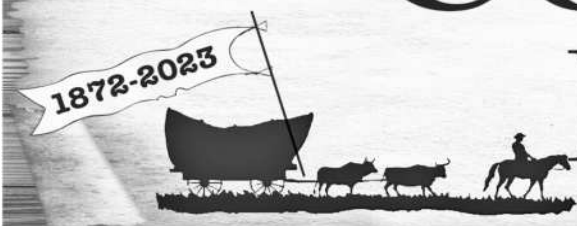


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Briefly...

Congratulations to all who made Washunga Days 2023 so awesome! Out-of-towners have posted photos about how great their time in Council Grove was. There is no place like Council Grove!

Local Grain Prices

(Provided by Agri Trails Coop)

Corn	\$6.30
Milo.....	\$6.20
Soybeans.....	\$13.98
Wheat	\$8.12

Reservoir Lake Level

Normal elevation	1274.00
Current elevation	1273.60

THREE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Corps of Engineers Readings,
Council Grove Reservoir

High and low temperatures for the weekend period ending this morning were unavailable from the Corps of Engineers due to the Juneteenth holiday

Tuesday: Sunny, high near 92. SE wind gusts to 20 mph. Partly cloudy, low around 67. East wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 91. Partly cloudy, low around 66. East wind gusts to 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 89. East wind gusts to 20 mph. Partly cloudy, low around 65.



TUESDAY
FORECAST
High 92
Low 67



PRESENTED BLANKETS FROM KAW NATION -- At a ceremony Saturday afternoon, the Kaw Nation, represented by Ken Belmrd and Jim Pepper Henry, presented blankets to Mark Brooks (left), Historic Site Administrator at Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store and to Patrick Zollner, (not pictured) Executive Director of the Kansas Historical Society. Another blanket was bestowed on Sharon Haun Saturday evening at the Kaw powwow at Allegawaho Heritage Memorial Park. Haun accepted the gift as a representative and liaison of the Friends of the Kaw Heritage.

Kaw's Sacred Stone Iⁿ 'zhúje 'waxóbe To Be Moved To Council Grove Aug. 30

By Jan Sciacca

James Pepper Henry, vice-chairman of the Kaw Nation, announced in Council Grove on Saturday that the Kaw's Sacred Stone Iⁿ 'zhúje 'waxóbe, will be moved from Lawrence to a temporary location in Council Grove before being placed at its permanent nearby resting place at Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park by Washunga Days 2024. Pepper Henry, would not divulge the scheduled location of the temporary placement of the red sacred rock, which is reported to be a 25-28-ton Siouxan quartzite boulder, now located in Robinson Park in Lawrence. The boulder was pushed into what is now Kansas during the last ice age, between 600,000 and 1 million years ago, depositing it at the junction of Shunganunga Creek and the Kansas River, near present-day Tecumseh, Kansas where it held sacred space. The Kaw Tribe has many songs and prayers to the Creator about the stone.

The rock was moved to Lawrence in 1929. Pepper Henry said in 1929 there was a city competition over who would get the rock - Topeka or Lawrence. The Kaw Nation, having been moved to Oklahoma by the federal government, was unaware that their sacred rock had been stolen and moved.

The City of Lawrence has legally returned the stone to the Kaw and

apologized for the harm caused by the theft and the subsequent defacing of the stone, as the townspeople had affixed a plaque commemorating white settlers.



Henry Pepper announced that the 5 million dollar grant the tribe received from the Mellon Foundation will move the sacred rock and fund upgrades to the park. They will add water and electricity to the park, full-service restrooms with showers,

campsites with power and upgrade and improve interpretation about the Kaw Nation. The tribe went from having 22 million acres before the settlement of pioneers to 165 acres they now own at Allegawaho. Pepper Henry said that Allegawaho is the only Kansas land the tribe owns. The tribe experienced a sneak peek at the newly renovated Kaw Mission and said that they are much more represented than before, but Allegawaho is the only place that the public can see their interpretation of their history. Henry Pepper expects the ribbon cutting at the park to be in the spring next year.

Earlier in the program at the Kaw Mission, Kaw youth presented various readings and songs in the Kaw's native language Kansa. The Kansas language is a member of the Dhegiha branch of the Siouan-Catawban language family. The language program began 26 years ago. When the Kaw were moved to Oklahoma, there were about 500 tribal members left.

That dwindled to 192 and there was the risk of the language being lost. The language program has had much success and a new generation of Kaw understand the native language. Henry Pepper said, "If we don't have our language and keep our history then we stop existing as Kanza."

CG Listed As 45th Favorite Affordable Vacation Destination

Family Destinations Guide (FDG), based out of Casper, WY, has named Council Grove as 2023 45th favorite affordable vacation destination location, out of 175 communities.

