



REMINISCING

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1976
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fisher, Tulsa, OK, parents of twin girls, Kendra Ann and Jamie Ann...Larry Hoobler and Marita Bolston, USD 417 Teachers Association president and president-elect, attend Kansas National Education Association Leadership Academy...Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hainsey, Perry, OK, parents of son...Mr. and Mrs. Dale Melvin return home from 5,400 mile trip through 10 northern states.

1986
Bonnie Blythe shows champion Hereford steer at Morris County Fair, with Jennifer Morgan, Busy Workers 4-H Club, showing the reserve champion...The Brave Voices, with Ralph Mock director, are invited to "Sing Out Kansas" at Kansas State Fair...Council Grove Golds finish second in Flint Hills League, biscuit division, tournament; among hitters are Corey Hirt, Malachi Eldridge, Billy Goodman, Tim Hight, Dan Wainwright and Seth Goodman.

1996
Heather Calhoun places on dean's honor roll at Wichita State University...Brett Wright, Bailey Anderson and Keith Williams, Morris County 4-H'ers, win ribbons at Junior District Horse Show at Paola...An increase of \$3,000 in indigent defense budget is approved by Board of County Commissioners.

2006
KJ Grimmert receives certification as a Drums Alive leader through training in St. George, UT...The Oleen Brothers, Dwight, own two bulls listed in 2006 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association.

2016
High point award winners at the annual Morris County Youth Rodeo are: Gus Wainwright, Morris County, and Makayla Matile, Chase County, all-around junior cowboy and cowgirl; Teegan Green, Chase County, and Emma Arndt, Lyon County, all-around intermediate cowboy and cowgirl; and Tori Zaboktrsky, Washington County, and Cade Pearson, Lyon County, all-around senior cowgirl and cowboy.



KANSAS BRIEFLY

Kansas declared Purple Heart State last Saturday
TOPEKA (WIBW) - Governor Laura Kelly and state legislators proclaimed Aug. 7 as Purple Heart Day in Kansas, and Kelly announced the state would go a step further, declaring Kansas a Purple Heart State.

Kansas is home to nearly 2,500 living Purple Heart Medal recipients. The medal is awarded to members of the military wounded or killed in combat.

The governor's proclamation included a call to action for residents.

"I urge all citizens to join in this observation," Kelly said.

Kansas joins a national network of Purple Heart communities

The Purple Heart is the oldest U.S. military decoration still awarded, dating to 1782, when George Washington established it as the "Badge of Military Merit." More than 1.8 million U.S. service members have received the Purple Heart since its founding.

"For more than 240 years, the Purple Heart has stood as a symbol of courage and great sacrifice," Kelly said.

Former pumpkin patch owners will stand trial in child abuse case

MAIZE (KAKE) - The former owners of a suburban Wichita farm and pumpkin patch in Maize pleaded not guilty to felony child abuse on Friday; a jury trial status hearing is scheduled for October.

Aaron and Kara Smith were charged with felony child abuse in 2025. According to Sedgwick County Court records, the incident happened on April 19, 2025. The Smiths were charged with felony child abuse on May 1, 2025, and they made their first court appearances on May 30.

Criminal complaints state that Aaron allegedly "unlawfully and knowingly impede the normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure to the throat, neck or chest of a child under 18 years of age." Kara allegedly "unlawfully and knowingly torture, cruelly beat, cruelly strike or cruelly kick a child at least six years of age but less than 18 years of age."

Documents from the Kansas Secretary of State's office show that Aaron and Kara Smith are the owners of Cedar Creek Farm LLC at 5830 North 119th Street West in Maize. Cedar Creek Farm & Pumpkin Patch's address is listed on its

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Facebook page as 6100 North 119th Street West.

Oct. 26, 2025, Cedar Creek Farm & Pumpkin Patch announced via Facebook it will close permanently — the land going up for auction.

In December, court documents filed by Sedgwick County prosecutors said Kara Smith posted to her Facebook page in October 2025 that she, her husband and her children were "inquiring" about moving to Honduras. Prosecutors said Honduras does not have an extradition agreement with the U.S., leading them to ask the court to modify the couple's bond and take their passports. The jury trial status hearing is scheduled for Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

Kansas to have one of the lowest winter wheat harvests in decades

WICHITA (KWCH) - Kansas is on the path to one of its smallest winter wheat harvests in decades.

