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Area Sports Reports



Rural Vista High School Volleyball

submitted by Coach Adam Sobba

Lady Heat with Improbable win against Flinthills Christian.

Rural Vista found themselves down 2 sets to 0 in a best of 5 dual last Tuesday At Manhattan Flinthills Christian. To make matters worse, the Heat trailed 24-18 in the 3rd set. The Heat then went on a 9-1 run to take the 3rd set forcing a 4th set. The Heat found their rhythm in the 4th set winning 25-21 before eventually taking the match by winning 15-13 in the 5th set.

"It was a pretty crazy night for us, being down 2-0 is very hard to come back from, then you add on the fact that we trailed 24-18 in the 3rd, I'm not sure the %'s on that but winning the game seemed way out of reach." I think it says a lot about the kids, they never gave up and kept fighting and we somehow made it happen."

Lady Heat go 3-0 at the Wheat State League quad on Saturday.

Rural Vista picked up wins against Peabody-Burns, Wakefield, and Centre all in two sets. "I was really proud of how the girls played all day, Centre had beaten us twice this year already so to get them in 2 sets was good for the girls."

The Lady Heat will head to Wakefield next Saturday for Sub-State play, Brackets will be released later this week.

Council Grove Junior High Girls Volleyball

submitted by Coach Milo Butler vs North Lyon County

A team: 25-15, 25-21
Game 2: 26-24, 21-25, 15-13
B team: 25-13, 25-16
C Team: 17-25, 11-25

We ended our season with a couple wins! Very proud of this group and we are glad we got the chance to coach them this season! A team has their league tournament tomorrow. First game is against Lyndon tomorrow.

Council Grove Cross Country Head Cross Country Coach CGHS

The Flint Hill League is stacked when it comes to cross country. There is a history of great individuals and teams, and currently there

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Little Huskies Childcare Center Texas Roadhouse Rolls Fundraiser

Little Huskies Childcare Center (LHCC) will again be selling Texas Roadhouse frozen rolls just in time for Thanksgiving! Cost is \$10 for a dozen frozen dinner rolls and a tub of legendary honey cinnamon butter. Complete instructions are included with the rolls so you'll know when to take them out of the freezer, let them raise, and bake them.

The frozen rolls will be available for pickup on Thursday, November 2nd, from 5:00-6:00 pm at the White City Fire Station. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo when you pick them up. Place your order by commenting on the post on the Little Huskies Facebook page, or call, text, or email Jenna Brown at (785)-466-0059 or jennasuebrown@gmail.com.

LHCC is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. As is common with many childcare centers, we must pursue grant opportunities and fundraisers to make up the shortfall between tuition and operating expenses. Thank you for helping us raise more "dough" to keep our daycare running!

Trailblazing Morris County Investor Spotlight Series #4

The GMDC would like to thank all of our investors for investing in the future of Morris County. All of our Trailblazing Morris County Investors see the value of addressing workforce, housing, business retention & expansion, as well as community development & marketing efforts throughout all of Morris County. Without them, we could not do what we are doing. We will be spotlighting each of our Trailblazing Morris County Capital Campaign Investors over the next several weeks, and we encourage you to shop local and do business with each of them. Without them, Morris County would not be what it is today and we at the GMDC truly appreciate their support. While we have many business investors, we also have the same great appreciation for those who have invested as individuals because they believe in their communities and want to see them thrive. Individual investors will also be recognized as they have taken a personal interest in the future of Morris County!

Want to learn more about Trailblazing Morris County? Visit our website <https://www.morriscountydevelopment.com/trailblazing-morris-county>

Bolton Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep:

Next up in our business investor spotlight series is Bolton Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep! Bolton's has been a trusted dealership for 58+ years in Morris County. They strive and pride themselves on their exceptional customer service. They make car shopping easy by providing a vast selection of new and used vehicles. Their service center always ensures that every customer leaves with a smile on their face and reassurance that they can enjoy their vehicles for many years to come. Go check out their Facebook page and website!

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Thank YOU Bolton Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep!

Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Society to hold Chili Feed on Saturday

The Latimer Lutheran Church Preservation Society will be holding a fundraiser Chili Feed on Saturday, October 21 from 4-6 pm at the church in Latimer.

On the menu will be chili, crackers, cheese, cinnamon roll, pie and beverages.

Along with the Chili Feed will be a Board Member Chili Cook-Off contest, giving everyone the opportunity to vote for their favorite chili.

WCHS Class of 1959 Reunion Held Recently



WCRHS Class of 1959 Reunion - Pictured are: front - Jeannie (Wernecke) Blanton, Lucille (West) Constable and Rosemarie (Evans) McCreath; back - Marvin Wallis, Ralph Rogers, Jim Jones and Gene McCreath. (courtesy photo)

Seven of the nineteen graduates of White City Rural High School Class of 1959 reunited on August 19, 2023 to celebrate 64 years since graduation. The event was held at the White City Senior Center. Lucille (West) Constable prepared all of the food

and was assisted by her daughter-in-law, Shelly in presenting a wonderful buffet meal.

After the meal, everyone enjoyed visiting and talking about memories from school days. Lots of interesting stories were revealed; some were

likely even true!

Those in attendance were: Lucille Constable, Jim Jones (Margie), Marvin Wallis (Neppie), Ralph Rogers (Patsy), Gene and Rosemarie (Evans) McCreath and Jeannie (Wernecke) Blanton (Ed).

White City Post 299, SAL 299 to Host Halloween Treats for All

by Steve Ash

American Legion Post 299 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 299 will host a Halloween treat night for the entire community on Tuesday October 31, 2023. We will start serving immediately following the children's parade on main street. Which will be around 6:30 p.m. The Dizzy Dames have asked that all children participating in the Parade of costumes gather in front of the Methodist church starting at 6:00. There will be pictures and then the parade follows. We will serve until we run out of treats. We will be giving away hot dogs, pop, and candy treats to all who stop by the Legion Post Home at 113 Adolph Street in White City. This is for everybody, not just the kids. If you just want a place to sit and relax while the kids run around town and trick or treat, this is the place. And this might just be the healthiest thing your kids have to eat that night. Hope to see you there.

Come Out and Support the Riedy Family Friday, October 20 in White City Taco Bar, Bingo and Basket/Prize Raffle

A Bingo night fundraiser is being planned for the Brian Riedy family that recently suffered damages to their home and contents. Please come out on Friday, October 20, to the Dub C Grill & Bar and support one of White City's beloved families. Take advantage of this opportunity to have fun and help out.

Starting at 5:00 pm, the Dub C will be hosting a taco bar.

Starting at 6:00 pm, raffle tickets will go on sale for a variety of baskets/prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the evening and winners will be drawn following Bingo.

And don't miss out on BINGO, starting at 7:00 pm, with cards going on sale starting at 6:30 pm. Winners will receive prize baskets and there will be drawings throughout the evening for door prizes!

Thank you for showing your love whether it's attending this fundraiser or finding other ways to help!

Thank you to all who support The Prairie Post with your subscriptions and advertising!! Please support the businesses who advertise.... it is everyone's support that keeps the newspaper going each week!!! THANK YOU!!

Soccer Season Comes to End for White City Beginning Players



Soccer season comes to an end - These two White City soccer teams enjoyed a fun filled learning year of soccer with the Council Grove Recreation League. Pictured are: Hattie Carr, Emma Hirt, Nate Beavers, AJ Hover, Kilyn Hensley, Decklyn Brown, Andi Zimmerman, Charlotte Zimmerman, Cadence Brown and Bo Morgan. Coaching the young soccer players this year were Jenna Brown, Haley Morgan and Maddy Beavers. (courtesy photos)

OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

“Moore News” Returns



... by Amy Moore

Moore News is making a reappearance. That’s right. This past summer I cleaned in my garage. I found a notebook exactly like those the students had written in for Moore News. I brought it inside...dust and all.

A few grandmothers I recently spoke with have told stories their grand-daughters had written years back. They really are funny to hear now, still. Not just everyone has such a great “play” on their name. I am going to be back, as simply, myself., No students.

I recently had a friend call me Lois Lane, the journalist. Well, yes, I do have a journalism degree but that has nothing to do with my establishing Moore News in the beginning. Besides, I don’t even know Clark Kent. Moore News began but I am not sure what the details were in the beginning. However, Moore News is being revived in the Prairie Post. Be watching, I’m back.

MOORE NEWS

Why do people choose the Halloween costumes they wear? It might be a trendy character costume, or something borrowed from a friend. There are all kinds of reasons for costume choices. The best costumes are one just plain created at the moment. I had big polka dotted fabric one year. I made a clown costume for myself. Yes, I wore it to school, A costume quite a few of the teachers had quite a few of the female teachers in black plastic bags...the California Raisins. Those black trash bags certainly were warm especially since we had Parent/Teacher conferences that day too. Those were long days. The California Raisins were trendy then. I’m just guessing but if I were to ask my grandchildren what the California Raisins are, they wouldn’t know. How about a scarecrow costume? A pair of overalls, a flannel shirt and a straw hat...nobody can go wrong with that.

I think I made a costume one year that takes the cake. My inspiration for this was Chicken Run, the movie. I even had all those characters from the movie. If you’ve already guessed it, yes, it’s my chicken costume. I even had a student ask about it at a wedding one time. Here’s a recipe for a chicken costume. I bought white sweatpants and a white sweatshirt. I cut strips of muslin and made fringe/feathers using pinking shears. I sewed the strips to the sweats. Granted the sweatpants were a bit heavy after putting all that extra weight on them. I used a seed cap to make the face. Googly eyes were a real perk and some stick on yellow craft foam was the beak. I felt like I had a real classic on my hands. I also wore high topped Reeboks for the feet.

Russell asked to wear the costume to Caterpillar for work one Halloween. It was all fun and games till I decided the costume needed to be washed after Russell had worn it. Big mistake! I had to iron every single feather. The washing machine and dryer didn’t do it any favors. It has survived. The costume is still functional and will be worn for a two year old’s birthday party coming up this month. Trick or Treat! Never forget the people you meet...especially ones dressed in chicken costumes.

A Message
from The
White City
Christian
Church



Morris County,
We love our freedom here in America. However, we tend to abuse the very things we love. We talked about “The free Life” this week, Sunday 10/22/23, we’ll talk about The “Victory In JESUS.” I Corinthians 15:57. JESUS has won the war and we can have victory. We need to share the good news of the victory with the world. Without knowing we have the victory we can go on struggling in this world. Knowing we have the victory in JESUS gives us the confidence we need in this world. Live victoriously and help others know JESUS has won!

