

Looking Back at Years Gone By...

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100 Years Ago July 16, 1925

The tax levies in Brown County may be higher in 1925 due to lower taxes paid by the Missouri Pacific, Grand Island and Rock Island railroads, also to smaller returns of money raised under the new tax laws.

The extreme warm weather of the past week has made Burke's Park a popular place and especially the swimming pool. Every afternoon and evening there are many people enjoying the cool water. During the past week there have been people from Hiawatha, Robinson, Highland, Effingham, and other towns as well as hundreds of Horton people in the pool.

A new picture show house on Central Avenue just south of the Scott & Strait Feed Store is practically assured at an early date. It will be built by a group of eight business men, who now own the equipment of the Colonial Theater.

A drive over the streets of Horton reveals a wealth of attractive lawns and many vari-colored flowers in beds of rows about comfortable homes. Seldom has Horton looked so attractive at this time of the year.

Baker news: The bluegrass stripers have sacked the seed and were loading out a car Thursday for the Mangedorf Seed Company.

75 Years Ago July 13, 1950

Korean Situation-Monday, July 10th, the 2nd Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington and other state side troops were alerted to move to the Far East. Tuesday, 11th-U.S. Defense Department called for 20,000 more to be inducted immediately into the Army (240 from Kansas). Wednesday, 12th-North Koreans continue to advance despite mounting US, forces. Thursday 13th-Out-numbered and out gunned, American troops withdrew to new defensive positions south of Kun River. A few congressmen are beginning to demand U.S. use an atomic bomb.

Rock Island employees are beginning to return to work but elevator operations along the line still have a headache with wheat piling up and harvest not nearly complete.

July 10, 1950 -- Due to the situation in Korea, President Truman has revised the draft. Single men who have passed their 19th birthday but have not turned 26, will be called for 21 months of active service. About 635,000 men are needed to bring the Army, Navy and Air Force up to maximum strength.

Showing now in Technicolor at the Liberty Theater is Samson & Delilah.

50 Years Ago July 17, 1975

Striking a pose at the Kansas State University were twirling and drum major camp are three students from Horton: LaRae Schuneman, Juanelle Pederson, and Janette Soyland.

Mrs. Clara Knudson of Horton presented Pastor Eric Kampfe of Zion Lutheran Church in Everest a linen baptismal towel. Mrs. Knudson hemstitches each and adds a satin stitch cross. David Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Olson, received the first towel on October 19, 1958. Since that time 81 towels have been made for infant baptismal plus a number of adults baptisms. Shane Michael Gigstad received the most recent towel on May 11, 1975.

40 Years Ago July 24, 1985

Robert Rison, Tri County Manor Administrator since May 1980, resigned on July 9th. On Friday July 12th he surrendered himself to the Brown County Sheriff and was arrested and was charged with one count of theft. The charges stem from bills of approximately \$300 at motels while attending a seminar in Canada.

Local residents who have not purchased a copy of the Horton's Centennial History Book will be contacted by telephone within the next two or three weeks in an effort to sell the extra copies. Orders are still coming in from Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Iowa, and California but local sales are lagging.

25 Years Ago July 13, 2000

Thursday night, after midnight, the Horton Little League, a mom-profit organization, had their concession stand at the ball field broken into. Damaged and stolen property amounted to \$500.00. A reward is being offered for information about the break in.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Gullickson, Everest, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chalfant, Everest, celebrated their 50th anniversaries.

Local deaths included: Charles G. B. Bryan, 98, Horton, died July 5th; Hazel Isaacs, 80, Horton, died July 5th.

The Everest Travel Group headed to Texas the week of June 5-10. They visited the Dealey Plaza and the Sixth Floor Museum to learn about the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Lyndon Johnson's ranch, the Alamo, and the Tower of Americas and Mission San Jose.

Second Lieutenant Donald W. Cackle retired June 10th after serving the Kansas Highway Patrol for more than 25 years.



Horton Library

By Marcia Williams

Another busy week at the Horton Public Library!! More kiddos are completing their goals for the summer reading program. The attached photo shows Charlotte and Olivia Leis, children of Emily and Cole Leis. The girls received certificates, among other items, for completing their reading goals for their age bracket. Director Michelle Larson is shown with the girls.

The monthly board meetings for the library are open to the public. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 23, 2025, beginning at 5:30pm. Meetings are held at the library.

THANK YOU TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS DURING THE 2025 SOUTH BROWN COUNTY MATCH DAY FUND RAISER!! Your support makes it possible to continue our mission to serve the community.

The library will be changing business hours beginning August 8. Watch for upcoming details.

The story time on July 10 presented by Karla Bauer, an award-winner singer-songwriter author from Kansas City was enjoyed. One of her books will soon be available at our library for check out.

Another fun story time for pre-school children will be Wednesday, July 30, beginning at 10:30am. Join us in the basement of the library.

Wondering about the No Hunger Summer Lunch Program? The average number of meals served daily, free to children at the Horton Public Library is thirty!!

