

Dwelling on the Past

Feb. 6th 1936

Today's Local markets
Wheat .96, Corn .72, Fat Cattle \$6 to \$9 Fat Hogs \$9.40

Deputy Steps Down

After three months as deputy in the county treasurer's office, Mac Logan has stepped down and out. Tom Thompson and Evered Reed are helping out this week in the office.

New Car Sales

The Bone Cutter-Diamond Chevrolet and Oldsmobile car, has a record of 12 new cars sold during last month as well as 35 second-hand cars.

A Special Light for a Special Dance

A large and beautiful Japanese lantern has been purchased to hang in Community Hall in this city, and will see service at the next public dance on the night of Feb. 10.

The lantern is four and half feet long and 22 inches in diameter. It will illuminate with a 200-watt electric light bulb.

Feb. 7th 1946

Decorated in Holland

A rare honor came to a former Smith County girl, Mrs. Augusta Wehe of this city, when she was decorated by Princess Juliana of Holland for service rendered the people of Holland in their time of distress.

High School

Advanced class went out to the Lyle Duntz's place to treat cattle for grubs last Wednesday.

On Monday they went out to his place to judge Duroc gilts. The advanced class entered the judging contest of Duroc swine held at the Wineinger garage on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

School Election is Postponed

The special election planned by the board of Cedar Rural High School, district No. 3 for Feb. 14th has been postponed by order of the board. The election planned was on a proposition to consolidate with the Gaylord Rural High School, District No. 4

February 9, 1956

Local Markets

Wheat \$1.97
Premium grade cream .56
Eggs .32

New City Well

Smith Center has a new city well on the Otto Zabel farm, Gaylord but, Jack Wents, water commissioner, is not making any wild promise about its capacity until it can be thoroughly tested. If it's as good as expected, there will be plenty of water available but the pipeline may not be adequate to carry it.

Windscheffel Not Seeking a Re-election

Arno Windscheffel, State Representative, announced last weekend when he was home from the current budget session of the Legislature, that he would not seek re-election to the Kansas House in 1956.

Baby Boy

Steven Lee is the name given to the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Dooran "Bill" Emme of Kensington on Tuesday Feb. 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Earl McGee of Smith Center and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Emme of Kensington are the grandparents.

February 10, 1966

New Water Line

The new water line will go under the Rock Island railroad tracks through a hole that was being bored by workmen last Friday af-

ternoon. The power driven auger ate its way slowly thought the earth beneath the tracks, pushed ahead by men with bars for leverage. Similar holes were drilled beneath the Missouri Pacific tracks at Gaylord and under the big irrigation ditch.

National Scout Week Observed

This is National Boy Scouts in America and there are approximately 100 boys in Cubs and Boy Scouts in Smith Center to observe it. Smith Center has a number of capable men and women who devote a lot of time to the local scouting program.

Tag Shortage?

Gene Hojda of rural Lebanon was buying license plates Wednesday like there is a shortage.

There were five on the counter at the county treasurer's office when Gene reached for his check book. Maybe he was laying in a supply.

County Attorney

Wilford R. Lutz has been appointed county attorney to fill the vacantly caused by the resignation of Wayne Grindol who is going to Jewell to become executive officer of the bank in that city.

February 5th, 1976

Ground Hog Feed

For the 20th year, the U.S. Marine Crops League is planning it's annual Ground Hog Feed here. The ex-Marines will hold this annual event at Smith Center's Community Hall. As usual, they'll be serving a meal of sausage and pancakes.

Local Markets

Wheat \$3.48
and Milo \$3.95
Lots of Soup Here

Local fifth grade teacher Mrs. Man Vanek came up with idea of collecting Campbell's soup labels, which can be redeemed for articles to use at the school.

When the 10,500 labels were sent to the company, the elementary school received a fancy slide projector, plus a goal net for field hockey.