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Thank you, GOD bless you and keep you.
St. Charly

Things That Make You Go Hmmmm?

Opinions & Issues
by Steve Ash

Bet you never thought about
. I must give credit to Reader’s Digest for all the things I write about under this heading. I have thought about many of the things they put in their articles, but I actually think they are things that make you wonder or make you go hmmm. They are all short items and I may put more than one in an article. If you are interested in getting the website, let me know and I will give it to you.

Why do fingers get wrinkly when swimming? If you have always thought that your skin was absorbing extra water and that is what makes it wrinkle up. If that’s what you thought, you are wrong just like me. Scientists have known since the 1930s that people with nerve damage in their fingers don’t “Prune up” the way everyone else does. Your fingers wrinkling up isn’t caused by osmosis (absorbing water by contact), it’s caused by blood vessels below the skin constricting which is a defense mechanism of the body to not be affected by the surroundings. In this case, it actually makes it easier for you to pick up wet objects. Scientists did a study and found that subjects with wrinkled fingers were faster at picking up submerged marbles than those with unwrinkled fingers (but they didn’t do any better at picking up dry objects.)

Well now, if that doesn’t make you go hmmm, I don’t know what will.
P.S. If you have an issue that bugs you, let me know and I just might write an article about it. Email your idea to spash@tctelco.net Or, you could PM me on FB. Or even call me or tell me in person.

Chasing Insights About Our U.S. Presidents, Part 1

Written by Doug Scott, White City High School Class of 1967

I have an adventuresome spirit and an insatiable curiosity. Janet, my wife of fifty plus years, would wholeheartedly agree with my self-assessment. Adventure and curiosity are in my blood and have been since my early childhood.

I greatly enjoy history, both United States and European history, the latter spanning 1939 – 1945. I have read extensively on each subject.

Janet and I have traveled broadly over the years in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, and have walked the corridors of time in order to observe where historical events have occurred and to reflect on those events, their origin and their influence. We have engaged close-up and have watched from afar those things that interest and intrigue us, and have taken innumerable photographs for our keeping in an attempt to capture and document historical happenings and record.

In early 2018 just after I retired, Janet and I determined we would embark on a journey that would expand our knowledge about our U.S. Presidents. We knew very little about the “minor Presidents” and knew even less about the influences that shaped who they were as people and leaders. We felt the best manner to increase our awareness and familiarity would be to visit each of the U.S. presidential libraries scattered throughout the country and to see each of the existing presidential homesteads, plus travel to the interment sites of each deceased President. So, we did just that.

I was equally driven to undertake this journey because of the challenge it presented. Many of the homesteads and interment sites are located in “out-of-the-way” places, requiring investment of time and personal treasure to get there. But in the end, I was confident the effort would be well worth it; and once completed, would provide considerable personal fulfillment. I was right.

I know of no one who has done anything similar; and when I shared with my friends what my mission was linked to my pursuits, I oftentimes gained blank stares and silence. U.S. Presidents? Why would you want to know anything more about them other than what you might have learned in school? But that’s just the point: I learned about SOME of our Presidents in school, but I am now interested in ALL of them and in the nuances of their life, how they dealt with hardship and challenge when the pressures of life were squarely on their shoulders, coming from all directions; and how they navigated life in general in their respective generations.

Janet and I have completed our “mission”. We have traveled thousands of miles across our nation, spent many nights in hotels, and have eaten more fast food than we ever should have. But it’s been well worth it. I’ve often stood in amazement as I’ve touched the history of our country and have learned in detail what I already knew in general: that human nature and behavior has not changed much from the beginning of time. Our great American leaders of the past were in many ways just like we are today, as people living in the 21st century. Those leaders personally faced many of the same difficulties in life we currently face. They have likewise endured the ill behavior of many around them, and were frequently the subject of aggressive conduct calculated to injure spirit and reputation. It was the details that I didn’t know, but now I do. It was the circumstances surrounding them in their time that I didn’t completely understand, but now I do. And it was their influence on our nation’s direction and mood, regardless of how long they occupied the White House, that I didn’t fully comprehend. But now I do.

National politics is a calamitous business and a difficult road to travel. It’s frequently destructive and oftentimes reflects the worst of mankind. On the other hand, the national political scene has been a welcome platform for some of our U.S. Presidents to show the nation (and indeed the world) their talents and strident leadership in the face of numerous challenges.

I’m not enormously disappointed in any of our U.S. Presidents of the distant past. If I didn’t get it before, I get it now. They were for the large part noble men who fought the good fight and who were led by their conscious and convictions; they routinely put their fellow man and their nation first. I suspected such to be true. I now know such to be the case.

Janet and I have visited all thirteen presidential libraries that currently exist, those thirteen being the libraries of Herbert Hoover in West Branch, Iowa; Franklin D. Roosevelt in Hyde Park, New York; Harry S. Truman in Independence, Missouri; Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas; John F. Kennedy in Boston, Massachusetts; Lyndon B. Johnson in Austin, Texas; Richard M. Nixon in Yorba Linda, California; Gerald R. Ford in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Jimmy Carter in Atlanta, Georgia; Ronald Reagan in Simi Valley, California; William J. (Bill) Clinton in Little Rock, Arkansas; George H.W. Bush in College Station, Texas; and George W. Bush in Dallas, Texas. We have toured all the presidential homesteads, plus have visited all interment sites of our nation’s thirty-nine deceased Commanders-in-Chief. We have toured Franklin D. Roosevelt’s two homes: his beloved childhood home in Hyde Park, New York, and his Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia, the place where he spent considerable time during his presidency and the home in which he died on April 12, 1945.

So, what I have learned from my personal excursions? What have I learned from reading all the wall-mounted placards and all the printed captions next to artifacts positioned in display cases? A great deal, I’d say. Much of which I knew nothing about prior.

TO BE CONTINUED



A Cowboy’s Faith

by Frank J. Buchman

Near Record Water Shortage

“Water supplies are the shortest in memories of more than seven decades.”

Land has been extremely parched several times in that period, but not severe as now.

Wells, springs, ponds, creeks, and many other water sources are waterless. Those who remember the “Dirty 30s,” and the intense drought conditions, claim now is approaching that dangerous level.

Several ponds went dry or had very low water levels a few years ago, so many owners had them rebuilt. Now, some of those ponds are short of water and more have gone completely dry.

Farm and ranch owners are planning to redo the previous pond cleaning jobs and doing considerable renovation of other ponds.

Shortness of rain has made wells with limited water supplies go dry and the best wells have inadequate water.

Those who promote “witching wells” to locate ground water are in demand but have little or no success. No use digging a new well if the water isn’t available.

Rural water districts have been developed to provide water when there are no other sources. Underground rural water district lines were established when water became in short supply.

Now, additional rural water lines are being considered. It is not an

easy process as costly underground pipelines must be created with added charge for the water.

When water is piped to the necessary location, a pumping system must be put in place for use year around.

Livestock must have water, and it is the owner’s obligation to provide that regardless of expense.

Water can be hauled to livestock in portable tanks available commercially. Certain cattlemen have been hauling water daily to their herds and it is a major chore.

First, there must be a water source, either the farm headquarters’ water, a community well, or public water resources. That puts stress on supplies, plus there’s a cost for the water.

Driving from a water source to the livestock tank is often many miles with major time and travel expense. Running water into the hauling tank and then out into the stock tank also requires a lot of time.

Abundant rainfall is the best solution to drought. It will rain, but God is the only one with the power to turn it on.

Reminded of First Kings 17:14: “God sends rain on the land and ends this drought.”

+++ALLELUIA+++

**News & Ad
deadline is
MONDAY, 2 pm**

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**Hattie Wyatt Caraway of Arkansas was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband on January 12, 1932. She was re-elected in 1932 and 1938.**

**Amelia Earhart completed her first solo nonstop transatlantic flight by a woman on May 21, 1932.**

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October 19 - Rural Vista High School football @ Hope vs Canton-Galva (Hope Homecoming)

October 20 - Taco Bar Bingo, Raffle Benefit for Riedy Family @ Dub C Grill & Bar in White City

October 21-Fundraiser Chili Feed & Chili Cookoff at Latimer Lutheran Church, 4-6 pm

October 24 - Harvesters to be in Alta Vista, 12:30-1:30 pm @ High View Church

October 31 - HALLOWEEN Celebration in White City (Meet at White City United Methodist Church steps for photo at 6 pm followed by trick or treating down main street. White City American Legion & SAL will be serving hot-dogs, pop and candy at the Post Home on South Adolph Street.

November 8 - White City United Methodist Church Annual Turkey “Take Out” Supper (Order form on page 4 with deadline to order October 21)



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Rolling Prairie Senior Center Board Meeting News

submitted by Steve Ash

The Rolling Prairie Senior Center Board met Monday, October 9, 2023. President Dick Claypool called the meeting to order at 9:30. Roll Call was taken. All board members were present. Also present were: Gaila Sanford (site manager), Linda Semple (Area Agency rep), Colleen Anderson and Bev Kraus were there representing the Morris County Board.

Minutes: Previously sent to members and/or a copy was made available to all. A motion was made by Steve to accept the September minutes, & it was seconded by Judy. Approved 6-0.

Finance report: Previously sent to members and/or a copy was made available to all. A motion was made by Steve to accept the September finance report, and it was seconded by Dick. Approved 6-0.

Site manager report: A copy was made available to all. Meals served, volunteer hours, volunteers, and activities were all presented by Gaila. A motion was made by Judy to accept the September Site Manager report, and it was seconded by Steve. Approved 6-0.

Activities/entertainment committee report: The report was given by Virginia and a copy was available for all. Steve. Judy made a motion to accept the September report and Charlene seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

Open Forum: Bev reported that they had asked for a kitchen fan or fans and that had not happened yet. She expressed that it was hot for those who worked in the kitchen and causing them to perspire. Floor fans or wall fans were discussed. The concern was to have a fan or fans in the right area/s to create circulation and not to have the fans in the way. Dick said he would investigate the options.

Christie Britt brought it to the attention of the board that the rug joint in the back room (on the east side of the area meetings are held) was creating a problem. The rug was coming up at the joint and creating a hazard for those walking over it. The maintenance of the building should be handled by the County Board. Steve suggested that we get a metal nail down strip that they use on the borders of some flooring and secure the rug joint until we can get the problem solved through Morris County. It was agreed that we should make that happen and contact Morris County and ask them to fund any floor covering replacement we should need.

Old business: A question was brought up about meals for the kitchen volunteers and whether or not we should pay for them. There was some discussion, and all seemed to agree that those who were working on a given day should have their meals furnished since they are volunteers and are not paid.

