

## Local Mom's Group Celebrates Anniversary

Flint Hills Families, a Council Grove area mom's group, celebrated its one year anniversary at La Hacienda on Monday at the La Hacienda, site of the group's first meetup one year ago.

Since then, the group has held more than one hundred meetups, including children's play dates, family lunches, holiday parties, pool and park gatherings, book club discussions, and monthly Mom's Nights Out. The group focuses on providing social opportunities and a local support system for parents and their children. The group meets both during the day and in the evening to accommodate both stay-at-home mothers and working mothers.

Flint Hills Families was created in January 2009 by Laura White. The group is organized via a website through [meetup.com](http://meetup.com). Having been a member of a mom's meetup group in Iowa, White decided she would see if there was local interest here for a group for moms with young children. With a little help from the organizers of the Iowa group, she started working on the group webpage in November 2008 and then started advertising it via email, newspaper ads and flyers around the area in January 2009.

The first meetup was at La Hacienda for dinner with seven people in attendance, most of whom had never met one another. Now the group is comprised of 17 families, with a mix of Council Grove natives and families who are originally from all over the state and country.

Additionally, the group has seen the need to add two assistant organizers. Jessica Young began as an assistant organizer last spring and Mika Doornbos became an assistant organizer this winter.

Flint Hills Families is always accepting new members. Current members vary from single parents, to stay-at-home moms and working moms. Any mother who lives in the area and has a child in the age range of newborn to 5 years old can join. For further information, please visit the website at [www.meetup.com/flint-hills-families](http://www.meetup.com/flint-hills-families) or send an email to [lauracouncilgrove@gmail.com](mailto:lauracouncilgrove@gmail.com).

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## Who's Hot, Who's Not Changes By Week In Big 12

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Texas and Kansas State have been vulnerable and even Kansas has had a hiccup.

The Big 12 race is shaping up to be wide open if the first couple weeks of conference play are any indication.

Texas dropped to No. 6 in this week's Top 25 after losing two in a row following the program's first No. 1 ranking. No. 11 Kansas State, which knocked off Texas a week ago, lost at home to Oklahoma State. And No. 2 Kansas' only loss was a whopper, coming against a Tennessee team that suited up six scholarship players and three walk-ons.

No. 24 Baylor, on the other hand, has become the darling of the league after giving the Jayhawks a scare at Allen Fieldhouse and winning its first 11 home games. Texas Tech, with its win over Oklahoma on Saturday, already has matched its win total of a year ago and Colorado, picked to finish last, is no pushover.

"As we go on, the cream will rise," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "For the most part, we felt we had a couple teams that were Top 10 teams, and K-State got in there. I didn't expect them to lose at home. The rest of us are just going to beat each other up. You see teams 3-2, 2-2. It's going to be highly competitive."

The Big 12 went into Monday leading all conferences with seven teams among the top 37 of the RPI, eight teams with 14 wins and eight with a .737 or higher winning percentage.

Those statistics tell Texas Tech coach Pat Knight all he needs to know about the league.

"It's just a week-to-week deal. You can't get frustrated," Knight said. "If you're not Kansas, you're going to have some bad weeks. You have to get through them and not get down."

The Longhorns (17-2, 3-1) were outshot, outrebounded and were turnover-prone in losses at Kansas State and Connecticut. They were bad at the free-throw line in the two games, making just 18 of 38 attempts.

"I didn't do a good enough job (conveying) how when you become the No. 1 team in the nation, you're going to be under attack," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We're going to have to coach them better and work a little harder. I know we're a long way from being the team we can be."

Kansas State (16-3, 3-2) let an on-