

# East Lawrence News

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## ELNA

### General Meetings

October 12

Online via Zoom  
until further notice

### Agenda

the agenda, as it is known,  
can always be found at:  
[eastlawrence.com/join/meetings](http://eastlawrence.com/join/meetings)

For a link and a password, email  
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## From the President

Fall is upon us, and the weather has cooperated by turning cooler a little earlier than I expected. I hope it is a good year for Fall colors! Alas, covid is still active and still impacting our normal enjoyment of the seasons. But we can still get out and enjoy our neighborhood.

One way to do this, in a safe, socially distant manner will be to come out for our combination block party and East Ninth Arts Project culmination event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shout-out to Sunrise Project for helping out with providing dinner to all participants. Read on to learn about this big event, and keep in mind the need to socially distance during this special event.

Another good way to get out utilizing good social distancing will be at a Burroughs Creek Clean up on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Are you fired up about the upcoming elections? Want to help? Read on to learn about how we are launching a voter registration drive within our neighborhood boundaries. Read on to learn more about how you can volunteer with us to help us get folks registered to vote. We can't endorse candidates but we sure can help you get registered so that you can exercise your constitutional right to vote! Hurry, registration ends on October 13<sup>th</sup> so we'll be done by then. Special thanks to the Shelly Miller Memorial Fund for giving us a grant to finance this effort!

Enjoy the Fall weather!



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## Burroughs Creek Clean Up

Saturday October 17th 10am -- Noon

We're scheduling a Burroughs Creek clean up for Saturday October 17th, 10 am to noon. ELNA will provide trash bags and coffee. Bring your own gloves. You can pick up your clean up supplies, and grab a cup of coffee, at the intersection of the Burroughs Creek Trail and 12th street, by the Oread Friends building. Then you can walk along the trail and pick up trash. Bring your bags back to the starting point, and we'll dispose of them. Please plan to wave vigorously and shout hello with enthusiasm! to your neighbors, probably with a mask on, from a safe distance. Children are welcome with supervision. Friends and family are always welcome as well!

Questions to Hannah [hannahsroor0924@gmail.com](mailto:hannahsroor0924@gmail.com).

## ELNA Merch for Sale

*Tshirts! Hoodies! Stickers! Coozies!*

ELNA's got tshirts, hoodies, stickers AND coozies for sale. Tshirt sizes range from 2xl to small, ladies cuts and unisex, in colors black, grey, heathered blue, and a few random others. We've got baby onesies and hoodies too! Tshirts are \$12 or \$15 depending on cut, hoodies are \$25, coozies are \$3, and stickers are \$1. Email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) with questions, or leave a note for KT, keeper of the tees, at 732 Rhode Island. ELNA tshirts make great gifts and they're so stylish too!

## ELNA Board Election

Are you interested in volunteering to serve on the ELNA Board? Are there issues in the neighborhood you'd like to see addressed? Do you feel you could speak for neighbors who are underrepresented in City processes and social mechanisms? Unlike some boards, the ELNA board does not require a monetary investment in the organization, all we want is your time and effort. ELNA board members are required to attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to champion projects and lend a hand in regular events and fundraising activities.

Our annual Board of Directors election and all member meeting is coming up on Monday November 9th. If you think you'd like to run for a position on the ELNA Board, please attend our October meeting, Monday October 12th to declare your intention to run. We will presumably be meeting via zoom.

As always, only in-neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out of neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. All Board members must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary) must have been board members for at least ninety days.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

## From Sunrise:

We thank the community for coming together and creating networks of care for our neighbors, friends and families. We continue to steward Sunrise Community Garden (on site at 1501 Learnard) and Lawrence Community Orchard (830 Garfield) as free food sites for anyone who wants to harvest fresh produce. Our community pantry, located on our front porch ebbs and flows with food and supplies for anyone who needs access. Community members keep the porch stocked & we are so grateful.

