
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

Collaborative to Advance Health Services
JEDI Committee

Black History Highlights

Did you know, in 1866, Melinda Russell was the first African American Female to publish a cookbook?

Pan-African Flag

The flag of distinction!



When celebrating Black History Month and other African American accomplishments, you might see the Pan African Flag being used. The flag is also known as the Afro-American Flag.

This flag was designed by Marcus Garvey and adopted for use on August 13, 1920. This flag was established in response to late 19th century music that belittled and mocked African Americans.

The flag was created to show pride and unity within the African diaspora with three colors that represent different things;

- Red: the blood that unites all people of Black African ancestry, and shed for liberation;
- Black: black people whose existence as a nation, though not a nation-state, is affirmed by the existence of the flag; and
- Green: the abundant natural wealth of Africa

BLACK EXCELLENCE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The McCallop Bus Company Made A Way in Johnson and Wyandotte County

Robert McCallop Sr., started the first school bus service in Johnson County. Due to school segregation, African American children could not attend secondary school in Johnson County at that time. Robert turned the back of his truck into a school bus and from the 1930s through the 1950s, transported the children to Sumner High School in Wyandotte County.

Fun fact: Our very own Stephanie McIntosh is the great-great-granddaughter of Robert McCallop Sr., and great-granddaughter of Alexander McCallop, both of whom are pictured below.

For more information visit:

<https://shawneemissionpost.com/2021/02/24/mccallop-family-johnson-county-shawnee-kansas-114512/>



From left to right: S. H. Thompson, supervisor of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools; Robert Lee McCallop Sr., bus company owner; William Jesse McCallop, driver; Mrs. Charlene McCallop (Charles' wife), driver; Robert Lee McCallop Jr., driver; Alexander Harrison McCallop, driver; and Charles Eugene McCallop, driver. All of the McCallop family wear matching uniforms with dark-colored jackets, pants, and caps. The Kansas license plate, 1951, has the "WY" abbreviation for Wyandotte County.

The African American Center of Excellence

The African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence is a new national center funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center of Excellence. Their academic home is the National Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine. If you didn't know, the Collaborative works in collaboration with the AABH CoE.

For BHM, they have promoted a curated list from Mental Health America to celebrate Black History Month. Given the recent increase in death from suicide within the African American community it's great to have resources that support wellness.

The resources can be found at:

<https://mhanational.org/black-history-month>

Resources

Books:

<https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2021/african-american-fiction.html>

Broadcasts/interviews:

<https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>