

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

BY: JOLEEN BREWER & RESIDENTS OF SUNPORCH

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Smith Co. Pioneer

With the Wheat Harvest starting, I wanted to visit with a retired farmer. Irwin Jacobs answered my call. I got more than I could have possibly wanted.

Irwin's father, E.H. Jacobs, was one of the three biggest farmers in Smith County, owning around 2500 acres. E.H. had five boys. When each boy turned 12, they received a tractor of their own. They were responsible for the maintenance and repairs of their tractors. Five tractors to help farm the family

ground.

Irwin said that when everything was going properly, harvest would take a week to 10 days. His dad had a hired hand about 90 percent of the time until his boys were old enough to help.

The family farm could store about 10,000 bushels of wheat, and the rest went to the elevator.

Irwin said the first piece of ground he purchased himself was bought for \$25.00 per acre, and he never paid over \$40.00 per acre.

After high school, Irwin

worked at JCPenney in Smith Center for three years. He had planned on one day opening his own JCPenney's store. His plans soon changed when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, starting the war. Irwin join the service knowing he would be drafted anyway.

He spent two years in Kansas City mastering the skill that honestly helped win the war.

Irwin and his group were responsible for listening to the Japanese, writing down their words, and interpreting what they said. They

knew where the enemy planned to be, and thanks to Irwin and company, the US soldiers were ready. Irwin said his company knew more about the enemy's plans than they knew themselves.

After spending five years overseas, Irwin returned to Smith County, where he met the love of his life and raised two children.

Irwin's son, Loren, taught woodworking at SCHS, and Irwin designed and patterned the "work stations."

For his class.

Irwin just celebrated his 104th birthday and has seen

the world change in many ways, and I was so honored by our visit.

ZELMA PETERSON

Everyone knows that when wheat harvest rolls around, the temperature normally hits triple digits. This is what Zelma Peterson remembers about the harvest.

When Zelma's family's wheat was ready to harvest, the harvest help was neighbors. When one neighbor was done, they moved on to the next neighbor's eld. The farm's wives xed the meals and would try to outdo the previous wife.

Zelma talked about one time when she and another friend were going to catch a ride on the wagon that was loaded with the seed. They had just barely gotten their little hands on the wagon when something spooked the horses, and they took off. All Zelma heard was someone yelling to hang on! The wheel of the wagon was rubbing against her belly the entire time. She was so scared, and I asked if she ever did that again and she replied with a quick "NO".

Harvest



Steve Kuhlmann cuts wheat north of Cedar on Saturday afternoon.

Joleen Brewer/SCP

Drug and Alcohol discusses overseas drinking

I am writing the article in Husavik, Iceland. It is absolutely beautiful here. Our daughter's family is on a two hour whale watch in a very small boat. We hope that the whale doesn't eat them.

So what does this have to do with the Smith County Drug and Alcohol Council? Not much. I will report on what I have observed here in Iceland pertaining to alcohol and tobacco.

The legal age to purchase alcohol is 20 years of age, close to as it is in the US. The availability of alcohol is quite prevalent, as most eating establishments serve many varieties of alcoholic beverages. Convenience

stores and grocery stores sell virtually no alcoholic beverages, mostly non-alcoholic beers and wines. This should not come as a surprise as Iceland is a tourist destination for all of the world. It does appear that alcohol is very much regulated by the Icelandic government.

I can tell you that alcohol is a problem among the Icelandic population as one in four Icelanders have a problem with alcohol abuse. That seems understandable as most of the winter months are long days of little sunlight. December and January only have about 4 1/2 hours of daylight with November and April having

almost 8 hours of daylight. So, the winter months are cold and dark which can lead to depression and individuals searching for a way to cope. This often lends itself to abusing alcohol to get by.

When it comes to tobacco products, it is very similar to the US in that one must be 18 to purchase tobacco products and they are not readily available to the public. If one wants any to-

bacco product, they must like in the US go to the counter and ask for it.

This information was researched by Michelle and Kyler Elliott who flew to Iceland to gather this information for my article. It appears that they did a thorough job. They did kill time by touring the island and doing a little sightseeing.

Submitted by:
Mike Isom

The Smith County Pioneer Office
will be closed on Friday, July 4th.
Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

In His Own Words by; Stanley G

First of all, this is a story about hunting. If you do not like hunting stories and spend a lot of time feeling sorry for the poor innocent creatures that hunters kill for food, don't even read this story; as it is a story about the realities of hunting really large animals.

As this story began, brother Brent and I were both retired and each of us had driven to Idaho to accompany brother Fritz on a moose hunt. I was 75 years old and still recovering from a massive heart attack in February of that year. Therefore I probably wasn't really much help when heavy lifting work was involved...Now brother Fritz had lived in Idaho for many years and he and his family thrived for years on mostly elk and deer meat and seldom purchased any beef.

However, he was now pretty excited that he had received a permit to hunt a moose. This was a permit for a "cow" only, but still pretty exciting, as any moose is a very "large" animal. Think of the largest Holstein cow you have ever seen, and then make the animal much longer, taller, and wider than that cow. They are huge.

