

Dwelling on the Past



This photo was sent to the Pioneer office from Ron Sasse

Sasse Family Reunion Picture Identification Gaylord, Kansas-1936

Parent lineage is listed in parenthesis following the name. Adults Left to Right: Elmer Sasse (Frank Jr and Lena), Albert and Rosa Sasse (Reinhold), Otto, Elsie and Loren Zabel (Reinhold), Otto and Ree Frieling (Bill Frieling's brother), Reinhold and Anna Sasse (Frank Sr.), Frank Jr. and Lena Sasse (Frank Sr.), Julius and Mary Beckmann (Frank Sr.), Anna Knappert (Frank Sr.), Leona and Bill Frieling (Reinhold), Lily and Fred Golter (Anna Knappert), Gilbert, Rudolph, and Lydia Meyer (Reinhold).

Children Left to Right: Mildred Beckmann (Julius and Mary), Orvin Zabel (Otto and Elsie), Emil and Elmer Frieling (Lerna and Will), Verna, Doreen, and Maynard Sasse (Albert and Rosa), Waldean and Berneil Meyer (No relation), Doris, Lela, and Albert Meyer (Rudolph and Lydia)

January 30, 1936 Diesel Patrol

The county commissioners have put at work on roads in the northeast fourth of our county a new caterpillar Diesel patrol that they figure will be a great saving to taxpayers. It takes the place of two ordinary patrol, and at the same time does better work and more of it.

Needless Cost

There is a big rush at the county treasurer's office by the owners to get tags for their cars before Feb. 1, at which time the price of tags will increase 50 cents each.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening will be the last chance to buy a tag at the

January price, so get busy, you car owners, and save a needless cost.

Oil near Lebanon

Evidence of the presence of a natural gas pool has been found on the Lawson Viers farm north of town. A lake formed by the new dam erected at the place is the spot that is causing a stir among oil and gas promoters who are seeking and buying leases.

E.L. Brock Cash Food Store

"It saves to pay cash" We deliver Texas seedless grape fruit 9 for 25 cents; Van Camp Pork & Beans 1 lb. can 4 for .23 cents; Ba-

nanas 4 lbs. 23 cents

Jan. 31, 1946 Big Wolf Hunt

What is scheduled to be one of the biggest wolf hunts yet held is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 10. The South line will be US 36 the east line will be US 281 the north line will be Womer rock road and the west line will be Thornburg rock road. The corners will start at 10:30 and the central at 11:00 a.m. The round up will be five miles north of Bellaire.

Construction Delay

At a meeting held in Gaylord on Jan. 23, State Reclamation Engineer W.C. Brady, told Kirwin dam project interests that

unless petitions are signed in the immediate future for the organization of their irrigation district that construction might be delayed until 1947.

Hamburger Inn

New employees of the Hamburger Inn which has been purchased and being re-opened by Glenn Major this week include. Randall "Skinner" Starbuck and Joan Tuxhorn.

Head of Schools

V.E. McColey, superintendent of the Smith Center schools for the past four years, was rehired for his fifth term at a meeting of the board last week. Next term will be eighteen for "Mac" in the Smith Center system.

February 2, 1956 Local Market

Markets on Wednesday, Feb. 1 Wheat \$1.98 Premium grade cream 56 cents eggs 28 cents

Dance Band on T.V.

On Saturday, Feb. 4th the dance band under the direction of James Martyn will journey to KHOL-TV for a baqnd concert. Accompanying the band will be Richard Nelson, who will sing a solo, and the senior girls' trio.

The school revue starts at 5:15 and lasts until 5:45.

US 36 Project

1956 may see the completion of new US36 to the Jewell county line.

The plans are being drawn now in the office of Charles Vinckier, resident state engineer.

National Honor Society

Two seniorsof the local high school, Sharon Anthony and Jerry Wurster, were inducted into the National Honor Society at a special assembly on Friday, Jan. 20. Something unusual is the fact that Wurster is the fifth to receive the high recognition in his family. Two sisters Norma and Carl Carr, and two brothers, Joe and George won the same honor before him.

February 3, 1966 Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower was held Monday evening for Sharilyn Stuckoff at the Athol church Fellowship Hall. Miss Stuckoff will exchange vows with Max Curry at the Athol Church on Feb. 19th.

Increase on Shoplifting Shoplifting is on the increase over the county and, as a result laws are being made more stringent.

