

# JUST A LITTLE LIGHT

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## Oreo Memories

Most grandmas probably have a cookie jar, but I have a special “Oreo Jar” that I had for many years before I was a grandma. During the years while I lived at Thornberry Acres near Miltonvale before my first husband died, many little hands reached into that jar and pulled out those delicious dark chocolate cookies with the yum-my white icing in the middle!

And during some of the years at Thornberry Acres, “The Oreo Jar” became a part of a hide-and-seek game between me and my youngest daughter Misty. I had started the Oreo Jar because I enjoyed having an occasional cookie, but my youngest daughter Misty *really* liked Oreos.

Then a foreign exchange student named Victoria from Spain came to live with us for a school year. And Victoria *really* liked Oreos too, so she and Misty could empty the Oreos Jar in an evening!

That’s when the “hiding-the-Oreos” game began. At first, I moved the Oreos around in the kitchen—different shelves, the bread box, high in shelves, or low in shelves. But Misty always found them.

Then I moved them to the filing cabinet, the closet, or sometimes on the steps that went upstairs! And those “moving” Oreos gave us lots of laughs and memories.

The years moved swiftly along, and our girls grew up and were married. Then the grandchildren came along. And they *really* like Oreos too. So, when they came to our house, little hands and not-so-little hands reached into the Oreo Jar—even the older grandchildren *really* like Oreos too.

A couple of my favorite “Oreo Memories” involved Will Thomas, our youngest grandson when he was about three years old. For about a year, after my present husband Tom and I were married, we took care of Will every Tuesday while his mother Misty was in school.

Toward evening on those days, either Tom or I would drive Will half-way toward his home in Manhattan to meet his mother. Will liked to take a snack bag of cookies home with him.

One day I fixed Will a bag of 8 Oreos—2 for him and 2 for each of his 3 siblings. Will wanted to hold onto the bag that evening while Tom drove him to meet his mother. Due to difficulties with keys getting locked into Tom’s car when Misty and Tom met, for a while, Will and the Oreos were forgotten.

Then when Will and his mother were finally on their way home toward Manhattan, Will proudly presented a total of 3 Oreos to his mother for his 3 siblings.

Later that day I talked to Misty by phone. I asked her if the other kids got their Oreos and she said yes, there were three. Then we realized that Will had “done the math”—he had eaten 5 Oreos, but he had left one each for his sisters and brother.

Another day I sent a bag of Oreos home with Will. That day *I* drove him to meet his mom. He announced that he planned to give some of the cookies to his mother.

As we rode along, I watched Will in the rearview mirror as he ate the icing out of middles of *all* the cookies. He carefully put some of the chocolate cookies back together in the baggie “for his mom,” but only after *all* the icing was licked clean!

When I saw what he had done, I encouraged him to go ahead and eat the chocolate parts too, telling him his mother would not be disappointed since she did not know he was bringing Oreos home to her anyway. Will had such good intentions, but he just could not resist that yummy icing—a fun Oreo memory!

Oreos are difficult for many of us to resist. They have been around since 1912 when they were first baked on Oreo Way, a street in New York City in the first Nabisco factory. Originally, dark chocolate and lemon meringue-flavored Oreos were baked, but the lemon ones were eventually discontinued, and the chocolate ones have persisted. Here are a few more Oreo facts.

\*It takes 120 minutes to make and bake an Oreo cookie.

\*In addition to the original dark chocolate flavor, there are now Double Stuf Oreos, mint, thin ones, Mega Stuf, golden, peanut butter, and more.

\*Oreos are used in many ways—to eat with milk, crushed to make a crust, in ice cream, and other ways.

\*Factories in 18 countries bake about 40 billion Oreos cookies each year!

\*50% of people pull or twist them apart before eating them, and more women twist them off than men.

And there you have a little information about Oreo cookies and a few of *my special Oreo memories!*



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# LOOKING BACK

## 100 YEARS APRIL 2,1925

Some of the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Buck surprised them with a housewarming carry-in supper. They have a lovely spacious new home in which all spent a very enjoyable evening... Gathers Hardware is advertising Eclipse Fairbanks-Morse windmills, they are all metal for a lifetime of service... The Meridian column states that Ben Bull started a fire Friday to burn off a pasture; the fire got away and was put out with a lot of help from the neighbors. It got close to Ernest Scott’s and J.T. Hämmerli’s homes, neither received any damage...

