

LOOKING BACK

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1924 - 101 years ago

Fresh Air camp of Salvation Army: one of the most remarkable accomplishments of the Salvation Army in this Division of this year has been acquisition, development and operation of a new Fresh Air camp, five miles southeast of Independence, Missouri, where destitute mothers and children from congested population districts are cared for in the hot season. The undeveloped woodland camp site was donated early in the year by Frank C. City. Improvements were begun immediately. Within several months thirteen rest cottages and a first aid hut had been donated to the Army and erected on the fifteen acre tract. Springs were walled with cement, a system of sanitation provided, playground equipment installed and roads improved. The Salvation Army has cared for more than 1000 mothers and children in the camp. In operating the FreshAir camp, the Salvation Army is serving not only the larger centers of population, but the rural communities as well, whence many come during the summer months to swell the centers of population. There are records of men bringing their families from the rural districts to Kansas City to seek employment, to find that misfortune awaits them. Some are disabled by illness, some fail to find work. They are forced to live in the slums, where their wives and children, deprived of the fresh air and good food of the countryside, wane and sicken. The Salvation Army this year has restored many of these unfortunates to happiness by removing them to their country environment again in the Fresh Air camp.

Beef cattle: good to choice fed steers were in moderate supply and they sold readily at last week's advance. The best wintered summer grazed and straight grass fat steers were 10 to 15 cents lower, and the plainer kinds down 25 to 25 cents. On the basis of these

price changes the volume of trade was large. At no previous time this year has the buying side risen to the occasion as they did today. There was nothing in the general situation to discourage liberal shipments from now on. The steers offered today sold at \$10 to \$11, and the fair to good fed steers \$8.50 to \$9.75. Straight grass fat steers sold up to \$8.50 and wintered classes up to \$9. Cows and heifers were 15 to 25 cents lower. Not enough fed cows were offered to test values. Fed heifers were scarce. Veal calves were steady.

The city clerk informs us that the total assessed valuation of the city of Oakley for the year of 1924, is \$1,152,412.00 as against \$1,166,131.00 for the year of 1923. The total tax levy for 1924 is sixteen and one half mills as against fifteen and one half mills for the year of 1923. Total amount to be raised for 1924 will be \$19,014.80 as against \$18,075.03 for 1923.

1950 - 75 years ago

Plainsmen to join NWK League: Oakley High School was accepted into membership in the Northwest Kansas League at the annual fall meeting of member schools, Saturday, Sept. 9 at St. Francis. The League was organized back in the 1920's by seven county seat towns of St. Francis, Atwood, Oberlin, Norton, Goodland, Colby and Hoxie. These same schools have composed the league since its beginning. While the Plainsmen have participated in various activities with league schools, Oakley was never a league member. Paul Dick, Oakley superintendent, in announcing Oakley's membership stated that it will take a year or two before the Plainsmen will come into full league membership as participation in all activities sponsored by the league is one of the qualifications of membership. Commitments on contracts with other schools already made will make full participation impossible immediately. Oakley at present is a member of the Union Pacific League.

Favorite and most

famous of the cookie clan are Chocolate Crunch Cookies that are studded with morsels of semi-sweet chocolate. Easy to make, bake a batch with this tried and tested recipe.

Chocolate Crunch Cookies: 1 ½ cups sifted flour; ½ teaspoon soda; ½ teaspoon salt; ½ cup butter softened; 6 tablespoons granulated sugar; 6 tablespoons brown sugar; 1 egg, beaten; Few drops of hot water; ½ cup chopped walnuts; 1 package semi-sweet chocolate chips; ½ teaspoon vanilla. Sift flour with soda and salt; set aside. Blend butter with sugar until creamy. Add egg, and beat well. Add to the flour mixture and mix, then add a few drops of hot water and mix until well blended. Add chopped nuts and semi-sweet chocolate chips and vanilla. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. YIELD: 50 cookies.

