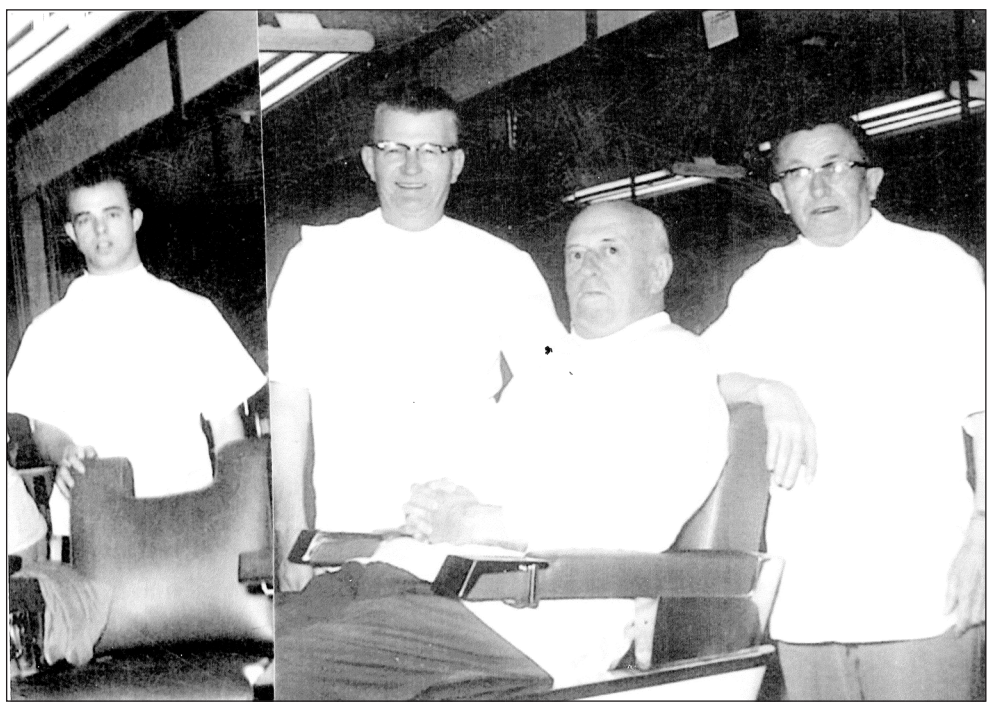
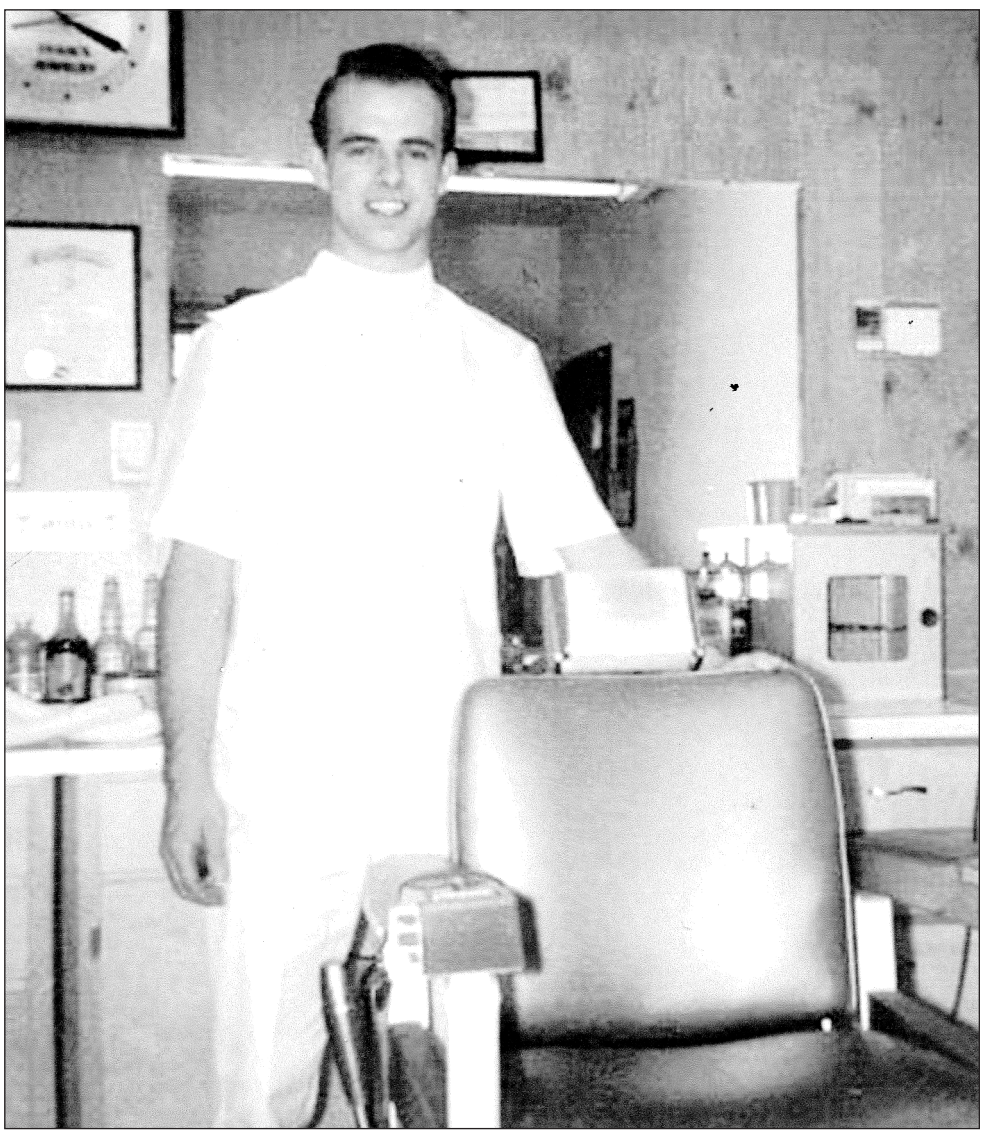


