

Bygone Days

‘55 Polio vaccinations are halted

10 YEARS AGO
May 7, 2015

The city of Utica held their annual U.T.I.T.A. May Day on May 2. . . +2025 lbs. of Hazardous waste collected at the Ness County Road & Bridge Department Collection Day . . . Kaitlyn Dinges of Ness City High School wins a \$2,000 scholarship for her essay. . . The Ness County News is reporting that 2.5” of rain fell in the near Utica last week. . . Sacred Heart School will be hosting the school’s annual Spring musical and concert on May 13 . . . WPHS will be hosting their Open House and Awards Night on May 7 . . . Mark and Lisa Weber of Ellis announce the approaching marriage their daughter Danielle Marie Weber to Gideon Lee Fuchs, son of Ted and Shelly Fuchs of Ellis. . . Births -- Bethany and Preston Pfannenstiel announce the birth of their daughter Mason Vada born March 15; Nicholas and Paige (Pfannenstiel) Woolery, announce the birth of their daughter Camden Grace born on January 25; Trevor and Amber Pfannenstiel announce the birth of their daughter Kambri Jo, born on April 24. . . Western Plains Schools will be dismissing early this year by one day! . . . Deaths -- Delores Steadman, 89, of Ellinwood died on April 28; Anna Johnson, 90, of Dodge City die on April 29; James Whipple, 91, of Lakeside, CA died on April 20; Edwin Langer, 89, of Ness City died on May 2.

20 YEARS AGO
May 12, 2005

Many spectators lined the streets of Utica on Saturday afternoon to see the annual May Day Parade. . . Ness City High School will hold its commencement exercises on Sunday, May 22, for its 22-member senior

class. Class Valedictorian is Steven Frank; Salutatorian is Julie King. . . Western Plains High School graduation ceremonies will take place on Sunday, May 15, for 23 seniors. Class Valedictorians are Dustin Bain and Brianna McDonald; Salutatorian is Ashley Kraft. . . The third home from Bazine in recent history was moved to Ness City this past Thursday. The home is owned by Nancy Ferguson. . . Kyle King of Ness City will graduate from the University of Kansas on May 22. . . Kerry Dinges, Ness City, is a new member of the American Angus Association. . . **Births**--Eric and Jennifer (Kerr) Hargett of Cheyenne, WY, are parents of a daughter, Gweneth Renee, born April 6. . . **Deaths**--A. Francis “Fritz” Horning, 71, a Ransom native, died April 28; Goodland resident Sgt. Derrick Lutters, 24, died May 1, in Iraq, while serving in the U.S. Army National Guard; Dennis M. Sherwin, 72, a Beeler native, died May 3; Veta Fayne Lamoree, 82, a lifetime Beeler resident, on May 6; Willard Eugene West, 78, a lifetime Nekoma resident, on May 7; Richard Sam Kessler, 77, longtime Russell resident, on May 8.

30 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1995

There will be a reunion of teachers who taught school in one-room school-houses during the 1995 Old Settlers’ Reunion. . . Four Ness County students have earned degrees from K-State University and will graduate this week-end. The group includes Loretta Whipple of Beeler, Tim Kraft of Brownell, Kim Brown and Carlos Garcia-Egocheaga, both of Ness City. . . Roger Myers and Donald Shank have been appointed to the USD

No. 304, Bazine, board of education. They will fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Marilyn Mantz and Marcella Brin. . . Commencement exercises for eight Utica High School seniors will be held Saturday, May 13. . . Niki Sutton, a student at NCHS, has been selected to attend the High O’Brien Youth Foundation Kansas leadership seminar in Lawrence, June 2-4. . . **Anniversaries:** Dale and Susan Cossman of Richland, WA, former Hanston residents, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Orie Basinger of Utica will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on May 13; **Births**--Michael and Dana Zordel of Medicine Lodge are parents of a daughter, Cortney Lyn, born April 30. . . **Deaths**--Joseph P. Pfannenstiel, 69, a Ness City native, died April 27, in Colorado; Howard Jess “Pete” O’Brien, 60, a Bazine native, on April 27, in Oklahoma; Lloyd Eugene Alexander, 68, of Holiday Island, AR, a former Ness City resident, died May 1; Jesse Edward Jarvis, 87, a Ransom native, on May 5; Alvina T. Schlereth, 84, an Alexander native, Ness County resident and sister of Alice Bruntz of Bazine, died May 5. . . **At the Jarvis: The Sugar’s Wife.**

50 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1975

Ness county has seven students graduating from Kansas State university on May 16. The group includes George Deines, Stephen Durfee, William Frusher, William Sorensen, Warren Sutton and Mark Whitley, all of Ness City, and Barbara Sunley of Ransom. . . Mrs. Werner Flax of Ness City will receive her nursing degree, and Gordon Janssen of Ness City will receive his diploma, on May 16, from Barton county juco. . . Terry Fehrenbach and Bernard Hoss, both of Ness City, and George Austin, formerly of Bazine, will receive degrees from Emporia State college on May 16; Bazine student, Randall Foos, will graduate from the Wartburg (Iowa) Theological Seminary on May 18; Juliana Hair, senior at K-State, was honored this week as an outstanding senior Collegiate 4-H member at the university. . . Ness City native, Marion D. Pember, was recently promoted to Army Lieutenant Colonel at his assignment as installation chaplain in the 172nd Infantry Brigade. . . Twenty-five seniors at the Ransom high school will receive their diplomas there on Thursday evening, May 15; Nine Bazine seniors will receive their diplomas on Sunday evening, May 18. . . **Births**--Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn of Wakefield are parents of a daughter, Beverly Ann, born April 16. . . **Deaths**--Vivian F. Frank, of Arvada, CO, a Great Bend native, died May 2; Peter Fankhauser, 93, of Madison and father of Mrs. Wayne Brooks of Ness City, on May 12; Eugene M. Cole a Bazine native, on April 25; Emil Mauth, 91, a lifelong resident of Bazine, on May 10. . . . **At the Drive-In: Thunderbolt and Lightfoot** with Clint Eastwood; then **The Great American Cowboy** with Joel McRae.