Judy had a thank you card to send to Township 5 for their support. All present signed it. The card will be given to Jamie Schmidt.

A discussion was held on delivering meals outside the mileage area covered by the Area Agency. Sometimes we have one meal in Parkerville and two in Latimer. We are looking into it.

New business: Gaila brought it to the attention of the board that there had been a need for a safe deposit box to secure funds kept in the center. Ralph Maddox had donated the box. Now there is a need of a cabinet or a way to secure the safe deposit box. After some discussion, Dick said he would look into it and Steve said he would help if needed.

Halloween was discussed. We will have a finger food gathering at 5:30. The children participating in the parade of costumes will meet at the Methodist Church at 6:00 and will probably be coming by our door at about 6:15. A discussion was held concerning having them come through the center or just hand out

candy in front. Arrangements will have to be made for those at the center to see all the goblins. Judy said she would work on it.

Veterans Day was discussed. The school is having an assembly at 1-2 pm on Friday, the 10th. There is also a blood drive going on. We want to have a lunch for the Veterans. We will have to advertise and let the veterans know. RSVP will need to be by 30 October. Gaila will talk to the AV cook to have the meal on the 10th. We also need to get the information to Council Grove. We want to have roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, cooked carrots, and baked apple. We need to plan ahead through the FHAAA to have one of their open meals for this. Steve made a motion that we contact the Veterans and have the menu described above. We pay for the Veteran's meals and those who come with them will pay for their meals at the current rate. Judy Seconded the motion, it passed 6 to 0.

Linda Semple went over the Area Agency bulletin. She discussed open enrollment and that there was a Schick volunteer available to come and go over plans with those who chose to do so. She discussed Advantage Plans, Schick, upcoming events, and protecting yourself from Marketing violations.

Colleen Anderson talked about the 2024 budget being set and how they were planning on handling it and/or trying to add changes.

Judy made a motion to adjourn at 10:38, it was seconded by Steve, approved 6-0.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 13th at 09:30am at the center.

Board members currently serving are:

Dick Claypool, President
Charlene Ross, Vice President
Steve Ash, Secretary
Judy Sanford, Treasurer
Virginia Timm, Activity Director
LaVon Dudley and Bev Rodman,
Members

Rolling Prairie Veteran's Appreciation Meal on November 10

All Veteran's are invited to the Rolling Prairie Senior Center to eat lunch on Friday, November 10th at noon. Veteran's meals will be paid for by the center. If a Veteran would like to bring a guest, that meal will need to be paid for. Cost of a meal is \$4.00 for those 60 and older and \$7.00 for those under 60.

Meals are prepared at Alta Vista and delivered to White City. In order for Alta Vista to order and prepare enough food, you will need to call the center at 785-349-2813 by MONDAY, OCTOBER 30th at 9:30 am to reserve a meal. SORRY, NO LATE RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE AFTER 9:30 AM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH.

We hope to see our Veteran's on the 10th to show our appreciation for serving.



The October Kaw Mission Council will be held on October 22 at 2 p.m. at the Carnegie located at 303 West Main Street in Historic Council Grove. "Hispanic Traders on the Santa Fe Trail" will be presented by Fort Larned National Historic Site Park Ranger, Celeste Dixon.



Celeste Dixon

The program will explore the economic need that attracted traders to the New Mexico market, as well as inspiring New Mexico merchants such as the Baca, Armijo families who were involved with the Santa Fe trade. Dixon has been a ranger at Fort Larned for almost 16 years. She has been a Park Ranger for almost 30 years, starting at the Chickamauga Battlefield district of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park. Since then, she has worked seasonally at Harry S. Truman and Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Sites, and permanently at MLK, Richmond National Battlefield Park and Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park. Dixon took the job at Fort Larned because she wanted to move out of Civil War history and has been pleasantly surprised and fascinated by the depth and variety of Kansas history and the Santa Fe Trail, along with the Indian Wars history also.

This program is sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society, Fort Larned National Historic Site and Friends of Kaw Heritage. A \$3 suggested donation will be collected. For more information contact Site Administrator Mark Brooks at 620-307-2754 or mark.brooks@ks.gov

The Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution, sometimes called the “Lame Duck Amendment” is ratified on January 23, 1933, moving the president’s inauguration date from March 4 to January 20.

**Deborah Sampson Program Presented by
Anna Smith, Hosted by DAR at the Trail Days
Cafe in Council Grove**



Program of a Revolutionary Heroine - Anna Smith, center, portrayed **Deborah Sampson** at the Council Oak DAR program held last week in Council Grove. **Deborah Sampson** was a revolutionary heroine who disguised herself as a man to fight in the American Revolutionary War. Pictured with **Ms. Smith** are **Rebecca Klein**, DAR State Regent, and **Colleen Anderson**. (courtesy photos)



Council Oak DAR Members Hold Tree Dedication - *Four of the Council Oak DAR members braved the cold wind to attend the tree dedication following the program. Pictured are: Colleen Anderson, Sharmon Richardson, Phyllis Metzger and Donna Bundy.*

**The Twenty-First Amendment to the Constitution is ratified,
repealing Prohibition on December 5, 1933.**

Happy Birthday,
Grandmother
Mary!!



With Love from
Emma, Cooper & Theo
(and the rest of
your family)

**Happy Birthday,
Uncle Joel!!!**



**With Love from
Emma, Cooper & Theo
(and the rest of your family)**



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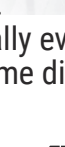
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Motorists Encouraged To Be on the Lookout For Deer

Vehicle-deer crashes can happen any day of the year on Kansas roadways. Across the state, 37% of all single-vehicle crashes in 2022 involved a collision with a deer. The Kansas Department of Transportation reports six people were killed and 575 people were injured in collisions with deer in 2022.

These crashes greatly increase from now until the end of the year because of deer breeding season, with November typically the peak time.

This is why KDOT, the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, AAA Kansas and the Kansas Turnpike Authority are joining to raise awareness and help decrease vehicle-deer crashes.

“If a deer enters the roadway in front of your car, it is best to hit the animal and not swerve to avoid it,” said KHP Captain Candice Breshers. “We find more serious crashes occur when you swerve to miss the deer, potentially losing control of your vehicle, leaving the road or veering into oncoming traffic.”

Roadway safety officials suggest drivers:

Be especially watchful at dawn and dusk when deer are more active.

If you see one deer, expect others, as deer seldom travel alone.

Be alert and reduce speeds near wooded areas or green spaces and near water sources such as streams and ponds.

Deer crossing signs show areas where high numbers of vehicle-deer collisions have occurred in the past; but they can happen on any roadway, including city streets.

Do not swerve to avoid hitting a deer. Motorists could then veer into oncoming traffic, run off the road, hit objects or overturn. Use bright headlights when there is no oncoming traffic and scan for the reflective eyes of deer.

If a collision occurs, move the vehicle to the roadway’s shoulder. Then, if possible, call law enforcement – KHP dispatch at *47, the Kansas Turnpike at *KTA or local law enforcement at 911.

Put the vehicle’s hazard lights on, whether it is light or dark outside.

Remain in the vehicle with your seat belt fastened to be better protected.

Contact your insurance company to report any vehicle damage.

Shawn Steward, Public and Government Affairs Manager for AAA Kansas, said deer can be unpredictable, so even the best drivers are at risk.

“In addition to the inconvenience of your vehicle damage, the cost of repairs may put a serious dent in your wallet,” Steward said. “AAA insurance statistics indicate that the average claim in Kansas for an animal strike in 2022 was almost \$7,000 – up more than 60% in just five years.”

Anyone involved in a collision with a deer or other animal resulting in personal injury or property damage totaling \$1,000 or more is required to immediately report the incident to the nearest law enforcement agency.

Nadia Marji, Chief of Public Affairs and Engagement Officer for KDWP, said a common question to the agency is if a hunting license is needed to personally take a deer carcass from a crash scene.

“KDWP has a process in place for this through salvage tags,” Marji said. “A salvage tag is required to remove all or part of a deer carcass from an accident site and can be issued by a KDWP game warden, KHP trooper or sheriff’s deputy.”

Increase roadway safety this fall and throughout the year by staying alert, obeying posted laws and eliminating distractions while driving. Always wear a seat belt and use appropriate child safety seats, every trip, every time.

NOTE: Go to this link, STWD_Deer_Accs_by_County_2022.pdf (ksdot.gov), to view the vehicle-deer statistics by county for 2022, with the statewide stats at the bottom of the file.

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Halloween happens every evening of the 31st of October. It marks the start of Allhallowtide, a series of Christian holidays meant to remember the dead such as loved ones, saints, and martyrs.

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Current Halloween customs can be traced to the pagan traditions of ancient Celts, particularly the festival called “Samhain” which means summer’s end. It is part of their preparation for the gloomy winter.

Fine Dining in the Flint Hills

by Kelly Judd, guest food critic

Warren and Susie Harshman turned their dream into reality when they acquired the historic Clover Cliff Ranch, originally initiated in 1860 and completed in 1883. Their unwavering commitment lies in the preservation of the ranch’s storied history, its natural splendor, and its rich cultural heritage.

In keeping with the ranch’s long-standing tradition of welcoming guests with open arms, the Harshman’s have established a charming and distinctive bed and breakfast. Here, visitors can unwind, bask in the beauty of the Flint Hills, and gain insights into the ranch’s history and culture.

Having attained their initial goal, the ensuing endeavor involved establishing an exceptional and truly memorable gourmet dining establishment amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the Flint Hills.

Enter Chef Jacob Holmes, Council Grove native, and his significant other, Chef Kendra Levy, currently running for Mayor of Council Grove. They are opening “The Cliff.” Although it is in the Pavilion at the Clover Cliff Ranch, it is a separate entity.

These experienced and skilled chefs infuse their dishes with creative innovation, blending elements of both classical and contemporary cuisine. Jacob began honing his skills at the Flint Hills Tech Culinary School. Kendra, originally from Hamilton, Montana, honed her skills in Dallas/Ft Worth, eventually running the Culinary School in Emporia, where they met.

Kendra has master’s degrees in both Counseling and Health & Human Performance. She also holds the prestigious title of “Certified Chef de Cuisine” from the American Culinary Federation, a designation held by only 600 people worldwide.

As Kendra pointed out to me, “I suppose that’s why I am so driven to tell stories through food. The undying need to satisfy people’s desire for something completely different and unique! I love to see guests enjoying themselves with our food, our story ends up being part of theirs. It’s our food family.”