FDG's mission is to help families create incredible travel memories that last a lifetime.

Winners were selected via an online panel survey of 3,000 adults based on age, gender, and geography. Internal data sources were used to obtain population data sets. FDG said "A two-step process to ensure representativeness through stratified sampling and post-stratification weighting was used."

Post-stratification estimation is a technique used in sample surveys to improve efficiency of estimators. Survey weights are adjusted to force the estimated numbers of units in each set of estimation cells to be equal to known population totals. Researchers use stratified sampling to ensure specific subgroups were present in their sample. It also helps them obtain precise estimates of each group's characteristics. It is believed that many surveys use this method to understand differences

(See 45th Favorite, Page 2)

Washunga Parade Winners Announced

Washunga Parade Winners have been announced. There are category winners this year and not 1st, 2nd or 3rd place winners. Winners may pick up their prize at the Destination Council Grove office, 116 W Main St., Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Category and winner are 100s - CG Cheerleaders & Bravettes; Tie, 200s - The Apothecary & Kanvas; Tie, 300s - CG Senior Center and DAR Council Oak Chapter, 400s - First Baptist Church, 500s - Flint Hills Community Band, 600s Chris Galloway & Day Kids; Tie, 700s - Mark Brabb, 800s Deborah Johnson, 900s Morris County 4-H Horse Project

Food Trucks And Local Eateries Busy

By Jan Sciacca

Early review of the Council Grove restaurants indicates that the local eateries and the ten food trucks which served festival food at Washunga Days were busy. Random inquiries were extended to eateries on Sunday evening. A few were able to respond, even with such short notice.

Saturday morning saw the Saddlerock Café with a brisk crowd. Patrons would finish their meal and leave only to have the table quickly occupied by another hungry diner. Sadie Cooper, manager of Pizza Hut, said the two-day sales total was good. Cami SanRomani of The Knuckles Sandwich said sales "exceeded her expectations and it was a fantastic weekend." Susan Harris of Taunte Lieseja said sales, were "very, very good." Randall Dickson of The Hays House he would like to thank everybody that came out for the big weekend (Washunga and Father's Day)." Ray's Apple Market Manager Brent Simonis said Ray's Apple Market had been very busy all weekend. When I saw him, early Sunday afternoon, he jokingly reminded me there was still a lot of weekend left.

Nathan Adams, Washunga Day committee member and the person tasked with acquiring a variety of food trucks for the event, reported that all ten of the food trucks reported being happy with the event turn out.

Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association President Angie Schwerdtfeger estimates 3000-4000 people were weekend visitors enjoying the town's music and festivities.

Council Grove 16U Goes 4-1 To Win Tournament

The Council Grove 16u baseball team hosted a tourney in CG this weekend, going 4-1 to win the tournament.

After a slow start, losing 6-3 to Olpe, the bats caught fire and the pitching did the same. CG won game two 20-0 vs Canton Galva, game three 16-1 vs Northern Heights, game four 15-0 vs Chase County, and game five 15-3 vs Olpe.

Hayden Buttrey led the team in hits with 8 hits and a .615 batting average. Braun Frye had 7 hits and a .636 batting average. AJ Peterson led the team in batting average at .750. On the bump, Hayden Buttrey (See Council Grove 16U, Page 4)



SIXTH YEAR OF WASHUNGA DAYS -- Josh Tajchman, has been bringing Taco's Food Truck to Washunga Days for six years. Tajchman loves Council Grove and referred to it as "his home away from home." He used to collaborate with his cousin Max Byram whenever Byram knew of an event that needed a food truck.





KAY RECALLS

By Kay Roberts

Cellphone Takeover

I think it's pretty obvious that cell phones are taking over our lives. And I think it's getting serious. Digital dependency is real. I recently ran across a series of facts that support this.

Most of it is harmless and I enjoy looking at pictures and videos of Katie Tabares almost as much as Grandma Christy!!

But...this report said that 50% of Kansas residents bring their phones to the toilet...now, I'm trying to visualize sixty years ago, what people would have thought if you had decided that the bathroom would be a great place for a telephone! I mean... answering while shaving or washing your face might be one thing...

I know people have dropped their phones in the water - that makes the bathroom even more dangerous for phones. Do you know that Google tells people: "To prevent liquid damage, avoid these: swimming or bathing with your iPhone. Exposing your iPhone to pressurized water or high velocity water, such as when showering, water skiing, wake boarding, surfing, jet skiing, and so on. Using your iPhone in a sauna or steam room." I couldn't begin to jet ski without a phone let alone talk on one while skiing. And really, do you need your phone in the shower?

