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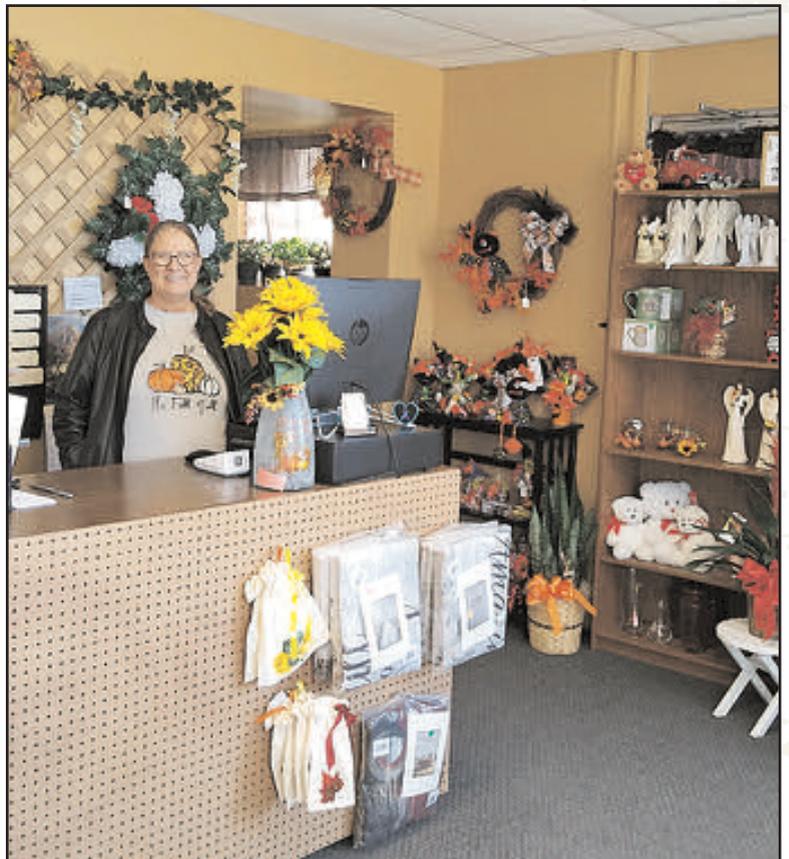
Millie Heger has been in the Hugoton Community since 1972. She went to school in Hugoton and married Ron Heger in 1974. The couple has three children, Debra in Olathe, and Ryan and Jack both in Hugoton.

After Ron passed away she helped Cleo Webb (Creative Specialties) on her off time from the farm. Cleo is a very special lady. Millie always designed in silks and Cleo helped her and was her teacher in the Fresh Flower side. Cleo's daughter Lynne was always a great help also, and they both still are.

When Cleo retired Millie went out on her own. She had a lot of encouragement from the community, so May 2, 2022 she opened Peddling Petals LLC.

Millie has silks and fresh flowers, plus many gift ideas and mostly indoor plants. If you wish to have something made of silk or a plant you would like, she will try to find it or make it for you. She also sells beautiful fresh flower arrangements.

Peddling Petal's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are in need of something on a Saturday, give her a call ahead of time and she will come to the shop. The phone number is 620-544-4653. She hopes to see you. Peddling Petals LLC is located at 428 S. Main in Hugoton.



Millie Heger stands behind her counter in her new flower shop Peddling Petals LLC at 428 S. Main in Hugoton.



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The Hugoton Hermes, 135 years in Stevens County

C. M. Davis established the Hermes in 1887 and during the past 135 years it has had its ups and downs. It was first published during that period of fiery American journalism that included many of the early papers that were published during the settling of frontier counties. Especially bitter were papers in towns fighting for the county seat. The editor of these papers played an active and important role in the promoting of his town interests and some of the old editorials were biased and controversial, stirring the people up to a fighting pitch, but always contending their town had the most advantages, the best people and the most fertile soil. Mr. Davis, through the pages of his Hermes, pounded out his editorials, many of them addressed to rival editors in the now, ghost towns of Stevens County. He loudly proclaimed the beauties of Hugoton declaring it "El Dorado"... "The Land of Promise" and the "future great" of the booming west, on the front page of Volume 1, No. 1, August 4, 1887.

The Hermes wasn't much in those days-an ordinary old time hand-set press, a jobber and some type. The plant was located in the front of a little frame building on main street and Editor Davis printed the paper there and later at his sheep ranch west of Hugoton. He sold to A.W. Lamkin in 1899 and moved to Texas.