Early that morning, we climbed into Fritz's hunting vehicle. This was an older

Jeep Cherokee with a lift kit, a rack on top, and a good winch on the front. By noon we had seen several moose. However, none of them were in a location where we could retrieve them. I remember that two of them were standing far out in deep water, and another was high up in the timber. Then, as we were traveling slowly down a mountain road, a vehicle coming toward us stopped right beside us. Fritz rolled down the window and was surprised when the driver said; "Are you looking for a Moose?" "We sure are," said Fritz. "Well", he said, "There was a cow moose and two calves up on the side of mountain just around the bend" Now that was exciting! We drove slowly up and around the bend and sure enough, there were three moose. A large cow and two calves. These calves were not as you might expect. They were each far larger than most Shetland ponies! They were clearly visible, about 50 or 60 yards up a steep slope on the passenger side of the jeep.

Fritz had spent considerable time trying to decide which weapon to take on the moose hunt; either his 308 Winchester, or his 12 gauge shotgun with hand-

loaded slugs. He had finally decide on the shotgun. So now, as I rolled down my window and put glasses on the moose he crawled out of the driver's side with his shotgun and took up position to shoot over the hood of the jeep. As he crawled out, he finished loading his shotgun. He had removed the plug and now had 4 shells in the magazine and one in the chamber. The moose just continued to watch us. With the binoculars I could easily call out hit or miss, and he hit with the first shot. With this shot the calves began to trot away, but the cow just stood there. He fired five shots in a relative short period of time, but that moose just stood there. Then, suddenly, she took a couple of steps forward and fell over dead.

It seemed really strange. But now the work began. We clambered up to the moose but soon realized there was nothing we could do except wonder at the size of this critter. We returned to the jeep, turned it so the winch was facing up slope and pulled out the winch cable. This was at least 50 or maybe 75 feet, far short of what we needed. Not a problem. Fritz always carried at least 50 yards of 1/2 inch nylon rope. We carried the rope up to the moose,

tied one end to the moose and the other end to the end of the cable; winched in the length of the cable and then repeated with the rope and the cable.

This took several hook-ups, but finally we the cable and then repeated with the rope and the cable. This took several hook-ups, but finally we had the moose down near the jeep. This area at the edge of the road was covered with small trees, cactus and rocks and not a place to butcher the moose.

Therefore, Fritz either left the moose on a short cable or re-hooked the moose to the jeep. We then drug this moose several hundred yards down the road and out onto a relatively flat spot still near the road. Now that we had room to work, Fritz and I grabbed our skinning

knives and with Brent tugging and lifting to give us room, we completely skinned one side of the moose.

Time now to turn it over so that we could skin the other side. Well, not really. Three of us could not turn that animal over! So now, we had to maneuver the jeep into a different location and use the winch to turn the moose over. Once the skinning was finished, we stretched the hide out on the ground under the moose and began the butchering process.

First we quartered the moose and loaded the 4 quarters into the back of the jeep. This was a challenge as it was all two of us could do to lift and load each quarter.

Next we removed all of the remaining meat from the carcass and placed it

into "game" bags that Fritz had with him; and loaded these into the back of the jeep. When finished there were several bags and this meat would all be made into "moose" burger. As you can imagine, the jeep was getting slightly over loaded!

Now all that was left was the hide. We rolled it up and finally lifted it onto the roof of the jeep. It was also really heavy and the three of us really strained to get it up over the rail on top. Once everything was loaded we drove to town and put all of this meat into the local locker plant. The hide was traded to a fur buyer for leather gloves and other leather goods. What a day, and what a challenge. This was my only experience of moose hunting and I can only add it to my list of adventures.

•County minutes

restroom.

2. Lanus also contacted Kingsbury Septic about updating the bathroom fixtures.

3. Lanus is also working on a long-term plan for updating the Communications office.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 9:54 a.m. for 6 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, potential employee. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Allen Lanus. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting

Lanus left the meeting.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to offer employment to Brian Cronin. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Hermanns, Hayden Lehmann and David Herredsberg with the Soil Conservation joined the meeting and discussed the 2026 budget request of \$25,000.00. Hermanns also discussed the expenditures.

Herredsberg, Lehmann and Hermanns left the meeting.

At 11:52 a.m. a motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Peterson to adjourn as there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes are not official until signed by the

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county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.

MARKETS

Monday June 23,2025

Corn \$3.66

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Soybeans \$ 9.69

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LEGAL NOTICES

(First published in the Smith County Pioneer newspaper on June 19, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Dean F. Bergman, Deceased. Case No. SM-2024-PR-27

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Suzanne M. Hermanson, one of the qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Dean F. Bergman, deceased, praying

Petitioner's acts in the administration of decedent's Estate be approved; decedent's heirs be determined; decedent's Will be construed and decedent's Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowance requested for attorney's fees is reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts by the beneficiaries of decedent's Estate, the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Dean F. Bergman, deceased, and that the Co-Executors be released from further liability.

You are required to

file your written defenses thereto on or before July 14, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court of Smith County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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