



## 57 units of blood given during drive

The Morris County Hospital Auxiliary hosted its Blood Drive on Monday, August 10. Sixty-one (61) donors participated in the MCHA Blood Drive, which enabled the staff of the Community Blood Center of Kansas City to collect 57 units of blood, representing a potential of 120 lives saved.

The following is a list of the 61 Morris County volunteer donors: Maureen Adams, Linda Anderson, Duane Andres, Marita Bachura, Kimberley Bacon, Scott Bankes, James Barnes, Janice Beck, Faynola Bettles, Angela Blosser, Jenna Blosser, Rita Buchanan, Jessica Buchman, Harry Byram,

Q. Dennis Camp, Caleb Chaney, Kathleen Coffman, Sharon Coley, Linda Cosgrove, Carolyn Culp, Gwendolyn Dumler, Harmony Egbert, Mary Ellerman (2RBC), James Feters, Trinadee Feters, Joan Fox (2RBC), Preston Fox, Cathy Freeman, Debra Fulton, Carol Glotzbach, Garrett Gordon, Jean Goslin,

Rebecca Griffith, Ron Grimmer, Jason Harris, Janet Holaday, Jana Johnson, Larry Johnson, Debra Lemmon, Justin Loomis, Richard Lucas (2RBC), Deanna McGee, Robert McGee, Dean Miller, Marilyn Miller, Paul Miller (2RBC), Rita Oliver, Krystal Patterson, Larry Peterson, Philip Peterson (2RBC),

Tyson Powell, Sharon Richardson, Michelle Rivers, Rachel Rivers, Donna Smith, Carl Smitheran, Stephen Taylor (2RBC), Carol Tiffany, Steven Tiffany (2RBC), John Woltz (2RBC) and Bryan Zeigler (2RBC).

The next MCH Auxiliary Blood Drive is scheduled to be held at the Council Grove Christian Church from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, October 12.

## Judd House

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His contributions to Council Grove extended beyond his own businesses. Whiting donated land to the city that eventually became Madonna Park as well as land for the Carnegie Library. He also developed a row of homes along Adams Street, extending from the vicinity of the former Adams gas station toward the high school, in an early effort to provide affordable housing.

Whiting was also an initial investor, major stockholder and director of Farmers' & Drovers' State Bank. He was active in the Masonic organization and the Christian church, according to the 1912 biography.

The house's significance continued through later generations of the Whiting family.

Whiting's granddaughter, Helen Kelley, married Charles Judd and raised her family in the San Francisco Bay Area before the couple retired to Council Grove in 1974, returning Helen to the community where she had grown up.

Helen Judd went on to make her own significant mark on Council Grove and Kansas tourism. She restored and operated the historic Hays House, transforming it into a widely recognized destination restaurant. Travelers throughout the Midwest came to associate Council Grove with the Hays House, helping establish the community as a destination rather than simply a stop along the highway.

Her success earned statewide recognition. After only eight years in the restaurant business, Helen was inducted into the Kansas Restaurant Hall of Fame in 1983.

After selling the Hays House, she remained a strong advocate for Kansas tourism, historic preservation, the Santa Fe Trail and Kansas hospitality. Her work helped promote Council Grove's history to visitors from across Kansas and beyond.

Today, the Whiting House represents more than a century of Council Grove history, connecting the community's early ranching and business development with later efforts to preserve and promote its historic legacy.

The National Register review is the next step for the property. If approved, the Columbia Street residence will join other Council Grove properties formally recognized for their significance to the history of the community, Morris County and Kansas.

## White City UMC ice cream social Sunday

The White City United Methodist Church is having their annual ice cream social this Sunday at 6 p.m. on the church lawn. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy homemade ice cream and yummy desserts.

There will be a blessing of all of the students and the school staff.

## MC Commission

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Creek gravel was hauled to 4 Mile Rd. from 600-700, V Ave. from 700-800, the corner of DD Ave. and Dunlap Rd., X Ave. from 400-525 and Helmick Rd. from 1200-1400

Ditch was cleaned and drainage realigned with the culvert on Dunlap Rd. between DD-FF

Shoulder work was done on 100 Rd. from AB-BB, CC Ave. from Dunlap Rd.-100 and 150 Rd. from Y-AB

Trees were cut along 2400 Rd. from G-J, 2600 Rd. from J-L, J Ave. from 2600-2700, 2900 Rd. from M-P, 2000 Rd. from R-T and 300 Rd. from G-H

Routine sign work was done across the county

Mowing was done along Lake Rd. and on the Council Grove, Dwight and Delavan routes

