

## **REMEMBER WHEN – May 9, 2018**

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### **10 years ago: May 7, 2008**

Photo caption: Tonganoxie Middle School principal, Jill Dickerson, gets dunked into a tank of water Thursday to celebrate preliminary results for the Kansas assessment test.

Leavenworth County commissioners indicate they will continue to help fund area historical centers using competitive cultural grants. Last year, nine different entities in the county received support. All three commissioners voiced support for the cultural grant process in Thursday's board meeting.

The weather has gotten warmer, and the school year is near its end, so it was once again time for the Tonganoxie Recreation Commission to prepare for the summer with its annual kick-off party at Chieftain Park. Besides being able to play on the playground equipment, there were several activities for Tonganoxie families to get involved in, including another year of pet competitions.

This year Tonganoxie residents were able to enter their pets into categories such as best-dressed pet, a pet and owner look-alike contest and best pet trick. And, like last year, the rec commission added more names to their wall of fame. This year's additions were Kay Soetaert, Art Hancock and the late Tom Hoffhines.

Ken Mark, rec commission chairman remembered Hoffhines. "One thing I'll never forget about Tom. Anytime you were in the field and making a play, if you caught the ball with one hand you knew you were going to hear, 'Son, you were born with two hands. The good lord gave you two hands, so use them.'"

### **25 years ago: May 12, 1993**

Renovations totaling \$18,000 are being completed on the Tonganoxie Swimming Pool in time for the summer season. County funds totaling \$5,000 were added to the \$15,000 in city funds to complete the project.

The interior of the pool has been completely sandblasted. Workers are in the process of patching cracks and holes in the pool surface. The pool has needed these renovations for quite some time. The city has been doing much needed renovations little by little as they had the money.

Photo caption: Bill Berry of McLouth killed this 42-inch long rattlesnake with a rock last week. He cautions those out mushroom hunting to be aware of the poisonous reptiles.

### **50 years ago: May 2, 1968**

Some of the Mother's Day ideas that were in the Mirror included a 14 karat gold "Mother's Ring" from Fred R. Cox Jeweler, a console and portable record players from Korb Electric, and a set of Samsonite Luggage from Quisenberry's.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 3075 April 30 meeting theme was "Keep America Beautiful" with Dens making flower boxes, litterbags and litter sticks.

Mrs. Nina Birkhead, the last superintendent of Reno school before it closed, was honored with a basket supper with friends and former pupils while visiting the area.

Five ears of fresh corn were 39 cents at IGA Food Store.

A 1959 Rambler was advertised as a good buy at \$60 in the Classifieds.

One of the quips posted in the Mirror, "No man is really old until his mother stops worrying about him."

### **75 years ago: May 6, 1943**

Halfway through the 1943 year and we are receiving more and more reports about local men overseas. Ed Wilert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilert has been missing in action since February 17. Another young man who was with Ed reports that there may be some news that Ed is being held prisoner in Germany. Earl Wiley has sent a letter to his family, describing his one year with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific. Few details are included in these letters home, but it is some comfort to the parents to know the boys are alive.

Miss Helen Schilling and her sister, Grace, have left for Chicago to board a train to New York. The two women are receiving training for the Spars, the women's reserve of the US Coast Guard Reserve. Helen is the first woman from Tonganoxie to join the Spars.

A Londoner got on a bus carrying a 100 pound bomb. The conductor asked, "What's that you have there?" "A delayed action bomb-taking it to the police", was the reply. Said the conductor, "Don't leave it on your lap for heaven's sake. At least put it under the seat!" We need a little humor in our times of trial and tribulation!

### **100 years ago: May 9, 1918**

John Edward, three year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Aeschbacher, has a very light attack of the smallpox. The boy is able to play around in the yard. It is believed the disease was caught while the family was moving to Tonganoxie.

Tonganoxie is doing its share in the great fight. Its quota of the Third Liberty loan was more than subscribed by \$4,000. The amount checked up Tuesday night was \$53,250, but there is a slight possibility that a few subscriptions have not yet been turned in by the workers. The flag earned as a result of the drive now floats proudly over Fourth Street between the Zellner Store and the Tonganoxie State Bank block.

Civic League notes – The Board of Control met with Miss Lucy McNaughton Monday evening. There were nine members and one guest present. The sanitation committee asks you to clean up your back yards and alleys to keep things as sanitary as possible. Any dirt or filth around you in the summer is a good breeding place for flies.

### **125 years ago: May 11, 1893**

The city council met in regular monthly session Monday night. The mayor and all members were present except Councilman Pierce. A petition was presented, asking that a bridge be constructed over Tonganoxie creek on River Street, so that access can be gained to the north part of Hollingsworth's subdivision. Some of the property owners agreed to donate work on the approaches to the bridge. The petition was referred to the committee on streets, alleys and bridges.

The usual number of claims were presented and allowed, among them a bill for dog tags, and a new book for recording ordinances. An ordinance was passed reducing the salary of the street commissioner from \$2.00 per day to \$1.50 per day. The committee on streets, alleys and bridges were instructed to make certain repairs on street crossings.