

Gascapades

By Shila Moore and Pam Brown

As some of you have heard, Hugoton is preparing to celebrate the centennial of the Hugoton Gas Field next year during the Stevens County Fair, July 24-31, 2027. The event is called Gascapades, taking its name from the festivities held in 1947 to celebrate the twentieth anniversary. Gascapades will not only celebrate the gas field but will acknowledge all forms of energy and their contribution to the area. In the lead up to this event, articles about the gas and oil fields will appear in the Hermes. I would like to include not only historical facts, but also stories of those who experienced working in the gas and oil industry. What are your memories or the memories of family members? Including personal stories always makes history more interesting. You may email

me with your stories at shila.moore007@gmail.com. I will use as many of them as possible. Thank you in advance for providing some great content for these articles! You may also find the Gascapades table at the fair and give me the hard copy of your stories. See you at the Stevens County Fair!

This is the first article in the series.

Although Stevens County takes credit for the first producing gas well in the Hugoton Field, natural gas was actually discovered in Sedaw County in 1922. The Boles #1 well located two miles west of Liberal was originally drilled in 1919 by Defenders Petroleum and Traders Oil and Gas with the intention of drilling for oil. They drilled to a depth of 2,919 feet without finding oil. The well was shut in for

three years then completed in 1922 as a gas well. Because there was little demand for gas at that time, it was plugged.

In 1925 Robert M. Crawford, a landowner in Stevens County, "made up his mind that there was gas or oil under Stevens County and by his efforts assembled a large block of leases, including his own 10,000 acre ranch in which he was able to interest oil and gas companies in drilling. Walt Sidwell was given a drilling contract, and in 1925 the first gas well was drilled on the Crawford land five miles southwest of Hugoton known as the discovery well. From this development the second largest gas field in America has been developed. Five wells are on the Crawford holdings." (from Hugoton Hermes, April 20, 1934, page 1)

To be continued.

Celebrating Winifred

On Sunday morning, April 22, 1945 at 9:30, Winifred Miller, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller, became the bride of Jack Vore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vore of Decoma Oklahoma at a quiet ceremony which took place at the home of the bride's parents at 310 Jackson St.

The Rev. Samuel Sharp read the marriage vows in the presence of group of relatives and friends. Ferns fashioned a background of greenery for an arrangement of spring blossoms in pastel shades.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Sharp sang "At Dawning", accompanied at the piano by Miss Ermine Capps, who played "Always" throughout the ceremony.

Mrs. Leslie Kinser, who attended the bride

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a big doll and a doll buggy for Christmas.

Winifred Miller

Excerpt from Hugoton Hermes Friday, Dec 23, 1932



Pictured is Winifred Vore getting ready for her One Hundredth Birthday. as maid of honor, wore a dress of petal rose romaine crepe with matching accessories, and a corsage of white carnations.

Orval Toole served the bride-groom as best man.

The bride was lovely in a street length dress of Heaven-blue accessories. She wore a corsage of white and pink

carnations with two tiny clusters of sweet-peas in her hair.

Mrs. Vore is a graduate of Hugoton High School, Class of '44. Mr. Vore, who is a science teacher and coach of Hugoton High School, is a graduate of North Western College at Alva, Ok.

The young couple will be at home in the Baldrige apartments until Mr. Vore's school closes and Mrs. Vore will continue her work as stenographer with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., after which they will visit a short time at the home of the bride-groom's parents at Decoma, going on to California where they will spend the summer vacation.

Mr. Vore will teach and coach at Garden City this fall.

Compiled by Brian Gooch

History from the Hermes

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Sydney Beesley daughter of Don and Renee Beesley won the 2016 Pollyanna Sorghum Queen Contest. She was crowned Friday evening.

Thursday, July 21, 2011

Following the outstanding 2010-2011 pheasant season, Spring surveys revealed good pheasant populations going into the 2011 nesting season. In the 62 established routes surveyed this year. An average of 20.5 crows were counted, an increase of 17 percent increase from 2010.

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Race fans of all ages, even as young as four years old, can join in on the fun during the season of competition at Dirtona Raceway. In addition to high-speed, heavy-action Saturday night racing, the track also offers Go-Kart Rac-

ing events on scheduled Sundays throughout the racing season. These races take place on the inner track of Dirtona. The karts run on a 5-horse-power Briggs and Stratton engine. Entry fees for Go-Kart event days are \$5. for spectators and \$10. for drivers. A one time registration fee of \$10. is available, as drivers can participate in one or all of the scheduled race days.

Thursday, July 26, 2001

With an impressive 19 to 12 victory last Friday over a tuff Ulysses team the ten-year-old Southwest All-Star team became a district champion.

The team from Hugoton lead off scoring 16 runs in the first inning before Ulysses made a switch.

Thursday, July 25, 1996

A kick-off street dance is going to be a highlight of the first week of the

fair Saturday, August 3.

Donice Medina, President of the Hugoton Ambassadors, announced a dance will be presented at the basketball courts north-east of the City Park. It will begin at 9:00 p.m. and end at midnight.

Featuring Brad and Pam Musgrove, Prairie Dance Productions. The music will be country and old time rock and roll.

If any readers have pictures or memories for the history page of the Hermes, please bring them in to the staff at The Hugoton Hermes newspaper.

