

# Out-of-the-Past Photos



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## Out of the Past

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### 125 years ago ... June 3, 1910

- Dr. Rasmussen and family moved to the T.J. Long farm near Rock Creek where he will continue in veterinary practice.
- Lucy is dead. Saturday morning she laid down and peacefully died. Lucy was born in another century, 25 years ago. When she was but a colt Lucy became attached to Nell Legler and for 23 years has been his very own family nag ready to do pleasure riding duty or pull a load of lumber about.
- Beginning June 1 all patrons having six lights will be given a rate of \$2.50 or a meter may be installed, Piazzak Electric Co.

### 100 years ago ... May 29, 1925

- An audience estimated from 600-800 assembled in the city park last Saturday morning for the Decoration Day services...
- All together it was a most impressive service and many ex-soldiers of former wars were in attendance... One of the finest items on the program was the drill put on by the school pupils under the supervision of Mrs. Towler and Mrs. Shermer.
- Memorial services were held Sunday morning at the Lutheran church in the presence of a large congregation. Fourteen of the veterans of the Civil War, Spanish American, the World War, and of the Indian wars, marched out under the colors of Old Glory from the Legion Hall to the church, where several veterans joined them. They marched in to the tune, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" played by Mrs. H. M. Mitchell.
- The Domestic Science class of 20 enjoyed a five-mile hike and early breakfast in the woodlands on picturesque Walnut Creek Tuesday morning. Returning at ten, they were still able to run foot races.
- The new Lambert Lumber Yard, covering most of the old Octagon block, is nearing completion, and much of the stock is being placed in the main building now under roof.
- With the excavation for the new Catholic church about complete, the masonry work on the church is underway.
- The new Methodist church, now under construction with the brick masons at work, will be a fine modern structure from basement to balcony.

### 65 years ago ... June 8, 1960

- The congregation of the Lutheran church will expand its Sunday school facilities with plans completed to build a Sunday school building.
- The new unit will be erected at a site east of and adjacent to the present church building. Cost has been estimated at \$36,000.
- A plan to build a new parsonage and Sunday school combination unit at a cost of \$52,000 was defeated by four votes.
- Roger Barnes received a BS degree in education from Kansas State college, Pittsburg, at graduation exercises June 6.
- Advertisement: "TATOR BUGS" are getting busy now. Our "pizen" kills them. - Gillispie Hardware
- The Rock Creek grade school program and basket supper was well attended Monday evening, with school closing Tuesday.
- North Cedar News: Mrs. Pearl Wofford is having her

- house painted.
- Mrs. Lyndal Ford and Mrs. Courtney Ford spoke with Lyn-dall Ford over a ham radio from Kodiak, Alaska, relayed by an operator in Kansas City.
- Beverly Strawn of Cottey College Nevada, Mo., returned home Thursday to spend a few days with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Morris B. Strawn, before going to Estes Park, Colo., where she will be employed for the summer.
- Advertisement: RIO THE-ATRE, Valley Falls, Friday and Saturday, "Bugs Bunny Carton Revue" -plus- "Enchanted Island"
- Sunday Matinee 2:30 p.m. Walt Disney's "Third Man on the Mountain" starring Michael Rennie and James MacArthur, Technicolor

### 50 years ago ... May 29, 1975

- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Homan, Holton, have announced plans to open a Montgomery Ward Catalog Sales Agency in the Ed Riedel building at 410 Walnut, Valley Falls, June 4. The Homans plan a grand opening June 4, 5, and 6 with door prizes and special bargains.
- Their daughter, Kathy Homan, will be in charge of the agency here. The agency will carry a line of small and large household appliances, batteries, tires, power mowers, and other items as space permits. Other articles from the Ward catalog will be ordered by computer from Kansas City for Valley Falls delivery.
- Fred Freeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeland, has accepted a position as a civil engineer with Black and Veatch in Kansas City. He is a 1975 graduate of KU.
- Born May 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, Topeka, a son, Sean Michael. Grandpar-ents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Towler, Denison, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy, Salina.
- Carol Moore, Ozawkie, was awarded best of show in the Kansas Grange Sewing Contest state judging on May 17 at the Grange Center, Perry Lake.
- Mrs. Geneva Atkinson, St. Paul, Women's activities Direc-tor for the Grange in Kansas an-nounced that there were 1,617 entries in Kansas this year in the Grange Sewing contest which has grown to be the larg-est contest of this type in the United States.