The Hermes had survived the internal strife of the county seat war, epidemics, prairie fires and drought. Hard times had come to Stevens County with only a few people remaining and Hugoton had diminished to less than a dozen houses. The Hermes was a luxury the people could not afford. Subscriptions were traded for food for the table and cowchips which were used for fuel. Mr. Lamkin struggled to keep the Hermes alive for six years but in 1906 sold to T.W. Hubbard.

Mr. Hubbard was the Clerk of District Court at the time and between his duties at the courthouse and being editor of a weekly paper he soon found the load too demanding and in 1910 sold the Hermes to E. M. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson owned land in southeastern Stevens County and the post office, Ematon, was named after him. He did not stay long as editor, selling in 1912 to E.A. McCoy

Mr. McCoy edited the Hermes for two years then sold to E. B. McConnell.

Mr. McConnell came to Hugoton from Plains. He moved his family to Hugoton and began editing the Hermes in April of 1914. The subscription price was still one dollar a year. After two years he raised the price to one dollar and fifty cents a year, seventy-five cents for six months and forty-cents for three months-- "due to the cost of paper and gasoline."



Mr. and Mrs. E.B. McConnell stand behind the hitch rail in front of the Rogers building, location of the Hugoton Hermes. This building was used as the Hermes office from 1887 until 1913 when a new building was built. They then published the Hermes in the basement of the new building until they sold it in 1918. The McConnells moved to Haskell, Ok. and published the Haskell News for a while then moved to Humeston, Ia. where they resided for many years. *Photo courtesy of Evelyn Ford.*

The frame building, known as the Quality Grocery, was built in the fall and winter of 1912 and 1913. The lot at that time was owned by E.R. Kimzey and he had a new building erected. It had a full-size basement which was dug by the Phillips brothers (Everett and Earnest), and Charles Coulter. The dirt was removed entirely by hand and horse power. It was spread on Main Street to raise the level of the street. The ground floor of this building has housed many businesses since it was built.

When the city of Hugoton was organized this same lot was sold to Frank R. and W. H. Rogers. A building was erected on it at that time and Charles M. Davis who founded the Hugoton Hermes in 1887 edited it in this building until he went to Texas in 1899.

Through a succession of editors and owners, A. W. Lamkin, T. W. Hubbard, F. A. McCoy and E. M. Anderson, the Hermes was published in this building. Even after the new building was built the Hermes was printed in the basement for several years under the ownership of the McConnells. When the Hermes was sold in 1918 to Donald Joslin and Jesse Reeves it was moved to another building across the street.

The Hermes building was purchased by E. W. Joslin and the printing business by Donald Joslin and Jesse Reeves. They took possession February 22.

In August, 1918 the new editors offered a life subscription for \$18 with a money back guarantee! Speed limit on Hugoton streets was ten miles an hour!

In September 1918 Jesse Reeves was called to service

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Location of the Hermes in 1921. A photo taken by an itinerant photographer in early summer. Left to right: Mr. Hubbard holding a copy of the Hermes, Mrs. Hubbard and daughter Rilla May, and Lemuel Richardson, printer. *Photo courtesy of Wendell Hubbard.*

under the draft law and W. B. Crawford bought his interest in the Hermes. September 20, 1918 the editors of the Hermes were Donald Joslin and W. B. Crawford.

In March 1919 the Hermes was owned by the Cimarron Valley Publishing company with Donald Joslin as editor. In August he bought the Satanta Chief and the Moscow News. In September Jesse Reeves again became editor with Lemuel Richardson assisting and Donald Joslin returned to Kansas University to continue his studies.

Jesse Reeves left in November 1919 and Lemuel Richardson became editor.

Donald Joslin was killed in a farm accident in July 1920 and Lemuel Richardson kept the Hermes going until December when A. E. Kramer took the position of editor. Mr. Kramer was a classmate of Donald Joslin and he helped close the Joslin estate.

The Hermes was sold to W. F. Hubbard in 1921 and he published the first issue as editor March 4, 1921.

Mr. Hubbard, owner and publisher of the Hugoton Hermes from 1921 to 1945, began his newspaper career

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as an apprentice in the office of the Miller, South Dakota, Gazette in 1897.

The return to Kansas was made in the spring of 1919 when the family moved to Moscow, and when the opportunity came in the spring of 1921 to buy the Hermes, the Hubbards took advantage of it.