The USDA now projects the state's wheat production will be cut nearly in half. Kansas is expected to harvest just 196 million bushels this year. That's nearly a 44% decrease from 2025.

Nationally, the USDA projects just under a billion bushels will be harvested, which is down from 1.4 billion in 2025.

The shortfall is hitting an industry that's already under strain. The American Farm Bureau says Chapter 12 bankruptcies increased for the second year in a row in 2025.

Over 300 farms filed for bankruptcy. 11 of those were in Kansas.

NOTICES

STARTING AUGUST 14, the Morris County treasurer's office will not be issuing driver's licenses or identification cards until further notice due to staffing limitations. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to restore these services. Updates will be provided as soon as service resumes. 123-5c

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MISC.

DONALD TRUMP and the Republicans have purposefully done extraordinary harm to the American people and the United States in order to enrich themselves and their friends. (former Eisenhower Republican). 125-3p

"The 36-Hour Day" Support Group meets 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Morris County Hospital Chapel. It is free, safe, confidential and open to anyone caring for a friend or loved one with dementia. For info, call Jan at 303-775-5901 or Liz at 785-466-1590.

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Kelsey Sharr,
Morris County Treasurer

ADAMS, TERRY D
1207 Z AVE Council Grove, KS 66846 S07, T17, R08E, ACRES 38.2, SE1/4NE1/4; LS RW800.07
AGUILAR, KATHERINE E
519 E STOVER ST White City, KS 66872 BIGHAMS 1ST ADD/WC BLK 5, LTS 1-2; N1/2 LT 3107.74
ALEXANDER, FRANCES L
925 E MAIN ST Council Grove, KS 66846 EASTSIDE ADD/CG, BLK 28, Lot 29-30100.05
ALEXANDER, FRANCES
925 E MAIN ST Council Grove, KS 66846 EASTSIDE ADD/CG, BLK 28, Lot 29-301,419.21
ANDERSEN, BRIAN
345 FOURTH ST Dwight, KS 66849 DWIGHT ORIGINAL, BLK 51, Lot 9-12 -Sec:7 Twp:14 Rng:08E .927.89
ARMSTRONG, JAMES
512 NORTH ST Wilsey, KS 66873S20, T16, R07E, 20750 SQ FT, TR BEG 1774' W & 25' N OF SE COR SE1/4, TH N 125', W 166', S 125', E 166' TO POB459.07
ARMSTRONG, STARLET VEH,
203 ORCHARD ST Council Grove, KS 66846 SAMPLES SUB/CG, N138' LT 37; 10' VAC ALY ADJ1,528.42

ASIAN ALLIANCE BUSINESS OWNERSHIP LLCDBA: BE HEART FINANCIAL & INSURANCE CENTER
0 S GRAND AVE White City, KS 66872 MCKENZIE ADD/WC, S14, T35, R07E, BLK 2, N 47.5' LTS 2-3; E 30' OF N 47.5' LT 427.06

AWALYN TRUST;
QUGYULEK TRUST C/O OREBAUGH, JADON
306 LYNDON ST Wilsey, KS 66873 WILSEY ORIGINAL, S29, T16, R07E, BLK 3, 10500 SQ FT, E1/2 LT 9; ALL LT 10763.70

BACON, JASON
121 SPENCER ST Council Grove, KS 66846 DEPOT ADD/CG, S13, T16, R08E, BLK 5, LTS 1-5; LS RR RW1,668.13

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA HIMELICK, JOSEPH
521 S GRAND AVE White City, KS 66872C HILSONS 2ND ADD/WC, BLK 18, Lot 9 - 12625.63

BARAGARY, JOSHUA
510 WALNUT ST Council Grove, KS 66846 MOSIERS 1ST ADD/CG, S13, T16, R08E, BLK 10, Lot 8 - 91,316.51

BARONDA, LEON E & MARCIA
0 S 2700 RD Herington, KS 67449 S14, T16, R05E, ACRES 19.3, TR BEG NE COR NE1/4, TH S 1287.7', W 427.92', N 535.23', NWLY 661.78', N 439.33, TH E 1010.04' TO POB; LS RW103.81
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