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2025 CALENDAR

APR 3 - Monthly meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Peaslee Tech Center

MAY 1 - Monthly meeting, 6:00 PM,
Flory Building, at Douglas County
fairgrounds

MAY 2-4 - Swap Meet



EDITOR'S NOTE

Just a friendly reminder - all items for our newsletter are due by the 15th, monthly.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you as glad as I am that Spring is finally here? Looking forward to all of the meetings, car shows, parades, cruises, etc. that Spring brings.

I'm happy to see our club growing and everyone is so active. We had 28 members at the last club meeting, 27 at Joe's Swap Meet meeting. (WOW) What a great turnout !!!

Darrell tells me we have 19 cars registered for the St. Patrick's Parade. I believe that is the largest number of members we have had to participate since I have been a member. Glad to see our club participation keeps growing.

Welcome to our newest member, STEVEN HUBBARD. Glad to have you aboard!!

Keep safe and we'll see you soon.

K. L. Homolka

President

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APRIL CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Cormack - April 13
Kent Ochsner - April 29

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

Harlan & Penny Woodring
April 1, 1977 - 48 years
Jack & Delores Todd
April 8, 1966 - 59 years
Kent Ochsner & Jeanne Spradling
April 14, 2006 - 19 years
Stanley & Linda Hayden
April 27, 1968 - 57 years

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Please use the above email as it goes directly to the Club's computer.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2025

CAR SHOW - Daryl Barnes
SWAP MEET - Joe Arneson
SCHOLARSHIP - Tony Mitchell
TRAILER - Joe Arneson
SUNSHINE - Barb & Dave Maycock
CONTRIBUTIONS - Pete Maxon
HISTORICAL - **Vacant**
MEMBERSHIP - Margaret Barnes
PROGRAMS - Jack Todd
REFRESHMENTS - Daryl Barnes

EDITOR'S NOTE

If we have missed a birth or anniversary date it is because we don't have the information. Please ask Margaret Barnes for the "Information Form" and return to her. This will provide the dates to be in your newsletter at the appropriate time.

Your Editor needs articles to put in the newsletter, so please send anything you have that you'd like to share. Send items to **kstrunkguy@yahoo.com** (by email).

**LAWRENCE REGION AACA
MONTHLY MEETING
March 6, 2025**

CALLED TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order on March 6, 2025 by President Kay Homolka. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance with 28 members present and a quorum. Roll call answered by Joe/Janice Arneson, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Shirley Cormack, Tim Cragg, Don Fornelli, Russell French, Stanley/Linda Hayden, Steve Hubbard, Steve Humbert, Bob/Karen Langstrom, Sean Lewis, Pete Maxon, Doug McNichols, Carl Peer, Lisa Petersen, Tom/Sharon Stallings, Ken/ Donna Tibbits, Jack/Delores Todd, Woody Woodring, & Darrell Workman.

MINUTES: were approved as posted with no corrections.

TREASURER: handed out and approved by motion by Daryl B. and Stanley H.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swap Meet: The first planning meeting will be held Monday, March 10th at the home of Joe Arneson. We will be needing all volunteers as always. The 4H Club that usually handles our public parking will not be available this year, so another group is being sought. If can't find one, the members will have to do duty in the public parking. Steve Humbert was going to check with a group and Pete M was going to look into a Boy Scout troop or similar. A mowing date is set for April 27th at 8 AM. Not a lot to mow now but still a need. The SE field used for public parking is not available now. Work day will be Thursday, May 1st to mark off lots and get equipment in ready. This year maps will be available in each of the carts for members to help find vendor lots and help vendors. Golf carts are scheduled and the same price as last year. A list will be given to working members of cell phone numbers so they can be reached while in the field.

Car Show: Broken Arrow Park will be reserved for Oct. 5, 2025. All planning much the same as last year.

MEMBERSHIP: No report

PROGRAMS: Members can give any ideas they have to Jack. Some would like to see some out-of-town scheduled and still pursuing the Progressive Dinner.

SUNSHINE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: The St. Patrick's Day Parade was paid \$150 donation and 14 members are signed to participate The exact location to gather is still being determined but think it will be the Central Jr. High School at 11 AM.

President Kay reminded everyone still looking for backup chairpersons on the committees, particularly Swap Meet and Car Show. If you are interested in working on either of these committees please let Kay or the chairman know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Swap Meet Planning Meeting is March 10th at Joe Arneson's at 6 PM.

