



REMINISCING

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1976

Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander purchase Sew 'N Shop here from Roy Allemang, Lyndon, and will operate it as "Carolyn's Fabrics" ... Joany Johnson is triple winner when CG Swim Club places in intramural meet at K-State; Tammy Roberts wins two events and Sarah Cosgrove wins one.

1986

Susan Laudemann, White City, and Cary Mock, Wilsey, selected for membership in A Capella Choir at ESU...Lady Gertrudis, with Dean Smith as rider, wins Cutting Horse Association of Nebraska Futurity at Grand Island, NE...Brian Nelson is elected president of Burdick Hustlers 4-H Club.

1996

Dr. Tom Jernigan is elected president of Kansas State Board of Veterinary Examiners...Tanner Buchman leads Braves with 50 yards on 13 carries, and completes eight of 15 passes for 95 yards, when the Alta Vista-Dwight Bullets in junior high action; defensive leaders include Scott Brown, Sean Honer and Jesse Pritchard.

2006

Malcolm Strom, Dwight, to present pictures and tell about his boat trip on the Amazon and Rio Negra rivers in Brazil; he traveled with his daughter and son-in-law, Katharine and Gerrit Renes...First Congregational United Church of Christ to give special recognition to Licensed Lay Pastor Phillip Nelson, Frankfort.

2016

Jess Herbig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herbig, Council Grove City Lake, is principal of Challenger Intermediate School, Goddard USD 265, that is one of four Kansas schools designated National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2016...Lowell May, author of the book, Camp Concordia: German POW's in the Midwest, will speak during a program at the Carnegie Building.

On This Day

1991 – Siege of Dubrovnik--The Siege of Dubrovnik began during the Croatian War of Independence. On this day, the Yugoslav People's Army started its offensive on Dubrovnik.

1957 – Thalidomide launched--Thalidomide, an anti-nausea drug and sleep-aid, was launched. For about five years it was commonly prescribed to pregnant women as a drug to deal with morning sickness. It was finally withdrawn from the market after it was determined that it caused birth defects.

1949 – People's Republic of china is established--Mao Zedong declared the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

1946 – Trial of the Major War Criminals end--The Trial of the Major War Criminals part of the Nuremberg trials ended with sentences being passed against several key members of the Nazi party.

Births

1935 – Julie Andrews--English actress, singer

1924 – Jimmy Carter--American politician, 39th President of the United States, Nobel Prize laureate

1924 – William Rehnquist--American lawyer, jurist, 16th Chief Justice of the United States

1910 – Bonnie Parker--American criminal

Deaths

2013 – Tom Clancy--American author

Cold War history

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Forbes missile system took about 14 months and cost approximately \$35 million.

The 548th Strategic Missile Squadron was organized at Forbes in 1960. The first Atlas missile arrived in January 1961, and by October all nine sites had their missiles. Operational control was turned over to Strategic Air Command that October.

Kansas's other Atlas installations were centered around Schilling Air Force Base at Salina.

Those 12 sites housed the more advanced Atlas F. Instead of being stored horizontally, the Atlas F stood vertically in a deep underground silo. When the missile was to be launched, liquid oxygen was added and a large elevator raised the missile to the surface. Its launch preparation time was approximately 10 minutes.

By the early 1960s, Kansas therefore had 21 Atlas missiles positioned across large sections of the state.

And Atlas was not the end of Kansas's nuclear missile role.

McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita eventually controlled another 18 Titan II missile complexes, giving Kansas an even larger place in the nation's Cold War nuclear defense system. At one point, Kansas had more intercontinental ballistic missile sites than any other state.

The most tense period for the Kansas Atlas crews came in October 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis, when the United States and Soviet Union confronted one another over Soviet nuclear missiles placed in Cuba.

The Forbes missile sites were placed at a high level of readiness during the crisis. Atlas missiles that were not already on alert because of maintenance or other work were directed to be returned to alert status as quickly as possible.

For Kansans living nearby, the possibility of nuclear war was therefore not an abstract subject taking place somewhere on the other side of the country.

Nuclear weapons were sitting in the Kansas countryside.

The concern was serious enough that civil defense officials encouraged Americans to consider fallout shelters. Kansas, like the rest of the country, participated in a broader civil defense movement that included shelters intended to protect people following a nuclear attack.

Yet the Atlas program's life was surprisingly short.

Technology was developing so rapidly that the missiles installed at enormous expense at the beginning of the decade were becoming obsolete only a few years later. Newer missiles were easier to maintain, could remain ready for launch for longer periods and did not require the same complicated fueling procedures.

The Atlas E missiles were removed from service in early 1965, and the 548th Strategic Missile Squadron at Forbes was inactivated that year. The Atlas F missiles associated with Schilling were also removed from service in 1965.