The Hermes at the time was located in the north half of the south building now occupied by the Crane Supply Company. The Hermes was owned by the Donald Joslin estate and was operated by A. E. Kramer and Lemuel Richardson.

Lemuel Richardson remained with the Hermes for several months to get the Hubbards acquainted with the community. R. M. and W. H. Crawford offered helping hands and with their years of background in the county they proved valuable friends in every way to the Hubbards.

Mr. Hubbard bought a linotype machine although he had never set a line of type on one. Lemuel Richardson had done a little of it, so they combined forces and set to work.

The struggle to master the machine was not without its pitfalls, but through the years that followed, Richardson got his experience, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Hubbard, Wendell Byron, Helen, Damon, grandchildren and many young men and some women got their basic linotype work on the machine. It proved a big asset to the Hermes, the town and the community.

The demands of public life cut more and more into the time allowed for his newspaper duties and in 1945, ownership and operation of the Hermes was passed to his son Wendell.

Mr. William "Bill" Hubbard with his family edited the Hermes for a period of 24 years and although the ownership had changed, the Hermes was still very much a family project with Wendell at the helm.

January 1, 1945, Wendell and Marguerite Hubbard assumed ownership of The Hugoton Hermes. They edited the paper as a team for a period of 18 years. Wendell's parents had owned the paper from 1921 to December of 1944, a total of 42 years of continuous publishing of the Hermes by the Hubbard family.

September 1963 Wendell Hubbard sold the Hermes to the Hale Publishing Company. The first issue under the new ownership was published October 3, 1963. Gary D. Hale, who for four years was associate editor of the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times in Cheyenne County, assumed duties as editor of the Hermes October 1, 1963.



The Hugoton Hermes was published in 1926 in this building located at 105 East Sixth Street. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Ford.

In 1968 Gary Hale sold the Hermes to Don Haxton and returned to Lawrence to enter the University of Kansas to study for a degree in law.

Don Haxton assumed the duties of editor of the Hermes in July of 1968. Mr. Haxton had been in the printing and publishing business for over 21 years. Mr. Haxton and his wife Buela with their three children, Rodney, David and Jonie, lived in Hugoton only a short time before selling the Hermes to the Miller Publishing Company of Topeka with Larry Miller as publisher.

Miller converted the Hermes from a letterpress publication to offset. The newspaper was made camera-ready at the Hugoton office and taken to Ulysses for printing on the then new web offset press at the Ulysses News. At that time most Kansas newspapers were being printed by the offset process.

During March of 1971 Ardith Stones became editor and Joan Randle was named business manager. Mindy Milburn began serving as editor during July of 1973.

Don Goering was named publisher by Miller Publishing Co., Inc. in the May 8, 1975 edition of the Hugoton Hermes.

Goering Publishing, Inc., a Kansas corporation owned by Donald S. Goering and Sherrill A. Goering, purchased the outstanding stock in the Hugoton Hermes from Miller Publishing Co., Inc. September 1, 1979.

Four editors served the Hermes since May 8, 1975. Mindy Milburn was named editor by Miller Publishing during July of 1973. She continued to serve in that capacity until May of 1976. In the May 27, 1976 issue of the Hermes Susan Pickler was named editor. Deloris Bryant assumed the duties of editor September 23, 1976.

Sherry Goering served as editor of the Hermes from

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May 31, 1979 to May 15, 2007.

Don, his wife Sherry, and their daughters Katrina and Crystal moved to Hugoton from Colby where Don had been employed with the Colby Prairie Drummer (a twice weekly newspaper). Don had served as advertising manager of the Drummer for five years. Sherry was employed as a secretary at the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Colby but had also worked with the production at the newspaper.

During his career Don had led in the change of technology from hot lead to offset printing at three newspapers where he was employed.

The Goerings sold the newspaper to Faith Publishing LLC in May 2007. Owners of Faith Publishing LLC and publishers of The Hugoton Hermes are now RoGlenda Coulter, Kay McDaniels and Ruthie Winget.

RoGlenda and Ruthie were both born and raised in Hugoton. RoGlenda started work at the Hermes July 20, 1995 as assistant bookkeeper and composition.

Ruthie came to work July 1, 2004 after retiring from the Post Office. She was assistant composition.