60 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1965

Busboom and Rauh of Salina are contractors for the new Grisell Memorial Hospital at Ransom. The cost of the hospital for contractor and architect is \$300,000. . . M-Sgt. Robert Kitch received his retirement certificate from Maj. Elmer Merrow at the AFB, Cottonwood, ID, on April 30, after serving 20 years in the service. . . Last week Old Settlers President Malcolm Foster handed The

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will graduate May 17, from Fort Hays State University. The group includes Sandra Potter, Arnold; Julie Grose, Bazine; Teresa Johnson and Belinda Whipple, Beeler; Scott Caton, Pamela Stum, David Windholz, all of Ness City; Gary Sargent and Mitch Ummel, Ransom. . . Gordon McPheter, father of Greg and Teresa McPheter of Bazine, was recently promoted to the rank of Commander aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Saratoga*. . . Garold Baker, Utica High School senior, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball and baseball at Pratt Junior College . . . Blaine Gabel, 4-yr.-old son of Sandy Gabel and Ronnie Gabel of Ness City, will appear on Romper Room, channel 13, on Sunday. . . **Anniversary**--Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren of Gove will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26. . . **Births**--Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flax of Ransom are parents of a son, Nicholas James, born May 11. . . **Deaths**--Helen Foster Ward, 82, lifelong Ness City resident and retired school teacher, died May 9; Lester Willis, 79, a former Ness County resident, died May 10; Harr-old F. Walter, 75, longtime Ness City resident, on May 11. . . **At the Jarvis: The Sugar’s Wife.**

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News a letter from H.H. Merrill, who spent some time here as a boy. For those “youngsters” who don’t recognize the Merrill name, it was Mr. Merrill’s father, M.C. Merrill, who was responsible for Ness City’s landmark, the old bank building erected here in 1882. . . Donald Green, a Brownell native, will go to the Far East as a missionary in 1966. . . **Births**--Mr. and Mrs. James Downey of Dodge City are parents of a daughter, Adrienne Emily, born May 5; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carter of LaCrosse have a daughter, Leeann, born May 5; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Carter, Jr. of Utica, a daughter, Teresa Kay, born May 7; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walt of Utica, a daughter, Brenda Lea, born May 9; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coker of Ness City, a daughter, Carrie, born May 8. . . **Deaths**--Kimberly K. Langer, 4-year-

old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Langer of Ness City, passed away at the home here on May 8, after a lengthy illness; Mrs. Margaret Wilhelm, 94, a long-time Bazine resident, died May 10; Ray W. Spencer, 62, brother of Mrs. H.H. Cooper of Ness City, died May 7, in Texas. . . **At the Drive-In: Rio Conchos**; then **Gunfight at Comanche Creek** with Audie Murphy; plus **Woman of Straw**; and **Goodbye Charlie** with Tony Curtis and Debbie Reynolds.

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The City of Ness City

Would like to THANK the following businesses for their manpower and equipment for a successful clean-up! Thank You residents for cleaning up!

- Lane-Scott Electric – Myron and Blake
- Gabel Lease – Alvin
- GBTA - Bryan, Aaron and Eric
- Ness County – Bryan, Jake, Scott & Neal
- Atmos Energy – Gary and Cole
- Ness City Crew – Earl, Shawn, Scott, Carl, Beau & Jon

Mother’s Day Dinner

\$14.00

serving out of the Utica Grade School gymnasium

Sunday, May 11

coffee on at 10:00 a.m.

serving begins 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Pork Spareribs, Grilled Pork Chops, Parsley Potatoes, Peas, Buttered Noodles, French Bread and Desserts


REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Garnett, Kansas, Comprehensive Plan

The City of Garnett requests proposals from qualified consultants or firms to review city comprehensive plan and develop comprehensive plan for the City. The new, updated plan will provide vision, goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City’s development and redevelopment for the next 20 to 25 years. The plan will guide the City Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment for the City. The updated plan will integrate all aspects of urban development, including demographics, land use, public facilities and infrastructure, transportation, environmental, and economic growth recommendations. A critical component of the plan will be setting a vision for the City’s development and redevelopment, including areas in the City and possible annexation land. The vision component will need to analyze existing and future infrastructure needs and how technology will play a role in community outreach and City operations. The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
One (1) electronic copy in PDF format, in accordance with this RFP, will be accepted no later than 3:00 PM CST on May 30, 2025 and shall be submitted via the following email address: dwilson@garnettsks.net

Full document and information are available at www.simplygarnett.com.





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NOTICE

-Taxpayers-

May 12, 2025

Is The Deadline For The Second Half Taxes For 2024

Reminder - Please bring your copy of receipt off your statement.

The second half of the 2024 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before May 12, 2025, these taxes will bear interest at a rate of 11 percent per annum on Real Estate or 6 percent annum on Personal Property. All delinquent Real Estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302, 79-2303 and 79-2304. All Delinquent Personal Property taxes will be published as per K.S.A. 79-2101.

Layne Wasinger

County Treasurer Ness County, Kansas

Payments can be put in the Drop Box on the north side of the courthouse.