

Memories from yesteryear

The first Cattle Ranches
Con't from last week.
This story of a cattle drive is taken from the history of Alexander Drew and his son Charlie.

Alexander Drew homesteaded near the town of Moonlight in 1886. He was postmaster there in 1889, and as their homestead was close to the Sand Wells Ranch, his son Charlie took a job with the Beaty Cattle Company and learned much of the hazardous problems of frontier life. He started working for the Beatys when he was sixteen years old, and one of his first jobs was to plant the grove of cottonwood trees around the ranch headquarters. He would do this with a single row plow and two big mules. He would plow six rows and lay cottonwood twigs in the furrow, then plow dirt on them.

In 1899, he went on a cattle drive on the Texas Trail to Montana. They gathered cattle from the Sand Wells and drove them to Point of Rocks, north of Elkhart, where they made up a trail herd. They left Point of Rocks with eighteen hundred head of cattle



Pete Milburn; unidentified; Buck Walsh; Archie Hackley. Dated 1898. Taken from Stevens County and Its People published in 1979.

and twelve men. Jap Harman, Sr., was their cook while on the trail. It took them one hundred days to make the trip. There was one time when they had to do without water for three days. On the second day the cattle seemed to go blind, but when they got to water they were all right. The men rode their horses back to Morcroft, Wy., where the horses were shipped back to Kansas by train.

Amos Youngren tells a story of the dipping vat at the Sand Wells Ranch. Texas cattle drives through Kansas were stopped about 1897 be-

cause Texas cattle were carrying the "Texas Fever" or "Texas Itch" to the cattle in Kansas. The ranchers in Stevens County built dipping vats sixteen to twenty feet long with a furnace or boiler at one end. They filled the vat with Karasil dip and water, and the boiler kept the water and dip circulated and mixed. The cattle were run through the dipping vat, three to four hundred a day. A man stood by to press their heads down with a pole. Some of the ranchers used a large cage and lowered it into the vats. One time a cowboy got the "itch" and decided

what was good for the cows was good for him so he prepared a tub of Karasil and water, stripped off his clothes and stepped in! The water and dip had not mixed. He came out of that tub with a loud yell and headed for the pond. There was a hole in the ice, and in he went. It cooled him off, but the burns from the dip took quite some time to heal.

Con't next week.

Taken from Stevens County and Its People, published in 1979.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY INSPECTOR OR OTHER AGENTS OF THE CITY OF HUGOTON TO ABATE CONDITIONS AT 110 E. 3RD ST. AND 221 S. MONROE ST. HUGOTON, STEVENS COUNTY KANSAS, WHICH ARE IN VIOLATION OF HUGOTON CITY CODE SECTION 8-708

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Hugoton, Kansas:

WHEREAS, a Notice of Violation of Hugoton City Code Section 8-708 (herein "Notice") was issued by the City Inspector stating there were abandoned motor vehicles (tag not current and/or inoperable), auto parts, tires, metal appliances, masonry products, lumber and refuse on the property located at 110 E. 3rd Street and 221 S. Monroe, Hugoton, Kansas (herein collectively "Property") in violation of Section 8-708. The Notice provided that these were considered conditions which were a violation of Chapter 8, Article 7 of the City of Hugoton's Environmental Code, exterior conditions. Further the Notice indicated the mobile home and garage on the Property were in a dilapidated state and must be alleviated. The condition of the garage and mobile home considered conditions were considered, exterior conditions of the structures to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, in the Notice, the persons found to be in violation, Douglas Allen Dumler, Jr. and Miranda A. Dumler were given 15 days to alleviate the exterior condition which caused the violation by correcting the problem of the auto parts, tires, metal appliances, masonry products, lumber and refuse on the Property. Further, within 15 days from the date of mailing, Douglas Allen Dumler, Jr. and Miranda A. Dumler were to make the abandoned vehicles operational and tagged, remove them from the City of Hugoton, or place them in a garage out of public sight. Finally, Douglas Allen Dumler, Jr. and Miranda A. Dumler were notified that they had forty-five (45) days from the date of mailing of the notice to alleviate the exterior conditions (structure) vi-

olations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hugoton City Code Section 8-709, a Notice was sent certified mail on May 17, 2024, addressed to Dumler, Douglas Allen JR & Mirand A. The certified mailing was refused. Notwithstanding that fact, the Notice was sent first class mail addressed to Dumler, Douglas Allen JR & Mirand A. on May 17, 2024; That notice was not returned; and