Kay moved to Hugoton in 1988. She worked for a



The current home of The Hugoton Hermes at 522 S. Main Street.

weekly newspaper in Clarendon, Texas for seven years. She worked three years for the Southwest Daily Times and the Shoppers Weekly in Liberal before starting work at the Hermes August 24, 1995. She worked in composition and advertising.

The Hugoton Hermes has been serving the Stevens County area for 135 years.



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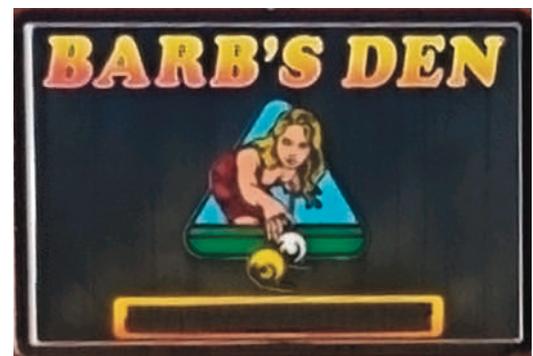
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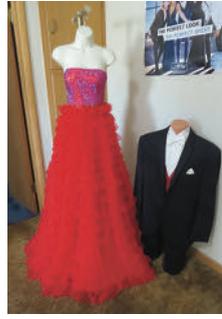
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Jet Drive-In, oldest eating establishment in Hugoton

The Jet got a facelift in 2011.

The project all started when The Hugoton Hermes ran an old picture of the VFW Veterans under the Jet sign. The Hermes stated the Jet was the oldest eating establishment in Hugoton that has been open continuously. However, no one noticed how faded the Jet sign had become until that picture was printed.

Jan Leonard contacted Lana's grandson LCPL Dalton Odell, who was stationed in Japan, saying, "We need to do something about your grandma's sign."

Several members of the community took on this task and helped refurbish the Jet sign. Then the newly painted sign made the rest of the building look bad. When asked, Lana remarked she thought the building had not been painted for about 20 years and the paint was chipping off.

Lana's kids, grandchildren, nieces and nephews all jumped on the bandwagon by volunteering to paint the entire building. Dalton was home from Japan at the time, so he was able to help too. Lana was outside working right alongside them. Volunteers from around Hugoton also joined the "fun" and hard work.

Looking around inside, volunteers noticed the booths were cracked and needed to be refurbished.

These concerns were quickly addressed.

Jan Leonard worked to fix the clock / Coca-Cola sign in front of the building.

People started remembering about the flaked ice machine the Jet used to have. The old ice machine broke recently. Lana has been buying a hundred pounds of ice daily at the grocery store to supply the need for cold drinks. Donations began to pour in to purchase a new flake ice machine.

In 1964 Bobby McBride originally built the Jet, according to his wife Evelyn. Former Hugoton resident Floyd Brasher told Lana that his mother Elinor Brasher operated the establishment for a while. Linda Passmore stated in 1967 her father Ralph Juarez bought it and ran it for a short time. Then Ernie and Teresa Norton purchased the Jet.

April 24, 1978, George and Lana Slocum bought the popular eating establishment from Ernie and the Jet is still open under Lana's management.

Lana commented she never thought she would work in a restaurant for her life trade. She washed dishes at the Argus Cafe in Hugoton beginning when she was 13 years old. She had to stand on a Coke box to reach the bottom of the sink. When she was older they put her out front to be a waitress. She was so shy at the time she didn't want to work where the customers were.

When George and Lana first bought the Jet, the entire back room was full of game tables and pinball machines. Most of their customers were kids. They decided to change the format of the Jet by taking out the games and putting in dining tables. They began serving a buffet at noon to attract more customers.

All this led to the Jet Hugoton knows and loves today. Presently there is not a buffet offered but for delicious food check out The Jet. It is closed all day Mondays.



A large group of Veterans agreed to eat at the oldest eating establishment in Hugoton, which is the Jet. Left to right are Frank Walker, Frankie Thomas, Courtney Leslie, owner of the Jet Lana Slocum, Warren Spikes, Hank Staples, Roy Jackson, Gary Mostrom, Ralph Rodgers and C.W. "Bill" Harper. The Veterans also wanted to honor Lana as two of her grandsons are in the service. Taken from the Hugoton Hermes April 28, 2011 edition.



The front of the drive-in and the new sign. Taken from the Hugoton Hermes July 28, 2011 edition.



