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# Looking Back

from the pages of

*The Alta Vista Journal, White City Register / Reporter & The Prairie Post*

**1925 (One Hundred years ago)**-As the Journal goes to press about 10 o'clock this Thursday morning we learn that **State Supt. Miley** has approved the Rural High School for Alta Vista. One item greatly in favor of the Rural High School is the fact that they will not have to vote bonds to build a high school building.

**George Hyde, Clarence Dierking and Pete Butcher** went over to Clarks Creek Saturday evening on a fishing trip returning early Monday morning. They caught a dandy bunch of channel cats. **Bill Horne, Bill Addie and Lyle Addie** caught another good string down on Mill creek last week.

**CHALK MOUND**-The picture show closed a week's run at the hall on Saturday night. **C. Kraus** held the lucky number, winning the silverware given away the last night.

The dance Friday night was largely attended and very orderly conducted, even though there were reports to the contrary. The managers are determined to have the quality of the dancers such that entirely dispenses with any disorderliness.

**1935 (Ninety years ago)**-**Walter Morgan**, his daughter **Ruth** and son **George, Mrs. Al Craig, Miss Fern Roberts and Dwayne Ottinger** left early Saturday in the **Morgan** car to drive to Los Angeles. **Mr. Morgan** went mainly to bring back his mother, **Mrs. Albert Morgan**, who has spent the winter in Los Angeles with her other son, **Harry**, and family. **Fern** and **Dwayne** both have relatives they will visit, while **Mrs. Craig** will go on to Bend, Oregon, to visit her brother, **Gail McLaughlin** and family. They party plans to be gone about three weeks.

**Mr. and Mrs. Chris McDiffett** have a new son, born Sunday.

Anyone interested in taking violin lessons this summer, please see or call me.-**Kathryn Lund**

**SOUTH POLE**-**Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Ashburn, Mrs. Maine Orton and Mrs. Cecil Furney** attended the cooking school in Council Grove Friday. **Mrs. Furney** was lucky enough to win the cupcakes that were baked.

**ANTELOPE**-**Ruth Harris, Dorothy Paulson and Maxine Walters** graduated from the Dwight high school Friday.

**1945 (Eighty years ago)**-**Bill Mayer** bought Bud's Cafe from **Mr. and Mrs. Homer McDiffett** this week, and took charge, Wednesday. **Wilma and Donna**, the **Mayer** girls, will have charge of the place and invite you to come in Saturday, their formal opening day, when they will treat you to lemonade.

**Mr. and Mrs. Homer McDiffett** have bought the **White** property on Main street, occupied for several years by **Mr. and Mrs., C.H. McLaughlin**, and will take possession as soon as the **McLaughlins** move to the **Hooper** place, which they purchased.

**Willard Mayer** has received his call to report for induction next Wednesday.

**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nickoley and children** were guests of **Mrs. Russell Brown** at an oyster supper Tuesday evening. **Mrs. Nickoley** spent the day with **Mrs. Brown**, helping her paper.

**GARFIELD**-**Pvt. Edgar Reveal** accompanied **Charlie Robidou** to the dance at Dwight Friday night.

**Marvin Wrigley** of Salina was home over the weekend. He went with **Dixie Gleason** to the dance at Council Grove Saturday night.

**ANTELOPE**-**Jean Manns, Russell Fiest, Norman and Keith Erickson and Billy Fielder** helped **Roger Swenson** celebrate his 14th birthday, Sunday.

**DWIGHT**-The Sunflower Farm Bureau met at the home of **Mrs. Raymond Long**. An interesting lesson on table etiquette, rationed meals and methods of serving was given by **Mrs. Lee Haun**. **Mrs. Travis Miller** joined our club.

**Lee M. Haun** has been called to service and is ordered to be mustered in May 22 at Ft. Leavenworth.

**1955 (Seventy years ago)**-**Mrs. Herman Syring** was in Council Grove Wednesday to Friday, helping the **Hal Fisher** family move to the new home they purchased on Belfry Hill.

**PRAIRIE VIEW PRATTLINGS**-**Junior Litke** called his parents Tuesday and told of his trip to Hawaii, Wake Island and Pearl Harbor. We are all anxiously waiting for **Neil Andres**, who is expected to start home soon, having been gone over two years. He has a little daughter whom he has never seen.