The weapons disappeared, but many of the structures did not.

Some former Kansas missile sites were sold to private owners and found unusual second lives. One former Forbes site near Dover was

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converted into an underground residence. The former Holton site became part of the Jackson Heights school property. Others remain largely abandoned or privately owned.

The former Bushong site also survives.

The approximately 23-acre property is privately owned. Because chemicals used during the missile site's operation contaminated groundwater, environmental investigation and cleanup work continued there decades after the military left.

Today, someone driving through the Flint Hills might pass near the site without realizing its significance.

For about four years in the early 1960s, however, the quiet countryside between Council Grove, Bushong and Allen contained a nuclear-armed missile installation staffed around the clock and prepared, if an order ever came, to launch an intercontinental missile.

Fortunately, that order never came.

The concrete and underground structures that remain are reminders of a period when Kansas — including a small piece of the Flint Hills just a few miles from Council Grove — stood on the front line of the Cold War.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS November 3, 2026

In compliance with K.S.A. 25-105, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., with the following candidates to appear on the ballot:

POSITION/CANDIDATE	PARTY
United States Senate	
Adam Hamilton, Stilwell	Democratic
Roger Marshall, St. John	Republican
David C Graham, Overland Park	Libertarian
United States House of Representatives, 2nd District	
Derek Schmidt, Independence	Republican
Don Coover, Galesburg	Democratic
John Hauer, Topeka	Libertarian
Governor/Lt. Governor	
Ty Masterson, Andover	Republican
and Jeffrey Klemp, Lansing	
Cindy Holscher, Overland Park	Democratic
and KC Ohaebosim, Wichita	
Secretary of State	
Scott E. Morgan, Lawrence	United Kansas
Pat Proctor, Leavenworth	Republican
Jennifer Day, Overland Park	Democratic
Attorney General	
Chris Mann, Lawrence	Democratic
Kris Kobach, Lecompton	Republican
State Treasurer	
Juan C. Luengo, Olathe	Democratic
Eric Lund, Paola	Libertarian
Steven Johnson, Assaria	Republican
Commissioner of Insurance	
Ric Koehn, Cimarron	Libertarian
Dinah Sykes, Lenexa	Democratic
Daniel Hawkins, Wichita	Republican
Kansas House of Representatives, 68th District	
Nathan (Nate) Butler, Junction City	Republican
County Commissioner, 1st District (For Council Grove Ward 2 & 3 and Township 1)	
Jon Sawyer, Council Grove	Republican
Township One Clerk – No candidate	
Township Two Clerk – No candidate	
Township Three Clerk – Steven Shepard, Dwight	Republican
Township Four Clerk – No candidate	
Township Five Clerk – Jamie Schmidt, White City	Republican
Township Six Clerk – No candidate	
Township Seven Clerk – No candidate	
Township Eight Clerk – Anne Carr, Burdick	Republican
Township Nine Clerk – Frances D. Davies, Wilsey	Republican
Highland Township Clerk – Karen Harmison, White City	Democratic
Overland Township Clerk – No candidate	
RETENTION FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE	
Shall Eric S. Rosen, Topeka, Position No. 4, be retained in office?	
Shall Larkin E. Walsh, Leawood, Position No. 6, be retained in office?	
RETENTION FOR COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE	
Shall Lesley Ann Isherwood, Wichita, Position No. 2, be retained in office?	
Shall Amy Fellows Cline, Wichita, Position No. 3, be retained in office?	
Shall Kim R. Schroeder, Hugoton, Position No. 5, be retained in office?	
Shall Lori Ann Bolton Fleming, Weir, Position No. 7, be retained in office?	
Shall Jacy Hurst, Lawrence, Position No. 13, be retained in office?	
RETENTION FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE	
Shall Ben J. Sexton, Abilene, District 8, Division 1, be retained in office?	
Shall Keith Collett, Junction City, District 8, Division 4, be retained in office?	
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION	
Publication will be made by the Kansas Secretary of State.	
SPECIAL QUESTION (For Council Grove Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3)	
Shall Ryan G. McDonald be recalled from the office of Council Grove Mayor?	

The following are the voting places for Morris County voters for the November 3, 2026, General Election:

Ward 1, Council Grove	Community Christian Church
Ward 2, Council Grove	Community Christian Church
Ward 3, Council Grove	Community Christian Church
Township One, Pct 1	Community Christian Church
Township One, Pct 2	Community Christian Church
Township Two	Community Christian Church
Township Three	Dwight Community Church
Township Four	Dwight Community Church
Township Five	White City Community Building
Township Six	White City Community Building
Highland Township	White City Community Building
Overland Township	White City Community Building
Township Seven	Delavan Community Building
Township Eight	Delavan Community Building
Township Nine	Delavan Community Building

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 25th day of September 2026.

Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Election Officer

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