

Historic Times: A Tale of Two Bridges

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A few years ago, I drove from Alva to Kentucky. Back in the day when I took such a long trip, I would put my trusty road atlas on the front seat next to me.

Road atlases are just one more thing that the internet has pretty much made obsolete. Consequently, I logged onto "Google Maps" and printed off directions for my excursion.

One of the things that I knew I would have to do to reach my destination was to cross the Mississippi River. As Google Maps would have it, I passed over that watery artery from Missouri into Illinois and immediately crossed the Ohio River into Kentucky.

On my return voyage, I

negotiated these two mighty waterways in the light of day, but on the initial trip I got there around midnight. The bridges that span them, I noticed, are both long and narrow. Driving on them at night is also a little spooky.

As soon as you navigate the first bridge, you turn right and almost immediately (after 1000 feet) enter the second one. You are in the state of Illinois for about a mile—and most of that time you are on the bridges.

Having never done anything similar to this in all of my years of driving, I was intrigued and decided to do a little research. Once again, the internet offered up some interesting information.

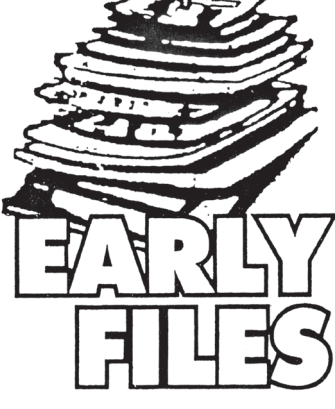
Both bridges are named after the nearby Illinois

town of Cairo. The Cairo Mississippi River Bridge was built in 1929 and is just short of a mile long (5175.5 feet). The Cairo Ohio River Bridge is a little younger—built in 1937—and longer (5863.7 feet).

Several thousand vehicles a day use these massive structures. Semi-truck drivers often avoid them due to their advanced age, their narrowness, and weight limits that—if exceeded—can lead to steep fines.

Negotiating these ancient engineering marvels was an interesting experience for me—one that I would recommend to others who might someday find themselves travelling east through Missouri on their way to Kentucky!

News & Memories



From Our

60 YEARS AGO - 1966

Members of the Buccaneer 4-H Club southwest of Anthony, added their help to the benefit for the heart machine at the Anthony Hospital and Clinic. Members of the club were Regina Hoopes, Judy Ewertz, Debbie Laing, Connie McKaig, Beth Ewertz, Diane Kastens, Kim Rutherford, Bill Ewertz, Greg Hoopes and Melissa Mills.

The new Duckwall store that occupied the building formerly housing the Sydney Hardware, opened the doors Thursday, February 17 for business in their new location. The Duckwall store moved to Anthony in 1929.

50 YEARS AGO - 1976

The familiar faces of Herschel and Beryl Roach would be missed from their business of 22 years, Roach Chevrolet-Olds, when William Graham and son took over ownership.

Julie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Williams of Anthony, was initiated into Kappa Delta

Sorority at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

The American Legion Auxiliary put together its "Number 1" women's bowling team at the last minute, only to win the 17th annual Harper County Women's City Bowling Tournament. Team members were Dorothy Bettis (captain), Dorothy Houston, Clara Podschun, Sherri Linn and Eugenia Watkins. They pulled off the surprise victory from among 50 teams in the Park Hill Lanes tournament.

Eight Chaparral speech arts students under the guidance of Ms. Cindy Smith were to compete at Campus High School. They were: Lindsey Smith, Dramatic Interpretation; Betty Clutter and Pat Hatfield, Jeff Jelinek and Lisa Bayless, Duet Acts; Jeff Jelinek and Brad High, Improvised Duet Act; Kim Bell, Extemp; Joey Hollis and Brad High, Poetry; Lindsey Smith, Prose.

40 YEARS AGO - 1986

Candidates for the Homecoming Queen title at Chaparral were seniors: Carla Clark, Becky Fox, Holly Francis, Michaelane Muhlenbruch and Patricia Westcoat.

