

Bygone Days

‘95 K-State team improves Ness City park

10 YEARS AGO  
July 3, 2015

The 2015 Wheat harvest leaves many Ness County farmers scratching their heads. 4” wheat heads didn’t fill very well and not as berries as farmers were hoping for. Low yields (30-35 bushels) was all there was in many of the Ness County fields this year . . . The Kansas sales tax increased from 6.15% to 6.5% in both the City of Ness City and Utica starting July 1. The Ransom City sales increased to 7.0% . . . A wheat harvest accident was reported when a tractor pulling a grain cart hit a power pole, fortunately there were no injuries . . . Tumbleweed Lanes in Ness Ctiy closed it doors this past week. For the past 12 years it was owned and operated by Billie and Terry Backhaus . . . Six Ness Countians graduate form FHSU: Case Beckman, Ness City, Bachelor of Science in athletic training; Skyler Kraft, Ness City, Bachelor of Business Administration in finance; Kendra Pfannenstiel, Ness City, Bachelor of Science in health and human performance; Britny Pfannenstiel, Ransom, Bachelor of Business Administration in management; Debra Hagans,

Utica, Masters of Science in education administration; and Allison Young, Utica, Bachelor of Business Administration in finance . . . The Burst of Family Fun will be held on July 3, from 7:00 to 9:45 p.m. The evening will end with a fireworks show at dusk! . . . Lucas Cranston captured Saturdays URSS vs. Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Car portion of the 7th annual Steve King Memorial at Dodge City Raceway Park this pas weekend . . . Deaths -- Ronald Johnson, 50, of Ness City died on June 20; Graveside services for Clifford Schaffer of Reno, NV will be held on July 20; Verl Martin, 84, of Ellinwood, died on December 8, 2014; Bud Steadman, 90, of Ellinwood died on June 21.

20 YEARS AGO  
July 7, 2005

The Ness County Long Term Care hosted an ice cream social and invited patrons to tour their facility, last Thursday evening. . . . 2005 Ness County graduates from Seward County Community College, Liberal, included Amanda Foster of Utica, and Calvin Gabel of Ness City. . . . Blaine Vogel and Debbie Pfannenstiel were both declared cham-

pions of the Ness County Country Club Open Golf Tournament this past Sunday. . . .Ness County spring graduates of Barton County Community College include Darla Goodrow (honor), Mandy Goodrow, Justin Langer (honor), Keith Pfannenstiel and Berneice Scott, all of Ness City; and Kelsey Mollenkamp (high honors) of Ransom. . . . Deaths--Fern L. (Mrs. Vyril W.) Levan, 95, of Shawnee, died June 28; Peggy H. Hones, 83, a lifetime Utica resident, died July 1; Anna Mary Nau, 81, a longtime Jetmore resident, also died July 1; a memorial service for Lee F. Dechant, who died September 27, 2004, will be held at the Bazine Cemetery on July 15; Harold “Cowboy” Repshire, 81, of Oakley, a Trego County native, died July 4.

30 YEARS AGO  
July 6, 1995

Ness County’s valuation increased for the first time in several years, from \$38,565,376 a year ago to \$40,606,449 this year, according to County Clerk Ramona Meis. . . . The K-State Summer Team is working hard at their project to improve the Ness City Park. . . . Eddie and Barbara Wassinger of Ness City will welcome a new “daughter” in August, Marcela Larrarte Palacios, a YFU International Exchange student from Columbia. . . . Stephanie (Pfannenstiel) Percival of Garden City earned a place on the GCCC Dean’s Honor Roll this spring semester. . . . Alexander and Victoria Moor of Pforzheim, Germany, will arrive in the county on July 29, and will be hosted by Wanita Reinert of Ness City. Alexander’s great-grandfather was Michael Depperschmidt, a brother to the late C.M. Deperschmidt of Ness City. . . . Births--Rick and Michelle Springfield of Ness City are parents of a son, Colton Jeremiah, born June 24; Kerry and Jeanette Dinges of Ness City have a son, Dallas Charles, born June 8. . . . Deaths--Wayne Kerr, 71, a lifetime Ness County resident, died June 19. . . . At the Jarvis Theatre: Congo.

40 YEARS AGO  
July 11, 1985

The city of Ransom, first platted as Ogdensburg in May of 1887, is making plans for hosting its centennial celebration, scheduled for May 23 - 25, 1987. . . . County Appraiser Francis Pavlu estimates that the county’s assessed valuation will be 2.7 percent higher than in 1984. Figures for Ness County show the total valuation as \$68,174,765 for


1985, up from \$66,370,432 last year. . . . H.T. Paul Co., Inc. has been granted a permit to construct three apartment buildings in the Westside II addition in Ness City. . . . Lora Lovitt of Ransom has completed graduation requirements at Hutchinson Community College. . . . Bruce Swafford qualified to go on to the National Junior Olympics in St. Louis, MO, in the 100 meter dash. . . . Births--Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Smith of Eldorado, AR, have a son, Dustin Robert, born June 26; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pfannenstiel of Quinter are parents of a son, Joseph James, born June 28.