Shelly attended the Safety Committee meeting at the courthouse

Advertisements for bids of the OS-5 and OS-58 Bridge Projects are being posted; sealed bids will be opened on September 15th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.; the engineer's cost estimates for each bridge was presented and discussed

Sealed bids were opened for the county's bi-annual bridge inspections and are as follows:

**Bidders:**  
BG Consultants-\$39,100.00  
Cook Flatt Strobel-\$25,462.00  
Elite Engineering  
Service-\$26,809.00  
Kaw Valley Engineering  
-\$31,600.00

Commissioner Kohler (Fox) moved to approve the contract with Cook Flatt & Strobel Engineering for routine inspections of 158 bridges at \$139.00 per bridge (\$21,962.00.00) and a NTSM bridge inspection for 2 bridges at \$500.00 per bridge (\$1,000.00) and 1 bridge at \$2,500.00; for a grand total of \$25,462.00. Motion carried. Funds are to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund.

Three fuel bids were received for 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 2,000 gallons of regular unleaded gasoline as follows:

**Bidders:**  
MFA Oil-Reg Unleaded 3.1862/gal, Diesel 4.4130/gal, Total \$32,848.40  
Security Oil-Reg Unleaded 3.26/gal, Diesel 4.41/gal, Total \$32,980.00  
FNF Petroleum-Reg Unleaded 3.281/gal, Diesel 4.434/gal, Total \$33,166.00

Commissioner Fox (Kohler) moved to approve the bid from MFA Oil as presented, in the total amount of \$32,848.40. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barber (Fox) moved to approve the utility permit for Atmos Energy for work on 2100 Rd., south of Hwy 4, and to authorize Shelly Laultt to sign the application. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kohler discussed a bridge on Dunlap Rd., going over Big John Creek; there is rebar showing that will need attention.

Commissioner Kohler discussed receiving a concern from a patron regarding the commercial truck traffic traveling on Dunlap Rd. This is a public road. The increased traffic is due to the state detour.

Commissioner Fox discussed the area of P Ave. and Old Hwy 4; there is a drainage issue that needs attention.

Commissioner Barber discussed the area of 1700 Rd. going south of Parkerville; there are still washout areas from the rains that need bladed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

--Meeting minutes will be published on the county website: www.morriscountyks.org.

## SENIOR MENUS

### Council Grove Fellowship Meals

Fellowship Meals menus for next week have been announced by the Council Grove Senior Citizens Center.

Tea, coffee, milk and a bread product will be served with each meal. The menu is subject to change.

Monday – Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli with cheese sauce, applesauce, whole wheat bread, frosted gelatin poke cake.

Tuesday – Tuna/chicken salad sandwich on whole wheat bread, pea salad, sliced tomatoes, seasonal fruit.

Wednesday – Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apricots.

Thursday – Taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit.

Friday – Oven fried fish/chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, California blend veggie, bread, seasonal fruit.

### Alta Vista, White City Senior Citizens Menus

Fellowship Meals menus for next week have been announced by the Alta Vista Senior Citizens Center and White City Senior Citizens Center.

Alta Vista patrons should call 785-499-5350, by 9:30 a.m., to reserve a meal for that day. White City patrons should call 785-349-2813.

Tea, coffee, milk and a bread product will be served with each meal. The menu is subject to change.

Monday – Sloppy Joe om bun, baked beans, French fries, peaches.

Tuesday – Ham and scalloped potatoes, Barbados veggie, wheat bread, plums

Wednesday – Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas and onions, applesauce, cinnamon roll.

Thursday – Liver or beef patty with onions, roasted potatoes, green beans, ambrosia salad.

Friday – Soft beef tacos, Mexican corn, watermelon. AV Commodities

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

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Flint Hills District



### Transitioning to Medicare: Taking the First Steps

When people come into my office for Medicare counseling services, they almost always express feelings of overwhelm or confusion as they prepare to transition into the Medicare system. These are completely normal reactions and a common part of this life stage. After all, how are you expected to instinctively understand a program that has been a largely unseen part of your working life until now?

When I schedule a “New to Medicare” appointment, I typically plan for multiple conversations over several weeks, if not months. Medicare is a complex system that requires a number of informed decisions. In many ways, it is like traveling to a foreign country where you do not speak the language. You know you will need to learn some basic terms and concepts before you can successfully navigate your new surroundings.

So, how do you get started on your Medicare journey?

