

# PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

## CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

### NATIONAL DAY

#### Kansas Day

January 29<sup>th</sup> is Kansas Day! This day is a day for the Midwest state we know, love, and live in. This will be Kansas' 165<sup>th</sup> birthday! Kansas became the 34<sup>th</sup> state in 1861 and in 1877 Kansas Day was suggested by a teacher in Paola. Alexander LeGrande Copley suggested that an entire afternoon be spent studying Kansas geography, history, and resources. This day happened on January 29<sup>th</sup> and

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FAVORITE DRINK?  
ROOT BEER!

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Kansas Day has been celebrated by schools and Kansans ever since. There are other historical events that have happened in Kansas; The Battle of Black Jack which was a fight between a group that was against enslavement and a group for enslavement. This was said to be one



#### TODAY IN HISTORY

- IN 1845, EDGAR ALLEN POE'S POEM THE RAVEN IS PUBLISHED IN THE EVENING MIRROR.
- IN 1924, THE ICE CREAM CONE ROLLING MACHINE IS PATENTED.
- IN 1944, THE USS MISSOURI, THE LAST BATTLESHIP COMMISSIONED BY THE US NAVY, IS LAUNCHED.
- IN 1959, DISNEY'S SLEEPING BEAUTY IS RELEASED.
- IN 1979, PRESIDENT CARTER COMMUTES PATTY HEARST'S 7 YEAR JAIL SENTENCE TO TIME SERVED AFTER 22 MONTHS.
- IN 1993, THE US RELEASES A STAMP COMMEMORATING CHEMIST PERCY LAVON JULIAN.

of the first unofficial battles of the Civil War, predating the war by five years. A famous Supreme Court case from 1952, Brown vs. the Board of Education which ceased the segregation of black and white students, happened in the Topeka courts. Also, in 1887, the first woman Mayor in the United States was elected in Argonia, KS. In 1893, a major debate broke out in the Capitol building and lawmakers barricaded themselves inside the House chambers.

The other group took sledgehammers to the door and created a fight so intense that officers set up outside the Capitol with a Gatling gun for two days until the fight ended. The Capitol was rebuilt but it took 37 years to finish, with architects insisting that the building be as large and as grand as the National Capitol in DC. Bison have also been a major player in Kansas history. In the late 1700s, some 30 to 60 million bison roamed the Great Plains. They were

one of the most life sustaining animals for Indigenous tribes, providing clothing, food, tools, shelter, and many other essential things to survive. While the bison has been the Kansas state mammal since 1955, the US made it the National animal in 2016. Celebrate today by learning about some Kansas history, listening to the state song, Home on the Range, or even participating in some historical events!

**Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”**

**-John 14:23**

## TODAY'S INTERESTING FACT

### Interesting Fact

Today is also National Corn Chip Day! This is a perfect day if you love chips in salsa, chips and queso, or even just chips. Corn has been used since the Mesopotamian era, where Native peoples domesticated maize, grinding it and using it to make all sorts of food. One of the earliest forms of chips were using ground corn or corn meal to create tortillas which were then baked and dried and would turn crispy. Spanish explorers brought corn back to Europe during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, which led to even more evolution for corn. During the 1800s, the process of nixtamalization which is the process of treating corn with lime, which became essential in the corn chip production. In 1932, C.E. Doolin purchased a fried corn chip recipe and began experimenting with different salts and spices like chili peppers to create different kinds of corn chip snacks. He sold these at a local diner in Texas and then in the same year, he launched the Fritos company. The nationwide success led to corn chips becoming a staple snack in not only households but also an easy snack for soldiers while at war. In the 1950s, the corn chip blew up as they started showing up in restaurants and as other companies experimented and created even more types, shapes, and flavors. Now, we are blessed with thousands of different kinds!

## TRIVIA

### Trivia

What is the Kansas state reptile?

- A: Hognose snake
- B: Ornate box turtle
- C: Snapping turtle
- D: Great Plains skink