

Dwelling on the Past

Feb. 20, 1936

Local Markets

Wheat .95

Corn .76

Fat Cattle \$6 to \$9

Fat Hogs \$ 9.75

Cream .33

Eggs .22

Hides .05

Quitting the Farm

Mrs. Mary Morrison, who has lived on a farm many years, a mile north and a mile west of Thornburg, is to leave it and is advertising a cleanup sale of her effects.

Bonus Applications

Figures tabulated from the first one hundred bonus applications filed through A.F. Rader service officer of the Smith Center Legion post, show that the total number of applications, 41 per cent of the certifications were of more than \$1000 in value and 27 per cent were over \$1500 in value. The maximum amount of the bonus certificates is \$1585.

Local School Basketball

The local grade school boy entertained the Harlan school lads at basketball here yesterday afternoon, handing them a defeat, 8 to 13. Afterwards, the Doughs and Nuts of the home school, staged a fierce game, the Nuts emerging with the long end of 7 to 4 score.

Feb. 21, 1946

A real estate deal handled by Harry Dean, was completed last weekend whereby T.M. Dutton bought a large home of the late Dr. D.W. Relihan, Mr. Sutton also purchased of Dr. F.H. Relihan the son, nearly all the furniture, and hangings in the house.

Bus Driver To The Rescue

Wally Blum, driver of the west bound Santa Fe Trailways Bus, renders service wherever he finds the need. On the morning of Feb. 12, about seven

miles west of Mankato he noticed that the roof of a farm house was on fire. Going Back, he enlisted the aid of his passengers, awakened the elderly man, who lived there and got most of his personal property out of the burning building.

Award Purple Heart

Glenn Major has been notified by Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell that he has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action Oct. 20, 1944. The decoration will be forwarded to the commanding general of this area who will designate an officer to make the presentation.

New Employee At The Pioneer

There is a new swing to the eight-hour twice a day shift in the Pioneer Office since G.C. "Mac" McGowan of Memphis, Tenn. walked in early Wednesday to become part of the force. After 38 months in the Army, 32 of them spent overseas, "Mac" is glad to be back at his old trade as a printer.

Feb. 23, 1956

Kirwin Reservoir Open to Fishing

We are happy to announce that the Kirwin Reservoir, near Kirwin, in Phillips Co. is now open to fishing. This reservoir, having a potential water capacity of 5000 surface acres, built by the US Reclamation Service, is now under the management of the State Fish and Game.

Local Markets

Wheat \$2.00

Cream .56

Eggs .34

New Superintendent At The Hospital

Mrs. Eda Kutter recently employed in Oakley hospital, arrived in Smith Center Monday to take over the duties of superintendent at the local hospital.

She will replace Miss Velma Thompson, who will continue to work for the Great Plains Hospital Association, going wherever she is needed in organization plans.

Reneberg Receives Separation

Back home at Kensington is Norman Reneberg, who has completed a four-year enlistment in the United States Air Force.

Norman recently returned to the States from Hawaii and was greeted on his return by his mother, Mrs. Earl Reneberg.

Safety Subject For or Farm Bureau

The Smith Center Junior Farm Bureau organization is sponsoring "Safety" as their project for this year. They will work with the

4-H groups and the Farm Bureau. As a part of this project they will install safety belts in cars, starting on March 1,

Feb. 24, 1966

New Police Officer

Floyd Vinsonhaler of this city is new on the police force since Tuesday night of last week. He will share duties with Clayton Hooper. Corland Brown will serve as an extra.

Old Records Contain Ancient History

A lot of the early history of the Reamsville community is contained within the well worn covers of ancient township records now in the keeping of Roy Tucker of that community. Two bound volumes of the civil and criminal dockets kept in the township records of the justice of the peace court that once settled lawsuits in Martin township and other townships as well.

Lamberts See Stars At Theater Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Evin Lambert, owners and operators

of Centre Theater attended the United Theater Owners convention in Denver, Co9lo. Some of the stars who will be there are Dick Van Dyke, Connie Margaret, Red Buttons and Charlie Weaver.