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Set-Um Jack's monthly car roundup will begin first Saturday in April (Apr. 5th) and this a good fun outing to just get your car out and enjoy a dinner with friends.

Carl Peer's address that is not posted correctly is Carl & Patricia Peer, 32695 W 215th St., Spring Hill, KS 66083

The **Sabetha, KS Car Show** is scheduled for June 14th.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Next meeting is April 3, 2025 at the Peaslee Tech Center, 6:30 PM. Door Code 1930#

DOOR PRIZE: was won by Donna Tibbits. The Tibbits will provide refreshments for the April 3rd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Barnes, Secretary

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Eight of the 19 vehicles from our club during the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.



Thanks to Darrell Workman for the photos of eight of the club cars.

SWAP MEET PLANNING MEETING

March 10, 2025

The 2025 Swap Meet Planning Meeting was held 03/10/2025 at the home of Chairman, Joe Arneson. Present were Jack/Delores Todd, Sharon Stallings, Donna/Ken Tibbits, Stanley/Linda Hayden, Sean Lewis and Jean Fenton, Joe/Janice Arneson, Daryl/Margaret Barnes, Carl Peer, Steve Hubbard, Don Gullet, Woody Woodring, Russ French, Tony Mitchell, Doug McNichols, Pete Maxon, Bob/Karen Langstrom, Russell Benke, Don Fornelli & Darrell Workman.

- Joe passed out work sheets and asked if anyone not available for their shift to please contact him as soon as possible to reschedule. We will need all-hands-on-deck to be successful this year. There are already over 300 vendors and may prove to be a very busy year.

- Woody Woodring will take care of the Porta-Potties again and it was decided that 4 would be needed with no handicap, since the fairgrounds has so many public restrooms available now. The stone building on the south side and the Rodeo Arena will both be closed this year. Showers are available in the Pavilion building.

- It was discussed that vendors that leave the fairgrounds and want to come back in without their hang tags will not be let back in. Some vendors like to share their hang tags with their friends for free parking and shopping and that is discouraged. Vendors will be issued 2 hang tags at entry regardless of how many slots that have reserved. If more are needed to can go the main gate and request them.

- The Bean Supper will still be held on Saturday at 4 PM. The number was reduced down to 250 from the 300 from 2024 at \$5 per plate. 4H Club will provide.

- **April 28th, Monday**, will be mowing work day. Steve Hubbard will provide the mower as Heritage no longer can provide.

- **May 1st, Thursday** is work day to get set up. Starting about 8 AM. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the Flory building at 6 PM with a catered BBQ dinner.