## 75 YEAR MARCH 30, 1950

Ten thousand trees from the State Forest Nursery at Hays were distributed to 30 Cloud County farmers March 23 and 24. It appears that 30,000 trees will be planted in windbreaks and shelterbelts again this year in the county... Marvin L. Stortz of Concordia has decided to become a candidate for sheriff of Cloud County. Mr. Stortz is at present serving undersheriff under J.R. (Jack) Cleveland... BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Ernest Kaiser, Eugenia Mitchell... WEDDINGS: Miss Fern J. Cyr to Glenn A. Simmons... Mrs. Ernest Scott, Jr. was the lucky winner of a deepfreeze given by the Walter Merten Hardware Co. in Clay Center last week... Wheat \$2.01 and eggs 26 cents a dozen fresh from the farm...

## 50 YEAR MARCH 27, 1975

Debbie Catlin was selected the FFA Sweet Heart. The contestants had to saddle a horse, catch a pig, milk a goat, drive a tractor, rope a green hand, make a carpentry project and take a test on FFA. Debbie will now compete for the North Central District FFA Sweet Heart on April 19th... Vo-AG students attended a dairy contest at the Washington, Kan., FFA... The “A” team placed 8th out of 18 teams, “B” team placed 10th out of 18 teams... ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. and Mrs. Orville Briggs 50th... Harold “Rosy” Rosiska, Clay Center Dispatch, has been selected the first annual Oscar Stauffer as sports writer of the year covering high school sports... BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ming have a girl... High grisly winds Monday blew open the left front door at the Presbyterian Church and broke 2 of the hinges... BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Elsie Welsh 60th. Earl Fosdick 74th. Audrey Tanzer... Rainfall for the week T... In 1915 Richard Lister is erecting a building at Catlin Station this week. He expects to put in a line of groceries in addition his cream business...

## 25 YEAR MARCH 30, 2000

Joshua Girard has been named to the College Dean’s List for the first and second trimesters. Joshua is a student at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa... Citywide garage sale, April 29th... Moisture for the week 1.54... Wheat \$2.17...The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway... The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt, this year... Mozart learned to play the harpsichord at the age of four and composed his first music at age five...

# TOOTLE’S TALES

BY JUDY LOBAUGH

## TT

If you are a fan of yardwork, you should be happy as the grass and weeds are growing. With all the wind we have had lately, our yard has a lot of twigs and small debris embedded in the grass that needs to be removed before we can mow.

## TT

Happy Birthday to: Jarod LaBarge, Matt Borwege, Eric Larson, Gerald Braun, Clancy Revell, Joshua Marrs, Jayda Marrs, Shane Carlgren,Robert Bacon, Barbara Shepard, Arlene Felch, Darlene Smoot, Eric Paillet, Joan McNeil, Todd Kirschner, Brandin Tate, Connie Girard, Janet Fuller, Jordan Koster, Laura Bow-ers, Brent Donley, Tom Phelps, Ann Appleton

## TT

Happy Anniversary to: Torey and Megan Hamel

## TT

We send our prayers and get-well wishes to: Linda Shepard, Gary Turner, Nancy Crowl, Kyle Stolzenburg, Eric Stevenson, Louis Crowl and their caregivers.

## TT

The Kansas State Women’s basketball team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament by defeating Kentucky in overtime. This is the first time since 2002 that the Lady Wildcats have advanced to the Sweet Sixteen. Good Luck Cats!!



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The City of Glasco is accepting sealed bids for 2025 summer mowing contract. The contract would include mowing and maintenance of designated areas, including city rights-of-ways, the city park, RV park, empty lots owned by the city, ditches and other areas as specified by the city. For a copy of city map with all locations marked please contact Glasco City Hall.

Sealed bids must be submitted to City Hall by April 4, 2025. Bids will be opened at the April 8, 2025, City Council meeting, and bidder will be notified.

Each bidder must provide proof of liability insurance. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Grass Mowing Bid” and either mail or drop off at City Hall. City of Glasco - 206 E. Main St.- PO Box 356 - Glasco, KS 67445

Questions, please call City Hall at 785-567-2705 or email [glascoctyclerk@twinvalley.net](mailto:glascoctyclerk@twinvalley.net)

# BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

## Easter is Coming and So is the Easter Bunny!

Easter is on its way and for most children this is a great prospect! If your children are anything like mine they’ll be trying to catch the Easter Bunny, eat a couple of wonderful meals with family, friends, and church members, celebrate Jesus, and the most important part of all, to our youngsters anyway- candy. Lots and lots of candy.