This reminds me of a joke I heard: This man goes into a public restroom and sits in stall #2. He's getting down to business when the guy in stall #1 says, "Hi." The man in stall #2 is a bit surprised but says "Hello." The guy in #1 says, "So what are you doing?" The guy in stall #2 thinks that's a bit personal but says, "Well, not much." The guy in stall #1 says, "Hey, can I come over." The guy in stall #2 says, "What kind of question is that, wise guy." The guy in stall #1 says, "Wait, just a minute. Some idiot in the stall next to me is answering every question I'm asking you!"

The report also said that 38% of Kansas residents admit to looking down at their phones as they cross the street. Really...are you going to put your life in jeopardy to see if Aunt Maple answered your IM about next year's family reunion or if she wants to join you for lunch, or if you can have the old shag carpet she had torn out of the living room for Shep to sleep on? I will bet that police officers and EMTs have witnessed plenty of accidents that occur after incidents similar to these!

I actually feel sad when I see a table at a restaurant full of family

members and everyone is looking down at their phone. No one is visiting...mom and dad aren't visiting with the kids, they are on their phones. And the kids aren't visiting with mom and dad either because they have phones too. I wonder if this is why the kids have phones in the first place...the parents want to keep them busy and out of their hair. Now, I am trying to envision a table where everyone is attached to an old rotary phone. Wouldn't that look ridiculous? I mean, isn't it ridiculous anyway? Do people just visit anymore?

Some people are on their phone during church too...you know that because they ring occasionally. That is one of my biggest pet peeves. I try to make sure my phone is turned off before the service starts. The bad thing is sometimes it's Tuesday when I realize I have missed some calls because I forgot to turn the ringer back up. I don't think God has a cell phone and He certainly isn't going to answer any questions you have with one, although that would be handy! It certainly causes a lot of distraction for the pastor because of all the head-gawking! I have seen pastors lose their place in the message or a prayer, and of course, anyone else who was listening to him loses their thought pattern too.

44% of Kansas residents frequently use their phones while watching TV. Of course, I know that if you are adding channels, etc., that can happen. Otherwise, things must be very boring if you need both to entertain you. Or driving, and that's really stupid. At least use the voice message thingy if you have to message someone. Leave your hands for driving, please.

I found this online..."My girlfriend is furious at me for spending so much money on phones," a 27-year-old man wrote in an e-mail. "Am I an addict? Yes, and I love it. This is phone geek lust in its purest form."

I visualize a future Cell Phone Lusters Anonymous meeting where that guy is standing up saying, "Hello, my name is..."

My family got our first rotary dial phone in 1966. Did I ever imagine a time when we would be carrying one with us and looking at it all the time, let alone taking pictures with it or playing Bingo and placing bets on our favorite team?

I won't admit it right now, after just writing this article, but what an amazing feature Venmo is!

dark. All evening the crowd anticipated the fireworks. Folks would sit at the edge of the park in cars or lawn chairs or on blankets with family, friends, and neighbors to view the sparkling colors in the sky!

Things have changed. We have gotten older, the EHU is long gone, too, but the event continues. Different but still great! This year the Wilsey 3rd of July continues. Now it will begin with a concert of patriotic music by the Community Band at 5:30 pm. A Potluck Dinner will follow. A new train will be onsite this year, with Toni Brammer lending hers for the evening. Bingo will be available by the Aikens family. A few groups may be there to sell their wares and it will end as it always has- with family, friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances gathering to celebrate our freedom with fireworks shot off from the tennis court. Matt and Samantha Asebedo oversee the event so make sure to give them a donation and a Thank You for keeping Wilsey's long term event going!

City Council News:
The Rabies Dog Clinic that was held on May 20 at the Fire station was well attended. A late notice will be sent to those in the city that did not attend. All dogs in the city limits are by ordinance required to be tagged and kept on a leash to walk them also. It is garden season, so please be respectful of others property by confining your dogs in your yard.

The City approved the annual donation of the Wilsey 3rd of July Fireworks in the City Park

Church News:
Wilsey Christian Church has started a Summer Afternoon Bible Study on Tuesdays at 2 pm at the church house. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am and Worship time following at 10:30 am on Sundays. Covered dish dinner is on the last Sunday of the month. Everyone is invited to attend.

Upcoming Events:
Senior Citizens-The Senior Citizens will meet at the Wilsey Christian Church on the Wed June 28 at 12:30 pm to attend the play "Oliver" in Abilene at 2 pm. The group will carpool and have a meal following the play before returning to Wilsey. Contact Frances Davies for more information about the summer schedule.

Next Month:
Any Wilsey person, group or organization is invited to submit information for this monthly article by contacting Reba Sumner with information.

DWIGHT DISPATCH

By Lacey Autrey

Just a couple mornings ago, it was hard to believe we were approaching the middle of June already. The cool temperatures that returned in the evening sure spoiled me! But alas... Washunga Days weekend approaches and brings the heat and humidity with it! Ha!

