

Gascapades

By Shila Moore

The Gascapades planning committee is busy planning all kinds of activities for the event being held July 24 – 31, 2027, taking place next year during the Stevens County Fair. In last week's Hermes, was a QR code which contains an interest survey for what you'd like to see and do at Gascapades. The QR code will be in next week's paper as well. Another way to access the survey is by going to Facebook and searching for Gas Capital Historical Society. We want to include activities that interest you! Thank you!

Continued from last week.

Robert M. Crawford of Crawford No. 1 gas well was a first-generation

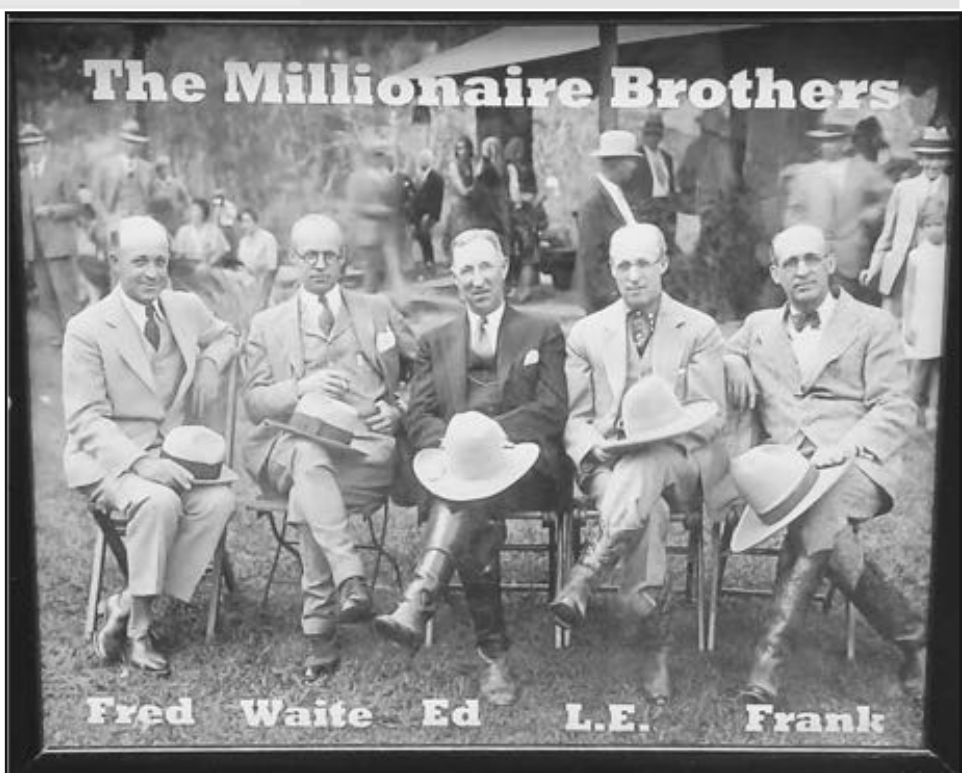
Scots-American. His father Robert C. Crawford was born in Ayr, Scotland in 1836. There is not an immediate connection to the Crawfords who now live in Hugoton. However their lineage according to ancestry.com can be traced back to Glasgow, Scotland, approximately 38 miles from Ayr. So a family connection is possible but it would be several generations back.

The December 3, 1926 issue of the Hugoton Hermes provided more information about the Phillips-Skinner-Independent Oil and Gas Company. "Through the efforts of R. M. Crawford, Stevens County will have its first good test for oil. Mr. Crawford visited Tulsa in the spring of this year and endeavored to interest the Oil Fraternity in Stevens County.

Phillips and Skinner were interested in the possibilities of our county and promptly sent one of their men, a Mr. Zahn, to assemble a sufficient block of acreage on which to drill a well. It seems that some difficulty was encountered in procuring some of the acreage, but that handicap was finally overcome.

"Contrary to general belief, the location of this well was made by Mr. Fred Phillips, in the most suitable place.

"Mr. Phillips is a brother of Waite, Frank and L. E. Phillips, who are among the best known and successful men in the oil industry and it is to be expected that Mr. Phillips has made a good selection in the location of this well.



The photo is of the successful Phillips brothers of the gas and oil industry. Photo was found on familysearch.org.

"Phillips and Skinner are drilling several wells in Oklahoma and Texas and we wish them suc-

cess in all of their operations."

Please email me stories and photos of your

history in the gas and oil field. shilamoore007@gmail.com Thank you!

