

Historic Times: Letting The People Vote

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Every November in even-numbered years, we have a “general election” in the United States—as provided for in the Constitution—to elect people to various political offices. Every four years we elect a president and vice-president.

Since we elected those two officials in 2024, we will not be doing that again in 2026. This year’s election is what has become known as a “mid-term” one because it occurs halfway through a president’s four-year tenure in office.

In presidential election years, we choose people to be in what the Constitution’s authors called the Electoral College. They reasoned that the average voter would not have the knowledge to make informed choices.

The electors (as mem-

bers of the Electoral College are called) would know the candidates personally and would presumably know who would be an effective leader of the executive branch of government.

For years, electors were chosen generally by state legislatures, governors, or by delegates to conventions meeting for that purpose. Beginning in 1824, however, some states began allowing the general voting populace (which included only Caucasian men) to vote for electors.

Thus, today we have “popular votes” and “electoral votes” in presidential elections. The popular votes choose the electors who, in turn, choose the president and vice-president. Political scientists say, therefore, that we have an “indirect” way of electing these leaders.

In 1832, another change

took place in how we conduct presidential elections. That year a minor party, the Anti-Masonic Party, nominated candidates for president and vice-president at a convention of party members. The two major parties quickly adopted the practice as well.

Later, many states began conducting elections to choose, to some extent, who gets to be voting delegates to presidential nominating conventions. As the way we conduct presidential elections in this country has evolved over the years, it has given more people a greater voice in choosing who gets to run the government.

Our electoral system is not perfect, but it is somewhat better than it was when the people could not vote for convention delegates or Electoral College members.

Inspirational Cheerleader award

20 YEARS AGO - 2006

Krista Pollock’s fifth grade class participated in the Tree Board’s annual poster contest. The theme was “Trees Are Terrific... In All Shapes and Sizes.” Amelia Ballard won first place with a check awarded to her in the amount of \$25; second place was Leslie Struble, \$15; and third place, Ashley Molina, \$10.

Boy Scout Pack 855 had its annual Pinewood Derby Race with 13 Cub and Weblos that raced their cars. First place was won by Ryle Menhusen; second place, Jaden Bogdanovecz; and third place, Noah Gose.

10 YEARS AGO - 2016

Dodge City Community College president, Dr. Harold Nolte, presented Attica resident Carol Jean Martin, her award for Outstanding Service during the Hall of Fame induction at the college. Carol Jean taught mathematics for 43 years, thirty of those at DCCC.

USD 361 announced to

staff that Mr. Henson, currently principal at Anthony Elementary, would transfer to Chaparral as principal starting the ‘16-’17 school year.

5 YEARS AGO - 2021

Receiving 2021 Central Plains League Basketball All-League Honors were: Sophie Francis, senior - first team; Faith Gates, senior and Matte Swartz, junior - honorable mention; Jackson Swartz, sophomore - second team; Alex Pfaff, junior and Kaden Harding, junior - honorable mention.

Emporia State University congratulated more than 800 under-graduates named to the university honor roll and dean’s lists for fall 2020. Students from this area receiving honors included: Brandon Clark of Anthony, University honor roll and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean’s list; Kenia Rucoba of Anthony, University honor roll; Katie Townsend of Caldwell, University honor roll and The Teachers College dean’s list.

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30 YEARS AGO - 1996

Eight Chaparral biology students had competed in the Kansas Junior Academy of Science District V contest. Eight out of 12 projects entered qualified for state at Wichita State University. The students were Annette Francis, Rachel Kelly, Tim McDermott, Myndie Barker, Kim Mathes, Mark Whisman, Anna Stevens and Wendy Gates. State qualifiers were Kelly, McDermott, Whisman, Mathes, Stevens and Gates.

League honors and individual awards were presented at the Chaparral High School winter sports banquet. Chaparral landed five people on All-Chisholm Trail League Division II teams. They were Tyler Hoopes, Jason Carrol and Kim Mathes in basketball and Joey Bogdanovecz and Tom McDermott in wrestling. Lindsay Schulte received the Cherle Wohlschlegel Memorial All-

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ORDINANCE S-325

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF ANTHONY, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the following described land, commonly identified as “Hoard’s Lake Trail”, is located in Harper County, Kansas; and is owned by the City of Anthony, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Anthony finds it advisable to annex such land, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-520c.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ANTHONY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Annexation. That the following described land, meeting the conditions for annexation prescribed in K.S.A. 12-520c, is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Anthony, to wit:

A tract in a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., Harper County, Kansas, being more particularly described by Darrin W. Hall, KS PS 1359 on 25 September, 2025 as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 14, Township 33 South, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., in Harper County, Kansas; Thence on an assumed bearing of South 89°08’56” West along the South line of said Section 14, a distance of 603.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing along said South line South 89°08’56” West a distance of 716.22 feet to the South One-Sixteenth corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14; Thence continuing along said South line South 89°07’26” West, a distance of 1319.91 feet to the South Quarter corner of said Section 14; Thence North 00°05’26” East along the West line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 14, a distance of 1429.49 feet; Thence leaving said West line South 89°54’34” East, a distance of 50.00 feet; Thence South 00°05’26” West, a distance of 1378.70 feet; Thence South 64°38’19” East, a distance of 33.81 feet; Thence North 89°07’26” East, a distance of 1238.74 feet; Thence North 89°08’56” East, a distance of 716.24 feet; Thence South 00°51’04” East, a distance of 35.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Section 2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-520c, the City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this ordinance to the Harper County, Kansas, Board of Commissioners.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Anthony, Kansas this 15th day of May, 2026.

Gregory Cleveland
Gregory Cleveland, Mayor
City of Anthony, Ks.

ATTEST:
Melinda Ewertz
Melinda Ewertz, City Administrator/Clerk

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)
) Case No. HP-2026-PR-13
CHERYLA STARK, DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 8, 2026, a petition was filed in this Court by Christopher S. Stark, an heir, devisee and legatee, named in the “Last Will and Testament of Cheryl A. Stark,” deceased, dated March 8, 2018, requesting the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defense to the petition on or before June 18, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the District Court, Anthony, Harper 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.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Christopher S. Stark, Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

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