REMINISCING

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1976

Teresa Hultgren and Gene Bidwell are high scorers for White City High School in basketball games against Hope…6N Ranch shows reserve champion pen of Angus bulls during American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, MO.

1986

Duke Bratton, city carrier at Council Grove Post Office, is presented the Postmaster General Club award for outstanding contributions to the Postal Service…A slide projector that can be used by clubs and organizations in the community is presented to the Council Grove Public Library by the Friends of the Library organization.

1996

Chamber of Commerce manager Jola Casey announces Christmas ornament contest in children and adult categories…Tommie Edmiston and Lacey Picolet lead scoring when Dwight defeats Harveyville in girls' "A" team play.

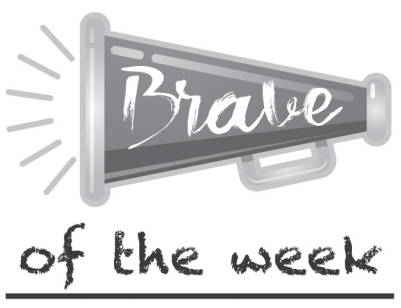
2006

USD 417 Board of Education plans April election for vote on 5-mill capital outlay levy…Earning Distinguished Honors at White City High School are Brooke Hollis, Meghan Blythe, Cassandra Kniebel, Lance Var, Ryan Fairbanks, Brooklynne Poindexter and Kevin Moluf…Joe and Amy Pickett, Kansas City, MO, parents of daughter, Madison Jean.

2016

Public invited to join in celebrating Alfred M. Landon and Nancy Landon Kassebaum as the newest inductees into the Kansas Walk of Honor; their bronze plaques will join 14 other notable Kansans…Madison Kahnt and Cade Stilwell, White City High School seniors, among the 68 students from Morris, Dickinson and Geary counties honored last week as Honor Scholars by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

Council Grove Elementary School





Ellie Johnson

Ellie is a student in Joshua Gant's sixth grade class. Her favorite color is magenta and pink. The best gift she ever received is family. Ellie says her favorite thing to do on the weekend is spend time with family. If she had one superpower, it would be to be helpful.

LEGAL NOTICES

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
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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.

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800,000+ Kansans expected to travel over Thanksgiving

TOPEKA (WIBW) - Nearly a million Kansans are expected to hit the road during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. That's the word from the American Automobile Association, which is projecting more than 872,000 Kansans will travel more than 50 miles from home for Thanksgiving between Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Monday, Nov. 30.

Nationwide, AAA says, 81.5 million Americans are expected to travel at least 50 miles from home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

That number is essentially unchanged from last year, when 81.6 million people traveled for the holiday, according to AAA.

Americans are still traveling, but higher costs have ended three years of record growth, AAA says.

While slightly fewer people are flying or taking road trips, AAA says, more travelers are choosing cruises, buses and trains.

"Apart from the pandemic years, this is the first time in eight years that Thanksgiving travel growth has held steady," said Shawn Steward, public affairs manager for AAA Club Alliance in Kansas. "Americans aren't staying home this Thanksgiving, but they're feeling the impact of higher travel costs. "Even with growth flattening, travelers should plan for busy roads and packed airports. Roughly one in four Americans will be on the move this Thanksgiving."

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ARTISTS OF THE WEEK



Ava Smith



Grayson Longren

On This Day

2003 – Arnold Schwarzenegger sworn in as Californian Governor--The bodybuilder and actor best known for his role as a cyborg in the science fiction movie, The Terminator, replaced then Governor Gray Davis. Schwarzenegger was elected for another term as governor in 2007.

1989 – Velvet Revolution begins--A week after the fall of the Berlin Wall, a demonstration of by students commemorating International Students Day in Prague was violently shut down by riot police. The incident led to mass strikes and nonviolent around the country that ended communist rule in erstwhile Czechoslovakia and paved the way for the first democratic elections in the country in 41 years.

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