

Historic Times: Father John's Medicine

By Roger Hardaway
When I was in my early twenties, I was at work one day with what I would describe as “flu-like symptoms.” I remember that I certainly did not feel very well.
An elderly female acquaintance of mine told me, “What you need is some Father John’s.” I had never heard of Father John’s, so I asked her what it was.
It turns out that it was something like cough syrup, and she assured me that it would fix me right up. So, on my way home that night, I went by the drugstore and bought a bottle.
When I remembered this story, I decided to look on the internet to see if I could

find any information on it. Sure enough, Father John’s Medicine is still available—although I don’t think I will buy any more of it.
According to sources on the internet, Father John’s today contains a cough suppressant. But this is a fairly recent addition to what was—when I bought it—merely a mixture of cod liver oil and various other natural ingredients.
I can still remember what it looked like. I would describe it in color, thickness, and texture to be like light gray paint. Not surprisingly, it tasted awful!
I have since learned that Father John’s was created by druggists in Lowell, Massachusetts, in 1855. It

seems that a Catholic priest, Father John O’Brien, was feeling poorly, and his druggist friends dreamed up this non-alcoholic concoction to make him better.
But I remember that my druggist was reluctant to sell it to me. He kept trying to convince me to buy something else; he obviously did not think that it would cure what ailed me.
Not to be deterred, I stuck to my guns and bought it anyway. I never will forget what he said as he put it in the sack for me to take home.
He had a mischievous gleam in his eye and a grin on his face when he spoke. “You can drink it,” he said, “or you can rub it on!”

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established in 1936.
50 YEARS AGO - 1975
Harper American Legion Auxiliary had chosen Kim Osborne and Becky Hovorka as delegates to go to Girls State in Lawrence in June. Pattie Thompson and Patty Lechner were alternates.
Chaparral FFA selected Debbie Lipps as their Sweetheart for 1975-76 school year. FFA members nominated three other candidates, Patty Garancosky, Carol Sheen and Terry Coady.
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Krus, Manchester, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Martha Joan, to Mr. Kenneth L. Hadsall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hadsall of Harper.
Students who had qualified for the Harper County Spelling Bee were: Washington Annex - 5th grade, Deneen Wood, Casey Vondracek and Lance Hollis. Lincoln - 6th grade, Monica Ryan, Christine McDaniel and Pam Cooper; 7th grade, Kelly Moore, Eileen Williams and Brian Hare; 8th grade, Mary Miller, Kris Earles and John Vogt. From Harper - 5th grade, Joy Hewitt and Terry Honn; 6th

grade, Bruce Olivier and Delana Hekel; 7th grade, Diane Bossingham and Ralph Bellar; 8th grade, Darla Smithhisler and J.D. Hays.
40 YEARS AGO - 1985
Two first places finished by Chaparral runner Jon Joslin, and a well-balanced team effort, enabled the high school’s mens’ track team to capture second place in the 11-team Andale Invitational meet. Brad Base finished in first position in the 400 meter dash and Dan Bertholf set a new meet record in the 800 meter run as he won that event with a time of 2:0 3.
Kyle Hughbanks and Debbie Young of Chaparral High School FFA Chapter had been selected as candidates for the degree of State Farmer according to Gary Jantz, advisor of the South-central FFA District.
Michelle Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams of Anthony, had been selected for the Hugh O’Brien Youth Foundation Award for Leadership. She was a sophomore at Chaparral High School and would be attending a State Leadership Seminar in Wichita in May.
30 YEARS AGO - 1995
Chaparral High school students and a panel of judges selected cheerlead-

ers for the 1995-96 school year. Football cheerleaders selected were: Heather Bollman, Andrea Shepard, Holly Muller, Michelle Conrady, Kelsey Patterson, Lindsay Schulte, Julie Graves, and Kelley Reber. Basketball cheerleaders selected were: Andrea Shepard, Lindsay Schulte, Kacey McArthur, Michelle Conrady, Christine Saliger, Vanessa Unruh, Ellie Castellanos and Kelsey Patterson. Wrestling cheerleaders were: Jayme Fisher, Amber Harding, Karlynn Longbine and Cindy Reed.
The 4-H’er of the month of April was Megan Gerber, a fourth grader at Harper Elementary school and the daughter of Jerry and Pam Gerber of rural Harper.
Attica High School’s annual alumni banquet speaker was well-known broadcast journalist, Larry Hatteberg of KAKE-TV in Wichita.
20 YEARS AGO - 2005
Jim Jacobs, 55, was sworn in as city commissioner. Jacobs would fill the rest of the two-year term of Terry Ball, who had resigned.
After finishing a perfect season, the Anthony U13 soccer team won first place in the two-day championship held in Harper. The Anthony U13 soccer champions were: Rachel Hornbeck, Amber Madsen, Nicole Poston, Kiley Klick, Logan Gose, Major Weiss, Austin Dolley, Jameson Reber, Cody Koehn, Conner Powell, Amelia Ballard, Megan Farmer, Kelsey Eveland, Kyle Potter, Dallas Seachris, Casey Eveland, Daniel Stainbrook, Michael Stainbrook, Coaches, John Stainbrook and Shana Klick and Assistant Coach Karen Stainbrook.
10 YEARS AGO - 2015
At the City Commission meeting, they said goodbye to Mayor Larry Clafin as

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Thursday, May 29
Spanish Rice w/ Hamburger - Corn - Pineapples - Wheat Roll - Milk or Grape Juice

Friday, May 30
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**June Menu Not Available As Of Deadline.*

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of)
Damon A. Scott, deceased.) Case No. HP-25-PR-000015

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Barbara J. Scott, mother of Damon A. Scott, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined in all personal property and Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that all personal property and Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 20, 2025, 11:30 a.m. in the District Court in the city of Anthony, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Barbara J. Scott, Petitioner

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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of:)
LENA MARIE BROUSSARD)
FONTENOT, deceased.) Case No. HP-2025-PR-000014

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Admission of Foreign Will to Probate and Record Without Administration has been filed on the 9th day of May, 2025, in said Court by Darrell Eugene Fontenot, petitioner, praying to admit the Last Will and Testament of Lena Marie Broussard Fontenot, deceased, to probate and record without administration, determine the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate, and construe the Will of the decedent to assign real estate.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 18th day of June, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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