Joe Sol, a native of Manhattan, Kansas, with roots in Brooklyn, New York, and a wealth of experience in the restaurant industry, assumes various key roles within the management operations. These roles include maitre d’, bartender, server, and front-of-house manager.

At a recent soft opening, prior to an anticipated November 25 hard opening, an extraordinary 5-course meal was served.

Our appetizer, Os à Moelle Pain Grillé, Grilled Bone Marrow. is a rich and decadent dish known for its fatty and savory flavors. This was served with an herbed garlic butter candle and toast points. A crisp and acidic Sauvignon Blanc can provide a refreshing contrast to the fatty flavors of the bone marrow.

The second course was Soupe de Courge D’hiver, Winter Squash Soup, a warm and comforting dish with sweet and earthy flavors. A dollop of crème fraîche, pumpkin seeds, and a delightful sliver of tart apple offered a contrasting element to the sweetness. The soup exhibited an incredibly silky and velvety texture.

Paired with a Viognier, which is known for its aromatic and fruity characteristics, it complements the subtle sweetness of the squash and can add a pleasant floral and stone fruit dimension to the soup.

The Cliff, the house salad, is a combination of baby field greens, hearts of palm, baby bell peppers, and artichoke hearts, dressed in a flavorful bourbon Dijon mustard dressing.

A crisp and refreshing white wine, such as a Sauvignon Blanc or a Chardonnay, can be a good choice because of their acidity and fruitiness that can balance the salad’s flavors.

However, wine pairing is subjective, and personal preferences can vary. If you prefer red wine, a light-bodied Pinot Noir or a Beaujolais could also work well with this salad.

The entrée was a seared U-10 scallop (FRESH!!! - flown in same day) on a scallop shell, with beurre noisette (brown butter) and lemon “caviar” resting on a bed of crispy dinosaur kale. Accompanying this dish was a succulent beef filet served with a rich veal demi-glace.

A light to medium-bodied Pinot Noir can complement both the scallop and beef with its red fruit notes and subtle earthiness. It will not overpower the delicate flavors of the scallop.

The fifth and last course, dessert, featured a deconstructed Tiramisu. Delicate ladyfingers were arranged on a layer of mascarpone custard, accompanied by gold-dipped chocolate decorations, and served with a shot of espresso, offering a delightful twist on Italy’s finest dessert.

While not a wine, Amaretto liqueur can be a delightful pairing with Tiramisu. Its almond and marzipan notes complement the dessert’s flavors.

Or, if you prefer a cocktail, an Espresso Martini can be a fun and caffeinated choice to enjoy alongside your Tiramisu and espresso shot.

Jacob and Kendra’s presence helps complete the Clover Cliff Ranch Bed & Breakfast experience. I highly recommend an evening at The Cliff, and personally look forward to many wonderful evenings savoring Jacob and Kendra’s flair and culinary artistry.

You can follow them on Facebook, search for The Cliff.

Morris County Historical Society Fall Program to be October 26

The Morris County Historical Society in conjunction with Humanities Kansas will be presenting its Fall Program on Thursday October 26 at 630 pm at its Carnegie location, 303 W Main in Council Grove.

The program, The Civil War in Kansas, will focus on the story of Kansas during those Civil War years, 1861-1865, and how it helped shape the state’s image for years afterward. As the Border wars heated up in Bleeding Kansas, Kansans fended off Confederate attacks, accepted the formerly-enslaved into their communities, and engaged in bitter political debates across the state. Men of all backgrounds - Black, Native American, and White served in uniform and Women managed the farmsteads and formed societies for the needy while the men were at war.

Will Haynes is the Director of Engagement and Learning for the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence. A meet-and-greet will follow the program on the Main Floor of the Carnegie. There is no admission charge to this open program. A freewill donation will be accepted at the door to help with ongoing building maintenance expenses at MCHS sites.

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Obituaries

William John Shippy

William “Bill” John Shippy passed away peacefully at his home near Woodbine, KS on October 13, 2023, with his family at his side. He was born March 18, 1938, at his parents’ rural Chapman farm home. His parents were Harvey and Mary Margaret (Wilson) Shippy.

Bill grew up in the Woodbine community, attending school at Liberty Center, Chapman High School, and Sterling College. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1960 and served six years before being honorably discharged in 1966. Bill was a member of the Woodbine United Methodist Church and served on many church committees including chairing the Trustee board.

On July 19, 1964, Bill was joined in marriage to Nora Engel at the Presbyterian Church in Junction City. They raised five children on the family farm that his grandfather purchased from the railroad in 1879. He sowed and harvested many bushels of wheat and baled many a bale for their cattle herd. Bill enjoyed all aspects of the farm, but especially enjoyed working with his cow/calf operation. He was an advocate for the agricultural community, serving on the Woodbine Cooperative board. He also drove a school bus for several years, providing safe transportation for many area children.

Bill’s family was the center of his life. He is survived by his wife, Nora, daughter Charlotte Barten (Jim) of Woodbine, sons Kevin (Teresa) of Manhattan, Darrell (Kay) of Hays, and Brian (Carrie) of Woodbine; grandchildren Jaycelyn Walker (Taylor), Anna Pachta (Ryan), Jordyn Ross (Quinten), Jaryth Barten, Ethan Shippy, Jessyka Barten (financé Anders Mikkelsen), McKenzie Shippy, Wyatt Shippy (Tristyn), Claire Shippy, and Katelyn Shippy; great-grandchildren Ridley Walker, Nina Pachta and Kollin Shippy.

Preceding him in death were his daughter Patricia, his parents, brothers Harlan, Alden, David and Dale, and sisters Vida Blockcolsky and Amy Elson.

Funeral services were held on October 17, 2023, at the Woodbine United Methodist Church, with interment in the Lyons Creek German Baptist Cemetery.

Yazel Megli Funeral Home is serving the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home Health and Hospice of Dickinson County or Woodbine United Methodist Church.

Please sign his online guestbook and leave a memory of Bill at www.yazelmeglihfh.com.

Ardyce Schrader

Word has been received of the death of Ardyce Schrader, 94, of Alma, Kansas. Ardyce passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023.



Richard Robert Falardeau

SFC (Ret.) Richard Robert Falardeau, 78, of White City, passed away on October 6, 2023, at Morris County Hospital. Cremation has taken place and a family led graveside service with full military honors is scheduled for Friday, October 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m., at the White City Cemetery, White City, Kansas.

He was born on October 27, 1944, to Edgar and Cecile (Mainville) Falardeau in Lowell, Massachusetts. After high school, in enlisted into the U.S. Army and served his country honorably for 24 years until his retirement in 1992.

Richard and his wife, Ionia, married in June 14, 2014, and enjoyed nine years of marriage together. He loved his wife and his family more than anything else. They took full priority in his life and they will miss him dearly.

Ronald Leland (Pete) Peterson

Ronald Leland Peterson (Pete), 86, of Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, passed away October 15th, 2023.

Ron was born July 23rd, 1937, in Parkerville, Kansas. After graduating from Council Grove High School. He married Leona Lamb in Great Bend. They went on to have a daughter Tracey and sons Tim and Todd.

Ron later married Jean Ensminger with daughter Lori and son Vin. Jean passed away January 9th, 2016, and Ron relocated to Strong City Kansas.

Over the years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and an interest in tackling any project he could put his own spin on to fix up and improve.

Ron was predeceased by wife Jean, parents Charles and Edna (Read), brothers Charles, Jerry and sister Wilma. Daughter Tracey passed as an infant.

He is survived by children Tim Peterson (Toni) of Strong City Kansas, Todd Peterson (Julie) Estherville, IA, Lori Canslor (Skip) Alma, Kansas and Vin Ensminger of Alma, Kansas.

Grand Children Matt Miller, Tyler Peterson (Nikki), Cody Peterson (Makalia), Levi Peterson, Brooke Perkins (Jason) and Ashley Hartkopp (Grant). Great Grand Children Braden Peterson, Clark Miller, Alexys Miller, Cooper Miller, Haley Smith, and Braxton Westergard.

Services to be announced later.

Harvesters to Distribute Food Items in Alta Vista on October 24

ALTA VISTA-The Harvesters Community Food Network, with partner organization Alta Vista High View Church, announces a distribution of fresh, nutritious food to individuals and families in need. The distribution will be Tuesday, October 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the High View Church, 402 Main. The food will be directly distributed into cars. If you have your own bags, please bring them with you.

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Looking Back

The Alta Vista Journal, White City Register / Reporter & The Prairie Post

1913 (One Hundred Ten years ago)-Leonard Jacobs went to Nebraska this week to the land drawing.

The Lutheran church has been equipped with electric lights.

The state authority says that the city water at Council Grove is absolutely unfit for domestic use.

1923 (One Hundred years ago)-A new organization known as “The Buttinsky Club” has been founded in A.V.H.S. All members are 100% boosters. The motto of this class is “To Butt and Boost, and Boost and Butt.”

A big crowd of Alta Vista people motored to Council Grove Monday evening to hear the talk on the Ku Klux Klan, and report a very interesting talk. The meeting was held on the courthouse lawn, and despite the cold weather the interest was close. The speaker, a young fellow about nineteen years old, sure “Know his stuff.”

The big pavilion at the fair grounds will be formally opened as a sale pavilion next Saturday when **Skeen Bros.** hold their sale of Polled Herefords.

TEMPLIN-Mrs. Wm. Wahl is spending the week on Deep Creek making the acquaintance of her new grandson at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. John Gehrt.**

August Simon purchased a milk cow from **Jonas Johnson** last week.

A few from here attended the rodeo in **Frank’s** pasture Saturday.

1933 (Ninety years ago)-The city council hired **George Hyde** as a night watchman at \$5 a month. After considerable investigation and discussion, the city is finally going to have a new dump grounds—entirely outside of the city limits, so it will not be another eye-sore. The council voted to lease a tract of ground from **W.H. Teel** at \$25 a year, the lease to run for 10 years with the option of renewing. The question of adding extra police for Hallowe’en was discussed, and the officials agreed it would be a good thing to see that the boys did not have things too much their way. The matter was left to **Mayor Newgard, City Marshal Taylor and Night Watch Hyde.**

Norman Winkler, deputy in the county clerk’s office, was here Wednesday to deliver some of the government’s salt pork to those receiving aid from the county. He said about 1,000 pounds would be distributed to the needy of the county.