Over here in Dwight, we had a pretty great May. We started the month with a sneak peek of The Event Center located on Block 31. It is such a nice facility for our community. The camper spaces are being finished up right now and should be ready for the next event on August 5th. Pink Gravel has all of the details on the bike ride and the Summer Block Party that will follow the race. Anyone up for a pie eating contest? Should be a great time!

We also welcomed a Poker Run that day. The 4H community building fundraiser brought in ATVs and UTVs from all over! Needless to say, it was fun to see people out and about enjoying our small town.

We finished the month with a wonderful Memorial Day service at the cemetery and community meal at the church. The flag display at the cemetery is something special to see. It is a beautiful reminder of those who lost their lives fighting for freedom. If you come out next year, walk around and see how many small American flags are by headstones. It will make you stop and think, I promise.

This month, the Methodist church opened its doors to the children for Vacation Bible School. They had a blast singing, crafting, and playing. Many families were grateful for that opportunity. Next up will be the city clean up day and then the real fun begins...Bingo! Starting on the 27th, bingo and pizza will be offered as a fundraiser for our Community Development Group. Dinner and entertainment without the dishes? What's not to love?!

Keep hydrated my friends! Lord willing, I'll report back next month!

CARD OF THANKS

Kathy Miller and Debra Anderson from the Washunga Days Crafts Show would like to thank Mr. Doornbos, High School Principal, for letting us have it there. The custodian, Tom, who helped clean up. A special shout out to Rick Paul of Red Bud Designs for making our signs. Thanks to Zoey and the Washunga Days Committee for adding us to the schedule and including us in their advertising. Thanks to all our vendors and shoppers, everyone seemed to have a great time!

LETTER TO EDITOR

Council Grove continues to be known as an incredible place. In 2021, the *Smithsonian Magazine* published an article on the 15 best small towns to visit in 2021. Council Grove was described first among the fifteen.

The *Family Destination Guide* has published the results of a survey of 3000 families to learn which affordable destinations they would most like to visit in 2023. Out of the top 175 destinations identified, Council Grove ranked 45th in the nation!

It is amazing to me that from a sampling of only 3000 families across the entire United States, that Council Grove (2020 population

2095) would even be known, let alone have a reputation for a desirable, affordable vacation!

Two other towns in Kansas made the list: Lindsborg (65th) and Dodge City (103rd). It turns out that "Destination Council Grove" is a pretty good moniker, after all!

Kenneth W. McClintock

Andres Kahle Reunion

On July 11, 2013 at the Alta Vista High View church we held the 102 Reunion. The host for the reunion were Irvin, Marie and Alvin Andres. In attendance we had 21 relatives and friends.

After the meal we had our meeting. Called the meeting to order read minutes from last year. Then moved on to new business. Voted on to pay church 75 for next year to reserve church passed. Discussed if we should pass the hat we decided we had plenty of funds till next year. I paid money to both papers to run ads will do the same next year. Voted on to hold on second Sunday at 1pm at AV High View Church voted passed. Will be held June 9, 2024 at 1pm. Sang Happy Birthday to Irvin and had cake.

Discussed more on the book which is now a PDF file, and maybe doing postcards as a reminder when the Reunion is and sending them to family. Election of officer's vote on to remain the same.

45th Favorite

(Continued from Page 1) between subpopulations better.

The destinations which placed in the top 5 were 1. Long Beach, New York, 2. Coney Island, New York, 3. Surfside Beach, South Carolina, 4. Oak Island, North Carolina and 5. Galveston, Texas.

Two Kansas destinations made the list, in addition to Council Grove. Lindsborg placed 65th and Dodge City came in 103rd. For a complete list of the 175 destinations, visit <https://familydestinationguide.com/cheap-us-vacations/>

New Dates

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- Things to know -

- Dates: July 10-25, 2023 Monday-Friday
- Time: 7 am to 4:30 pm
- Must be 17 years old
- Enrollment deadline: Monday, July 3

For more information or to enroll contact:
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785-767-3696

WILSEY WARBLER

By Reba Sumner

Reminiscing : Washunga Days & Wilsey 3rd of July

Over the history of Washunga Days, I can pick out 2 favorite memories. One is the window displays that used to be in the business windows about a week prior to the event. Many families, ours included, would choose a weekday evening before and stroll down the two blocks of Main Street in Council Grove and see all the antiques in their windows. It gave us a free evening to explain to our children the use of these antiques and experience a leisurely stroll along the street. The second favorite memory is the parade. Our family has consistently attended the parade during the festival. We loved the anticipation, arriving early to get the best spot, watching all the entries, and of course candy thrown along the route was a hit with all the kids in the crowd.

Since Washunga Days began in the county seat of Morris County and it was only a few miles away, we from neighboring towns, loved to celebrate with them but we also looked forward to the upcoming Wilsey 3rd of July festivities!

