



Election 2026: dates to know and your Chase County ballot

Election Day may still be several weeks away, but now is the time for Chase County voters to make sure they are registered, check their voting information and begin studying the ballot they will see Nov. 3.

The deadline to register to vote in

REMINISCING

(from the files of the Council Grove Republican)

1976

CG Jaycees to sponsor Carson and Barnes Circus that will perform here; it is billed as America's Largest Wild Animal Circus, and Ron Haug, John White, Father James Hoagland and Lorna McNeal have agreed to ride elephants...Brier Rae is daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Syring, Alta Vista...David Jones, Steve Johnson and Gary Caley medal for CGHS in cross country meet at Chapman.

1986

Col. John White appointed by Gov. John Carlin to succeed Brig. Gen. Alonzo Dougherty Jr. on Military Disability Board...Dustin Miller makes lone touchdown when Council Grove loses 7-6 to Centre...Kerry DeLay and Jeanette Sisson named to All-Tournament volleyball team.

1996

New outdoor arena adjacent to fairgrounds to host 15th annual Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo ... Parkerville Pioneers is new 4-H club in Morris County...Randy Heilman, Dave Baker, Tom Ball and Gary Bolton win Rotary Club President's Cup scramble golf tournament.

2006

Leading varsity runners for Council Grove in CG Invitational cross country meet are Bethany Bacon and Jordan Wittman; in junior varsity races, Abigail Frese leads field of runners finishing the full 4K distance with time of 22:22.14...Dustin and Shelley Miller parents of daughter, Shannyn Rane...Cari Hollis and Douglas Eichholz, parents of son, Chase Douglas.

2016

Two Council Grove students -- Brier Fox, junior in elementary education-English, and Jordan Jimerson, senior in elementary education-special education -- have been selected as 2016-2017 ambassadors in the Kansas State University College of Education...Brian Griffiths, Abilene, is the local winner of Power Points Football Contest.

the 2026 General Election -- or to update a voter registration because of a name or address change -- is Tuesday, Oct. 13. Advance voting begins the following day, Wednesday, Oct. 14.

One of the easiest places for voters to start is the Kansas Secretary of State's VoterView system. By entering their name and date of birth, registered voters can confirm their address, party association, polling location and advance mail ballot status. Voters can also view the sample ballot for their precinct before going to the polls.

The VoterView address is: myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterView

The VoterView page also provides access to online voter registration for those who are not yet registered. Remember: Oct. 13 is the deadline to register or update a name or address for this election.

According to information provided by Chase County Election Officer Connie Pretzer, advance in-person voting at the Chase County Clerk's Office will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 14, with advance voting ending at noon Monday, Nov. 2. The county will also offer Saturday voting from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 24.

Voters wanting an advance ballot mailed to them should not wait until the last minute. Applications for advance ballots to be sent by mail must be filed by Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Chase County polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Swope Park Community Building in Cottonwood Falls.

But knowing when and where to vote is only part of preparing for an election. Voters should also take time to know what -- and who -- is on their ballot.

One section that can easily be overlooked is the judicial retention ballot. Rather than choosing between two candidates, voters are asked whether each justice or judge should remain in office.

Chase County voters will see Kansas Supreme Court Justice Eric S. Rosen, Position No. 4, and Justice Larkin E. Walsh, Position No. 6.

The Kansas Court of Appeals judges appearing on the Chase County ballot are Lesley Ann Isherwood, Position No. 2; Amy Fellows Cline, Position No. 3; Kim R. Schroeder, Position No. 5; Lori Ann Bolton Fleming, Position No. 7; and Jacy



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Hurst, Position No. 13.

The judicial ballot also includes W. Lee Fowler, 5th Judicial District, Division 1, and Douglas P. Jones, 5th Judicial District, Division 3.

Voters should take time before Election Day to research the judges, their backgrounds and, particularly for appellate judges, the opinions in which they have participated. Kansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions can be searched through the Kansas Judicial Branch website at: kscourts.gov/Cases-Decisions/Decisions

There is also a Kansas constitutional amendment on the Nov. 3 ballot concerning voter qualifications.

According to the official ballot explanation, a YES vote would amend the Kansas Constitution to clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in Kansas.

A NO vote would make no change to the Kansas Constitution, leaving the existing language concerning voter qualifications in place.

That is another question voters can read and consider before entering the voting booth. A sample ballot gives voters an opportunity to look at every race, judicial retention question and constitutional question in advance rather than seeing some of them for the first time on Election Day.

Voting should not be something we do hurriedly or without preparation. Check your registration. Look at your sample ballot. Research the candidates and judges. Read the constitutional amendment and understand what both a yes and a no vote would mean. Then make your own decisions.