MILL CREEK-Mrs. Clarence Hartner invited in the quilters last week to help with a very pretty “Flower Garden” quilt. Those helping were **Mrs. Martin Zimmerman, Mrs. Arnold Zimmerman, Mrs. C.F. Heideman, Mrs. Zeb Eisenhut, Mrs. Walter Zimmerman and Mrs. Wm. Fink.**

1943 (Eighty years ago)-Carl Glessner has bought the **Newgard** herd of dairy cows and rented the **Anderson** farm, and will operate a dairy here, taking up where **Vernon Anderson** and **George Newgard** left off.

Dr. W.M. Droll last week traded his residence in the southeast part of town, the former **Kahle** place, for the **Spencer Newcomb** 80 acre farm southeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McDiffett and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steere and Larry, and Miss Virginia Swenson spent Sunday with **Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gfeller** near Junction City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Richter and Charmaine, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Richter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peterson and son, Mrs. Elsie Richter and girls, and Mrs. C.F. Iseli of Pueblo, Colo., enjoyed a basket dinner Sunday at **Harold Steeres.**

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1953 (Seventy years ago)-Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sisson, the Clarence Hornes, Arthur Mayers, Al Rowley and Andrew Skeen were in to watch the World Series on the **Bert Sisson** TV Sunday.

Dierking Motor Co. delivered a Chrysler New Yorker to **Virgil Ziegler.**

In an impressive ceremony in the main Post chapel in Fort Riley on October 7, at 8:30 p.m., **Miss Etta Warnecke**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Warnecke** of Alta Vista, became the bride of **Roy W. Glessner, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glessner, sr.,** of Alta Vista The bride’s attendant was **Miss Patricia Kerstetter.** **Arnold Glessner**, brother of the groom, was best man. The young couple will make their home near Pensacola, Fla., where **Mr. Glessner** is stationed.

Mrs. Mary Freeman, 85, Dwight, passed away October 1. She was born in St. Louis, Mo., and came to Morris county with her parents while still an infant. Four daughters and one son survive: **Mrs. Clara Pearson, Mrs. Margaret Curyea, Mrs. John Gordon, Mrs. Paul McDiffett, and Franklin E. Freeman** of New York.

OUT AROUND BEMAN-Alf Block, George Eberle, Bob Block and John Pearson have new ponds. Now we need a big rain to put some water in them.

DWIGHT-Mrs. Margaret Curyea, president of the Ladies Aid, has appointed her committees for their annual fall festival, known as Harvest Home. The menu committee met at the home of **Mrs. Vern Goss** to arrange the menu which is: choice of fried chicken or baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, buttered corn, string beans, salad, relish, rolls, pie and coffee. There will be no auction of the handmade articles as heretofore, but they will be sold from a booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Sisson and children have moved from the **Norman Erikson** apartment to the **Vendaline Goss** cottage just north of the Rock Island crossing.

Mrs. Wayne Olson attended an expectation shower honoring **Mrs. Earl Brown**, at the **Bill Brown** home Sunday.

1983 (Forty years ago)-**Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman** are the parents of a daughter **Jamie Lynn** born Saturday, Oct. 22. She has a sister, **Megan Leigh.** Grandparents are **Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Herpich, White City, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Zimmerman, Alta Vista.**

Earl L. Meyers has joined the staff of the **Earl M. Brown Real Estate and Auction Service.** He works at Fort Riley, has been there 17 years as an electronics technician.

Kim Hoch, Dwight, has been selected as a 1983-84 Ag Ambassador for Kansas State University.

Gary Massey, class of 1960, was the featured speaker at the Alta Vista Alumni Association annual banquet. The class of 1933 was the honor class. Members of the class present were **Lyle Ottinger, Mary Nace Ottinger, Leon Holman, Iris Alexander Toerck, Elwyn Avery, Ernie Bennett, and Irma Andres Swenson.**

2013 (Ten Years Ago)---The Dwight Community Development Corp’s Fall Gathering in the Park was attended by nearly 50 people who enjoyed a beautiful afternoon-evening event.

Obituary - Kenneth Edward Brabb, 90
The Alta Vista Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual Halloween Costume Parade in downtown Alta Vista on Thursday, October 31, beginning at 5 pm.

A Halloween Party, sponsored by the City of Dwight with the help of organizations and churches in the Dwight Community, is planned for Sunday, Oct. 27 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Dwight United Methodist Church.

Ila Mae Macy, John Buchanan, Vida Zimmerman, Vic Zimmerman, and Helen Gensing were the honorees at the October birthday dinner held recently at the Alta Vsita Senior Center.

1933 (Ninety Years Ago)-The eighth grade class is hoping the number 13 will bring them luck. There are 13 students in the grade, all are 13 years old and their teacher, **Mr. Harold Roehrman**, is now teaching in his 13th year.

Obituary - Annie Anderson Blythe, age 74; Martin Frederick Diekmann, age 46; Bertha Inez Durham Williams, age 45; Lafayette Mulnix, age 90

Red Top held their community meeting Friday evening with entertainment by **Norma Merritt, Mrs. Gordon North, Maxine Keeble, Dorothy Keeble, Alma Gronewald, Walter Paige, Frank Wallace, Nellie Jones, Mrs. Emil Kohler, Erma Scott** and orchestra music by the Red Top Symphony consisting of the of all members of the community who have instruments.

Helen Fitzsimmons was elected president of the Junior Farmers 4-H club when it met Thursday evening at the **Martin Kamm’s.** Community leader is **Beatrice Bacon.**

1943 (Eighty Years Ago)-An unaccountable accident, in which **George Timm** lost his life, happened at the Rock Island depot last Friday morning as No. 17 arrived from the east. **Mr. Timm**, who had care of the night trains, was in some manner hit by No. 17 and thrown against a fast freight train which was coming from the west. He was 59 years old.

The Red Top and Kitchen communities met at the Red Top school Friday evening and formed a joint organization. **Mrs. A. L. Tatlow** was elected president. The program included harmonica music by **Gilbert Koepsel**, a vocal duet by **Wanda Van Meter and Peggy Ann North**, a piano duet by **Shirley and Emily Pagel** and a piano solo by **Joyce Muehlenburg.** After the program, **F. L. Scott and Earl Warnecke** chose sides for a spelling match. **Mr. Warnecke’s** side was victorious.

The Stone Chapel community meeting Friday night featured a program of a cornet solo by **Marjorie Griffiths**, a talk on life in the Navy by **George Newbury**, a vocal solo by **Mona Jean Worrell** and life in Washington, D. C. by **Lucille Funk.**

Betty , Dale and Lloyd Wernecke gave a farewell party for **Ben Pagel** who left Monday for Leavenworth to by inducted into the Army.

William Oliver Hood has begun his recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hallmark announce the birth of a son, **William Barry**, born October 4.

1953 (Seventy Years Ago)-The White City Huskies dropped their homecoming football game to Randolph 26-13. **Floyd Phillips** scored both of White City’s touchdowns.

Emily Pagel was crowned queen of the White City Homecoming last Friday afternoon and was presented a dozen red roses by the football captain, **Wilmot Rogers.** Her attendants were **Sharon Swart and Phyllis Hosie.**

George Daeschner, state firemanship instructor, will be in White City for five Wednesday evenings to conduct training sessions for the members of the local fire department, according to fire chief **Ed Bowman.**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paige and Mr. and Mrs. Niles Kuehn left Friday for a few days in the Ozarks.

Miss Fay Bradley was honored with a bridal shower Saturday at the home of **Mrs. Clem Adam with Mrs. Roy Knapp, Mrs. W. C. Morris and Mrs. Arthur Davis** as co-hostesses. **Miss Bradley** was also honored with a bridal shower on October 13 given by **Misses Nessie Hultgren, Erma Hultgren and Betty Payne.**

1963 (Sixty Years Ago)-The residence of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones**, in the northwest corner of the city, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

A one-act play, “Sally and the Villain” will be presented at the annual American

Legion Auxiliary Home Talent Night. Cast members are **Art and Angie White, Joann Phelps, Rylene Carl, Vicki North, Larry Williams, and Lonnie Conde.**

The Junior Class is making preparations for their play, “Home Sweet Homicide”. Cast members will be **Carolle Hood, Carol Casterline, Gladys Marts, Pat Anderson, Bob Sanford, Sandy Thomas, Mike Hueser, Craig Worrell, Rickey Wendt. Keith Palmer, Gary Kasten, Sue Bowman, George Malik, Beverly Scott, Kathy Newbury, Sue Sutter and Danny Moutz.**

Gary Kasten threw a pass to **Don Ohm** for the Huskies lone score in the 20-6 loss to Blue Valley last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Smith are the parents of a daughter, **Joella Kay**, born October 13.

1973 (Fifty Years Ago)-**Vernon Rose and Ardis Swart** were married Tuesday, October 9, at the United Methodist Church in Marysville.

Jamie Rice, Mary Wildman, Jeannine Comp and Edna Smith accompanied their Kayette sponsor, **Mrs. Norma North**, to the regional conference at Belleville last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Webb, Mrs. Keith Kahnt and Mrs. G. L. Cabrales drove to Eureka last week to attend the Fourth District convention of the KFWC.

Kelly Fielder was named the Huskies “Headhunter of the Week” by **Coach Ron Blackwood.**

White City downed Luckey 42-0 last week for their sixth win of the season. **Cary Granzow (2), Terry Cabrales (2), Kelly Fielder and Steve Morgan** scored the Huskies touchdowns.

2003 Twenty Years Ago -- Diabetes has changed the lifestyle of two White City students, **Emily Morgan and Jenna Harmison**, but it certainly has not changed their lives as they continue to be very active in numerous school and community activities.

White City Lady Huskies finished third in the Herington Invitational volleyball tournament held Saturday. They defeated Topeka Cair Paravel and Herington, losing to Abilene in pool play. They took on Sacred Heart in bracket play, losing but coming back to defeat Hope in two sets to earn third place.

The Junior High Lady Huskies added another win Thursday, defeating Centre, to stay at the top of the league.

Emily Morgan and Shawn Werle were crowned Huskies homecoming queen and king last Friday night.

Mike and Kristol Stenstrom announce the birth of their son, **Arik Michael**, born October 1.

2013 (Ten Years Ago)---Despite the unusual snow that the area received Friday and the bitter cold temperatures, the Huskies football team, former players and cheerleaders, alumni and Huskies fans had a great time celebrating Flashback Friday. Former players **Clancy Shinn, Chad Sanford, Kaleb Effland, David Sanford, Nick Morgan, Danny Allen, Tracy Schmidt, Codi Smith, Steve Ash, Steve Morgan, Gene Allen, Mike Orr, Jr., Larry Stilwell, Buck Sangwin, Duane Blythe, Trent Blythe, Jaren Nittler, Andy Worrell, Ty Larson, Freddie Worrell, Chuck Hoff, Don Sanford, Jeremy Campuzano, Mike Markley, Monty Stilwell and Rudy Anderson** enjoyed watching the Huskies get a big 50-0 win over Tescott. Scoring touchdowns for the Huskies were **Terrance Egger, John Settgaast, and Sam Morgan.**

Ashley Worrell and Gregg Yenzer of St. George proudly announce the birth of their son, **Jaykob Dean Yenzer** on September 29.

