

# Equal Justice Initiative Community Remembrance Project Presentation to USD #469



## The Equal Justice Initiative Team of Leavenworth County consists of:

- **Marti Crow – Retired member of KS state legislature and school board member**
- **Bishop Tony Majors – Pastor of Glimmer of Light Church**
- **Joana Scholtz – Chair of Leavenworth NAACP**
- **Todd Thompson – Leavenworth County Attorney of Leavenworth**
- **Edna Wagner – Director of Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum**
- **William Wallace – Richard Allen Cultural Center and Life Long Resident of Leavenworth**
- **Carla Wiegers – Church Council Chair of First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth; member of Lansing USD 469 school board**
- **Rev. Dr. Dave York – Pastor of First UMC of Leavenworth**

**The Community Remembrance Project consists of four main parts:**

- 1. Historical marker displayed at Leavenworth County Courthouse telling story of lynching of Fred Alexander, Silas Wilson & Richard Wood and lynching in America.**
- 2. Soil Collection – Soil collected from spot of lynching will be consecrated and sent to EJI office in Montgomery, AL.**
- 3. Essay Contest – Eleventh and twelfth grade students in USD 453 and USD 469. At least \$5000 of scholarship money will be given.**
- 4. Courageous Conversations – ongoing discussions and events to continue the dialogue on racial, poverty, and justice.**





**FRED ALEXANDER,**

**Burned at the Stake on the Exact Spot  
of His Alleged Crime.**



**MISS PEARL FORRIES,**

**For Whose Murder Alexander Was  
Burned at the Stake.**

# ESSAY CONTEST

- Begins Tuesday, January 18 ends Thursday, March 10.
- 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in USD 453 and 469.
- Winners will be announced and invited to read essays at Juneteenth celebration over weekend of June 18-19, 2022.
- The first place essay will be read part of the ceremony.
- At least \$5000 of scholarship money will be awarded.



# EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE WEBSITE

<https://eji.org/projects/community-remembrance-project>