Dennis L. Versch, who was presently Superintendent of Schools in USD #392, Osborne, Kans. was selected at the regular meeting of the USD #361 Board of Education to be the new Superintendent of Schools for USD #361.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Giesen of Anthony were the proud parents of a new baby girl born January 31, 1986 at 1:47 p.m. at the Harper Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 4-1/2 ozs. and given the name Leslie Diane. She has a brother, Russell Wade, 2-1/2 years old.

Chaparral Cheerleader team members included: Anne Menhusen, Sharla Perry, Cammi Frieden and Susan Moghadam.

30 YEARS AGO - 1996

Among the 2,900 students from the University of Kansas who were named to KU's honor roll during the fall semester was Kyle Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rogers, Attica. Kyle was a sophomore in KU's Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Rt. Rev'd Vernon E. Strickland, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, announced the appointment of the Rev'd Larry A. Carver as Vicar of Anthony's Grace Episcopal Church.

Gathered for a five generations picture were Tia Mitchell, Tia's mother, Nikki Mitchell, Harper, her grandmother, Dana Young, Anthony, great-grandmother, Shirley Vondracek, Harper, and her great-great-grandmother, Ferrell LaPlant, Anthony.

Anthony lost a "little" piece of history when the

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Mon. Mar. 9.....80/54
Tue. Mar. 10.....83/63
Wed. Mar. 11.....54/41
Precipitation.....0.28"
Thu. Mar. 12.....65/31
Fri. Mar. 13.....64/40
Sat. Mar. 14.....75/40
Sun. Mar. 15.....59/41

SUBMITTED BY
RANDY PATTERSON
NWS CO-OP OBSERVER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please remove all flowers and decorations from gravesites by **Wednesday, April 1st** that may interfere with spraying & mowing.
Thank You, Spring Grove Cemetery

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)
SYLVIA E. RANSON, deceased.) Case No. HP-2025-PR-05

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 23, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Gena M. Ricker, an heir, devisee and legatee of the Decedent, requesting that Letters of Administration be issued to her, without bond.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the District Court of Harper 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.

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Wednesday, March 18
Oven Fried Chicken - Scalloped Corn - Winter Mixed Vegetables - Cinnamon Applesauce - Wheat Roll

Thursday, March 19
Vegetable Lasagna - Garden Salad - Banana - Breadstick

Friday, March 20
Chili - Squash - Tropical Fruit - Cinnamon Rolls

Monday, March 23
Turkey Pot Pie - California Blend Vegetables - Mixed Fruit - Jello - Roll

Tuesday, March 24
Cranberry Meatballs - Baked Potato - Mixed Vegetables - Pineapple - Roll

Wednesday, March 25
Ham & Beans - Carrots - Pears - Cornbread

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Serving Dine-In or Carry-Out from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Municipal Hall Bsmt.
60 & ↑: \$4 / 59 & ↓: \$7
Please call if you would like to volunteer and deliver meals.

USD #361

School Menus

➤ **BREAKFAST MENU** ◀

Wednesday, March 18
NO SCHOOL!

Thursday, March 19
NO SCHOOL!

Friday, March 20
NO SCHOOL!

Monday, March 23
French Toast Sticks - Cinnamon Toast - Cereal - Fruit

Tuesday, March 24
Donut - Yogurt - Cereal - Fruit

Wednesday, March 25
Colby Egg Omelet - Tater Tots - Toast - Cereal - Fruit

➤ **LUNCH MENU** ◀

Wednesday, March 18
NO SCHOOL!

Thursday, March 19
NO SCHOOL!

Friday, March 20
NO SCHOOL!

Monday, March 23
Scrambled Eggs w/ French Toast Sticks - Cheeseburger - WowButter & Jelly Sandwich - Mozzarella Cheese Stick - Tater Tots - Fruit - Salad

Tuesday, March 24
Tacos - Popcorn Chicken - Nacho Munchable - Italian Bread - Baked Beans - Fruit - Salad

Wednesday, March 25
Chicken Patty - Sloppy Joe - Pizza Munchable - Corn - Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy - Hot Roll - Fruit - Salad

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