At the Jarvis: Roger Moore is James Bond 007 in A View To A Kill.

50 YEARS AGO  
July 10, 1975

Ness county’s most surprising harvest is about completed and with the exception of those areas damaged by hail, production was well above what most observers had predicted. Some estimate that the county will harvest some 6.5 million bushels of wheat in 1975. . . . Gale Squier of Brownell has been nominated by the U.S. Public Relations Service to appear in the 1975 edition of “Who’s Who in Kansas”. . . . Cheryl Stutz of Utica achieved outstanding academic honors for the spring semester at Emporia State college. . . . Rodney C. Osborn, formerly of Ness City, received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Northwestern University on June 14. . . . Births--Mr. and Mrs. Larry Michaelis of Utica are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Ann, born June 30; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hemel of Dighton have a son, Mark Allan, born June 30; Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Gaunt of McCracken, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, born July 4; Mr. and Mrs. George Liechty of Ransom, a son, Peter George, born July 6; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Wittman, Jr., of Fredricksburg, VA, have adopted a daughter, Heather Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. Rick

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Hendrickson of Hanston have a daughter, Lisa Ann, born July 2; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stover of Abilene, a daughter, Stacie Lee, born July 3. . . . Deaths--Mrs. Lucy Munch, 83, a long time Ness City resident, died July 4; Mrs. Dessie M Carmon, 71, of Utica, died July 6. . . . At the Drive-In: *Death Race 2000*; plus *Stacy and the Gang Busters*; then Paul Newman and Robert Redford in *The Sting*.

60 YEARS AGO  
July 8, 1965

The heaviest storm of the current season hit the Ness City area last Monday evening, dumping 1.68 inches of rain here in the matter of a couple of hours. The storm was accompanied by a tornado in the Cedar Bluff area, with considerable damage being done there. One of the heaviest damaged cabins at Cedar Bluff was the Stukesbary cabin, which had the roof blown off and much water damage sustained from the torrential rain which followed the tornado. In Ness City, the Clyde Strobel and Vyril Levan homes were both damaged by lightning strikes. . . . The annual Bazine Picnic will get under way at 10:30 Friday morning, July 9, with the opening parade, after which two full days of entertainment will follow. . . .Subscription rates for the NEWS will increase Au-

gust 1. The new rates will be \$3.50 per year in Ness and surrounding counties, and \$4.50 per year to all other mailing addresses outside the six county area. . . . There are 13 students from Ness county attending Kansas State university, Manhattan, this summer as K-State heads to a record breaking enrollment of nearly 3,600 on-campus students. . . . Jackie Cooley, 1965 graduate of the Bazine high school, enlisted July 2, in the army security agency for a 4-year term. . . . Births--S/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert Leterle of Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, are parents of a daughter, Kristie Wilma, born June 25; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Flack of Denver, CO, have a daughter, Michell Victoria, born June 26; Mr. and Mrs. John Stull of Denver, CO, a son, Michael Lee, born June 23; Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDaniel of Ransom, a son, Chris Howard, born July 6. . . .Deaths--Daniel J. Chamberlain, 70, lifelong Utica resident, died at his home on July 1; Fred W. Barrows, 86, a longtime Ness County resident, died July 2. . . . At The Ness: *The Pink Panther* with David Niven and Peter Sellers; then *A Distant Trumpet* with Troy Donahue and Suzanne Pleshette; then *Black Zoo*; and *Viva Las Vegas* with Elvis Presley and Ann-Margret.

Independence Day

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The first gunfire of the American Revolution echoed across Lexington and Concord in April 1775, which sparked the colonists’ fierce struggle for independence.

For over a year, the thirteen American colonies fought against British rule, seeking liberty and self-governance. When, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, the colonies formally severed ties with Great Britain, and asserted their right to self-determination.

Only July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence. This took place in Philadelphia, within the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall.

Fifty-six delegates signed the document, representing the thirteen American colonies. John Hancock, as President of the Congress, signed first in bold, large script.

The adoption of the Declaration was met with widespread celebration. In Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell rang out. People gathered in the streets, cheering and rejoicing.

Meanwhile, in other colonies, the news spread quickly. Public readings of the Declaration took place, accompanied by various festivities. The first Independence Day celebrations included parades, bonfires, and public gatherings. In New York, General George Washington read the Declaration to his troops.

The Fourth of July - also know as Independence Day or July 4th o- has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18 century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festi---vities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2025 is on Friday, July 4.



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**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER: 6:30 P.M.**

**ONSITE ELECTION VOTING: 6-7 P.M.**

**BUSINESS MEETING: 7:30 P.M.**

- GUEST SPEAKER, MIKEY GODDARD, DIRECTOR OF LOSS CONTROL, SAFETY & COMPLIANCE AT KEC
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