Aviator and the Showman—

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Festival coordinator Jacque Pregont shared her excitement: "We are beyond thrilled to have Laurie here so soon after her book's release. This is a rare opportunity to hear fresh insights into Amelia's extraordinary life—right in her hometown and just in time for her birthday!"

Early Praise from Literary Icons & Historians
"This profoundly researched, gripping journey is a must-read. Filled with stunning details of the courageous life of feminist adventurer, politically radical, and generous social worker Amelia Earhart, as well as her self-serving promoter husband, and their networks of friends and allies./ *The Aviator and the Showman* is captivating and heartening." —Blanche Wiesen Cook, bestselling author of *Eleanor Roosevelt, Volumes 1-3*
"In *The Aviator and the Showman*, Laurie Gwen Shapiro doesn't give us a love story; she gives us something better—a compelling inside look at a complicated marriage that fundamentally changed the 20th century. In these pages, Amelia Earhart lives again." —Keith O'Brien, New York Times bestselling author of *Fly Girls*

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This is not just another Earhart book—it is the definitive reexamination of her rise to fame and the man who helped build her legend./A story that is as timely as it is timeless./*The Aviator and the Showman* is poised to be one of the most talked-about nonfiction books of 2025.

Join Us in Atchison – Amelia's Birthplace
The Amelia Earhart Festival is the/perfect setting to unveil this major literary event, offering history lovers, aviation enthusiasts, and book fans an unforgettable chance to hear directly from one of the most dynamic voices in nonfiction today.

For more information about this event and the 2025 Amelia Earhart Festival, contact: Jacque Pregont, Amelia Earhart Festival Coordinator: aefestival@aaefm.org 913-426-3911

About Laurie Gwen Shapiro
Laurie Gwen Shapiro is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and journalist whose work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *The Daily Beast*, *Slate*, and more. She is the author of *The Stowaway*, a bestselling narrative nonfiction book, and a winner of the Damn History Award.

Commissioners meeting—

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Districts to levy up to 2.5 mills.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to pass the Resolution #2025-15 Approving Proposed Extension District. Motion died for lack of a second.

BCBS QUARTERLY REPORT

The Commission was presented with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield second quarter report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Lucas Heinen to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the three commissioners and Brown County Clerk, Nicole Lee, present for the purpose of discussing employee conduct of non-elected personnel and to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will reconvene in the basement of the Brown County Sheriff's Department at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

WORK SESSION—JULY 3, 2025

The Brown County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. on July 3, 2025, at the Brown County Courthouse for a work session with Chairman Heinen, Commissioner Lehmkuhl and Commissioner Pollock present, along with County Clerk Nicole Lee and Scot Loyd, CPA with Loyd Group, LLC. Topics discussed were: the second draft of the 2026 Brown County budget, the decrease in assessed valuation compared to the

previous year, the county's current financial situation in relation to the 2026 Budget and employee benefits. The following individuals were present for the Department Head discussion at 10:00a.m.: John Merchant, Robbie Parker, Kevin Hill, Betty Spiker, Dallas Johnson, Nellie Brockhoff, Wanda Davis, Steve Markham and Tami Lehmkuhl. No action was taken. The work session adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Horton Lions Club News

By Mark Stair

The Horton Lions Club held its regular monthly meeting July 12, 2025 at the Scoops and Smiles Cafe. 2nd Vice District Governor Cheryl Kerns joined us to tell us about the new District Governor's goals for the upcoming Lion year. We are also working on aligning our activities with their goals to ensure we can serve the community in best way. Additionally, we are excited to announce that we welcomed a new member to our club as a member from another club has moved to Horton and will be transferring their membership! If you're interested in learning more of what we do or contributing to the ways in which we serve this community, we invite you to attend our next meeting August 9 at 8:30 AM at Scoops and Smiles Cafe!

District Court—

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juana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First Appearance on Alexander Dean Allen, Horton, Kansas has been scheduled for July 23. He is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor, and speeding, a traffic infraction.

LIMITED

A case has been filed by Crown Asset Management, LLC, plaintiff, against Nicole Donato, defendant.

A case has been filed by Mercury Wireless, Inc., plaintiff, against, defendant.

PROBATE

A petition for letters of administration has been filed by Allan Spellmeir, petitioner, in the matter of the estate of Douglas Wayne Spellmeir, decedent.

A petition for determination of descent has been filed by Robert Gruber, petitioner, in the matter of the estate of Sharon K. Gruber, decedent.

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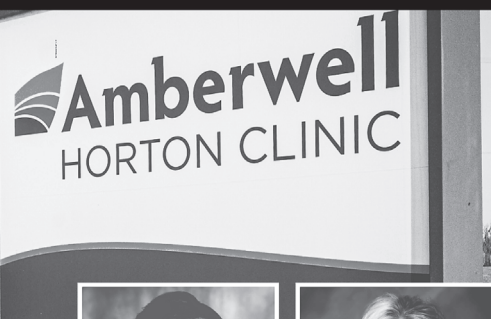
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