We are often asked what donations are most requested from the community. Here's a short list: Meat, fresh produce, comfort food, snacks, ready to eat or easy to warm items for those experiencing barriers to cooking, diapers, menstrual supplies, soap, toothpaste and other body care supplies. Items can be dropped off at Sunrise anytime!

Our weekly **community meals**, occurring on **Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.** serve 250 people! Thank you for coming out for dinner and contributing to this community resource. We could use more community support to make even more meals available to people of all ages and backgrounds. Sign up to be a community cook! Community cooks can make a batch of whatever is on the menu at Sunrise, drop it off and we will serve it during our Wednesday meal. AND/OR community cooks can be matched with a household to share dinner one night a week, two nights a month, or whatever works best for you. We have been piloting this community meal option with great results. For those that love to cook and have the resources to share, it is a wonderful way to care for community members. Email Melissa-@sunriseprojectks.org or call 785-865-1618 to sign up!

### Upcoming Community Meals

- Sep 30 Peanut Stew!
- Oct 3 ELNA + E9th Fall Event
- Oct 7 Chicken Noodle!
- Oct 14 Broccoli Cheddar Soup!
- Oct 21 Minestrone!
- Oct 28 Lentil Soup!



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## Are You a St. Luke AME Friend?

Support is building for the upcoming Stained Glass Window and Masonry Rehabilitation Project at the historic St. Luke AME Church. A \$95,000 grant from the Kansas Heritage Trust Fund and a \$57,750 grant from the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council ensure that the north and west gable walls of the church—which include the large stained glass windows-- will be completely refurbished. The congregation, aided by a \$25,000 grant from the Rice Foundation, is working to complete funding for an accessibility improvement project. But other significant elements of this National Register structure, including the south gable wall, the south tower, and the north tower, are currently unfunded and in critical need of repair. Where will this funding come from? The 'Friendly Church on the corner' needs you to be a friend.

St. Luke AME is a wood frame structure with brick veneer walls attached to the frame. The roof structure was unable to bear its load, and gradually began to spread outward, which broke connections of the brick to the frame. About ten years ago, a structural reinforcement project resolved the roof-

spreading issue, but the damage to the walls had already been done.

In the upcoming project, led by Hernly Associates, broken and cracked bricks will be removed and replaced, new remedial brick cladding ties will be installed in the mortar joints, and the walls will be repointed. The stained glass windows, a significant feature of the 110 year-old structure, are falling apart and need a full rehabilitation.

Lawrence Preservation Alliance is leading an effort to gather community support so that the work scope can be expanded to include the south gable and the two towers. Since LPA pledged that all membership donations through the end of 2020 will be donated to the rehab effort, members have been increasing the amounts of their donations—some significantly—and LPA now has over \$30,000 to add to the fundraising total, with more to come. New members will receive a free membership through 2021. Please visit the LPA website at lawrencepreservation.org.

# EAST LAWRENCE VOTES!

There is an old cliché that Elections Have Consequences! Several months into a global pandemic, with questions about racial justice and now a Supreme Court seat on the line, we can see how that is true

So get your oval-filling skills in gear, East Lawrence, because it's voting season! As you know, ELNA cannot endorse any candidate. BUT we can encourage you to vote, and we can help to make sure you have all the information you need to do so.

## ELNA VOTER REGISTRATION / GET OUT THE VOTE! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're encouraged by the increase in voter turnout in August's primary election -- nearly 40% of registered voters. 40% for a primary is actually greater than usual. But we can do better! Let's get even more East Lawrencians to vote!

ELNA is partnering with the Lawrence League of Women Voters to help East Lawrence neighbors register to vote for the upcoming election. We are seeking a dozen or more volunteers. For people who are comfortable knocking on doors with masks, protective equipment and distancing, we are organizing teams to go out on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, September 26, 27 and 29, and more in October. We hope to visit over 400 residences we have identified that have unregistered voters. For people who would rather not go out in person, we will also be doing phone banking, texting and possibly addressing mail to follow up on our visits, or to engage voters who are already registered to participate in the election. We even hope to help with transportation for Early Voting and Election Day! If you are able to assist with this important effort of neighbors helping neighbors, please contact [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com)

ELNA and the Lawrence League of Women Voters will have a Voter Registration Table at the Murphy Bromelsick House in Hobbs Park on Saturday, October 3, from 5 to 7:30 pm.