History from the Hermes

Thursday, August 4, 2016 Richard and Sally Claggett were selected to be the 2016 Pioneer King and Queen over the Stevens County Fair. Richard was born in Stevens County and lived here his entire life. Sally moved to Stevens County at the age of 12 and has lived here ever since, with both Richard and Sally graduating from Hugoton High School. Richard graduated in 1957 and Sally graduated the following year in 1958. The couple recently celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary. They have six daughters and several grandchildren/great-

grandchildren.

Thursday, August 3, 2006 Sorghum heading, at 39 percent, is seven points ahead of last year and four points ahead of normal. The crop was most advanced in the delta, where 91 percent of Arkansas's crop and 92 percent of Louisiana's crop was at or beyond the heading stage. Heading was ahead of normal in most states, but trailed three points behind normal in Kansas, the leading sorghum producing state. Acreage turning color advanced to 21 percent, four points ahead of last year and three points ahead of the five

year average. Coloring was well underway in the Delta and southern Great Plains, at 37 percent in Arkansas, 59 percent in Louisiana, and 58 percent in Texas, but was less than 10 percent elsewhere and had not yet begun in the central Great Plains.

Thursday, August 8, 1996 A new runway for Hugoton Municipal Airport will be constructed beginning September 1, according to Robert Davis of Stevens County Airport Board.

The new 75 foot by 5,000 foot runway will be 1500 feet longer than the existing runway, Davis says. This will not only allow corporate jets to come into Stevens County, but will allow the air ambulance to take off on hot summer days. The runway will be constructed of 6" thick concrete which requires less maintenance and lasts longer than asphalt pavement. The concrete runway is regarded as a more-cost saving project due to asphalt needed to be

resurfaced frequently, which makes it more expensive over the life of the runway.

The projected is expected to last 60 days with no landings or take offs allowed at the facility. The structure will be 30,000 pounds once finished.

Thursday, August 7, 1986 Wally and Barb Cook opted for a more challenging way to "get away" recently returning from a 9,000 mile motorcycle trip from Hugoton to Alaska and surrounding points. Their motorcycle was a 1985 1200cc Honda Gold Wing Interstate and is constructed with cushioned seats with arm rests.

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.



Shila Moore showing of the original Gascapades Logo from 1947 printed on the back of a Jacket at the Gascapades Booth.

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ORDINANCE NO. 893

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUGOTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2026; WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS, AS DETAILED HEREIN; PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS; AND REPEALING THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE, 2024 EDITION," INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 877, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUGOTON, KANSAS:

Section 1. INCORPORATING UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Hugoton, Kansas, that certain uniform public offense code known as the "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2026, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas, save and except such articles, sections, parts or portions as are hereinafter added, omitted, deleted, modified or changed. No fewer than one (1) copy of said Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped "Official copy as adopted by Ordinance No. 893" with all sections or portions

thereof intended to be added, omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such additions, omissions, or changes and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance, and filed with the City Clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge and all administrative departments of the city charged with enforcement of the ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of official copies of the Uniform Public Offense Code similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

Section 2. There are additional public offenses which have been added to previous editions of the Uniform Public Offense Code adopted by the City of Hugoton. These additional offenses are detailed under Sections 11-102 to 11-123, inclusive, of the Code of the City of Hugoton, Kansas, 2011.

That the "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2026, is hereby supplemented, by adding Sections 11-102 to 11-123, inclusive, of the Code of the City of Hugoton, Kansas, 2011, which sections are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, with the exception that references to specific section numbers of previous editions of the Uniform Public Offense Code are to be revised to correspond with the 2025 edition.

Section 3. Article 9 of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2026, as adopted and incorporated by reference herein is hereby amended by adding the following section:

9.14 EAVESDROPPING-"WIN-DOW PEEPING". (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly

and without lawful authority enter into a private place with intent to observe the personal conduct of any other person or persons therein.

(b) A "private place" within the meaning of this section is a place where one may reasonably expect to be safe from uninvited intrusion or surveillance, but does not include a place to which the public has lawful access.

(c) Eavesdropping is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. REPEAL. That the "Uniform Public Offense Code, 2025 Edition," incorporated by reference under Ordinance No. 882 is hereby repealed; provided, however, that said "Uniform Public Offense Code, 2025 Edition," shall remain in force and effect as to offenses committed prior to the time this ordinance shall take effect and all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in the Hugoton Hermes, the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Hugoton, Kansas, this 3rd day of August, 2026.

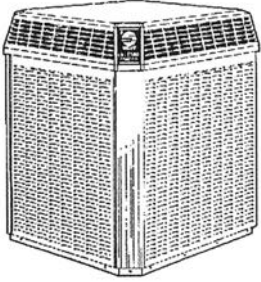
(SEAL) /s/ Matthew Rome
Matthew Rome, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Carrie L. Baeza
Carrie L. Baeza, CMC, City Clerk

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