

Bygone Days

'85 Ness City UMC celebrates 100 years

10 YEARS AGO
June 25, 2015

Virgil and Louise Windholz celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 30 . . . Nine Boys Scouts from Troop #131 attended the Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch in Walsenburg, CO, this past week . . . American Red Cross Swim Lessons are being held at the Ness City Municipal Pool. This year there are two sessions being held during the summer months . . . Wheat harvest is gearing up with near harvest weather in the area. Depending on the weather the majority of the wheat crop will be cut in 12 days or so . . . A successful American Red Cross Blood Drive was held this past week . . . A wind farm is coming to a town near you was a front page headline of the Ness County News this past week . . .

A Driver's Education class is being seen around town as students drivers learn the craft of driving . . . The Ness City K-18 took a pair of baseball games from Russell. Ness City defeated them 11-3 in the first game and then again 13-1 in the second game . . . John Booze a 2014 FHSU and NCHS graduate passes his CPA exam . . . The NCHS Class of 1965 held their 50th class reunion (19 students attended) . . . The Bazine H.S. classes of 1960 and 1961 gather for a joint class reunion on June 6, 2015 . . . Deaths -- Carl Jr.

Klizke, 88, of Ransom died on June 18 . . .

20 YEARS AGO
June 30, 2005

The Bazine Coop has more wheat than it can store, and as of last week around 70,000 bushels were piled on the ground, after 870,000 bushels had filled up the elevator. . . Brett Keenan recently returned from the American Legion Boys State of Kansas held on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan. . . Frankie and Phyllis Valens will be performing a family concert at the First Baptist Church on July 1. . . A total of 493 (301 graduates, 15 teachers and 177 guests) registered at the recent Bazine High School Alumni Reunion. . . Gary Boese of Brownell earned a place on the President's Honor Roll at Hutchinson Community College. . . Serena Marie Felder of Brownell graduated summa cum laude as the valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class of Benedictine College. . . Births--Jason and Shelly Pavlu of Ness City are parents of a son, Kaleb Francis, born June 22. . . Deaths--Edwin Martin Miller, 65 of Ellinwood, died June 13; Edith Reeves, 84, a Grant County pioneer, on June 25.

30 YEARS AGO
June 29, 1995

Heavy rains over the area Saturday further delayed the beginning of the wheat harvest in Ness

County. . . Members of the Rosedale Club served as Grand Marshals of the 1995 Old Settlers' Reunion parade. . . Deke Hobbick and Tyson Flax were awarded their Eagle Scout badges at a Court of Honor in Ransom on May 20. . . Steve Phelps, of Post 7972, Ransom, was elected to serve as state Chaplain of the Kansas VFW. . . Twenty-five college students are raising funds for Habitat For Humanity by bicycling from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco. The riders are scheduled to arrive in Ness City on July 3 and will hold a free bicycle clinic at the Assembly of God church. . . Cade Hobbick, Ransom, was named to the spring semester honor roll at the University of Kansas. . .

Birthdays--Helen Davis of Utica celebrated her 96th birthday on June 25. . .

Births--Gina and Greg Harris of Lincoln, NE are parents of a daughter, Jordan Marie, born June 22; Verlyn and Lisa Wasinger of Ness City have a son, Nicholas Eugene, born June 17. . .

Deaths--Dorothy Leone, of Shawnee, twin sister of Doris Rufenacht and sister of Mary Noll, both of Ransom, died June 12; Edwin Boese, 70, of Ness City, died June 24. . . **At the Jarvis Theatre: Casper.**

40 YEARS AGO
July 4, 1985

On June 16, the United Methodist Church congre-

gation, friends and relatives, shared in the Ness City church's 100th anniversary celebration. . . About 40 friends and neighbors came together last week to harvest the wheat crop of Dean and Karen Schadel. Dean passed away on June 14. . . Sister Mary Alban Rohr celebrated 60 years of the religious profession on June 22. . . Sister Darlene Stoecklein celebrated her 25th anniversary with the Order of Sisters of Adorers of Precious Blood of Christ in Wichita, on June 16. . . Jacqueline O'Brien of Ness City has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Garden City Community College. . . Effective July 1, a law that will increase the legal drinking age to 19 this year will go into effect. . .

