



# Harvey County News

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## UPCOMING DATES

### Courthouse Closed:

September 7, 2015  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Jam Nite

August 15, 2015  
7:00pm

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## Farwell, Judge Richard Walker



### Judge Richard Walker in Court Proceeding

Chief Judge Richard B. Walker will retire August 1st, 2015, after serving nearly 31 years on the bench in the 9th Judicial District composed of Harvey and McPherson Counties.

“It was a great honor to be selected for this position three decades ago, and I have tried to do my best to honor the public trust placed in me,” Walker said. “I have a tremendous support from the appellate courts, my fellow judges around the state, and members of the bar who have practiced here. I particularly want to thank court staff in the 9th for their great work and commitment in very stressful times.”

Walker has accepted a position as senior judge serving on the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Walker was appointed district court judge in December 1984 by then-governor John Carlin. He has handled the full range of civil, criminal, juvenile, and probate cases, and has been chief judge the last 13 years. He has been assigned

to help the Court of Appeals several times and the Kansas Supreme Court once.

Walker has served on several Supreme Court committees, including Alternative Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice. For 12 years he was a Supreme Court Appointee to the Kansas Sentencing Commission. At the national level, Walker served for more than a decade as an advisor to the American Law Institute’s Model Penal Code revision project. He also has spoken on behalf of sentencing reform in several states for the Vera Institute of Justice.

Before he became a Judge, Walker practiced law in Newton, was the chief legislative assistant to Senator James Pearson in Washington, D.C., and spent four years on the Kansas Adult Authority, predecessor to the Kansas Parole Board. He also served three terms in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Walker was born in Newton, and he graduated from Bethel College and the University of Kansas School of Law. He will continue to reside in Newton.

Judge Richard Walker will be greatly missed. He was a great asset to all of Harvey county and he will always have a great legacy.

Replacing Judge Walker as Chief Judge will be Judge Marty Joe Dickinson, and interviews are still in progress to appoint a new Harvey County District Judge.



**Judge Richard Walker, 9th District Chief Judge**



**Harvey County Court House**

# Forever Connected to the Old Courthouse:

Kristine Schmucker, Harvey County Historical Museum

Shortly after our exhibit, 50 Years of Service: the Harvey County Courthouse, opened in March, the museum received a letter from a long time HCHM supporter, John Wiebe. He wrote: "In the history of the old courthouse one person shouldn't be overlooked, . . . Delmar Brown, the black long-time custodian of the old courthouse." According to Mr. Wiebe, Brown "was a very friendly person always smiling." Wiebe recalled that often on his way to Newton High School, he "would cut thru the old courthouse. Delmar would greet all the kids and let them warm up in the cold weather."

Delmar E. Brown was born in Chase County, Kansas on June 1, 1898. His parents, Jerry M. and Corean Brown, lived in Cottonwood Falls. On November 17, 1920, he married Ethel M. Morris in Newton, Ks. She had grown up in Strong City, also in Chase County. In the 1938 Newton City Directories, the Brown family is living at 529 W. 6th, Newton in a house that they owned. Delmar is listed as a janitor and Ethel as a maid. The couple had three daughters: Lois Irene (16), Wanda Marie (14) and Emma Jane (12).

Also during the late 1930s and early 1940s, Delmar worked at Regent Barber & Beauty Shop as a "shine." The Regent Barber & Beauty Shop, located at 518 Main, Newton was owned by Lee Hendryx, according to the 1940 City Directory. The Brown family were members



**Delmar E. Brown  
Harvey County  
Custodian**

in Newton for 46 years. Ethel remained at the home they shared until her death on March 14, 1985. To Wiebe, "Delmar Brown is forever connected to the old courthouse in Newton."

We like to remember our past Harvey County employees, they all have served Harvey County well and will always be remembered for their work they have put forth towards our county.

Harvey County  
would like to say  
thank you to  
Delmar E. Brown!

of the 2nd Baptist Church in Newton. Delmar was also a member of the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge of Newton. By 1948, Brown is listed as the courthouse custodian, a job he kept until he retired in 1965. During his nearly 20 years as courthouse custodian, Mr. Brown no doubt learned to know every secret of the old building he faithfully cared for.

Sadly, on October 21, 1966, "Delmar E. Brown, retired courthouse custodian, was found dead about noon . . . at his home 529 W 6th" (Newton Kansan, October 21, 1966). He was 68 years old and had lived



**This is the old Courthouse of  
Harvey County.  
This picture was the clock tower  
of the 1906 building.**

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**Here is the front  
Of the old 1906  
Harvey  
County Courthouse.**

# How to Prevent Health Problems in the Summer

Summer time is here and with it come long, hot days and plenty of sunshine. But watch out – summer could spell danger for your health. Excessive summer heat – experienced every year in some states, and occasionally in others – can cause significant health problems, some of which can be fatal. It is important to keep well in the heat – here’s why heat can be a problem, and what you can do about it.

Your body’s normal temperature is around 37 degrees C. In average weather and temperatures your body can maintain this temperature well by regulating the heat through sweat. But if the outside heat climbs and ends up higher or than your body temperature, the cooling mechanism malfunctions and the body cannot get rid of the excess heat.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. Heat stroke occurs when your body temperature climbs to a dangerous level of 41 degrees C or above – at this point, you experience confusion and trembling, hot and dry skin, and you may lose consciousness. A less serious illness but still problematic is heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion causes pale and clammy skin, excess sweating, weakness, intense thirst, nausea and vomit-

ing, headache, and palpitations. If someone you know is suffering from symptoms of heat stroke then you must get them to a doctor as soon as possible. With heat exhaustion, cool the body down by moving to an air-conditioned room and applying

used to the heat. Wear loose-fitting clothes made from natural fibers and wear a wide-brimmed hat when you are going outdoors. These few tips could help save you a trip from the hospital, or even save your life.

Also, please keep in mind that the elderly population, the newborns, and even pets are at high-risk of developing these problems. Please remember to check on them and keep an eye on them during the summer months.

As always if you are unsure if you are experiencing these symptoms, don’t hesitate to call the police department or fire department at

911. They will come and assess you to make sure you are ok.

cool compresses to the skin.

Of course, the best way to stay healthy this summer is to avoid heat problems in the first place. You can’t change the weather but you can change how you react to it. Make sure that you stay out of the direct sunlight and seek shade wherever possible. Try to spend part of the day, at least, in an air-conditioned place. Keep drinking plenty of water throughout the day, even when you are not thirsty. If you are exercising or working in the heat then take it easy and avoid the peak hours of sunlight. Take regular breaks and acclimatize slowly if you are not



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## July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Commission Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 Campfire Chats and movie at East Park at 7pm
12	13 Commission Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Commission Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 Campfire Chats and movie at West Park at 7pm
26	27 Commission Meeting	28	29	30	31	1

## August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Campfire Chats and movie at East Park at 7pm
9	10 Commission Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 Jam Nite at West Park at 7pm
16	17 Commission Meeting	18	19	20	21	22 Campfire Chats and movie at West Park at 7pm
23	24 Commission Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Commission Meeting					

## September

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		1	2	3	4	5
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