Farm Frontiers

"Farming Frontiers '76" is the title of the annual John Deere Day which will be hosted this Saturday by Smith County Implement Co. Inc.

Did you Know?

The nearest railroad station for a number of years for those living here who wished to travel by rail or to ship livestock was at Hastings, Neb.

Closed

The Pizza Place closed Friday evening and will remain closed for an indefinite time. Iva Kline is now at home preparing the tomato crop for sales. Mrs. Clara Dutt, another employee at the Pizza Place, is now at home and may plan to visit children before resuming work

Matson-Boogaart Food Store

Whole fully cooked Ham 17-19 pounds .97 per pound Bestyet lowfat milk \$1.39 gal. Campbell's Veg. Soup 5 for \$1 ruby red grapefruit 6 for .88 Kraft Parkay margarine pound maxi cup .59

Feb. 6, 1986

100 Years and Going

A three story barn at the Dean and Wilma Schenk farm in German Township has stood for 100 years and more. Weather, age and use over that time wore heavily

on the structure, but in recent months Dean has done some restoration work on the barn. It's ready to face more years of Kansas elements.

Pioneer Items

Tools, books, and everyday kitchen items from the pioneer days of Kansas were shown to Lebanon Elementary School pupils at a special Kansas Day program, Mrs. Carolyn Redinger, librarian at the junior senior high school, presented the program.

Promotion at Salina Bank

Smith Center native Dennis Lull was one of several to be promoted at the National Bank of America in Salina. Lull was promoted to commercial loan department manager and vice president. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Linton Lull of Smith Center.

Kensington Homecoming

Homecoming queen and king are Leslie Struckhoff and Bruce Hardacre. The homecoming attendants are Tami Hagman, Carey Miller, James Reneberg, and Marlene Wolf.

The crown bearers are Robin Jennings and Justin Bearly. The homecoming King and Queen were announced between the varsity games.

New Smith Center Postmaster

Mary Boos began duties this week as the new postmaster at the Smith Center Post office. Boos originally is from Americus. She is married and has three children. Boos started her career with the postal service as a clerk.

She has served as the acting supervisor of three stations in Topeka and also as the officer in charge at Ellsworth and Tecumseh.

Feb. 8th 1996

Test Your Knowledge of Meats

Kenton Weltmer of Smith Center explained how beef carcasses are ranked in the FFA Northwest District meat judging contest Saturday at Kensington Lockers. FFA members judged beef and hog carcasses and also identified one class of retail meat cuts, Smith Center and Kensington FFA members were among those participating.

Law Enforcement Draws Favorable Comments

The citizens offered their opinions about how to solve dispatching disputes that have been reported, centering around the City of Smith Center and Sheriff Doug Jackson.

Market

Wheat \$5.19 . Milo \$ 5.80 Corn \$3.59

Winkelmanns Ruby Anniversary

David and Dorothy Winkelmann of Smith Center will celebrate their 40th anniversary Sunday, Feb. 18th

Beauty Consultant Wins Car

Carolyn Billings of Kensington, a Mary Kay independent beauty consultant, qualified as a team manager with the company and earned the free use of a red Pontiac.

LEGAL NOTICES

(First published in the Smith Co. Pioneer Thursday, January 29, 2026.)

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
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Feb 12

KIRWIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTICE OF ELECTION

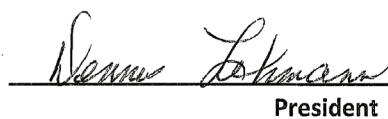
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to law, an election shall be held for one member of the Board of Directors of the Kirwin Irrigation District No. 1 on the 3rd day of March, 2026, at the Kirwin Irrigation District Office of Gaylord, Kansas.

THAT, said election shall be held between the hours of 7:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on said date, and

THAT, all persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall, at least thirty days before the day of holding said election, file their name at the Kirwin Irrigation District Office in Gaylord and affix their statement that their desire their name placed on the ticket as candidate for member of said Board of directors.