State Ages Rapidly

That Kansas story last week, crediting the state with only 95 years instead of 105, was pleasing to thisw realm of sunflowers. The queer thing about it was that no one in the office caught the error which

was so evident even before the ink got dry.

U.S. Center 4-H

A proud group of 4-H members witnessed the placing Monday night Jan., 31, at the community hall. This is the fourth purple seal the club has received.

New School

The voting for the new school house at Kensington is bringing forth loits of pros and cons in this area.

January 29, 1976 Did you Know?

Smith County is one of 105 counties in Kansas. It was named after Major James Nelson Smith, a gallant Union officer, who died at the head of his men in a desperate battle of the Little Blue,

Jail Problems Near Solution

Paul Johnson stated Tuesday that the design for the new county jail was accepted and approved in December.

Heating and cooling problems are being worked out with state officials. Johnson believes that all problems will soon be solved so erection of the new facility can get underway.

Principal Resigned

The resignation iof Bernard Girard, principal of Smith Center JR. Sr. High School, was accepted Monday night by the USD 237 board of education.

LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of KELLY RAY SMITH, Deceased. case No. SM-2025-PR-000014

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 TERRENCE B. SMITH, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of KELLY RAY SMITH, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before February 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., on said day, in the District Court, in the City of Smith Center, Smith

County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

TERRENCE B. SMITH Petitioner / Administrator

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. SM-2026-PR-000001

ALFRED C. HERREDSBERG, Deceased. 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 KAREN J. HERREDSBERG, an heir of

ALFRED C. HERREDSBERG, deceased, praying that descent be determined of decedent's interest in the following described real estate situated in Smith County, Kansas, to wit: The Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Four (4) South, Range Twelve (12) West of the 6th P.m., Smith County, Kansas; The Northeast Quarter; the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4) and East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2SW1/4); all in Section Twenty (20), Township Four (4) South, Range Eleven (11) West of the 6th P.M., Smith County, Kansas; and The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4)

and the East Fifty-one acres of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4), all in Section Nineteen (19), Township Four (4) South, Range Eleven (11) West of the 6th P.M., Smith County, Kansas;

and all personal property and all other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of decedent's death; and that such property and all personal property and Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of his death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the District Court

of Smith County, Kansas, 218 S. Grant Street, Smith Center, Kansas, 66967, 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.

KAREN J. HERREDSBERG, Petitioner /s/ Kyle C. Allen

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Results of the Market Study for Smith County, January 1, 2026 Pursuant to K.S.A. 1995 Supp. 79-1460a

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Residential Property A study of the residential real estate market indicated that the market is in a general upward trend. Commercial Property A study of the commercial real estate market indicated that the market is in general upward trend. Vacant Property A study of the real estate market for vacant lots indicated that the market is in general upward trend. NOTE: Values of certain properties may not follow the above trend because of corrections of property characteristics, changes in the property or market conditions.

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Table with columns: Beginning Cash, Cash Receipts and Transfers, Cash Disbursements and Transfers, Ending Cash, Accounts and Payable, Ending Cash Less Payable. Includes sub-totals for General Fund, Special Revenue, and Total.

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Table with columns: FUNDS, BALANCES, RECEIPTS, EXPENSES, BALANCES. Includes rows for GENERAL, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT, INDUSTRIAL DEV., AIRPORT GRANT, AIRPORT FUND, GOLF COURSE, GOLF COURSE IMPR., LIBRARY, RECREATION FUND, SPL. ST & HWY, ECONOMIC DEV, ECONOMIC DEV RLF, SAFE ROUTES/SCHOOL, SPECIAL PARKS, COMMUNITY PROJECTS, CCLIP PROJECT, CCLIP K204, ARPA, WATER FUND, WASTE DISPOSAL FUND, LAGOON PROJECT, WATER IMPROVEMENT, HOSPITAL SALES TAX, INSURANCE FUND, EQUIPMENT RESERVE, and TOTALS.

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INDEBTEDNESS 12/31/2025 \$2,227,642.11 City Clerk, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SMITH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Smith County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 2nd day of February, 2026, at 6 p.m., an annual meeting of the Smith County Conservation District will be held at the Smith Center Armory National Guard The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE: The supervisors of the Smith County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting. The terms of Cory Rahjes and Jay Overmiller are expiring. All in the county of Smith, in the State of Kansas.

By [Signature] Chairperson Smith County Conservation District

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Attest: [Signature] District Manager