## IMPORTANT DATES

The Douglas County Elections staff is preparing for the general election on Tuesday, November 3. Here are some important dates:

Oct. 13 – Last day to register to vote. To register, visit: <http://dgcoks.org/register2vote>

Oct. 14 – Advance voting by mail and in person begins.

Oct. 27 – Deadline to request an advance ballot to be mailed. More info: <http://dgcoks.org/waystovote>

Nov. 2 -- Advance voting in person ends at noon.

Nov. 3 -- Election day! Polls open 7am to 7pm.

## FIRST, MAKE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE

If you're not sure if you're registered, or uncertain if your registration information is correct, you may check on the Douglas County Clerk's website: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/your-voter-information>. You may also check your status in person at the Douglas County Courthouse at 11th & Massachusetts.

If you know you're not registered, but you want to be, you can do so online through the State of Kansas website at: <http://www.voteks.org/before-you-vote/how-do-i-register.html>

You can check your voting eligibility and fill in an online registration through that portal. The good folks at the Douglas County Clerk's office, again at 11th and Mass can help you register as well. Be sure to have your ID documents in order before you register.

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

These are this year's contested races:

County Commissioner

Shannon Reid (D)

Brett LaRue (R)

Kansas House of Representatives 46th

Dennis "Boog" Highberger (D)

Dante Javaheri (L)

US Representative 2nd

Michelle De La Isla (D)

Jake LaTurner (R)

Robert Garrard (L)

US Senate

Barbara Bollier (D)

Roger Marshall (R)

Jason Buckley (L)

President of the United States

Joe Biden (D)

Donald Trump (R)

Jo Jorgensen (L)



Boog and I will serve you better in the Kansas Legislature with good county officials and federal representatives to work with. We also want to keep trustworthy judges.

Be sure you are registered, talk with your friends and family, and

**help us do the best job for you**

# VOTE!

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## **East Lawrence Votes** from pg. 3

The Douglas County Clerk will have full sample ballots posted, including judicial positions and uncontested races at <https://apps.douglascountyks.org/mycounty/voting-and-elections/sample-ballots.aspx>

### **WHERE DO YOU VOTE?**

Here's the tricky bit. If you're voting in person, you can advance vote at the Douglas County Courthouse, 1100 Mass St from Wednesday October 14th through Monday November 2nd.

In person, you can also vote on November 3rd at your precinct polling places. East Lawrence is mostly in 2 precincts. Precinct 39, north of 11th, east of Mass, and south of the river, votes at the Cider Gallery at 810 Pennsylvania St. Precinct 40, south of 11th but north of 14th and east of Mass, votes at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1245 New Hampshire. There is a tiny portion of East Lawrence proper that is south of 14th and north of 15th, in precinct 33. Precinct 33 votes at Vintage Church at 1501 New Hampshire.

If you are voting in person, on election day or in advance in person, be sure to bring your photo identification. In Kansas, a valid photo id can be a driver's license or non-driver ID issued by the State of Kansas, a conceal carry license issued by the State of Kansas, a United States passport, an employee badge or ID document issued by a municipal county state or federal government office, a military ID issued by the United States, a student ID card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in the State of Kansas, a public assistance identification card issued by a

municipal county state or federal government office, an ID card issued by an Indian tribe. Persons aged 65 years or older may use expired photo id documents.

If you are utilizing an advance ballot, you can drop your ballot in the mail. To ensure that your ballot is received in a timely manner, don't delay. Fill in your ballot and mail it right away! Instead of mailing your advance ballot, you can drop it in a secure Douglas County Advance Voting Drop Box. Those boxes are located at:

Douglas County Courthouse -- 1100 Mass St

Flory Building in the Douglas County Fairgrounds

-- 2110 Harper St

Douglas County Human Services at the United Way building

-- 2518 Ridge Ct.

