REMINISCING

(from the files of the Council Grove Republican)

1976

Rodney Spittles and Doug Hutchinson return punts for 58 and 38 yard touchdowns for Braves 12-0 victory over Marion…LeRoy Krause re-elected president of Morris County Cancer Society…Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pio, Allen, parents Liza Anne.

1986

Michelle Kraus, Dawn Filkin, Mike Dickey, Jennifer Morgan and John Collins are CGHS cross country letterwinners…DeAn Miller Knopp to be editor of The Chapman Advertiser and Enterprise Journal… Vernon "Boots" Hager conducts a tour of the new Stop 2 Shop for members of Council Grove Rotary Club.

1996

R.J. Meierhoff elected sheriff and Jim Lee re-elected county commissioner, 2nd District, during general election in Morris County…Alta Vista accepted by Kansas State University Community Service Program as one of 1997 Summer Projects… Julie Jernigan, Tim McClin-tock, Bethany Baker and Cyler Furney among 17 Braves lettering in cross country.

2006

Tom Moxley wins race for State Representative in the 68th District… Jesse England, ESU student, awarded a $1,000 scholarship by the Fenton Art Glass Collectors of America… Caitlin Adams, Mary Byram, Brett Siegle and Adam Ragoschke among Council Grove High School students named Kansas Honor Scholars.

2016

Council Grove High School places 1st at the West Franklin Scholars' Bowl tournament; team members are Billy Sales, Dawson May, Abbie Schroeder, Jessica Prudence, Sam Goodwin, and Matt Coe; the team won all seven matches, defeating Central Heights 70-10, Osage City 30-20, Santa Fe Trail 30-10, Lyndon 70-0, Northern Heights 70-0, Wellsville 50-25, and West Franklin 50-10...Cast members in the the musical "Working" that will be presented by the Council Grove High School Music Department and CG Players are Nellye Wirsig, Casee Robidou, Abbie Schroeder, Savannah Lillich, Jess Prudence, Lydia Weltha, Kaitlynn Grimmett and Chelsey Sales.

Gatherin in the Grove

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trade knowledge to future generations.

"Each woman brings something different to this project, and no single artist could have created it alone," Tiffany said. "It's a beautiful example of what happens when people share their talents and build something together."

Activities continue Saturday with Western makers and shopping opportunities in conjunction with Council Grove's annual Candlelight Charm festivities. Saturday's event will be open to the public.

"Winning the West today looks different than it did 150 years ago," Tiffany said. "Sometimes it simply means choosing to stay, choosing to create something, and making sure the next generation has the opportunity to do the same."

For additional information, tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit theterritoryballroom.com/gatheringinthegrove.

Hickman wins

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while contributing to the community's holiday decorating efforts.

CG HOPE, a proud member of Empower Kansas, is raising funds to enhance Council Grove's Christmas decorations and help make the community more festive during the holiday season.

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
MARY ANN WENDEL, Deceased.
Case No. MR-2026-PR-000007
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Douglas W. Wendel, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Mary Ann Wendel, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; Petitioner's account be settled and allowed; heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court find the allowances requested for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable, should be allowed and ordered paid; the court costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Mary Ann Wendel, deceased, and Petitioner be released from further liability; the Court appoint KC Olson to serve as Trustee according to the terms of the trust as set out in the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before December 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Council Grove, Morris County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

DOUGLAS W. WENDEL
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF LILLY M. WALKER
Case No. MR-2026-PR-000022
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Heather Ludwick, one of the heirs of Lilly M. Walker, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate:

Lots 19 and 20, Block 29, East Side Addition to the City of Council Grove, Morris County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death, and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Council Grove, Morris County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Heather Ludwick, Petitioner
/s/Brian L. Moore
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Attorney for Petitioner

(First published in the Council Grove Republican November 3, 2026; subsequently on November 10, 2026 and November 17, 2026)



CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

COUNCIL GROVE Republican has an immediate opening for a newspaper carrier. West Main and Northwest area of town. Our most lucrative route. A bicycle is required. This is a great opportunity for an enterprising boy or girl who is at least 10 years old. For details, call Christy at 620-767-5123.

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WYATT REMODELING Handyman Services. 785-317-1181. tfc

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PLACE YOUR 25-word classified in the Kansas Press Association and 135 more newspapers for only $300/ week. Find employees, sell your home or your car. Call the Kansas Press Association @ 785-271-5304 today!