1973 - 52 years ago

\$227,285 low bids on new museum-library: contractor bids were sparse for the new Fick museum and Oakley library building, but councilmen at the bid openingTuesdayaccepted low bids of \$227,285. Contract went to: General - Muchow Construction, Inc., Paola, \$184,643. Plumbing, heating and air conditioning - Hughes Plumbing, Inc., \$27,642. Electrical - G & L Electric, Garden City, \$15,000. Voters approved construction of the building in a \$241,400 bond issue last April. The white, reinforced concrete building will cover 12,025 square feet. It will be built due north of the Courthouse. One and a half blocks of land have been offered there by the Bertrand family as a gift memorial to the late J. Ernest Bertrand, and the city councilman announced last week that it should be a more convenient location than the earlier proposed site at Annie Oakley park. Councilmen were disappointed in the bid response. Architect Ralph J. Keller, Hill City, said all general contractors in the state and several from out of state were contacted, but the contractors were

backlogged. Councilmen feared that this would tend to increase prices. However, bids were considered well in line considering the upsurge in costs. There was one bidder for the complete, turnkey job, \$234,000 by Bryce-Krider, Wray, CO. There was one other bidder for plumbing, heating and air conditioning. Speier Plumbing and Heating Co., Hays, bid \$32,360. Two other electrical bidders included Oakley Gas Co., \$17,500, and Electrical Equipment Co.,Salina \$17,487.

Question: What's the next best thing to having a private telephone in the family car? Answer: "HELPS". "HELPS" stands for Highway Emergency Locating Paging Service. It's a brand-new computerized communications system that is now installed at Stuckey's, located on Route I-70, Grinnell. According to Nelson H. Holdeman, manager, the "HELPS" system enables the highway motorist to receive messages from home or office while traveling to and from their destination. There is no charge for this service. To reach the motorist, one calls the "HELPS" message center in Eastman, GA. Give the operator your name and the motorist's phone number. This may be any number - usually the home phone - you and the motorist have it prearranged before the trip. The message center operator also will ask for the number the motorist is to call when they have received the message. All this information is stored in a computer until the motorist retrieves it. They can pick up their messages at any one of Stuckey's 350 stores coast to coast. There they will find a console terminal which features a television-like monitor and a 12-key numeric keyboard which illustrates the message.

Fenced in: drivers of 1974 and cars of the future are going to feel fenced in, in their transportation

under new governmental regulations. The new cars won't start unless the driver and the front-seat passengers have buckled their seat belt and shoulder harness (around bodies and not in back of them). This applies, even if the passengers are only going around the block in Oakley, or from one spot on the family farm to another. Automobile executives forecast the device will be the most controversial new car feature in years, because it has been shoved on the motorist and because it adds to the cost.

2000 - 25 years ago

"Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present." To realize the value of one year; ask a student who has failed a final exam. To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of one week, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet. To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who has missed the training, bus or plane. To realize the value of one second, ask the person who has survived an accident. To realize the value of one millisecond., ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics. Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special. -Unknown

The Kansas Pest Control Association has established the Pest Control Industry "Hall of Fame." The purpose is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Pest Control Industry in Kansas, in the nation and in the world. Nine people were recognized and inducted into the Hall of Fame during the KPCA Annual Awards Banquet in Hutchinson on Dec. 2, 1999. BD "Bud" George, who established the Central Pest Control Service of Colby in

1963 was posthumously inducted. Richard D and Peggy L. Adams, Cole George and Evelyn George all attended the induction ceremony. Bud's wife, Evelyn, accepted the award on Bud's behalf.