**Your vote matters!**



**It has been a real honor serving as your state representative for the last 6 years. If re-elected I will continue to fight for:**

- Well-funded public schools
- A fairer tax system
- Medicaid expansion
- A clean energy future
- Common sense gun safety laws
- Women's reproductive rights
- Equal rights for all
- Criminal justice reform



**I would appreciate your support in the November election**

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# Block Party 2020

Like so many things in 2020, the ELNA Block Party will look very different this year. We simply can't safely gather, but we still want to connect with our neighbors. We still want to share food, to hear our neighbors play music, and to have a raffle. We still want to get out and enjoy a fine fall evening in our beautiful East Lawrence. We don't want to give up our favorite parts of the ELNA Block Party, so we're finding a way of doing things differently.

This year, ELNA is partnering with the Rebuilding East Ninth Project for our Fall Party. East Ninth is coming to a close and needs a final event, and ELNA needs a party. A match made in heaven. Think of it as a sort of masked, physically distant, very small groups only, Art Walk.

**Saturday October 3rd, 5-10pm, rain date October 10th**

Here are the details. You can find out more about each site and notices as we have them on our Facebook event. Just search for the event as ELNA + E9th Fall Event.

## FREE MEAL

The evening will start off with a Community Meal at the Sunrise Project, served from 5-6pm. Much like the Community Meals To Go the Sunrise folks have served each Wednesday this summer, you'll be able to drive up (or walk or bike) to the Sunrise site at 1501 Learnard. Wear masks, please! A volunteer will then greet you and take your order -- meat or vegetarian and how many you need. Your greeter will then bring your meals back to you, and you can find a lovely place to picnic it, or consume it as you go along visiting the other sites in the artwalk. The menu for our event is burgers, both meat and vegetarian, prepared on site, a side dish created by Rebuilding East Ninth Together grant recipient Epicenter, plus a dessert. This Meal is Free! And open to all! But your donations to Sunrise that evening would be accepted and welcome. And please let us know if you require delivery of a meal. We have delivery drivers on hand to bring meals to folks who can't make it to the Sunrise site. Along with each meal, you'll get a free raffle ticket and a map of the event. We'll serve meals as supplies last, and will stop serving at 6pm.

## SITES

Many East Ninth artists and East Lawrence artists and musicians are planning super fun things for you to see and do! At the Community Meal, you'll get a map of sites along our Art Walk. We'll have someone moving through the neighborhood with extra maps too, and we'll put out some signs so you'll know what's where. Attractions WILL continue to be added, and there WILL be sites all throughout the neighborhood, but here are a few highlights:

Hobbs Park Learning Garden -- seed bomb making and rock painting, 5-7pm, at Hobbs Park

Sounds of East Lawrence -- music and film projection, 6-10pm, Van Go parking lot, 715 New Jersey St.

Wishing Bench Film -- outdoor screening of a short film, screenings at 7, 7:30, and 8pm at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania St.

East Lawrence Family Tree Project -- projections of portraits done for the project, 5-10pm, at Art Emergency at 721 E9th St.

901 Pennsylvania Concerts -- perennial Block Party favorites, Byron James and band will play the porch at 901 Pennsylvania St. time tbd.

## RAFFLE

You'll get one free raffle ticket with each meal. The raffle items will be listed on the Rebuilding East Ninth website <https://www.rebuildingeastninth.com/>. The raffle will be open for a whole week, and you'll have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets before the drawing concludes.

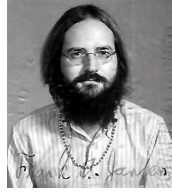
\*\*\***AT ALL SITES** along our ELNA + E9th Fall Event Art Walk Party Thing, please be mindful of the safety and well being of our friends and neighbors. Stay home if you are sick or under quarantine orders. Wear your mask correctly. Respect at least 6 feet of physical distance between yourself and other attendees whenever possible. Please refrain from gathering in large groups. Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer when you can. We want to see you, but we want to be safe!