Obituaries - Doris Alice Herpich, 88; Joyce Mary (McKibbin) Gallaway, 59

During the USD #481 Board of Education meeting, **Principal Teeter** informed the board that enrollment at Hope, including preschool, was 164 and **Principal Harmison** informed the board that her student count was at 183.

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Menus for Alta Vista & White City Senior Centers October 23-27

WHITE CITY CENTER (349-2813)
ALTA VISTA CENTER (499-5350)
Monday - Hamburger on Bun, Onion, Pickle, Wedges, Baked Beans, Pineapple Crumble, Cookie
Tuesday - Open Faced Turkey Sandwich/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Beets, Apricots (WC - Chair Yoga, 10:30-11 am)
Wednesday - Liver & Onions OR Beef Patty & Onions, Potato Wedges, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Roll (WC - Dominoes)
Thursday -Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Roll
Friday - Smothered Chicken, Hashbrowns, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit Cobbler, Bread (AV - Pie Day; WC - Birthday Lunch, Draw for 5 lunch tickets, Cards after lunch)
(Meal prices: \$4 for those over 60; \$7 for those under 60)

School Menus for WHITE CITY & HOPE SCHOOLS October 23-27

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Scrumptious Coffee Cake
Wednesday: Whole Grain Waffle, Scrambled Egg
Thursday: Breakfast Sundae, Raisins
Friday: Whole Grain Pancake, Sausage Patty

**Fruit, juice and milk served with each breakfast*

LUNCH*:
Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Taco Burger, Romaine, Tomato, Refried Beans, Chips w/Black Bean and Corn Salsa (9-12), Mandarin Orange
Wednesday: SOPHOMORE MENU: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Strawberries & Bananas
Thursday: Whole Grain Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Whole Grain Roll, Apple
Friday: Cheeseburger on Whole Grain Bun, Sweet Potato Puffs, Celery & Cucumber, Tropical Fruit

**All lunches served with milk*

Sports

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are some of the best runners you will see in 3A & 2A. The Braves traveled to West Franklin for the Flint Hills League meet on Thursday. And the races and runners did not disappoint. There were great performances and great races. The Braves came home with 3 all-league placers. Senior Kodi Downes finished 4th and freshman Jadyn Picolet came in 9th in the boys 5k race. And Carter Bremer took 2nd place in the jr. high race.

“We had some really good performances today. Times were up from last week and kids are kind of bummed they didn’t slice time off again this week, but it was windy and the course isn’t layed out for really fast times, there are a lot of turns and switchbacks that affect times. But Valentin ran a season best time and all 3 jr. high kids ran really well. Hayden Horton was a spot out of the medal stand and Carter probably executed the race plan of keeping enough in the tank for the back end of the race as well as any of our kids.”

A little less than a mile into his race Bremer was battling with 5 runners for spots, as they crossed the mile mark Bremer started working on that plan. Behind 2 guys that had beat him earlier in the season he started working on those 2 as they climbed the lone, long hill on the course. Bremer had them both by the top of it and as the race went on they tried to grab their spots back from Bremer but he would not relent. He pressed on it in the last quarter mile extending the gap between him and the competitors behind him.

“He has made that strong finish part of his running style this season. It’s so fun to watch!”

“We knew it was going to be a battle in the boys 5k up front. There are some guys that will make medal stands at state in a couple of weeks that wanted to win that race. It was really fun to watch them compete.”

Early there were 10 battling up front, a mile into it it was 6, Downes was in the hunt until late. As it started to separate out, he still had a battle for a spot all the way to the finish line. Downes grabbed 4th, and shortly behind him Picolet was battling for a top 10 spot. He got it finishing 9th, the lone underclassman in the top 10.

“It was really fun to go run a course we never had been on before and compete against some high level competition. I thought our kids ran well, ran with a purpose, they had great approaches and mindsets going in. The conditions weren’t there for a bunch of PRs, but that shouldn’t take away from their performances. It was a good start to the postseason, our league is so good and so deep that it gives us a good idea of what we can do next week at regionals. Hope to see everybody out next Saturday to watch these kids run!”

The Braves host a 2A & 3A Regional Saturday Oct. 21st at Canning Creek Cove.

Times & Results:
High School BOYS
Kodi Downes 16:51 4th
Valentin Mascote 20:34 29th
Jadyn Picolet 18:00 9th
Brody Nelson 20:35 30th
Evan Birk 29:22:00 44/44
Daniel Most 28:23:00 43rd
High School GIRLS
Castyn Andres 27:08:00 28/33
Middle School BOYS
Carter Bremer 12:20 2nd
Hayden Horton 13:52 11th
Middle School GIRLS
Haylee Nielsen 16:34 16th/29

Council Grove High Girls Volleyball submitted by Coach Matt Wilkens

Varsity:
Match 1- Loss
16-25, 25-19, 19-25
Match 2- Loss
25-23, 20-25, 17-25
JV: Win
25-22, 25-15
C: Win
25-23, 19-25, 15-12
Varsity stats:
Kills- Lilliana Blackledge 19, Kaedyn Litke 12, Brittley King 12, Emily Bacon 6
Blocks- Lilliana Blackledge 5, Emily Bacon 1
Ace Serves- Hollyn Zeigler 2, Brittley King 1
Varsity is back in action for the league tourney in Chase County as the 6 seed on Saturday.

Braves go 0-3 in League Tourney
The varsity had a rough weekend at the league tourney going 0-3. They lost 15-25, 25-27 to Lyndon to start the day off and never recovered. They lost game 2 vs West Franklin 16-25, 19-25 and lost to Northern Heights 17-25, 25-20, 23-25. They will play the 1 seed at the sub-state tournament.

Rural Vista High School Football submitted by Coach Brian Henry RV 8, Hutch Central Christian 36

Rural Vista Heat Football lost Friday to Hutch Central Christian by a score of 8-36. The Heat had 4 possessions in the 1st half, one a 14 play drive that they turned over on downs and another was an interception on a screen play that Hutch CC returned to the Heat’s 4 yard line that turned into a Hutch score and 2 point conversion.

After a second fumble in the half, the Heat defense stiffened and turned over Hutch CC on downs and the Heat put together another 14 play drive down to the Hutch 13 yard line when time ran out of the half. Making the halftime score 0-8, Hutch CC.

With the Heat receiving the ball after halftime, the Heat felt pretty good but that feeling soon turned on them when they fumbled the 3rd snap from center and turned the ball over to Hutch. Hutch scored 4 plays later making the score 14-0 after the 2 point conversion failed.

After a couple of punts, the Heat got a spark from Kole Riedy who returned a punt with some nifty footwork, returning the punt 65 yards before he ran out of gas on the 5 yd line and Gavin Carson took the next play in on a run of 5 yds and also added the 2 point conversion to make the score 8-14 midway thru the 3rd.

Hutch CC answered right back with a TD of their own and the 2 point conversion on a 4th Down one handed

grab in the back of the endzone.

After the Heat put together another 12 play drive, and having a touchdown called back on a clipping call, the Heat turned the ball over on downs at the Hutch CC 17 yard line. Hutch would score 2 more times and Rural Vista offense stalled twice, making the final Score 8-36.

“Our youth showed up tonight,” Coach Henry. “We have never played in a big game like this. We cannot practice big games and big plays in practice. The only way we can practice big games and big plays is to be in big games.” Coach Henry added. “I think the experience tonight was invaluable to these players and will definitely help them in future big games”

Stat Leaders:
Rushing - Logan Tate 14 -81 yds; Kole Riedy 8 - 53 yds; Gavin Carson 13-50yds TD and 2 pt Con

Passing - Koden Sanford 4-11 for 121 yds and 2 Int

Recieving - Landon Parker 1-33 yds; Kole Riedy 2-57 yds; Grant Eskeldson 1-30yds

Leading Tacklers - Gavin Carson was involved in 14 Tackles; Logan Tate was involved in 11 Tackles; Kole Riedy involved in 7

The Heat ends the regular season with League and District foe, Canton Galva, in Hope for Hope’s Homecoming Thursday, Oct 19th, at 7. Followed by a playoff game the next week Oct 27 Opponent and Site TBA

Weekly report from the office of the Wabaunsee County Sheriff

The Wabaunsee County Sheriff’s Office submitted the following report for service calls for the week of October 6-12, 2023:

October 6
9:36 am-31624 Chapel St, Wamego; Building Check
11:39 am-Stockgrowers State Bank, 304 Missouri St, Alma; Follow up
12:42 pm-E 3rd St and Ohio St, Alma; Found Property
1:33 pm-Keene Eskridge Rd and Glacier Rd, Eskridge; Traffic Stop
1:43 pm-Gookins Rd and Harveyville Rd, Harveyville; Stand By
2:13 pm-Mission Valley Sr/Jr High School, 12913 Mission Valley Rd, Eskridge; Medical Call
2:54 pm-501 SE 8th Ave, Topeka; Warrant - Misdemeanor
4:27 pm-K-99 Hwy and Rockton Rd, Eskridge; Traffic Stop
6:09 pm-K-99 Hwy and W I-70 Hwy, Alma; Accident N/Injury
6:52 pm-12515 Beaverstream Rd, Maple Hill; Suspicious Vehicle
7:16 pm-Illinois Creek Rd and Old K-10 Rd, Alma; Animal Complaint
9:52 pm-Wabaunsee Rd and Lindbergh Rd, Alma; Traffic Problem

October 7
2:26 am-30105 Clapboard Acres Rd, Alma; Unattended Death
8:46 am-Osawatomie State Hospital, 500 State Hospital Dr, Osawatomie; Transport
12:09 pm-322 E I-70 Hwy, Alma; Motorist Assist
12:38 pm-328 W I-70 Hwy, Alma; Traffic Problem
7:46 pm-K-4 Hwy and 300th Rd, Alta Vista; Accident N/Injury
8:08 pm-NE K-4 Hwy and Mission Valley Rd, Eskridge; Accident N/Injury
9:46 pm-218 Main St, McFarland; Speak With Deputy