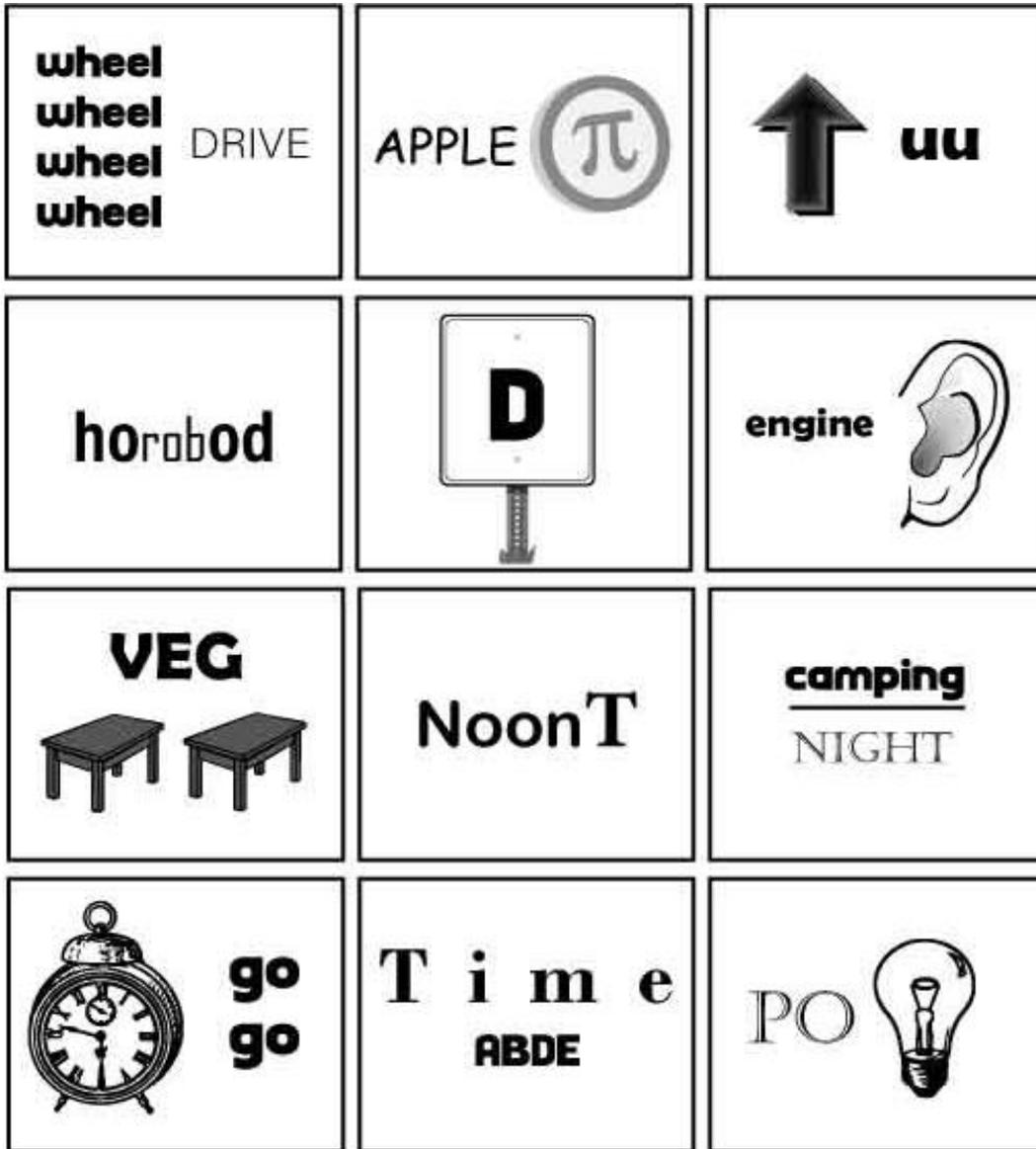
- **May 2nd, Friday** will begin at 6 AM and vendors will be let in sometime before noon, but probably around 9-10 AM

Please let Joe know as soon as possible is you can't work on Thursday or Friday.

- **May 3rd, Saturday** will begin at 6 AM again all-hands-on-deck.
- Finding someone to man the public parking has proven challenging this year. Joe is still trying to find a group interested, but so far he has had no luck. The club pays \$700 for parking oversight, if anyone or a group might be interested in a fund-raiser.
- If used tires are left on grounds this year, they may be disposed of by members in the Lawrence recycling. The city allows an individual to get rid of 4 tires through the trash program.
- There was discussion on where to put handicap parking and that's to be determined.
- Food committee will meet separately to plan the menu and compose a list of work schedule.
- Next Meeting is April 7th at Joe Arneson's at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Barnes, Secretary



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| 1. Four-wheel Drive | 2. Apple Pie | 3. Up to You |
| 4. Robin Hood | 5. Design | 6. Engineer |
| 7. Vegetables | 8. Afternoon Tea | 9. Camping Overnight |
| 10. Time to go | 11. Long time no see | 12. Polite |

HOW DO COURT RECORDERS KEEP STRAIGHT FACES???

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

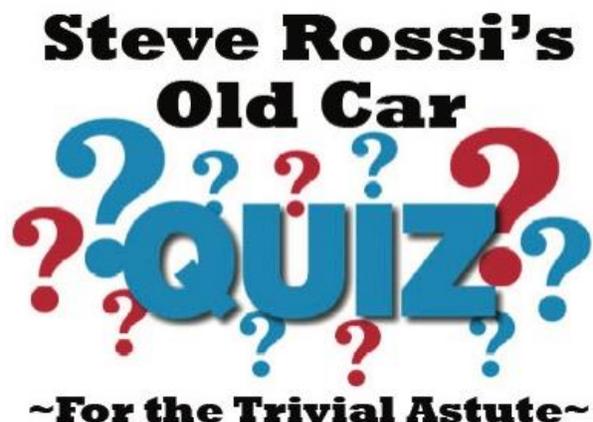
WITNESS: My name is Susan.

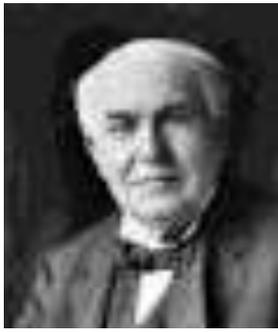
These are from a book called "Disorder in the Courts"! Hilarious! 😊 We believe "Disorder in the Court: Great Fractured Moments in Courtroom History." From my understanding these were some of the funnier ones!