Births--Dr. and Mrs. Greg Lyman of Columbia SC, are parents of a daughter, Whitney Anne, born June 25; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hawkinson of Ness City have a son, Dal Stanley, born June 27; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howard of Dighton, a son, Shane Allen, born June 28; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schwartz of Ness City, a son, Dustin Lee, born June 28; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker of Ness City have a daughter, Christy Marie, born June 27. . . **At the Jarvis: Burt Reynolds is Stick.**

50 YEARS AGO
July 3, 1975

Although the wheat harvest work is a week to 10 days late this year, near record yields were still being reported from all sections of the county. . . The first harvest accident reported by Sheriff Barrows happened Saturday afternoon, when a truck loaded with wheat and driven by Richard Johnson of Beeler overturned at the Beeler turnoff on K-96. No one was injured. . . Rev. Frank J. Canfield of Seneca has been assigned to the Arnold-Utica U-Methodist churches as minister for the coming year. . . Two break-ins occurred here over the weekend with the thieves entering rooms at the Park Motel and the shop building of Cheyenne Oil. . . Mrs. Mary (Hawkinson) Moberly of Colorado Springs, recently graduated from Southern Colorado State college in Pueblo. . . Barbara Sunley of Ransom, and William Sorensen of Ness City, graduated magna cum laude from Kansas State university this spring. . . **Births--**Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Floyd of Berkeley, CA, are parents of a son, Chesney Gordon, born June 26; Mr. and Mrs. Marian Peak of Great Bend have a daughter, Ramona Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rohr of Great Bend, a son, Mitchell Wayne, born June 20; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hemel of Dighton, a son, Mark Allan, born June 30; Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Michaelis of Utica have a daughter, Kimberly Ann, born June 30. . . **Deaths--**Rev. Glen Thompson, 47, a native of the Beeler community, was killed when run over by a cement truck at an Olathe intersection on June 26; Mrs. Alberta Brenemen, 92, of Hays, sister of Lorin Ferrell of Ness City, died June 30, in Oklahoma. . . **At the Star Drive-In: Tom Sawyer;** then Roger Moore is "James Bond 007" in *The Man With The Golden Gun.*

60 YEARS AGO
July 1, 1965

The big screen at the Drive-In Theatre just north of Ness City was completely destroyed by the high winds accompanying the heavy rain here late Friday night. Owner Paul Ricketts has contracted for the erection of a new screen, and it is expected to be ready for operation about July 15. Until then, the Drive-In shows will be held nightly at the downtown Ness

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Theatre, Ricketts reports. . . Eight Ness county students at Fort Hays State college earned places on the dean's honor roll this spring. The group included Rodney Giess, Vada Huxman and Basil Jarvis, all of Arnold; Daryl Filbert (who also earned all As) and Clarnetta Schwein of Bazine; Vicki Phillips of Brownell; Clyde Goodman of Ness City, and Mary Schreiber of Ransom. . . Among the group of 13 registrants who took their pre-induction physical examinations on June 28, in Kansas City, were Ness County residents, Robert Humburg and Kenneth Pfannenstiel, Ness City; Timothy Kraus and James Oliver, Ransom; and Jerry Lauxman, Utica. . . **Births--**Mr. and Mrs. Darold Devena of Hutchinson are parents of a son, Edward Dale,

born June 16; Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Johnston of Colorado Springs, CO, have a son, Scott Allen, born June 21. . . **Deaths--**Mrs. Mary Bernbeck, 88, a longtime Utica resident, died June 25; Mrs. Leo (Shirley) Turner, 25, life-long Ness City resident, died June 24, following a lengthy illness; Mrs. Lydia Moore, 52, of Chester, IL, sister of Mrs. Hugh Finin of Ness City, died June 25; Edwin J. Baker, 47, of Utica, died of an apparent heart attack on June 29. . . **At the Drive-In (The Ness): McClintock** starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara; then *Yank in Vietnam* with Marshall Thompson; plus *Ride the Wild Surf*; then *Sex and the Single Girl* with Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood and Henry Fonda.