Miss Debbie Bryant, "Miss USA", will also be there.

Special Notice To All Drivers

Trooper Reed Smith reports that the deadline for driving with the 1965 license tags will be at 12:01 a.m. on March 2. After this the deadline drivers will be subject to arrest and fines. Tags must be attached to vehicle in easy to see place.

Feb. 19, 1976

Local Markets

Wheat \$3.76

Milo \$4.00

GoldBug Royalty

Seniors Dixie Conaway and Robin Hudson were crowned as queen and king of the Friday night basketball homecoming at Kensington High School.

The Goldbugs made the homecoming complete with a thrilling 62-60 victory over Palco.

Little Miss FHA

That distinction was bestowed upon tiny Danielle Lee Frieling last week by members of the Smith Center Homemakers of America. The little Miss was born on Feb. 8th the beginning of FHA week and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Frieling of Athol.

Did You Know??

The Great Dust Storm of 1935 came without warning about 8:30 p.m. The first indication of the storm came when clouds of dust rolled in from the west, filling the air until visibility was completely obliterated.

Feb. 20, 1986

Still Enjoying Farming

Jewell Gardner, a farmer in Washington Township, still enjoys farming and raising cattle even though he recently observed his 86th birthday. Jewell feeds cane and alfalfa to about 50 cows and calves he is raising this winter.

Walker Transfers To Grand Island

Jim Walker, who has been manager of the Matson-Boogaart's store here, was transferred to a newly acquired Boogaart's store in Grand Island Neb.

Beta Sigma Phi Royalty

Vickie Covert and Kathy Frieling were crowned Valentine's Queens at the annual Beta Sigma Phi sorority dance Feb. 14th at the VFW Hall here. Vickie is the president of Kappa Xi Chapter, and Kathy is president of the XI Zeta Mu Chapter. They were selected as Valentine's queens by a vote from their respective chapters.

Feb. 22, 1996

Chalk Rock From Cedar

A small rock quarry west of Cedar played a role in the "home front" effort during World War II. The powdery, white chalk rock from this quarry was used by the government to make ammunition.

Robert Johnson of Smith Center remembers when several German prisoners of war helped with this operation one wartime summer. These captured German soldiers were among the men held in a camp at Lincoln Park, between Downs and Cawker City.

Wrestlers Qualify For State Tournament

The Redmen wrestling team will send a group to Hays to compete in the weekend state tournament.

Terry Everheart, Nick Beckman, Torre Roenne, Josh Norton, Jeremy Jacobs, Everett Mansholt, and

Andy Gwennap are all going to State.

Ag Students Visit Meat Market

Phil Breese, meat cutter at Matson-Boogaart's grocery store, explains to first year ag students how boxed beef is ordered and made into retail cuts.

The Smith Center students were told by Breese, that meat cutting jobs are always in demand, that cutting this boxed beef is much different from a locker plant that cuts an entire carcass.

Feb. 23, 2006

Spelling Bee Winners

First place winner is Brock Baxter, Second place winner Michaela Sasse, Third place winner RYANNE RAHJES

Around the Kensington Community

Marie Wangerin is in the Smith Co. Hospital recovering from a broken pelvis from a fall.

Betty Kuhlmann was in the hospital last week for observation and treatment

Bobbie and Angela Kuhlmann, Megan and Zane have purchased the home vacated by Kent Blake and will be moving there later this week. Bobbie is employed by Pro-Ag and Angela is the Director of Nursing at Infinia.

Meitler, Zimmermann Fund-Raiser

Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a fund-raising event for Ronica Meitler and Justin Zimmermann. Justin, son of Karen and Brett Feldman, was accidentally shot in a hunting accident.