WHEREAS, the abandoned motor vehicles (tag not current and/or inoperable), auto parts, tires, metal appliances, masonry products, lumber and refuse remain on the property located at 110 E. 3rd Street and 221 S. Monroe, Hugoton, Kansas. The mobile home and garage remain in a dilapidated state. Therefore, the conditions described above causing the violations have not been alleviated, nor has a hearing before the governing body been requested within the time periods specified by Hugoton Code Section 8-709.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Hugoton City Code Section 8-711, the Governing Body authorizes the City Inspector or other agents of the City of Hugoton to abate the conditions causing the violations (described above and in the Notice) at 110 E. 3rd Street and 221 S. Monroe, Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas at the end of 20 days after passage of this resolution. The costs incurred by the City of Hugoton shall be assessed against 110 E. 3rd Street and 221 S. Monroe as provided in Hugoton City Code Section 8-714.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person(s) in violation as provided in Hugoton City Code Section 8-711.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Members of the City Council of the City of Hugoton, Kansas, this 9th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Matthew Rome
Matthew Rome, Mayor
City of Hugoton, Kansas

ATTEST:
/s/ Carrie L. Baeza
Carrie Baeza, City Clerk

History from the Hermes

by Lori Walters

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Dean and Tillie Roehr celebrated their sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary this week.

Thursday, September 16, 2004

A brand new combine owned by Wayne Johnson of Rolla burst into flames earlier this week as it was parked at the home of Thelma Morgan, southwest of Hugoton. The combine was a total loss.

Thursday, September 19, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Renfro celebrated their fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary this week.

Thursday, September 3, 1964

Dr. J. D. Smith joined the medical partnership of Frederick and LeNeve, September 1, 1964.

Thursday, September 16, 1954

Charlie O. Broadus of Amarillo, Tx., assumed responsibility as manager of Doll's Automotive Agency. His family will join him in the near future.

Thursday, September 15, 1944

Mayor John Fulkerson; R. E. Richardson, the superintendent of the Light and



The new Hugoton High School football coaching staff headed by Phil Hower and assisted by John McFarland are building their 1964 edition around these five returning lettermen. They are Clifford James, Dennis West,

Milton Gillespie, Mike Rebel and Doug Betsworth. The Eagles begin their season this Friday against St. Mary's in Dodge City. *Taken from The Hugoton Hermes, September 17, 1964 edition.*

Thursday, September 12, 1924

The Department of Agriculture estimates the value of one toad to be \$20 a year for all the good they do destroying vast numbers of insects and worms.

If any readers have pictures or memories for the history page of the Hermes, please bring them in to the staff at The Hugoton Hermes newspaper.

Water plant; J. S. Brollier, City Attorney; Walter Hunsinger, member of the governing body of Moscow, went to Topeka where they appeared before the Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, pertaining to matters of concern to Hugoton and Moscow.

Thursday, September 14, 1934

O. W. Bradfield has opened the Conoco Bulk Station and is making arrangements for a service station.

Museum Update



Do you know any of these handsome young gentlemen? If you can help identify any of these basketball boys or coaches, please call the Hermes. Check out the Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum. They are open Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Sat-

urdays from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. The Museum is closed Sundays but reservations for tours by Curator Steve Lewis can be arranged for those days. Call 620-544-9650 to reserve a tour. Check out the many exhibits and interesting displays that the Museum has to offer.

Stevens County Healthcare
For the Heartland

LISA STEERS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - CERTIFIED

- **How long have you been with Stevens County Healthcare?**
Since May 2007
- **What is your current position?**
Physician Assistant- Certified
- **Who inspired you to pursue the career you have today?**
My mom
- **When you are at work, what motivates you?**
Tammie :)
- **What is the best part of your day?**
Taking care of the patients.
- **What is the best advice you can give someone just starting their career?**
It's a rewarding career.
- **What is your secret talent no one know about?**
I love animals -cattle, donkeys
- **In terms of successes, which accomplishments are you most proud of?**
My kids
- **Who are some of your biggest inspirations?**
Dr. Sam & my husband, my husband raised the kids so I could attend PA school
- **Tell us something about you that most people do not know.**
I was born at this hospital.
- **If you could travel anywhere, where would it be?**
Visit friends
- **What would you want others to know about what you do at SCH?**
We work hard to provide you (the patients) with the best care possible.

Thank you so much for what you do. We appreciate you!

Stevens County Hospital
Pioneer Manor
Stevens County Retail Pharmacy
SCH Physical Therapy Clinic
SCH Durable Medical Equipment

HAPPY BIRTHDAY