STAN MORIN worked at the Family Barber Shop when he first moved to Plainville in the early 1960s. Pictured are (from left) Stan Morin, Jerry Monholan, Matt McClellan, and Tom Philieger.



THIS YESTERYEAR PICTURE shows Stan Morin giving his grandson, Duke Lichlyter, a haircut at his Grandpa's shop.



STAN MORIN opened his barber shop in Plainville in 1962. Here he is standing beside his barber chair when he started his business.

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her aunt and uncle in northwest Nebraska. They kept in touch by letter while he attended barber school and established his career.

More than six decades later, Morin still works Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, welcoming walk-ins and appointments. He cuts hair for four generations of some families, and young customers receive a sucker after their first haircut. The shop is also a place to stop in and visit. "When I first started, haircuts were $1.25 and flat tops were $1.50. Now haircuts are $15.00," Morin said.

At one point, as many as three other barbers worked alongside Morin. He still uses his own barber chair, while another of his chairs now sits at Ed's Barber Shop in Stockton.

Morin received the State of Kansas' 60-Year Barbering Certificate, marking a milestone in a profession that has also supported his family. He and Barb have four children: the late Kevin Morin; Betsy, Monica, and Derek; Verona and Morgan; and Travis and Kris. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who also get their haircuts at the shop.

Morin says he never tires of cutting hair and visiting with customers, though he no longer offers shaves. The shop is his special place, filled with keepsakes collected over the years. Visitors may come for a haircut, but they are likely to leave having discovered a piece of local history.

The shop's largest and, as Morin calls it, "Crowning Glory" is a 16-foot mahogany bar he bought from Wayne Fuzzell in 1965. Morin spotted it while helping Fuzzell wallpaper and carpet his living room. Now it stretches across nearly an entire wall, forming a backdrop for customers.

The bar once served in a Dodge City saloon and was the only item salvaged after a fire destroyed the building. A bullet hole on its left side fuels speculation about its past—and, Morin says, makes for good conversation.

Other pieces of Morin's story fill the shop: a three-fingered leather baseball glove from his high school days, a working train set featuring scenes of Plainville and his children, a 1906 barber pole, shaving mugs and sports memorabilia. Though he has downsized in recent years, reminders of his life and family remain throughout the building.