**1985 (Forty years ago)**-Alta Vista Grade School Class of 1985-**Lori Ashburn, Jeff Beck, Dawn Buchanan, Kelly Buchman, Jennifer Clark, Lisa Clemens, Jim Cochran, Karl Cooper, Lori Florence, Davita Forkner, John Hearn, Nicci Kabriel, Joey Keylon, Alan McDiffett, Angie McDiffett, James McDiffett, Lori McDiffett, Corkey Moore, Samantha Pape, Mary Rosey, DeAnn Sill, Evelyn Walker.**

1985 Graduates--CGHS-**Michelle Ashlock, Lori Block, Douglas Buchman, Steven Buchman, Jeanne Jenkins, Tina Lloyd, Susan McDiffett, Kimberly Moses, Lori Siegrist, Joel Steere, Michael Wolgast; KSU-Marlene Kabriel; Danton McDiffett; Emporia Vo-Tech-Melanye Hoch.**

**Warren Hoch** and **Terry Gleason** recently completed five nights of classes at a Basic Firemanship Training Course in Council Grove. **Sheldon Smith** and **Charles Gleason** had also attended some of the classes.

The Council Grove High School Fine Arts Department presented the production of "The Real Truth About Cinderella" at the high school. Students from the Alta Vista area who participated in the play were **Cinderella-Lori Siegrist; Chamberlin-Joel Steere; chorus-Tami Tibbetts, Tammie Mahoney, Ginger McGinness, Susan McDiffett, Cindy Ziegenhirt; Dancers-Elisha Smith and Brenda Andres.**

**Danton J. McDiffett**, senior in English and history, son of **Mrs. Doris McDiffett**, was one of 20 Kansas State University students inducted into the KSU chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, prestigious national academic honor society, during banquet ceremonies late last month.

**1995 (Thirty Years Ago)**---Family and friends surprised **Hazel York** to help her celebrate her 80th birthday on April 22 at the Alta Vista Senior Center.

**Eric Montgomery** will receive his Bachelor of Science in agriculture degree from KSU on May 12.

*Obituaries - Kenneth E. Mayer, 59; Pearl V. Hoch, 93*

**Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steere, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Steere, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Steere and Greg, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Brabb, Amanda and Chelsea and Mrs. Ophelia Falk** had supper at the Country Cafe to celebrate the birthdays of **Harold Falk and Chelsea Brabb.**

**2005 (Twenty years ago)**-**Jessica Zimmerman** was the valedictorian of the Prairie Heights Middle School 8th grade class of 2005. **Ashley Hill** was salutatorian.

Members of the 2005 Prairie Heights 8th Grade Class are **Jacob Kratzer, Anthony Patterson, Robert McKinley, Caden Glick, Thomas Washburn, Cody Collins, Michelle Thornhill, Courtney Mulanax, Ashley Hill, Margaret Terrell, Kari Eisenhut, Shayla Lowry, Jessica Zimmerman, Kaitlynn Smith and Christa Cardone.**

**Karen Meyers** of Dwight announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, **Shannon Annette**, to **Russell Wayne Banta.**

**Bill and Linda Unruh**, Alta Vista announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Krista Unruh**, to **Clay Wilson**, son of **Jack and Heather Wilson**, Council Grove.

**2015 (Ten Years Ago)**---**Carrol Joy** will be honored on May 16 at the Alta Vista Senior Center in celebration of his 95th birthday. Family and friends are invited to help him celebrate from 2-4 pm.

**1935 (Ninety Years Ago)**-Eighth grade class night and commencement will be held May 14. The toast to the class will be given by **Doris Baxter and Tommy Abernathy**. A mixed quartet of **Harriett Blythe, Doris Baxter, Harold Harmison and Tommy Abernathy** will sing "Rain" and **Norma Jeanne Scott** will play a piano solo, "Moonlight Revels". Members of the class are **Ruth Abernathy, Tommy Abernathy, Wanda Atkinson, Doris Baxter, Harriett Blythe, Frances Butts, Orville Cobb, Billie Fitzsimmons, Harold Harmison, LaVerne Hood, Juanita Hylton, John Johnson, Albert Jones, Lois Lee, Etta Leonard, Edward Longan, Helen Obermeyer, Norma Jeanne Scott, Nevilyn Stewart, Ralph Talley and Martha Williams.**

**Mrs. Dorothy Dodderidge** has opened a beauty shop in White City with **Miss Virginia Weeks** as operator. The new shop is housed two doors west of the White City Grain Building.