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Project Hope, a non-profit organization helping those in need in the community

Project Hope volunteers are often surprised when people state they did not know Project Hope exists or ask what they do at Project Hope. People are often asking, “Who can get food at Project Hope?” Please take a minute to read about the work of Project Hope and the generous donors and volunteers who make Project Hope a very dynamic source for assistance in Stevens County.

Project Hope is a non-profit organization fully funded by donations and run by volunteers that allows Stevens County residents to obtain food items every four weeks, as needed. There are no financial guidelines for receiving food. An ID or piece of mail with the patrons name and address is required each time. Many families only utilize the services for short episodes in their lives when financial constraints have made it difficult to feed their families. Many have found themselves in need due to unexpected medical bills, job loss, divorce, or taking in additional family members into their homes. Project Hope serves a large population of the elderly, some who are raising grandchildren without assistance from the parents of the children.

Project Hope also supports/funds the Eagle Market at the Jr. High and High School to provide food and hygiene products for children who otherwise would do without food over weekends and holidays. Parents and



Project Hope is located at 1042 S. Jackson in Hugoton.

students should receive information from their school counselors so the students can sign up anonymously to receive food items each week.

In the month of June 2022, 223 families received food which entailed 702 persons. Since June Project Hope has averaged around 150 families with 488 family members being served each month. Statistics show one out of every nine persons and 11% of all families suffer from food insufficiency. In the State of Kansas one out of every six children suffer from hunger. If you know of any family who can benefit from food assistance please share information about Project Hope. They are open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 1042 S. Jackson in Hugoton. If there is an emergency, Project Hope is always willing to supply food to families at any time.

Stevens County is known as a very generous caring place to live. Project Hope is fully funded by donations of food and monetary gifts. The past few years have been a tight financial struggle for many families. Many caring individuals give routinely to Project Hope. Some bring food every month or monetary donations. During the Covid pandemic hundreds of “porch drops” were made containing grocery needs of that family. The Stevens County Commissioners included Project Hope in the distribution of money from the government funded “Cares Act”. This allowed the volunteers to continue to assist families with their food and hygiene needs as needed. The Stevens County Foundation Board has also provided funds in recent years that assist in continuing to provide food for those in need. Last year the Stevens County Foundation also provided funds to help Project Hope provide holiday meals to more than 120 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Locally Project Hope has been very lucky to be on the

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The National Honor Society filled up a whole bunch of shelves at Project Hope and families' shelves at home as well. Appreciation goes out to Project Hope volunteers and NHS.

PROJECT HOPE

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receiving end from many local entities. Southwest Fresh Potato Farm donated approximately 100 pounds of potatoes each week throughout their harvest. Their patrons were especially thrilled to get new potatoes. Many local gardeners brought fresh produce each week throughout the summer. Each family who comes receives a dozen eggs, which is supplied in part by Loren and Lillian Seaman who bring in their fresh eggs every week. Local food drives by local organizations help stock other shelves with common necessities.

Last spring Project Hope received an email from the Kansas Food Bank that there would not be any meat on the monthly truck that week.

Their freezers were essentially empty. The next day Nancy Bansemer received a phone call from Seaboard offering to bring a very large supply of seasoned pork loins. The same day Cactus Feeders informed them, they had a cow that had been butchered and made into hamburger and it was ready for delivery. Within a few minutes Jamie Gooch, with the Stevens County Farm Bureau Association, called and wanted to donate a freezer. She was informed Project Hope had plenty of freezers but needed meat to fill them. After a few phone calls Jamie had devised a plan to have 4-H kids raise some pigs that would eventually be made into sausage. That sausage was recently delivered and certainly helped meet their ever increasing meat needs. That was an amazing day when God saw their empty freezers and touched the hearts of others the same day to help fill them.

In the past it has taken approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 a month to fund Project Hope. Those numbers are increasing with the increased number of patrons and the rising cost of food. The months of November and December, the costs of providing holiday meals increases that amount greatly. If you are interested in making a monetary donation you can make checks out to Project Hope and mail to 1042 S. Jackson or bring it by the facility when they are open. If you have any questions please feel free to contact them.



These hard working 4-H members volunteered to deliver and unload the donated meat to Project Hope to help feed any needs in the Hugoton Community. The meat was a result of combined efforts of Stevens County Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Association, three local 4-H Clubs and Farm Bureau Agent Jeff Ramsey.

