

# Memory Lane

**Feb. 27th 1936  
Local Markets  
Wheat .90  
Corn .77**

**Fat Cattle \$5 to \$9  
Fat Hogs \$9.25**

**Skating**

The roller skating goes merrily on in Athol Community Hall every Saturday night and a lot of young people are taking advantage of the sport, and some who are not so young.

**Stuart News**

In the Stuart news: A truck load of corn at Bellaire was bought Saturday morning to feed 50 heard of hogs. With the price of hogs still down, it's quite the gamble.

**Feb. 28, 1946**

**Profitable year for mill-elevator**

The Smith Center Cooperative Mill & Elevator held its annual meeting Tuesday afternoon. Oren Flint, manager, was highly lauded for his efficiency and capability which helped produce one of the most profitable years in history.

Showing total sales of \$630,630 a gross grain of \$39,215 and net profit of \$23,972 the Cooperative really placed itself in the big business set-up.

**Crowd pleaser**

A county event that was a crowd pleaser as well as a source of sport and entertainment to the grade school pupils of the county was staged at Kensington last week, under the direction of Clark Gilbert, superintendent of schools.

Winner of first place in the grade division was the plucky little team from Harlan.

Roy Attwood has his

first new Plymouth car on display since the war emergency developed.

**25 years of service**

R.A. Dicker, popular manager of the Dicker-Derby Elevator, completes his 25th year with the business on March 1st.

**Bechtold is discharged**

Francis Bechtold, steam-fitter 2/c has his discharge from the Navy after three years Service, much of it in the vicinity of Guadalcanal in the South Pacific. His older brother, Lawrence, also in the Navy is located in Japan and doesn't expect his release for several months.

**March 1, 1956**

**Lebanon proceeds to worthy cause**

Over Lebanon way local entertainers and community boosters are going all out on March 8th in a big effort for a worthy cause. People of the city would like to purchase a resuscitator to have available at times of emergency.

As of Tuesday, \$271.50 of the needed \$750 had been raised.

The assistance of Elmer Stump, the "Auther Godfrey" of that vicinity, who has staged two very successful television shows over KHOL, has been enlisted, and a show is coming up on March 8th.

There are 305 hustling, forward looking youngsters in Smith County's 4-H club and during National 4-H week next week, local business people are paying tribute in their advertising and in various other ways.

It looks like old times with Sylvia Bolton and her crew back at the Center Cafe. The restaurant was

opened Wednesday morning following a redecorating job that has the place looking spic and span.

Cub Scouting in Smith Center is on the move. If there had been any doubts, they were dispelled Monday night when the Community Hall dining room was jammed by 45 Cubs, their fathers and mothers and other members of their families. Attendance was 180 or more.

**March 3, 1966**

**Redmen Goldbugs 1st and 2nd in district**

Smith Center's Redmen won the Class "B" district basketball tournament here, with decisive victories over Mankato and Kensington. Mankato won third place defeating Lebanon. Both Smith Center and Kensington are playing in the regional Class "B" tournament at Palco this week.

Tim Ard, formerly of Wichita, started Monday as barber in Paul Seemann's shop. Mrs. Ard is the former Buntya Cole daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reea Cold of Cedar.

Ray Lumpkin n went to work this week for Casey's Gamble store as a general helper and salesman.

Wilford O. Lutz took the oath of county attorney Tuesday and assumed his duties, succeeding Wayne Grindol who resigned to become executive officer of the bank in Jewell.

The Smith Center Lions Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary April 4th with an evening banquet in the armory

SP/4 Lyman Miller, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Miller, recently returned from overseas duty with the Army in Southeast Asia and has his discharge after two years of service. He expects to return to work with the state highway commission.

Mrs. Maurice Hansen and Carl went to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where they attended a graduation ceremony in which Dennis Hansen completed his basic training. Dennis is a light vehicle driver.

Sonar Technician Third Class Ray F. Hines, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hines of Gaylord Participated in the Project Appollo AS 201 mission as a crew member aboard the destroyer USS Waldron, The Waldron occupied a down-range sub orbital ballistic shot which initiated the program slated to put men on the moon by 1970.

**March 4, 1976**

**County road crew men are retiring**

County crew is losing three experienced men. Howard Rapp, who has been maintenance foreman for a number of years, retired March 1. Vernie Cronn, veteran bridge foreman, will retire April 1st. And the county's general superintendent, Harold has been with the county crew for 17 years.

As 1976 is an election year, some Smith County residents may be thinking of running for county office. With that in mind the public may be interested in the salaries paid to the elected county officials. These are the county officials salaries currently in effect; commissioners \$2,990; attorney \$ 6,856 clerk \$6,970, treasurer

\$6,970, register of deeds, \$5,900, probate judge \$9,000 and sheriff \$8,400.

The Kensington locker and meat processing plant, which was closed by bankruptcy last November is in the process of being sold according to word from a Topeka attorney handling the bankruptcy proceeding. The new plant was built by Bill Brockelman and opened less than three years ago.

The newly organized Waconda Area Swine Producers Association is planning its first feeder Pig sale in north central Kansas for May 13th.