### 35 years ago ... May 31, 1990

- The second annual Horse-power Days will be Saturday and Sunday at Meriden. The show is sponsored by the Mer-iden Antique Engine & Thresh-ers' Association and will be held at their grounds on Highway 4, one mile east of Meriden.
- The show will feature draft horse farming with plowing, discing, and planting; a large display of carriages and bug-gies; and horse-powered well drilling, hay baling, and feed grinding.

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Keith Jackson, association president, said a new item this year was a potato planter donated to the group. The planter has been repaired and will be in operation.

- More than 100 visitors to Valley Falls toured the Valley Falls Museum Sunday and Monday afternoons. It was opened and maintained by his-torical society President Edith Harden and historian Arthur Strawn.

They report receiving a lot of encouragement and some financial help as well. "A lot of nice things were said about the progress we are mak-ing," Strawn said.

- Dan and Charlene Patton, Topeka, announce the birth of their daughter, Lori Jo, born May 12 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Topeka.

Lori weighed 7lbs., 9 oz., and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sisters, Jana, Krista, and Megan.

Grandparents are John and Juanita Kendall, Grantville, and Leon and Mary Patton, Ulysses.

Great-grandparents are George and Lizzie Patton, Elk City, Okla.

- Ronald and Cheryl Bolz, Lyndon, are the parents of a daughter, Cara Rose, born May 15, 1990, at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center, Topeka.

The baby weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs.

Grandparents are John French, Osawatomie, Rose Townsel, Cherryvale, and Fred and Leota Bolz, Valley Falls.

Great-grandparents are Grace Scarlett, Valley Falls, and John and Glenna May Bolz, Meriden.

- Joseph and Mellanie Drake, Meriden, announce the birth of a son, Joseph Adair, May 22, 1990. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 18½ in. long.

To welcome him home are two sisters, Amber Dawn, 8, and Jennifer Renea, 6.

Grandparents are Donald and Garna Cook and Ted Drake, Meriden. The great-grandfather is E.M. Cook, Meriden.

- Mark and Jill Boyce, Valley Falls, are getting ready for the 10th annual Motorcyclists' Ride for MDA June 10.

The couple is collecting pledges for the northeast Kan-sas event to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Associa-tion.

### 20 years ago ... June 2, 2005

• Photo - Korean War Army veteran Ed Koons, Valley Falls, with flags in hand, searches for the flag holders around veterans' tombstones in the Val-ley Falls Cemetery Saturday. Members of Graham-Herbers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3084 place the small flags by the graves of veterans early in the holiday weekend and then create the avenue of large flags in the cemetery on Memo-rial Day.

- Carl and Joetta Weishaar, Nortonville, announce the birth of their second son, Mason Christopher, May 12, 2005, at St. Francis Health Center, To-peka. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 ozs., and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Dakota, 12.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Karen Hobbs, Law-rence, and Charley and Luetta Giese, Hoyt. Paternal grand-parents are Bill and Mary Lou Weishaar, Nortonville.

Great-grandparents are Alfred and Ethel Keims, Nortonville.

# Obituaries

## SAMUEL BINGHAM

Samuel Edward Bingham, 91, of Baldwin City, KS, passed away Monday, May 19, 2025, at Vintage Park, Baldwin City, KS.



Graveside services and burial was May 24, 2025, at Nortonville Cemetery, with Rev. Robert McGuire officiating. Memorials are sug-gested to the Nortonville Pleas-ant Grove Christian Church and may be sent in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton & O'Trimble Funeral Home. Con-

dolences may be left at www.beckerdyer.com.

Samuel was born July 1, 1933, in Arrington, KS, the son of Lee and Martha (Bradley) Bingham. Samuel served in the United States Army. He was a farmer all his life, but he also was a maintenance supervisor and a bus driver for the Valley Falls School District. Samuel was member of the Nortonville Pleasant Grove Christian Church and cleaned the church for twenty-five years. He was an avid hunter, enjoyed wood-working and was known as a "man that could repair any-thing."