Hermes is now printed at 3:00 on Tuesdays - so Deadline has to be strictly enforced 5:00 Mondays

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STATE OF KANSAS
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

THE GOVERNING BODY OF USD 210 RECREATION COMMISSION WILL MEET ON THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE USD 210 RECREATION COMMISSION OFFICE AT 211 S MADISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING AND ANSWERING OBJECTIONS OF TAXPAYERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED TAX RATE AND USE OF FUNDS

DETAILED BUDGET INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE USD 210 RECREATION COMMISSION AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MEETING

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

THE PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES (BELOW) ARE THE MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR

	2024-2025 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	2025-2026 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	741,364	735,683	1,681,375
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	105,634	142,337	392,864
TOTALS	847,000	878,020	2,084,239
LEASE PURCHASES:			
July 1	2023	2024	2025
	0	200,000	164,165

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AS DEFINED BY KSA 79-2908

PROPOSED TOTAL TAX LEVY RATE

[Signature]
RECREATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

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601 West City Limits-acreage, 306 S Lincoln
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Community at the Table

While we often look back on July for its grand vacations or festive reunions, the true heartbeat of our relationships is usually found in much quieter settings. We tend to focus on the bigger moments within relationships, though their foundation is built through small communal moments, such as the sharing of meals together. From our earliest years, the simple act of sharing a meal has been a primary way we learn to see one another. In the Christian tradition, gathering to eat is more than just a physical necessity; it is a spiritual practice of presence. When we sit down together, we are doing the holy work of listening, sharing, and offering ourselves to one another.

~James Stone

"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)

ASSEMBLY OF GOD Main and Second Street - 620-544-2773 Tim Singer, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Life Groups Sunday Nights - 6:00 p.m. Inside Out Kids Wed. - 4:00 p.m. Student Ministry @ The Turnaround - Wed. 7:00 p.m. HugotonAssembly.com BETHLEHEM CHURCH 11th & Jefferson - 620-544-4517 Pastor Chris Stauffeld Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service - 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Ministries - 6:30 p.m. (Children, Youth, & Adult) CHURCH OF CHRIST 1045 S. Van Buren Church 620-544-2625 Home 620-453-0965 Tommy Craker Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Evening Service - 6:00 p.m. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 528 E. First - 620-544-2125 Sacrament - 1:00 a.m. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Priesthood - 11:00 a.m.	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 500 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2495 Pastor Dave Piper Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Evening Service - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 600 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2715 Pastor Bryan Morris Sunday School - 9:35 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Fellowship - 10:35 - 10:30 Worship Hour - 10:30 - 10:30 Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Jr High Youth Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group, 7:45-9:00 p.m. Information on small groups call 620-544-2715 FIRST CHURCH OF GOD 810 N. City Limits - 620-544-2672 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Service - 6:30 p.m. HUGOTON BAPTIST CHURCH Facebook LiveStream - First Church of God/Hugoton Eight and Main 620-544-2210 Pastor Gary Stallord Parsonage - 620-544-2295 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.	LOVE STAR FRIENDS CHURCH 14 Miles East of Hugoton on Highway 51 Church 620-624-7784 Home 620-624-1004 Pastor James Tower Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Blessed Wedding Celebration - 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Kids/Club - 6:00 p.m. MY FATHER'S HOUSE A Full Gospel Church 207 East 10th - Hugoton 620-544-2426 Pam Peachey, Pastor Services Sundays 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. SOVEREIGN REDEEMER CHURCH Teeth and Adams - 620-544-4386 Pastor - Zachary Johnson Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. www.redeemercityhugoton.org ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH 1011 South Jefferson Street 620-544-2551 Sunday - 9:00 a.m. English Mass Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Spanish Mass TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Miller, Pastor 516 N.E. Avenue 620-453-2212 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:00 a.m. YOU ARE WELCOME!	HUGOTON METHODIST CHURCH 828 S. Main - Hugoton 620-544-4715 Pastor David Kang Wednesday Praise! Kids - 3:45 p.m. Wed. Jr High Youth Fellowship - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Sr High Youth Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH 620-598-2426 1 mile S. of Moscow, 12 mile E. of Moscow/Hooker Rd. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Team Kids (Wed.) - 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sept-Apr Youth Study Thursday - 7:00 p.m. MOSCOW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 620-598-2426 Worship Leader: Patsy Leiby 620-544-4365 Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Kid's Club - Wednesday 3:30 p.m. ROLLA PENTECOSTAL HOUSES CHURCH Corner of Third and Adams, Rolla Marcus Light, Pastor Church - 620-593-4626, Parsonage - 620-593-4796 Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Wednesday night meal - 6:00 p.m.	ROLLA METHODIST CHURCH 620-593-4596 Pastor David Kang Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m. RICHMOND COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Mary Kudakwashe Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m. CITIZENS STATE BANK 601 S. Main, Hugoton 620-544-4331 Member FDIC GARNARD FUNERAL HOME 920 E. 11th St., Hugoton 620-544-4323 FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES Jeff C. Ramsey Agent 613 S. Main, Hugoton 620-544-4303 THE HUGOTON HERMES 522 S. Main, Hugoton 620-544-4321 EQUITY BANK 502 S. Jackson, Hugoton 620-544-8908 Member FDIC ALERT ALARM COMPANY Moscow, Kansas 620-598-2564 AlertAlarmKansas.com
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