Ronica, daughter of Ron and Barb Meitler is suffering from swelling of the membranes around her brain. According to her father.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write a note to thank Dr. Wiehl for her article in this last week Pioneer. Times have changed so much since we were children. The only addicts we ever heard about were the soldiers coming home from the war addicted

to morphine that the doctors used for their pain after they were shot up or otherwise maimed by the instruments of war. At that time, no one that I knew would even consider using an opioid for fun or recreation. Now the drugs are everywhere and kids are being introduced to

them every day on the Internet. So, as Dr. Wiehl has suggested, have conversations with your kids. Discipline is important, but always let them know you love them and that you want to help them through their growing-up years.

Stan Garretson

LEGAL NOTICES

(First Published in the Smith County Pioneer, Thursday February 19, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Judith Kay Everett, Deceased Case no. SM-2026-PR-2 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 Connie Rice, sister and one of the heirs of Judith Kay Everett, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the

following described real estate situated in Smith County, Kansas:

Lots Eight, Nine and Ten, Block Four, Sunderlands Addition to the City of Gaylord, Kansas and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other 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 March 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the City of Smith Center in Smith County,

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

Connie Rice

Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:

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March 5

SMITH COUNTY REAL ESTATE AUCTION

155 Acres of Smith County Real Estate FARMLAND & AMAZING HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES TUES., MARCH 10TH, 2026 • 1:30 PM

Auction Location: Lebanon Community Center, 420 Main St., Lebanon, KS. Be Sure to Check Our Website for More Info. & Pictures Come Early for Refreshments & to Register for Bid Number Live Online Bidding Available at www.hamitauction.com

LAND LOCATION: From Lebanon, KS, go 5 miles North on Hwy 281 to 90 Rd, then East 1 mi., to DD Rd then South 1/2 mi. to 9000 Rd then East 1/2 mi. to Northwest corner of the property. From Red Cloud, NE, go 15 miles South on Hwy 281 to 90 Rd, then East 1 mi., to DD Rd then South 1/2 mi. to 9000 Rd then East 1/2 mi. to Northwest corner of the property. WATCH FOR SIGNS!

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Two (2) South, Range Eleven (11) West of the 6 P.M., Smith County, Kansas, being 155 acres more or less.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The presence of a heavily wooded draw that meanders through this property offers amazing hunting opportunities for a wide variety of game species. Additionally, there are approximately 155 total acres with 98 acres of very productive cropland. This not only presents income potential through crop production, but also provides suitable areas for food plots. The remaining acreage is comprised of grasslands, wooded areas, and valuable wildlife habitats. There is also a pond that provides water on this property.

FSA INFORMATION: Wheat Base: 5 Acres w/36 bu. PLC Yield; Corn Base: 11.8 Acres w/101 bu. PLC Yield; Soybeans planted in 2025 crop year yielded 50 bu. per acre.

MINERALS: All minerals are believed to be intact and will convey with the property.

TAXES: Sellers will pay all the 2025 taxes with the purchasers paying all the 2026 and subsequent year's taxes. 2025 Taxes were: \$1,648.02

POSSESSION: Possession will be immediately upon closing.

TITLE INSURANCE: Title insurance issued by Collier Abstracts Inc. shall be used to prove clear & merchantable title with the Buyer & Seller, sharing equally the owner's policy expense. The mortgage policy, if required, will be the expense of the buyer.

TERMS: Ten Percent (10%) down day of sale shall be made payable to Collier Abstract Inc. The balance shall be due upon closing, which will be scheduled on or before April 10, 2026. This auction sale is not contingent upon the purchaser's ability to finance the purchase. Buyers must make finance arrangements, if needed, prior to the auction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Property information provided was obtained from sources deemed reliable, although the Auctioneer(s) or Seller(s) make no guarantees as to its accuracy. All prospective bidders are urged to fully inspect the property, its condition and to rely on their own conclusions. Any announcements made on auction day by the auctioneer will take precedence over any previous printed material or oral statements.

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SunPorch

With the nice temps, the guys from Center Monuments were able to install the new sign at SunPorch. Pictured are (L-R) Joe Stansbury, Shareece Hileman (SunPorch) and Shawn Stansbury. The sign adds to the wonderful things happening east of town.

Submitted Photo

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