The White City High School commencement exercises will be held May 16. Members of the class are **Robert Bacon, Mona Carson, Mary Crocker, Maude Crown, Myrtle Greiner, Dorrell Johnson, Alice Jones, Calvin Hallmark, Iva Hamilton, Henrietta Hauserman, Vance Hunter, Paul Knott, Ruth Lee, Audrey North, Myrtle Norton, Virginia Olson, Lloyd Scott, Lois Shepherd, Audrey Spangler, Gerald Tull, Dorothy Wallace and Myreda Warneke.**

*Obituary - Agnes Warneke, age 75*

After a heated argument over economy measures between the mayor and councilmen at the monthly meeting Tuesday night, **Mayor A. R. Wallace** tendered his resignation. Other business at the meeting was the hiring of **Howard Pearson** to be city marshal and street maintenance at \$35. per month.

**1945 (Eighty Years Ago)**-Residents in White City, along with people all over the world, were joyous Monday morning when the first news came of victory in Europe swept everywhere.

A shower was given at the home of **Miss Nellie Wallace** Wednesday afternoon for **Mrs. Delbert Stone**. Other hostesses were **Mona Jean Newbury, Donna Keller, Mrs. Earl Aikens, Mrs. Glen Harmison and Betty Jo Anderson.**

High School commencement will be held Thursday, May 17 with the following sixteen graduates: **Ernest Anderson, Junior Blythe, Billy Davidson, Orville Evans, Laverne Hettenbach, George Leonard, June McCulle, Lucille Merritt, Zella Mott, Kenneth Newbury, Charles Priddy, Mary Ellen Schmidt, Doris Scott, Dolores Stevens, Irma Warneke and Violet Wernecke.**

White City Grade School will graduate the following twenty-one fine young people during exercises to be held next week: **Harold Anderson, Keith Blythe, Ethel Brown, Myra Comp, Ted Carson, Betty Ann Elliott, Norma Griffiths, Naomi Harmison, Leona Hosier, Lolita Iseman, Christine Johnson, Meredith Kappelmann, Alton Lee, Vivian McIntosh, Marguerite Morris, Rena Root, Frances Thomas, Wanda Van Meter, Betty Jean Weeks, Kenneth Weeks and Dean White.**

The new high school bill will have an immediate effect on our school. The bill provides for a blanket county levy to insure each high school at least \$125 for each student in attendance, based on average daily attendance.

.At the present time, Parkerville High School has twelve students. They are: freshmen - **Bessie Longan, Kathryn Strom and Russel Pretzer, Jr.;** sophomores - **Eva Shaw, Allen Garrett and Kenneth Owen;** juniors - **Aleta Richardson, Berniece McDiffett, Wiladene Schultz and Jean Pretzer;** and seniors - **Laura Stone and Dewain Sams.**

**1955 (Seventy Years Ago)**-**Mayor Blythe** named **Harold Harmison** as the new park commissioner and **Paul Thomas** as the street and alley commissioner.

The investiture ceremony for the Brownie Scouts was held April 29 with the new full-fledged Brownies **Nancy, Pat and Jean**

**Palmer, Artys Schmanke, Beverly Scott, Carol Casterline, Gaila Sangwin, Roberta Roy, Linda Ramsey, Susan Bowman, Donetta Kimball, Janice Macy, Gladys Marts, Donna Swart and Joann Phelps.**

**1965 (Fifty Years Ago)**-**Mrs. Ed Bowman** announces the engagement of her daughter, **Susan**, to **Ronald L. Britt.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Abernathy** have purchased the property known for many years as the **Easter** place.

*Obituary - Sharon Lee Orr, age 23; Mrs. T. W. Kasten, age 68; Troy Lee Merritt age 6 weeks; Myrtle Walker, age 88; Ida Bacon Baxter, age 80*

**Rudy Anderson** is spending these last school days at home with the measles.

**1985 (Forty Years Ago)**-**Tommy and Valda Abernathy**, both graduates of WCHS, lay claim to having children in school for 29 consecutive years and all graduating from White City High School when **Ella**, the youngest, receives her diploma this year.

**Wes and Mary Swenson** will open their Country Corner Cafe on Sunday, May 5.

The WC junior high girls set four new school records at the Solomon track meet. **Dawn Sanford** finished first in the 890 with a time of 2:44.9; **Shanda Kasten** took first in discus by tossing 74'5"; **Jenni Hood, Teresa Nelson, Jeannie Arnold and Bonnie Blythe** ran the 440 relay in 59.3 and the 880 relay in 2:09.6.

**1995 (Thirty Years Ago)** ---Wednesday evening, the White City boys basketball team, coaches and families enjoyed supper and reflections on the past season.

