety. Leyton Olson did a talk on How to Show a Pig. Andrew Schrader did a talk on his steer for the Beef project. Lastly, Lexi Todd did a demonstration on the 4-H Dog project with her dog, Bentley. Beatty Mayer led us in songs by singing "If You're Happy and You Know It" and Happy Birthday to members with January birthdays.

The meeting was adjourned. It was announced our next meeting will be Sunday, February 6th at 5:00 pm. For recreation, we played Simon says and it was led by Cutler Kasten.

Council Oak Chapter, DAR

At the February 7, 2022 meeting of the Council Oak chapter, Kathy Hubbard, conservation chairman, shared the items accepted to the Morris County recycling program. She also noted that the counties have different items that are acceptable and how to obtain the listings

for each county. Monna Metzger's portion of the program was about pollinator flowers and plantings. It is suggested that varieties be planted with different time of pollination. Her interest of this discussion was, in part, due to the flower selection of the Madonna of the Trail Statue.

Sheila Litke is a new member of the chapter and this is noted in the recent CyberSunflower.

The thank you note from the Kansas CAR President, Annabelle Di-bolt, for the gift to support project to honor veterans was read.

Representatives for the Kansas State Conference will be Regent, Anne Otte; Vice-Regent, Jan Kimbrell and Colleen Anderson to be held in Lawrence later this spring.

Pat Schneider and Colleen Anderson were hostesses for Council Oak members. Present were Jan Kimbrell, Kathy Hubbard, Barbara Wilson, Liz Hutchinson, Monna Metzger, Phyllis Metzger, and Sharon Richardson. Regent, Anne Otte, Ronda Limon and Joyce Spencer joined the meeting via Zoom.

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