10 years ago: April 23, 2008

Third graders at Tonganoxie Elementary School have published a book that soon will be seen across this nation. Students in Karen Stockman’s class participated in Thursday’s publishing party at TES. Stockman knew her class’ book, “K is for Kansas,” was a national finalist in Nationwide Learning’s national contest. That meant the book was one of 125 out of some 600,000 to be considered a finalist. At the party, Nationwide Learning representative Anita Dougherty announced Stockman’s class made the final cut – the top 25 in the country – for the contest.

Lisa Harkrader, a 1980 Tonganoxie High School graduate, recently was selected as one of two winners of the William Allen White Children’s Book Awards. More than 50,000 students across the state voted on the awards, which were first distributed in 1952.

You experienced the championship, now you can read the book. The World Company today releases “An Incredible Year,” about Kansas University’s 2008 men’s basketball NCAA Championship season. The book, officially licensed by Kansas University, features stories about the players and coach Bill Self, hundreds of photos and new introductions by Lawrence Journal-World Sports Editor Tom Keegan and Assistant Sports Editor Gary Bedore, the 2008 Kansas Sports Writer of the Year.

25 years ago: April 28, 1993

There will be a prom this year. Dear Editor, It’s almost prom time again – and yes, there will be a prom. Due to the actions of some students after prom in past years (vandalism, disorderly conduct, drunkenness, etc.) the school has received a lot of criticism. Last fall, a group of junior and senior students and parents met with administrators and sponsors and arrived at the following proposal which was approved by the board.

In order to promote some ownership in the prom and responsibility for his/her actions, each student and guest must purchase a $20 ticket to the prom ($15 of this is a deposit; $5 pays for the breakfast). In order to receive that $15 back (at school the week after prom) he/she must present his ticket that has been validated between 11 and 11:30 p.m. at the prom and at the breakfast in Tonganoxie.

Junior-Senior Prom: Kansas University Student Union Ballroom, 9:00 – 11:30. Doors close at 9:30. You may leave at any time, but in order to receive your deposit back, you must stay a least until 11:00 p.m.

Breakfast: Palace Bowl, Tonganoxie, 12:30-2:30 a.m. You must arrive between 12:30 and 1:30 a.m. Breakfast will be pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee catered by a man who brings a grill and entertains by flipping pancakes in the air, onto plates, etc. Everyone can bowl two free games.

It is hoped that all students appreciate the opportunity to attend prom and have a safe and fun-filled evening.
50 years ago: April 20, 1968

The map below was provided in the Mirror at the start of tornado season for tracking tornado watches. The concentric circles shown at 20 mile spacing provided an easy to use reference for approaching storms that were located by county and city. Radio and television broadcast during hazardous weather conditions would be interrupted with announcements but without the benefits of modern day radar and live field coverage.

75 years ago: April 29, 1943

The world conflict is helping our local greenhouses and hatcheries because residents are farming again. Many families plant Victory Gardens to help grow their own produce fill up hungry stomachs. Chick hatcheries are booming with orders for more and more poultry to supplement the family grocery list.

The terrible freezing weather has played havoc with local gardens. It’s a wonder that so many of us have been able to harvest radishes and lettuce.

Frances Myers, President of the Tonganoxie Alumni Association has announced that there will be no Alumni Banquet this year. The decision has been made because of the existing war conditions. A meeting will be held at a future date to possibly reschedule.

Cities Service Gas Company is sponsoring the second war loan drive for our country. The US government is asking every worker to purchase extra war bonds to support our sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts. Remember these are only loans. Head to the bank or post office and purchase a war bond.

Mrs. Perry Walters, Mrs. Hans Freienmuth and Mrs. Leila Myers visited Leavenworth last week. Mrs. Lloyd Mills has returned home after a successful operation at Cushing Hospital in Leavenworth.
100 years ago: April 25, 1918

The Liberty bond drive in this township has not yet reached sufficient subscriptions to place it over the top. Henry Murr, who is captain in Eureka district, brought in the largest list of any of the rural school districts in this township. It is reasonably certain that the subscriptions will be considerably increased before the drive closes.

Poles have been set on the edge of the vacant ground around the mill, and lights will be strung on them. Any night prowler coming on the ground will therefore be seen.

Paul Younger came home yesterday from Meade county, to answer his call to military service. He was teaching school out there, and had to leave his job unfinished by one month.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hinman received their first letter from their son Claud in France, last week. He wrote that the voyage was a nice one except two days when most of the soldiers were sick. They landed at a French port, known as rest port, and stayed four days. They were compelled to sleep on floors with only their blankets for beds and covering. The people at the port all wear wooden shoes and never smile. The shoes worn by the soldiers were a curiosity to them. After leaving the port they were transported to a large town in the interior which took an all night’s journey in a train to reach.

125 years ago: April 27, 1893

Thursday evening the city council met in adjourned session. The bonds of the city treasurer, marshal and street commissioner were read and approved. William Todd, our veteran veterinary whose opinion it is that the office of road supervisor is more important than the office of president, presented a bond that was an astonisher. It was good for least $20,000, having the name of nearly every man in town on it of any financial standing.

During the evening Mayor Kimball made the statement that the newspapers of town failed to make any report of the council meetings. The Mirror objects to the statement for two reasons. The first is that the sins of omission of any other paper can and should in no wise apply to the Mirror. The second is, that in these columns appear the report of every council meeting that occurs and that has occurred since Mr. Kimball has been a resident here.

Such unimportant news as who makes the motion to adjourn, we have never thought worthy of mention but important actions have always been chronicled. The Mirror strives to give the news, and as to how successful we are, we leave the public to judge by inviting comparison with other papers in towns the size of Tonganoxie.

When the council adjourned it was until the next regular meeting on May the 8th.