This traditional candy craze comes in many forms, one of the favorites being beautifully decorated Easter baskets on Easter morn, but one of the most memorable being the competitive and community-oriented Easter Egg Hunt! And allow me to assure you, the community of Miltonvale is no exception to this tradition! We love getting together and letting our kids go crazy by hunting around for well-hidden Easter Eggs full of all sorts of goodies.

This year in the small, cordial town of Miltonvale, KS, the Citizens for Progress will be hosting the Community Easter Egg Hunt at Tootle Park with the fun beginning at 10 a.m.! As with most of our important events, we will have all sorts of help from different parts of the community: our Senior Citizens will be filling the plastic eggs with candy and coins while the Sturdy Oak and Miltonvale Hustler 4-H clubs will also be around to assist with the hunt. However, we are asking anyone who can donate monetarily as that is how we will be able to supply the coins for our plastic eggs! If you can donate, we would greatly appreciate it!

To add a little challenge and competition to this yearly maelstrom of Easter egg eagerness, the plastic eggs will be hidden in five (5) assigned areas of the park, with there being three (3) important golden eggs awarded to three (3) lucky finders in each age group! Speaking of age groups, this hunt is for all kiddos able to walk through 6th graders. The Easter Bunny will also be present to take pictures, give high-fives and more (this part of the shenanigans is mostly for the parents if we really think about it). In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held at the EMS building. Either way the fun will go on!

So, if you need help bringing a bit of raucous excitement to your Easter, stop by Miltonvale where our kids can all have fun together! I think it’s safe to say there is something for both parents and kids to enjoy! Join the hunt and let’s create great memories together!

Happy Easter to you all and may you find the golden eggs you’ve been looking for!

# MOUNT LIBERTY

BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

What a ride the weather has been lately. From 80 degrees one day to well below freezing the next with heavy snow in spots and blowing dust. I don't think I had ever witnessed a dust storm like we had and others apparently hadn't either. The tragic accident in western Kansas was caused by the visibility dropping to zero. You could only tell where other vehicles were by hearing them crash. Over 70 vehicles were involved and I believe 7 were killed. The same storm rolled through here but no traffic so nobody else to hit. You could safely stop and you were safe.

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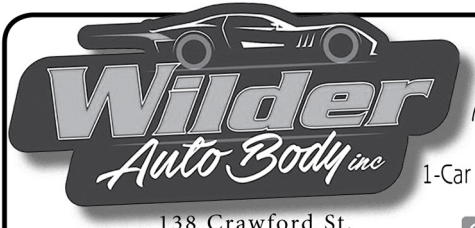
Another driving hazard that comes around twice a year is when the sun is directly in the road ahead of you. I am surprised there aren't more accidents than there are at this time of year. In spite of visors and any other devices it is almost impossible to see at times. The best solution is to drive west in the mornings and east in the evenings. That doesn't get you where you want to go though.

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We almost had a disaster in our neighborhood on that windy day. A neighbor had burned some tree piles at least 3 weeks ago and maybe a month. There were apparently some embers deep in the pile that were lit up again by the strong winds. Luckily he came by there and saw smoke plus the grass was short so the fire trucks got it put out quickly. It was headed for a quarter of CRP that had been partially harvested so we would have had a big head fire. That would have been fine but I still had bales stored on the non-CRP. All's well that ends well!


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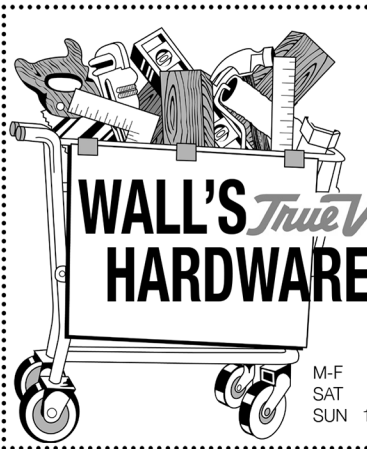
The return of the astronauts recently reminded me of a story I read recently. A Chinese man by the name of Wan Hu decided to try to go into space. He attached 37 rockets to a chair to take him for a ride. They never found him or his chair. Maybe he is still up there.

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