Wilsey 3rd of July is a long-term celebration, also. It began in the late 70's or early 80's by the local Extension Homemakers Unit. The date was chosen specifically so that it would not interfere with other family celebrations. Each member had or was expecting a young child in their family. They wanted to have a fun holiday experience for the families to enjoy in the community of Wilsey to celebrate our freedom. At the beginning it was small, each family brought the fireworks that their personal families would buy, and they were put all together and shot off by Charles Aikens and Clarence Sumner. A pot-luck dinner and visiting was also on the schedule for the event. Over the years each member would plan an activity for the evening, including facepainting, dart throw, ring toss, a fish pond, a miniature train ride and bingo. Those are the ones I remember most. The games were cheap, probably ten cents each. Little ones loved the train, which was a lawnmower pulling about a dozen little red wagons around the park. There was always a line to wait for the next turn. I think some kids spent the whole evening there. Dale Cook put together the first train for the littles to enjoy. The parents bought a few dollars' worth of tickets and the kids stayed in the park after supper playing games and enjoying the play equipment until

2023 HOUSING SUMMIT

MORRIS COUNTY



Q & A

With

Speakers:

- Ryan Vincent, Director, Kansas Housing Resource Commission (KHRC)
- Representatives from the Kansas Department of Commerce
- Potential for other speakers

Who Should Attend?

- All County/City Community Leaders
- Developers
- Realtors
- Builders
- Bank Lenders
- Potential Investors
- Stakeholders
- Community Members/Citizens

Why Should You Attend?

If you have any interest in housing projects throughout Morris County you should attend this meeting so we can connect individuals to address the housing needs for the county.

The State will be providing an overview of programs that are available to offset costs to make that happen.

In order to be prepped and ready for the meeting click the Trailblazing Morris County icon to be directed to the RDG Planning and Design report from Amy Haase.

June 22nd, 2023
The Dealership Building

318 W. Main St
Council Grove, KS 66846

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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For Questions Contact: Tracy Henry director@morriscountydevelopment.com

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Gates & Beer Garden open 5-10pm
Comedy Show at 6:30 pm, Saturday, June 24

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riverbankbrewing.com/product-page/veterans-of-comedy-ticket
Provide proof of online ticket purchase to show at gate.

This is a fundraiser for Together With Veterans AND Morris County, which is an organization that enlists rural Veterans, and their local partners, to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in our community.



REMINISCING (from the files of the Council Grove Republican)

1983 Bryan Andres, Alta Vista, and Denise Downes, Council Grove, awarded KSU scholarships...Keith Pickett, Columbia, IL, is appointed director of corporate communications for The Seven-UP Company.

1993 City of Dwight awarded \$75,000 grant to construct new sewer pond...Bill Disberger recognized as state 4-H winner in sheep project at Emerald Circle banquet in Manhattan...Shane Vesta and Rebekah Carr each hit a triple, double and three singles when Dwight I Biscuits defeat Strong City.

2003 A Good Buy store owned by Ron Good, Emporia, and Dusty Good, Council Grove, opens at 24 North Union Street...Abel Andrew is son born to Jeremy and Kelly Brakenhoff...Lucas Davis receives Renaissance Award for academic excellence at Salina South High School.

2013 Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Anderson, Burdick, celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary...Mia McCormick is pictured by the large duck water slide that has been installed at the new swimming pool that is nearing completion.

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2262 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING BOATING AT COUNCIL GROVE CITY LAKE; ESTABLISHING MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT SIZE RESTRICTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS:

Section 1. MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT SIZE. Motorized watercraft shall be subject to the following size restrictions:

A. Pontoon/Tri-Toon/SportNToon shall be no longer than 27 feet from bow to stern.

B. All other motorized watercraft shall be no longer than 24 feet from bow to stern, excluding removable stern platforms.

C. Any motorized watercraft licensed to operate on Council Grove City Lake

prior to July 1, 2023 is exempt from this section.

Section 2. CODIFICATION. This section shall be codified in the Code of the City of Council Grove, Kansas as Section 12-919.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Debi Schwerdtfeger, Mayor ATTEST: Nick Jones City Clerk

(Published in the Council Grove Republican June 19, 2023)

MORRIS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SETTING FORTH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3410, the Board of Commissioners may establish, by Resolution, a schedule of fees to be imposed on real property within the County, with revenue from said fees to be used for the operation and maintenance of County Solid Waste Transfer Stations; and

WHEREAS, in establishing said schedule of fees the Board of County Commissioners shall classify the real property within the County based upon the various uses to which the real property is put, the volume of waste collected from the different land uses, and any other factors that the Board determines are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Morris County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3410, hereby establishes the following fee schedule to be used for the purpose of financing the operation and maintenance of the Morris County Solid Waste Transfer Station.