**Joey Rice and Jay Kahnt** were honored recently for being named All League basketball first team and **Kara Fiest** received honorable mention.

*Obituaries - Pearl V. Hoch, 93; Walter H. Koepsel, 91*

Members of the WCHS Class of 1995 who will graduate this week are: **Todd James Britt, Bridgette Nikole Campuzano, Amy Diane Coons, Corey Davis, Karissa Ann Herdrich, Scott Horton, Jay Edward Kahnt, Heather Renee Nelson, Jayme Elizabeth Pitts, Joey Rice, Monique K. Saucier, Stephanie Scoggins, Timothy Wayne Teaney and Michael Blake Wildman.**

Eighth graders who will graduate are: **Peggy Allenbaugh, Matthew Barber, Christal Bradshaw, Brandy Calvert, Jacob Davis, Tonya Fiest, Rhonda Flores, Jamie Gfeller, Kolissa Harlow, Brice Hultgren, Clayton Kidd, Lori Lee, Justin Newbury, Amy Rothweiler, Jessica Scoggins, Barbara Spohn, Christine Teaney, Carol Tuck and Joshua Zotti.**

**Lori Lee** set a new 8th grade girls school league record this past week in the shot put with a throw of 30'1¼" **Josh Zotti** set a new 7th grade boys high jump record with a leap of 5'2".

Elected cheerleaders for the White city Huskies for 1995-96 are **Jana Albrecht, Christin Schmidt, Shannon Britt, Amanda Herpich, Crystal Dittman, Kara Britt and Jamie Gfeller.**

**2005 (Twenty Years Ago)** --- **Jamie Schmidt** is celebrating her 30th year in business on May 7 with an open house.

**Myrna Markley** will be honored with a retirement party on May 9 at the school from 4-6:30 pm.

*Obituaries - Walter A. Muehlenburg, 86; Terry Hueser, 60; Lynn Bammes, 65*

**2015 (Ten Years Ago)**---**Morgan Ash, Travis Bennett, Alexis Campuzano, Tim Holzheuer, Alexis Kahnt, Dakota Miller, Balsa, Scepanovic, Tyler Schultz, Ethan Smart, Erin Woods and Lloyd Worrell** will graduate from White City High School on May 16.

WC Eighth grade graduates include **Trystan Barrett, Jamie Beck, Faith Callahan, Lauren Campuzano, Asher Gagnon, Dalton Mathews, Alexis Oliver-Miller, Rachel Oltmans, Taylor Ryker, Jordyn Sanford, Aubrey Smith, Hannah Stilwell and Michael Tate.**

*Obituaries - Margaret Ann Ingmire, 80; Brenda Boase, 56;*

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## Menus for Alta Vista & White City Senior Centers \* May 12-16

**WHITE CITY CENTER (349-2813)**

**ALTA VISTA CENTER (499-5350)**

**Monday** - Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges, Apricots, Milk (AV - Toenail Clinic; Senior Center Board Meeting)

**Tuesday** - Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Milk, Pears (WC - Toenail Clinic; Cards)

**Wednesday** - Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Italian Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fresh Fruit (AV - Birthday Lunch; Bingo)

**Thursday** - Tuna Salad/Bread, Lettuce/Tomato/Onion, Pea Salad, Carrot Cake w/Frosting, Peach Cup, Milk

**Friday** - Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Cucumber Onion Salad, Wheat Roll, Milk, Strawberry Shortcake (AV -Commodities)

Meal prices: \$4 for those over 60; \$7 for those under 60

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**City of Garnett, Kansas, Comprehensive Plan**

The City of Garnett requests proposals from qualified consultants or firms to review city comprehensive plan and develop comprehensive plan for the City. The new, updated plan will provide vision, goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City's development and redevelopment for the next 20 to 25 years. The plan will guide the City Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment for the City. The updated plan will integrate all aspects of urban development, including demographics, land use, public facilities and infrastructure, transportation, environmental, and economic growth recommendations. A critical component of the plan will be setting a vision for the City's development and redevelopment, including areas in the City and possible annexation land. The vision component will need to analyze existing and future infrastructure needs and how technology will play a role in community outreach and City operations.

The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE**

One (1) electronic copy in PDF format, in accordance with this RFP, will be accepted no later than 3:00 PM CST on May 30, 2025 and shall be submitted via the following email address: [dwilson@garnettks.net](mailto:dwilson@garnettks.net)

Full document and information are  
available at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