**With Questions and to Volunteer -- email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).**

# TRIGGER WARNING, APOLOGY, RESOURCE, AND ABOUT FRANK

## Trigger Warning: Mention of Suicide

We apologize for not offering a trigger warning in the last publication of Frank's story. Suicide is a serious and sensitive topic, and all our readers should have the opportunity to pass on subject matter they find triggering and/or offensive. We would also like to take this opportunity to make mention of resources available to us in Lawrence. Headquarters Counseling Center, the Kansas Suicide Prevention Headquarters, is located at 2110 Delaware Street here in Lawrence. KSPHQ provides education, support, and crisis services where you can get help, or get involved. If you need help right now, you can reach the KSPHQ helpline 24 hours a day, every day, at 785-841-2345 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255 (TALK). Calls are free and confidential. You can connect to the Crisis Text Line by texting KANSAS to 741 741, or chat online at <https://www.ksphq.org/help/>. Check out the KSPHQ website for ways you can get involved with the cause, by donation or volunteering, at <https://www.ksphq.org/get-involved/>.



Now, about Frank;

Our neighbor, Frank Janzen, has spent a quarter century or more of his life overseas. Living abroad with his family as a child, and then traveling as an adult in the Army and as a teacher, he visited over 50 countries. As Frank is now settled here in Lawrence, Kansas, and thinks his traveling days may be done, he's sorting through mementos of his journeys and reflecting on his experiences. Recently, Frank shared a collection of stories with us on the ELNA Board, and we enjoyed them, so we thought we might share them with you. They're mostly too long to share in entirety in a single issue of our East Lawrence News newsletter, so some stories may be serialized. Here's the continuation *La Morte D'Afrique*, picking up where we left off last issue. If you'd like to read the story in its entirety, with Frank's own maps and photos included, visit our website <http://www.eastlawrence.com/frank-janzen-2/>.

## La Mort D'Afrique *continued from the last edition*

I learned that Camile had eaten lunch at Moriba Fane's Teranga Café and then walked down to Jules and Chantal's house. She took an overdose of pills and laid down next to her husband. Bruno noticed Camile's breathing was irregular, something was wrong. He got up and asked the others to come in to see if they could help. They found the note that she left saying that her life had become too difficult for her. She was barely conscious, and everyone was asking what pills she had taken, to find an antidote. They wanted to know how to help her, but she could not speak coherently. She refused to say. They tried to get her to throw up, but she wouldn't, they couldn't, then she died.

Everyone was leaving the house now. Chantal asked if I was going, too. I said no, I'd stay at the house in case anyone came, to relay messages. Chantal left the keys with me and said to help myself to what is in the fridge.

I sat. I got a Coke. I was stunned by the thought that Camile had killed herself that afternoon. I felt lost. I thought of the times I had seen Camile during the past two weeks.

I had met Bruno and Camile for the first time two weeks earlier at Jules and Chantal's house. They had arrived three months earlier for the handover from Jules and Chantal who they were replacing.

Before everyone left the house, they discussed how to get Camile's body back to Dakar, the capital. They wanted to avoid having the police come in to investigate the death, because that would delay the transfer of her body. They needed to get the body "released" from Tambacounda "authority". The Chief Magistrate (public prosecutor) in Tamba had to officially release the body.

At one point Jules and Chantal and Charlene came back and were looking for the note that Camile left. They went inside and I followed. They found the note on the shelf in the room where Bruno and Camile had slept. It was in the common blue air-mail envelope and was folded. I saw the note from a distance, legible, beautiful handwriting. Just a few sentences in one paragraph.

Jules looked at the note for a moment and then put it back into the envelope. Then Jules left to take the note to the chief magistrate as an explanation of the death to avoid an investigation, to verify that the death had been a suicide, not a homicide.

After Jules left, I again took the opportunity to speak to Charlene alone, to ask what Camile had said in the note. Charlene said that Camile spoke about how her life wasn't working out well, personal problems, and that she didn't want to cause Bruno problems by her wanting to return to France and abandon their posts in Senegal. She thought it would be better for her to leave the scene – to die – and let her husband carry on.