All residential units situated upon real property within the County shall be billed \$95.00 annually, with said fee to be collected on a yearly basis and to be made payable to the Morris County Treasurer.

All commercial units situated upon real property within the County shall be billed a minimum fee of \$85.00 annually, with said fee to be collected on a yearly basis and to be made payable to the Morris County Treasurer.

Commercial units shall be categorized by the following tiers: Tier 1: \$ 85.00 Tier 2: \$ 170.00 Tier 3: \$ 255.00

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Any unit that doubles as both a residential and commercial unit shall be billed accordingly for the residential unit and for the commercial unit.

Residential and commercial units shall be re-evaluated on a yearly basis.

The rates as set out above are for the calendar year 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF MORRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this 13th day of June, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS Jim Barber, Chairman David L. Fox, Member Wayne Kohler, Member

ATTEST: Chelsey Schmidt Morris County Clerk (Published in the Council Grove Republican June 19, 2023)

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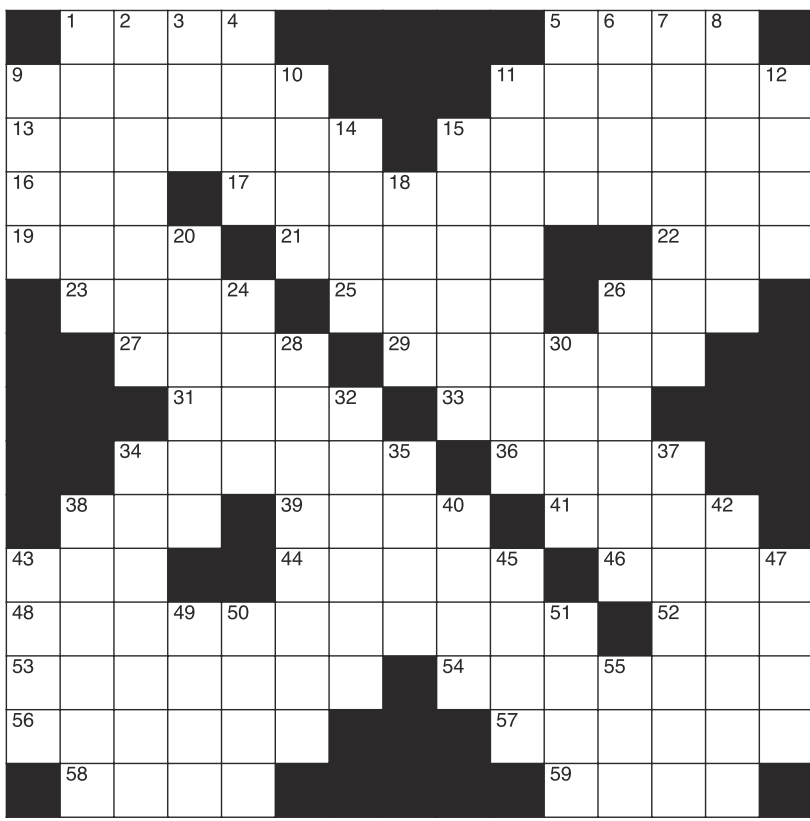
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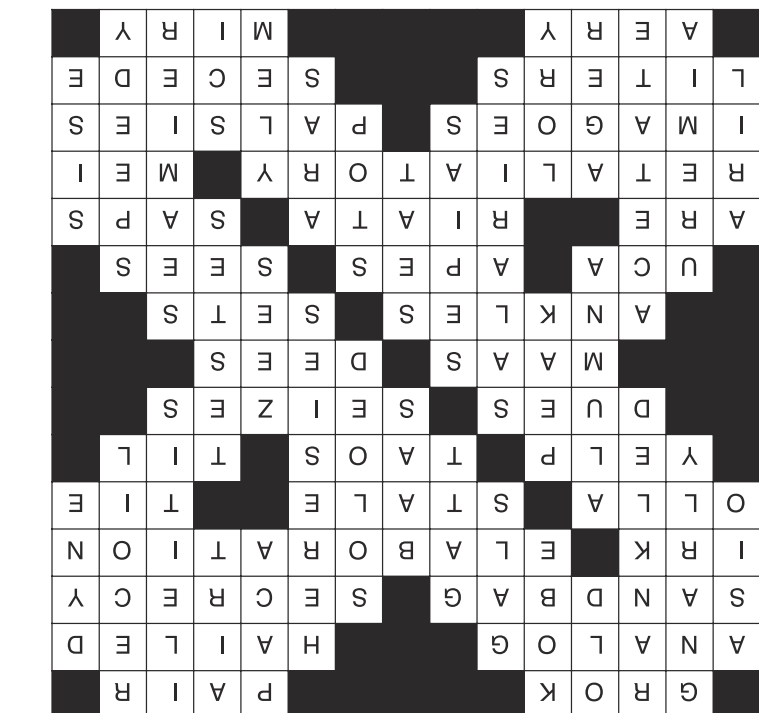
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 - Irritate
 - The process of developing a theory
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 - Not fresh
 - Dad's fashion accessory
 - Popular review site
 - New Mexico county
 - ___ death do us part
 - Fees
 - Takes with force
 - One-time Yankees rookie sensation
 - Gordon and Snider are two
 - Body parts
 - Arranges
 - Fiddler crabs
 - Mimics
 - Witnesses
 - They ___ 44. Lasso
 - Runs down
 - In response to
 - Bird-like dinosaur
 - Metamorphic stages
 - Conditions of incapacity
 - Sodas are sold in these units
 - Break away from
 - Ethereal
 - Boggy