Nellybelle was Roy Rogers' and Dale Evans' four-wheeled sidekick. It was a modified 1946 Willys (Jeep) CJ-2A, with semi-enclosed, extended bodywork, that was often driven throughout the sagebrush around fictional Mineral City by supporting cast member, Pat Brady.

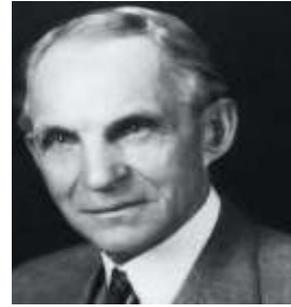
The name was the result of Brady's ill-fated attempts to try and ride an ornery, old mule on earlier episodes, where he would ultimately exclaim... "Whoa, Nelly!" Sometimes, Nellybelle was even seen driving herself, with Brady in hot, comic pursuit. So "Happy Trails to you, until we meet again."

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Thomas Edison and Henry Ford



From Broken Axle Newsletter, Victoria Texas

Received this from one of my fellow editors.

Phil, Each day I send my grandchildren something of encouragement titled "Papa's Word of the Day" that I think might be useful if they apply it to their lives. Today, I sent this, and I am sending it on to you simply because of the Henry Ford story. I checked it out on the internet, and it is a true story. You might use it sometime in the future in one of your monthly newsletters.

Ben

In 1896, Thomas Edison, the great inventor of the electric bulb, was working on a car design when he learned that a young man in his company had created an experimental car. Edison met this young man, Henry Ford, at a company party in New York and was thoroughly impressed by his gasoline-powered car idea. Edison, who had been considering electricity as a power source, enthusiastically encouraged Ford, saying, "Young man, that's the thing! You have it! I think you are on to something! I encourage you to continue your pursuits!"

Encouraged by the respected inventor, Henry Ford continued his work, eventually inventing a car that made him wealthy. On December 9, 1914, Edison's laboratory and factory were destroyed by fire. At 67 years old, the damage was too extensive for insurance to cover. Before the ashes were cold, Henry Ford handed Edison a check for \$750,000 with a note saying Edison could have more if needed. In 1916, Ford relocated his home next to Edison's. When Edison was later confined to a wheelchair, Ford also got a wheelchair so they could race each other.

Thomas Edison made Henry Ford believe in himself, creating a friendship for life.

LESSON:

Don't ever be jealous of others' success. If you can't win a race, help the person in front of you break the record. Your candle doesn't lose its light by lighting another.

Let us follow this example of supporting and uplifting each other.

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BRANDS WE STILL KNOW LOWE'S STORES

In 1921, Lucius Smith Lowe opened a hardware store in North Wilkesboro, NC. His store sold the normal general store supplies like sewing items, hardware, dry goods, and groceries, etc. It also supplied building materials.

After Lowe died in 1940, his daughter Ruth inherited the business, but she quickly sold it to her brother, James Lowe.

James brought in Ruth's husband H. Carl Buchan as a partner in 1943. It was Buchan who anticipated the post-WWII construction boom, and caused the business to move more toward the building material trade, eliminating the small general store items. He also started the practice of buying directly from the manufacturers, eliminating the middle man, which allowed the company to offer lower prices. The second Lowe's store opened in 1949 in Sparta, NC. Buchan bought out the company in 1952.



THE FIRST LOWES STORE

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FASHION ERA FROM YESTERYEAR 1926 JULIET CAP

Eleanor Hartwell stood before the grand mirror in her mother's parlor, her heart fluttering like the lace curtains in the afternoon breeze. Today was her wedding day, and she was dressed in the height of 1926 fashion—a sleek, ivory satin gown with a daringly low back and a delicate drop waist that accentuated her graceful frame. But it was the veil that truly transformed her.

The Juliet cap perched gently on her head, hugging her dark waves. It was a masterpiece of lace and tulle, its fine embroidery glistening with tiny pearls and seed beads. The cap, inspired by the Renaissance, evoked the romance of Shakespeare's Juliet, its delicate scalloped edges framing her face with an ethereal softness. From the back, a veil of sheer silk cascaded down, pooling onto the floor in an elegant, cathedral-length train. The delicate fabric shimmered under the golden glow of the chandelier, whispering of old-world charm and modern elegance.