The Lebanon Bronchos boys basketball team was the only Smith County quintet to survive the regionals placing second in the Mankato regional. LHS win play Lucas this Friday in the sub-state tournament at Phillipsburg.

Don Devine, who resigned recently as superintendent of the Lebanon Public School, has accepted a position as superintendent of Pike Valley.

**March 4, 1986**

The Jolly Mixers Square Dancers of Gaylord are sponsoring another session of beginning square dance lessons, and workshops at different levels. The lessons will take place on Tuesday evening.

The lessons and workshops will be at the Gaylord Community Building.

**March 3, 1996**

**Burning Ban**

Lifting the burning ban and approving the budget were on the county commission agenda at a meeting. They voted to lift the burning ban in the county. The county's 1996

budget was approved after the routine hearing was conducted.

**March 2, 2006**

**Truck destroyed by fire**

A 1995 Volvo feed truck belonging to Central Plains Co-op was destroyed by fire. In addition the building also suffered some smoke and water damage.

**Sunday Sales**

By a vote of 77-35, voters in the City of Kensington turned down the proposal Tuesday would have allowed the sale of alcoholic beverages in Kensington on Sundays.

**Longtime bank employee retiring**

After over two decades of faithful service. Dorothy Seems is retiring from the Farmers National Bank in Gaylord.

**Peterson Addition**

Don and Carolyn Peterson began the week by joining with the other adults from the Church of the Nazarene for their annual Valentine's supper at the Buffalo Roam.

Kenny Poyser had another birthday, Saturday and the golfers helped him celebrate on Friday morning with a birthday party at the Sale Barn Cafe.

**Banner Center**

Sunday dinner guests of Larry, Marsha, Kenny and Clark Pennington were Tyler, Emily and TyLynn Blank, Dale and Myrtle Larson, Phillip Pennington and Britney Lyon.

Visitors this past week with Percy Parsons were Maynard Beckmann and Loren Schultz.

## LEGAL NOTICES

(First published in the Smith Co. Pioneer Thursday, March 5, 2026.) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Travis J. Coop, Deceased. Case No.

SM-2026-PR-000003

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that on February 26, 2026, a Petition For Appointment Of Administrator was filed in this Court by Hannah Coop, requesting that Tracy Coop be appointed Administrator and that he be granted Letters of Administration without bond as Administrator of the Estate of Travis Coop, deceased. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 1, 2026, at 2:00 o'clock, p.m. in the District Court, Smith County, Kansas,

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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as required by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Hannah Coop, Petitioner

Attest:

Shannon R. Schmidt

District Magistrate Judge

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March 19

(First published in the Smith County Pioneer on Thurs-

day, march 5, 2026.) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of BERNADINE DUNTZ, a/k/a Z. BERNADINE DUNTZ, Deceased. Case No. SM 2024 PR 14

**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 on the 19th day of February, 2026, in this Court by LINDA S. CARSWELL, Executor of the estate of BERNADINE DUNTZ, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as Executor, allowance for executor's and attorneys' fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to

the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of BERNADINE DUNTZ, deceased.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before MARCH 30, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Smith Center, Smith County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

LINDA S. CARSWELL

Executor

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March 19

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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

These old photos were found in the archives at the Smith Co. Pioneer. If you know the beautiful ladies, please stop by and take the photos with you. They are better with family than lost in our office.



Soul Infusion will once again be hosting a free to all attendees two day Christian Women's Conference this spring to bring the light of Christ to the greater North Central Kansas area. The 2026 conference, "To Know and Be Known" is based on the Bible verse from John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me." Our two speakers, Silvia Ledon from Virginia, and Stephanie Jenkins from Florida, will be delighting us with their wisdom and knowledge of God's word and His ways.

Stephanie starts us off on Friday night at 5:30 pm with a Self-Protection Seminar geared toward women 12 years old and up. Stephanie is a 5th degree Black Belt and a bold, compassionate voice for women rediscovering their

identity and strength. She has a background in ministry, counseling, and self-defense, and is currently pursuing her Master of Divinity at Kairos University. Stephanie weaves God's truth into her demonstrations and teachings. This program will last until 8:30 pm and light refreshments will be served before it begins.

Both Stephanie and Silvia will be speaking on Saturday with Silvia sharing her vocal talent as well. Silvia's passion is to help people move from a performative and exhausting version of faith into a life of joy, rest, and spiritual depth that is rooted in God's love and presence. Come and share a lovely day together where we can slow down, reconnect, and rediscover the God who is already with us. Saturday's

program is from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Brunch and an afternoon snack will be served along with several times of fellowship and fun included.

We'd like to thank two of our sponsors, Sarver Charitable Trust, and McFadden Charitable Trust, for helping provide the funds to make this event free for all attendees.

If you are interested in joining for one or both of these events, please contact Traci Wolters at 785-346-4555 or Robin Bales at 785-476-5396. Space is limited for the Friday night event, so please sign up soon.

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**NEW OFFICE HOURS**  
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8AM TO 5PM  
FRIDAY- Office Closed to all walkin traffic