- CLUES DOWN**
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 - Ruffled some feathers
 - Not young
 - Lakers legend
 - Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - Direction (Scottish)
 - Intestinal inflammation
 - Spring back in fear
 - Owl genus
 - Girls
 - Unbeliefs
 - Force unit
 - Expired trade agreement
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 - The very top
 - Organs in males
 - Earnings
 - Z Z Z
 - Reddish browns
 - A salt or ester of acetic acid
 - A place to get off your feet
 - More disreputable
 - Kidney condition
 - Cease moving
 - Quick
 - Extra seed covering
 - "Survivor: Panama" winner
 - Six
 - One who inspects lamps
 - Small parrot
 - Primordial matter of the universe
 - ___ fi (slang)



Council Grove 16U

(Continued from Page 1) and Braun Frye led the way with a combined 16 K's. Max Villalobos was perfect with 5K 0 walks, and Cade Goodell and Beckett Nelson pitched in relief getting 4 K's.

KANSAS BRIEFLY

Letters Containing Suspicious White Powder Sent To Lawmakers

TOPEKA (AP) — Letters containing suspicious white powder have been sent to lawmakers and other public officials across Kansas, officials announced Friday.

No injuries have been reported, according to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. It had counted more than 30 letters as of late Friday afternoon. The news release didn't provide details about the consistency of the white powder.

In emails sent to legislators and obtained by The Topeka Capital-Journal, Tom Day, director of Legislative Administrative Services, said the Kansas Highway Patrol had informed his office of the letters, which contain a return address of either Kansas City or Topeka.

The letters were sent to legislators at their homes and have been turned over to the KBI and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Day wrote.

Other agencies involved in the investigation include the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of the State Fire Marshal and local police and fire departments.

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach was among those who had received them. The Capital-Journal reported. A spokesperson for Kobach

didn't immediately return a request for comment.

Driver Is Charged In Deadly Crash After Police Tried To Stop Him For Speeding

MERRIAM (AP) — A 24-year-old man has been charged with causing a deadly crash in suburban Kansas City after police tried to stop him for speeding.

Uconn Coleman, of Grain Valley, Missouri, is jailed on \$500,000 bond on charges that include first-degree murder, eluding police and driving under the influence.

Police in Merriam, Kansas, said the crash happened around 1:35 a.m.

Thursday when an officer tried to pull over a speeding driver. Police said the officer didn't initiate a pursuit before the driver crashed seconds later into another vehicle that was stopped at an intersection, The Kansas City Star reports.

The driver of the stopped vehicle, 19-year-old Benjamin Klecza, was taken to the hospital with critical injuries. He later died.

4-Vehicle Crash Thursday Southwest Of White City

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported four vehicles crashed Thursday morning after a Dodge Journey was in a head-on collision with a Kenworth semi-truck about 7 miles northwest of White City in Morris County.

At 9 a.m., Julian Navarette, 43, Wichita, was driving a Dodge Journey north on U-77. Jose Luis Garcia-Parra, 34, Salinam was driving a Kenworth semi-truck south on U-77. According to KHP crash logs, the Dodge Journey crossed the center line for an unknown reason, hitting the Kenworth semi-truck head-on.

The Kenworth semi-truck spun and hit a Hyundai Tucson driven by a 43-year-old woman, Kathleen Steeves, Wamego. The Kenworth semi-truck came to a rest in a ditch. A Ford Econoline driven by John Bell, Amado, AZ, 57, attempted to avoid the semi-truck but struck it in the east side ditch, according to KHP crash logs. Navarette was taken to Ascension Via Christi Hospital with suspected minor injuries. The driver of the Kenworth semi-truck had complaints of pain. Steeves and her 52-year-old passenger, Lisa Ross, Manhattan, were taken to the Flint Hills Stormont Vail Health Campus with suspected minor injuries. Bell was taken to Ascension Via Christi with suspected minor injuries, according to KHP crash logs.