NOTICES

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REACH MORE than 1 million potential employees through the classifieds. Advertise in 140+ newspapers statewide. Only $300/ 25 words. Contact the Council Grove Republican, 620-767-5123.

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MORRIS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS. (620)767-7777.

FREE Classified Ads for Volunteers Needed

"Needing Volunteer"

Classified ads are free to non-profit organizations. The ads must be short and to the point. Who needs the service? What is needed? Where? When? Why or How? Ads will run for 10 days, unless the organization notifies the Republican, and then content must be changed to keep the section fresh and viable. Ad approval is at the discretion of the Council Grove Republican.

Email submissions to cgnews@cgtelco.net or call 620-767-5123.

MISC.

"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.

ARE YOU Concerned about someone else' s drinking? Al- Anon can help! 785-561-0157.

DO YOU think you have a drinking problem? Call Alcoholics Anonymous, 620-767-8138 or 785-561-0157.

THINK YOU have a drug problem? Call Narcotics Anonymous, 620-767-8138.

WE BUY Houses for Cash As-Is! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-913-365-1969

WE BUY Vintage Guitars! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-620-207-3684

CASH PAID For High-End Men's Sport Watches. Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-620-267-6015.

GOT AN Unwanted Car??? Donate It To Patriotic Hearts. Fast free pick up. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-877-850-0048

BATH & Shower Updates in as little as One Day! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-877-625-8924

AGING ROOF? New Homeowner? Storm Damage? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call 1-877-835-0240 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

WATER DAMAGE Cleanup & Restoration: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-420-3509 Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

NEED NEW Windows? Drafty rooms? Chipped or damaged frames? Need outside noise reduction? New, energy efficient windows may be the answer! Call for a consultation & Free quote today. 1-877-514-4844 You will need to have your zip code to connect to the right provider.

CLASSIFIEDS - Call 620-767-5123 before 9 AM to be on time!

MORRIS COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY PUBLICATION

BALANCE ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026

COUNTY	
GENERAL	$1,336,047.17
ROAD & BRIDGE	$2,285,623.53
SPECIAL BRIDGE	$1,433,048.18
REAPPRAISAL	$113,755.81
HEALTH	$11,681.43
HEALTH DEPT FLOWTHROUGH	$0.00
NOXIOUS WEED	$136,208.08
AMBULANCE	$16,785.57
SOLID WASTE	$186,645.98
MENTAL HEALTH	$7,939.46
HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE	$12,444.24
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	$716,916.52
HEALTH INS-SELF FUNDING	$137,281.75
TORT CLAIM	$0.44
OIL/GAS TRUST FUND	$22,728.94
MORRIS COUNTY 911	$288,337.61
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	$418,972.62
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	$997,790.23
ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM	$8,121.79
CASH LONG & SHORT	$196.64
DIVERSION	$7,289.94
COUNTY FORFEITURE	$800.00
DRUG FORFIETURE	$8,851.04
DRUG SEIZURE	$3,313.89
ASSET SEIZURE	$706.01
ASSET HOLDING	$2,053.00
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	$5,547.56
REGISTERED OFFENDER FUND	$5,780.00
S.O. FINGERPRINTING	$2,362.50
BOND & INTEREST	$39,118.74
BRIDGE BOND 2020	$0.00
CDBG GRANT-RWD GRANT	$0.00
D.A.R.E PROGRAM	$1,109.81
ARPA FUNDS	$0.00
TRUSTEE	$5,995.66
WORTHLESS CHECK ADMIN.	$583.96
REG OF DEEDS TECH FUND	$60,799.32
TREASURER TECHNOLOGY	$1,442.10
CLERK TECHNOLOGY	$4,706.18
K-9 GRANT	$0.00
LATCF FUNDS	$0.00
COMPENSATING SALES TAX	$30,803.69
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FUND	$55,375.27
TREASURER MOTOR VEH FUND	$31,565.83
DRIVER LICENSE	$0.00
FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX	$0.00
GAME LICENSE	$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INSURANCE	$278.34
STATE AUTO	$4,509.75
STATE WITHHOLDING TAX	$0.00
BOAT PERMITS	$0.00
STATE FILING FEE-ELECTION	$0.00
STRAY ANIMAL	$3,081.44
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	$863.00
ADVANCE TAX	$3,469.12
BOND SUPERVISION FEE FUND	$16,695.57
JUVENILE DIVERSION FEE FUND	$3,313.91
BANKRUPTCY	$0.00
NRP REBATES	$0.00
CURRENT TAX	$0.00
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT REIMB	$0.00
P.T DONATIONS	$2,233.99
EXCISE TAX	$0.00
JUDICIAL TAX SALE	$0.00
MINERAL TAX	$0.00
DEL PERSONAL TAX	$4,852.45
REAL ESTATE REDEMPTION	$26,359.85
VEHICLE TAX	$184,123.66
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	$4,793.05
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TAX	$1,005.46
REGISTERED OFFENDER TECH FEES	$120.00
EDUCATIONAL BUILDING	$0.00
INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING	$0.00
CORRECTIONAL INSTIT. BUILDING	$0.00
STATE GENERAL	$0.00
TOTAL COUNTY FUNDS	$8,654,430.08