October 8
8:34 am-W Spring Creek Rd and Old K-10 Rd, Alma; Traffic Problem
1:06 am-Skyline Rd and Hessdale Rd, Alma; Accident N/Injury
1:21 pm-Gookins Rd and Harveyville Rd, Harveyville; Stand By
1:55 pm-K-99 Hwy and Homestead Rd, Alma; Animal Complaint
2:26 pm-Paw Paw Creek Rd and K-99 Hwy, Alma; Traffic Stop
2:51 pm-K-99 Hwy and Hinerville Rd, Alma; Traffic Stop
8:18 pm-15388 Mission Valley Rd, Eskridge; Stolen Vehicle

October 9
5:04 am-K-4 Hwy and Skyline Rd, Eskridge; Accident N/Injury
6:40 am-35025 Cemetery Rd, Paxico; 911 Hang Up
8:02 am-15388 Mission Valley Rd, Eskridge; Recover Stolen Vehicle/Property
9:48 am-Volland Rd and Illinois Creek Rd, Alma; Accident/Injuries
11:15 am-328 E I-70, Alma; Medical Call
12:02 pm-K-99 Hwy and 11th, Alma; Accident N/Injury
12:30 pm-35750 Pioneer Rd, Maple Hill; Animal Complaint
3:33 pm-Lake Wabaunsee; Suspicious Activity
6:15 pm-10 Missouri St, Alma; Suspicious Activity
8:42 pm-K-4 Hwy and Wakarusa Rd, Eskridge; Traffic Stop
8:58 pm-210 Missouri St, Alma,

Apt; Animal Complaint
9:59 pm-K-99 Hwy and Pavillion Rd, Alma; Traffic Stop
10:17 pm-K-99 Hwy and Homestead Rd, Wamego; Traffic Stop
10:38 pm-K-99 Hwy and Homestead Rd, Wamego; Traffic Stop
10:59 pm-335 E I-70 Hwy, Paxico; Traffic Stop
October 10
6:42 am-K-99 Hwy and Southtown Rd, Alma; Traffic Problem
7:04 am-Osawatomie State Hospital, 500 State Hospital Dr, Osawatomie; Transport
9:41 am-K-99 Hwy and 370 Lyon County; Other Jurisdiction Courtesy Rp

1:38 pm-817 Main St, Alta Vista; VIN Inspection
2:24 pm-909 Main St, Alta Vista; Theft
2:28 pm-330 W I-70 Hwy, McFarland; Traffic Problem
4:53 pm-W I-70 Hwy and E Spring Creek Rd, Paxico; Motorist Assist
5:02 pm-Eight Mile Rd and Pleasant Plain Rd, Eskridge Animal Complaint
5:27 pm-K-99 Hwy and K-31 Hwy, Eskridge; Animal Complaint
7:39 pm-K-18 Hwy and K-99 Hwy, Wamego; Traffic Problem
8:22 pm-Harveyville Rd and Mission Valley Rd, Harveyville; Traffic Stop

October 11
4:26 am-Turkey Creek Rd and Maple Hill Rd, Maple Hill; Traffic Stop
7:35 am-K-99 Hwy and W I-70 Hwy, Alma; Motorist Assist
7:45 am-346 E I-70 Hwy, Topeka; Motorist Assist
9:05 am-Blazing Star Rd and Keene Eskridge Rd, Maple Hill; Traffic Stop
9:10 am-Main St and Elm St, Alta Vista; Noise Complaint
11:32 am-K-99 Hwy and Ridge Rd, Alma; Theft
3:51 pm-15338 Mission Valley Rd, Eskridge; Follow up
4:36 pm-K-99 Hwy and W Flint Hills Dr, Lake Wabaunsee; Traffic Stop
7:23 pm-Flint Hills Welding, 919 Main St, Alta Vista; Speak With Deputy

October 12
1:36 am-919 Main St, Alta Vista; Extra Patrol
2:13 am-K-4 Hwy and E Flint Hills Dr, Lake Wabaunsee; Accident N/Injury
8:23 am-Red Bridge Rd and K-31 Hwy, Harveyville; Assist a Citizen
10:13 am-811 Lyndon Ave, Alma; Follow up
12:53 pm-Plowboy Rd and Paxico Rd, Paxico; Pedestrian
1:06 pm-16500 K-31 Hwy, Harveyville; Medical Call
2:17 pm-324 E I-70 Hwy, Alma; Traffic Problem
2:46 pm-13226 Wakarusa Rd, Eskridge; Illegal Dumping
5:08 pm-K-99 Hwy and W I-70 Hwy, Alma; Accident N/Injury
6:41 pm-336 E I-70 Hwy, Paxico; Traffic Problem
7:59 pm-341 W I-70, Maple Hill; Traffic Problem
10:53:41 pm-225 Iowa St, Alma; Suspicious Activity

USD #481 Board of Education Hears Concerns from Hope Principal About Combined Elementary Classes

by Joann Kahnt, editor
“The younger classes that are combined at Hope has proven very difficult,” said Hope principal, Adam Sobba, during his report to the USD #481 Board of Education which met on October 9 at the Hope Schools. “I would advise that we look at different arrangements going forward,” he concluded.

There were six members present (Tracy Schmidt was absent) for the October meeting. Others present were three administrators, six students, four employees, one patron and one reporter.

Vice-president, Dillon Cook, presided over the meeting in the absence of the president.

During the approval of the consent agenda, Chad Johnson asked if some of the money in capital outlay could be put into CD’s as the interest rate is higher. Superintendent Griffiths stated she did not know but would find out.

The consent agenda was approved and the October agenda was approved with an addition requested by Mary Effland.

During open forum, Bev Kraus, asked on behalf of the White City senior center, if the school would allow them to utilize an activity bus for a few day trips.

Rusty Rice, transportation superintendent, told the board, that this had been done several times before with the cost being a set amount per mile. Mary Effland asked about responsibility issues. After discussion, the request was approved 6-0 as long as the use does not interfere with any school or activity that the bus is needed for.

Bailey Rapp and Shaylee Sanford, representing the White City FFA Chapter, asked for the use of a suburban for a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for the national convention November 1-4. Request was approved with the school district providing the first tank of gas.

Four members of the Hope FFA Chapter, were present to ask for the same, which was also approved with the first tank of gas provided by the district.

There was no correspondence or governmental relations report.

There was no old business to bring before the board.

During new business, discussion was held on the policy concerning the enrollment of non-resident students. A hearing for the purpose of approving the board’s proposal for the policy will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at White City School. The regular meeting of the board for the month of November will be held immediately following the hearing. (Change of date for the meeting was due to conflicts on the regular night of November 13).

The following substitutes were approved:

Nathen Hover @ Hope and White City
Jaedyn Miller @ White City
Discussion was held on the following supplementals:
Ben Schierling - Vocal Music Director, 5.5%
District Instrumental Music Director, 6%
JH boys basketball - Move Brooke Allen to this position
Food Service Director - Menu/paperwork supplemental
White City Kitchen - Daycare supplemental

After discussion, the food service director and kitchen daycare were approved on a 6-0 vote. The music and junior high basketball was tabled on a 6-0 vote.

After discussion, the board approved Sierra Seadeek as a tutor for the White City After School Program on a 6-0 vote.

Mary Effland stated she was glad to see the outstanding participation in FCA and FFA at White City. She also said she had heard “great stuff” about the reintroduction of music.

Four 10-minute executive sessions

were held, all including Superintendent Griffiths and the first including Kane Hensley for a portion of the session.

Following the sessions, the board approved on a 6-0 vote, Brooke Allen moving to boys basketball and Mr. Schierling as the district music director.

Kane Hensley reported there would be no school on October 20 and 23. He said White City had gained two new students, a first and fourth grader. He gave an update on the fall sports teams.

Adam Sobba reported there were 85 who attended a fall activity event at Hope Schools. He said the roof project at the school was almost completed.

Darlene Griffiths, superintendent, reminded the board of the upcoming budget, purple wave auction and an upcoming legislative luncheon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

White City Council Hears Plans for Possible New Business

by Joann Kahnt, editor

The White City city council met on October 11 with four members present (Cyndi Smith was absent), along with the mayor, city clerk, city employees, five patrons and one reporter present.

The meeting opened with a public hearing with Kenneth Brott and Heather Shaw concerning numerous vehicles on their property. The clerk reminded the council there has been numerous letters sent concerning this since 2013. The mayor reminded them that even if a vehicle is inoperable, it must be registered and tagged. Brott and Shaw were given 30 days to rectify the issue.

The city clerk reported benches for the park had been ordered, blight had been abated at 214 South 4th (Milton) and 117 W. Grant (Wallace car). She also stated she had sent code violation letters to 103 W. Grant for 2 cars (Gilbert), 210 W. Grant for 3 vehicles (Kidd) and 306 S. 5th for 4 vehicles and 113 W. Grant for 1 truck (Wallace).

The city clerk gave the finance report and the council approved the appropriation ordinance to pay the bills.

There was no fire report.

Sam Baseley, city maintenance supervisor, reported on ordering the culvert for the fire department area, discussed the difference in patching materials for the roads, the well house had been repaired, gravel had been hauled to the park area, park bench boards had been taken care of and a successful week of clean up.

During new business, the council was advised of the recent purchase of the former parts store and present laundromat from Rusty and Ilona Rice. It was stated the laundromat would remain the same but other plans were underway for the parts store part of the property.

Crystal Carson addressed the council about plans for another Christmas celebration on December 16 including a scavenger hunt, vendors, photo booth, carriage rides, gift wrapping, activity at the library and Santa at the Fire Station due to a conflict at the community building for the evening.

Ms. Carson also stated the committee had been working on the bricks project.

Therese Hoff, council member, thanked Sam Beasley for his work and thanked Crystal for the upcoming Christmas celebration.

The council was reminded of the upcoming Halloween celebration and trick or treating up and down main street.

The council moved the time of the November 8 meeting to 7 pm due to a conflict.

There being no more business, the council adourned at 6:34 pm.

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Seniors using this service will need 1. ID, 2. Medicare card, 3. complete list of all prescriptions or actual bottles at the time of the service to check for best drug plan.

Kansas Silver Haired Legislators
Gathered in Topeka October 2-4

Kansas Silver Haired Legislators (KSHL) gathered in Topeka at the Statehouse October 2-4, to review and vote on its proposed Resolutions to the Kansas Legislature representatives during the 2024 session.