You all are very much appreciated. Pictured in the back row left to right are Stacy Dillinger, Jamie Gooch and Brad Niehues. In the front row are CJ Beard, Chaney Poulsen, Grace Dillinger, Court Hawks, Lakota Persing, Zane Poulsen and Cameron Persing.



Nancy Bansemer, a volunteer at Project Hope, supervises as 4-H members unload the coveted meat products into the freezers.



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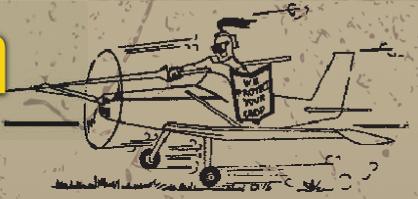
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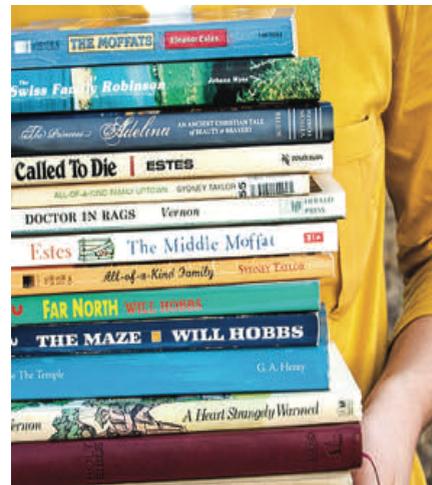


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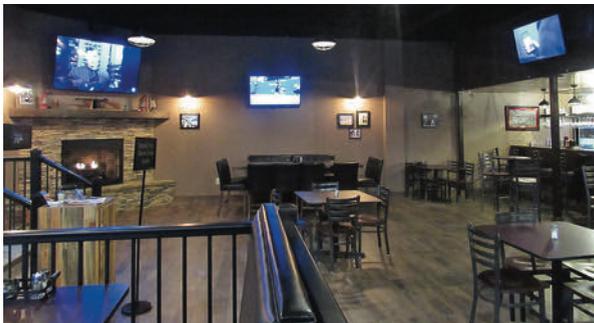
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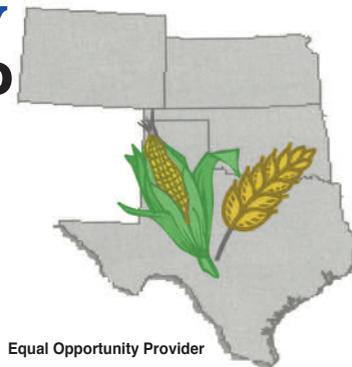
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As you enter the museum you can't help being impressed with the restful atmosphere. The Indian artifacts are outstanding. You can see farm tools, western shop and art room. On display are the collected works of 'Doc' Pierce as well as outstanding collections from other families, among them the Warner family collection. The main museum

building houses displays of early 1900 furnishings including a chapel, dining room, parlor, kitchen and sewing room.

There are completely restored buildings on the museum complex including the Santa Fe Hugoton Train Depot, an 1887 school house, an 1887 home (one of the oldest homes in Hugoton), and an early day grocery store and barber shop. The first jail house in Hugoton and the 1905 church (the second church built in Hugoton) and a professional building (a tribute to Hugoton's past judges and lawyers can be seen.



Dr. Bundy opened a medical practice in Hugoton in 1912. He developed a salve to treat skin lesions. The salve was said to "draw out" skin cancer after several weeks. Over 300 old bottles of medicine were found in tunnels that connected several of the buildings in downtown Hugoton. Some of these can be seen at the museum.

The Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum was dedicated May 16, 1961. It was established as a memento of the Hugoton Gas Field and the progressive development of Stevens County. Currently, the gas well, drilled in 1945, is still producing. The 1945 well equipment is on display at the site of the well. The evidence of Hugoton and Stevens County's participation in the infancy of the gas industry is available for visitors to peruse both inside the Museum and throughout its grounds. Trinkets from the earliest days of the community adorn the walls and display cases within each building.

Stop by the main building to get the lay of the land, then make your way through the jail, one-room schoolhouse, the church and the train depot.

From salt shakers and genuine military uniforms to a dentist's office and even a meteorite - there's something for everyone at the Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum!

They're open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed Saturday and Sunday but reservations for tours may be arranged for those days by calling 620-544-9650. Museum Curator is Steve Lewis. He took over the duties August 2019. The Outside Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Light and Assistant Curator Krysta Knier began their duties August 2022.