After more than 60 years, Morin still does the work he loves—welcoming people through the door. In his shop, a haircut comes with conversation, familiar faces, and a glimpse of Plainville history.

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A special thank-you also goes to Julie Kuhlmann Photography for graciously allowing us to use the students' school pictures.

We hope these young students' expressions of thankfulness bring a smile to your face and a little extra joy to your holiday season.

From all of us at the Sentinel-Times, we wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of RONALD D. TUCKER, AKA RONALD TUCKER, Deceased.

Case No.: RO-2026-PR-000031

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Peggy D. Tucker , requesting descent be determined on mineral rights situated in Rooks County, Kansas:

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S/2 NW/4) and the North Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 N/2 SW/4) of Section Six (6), Township Ten (10) South, Range Twenty (20) West of the 6th P.M., Rooks County, Kansas.

and all other personal property and Kansas real estate owned by decedent, Ronald D. Tucker a/k/a Ronald Tucker, at the time of death, and request that such property be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Rooks County District Court, 115 N. Walnut Street, Stockton, KS 67669, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Peggy D. Tucker
PEGGY D. TUCKER

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN ARTHUR ROLO, deceased

Case No. RO-2026-PR-000033

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Bryan Rolo, heir-at-law of John Arthur Rolo, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Rooks County, Kansas:

The South Twenty (20) feet of Lot Three Hundred Thirty-eight (338), and all of Lot Three Hundred Forty (340) and the North Twenty (20) feet of Lot Three Hundred Forty-two (342), Plainville Avenue, Santa Fe and Plainville Land and Lot Company's Addition to the City of Plainville, Rooks County, Kansas

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 December 28, 2026, by 10:00 a.m. in the City of Stockton, in Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

BRYAN ROLO, Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In The Matter Of The Estate of Gregory Balthazor, Deceased

Case No. RO-2023-PR-30

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are notified that on November 17, 2026, an Amended Petition was filed in this Court by Karla M. Balthazor, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Gregory Balthazor", deceased, dated February 5, 1993, requesting the Will filed with the Court be admitted to probate and record: Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Amended Petition on or before December 21, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., in the District Court of Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Karla M. Balthazor, Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ROMELIA LOPEZ-AYALA

Case No. RO-2026-PR-000030

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on November 2, 2026, a Petition for Determination of Descent was filed in this Court by Carlos Hernandez, the surviving spouse of Romelia Lopez-Ayala, who has an interest in determining the heirs under Kansas law of Romelia Lopez-Ayala, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of all Kansas real estate and all personal property owned by Decedent at the time of her death, and all personal property and 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 December 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Central Standard Time in this Court, in the City of Stockton, in Rooks County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Carlos Herandez, Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOKS COUNTY, KANSAS

Black Gold Investments, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
American Innovative Royalty Systems, et al., Defendants.

Case No: RO-2025-CV-000030

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Agreed Order for Sheriff's Sale issued to me out of the above entitled action, I will on December 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. of said day in the front lobby of Rooks County Courthouse, Stockton, Kansas, offer at public sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand an undivided 70.9375% interest in and to the oil, gas, and other minerals with a 40% remainder interest, in and under the following described land in Rooks County, Kansas:

Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Nine (9) South, Range Nineteen (19) West of the 6th P.M., Rooks County, Kansas

the above described interests are taken as the property of the Plaintiff and Defendants as directed by said Agreed Order for Sheriff's Sale to be sold and will be sold without appraisement to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Gary Knight, Sheriff
of Rooks County, Kansas

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ville, Recovery of Money. Judgment for the Plaintiff for $1,015.73, plus interest and costs.

Rawlins County Health Center vs. Alexia J. Carson, Goodland, Recovery of Money. Judgment for the Plaintiff for $270.02, plus prejudgment interest of $61.76, plus costs and interest.

City of Stockton vs. Terri L. Brown, Plainville, Recovery of Money. Default judgment for the Plaintiff for $325.00 plus prejudgment interest of $70.45, plus interest and costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Alexander B Comeau, Plainville, Recovery of Money, $2,097.64, plus costs. Plaintiff's motion for dismissal without prejudice was granted.

Rooks County Health Center vs. Anthony Michael Fisher and Krystal Hickman, Plainville,

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