THAT, notice of this election shall be published at least thirty days prior to the election in the Smith County Pioneer in Smith Center, Kansas and in the Osborne County Farmer in Osborne, Kansas, along with the Phillips County Review in Phillipsburg, Kansas.


President
Kirwin Irrigation District No. 1

Attest:


Secretary
Kirwin Irrigation District No. 1

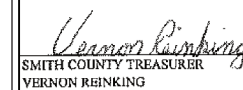


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TOTAL CASH BALANCE IN TREASURY
January 31, 2026
\$18,453,006.05

GENERAL	\$ 2,869,462.40
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$ 3,632,188.30
SPECIAL MACHINERY	\$ 197,931.46
NOXIOUS WEED	\$ 270,597.95
SMITH COUNTY HEALTH	\$ 684,565.34
APPRAISERS FUND	\$ 141,892.08
PATTERSON FAMILY GRANT	\$ 8,331.20
BMS GRANT/MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 3,132.41
SOLID WASTE	\$ 477,806.36
AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$ 663,957.97
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 869,935.11
SPECIAL ALCOHOL FUND	\$ 42,683.24
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 4,442.07
BOND AND INTEREST	\$ (0.00)
SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT RES	\$ 157,450.00
LANDFILL POST CLOSURE FUN	\$ 97,500.00
SOLID WASTE CAPITAL IMPRO	\$ 520,000.00
MENTAL HEALTH FUND	\$ 34.51
MENTAL RETARDATION FUND	\$ 37.24
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$ 728,536.73
SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 100,000.00
CONVENTION/VISITOR BUREAU FUND	\$ 8,142.71
OLD HOSPITAL REHAB	\$ 80,775.16
HEALTH CARE SALES TAX	\$ 1,504,633.00
HOSPITAL OPERATING SALES TAX	\$ (108.00)
TAX SALE FUND	\$ 4,282.85
CAPITAL - OLD CLINIC	\$ 19,440.50
DCCCA	\$ 3,000.00
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	\$ 119.42
LATCF GRANT FUND	\$ 82,000.00
HEALTH RESERVE FUND	\$ 2,819,169.83
PAYROLL CLEARING	\$ 43,229.29
SMITH COUNTY VETERAN MEMORIAL	\$ 3,496.61
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$ 1,330.00
R O D TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 61,871.52
NEW GENERATION 8911 FUND	\$ 32,673.27
STATE & LOCAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 9,568.00
DIVERSION FEE FUND	\$ 24,513.45
PROSECUTOR TRAINING FUND	\$ 3,490.84
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	\$ 818.23
CONCEALED WEAPON FUND	\$ 3,810.68
SHERIFF VIN FUND	\$ 20,810.40
SEXUAL PREDATOR FUND	\$ 8,259.76
ESCROW FUND	\$ 144,052.41
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION	\$ 241,872.57
CURRENT TAX-BUDGET YEAR	\$ 1,245,458.41
BANKRUPTCY HOLDING FUND	\$ 744.01
ADVANCE TAX FUND	\$ 1,042.95
DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 749.21
REAL ESTATE REDEMPTIONS	\$ 114,342.96
DRIVERS LICENSE FUND	\$ 38,653.77
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$ 23,280.32
GAME LICENSE FUND	\$ 108.50
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	\$ 94,933.22
COMP & ISOLATED SALES TAX	\$ 31,669.20
PASSPORT FEES	\$ 19,962.71
ELECTION FILING FEE FUND	\$ 2,646.09
OPIOID	\$ 17,600.48
KIRWIN IRRIGATION-O & M	\$ 167,021.75
CEMETERY #7 NW, FAIRVIEW	\$ 330.45

I, VERNON REINKING, SMITH COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATE AND COUNTY, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS COMPLETE, AND TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, SO HELP ME GOD.


SMITH COUNTY TREASURER
VERNON REINKING


SMITH COUNTY CLERK
ASHLEY MAXWELL

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