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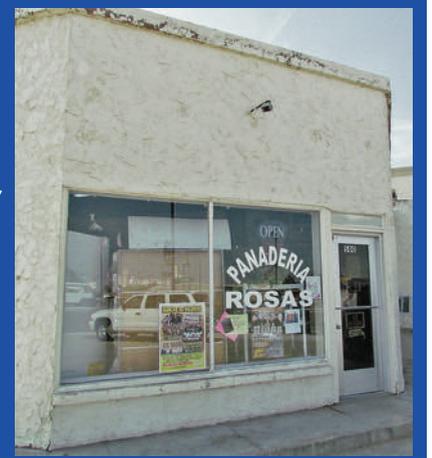
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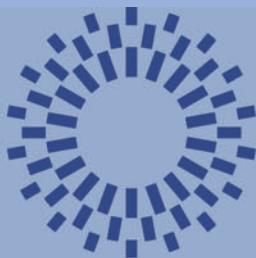


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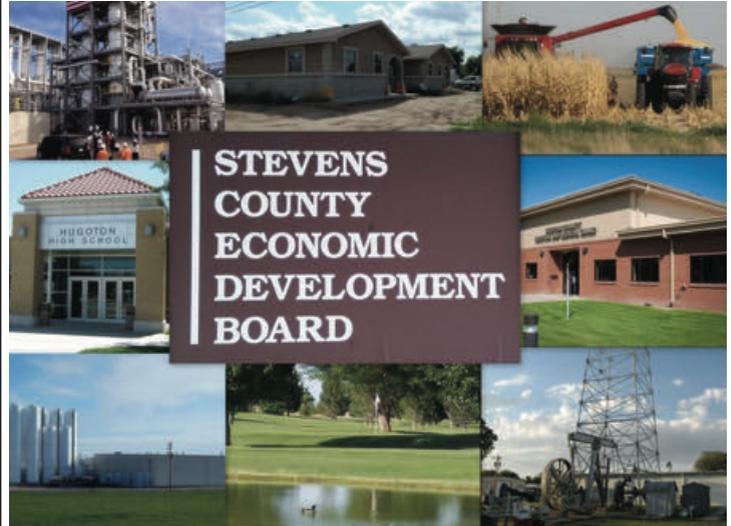


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STEVENS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

We are proud of our community.

Our citizens enjoy a small town quality of life and still have the ability to do big business, even on a global basis.

- We are blessed to be sitting on top of one of the largest natural gas fields in North America, as well as having ample underground water.
- We are one of the leading corn producers in Kansas.
- Our abundant crops provide feed for the area's livestock industry which includes cattle, hogs and dairy cows.
- Kansas Dairy Ingredients, our milk processing plant is a catalyst for growth of the dairy industry in Southwest Kansas.
- Northwest Cotton Growers is the second largest cotton gin in North America.
- Seaboard Energy – Responsible Energy Production

Stevens County's future prospects are exciting.

Our greatest resource, however, is our people. You will find that Hugoton is a great place to raise a family, run a business or spend your retirement years.

The goal of the Stevens County Economic Development Board is to create an environment in our county that is conducive for business. We are always glad when we can assist any new or existing business. We also offer assistance to those trying to sustain and improve our quality of life.

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AK Mechanical offers fast, reliable service

There's a new business on Main Street in downtown Hugoton. In March of 2022, Bobby Moss embarked on starting up AK Mechanical. He offers residential and commercial spray foam insulation, installing and maintenance on garage doors, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration. The company is also licensed and insured.

Bobby was born and raised in Hugoton. He is a Hugoton High School graduate.

After graduation, he attended Amarillo College where he completed HVAC training graduating in 1989.

After graduation Bobby went to work for Zero Refrigeration out of Liberal. After a few years of working there he opened his own business, Moss Heating and Air in Hugoton. He owned and operated Moss Heating and Air from 1991 until 2022 giving Bobby more than 30 years experience in heating and air.

If you want to enjoy a cool and comfortable home, summer after summer, with reliable and efficient central air conditioning, get it from the local specialists in heating and cooling systems in Hugoton. He sells and services many makes and brands.

Need a new garage door installed or some

spray foam insulation applied? Call AK Mechanical at 511 S. Main in Hugoton for fast, reliable service. Your comfort is just a phone call away at 620-544-2317 or 620-544-3201.



