

# Historic Times: Speaker Of The House

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In January 2023, Americans witnessed one of the most contentious (and interesting) elections for Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives in American history. It took 15 rounds of voting before the majority of members gave the job to Kevin McCarthy of California.

The speaker is third in line to the presidency (after the president and vice-president). Having that prestigious title might make those elected to it decide that they would like to run for one of those higher positions themselves.

But, being Speaker of the House is not the stepping stone to higher office that it might appear to be. In McCarthy's case, in fact, it spelled the end of his politi-

cal career. Representatives ousted him as speaker nine months later and he soon thereafter resigned from Congress.

The only president of the United States who previously served as Speaker of the House was James K. Polk who was president from 1845 to 1849.

Two vice presidents served as Speaker of the House before being put on a national party ticket. Schuyler Colfax was Ulysses S. Grant's first (of two) vice presidents, serving from 1869 to 1873. And John Nance Garner was Franklin D. Roosevelt's first (of three) vice presidents, serving from 1933 to 1941.

Three other speakers have been nominated by major political parties to be one of the leaders of the executive branch of govern-

ment. Henry Clay ran for president three times (1824, 1832, and 1844) as the candidate of the Whig Party and its immediate predecessors. James G. Blaine was the Republican Party's presidential candidate in 1884, and Paul Ryan was that party's vice-presidential candidate in 2012.

John Bell, another former speaker, was one of four candidates in the complicated election of 1860. A former Whig, he ran for president as the candidate of the Constitutional Union Party, carrying three southern states.

Still, being Speaker of the House is an extremely prestigious job. One can wield lots of power as a leader of the legislative branch of government; not all the power is in the executive branch.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

KARISSA L. OLIPHANT, Plaintiff )  
vs. ) Case No. HP-26-CV-10  
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; )  
JERRY W. COBB, et al., Defendants.)

### NOTICE OF SUIT

To: Jerry W. Cobb, and all unknown heirs and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Harper County by Karissa L. Oliphant, Plaintiff, praying that title to property stated in the Petition be awarded to the Plaintiff and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before July 13, 2026. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

/s/ Karissa L. Oliphant  
401 N. Springfield  
Anthony, Kansas 67003

## LEGAL NOTICE

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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

Mandi J. Stephenson, #24694  
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Attorney for Petitioner



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was born March 12, 2006 at 4:44 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 19-1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Justin and Angela Hill and sister, Jessica, age 8.

Ashley Podschun signed a letter of intent to play softball at Dodge City Community College.

Two graduating Lady Roadrunners would become "Red Ravens" the next season at Coffeyville Community College for Lacey and her twin sister Lanie Ward. The two seniors signed letters of intent to play basketball.

### 10 YEARS AGO - 2016

Local Chaparral High School senior and volleyball player, Kinzee Lynn Mayo and her Wichita Volleyball Club team, had qualified for Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 28 through July 1.

A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held for the new Edward Jones office at their new location at 127 W. Main in the new buildings on downtown Main Street.

USD 361 staff had been busy planning for the start of the 2016-2017 school year with the 7th and 8th grade joining Chaparral High School.

### 5 YEARS AGO - 2021

Harper County Farm Bureau Association had selected Mark and Sara Davis and their daughter, Nori and son, Drew as their 2020 Farm Family of the Year.

Despite the wind and threat of rain, DAR members along with Terry Bane, celebrated Earth Day picking up trash at the west camping area of Anthony Lake. The group included Joyce Kaup, Barbara Thomas, Deniese Fawcett, Frances Smalley, Vickie Longbine, Judy Bane, Karen Younce, and Phyllis Wiersig.

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Mon. May 18.....92/75  
Tue. May 19.....65/50  
Precipitation.....0.26"  
Wed. May 20.....65/53  
Thu. May 21.....68/55  
Fri. May 22.....82/61  
Precipitation.....0.09"  
Sat. May 23.....78/60  
Precipitation.....1.07"  
Sun. May 24.....88/57  
Precipitation.....0.03"

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**Wednesday, June 3**  
Soft Tacos - Refried Beans - Peas & Carrots - Peaches

**Thursday, June 4**  
BBQ Sandwich - Cole Slaw - Corn - Tropical Fruit - Roll

**Friday, June 5**  
Chicken Chef Salad - Banana - Fruit Jello - Breadstick

**Monday, June 8**  
Goulash - Calico Salad - Apricots - Garlic Roll

**Tuesday, June 9**  
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