CEMETERIES	
ALTA VISTA	$0.00
BURDICK	$0.00
CEDAR GROVE	$0.00
CLARKS CREEK	$0.00
COMISKEY	$83.78
DELAVAN	$0.00
DIAMOND VALLEY	$0.00
DOWNING-KELSO	$0.00
DUNLAP	$0.00
DWIGHT-MORRIS	$118.46
FOUR MILE	$0.00
HIGHLAND	$0.00
MITCHELL VALLEY	$29.32
MOSS-SPRINGS	$0.00
PARKER-HIGHLAND	$0.00
SKIDDY	$0.00
WHITE CITY	$0.00
WILSEY	$0.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	$231.56
LIBRARY	
LIBRARY GENERAL	$0.00
LIBRARY RETIREMENT	$0.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	$0.00
CITIES	
COUNCIL GROVE	$0.00
DUNLAP	$0.00
DWIGHT	$0.00
LATIMER	$0.00
PARKERVILLE	$0.00
WHITE CITY	$0.00
WILSEY	$0.00
HERINGTON	$0.00
TOTAL CITIES	$0.00
FIRE DISTRICTS	
FD #1	$962.26
FD #2JT	$0.00
FD #3	$26.70
FD #4	$0.00
FD #5	$0.00
FD #6JT	$290.15
FD #7	$0.00
FD #8	$0.00
FD #9	$48.57
FD #10	$1,057.97
FD #11	$1,821.83
FD#12	$0.00
FD#13	$0.00
FD#14	$4,839.18
TOTAL FIRE DISTRICTS	$9,046.66
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	$0.00
IMPROVEMENT DIST-Special	$0.00
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	$0.00
WATERSHEDS	
LYON CREEK WS#41	$0.00
DIAMOND CREEK WS#61	$336.79
MIDDLE CREEK WS#62	$0.00
ROCK CREEK WS #84	$1,563.25
MILL CREEK WS#85	$0.00
TOTAL WATERSHEDS	$1,900.04
SCHOOLS	
USD 284	$0.00
USD 397	$0.00
USD 417	$2,262.56
USD481	$0.00
USD 487	$0.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	$2,262.56
TOTAL FUNDS	$8,667,870.90

TOWNSHIPS	
TWP 1	$0.00
TWP 2	$0.00
TWP 3	$0.00
TWP 4	$0.00
TWP 5	$0.00
TWP 6	$0.00
TWP 7	$0.00
TWP 8	$0.00
TWP 9	$0.00
HIGHLAND	$0.00
OVERLAND	$0.00
TOTAL TOWNSHIPS	$0.00
EXTENSION DISTRICT	$0.00

CURRENT ASSETS	
CASH ON HAND	$4,300.59
UNDEPOSITED CHECKS	$14,799.21
FARMERS & DROVERS BK	$1,457,894.74
EMPRISE BANK	$519,114.94
FARMERS STATE BANK	$500,000.00
CITIZENS STATE BANK & TRUST	$4,181,107.83
STATE MIP	$964,818.33
BANK OF THE FLINT HILLS	$1,000,000.00
POSTAGE DUE	$0.00
VOUCHERS	$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	$0.00
CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS	$25,835.26
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS	$8,667,870.90

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT REPORT ON OCTOBER 31, 2026

KELSEY SHARR, MORRIS COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON NOVEMBER 5, 2026

CHELSEY SCHMIDT, MORRIS COUNTY CLERK



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