Taking her body to Dakar would be a 287-mile road trip. They spoke of having phoned the déléguée, the director of their program, in Dakar, earlier that Saturday afternoon hoping for a charter plane but having heard nothing since.

After Jules left, only Chantal and Charlene and I were in the house. We sat on the terrace in silence. It was perhaps 11:00 or 11:30 p.m. and still very hot.

A Peugeot camionnette (pick-up truck) drove in. It was the Lebanese couple, the Boukaroums, who managed the Air Senegal office and a Tambacounda auto parts store. They had lumber in the back of the pick-up. They backed the car up to the terrace. Mr. Boukaroum, Chantal, and Charlene and I began unloading the lumber and putting it in a pile on the terrace. I assumed that we were going to make a box to get the body back to Dakar. After all the lumber – various odd-sized boards, and a large paper bag full of nails – was unloaded, Mr. Boukaroum spoke to Chantal, then drove off.

We continued to sit in silence.

About 20 minutes later Mr. Boukaroum returned with a Senegalese man named Keita who had a burlap bag on his shoulder with tools in it. The Lebanese spoke to Chantal about the work that the Senegalese was to do, and then he turned to me and asked, in French, if I could help Keita. I said, of course I'd help. We looked at the boards, discussed the length and widths, and then I realized that we were discussing a coffin, how long and wide it was to be. Chantal entered into the discussion. When we finished, the Lebanese man left, and Keita I began looking over the boards.

I wasn't sure exactly what I was supposed to do to help the carpenter, but I stayed close to him and helped when I was able. I had seen lots of African carpenters at work – and I had even made a small wooden table myself in my village – so I was confident with my task. We were soon beginning to saw planks lengthwise to create boards the proper length and width, like the ones you would find in a lumber store. But here, we make do with what we have.

I assumed the role of the "apprenti" (apprentice), sitting with all my weight on one end of the board, on the terrace wall, while the carpenter, using only a hand saw, cut the board in from the other end. It was hot. There was lots of sawdust that made my skin itch and I was sweating a lot. I lasted about 15 minutes and then I got down and said that I was going off to change my pants. It was midnight and probably 90 degrees Fahrenheit. I walked up to the Animation House, about three blocks away, and changed my pants and shirt.

Continued next issue or see whole story at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/frank-janzen-2/>.

## ***Because it is nearly October, and Spooky Season is upon us, we present:***

A True East Lawrence Ghost Story – from the archives of the Lawrence Journal World and the Jeffersonian Gazette

Research by Dave Evans, Storytelling by Lane Eisenbart

(Citations available on our website, under the History subtab “Dave Evans!”)

An article from the Lawrence Journal World from March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1908 begs the question “David Fantroy’s Ghost – Is it possible that it is really walking?” (1)

Late one night in early March of 1908 a local woman was walking to her East Lawrence home when she “saw something all white and gruesome”(1) coming toward her in the dark. Frightened, the woman fell to the ground and cried out, and the figure disappeared. The next night, three young men walking in the same area, at the same late hour, saw a similar apparition. The young men stated that the ghost, though washed of all living color, looked very much like David Fantroy, a man they knew from the neighborhood who had been murdered in his home nearby, just the month before.