First, be prepared to receive a lot of mail and phone calls. Unfortunately, all of that information can add to the confusion. Some communications may be scams, while others are simply aggressive marketing efforts designed to persuade you to enroll in products or services that may not be right for your situation. Discard the obvious junk mail, but set aside dedicated time to review the rest carefully. Read the fine print and pay attention to what is not being said as well as what is.

Next, take a look at the calendar and develop a plan. You can begin the Medicare enrollment process up to three months before your 65th birthday. Once you submit your Medicare application, it may take several weeks to receive your Medicare card and unique Medicare identification number.

You apply for Medicare through the Social Security Administration. Although Medicare and Social Security are separate federal agencies, they work closely together. Social Security manages Medicare enrollment and premium deductions for most beneficiaries. Because of this,

you will need to create an online Social Security account. To do so, you will need an active email address, a government-issued photo ID, and a phone number. Keep your cell phone nearby, as you may need to take and upload a photo of your identification as part of the verification process.

You cannot move forward with some of the next enrollment decisions until you have received your Medicare identification number. Allowing enough time between applying for Medicare and selecting any additional coverage you may want is important. Starting the process several weeks before your 65th birthday can help ensure a smoother transition.

Most importantly, do not let the transition to Medicare paralyze your actions. Take advantage of the free resources available through the K-State Extension Flint Hills District SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas) program. SHICK counselors, including myself, provide free, unbiased education and counseling to help Medicare-eligible Kansans make informed decisions about their coverage options.

To learn more, join me on August 31 at 4:00 p.m. in Cottonwood Falls for a two-hour Medicare Basics program at the Pendergraft Building. To register, call one of our offices at the numbers below by August 27 to RSVP for your spot.

If you would like a confidential, one-on-one Medicare counseling appointment, please contact me at 620-767-5136 or 620-273-6491.

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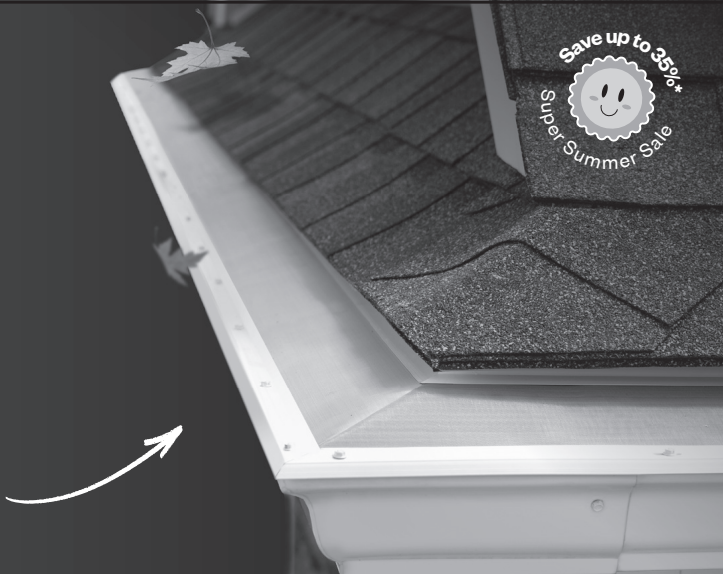


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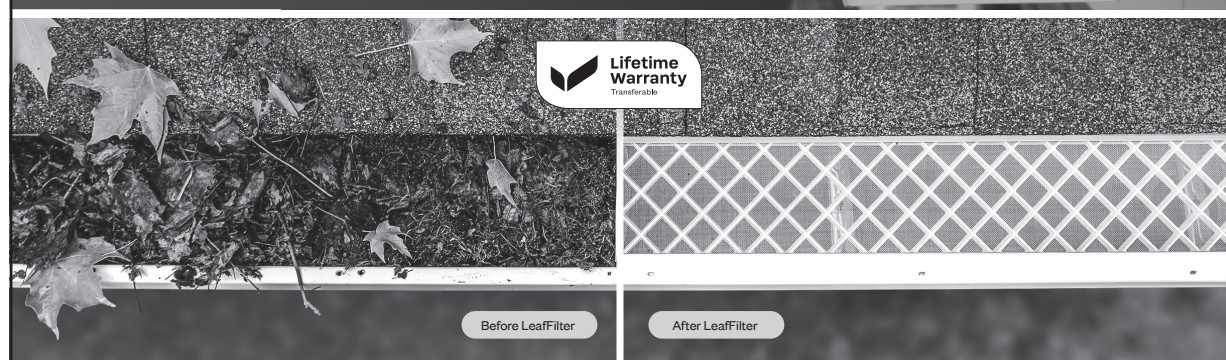
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