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Kansas. The winds gave off a roar very similar to that of a tornado. One tornado was reported 10 miles east of Medicine Lodge and others reported were unconfirmed.

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Taken from the June 20, 1985 files of *The Barber County Index*

Friday was just an ordinary day for Medicine Lodge paper boy Patrick Green, until he came upon the county treasurer's money pouch that was laying on the courthouse lawn. "I opened it up and saw money and checks and thought about what I should do. I stuck it in my bag and went down to Bill's TV and Appliance to show my Dad," stated Patrick. "He came running in and was as stirred up as if he had hit a home run," described his father Mike Green. Patrick gave the pouch to his father who opened it. "I counted seven \$100 dollar bills and several smaller bills and found all kinds of checks. There was almost \$11,000 in cash and checks in the bag," explained Green. Mike Green and his son contacted Police Chief Monty Rickard and took the pouch to him.

Most of the day-to-day conversation that takes place among friends in small town co-ops involves the latest town news, the price of wheat or the latest weather forecast. However, a few weeks ago the talk at the Isabel co-op was a bit out of the ordinary. Ernie Strong, Bill Becker, and Charlie Swayze were sitting around shooting the breeze when a sudden brainstorm came upon them. The brainstorm was to try and open a community grocery store. Isabel had been without a store for several months, and they felt one was desperately needed. The store is being managed by Beverly Slinkard. She said, "It's a real challenge. I was astounded at how fast the store went in. The community really rallied together to get it in order."

"Kansas the Wheat State," most everyone that lives in Kansas knows that this state is known for its wheat crop. At one time or another, Kansans have traveled the highways and seen a combine cutting wheat or have lived on a farm and know from first-hand experience what goes on during wheat harvest. Local farmer Tom Bedwell and his wife, Barbara, taught a person (who had only seen combines in operation from the highway) a little bit more about what really goes on during the Kansas wheat harvest. The moisture level was good, the sun was shining, the combine, tractor, and truck were serviced, and the Bedwell family wheat harvest operation was underway Thursday afternoon. Tom's son, Pat Bedwell, was behind the wheel of the massive combine that could be seen in the distance. Tom was on his tractor with the wheat cart attached and Barbara (with the help of her seven-year-old-son, Ryan) was driving the wheat truck.

30 years ago

Taken from the June 19, 1995 files of *The Gyp Hill Premiere*  
Over 360 bikers peddled their way into Medicine Lodge from Coldwater on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The bikers were treated to fine food and hospitality from the locals of the town. On Tuesday, June 13 another 300 bikers joined the group and rode through Medicine Lodge on their way to Anthony on the Bike Across Kansas Tour.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> Rita Doan, representing the Alpha Iota Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority awarded Shane Broce and Jessica Harper each a \$100.00 scholarship from the sorority to be used at the college of their choice.

June 12 marked the last Board of Education meeting for several members. Dorwin Freeman, one of those members, served for 20 years on the school board, with his first term beginning in July of 1971.

Local artist, Jennifer Phye, has recently been notified by the National Library of Poetry that one of her poems will be published in Walk Through Paradise (Library of Congress ISBN 1-56167-285-8). The poem will be published sometime this winter.

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Although the 2015 harvest has begun, nobody wants to attempt to predict how it will end.

OK Co-op Grain General Manager Steve Inslee in Kiowa reported that they were not the first to take in wheat this year in Kansas and there is still wheat in the area that is green. He stated, "The numbers are all over the board which is understandable with all of the variables we have facing us." He continued by listing drought, freeze, and rust, plus the forecast of having several days of rain ahead.

In the Jr/Sr High principal's report, Darryl Honas informed the board of a few changes being made in the handbook. Honas said adult breakfast prices will be raised from \$1.90 per meal to \$2.00. Mr. Honas also says backpacks will no longer be allowed in individual classrooms as they have been in the past. Students will be expected to leave their backpacks in their lockers.

As the preparations for the first Peace Treaty celebration moved from ideas into reality, the need of financing became a matter of the utmost of importance. The Medicine Lodge Indian Peace Treaty Association made the decision to borrow \$2,500.00 from 50 business men with the possibility of them receiving a return of their money, but only if funds were available.