David Fantroy, a Black man about 70 years old, was found dead in his home in the 800 block of East Hancock Street (that’s 12<sup>th</sup> Street to us) early one Sunday in late February of 1908. Mr Fantroy “lived alone in the little shack which he called home, but which he did not own. He had a horse and a wagon, and kept a few hogs.”(2) Some claimed Mr Fantroy sold alcohol as a means to supplement his income, and because the sale and consumption of alcohol was illegal and moderately difficult to acquire at this time, it is only mentioned as it is relevant to the motive for his murder. Mr Fantroy had a habit of having breakfast each Sunday morning at a neighbor’s home. When Mr Fantroy did not appear that morning, his neighbor went to look for him. Upon opening his front door, the neighbor saw Mr Fantroy clearly dead on the floor. Law enforcement was called and bloodstains and further evidence was found to indicate Mr Fantroy had been stabbed in the chest and his skull had been crushed. There was no sign of struggle, and it appeared he had been first attacked in his bed. It was clear too, from the testimony of Mr Fantroy’s friends and the state of his home, that he had been robbed of some \$13 or \$14 and a very small quantity of alcohol. Furthermore, because the body was not yet rigid with rigor mortis, it could be concluded that the murder had occurred in the very early hours of the morning. At the time, the investigators were “at a loss to account for the murder, as Fantroy was quiet and inoffensive, but it is supposed that someone going there for liquor was angered at the small supply on hand and took vengeance on Fantroy by murdering and robbing him.”(2)

Some neighbors took matters in to their own hands, and attempted to exorcise the ghost. Women wise in the ways of “spook lore” (1) set out their ancient rites. A “thin line of ashes were sprinkled across the street where our neighbor David Fantroy was killed, three hairs were placed in a triangle in the center of the ashes.” At half past midnight, under a cloudy northern sky, the oldest among the wise women came and “made three magic circles over her head, at the spot where the ashes laid.” In spite of the ritual, the ghost of David Fantroy remained restive that spring.

A few more sightings later, neighbors began to believe that Mr Fantroy’s ghost would walk the neighborhood until his killer was found.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1908 a man named Buddy Craig, aliases Thomas Parker and Buddy Parker, was convicted of the murder of David Fantroy. During his trial witnesses testified that the day after Mr Fantroy’s murder, Buddy Craig was seen in possession of a money sack known to belong to David Fantroy, and that he had attempted to discard the sack under an associate’s coal bucket. Other witnesses testified that Craig had been “drunk and broke”(3) the night of Mr Fantroy’s murder, but appeared the next day with “both money and whisky.”(3) Yet another witness stated that Craig had told him of Mr Fantroy’s death at 8 o’clock in the morning, an hour or more before the body was found by the

neighbor. Too, some testified that Craig had been seen washing stains from his trousers and shirt early in the morning. Buddy Craig was sentenced to 99 years in the state penitentiary for David Fantroy’s murder.

Sentenced in 1908, Buddy Craig went to Lansing prison. He escaped in June of 1913, and was not recaptured until January of 1916.(4) The Lawrence Journal World archives do not mention again the exploits of Buddy Craig, and so it can be presumed that he stayed in Lansing for the rest of his days. The archives do not mention either any more sightings of Mr Fantroy’s ghost. Maybe his spirit found peace in the conviction of his murderer. Though, we may have to ask our neighbors in the 800 block of E 12<sup>th</sup> if they, on some late night homeward bound, have seen the 112 year old ghost of David Fantroy still walking in search of his killer.

## **From Just Food**

Dear Just Food Supporter,

I am excited to announce that we will begin renovations on our building beginning October 1, 2020. The renovation will relieve unsafe overcrowding by expanding the pantry to provide a socially distant, trauma-informed, and more dignified shopping experience for all pantry clients. It will also provide dedicated space for cooking education, and private rooms for nutrition counseling, health screenings, and case management. In addition, it will make Just Food more accessible for individuals who are differently-abled. As a result of these renovations, Just Food’s facility will be a safer and more accessible space for all shoppers experiencing food insecurity. This is all made possible because of the generosity of so many individuals and foundations in the Douglas County community, as well as CARES Act funding through Douglas County.

Just Food will begin renovations on October 1st. To reduce gaps in service as a result of the construction, Just Food will operate out of a temporary location behind Peaslee Tech at 2920 Haskell Ave. The temporary location will be open starting the week of October 5th.

We could not be more grateful for the support to make this possible. I look forward to welcoming clients, volunteers, and donors back into our space when construction is complete. This is an incredible step forward for Just Food in providing the space so many in our community need in order to access healthy food.

Thank you for your support,  
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