As she turned her head slightly, the Art Deco embellishments along



the cap's edges caught the light—tiny geometric patterns woven with metallic thread, a nod to the era's love for glamour and bold design. It was a veil fit for a socialite, a Hollywood starlet, or a woman stepping into a new life with style and grace.

Her mother, adjusting the tiny hair combs securing the cap, sighed wistfully. “It's just like the veils the ladies wore in Paris,” she mused. “So timeless, so romantic.”

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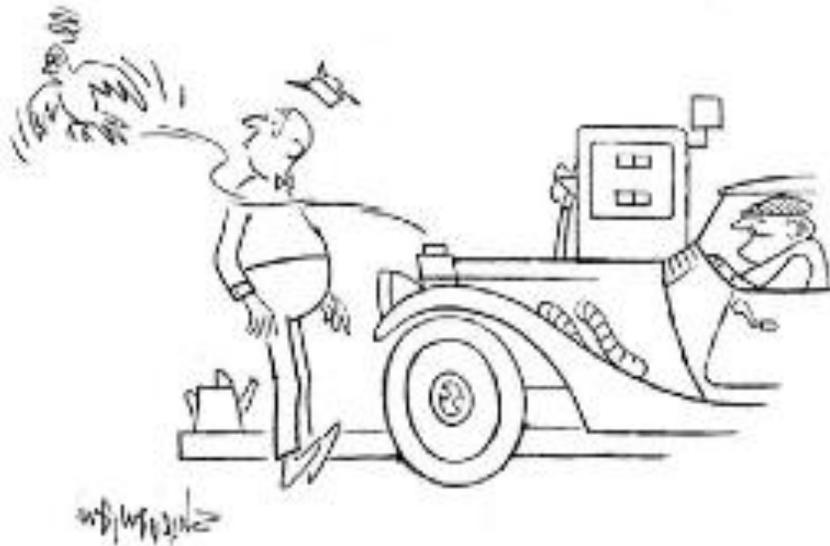
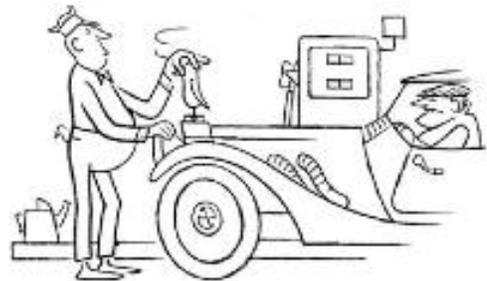
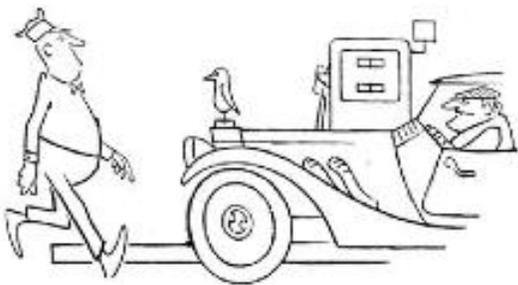
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Eleanor smiled. She had seen similar veils gracing the pages of Vogue, adorning the heads of the most fashionable brides. It was a symbol of modern love—free, elegant, and bold.

As the music swelled from the grand hall below, she took one last look in the mirror, smoothing the veil

with careful hands. Today, she wasn't just Eleanor Hartwell. She was a vision of 1926—modern yet timeless, daring yet delicate. And as she stepped forward, the lace and tulle trailing behind her, she knew—this was a moment that would be remembered forever.

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61st ANNUAL LAWRENCE SWAP MEET

FRIDAY NOON TO SUNDAY NOON

MAY 2, 3, 4, 2025

AT DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1/4 MILE NORTH OF EAST 23RD ST ON HARPER ST.

PUBLIC ADMISSION - FREE

VENDOR FEES

PARKING:

\$5.00 per vehicle
Trucks with trailers: \$10.00

PARKING AREAS

North end of fairground

PARTS SHUTTLES AVAILABLE

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

Featuring hand-crafted, antique
and market day type items
Free vendor booths:
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RESERVATIONS - BOTH DAYS

\$40.00/space - Advanced
\$50.00/space - At Gate

Car Corral - same as above

Space Sizes

Inside: 12 x 12 feet
Outside: 15 x 20 feet

SET UP

FRIDAY: 12:00 PM TO 8:PM
SATURDAY: 6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

No admittance to fairground
10:00 PM to 8:00 AM
At 12:00 to Vendor

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