Celebrate Juneteenth

In 2021, President Joseph Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, which established an official holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. The act became law and the holiday was celebrated two days later.

As the United States prepares to celebrate its third official Juneteenth holiday, here is an in-depth look at what the day is all about.

Origins of Juneteenth National Independence Day

The origins of Juneteenth date back to June 19, 1865. Months after Confederate forces surrendered in the American Civil War, enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas were finally told they were free. Union soldiers arrived in Galveston and explained that slavery had been abolished and the war was over. This liberation actually took place more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Act, which freed enslaved people throughout the country.

Juneteenth began as a regional celebration that was observed locally each year before becoming a state holiday in Texas in 1980. Juneteenth was subsequently recognized as a holiday in a number of other states before President Biden officially made the day a federal holiday in 2021.

Juneteenth traditions

Due to federal law, federal businesses are closed for Juneteenth. Private businesses may opt to close or remain open. Some may issue a floating holiday to those who would like to observe Juneteenth.

Celebrations vary across the country. Some states host parades, and families and friends may gather to play games and enjoy food and other fun. Public readings or church services relevant to the holiday also may be part of Juneteenth celebrations.

Juneteenth food traditions

Juneteenth has its own traditions, including some involving food. For example, many people enjoy a dish known as the Marcus Garvey salad. Marcus Garvey was a Black activist who sought to unify and connect people of African descent worldwide. The dish is made with red, green and black beans to symbolize the Pan-African flag. Additional Juneteenth foods are red, which is no accident. Before slavery was abolished, many slaves ate foods that were white, green or brown. Eating brightly colored red foods was a rarity and a cause for excitement. The color red also was associated with the cultures of people who used to be enslaved. Red beverages, sauce-covered barbecue, red velvet cake, and many other red foods and beverages are now served on Juneteenth.

Juneteenth is now celebrated across the United States and can serve as a catalyst for discussions about American history.



PLAINS FOLK

By Jim Hoy and Tom Isern

By Tom Isern

I have the most lovely row of ground cherries growing in my prairie garden this summer. Ground cherries are a niche crop, much confused, even by nurseries.

This year I observed flats of ground cherries in one greenhouse that bore, simultaneously, the labels "Ground Cherry," "Tomatillo," and "Tomato." Lots of confusion there, although all three are members of the nightshade family.

Still, there are enough ground cherry aficionados on the northern plains that—let the buyer beware!—you can get seedlings from local nurseries. Some will say, why bother? Ground cherries reseed themselves and come up volunteer. The answer is, I have ground cherries, tomatillos, and tomatoes all coming up volunteer, have trouble telling them apart when tiny, and so need to plant known seedlings.

On the southern plains, gardeners have forgotten about ground cherries. I'll admit they are a little putzy to raise, but they not only were popular with prairie settlers, they are native to the country.

In September 1872 surveyors were working out ahead of construction of the Santa Fe Railroad, not only laying out the line but also assessing the country. Writing from along the Arkansas River, west of Fort Dodge, one of them took pains to argue that the sandhills south of the river were not to be dismissed as worthless.

They appeared, he admitted, to be "nothing but sand hills, a dreary waste; up one mountain of sand and down into a dreadful chasm." The hills were covered with bunch grass that cured into good winter feed, however, and even the sage had roots useful for fuel.

"That is not all," the surveyor wrote, "a ground cherry is found, which has excellent taste." Settlers readily not only foraged for the wild fruits but also planted known varieties of ground cherries, which some called "strawberry tomatoes," they brought from the settlements.

The settlers seemed to think

ground cherries tasted something like strawberries. I disagree; to me, used in cookery, they are decidedly peachy.

Ground cherries have a place in our literature, too, because of Willa Cather. In her first Nebraska novel, *O Pioneers!*, the Swedish immigrant woman, Mrs. Bergson, makes "a yellow jam of the insipid ground cherries that grew on the prairie, flavoring it with lemon peel." Here I think Cather is voicing the immigrant sensibility when she calls ground cherries "insipid." For a first-generation Swede, prairie things are interior.

Later, in *My Antonia*, ground cherries grace one of the more luminous

and mystic passages of Cather's great prairie novel. The narrator, Jim Burden, recalls that he stretched out in the growing garden "and leaned my back against a warm yellow pumpkin. There were some ground-cherry bushes growing along the furrows, full of fruit. I turned back the papery triangular sheaths that protected the berries and ate a few."

After partaking of the ground cherries, Jim becomes one with the grasshoppers and gophers and the prairie wind, observing, "At any rate, that is happiness; to be dissolved into something complete and great."

I cannot promise any such sacramental effect from consuming ground cherries, but we of the settler society on the prairies have been growing and eating them from the beginning, and so pretty soon I'll tell you about that.

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