KSHL is comprised of grass-roots volunteer representatives over the age of 60 from each of the 105 counties across Kansas. It is divided into 11 statewide Districts. Morris County is assigned to PSA-8. There are 12 representatives for counties in PSA-8 currently that are volunteering their time and efforts in support of seniors and their issues of concerns. Jan Kimbrell is the current representative for Morris County in the KSHL. At the October session in Topeka, 47 members met in person in the House of Representatives Chambers and committee rooms and 6 more participated by Zoom connection. They met in committee rooms with speakers and experts on the topics under consideration as Resolutions and Final votes taken that Thursday on the 2024 Resolutions.

KSHL members will be making contact locally with their county seniors throughout the year and also with legislative representatives during the 2024 session.

Submitted by Jan Kimbrell, PSA-8 Morris County,KSHL.

ICYMI: Kansas’ Budget Surplus Provides
Commonsense Solutions

KEY QUOTE: “The state is in a good position. The budget surplus means leaders can make choices from a position of strength. The priority should be to address the needs and pocketbooks of all Kansans. We’ll see if legislators are up to the task.”

Kansas’ big budget surplus is a chance to provide taxpayers what they really need

**Kansas City Star Editorial Board
October 10, 2023**

The state of Kansas is flush with cash...That is good news. Kansas is not so far removed from the days of then-Gov. Sam Brownback’s notorious “tax experiment,” which strangled state revenues, forced public schools to tighten their belts and produced a voter backlash...Now, however, leaders in Topeka face a serious question: What to do with all that money?

Expand Medicaid. Up to 150,000 Kansans would benefit from expanding Medicaid eligibility. Studies show that the expanded program in other states has reduced the number of hospital closures, particularly in rural areas. And importantly, polls show Kansans overwhelmingly want Medicaid expansion. Legislators should at long last listen to their constituents on this issue.

Fully fund special education. State law requires Kansas to fund local schools for 92% of the excess costs of special education programs, but the state hasn’t actually met this obligation for more than a decade. That has forced school districts to divert money from their general education budgets, straining the resources available for all students. But the Legislature earlier this year passed on Kelly’s \$72 million request for special ed funding. This is another issue where partisanship shouldn’t be a factor.

Smart tax cuts. In April, Kelly called for a one-time rebate of \$450 to individual taxpayers and \$900 to married couples filing jointly. That proposal found no traction in the Legislature. Kelly is ready to try again, announcing last week that she wants cuts to property, grocery and retirement taxes. That makes sense.

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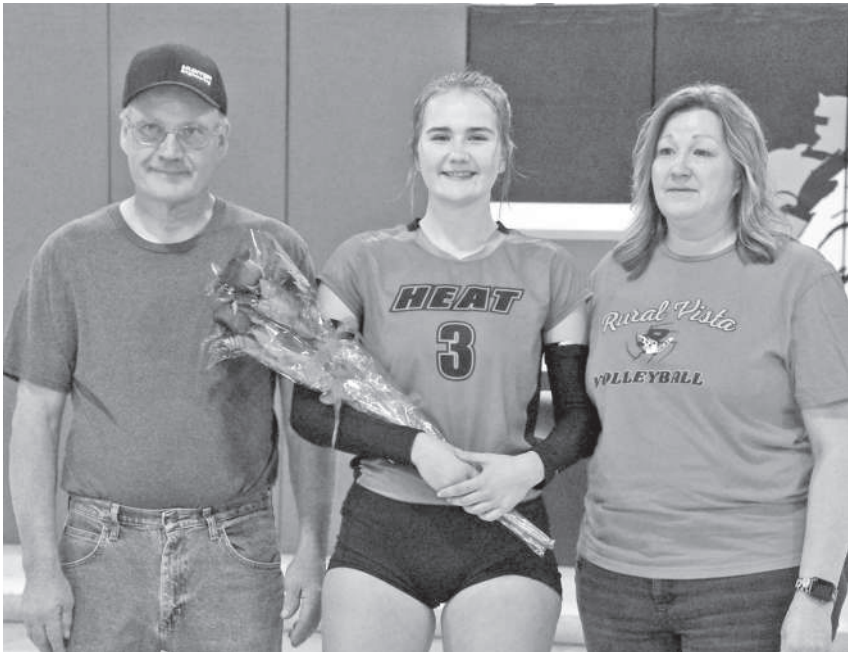
Senior Night for Rural Vista Fall Athletes



Cody Brown and his dad, Jason Brown



Shaylee Sanford and her parents, Chad and Kim Sanford



Bailey Rapp and her parents, Darren and Kourtnei Rapp



Kambyl Riedy and her parents and little sister, Brian and Kara Riedy and Kacyn



Angie Linder and her parents, Debbie and Tom Linder

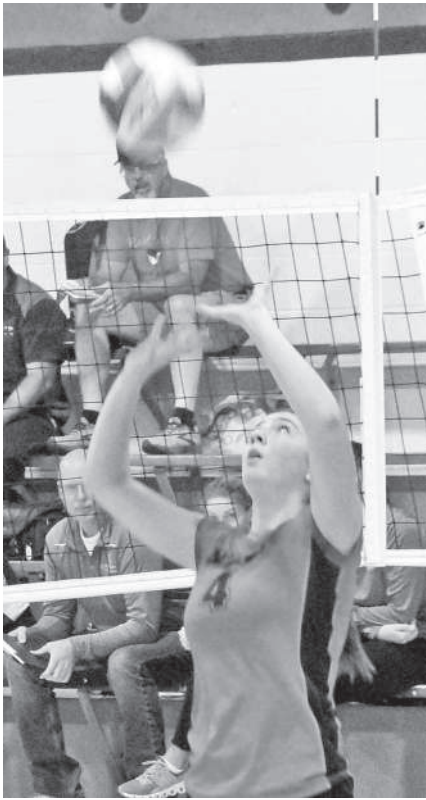
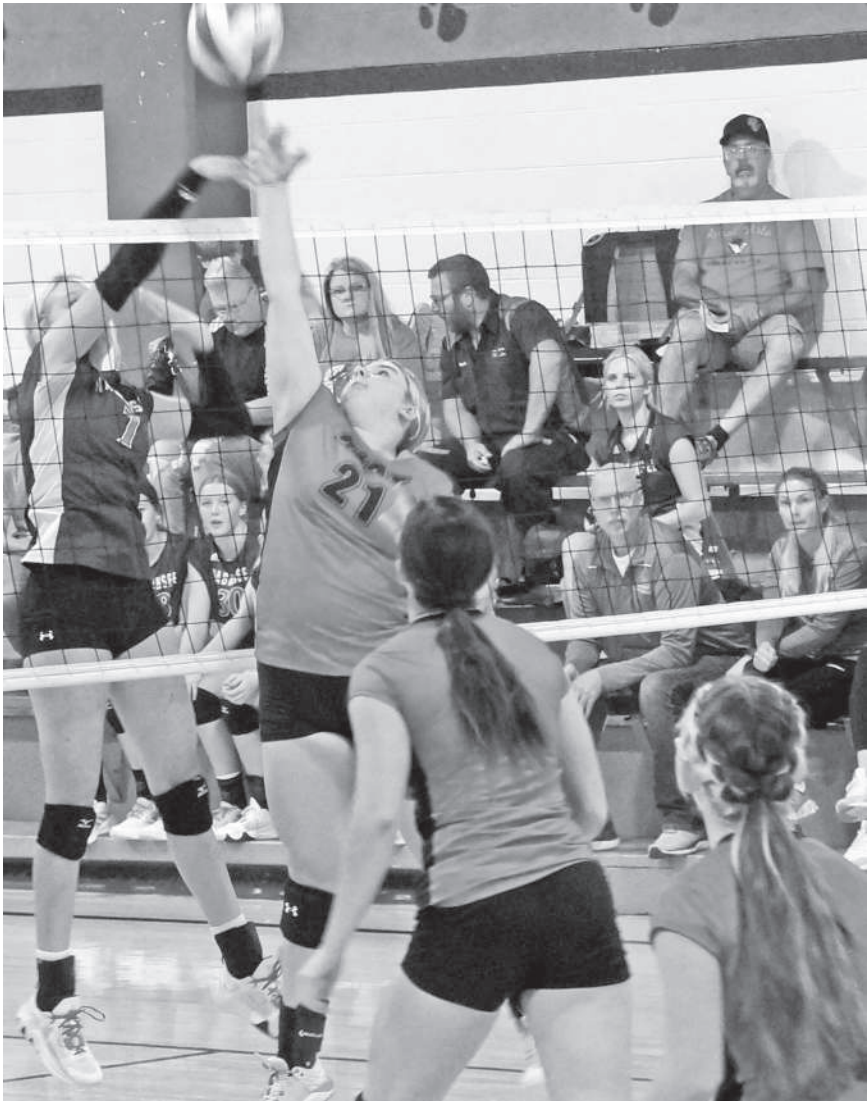


Yuri Rossi, foreign exchange student hosted by Denny Crable



Nino Maccagnan-Osty, foreign exchange student hosted by Denny Crable

Rural Vista High School Volleyball Final Home Match of Season



Angie Linder sets the ball.



Above - Shaylee Sanford blocks for the Heat.
At left - Kambyl Riedy serves the ball to the opposition.



Bailey Rapp takes her turn at serving.

Future Volleyball Players showcased their talents



Following the Rural Vista High School volleyball games with Wabaunsee last week, the younger elementary volleyball players showed off their skills. The score table was full of cheering support during their showcase.

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Medicare Annual Enrollment

Are you currently on Medicare? Do you have a prescription drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan? If you are answering yes to one of these questions, then the enrollment might be for you. The enrollment period for Prescription Drug & Health Plans has started and ends on December 7th. The plans enrolled in during this period will take effect January 1, 2024. People with Medicare are encouraged to compare Prescription Drug and Medicare Advantage plans each fall during the Open Enrollment Period.

There are four certified Senior Health Insurance Counselors for Kansas (SHICK) here in Wabaunsee County and we are happy to assist you with shopping for the best prescription drug plan. There have been several changes to the plans, so we encourage you to shop each year.

Here are some dates and locations available:

October 20: Maple Hill Senior Center, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

October 30: Eskridge Library, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

November 6: Wabaunsee Junior High Library, Paxico 3:30 – 8:30 p.m.

November 9: Harveyville United Methodist Church, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

November 13: Alta Vista Senior Center, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 15: McFarland Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

November 27: Wabaunsee County Extension Office, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

November 29: Wabaunsee County Extension Office, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

These enrollment opportunities allow for you to receive FREE assistance from a Medicare Certified Counselor and are filling up fast. Appointments are required. To schedule your appointment, please call the Wabaunsee County Extension Office at (785) 765-3821. More dates are available, so call today!