As plans for the 25th Peace Treaty Pageant begin building momentum, once more an eye must be turned to the financial sponsorship of the event. As before, the Peace Treaty Association is depending on area businesses. Without financial support, the ticket prices would be so expensive that no one could afford to attend and enjoy the Peace Treaty Pageant.



Left to Right: She's all cool on her bike; the bike at the crash scene; and finally her gnarly road rash from not wearing pants. I'm still a cool grandpa though.

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She's a pesistant little girl, just like her mom, and I finally caved to her attire and demanded she at least wear a helmet and her grandma's boots. She and her friends took off on the dirt bikes and four wheeler.

I sat at the picnic table with my tools so that I could fix things about every other lap. These bikes are old. They are at least 25 years old and in remarkable shape for what we've put them through. I've gotten some help to get all of them running again, but with anything that old, there are issues.

Baylee and her friends love to come out and ride just about anything that uses gas. My job is to attempt to keep everyone safe and entertained, toys full of gas and to keep it all running. By late Sunday, I was a motorcycle, a go kart and a four-wheeler down. I hope to have them all running this weekend.

At one point during Saturday's riding she and her friends came inside for a break (she was also giving the yard a break after wearing out the grass). She asked, "Grandpa, can I just ride around the yard with no helmet this one time?"

I said, "No" and "You really need to put some pants on in case (when) you crash."

She got a little sassy with me, but put on the helmet and took off. One lap later she was standing in our living room, whimpering, bleeding and bruised. She said, "You were right grandpa, I should have worn pants."

I can laugh now because she was right back out there on Sunday, wrapped in gauze, tearing up my grass and putting a big smile on my face. It's not everyday I hear, "Grandpa, you were right."

Have a great week.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment Public Notice Gold Bond Building Products, LLC. Application to Expand an Industrial Landfill

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has received an application to expand the Gold Bond Building Products, LLC industrial landfill. The permit modification will increase that landfill's permitted disposal area from 15.01 acres to 33.75 acres. The expansion's effect will be to increase the site's disposal capacity from about 775,408 cubic yards to about 1,290,606 cubic yards. The proposed landfill expansion would be constructed and operated in conformance with state solid waste regulations and accept only industrial waste as defined by Kansas Statutes and generated by Gold Bond Building Products, LLC. The proposed landfill expansion site is located at 20672 NW White Sands, Sun City, KS.

The Barber County Commissioners have certified that the landfill is consistent with the county's solid waste management plan and local land use restrictions or zoning. KDHE has reviewed the application and found it to be in conformance with the state solid waste statutes and regulations.

KDHE is today providing public notice of the intent to approve the proposed landfill expansion. However, a final decision to approve the expansion has not been made, and KDHE will consider information gathered during the public comment period before making a final decision. A copy of the administrative record which includes the permit application, engineering drawings, draft permit, and other information with respect to this permit action will be available for public review from May 1, 2025 through June 1, 2025 during normal business hours at the following locations:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Waste Management 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320 Topeka, Kansas 66612 Contact: Joseph Hacker (785) 296-3746 Barber County Clerk Office 120 East Washington Ave Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104 Contact: Amy Sill, County Clerk

Additionally, the permit application form with primary application information is available for public viewing via the Internet at <http://www.kdheks.gov/waste>. Anyone wishing to comment on the landfill's permit modification should submit written statements post-marked no later than June 1, 2025 to Joseph Hacker at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320 Topeka KS 66612, by fax at (785) 559-4253, or by e-mail to [joseph.hacker@ks.gov](mailto:joseph.hacker@ks.gov). Mailed comments postmarked prior to June 1, 2025 and received within one week thereafter will also be considered.

After consideration of all written comments received during the public notice period, KDHE will make a final decision on whether to issue the permit. Notice of the decision will be given to the applicant, anyone who submitted written comments during the comment period, and those who requested notice of the final permit decision.

Janet Stanek Secretary Kansas Department of Health and Environment



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