The right to vote -- and to have a meaningful voice through the ballot box -- is something citizens in many parts of the world do not enjoy.

We have the privilege of voting. Let's make the most of it. Every vote DOES matter.

On This Day

1966 -- Botswana becomes independent--Botswana gained independence from the United Kingdom.

1960 -- Premier of The Flintstones--The animated series The Flintstones premiered on TV. It was set in the stone age and it detailed the lives of the Flintstone and Rubble families. It ran for 6 years until April 1 1966.

1949 -- Berlin airlift ends--After 15 months of airlifting supplies to Berlin, the Berlin airlift led by American forces came to an end. The Berlin Blockade was an international crisis where the Soviet Union blocked access of Western countries into Berlin.

1744 -- Battle of Madonna dell'Olmo begins--The battle was fought during the War of the Austrian Succession and ended with the Spanish and French victory over the Kingdom of Sardinia.

Births

1983 -- Adam Jones--American football player

1928 -- Elie Wiesel--Romanian/American author, Holocaust survivor, Nobel Prize laureate

1924 -- Truman Capote--American author

1852 -- Charles Villiers Stanford--Irish composer

Deaths

1987 -- Alfred Bester--American author

1955 -- James Dean--American actor

1942 -- Hans-Joachim Marseille--German pilot

1941 -- Alice de Janzé--American heiress

1897 -- Thérèse of Lisieux--French nun

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NOTICE OF
GENERAL ELECTION

I, Connie Pretzer, County Election Officer of the above County and State, in compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-105, and having received a certified list of the candidates for the various nominations to be made by each of the political parties of the State who qualify to participate in said General Election to be held November 3rd, 2026 and having added the names of such other candidates as are applicable to this County as they appear on file in my office, with their post office addresses following respectively, do hereby publish the same.

•Public Testing of Voting Equipment Thursday, October 7th @ 2 pm at the Chase County Clerk's Office

•Voter Registration Closes for General on Tuesday October 13th, 2026 KSA 25-1123(a)(3),

•Advanced Mail Ballot Voting Begins on Wednesday October 14th, 2026 KSA 25-1120

•Early Voting at the Chase County Clerk's Office from 8am-5pm beginning Wednesday, October 14th & ending on November 2nd, 2026, at noon. Saturday Voting on October 24th from 9am-12pm.

•Election day, Tuesday November 3rd, 2026, will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Falls Community Building, Swope Park, Cottonwood Falls.

•Post Election Audit, Thursday November 5th @ 2 pm in the Commissioners Chambers

•Election Canvass, Tuesday, November 9th, 2026 @ 9am

•Public Testing of Voting Equipment Thursday, November 12th @ 2 pm at the Chase County Clerk's Office

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Dem- Adam Hamilton- Stillwell, KS
Lib- David C Graham- Overland Park, KS

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Lib- John Hauer- Topeka, KS

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Dem- Mark Remmert-Emporia, KS

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Rep- Destry Brown- Fort Scott, KS
Dem- Heather Guernsey- Chanute, KS

County Offices

County Commissioner -- 1st District
Rep-Gene Line- Cottonwood Falls, KS

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Rep- Shelly Reyer, Cottonwood Falls, KS

Cedar Township Clerk

Rep- Teresa Goodwin, Burns, KS
Cottonwood Township Clerk
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Rep-Tiffany Harshman- Cottonwood Falls, KS

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Matfield Township Clerk
Rep- Teresa Talkington- Matfield Green, KS

Dem- Theresa VanAckeren, Matfield Green, KS

Strong Township Clerk

Rep- Angie Thompson- Strong City, KS

Toledo Township Clerk

Rep- Alison M. Eidman- Strong City, KS

Notice is also hereby given that the following names will appear on the Official Judicial Ballot for the non-partisan retention of Kansas Court of Appeals Judges, and the 5th Judicial District Judges Division 1 Division 3:

"Shall the following be retained in office?" Yes or No

KANSAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Position No. 4- Eric S Rosen

Position No.6- Larkin E. Walsh
KANSAS COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Position No.2- Lesley Ann Isherwood
Position No.3- Amy Fellows Cline
Position No.5- Kim R. Schroeder
Position No.7- Lori Ann Bolton Fleming

Position No.13- Jacy Hurst
DISTRICT COURT JUDGES
5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DIVISION 1

W. Lee Fowler
5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DIVISION 3

Douglas P. Jones
Constitutional Amendment Question
Vote YES or NO

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same."

Shall the following be adopted?

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal this 14th day of September 2026

Connie Pretzer
Chase County Election Officer
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