Leisure
Years Menus

- Monday, June 30**
Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Cookie
 - Tuesday, July 1**
Scrambled Eggs, 2 slices of Bacon, Biscuit & Gravy, Orange Slices
 - Wednesday, July 2**
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Side Salad, Pineapples
 - Thursday, July 3**
Goulash, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Fruit, Rice Crispy Treat, Dinner Roll
 - Friday, July 4**
Happy 4th of July
CLOSED
- Milk and juice is served with all meals.
Phone 785-798-3108
Effective immediately!
Please place your lunch order the day before eating.
Suggested donation for registered seniors \$4.

Produce only
Food Bank to be held July 1

The Ness County Food Bank will be Tuesday, July 1. This is a produce only box! It will start at 9:30 a.m. This will be a drive by pick up on the west side of the Ness County Courthouse in Ness City on a first come, first serve basis until all boxes are gone. Please return boxes to the Ness City Leisure Years Center.

Ness County Fair Association holds monthly meeting

The Ness County Fair Association will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2025. The meeting will be held at the Ness County Fairgrounds building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Offers fun, free family connection

Ness City Little Eagles Learn & Play

Families in Ness City have a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together through Little Eagles Learn & Play, a FREE play-based group designed for young children and their parents or caregivers. Held every other Thursday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. at the Little Eagles Preschool, this welcoming group is led by facilitators Mrs. Lesa Schulte and Mrs. Lacie Clarke, who are passionate about building a space where children can explore through play while adults form valuable community connections. "Little Eagles Learn & Play is all about creating a safe and engaging environment where parents can interact with their children and meet other local families," says Mrs. Clarke. "It's relaxed, it's fun, and it's free—what more could you ask for?"

Each session is rooted in play-based learning, which research shows is essential for early development. The group meets bi-weekly and includes a variety of activities tailored to support social, emotional, and cognitive growth in young children.

Upcoming Schedule (July–December 2025)

- July 24 – Special session at the Ness City Municipal Pool
- August 28
- September 11 & 25
- October 9 & 23
- November 6 & 20
- December 4 & 18

Whether you're new to the area or simply looking for a way to bond with your child in a supportive setting, Little Eagles Learn & Play is the perfect place to start. For more information or to get involved, just drop in on a Thursday evening. Mrs. Schulte and Mrs. Clarke would love to welcome you!

Ness City Rotary Fireworks at the intersection of HWY 96 & HWY 283, The 4-Way stop

Monday June 30th - Friday July 4th

11:00 am – 9:00 pm

Proceeds stay local for scholarships and to support community projects

USD 303 - Ness City Schools: Surplus Equipment for Sale by Sealed Bid

USD 303 - Ness City Schools is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus copiers and related items:

1. **Ricoh MP C4503 – Color Copier (Library)**
 - o 45 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
 - o Approx. 1,064,000 copies
 - o Includes 4 extra toner cartridges
2. **Ricoh MP C5503 – Color Copier (High School)**
 - o 55 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
 - o Approx. 691,000 copies
 - o Includes 6 extra toner cartridges
3. **Ricoh MP C6003 – Color Copier (District Office)**
 - o 60 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
 - o Approx. 892,000 copies
 - o Includes 4 extra toner cartridges
4. **Ricoh MP 5002 – B&W Copier (Pre-Kindergarten)**
 - o 40 ppm
 - o Approx. 1,309,614 copies
5. **Ricoh MP 5002 – B&W Copier (Elementary School)**
 - o 50 ppm, Finisher, Large Capacity Tray (1500 sheets)
 - o Approx. 1,154,070 copies
 - o Includes 2 extra toner cartridges

Bids must be received in the USD 303 District Office by 4:00 PM on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Bids will be opened and prepared for presentation to the Board of Education on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Final decisions will be made during the Board of Education meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025.

☐ To submit a bid, please include:

- The **item(s)** being bid on
- The **bid amount**
- Your **name, address, and contact information**

Submit in a sealed envelope clearly marked **“Sealed Bid – USD 303”** to:
USD 303 District Office
414 E Chestnut St
Ness City, KS 67560

All items are sold as is/where is, with no warranty expressed or implied.

Successful bidders will be notified on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

All equipment must be removed no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, July 21, 2025.

USD 303 reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

For questions or to schedule a viewing, please contact the District Office at (785) 798-2210.