The Hugoton Hermes 135 Years

The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as a valuable resource for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities. Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and

world news, but in many instances local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

Local newspapers benefit local businesses. Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally-based small business community can benefit economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen schools and local infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

Local newspapers can strengthen

communities. Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater and projects like park cleanups, and these are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

Local newspapers can benefit children. National newspapers may have little age-appropriate content to offer young children. But local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. And according to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and

vocabulary than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

The Hugoton Hermes

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Church Directory

*You are invited to worship at
the church of your choice*

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Main and Second Street - 620-544-2773
Tim Singer, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups Sunday Nights - 6:00 p.m.
Inside Out Kids Wed. - 6:30 p.m.
Student Ministry @ The Turnaround -
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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BETHEL FRIENDS CHURCH

11th & Jefferson - 620-544-8517
Roy Bogan, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
Wed Evening Ministries - 6:30 p.m.
(Children, Youth, & Adult)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1045 S. Van Buren
Church: 544-2825 Home: 620-453-0965
Tommy Craiker
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

520 E. First - 620-544-2125
Sacrament - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Priesthood - 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

500 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2493
Pastor Dave Piper
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening Services - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH

OF GOD IN CHRIST

Tenth and Jefferson
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Band (Tuesday) - 6:00 p.m.
Home and Forn. Miss. (Friday) - 6:00 p.m.
Youth - 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

600 S. Van Buren - 620-544-2715
Pastor Heath Kelley
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Fellowship - 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Hour - 10:30 - 12:00
Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.
Jr. High Youth Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sr. High Youth Group, 7:45-9:00 p.m.
Information on small groups call 544-2715

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

801 W. City Limits 620-544-2652
Israel Franco, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.
Call 620-544-2652 for Church Bus

HUGOTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Eighth and Main 620-544-2210
Pastor Gary Stafford
Parsonage - 544-2295
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

LONE STAR FRIENDS CHURCH

14 Miles East of Hugoton on Highway 51
Church 620-624-3784 Home 620-624-3104
Pastor James Tower
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Blended Worship Celebration - 10:45 a.m.
Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group - Sunday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Adult Study - 6:30 p.m.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

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207 East 6th - Hugoton
Pam Peachey, Pastor
620-544-2436
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PRIMERO BAUTISTA IGLESIA

HISPANO Congregación
618 Main sur - Hugoton
620-370-1003
Pastor Marcelino Auila
Servicio de la Iglesia
11:00 a.m. - Domingo
7:00 p.m. - Miércoles

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH

409 E. 9th 620-453-9280
(Museum Chapel)
Don Quattlebum, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Church - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

SOVEREIGN REDEEMER CHURCH

Tenth and Adams
Pastor - Eric Mason
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Coffee/Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
620-544-6386

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ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1011 South Jefferson Street 620-544-2551
Sunday - 11:00 a.m. English Mass
- 1:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Miller, Pastor
516 N.E. Avenue
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

828 S. Main Hugoton 620-544-8715
Pastor, Wesley Young
Wednesday Praise! Kids - 3:45 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High Youth Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Sr. High Youth Fellowship - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
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MOSCOW

MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH

620-598-2455 Church
1 mile S. of Moscow, 1/2 mile E. of Moscow/Hooker Rd.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Team Kids (Wed.) - 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sept.-Apr.
Youth Study Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

MOSCOW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

620-598-2426
Lay Leader Patty Lahey 598-2426
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Kid's Club - Wednesday 3:30 p.m.
Jr. High Youth - Sunday 5:00 p.m.

ROLLA

ROLLA PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Corner of Third and Adams, Rolla
Marcus Light, Pastor
Church - 620-593-4626, Parsonage - 620-593-4796
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday night meal - 6:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

620-593-4596
Pastor Wesley Young
Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.

RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

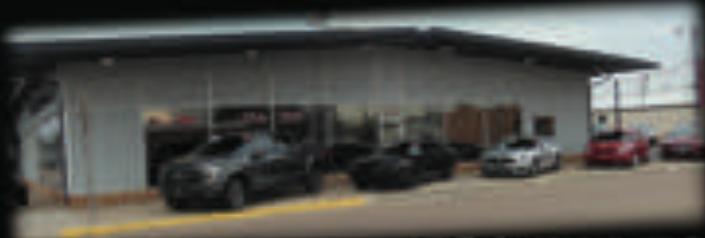
Lead Pastor Richard Fitzgerald
Morning Worship - 9:00 a.m.

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