Milestones: As we head into the 21st Century it is important to recall the achievements that have gone before. Here are some of the millennium milestones. - 1000: the first journey to North America. Leif Erickson set sail from his Viking Settlement and was believed to have been the earliest European visitor to continental America, nearly 500 years before Columbus. - 1088: Bologna University was the first teaching institution in Europe to act independently of the Church. It became famous for its modern approach to teaching law. - 1148: The arrival of sugar. Sugar was almost unknown in Europe and was brought back by crusaders returning from the Middle East. - 1202: A severe earthquake occurred in southwestern Levant/Syria region and had a magnitude estimated at 7.6, causing major damage in cities like Tyre, Acre, Nablus, Damascus, etc. The death toll was nearly 30,000 people. - 1271: Marco Polo was only a teenager when he set out for China. He spent 17 years there and was offered the position of governor by the Mongol Emperor. - 1300: The first mechanical clocks were introduced to Europe but were not fully accurate and had to be reset every day with the help of a sundial. - 1347: The Black Death or plague reached Europe; spread by fleas living on rats, it began in India at the end of the 1200s. - 1352: The earliest known illustration of a pair of eyeglasses appeared in a fresco painted Treviso, Italy. - 1366: The oldest national library is the National Library of the Czech Republic in Prague. It was founded when Charles IV donated a set of Codices to Prague University.

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Pastor Kyle Bloom
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Sunday Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Assembly 10:45 a.m.

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Pastor Tiffany Martin
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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219 Center Ave.
Pastor Bob Kelly
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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Dan Hutton
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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200 East 4th
Jason Schmidt, Lead Minister
Dillon Salmans, Youth Minister
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

WINONA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Melissa Byerly, DSA
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

RUSSELL SPRINGS

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fr. Don Martin
Sunday Service 4:00 p.m.

PAGE CITY

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Sunday Worship:10:30 a.m
785-671-4075

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Fr. James M. Thomas
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.

ANGELUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Luke Thielen
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Melissa Byerly, DSA
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

GRAINFIELD

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

ST. AGNES

Fr. James M. Thomas
Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

GOVE




GOVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Chris Thomas
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Annie Oakley 4-H Club Meeting Minutes

The Annie Oakley 4-H club meeting was held on September 7, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Western Vista building. The meeting was called to order by acting president, Kayden Barnett. After flag salutes and the song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", roll call was answered by 22 members. The Sunshine report was given by Nash Uhrich. The reading of the minutes was done by acting secretary Delana Munk and approved by Nash Uhrich and seconded by KJ Reed. The Treasurer's report was given by acting treasurer, Dani Polley and approved by Roman Uhrich and seconded by Kallen Barnett. The reimbursement checks for booth and banner supplies and perfect attendance awards were approved by KJ Reed and seconded by Kallen Barnett. The booth and banner committees gave their reports – the booth received a reserve champion and the banner received a blue ribbon. The leader's report was given by Kezia Uhrich - congratulations to those who took projects to the state fair: Kallen Barnett, Kayden Barnett, Heston Ottley, Luke Teeter, Nash Uhrich, Waylon Uhrich, Kaisley Wamsley and Kycen Wamsley; record books are due October 1st; perfect attendance awards go to Delana Munk, Brexton Munk, Nash Uhrich, Waylon Uhrich, Roman Uhrich and Luke Teeter; 4H enrollment will begin October 1st. The Annie Oakley 4H club had elections for the new 4H year: Shayden Selzer – President; Kayden Barnett – Vice President; Delana Munk – Secretary; Waylon Uhrich – Treasurer; Luke Teeter, Adelyn Spencer and Ignacio Bravo – Reporters; Alexander Bockwinkel, KJ Reed and Tyler Seybold – Sentinels; Nash Uhrich, Roman Uhrich and Kallen Barnett – Parliamentarians; Shayden Seltzer, Kayden Barnett, Delana Munk and Zyanya Bravo – 4H council. The recreation was "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Cup!" led by Alexander Bockwinkel. The meeting was adjourned and completed by saying the 4-H motto "To make the best better". The next 4-H meeting will be held on October 5, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Western Vista. 4H enrollment opens October 1st and new members are welcome.



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