Samuel married Mary Jea-nette Page May 25, 1952, at the Page home in Nortonville, KS. She survives of the home. He is also survived by a daughter, Marilee and Mark Hinder-liter, Baldwin City, KS; two sons, Kelly and Chris Bingham, McLouth, KS, and Marty Bing-ham, Tonganoxie, KS; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Esther Hetzler, Joann Whaley, and Shirley Pratulron; two grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law.

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## MARY BROWN

Mary K. "Kathy" Brown, 80, of Grantville, Kansas, passed away on May 20, 2025.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs-day evening, May 29, at the Grantville United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning, May 30, 2025, at the Grantville United Methodist Church with graveside ser-vices to follow in the Grantville Cemetery. Memorial contribu-tions may be made to Midland Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kansas 66606, or to Grantville United Methodist Church to be used for the Bless-ing Box Ministry at the church. Parker-Price and Davidson Cremations, Funerals and Re-ceptions is assisting the family. To read her full obituary please visit www.ppdfuneral.com

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# Election . . .

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filed for re-election and are still unopposed.

As of Friday all school dis-tricts had school board seats going begging from three candidates needed in Perry-Leecompton and two each in Valley Falls and Oskaloosa. Jefferson County North, Jef-ferson West, and McLouth each have one board position that no one has filed for. No contest in any district has developed.

In the improvement dis-tricts, only Lakewood Hills has three candidates for that board's two-year terms. Only one each has filed in Lakeside Village and Lakeshore Es-tates.

The two incumbent repre-sentatives to the Meadowlark Extension board have filed for re-election but there are a number of openings for the drainage district boards.

Following are the candi-dates who have filed since the last publication:

City offices—Dustin Roloff, 42, for mayor of Nortonville; Mitchell Ellerman, (age not available), Nortonville council; Thomas R Holroyd, 71, Perry council; Brett Dallman (I), 37, Valley Falls council; Katherine J. Defilippis, 68, Winchester council; and Kevin Loy (I), 50, Valley Falls council.

School boards—Heather A. Coit (I), 47, McLouth, Pos. 6, USD 342; McKabe O'Neal (I), 41, Oskaloosa, Pos. 4, USD 341; Raymond Brown, 69, Nortonville, Pos. 4., USD 339.

Improvement districts—Lakewood Hills, William R.

Hutting, 67; Jami Smith (I), 46, and Christopher Cain (I), 54; Lakeside Village, David G. Griffith (I), 71; Lakeshore Estates, Sharon Blankenship (I), 67.

Drainage districts—Grant-ville, Doug Ingenthron (I), 70; Muddy Creek, Andrew T. Win-sor, 52.

All those interested in filing for elective office must do so at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse at Oskaloosa. There is a \$20 filing fee for all offices except the drainage districts, for which there is no fee, reports the Jefferson County Election Office.

## FOR SALE:

750 Gold Wing Motorcycle for parts, \$500; 4-wheeler Kawa-saki, excellent shape, 450cc, \$1,200; Craftsman riding mow-er, 42-inch 23hp, \$300; hunting clothes, good shape, make of-fer. Call 913-774-7363.

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Take-out orders start at 4:30 p.m.

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Call 785-945-3344 for delivery in the Valley Falls area. Take-out is available. Free will offering will be used for church ministries at Valley Falls/Coal Creek UMC.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### Performance Public Hearing Notice

The city of Meriden, KS will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the Meriden City Hall council chambers located at 103 E Main St, Meriden, KS 66512 for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant No. 23-CR-003 which was for a Commercial Rehabilitation Project.


The proposed activities included the rehabilitation of a commercial building owned by J & G C Property, LLC located at 111 E Main Street, Meriden, KS 66512. The project consisted of exterior siding improvements, roof repairs, structural repairs, sidewalk repairs, window replacement, door replacement, and other miscellaneous appurtenances related to construction activities. All proposed improvements were accomplished.

This grant was funded, all or in part, from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. All aspects of the grant will be discussed, and oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the city's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the City Clerk by June 9, 2025.



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