



# Salt Hawk Talk '61 August 2014 - Issue 76-2



## Remembering our recent losses:

Joyce Pickens-Long-Vaughn - Deceased 8-12-2014

DeeAnn Freidenberger-Sheldon - Deceased 8-25-2014

See Memorials at: [http://www.hutchhigh61.com/memorial\\_page.html](http://www.hutchhigh61.com/memorial_page.html)

**Donations have been made to the Class of '61 Scholarship fund in their names.**

**Please see last page for new obituary site.**



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## Transformed over time



Event will celebrate  
Avenue B site's 10  
decades of changes.

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It began as a  
"fireproof" livery  
stable.

Modern for  
its time, George  
Osgood built the  
Osgood livery in  
1914 of concrete,

allowing visitors to downtown Hutchinson  
to confidently tie up and leave their horses  
and wagons when they came to town.

"At the time it cost 10 cents for a team of  
horses for the day," said Patty Kueck, ad-  
ministrative assistant at TECH, which today  
occupies the building at 14 W. Ave. B.

"It was quite the going place," she said.  
By 1935, however, owner George Osgood,  
85, was ready to retire and return to Maine,  
where he grew up, despite continued de-  
mand for his services from the local Amish,



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Top: Osgood Livery Stable is the long white building near the upper center. It has windows running the length of it, just under the roofline. (Note the horses and wagons on the street.) This photo was taken from the Kansas Power and Light smokestack looking southeast. KP&L was at 15 S. Adams St., the present location of SDI. Left: Midwest Feed store in 1989. Right: The TECH Adult Life Skills program is currently located in the former Midwest Feed building on Avenue B.

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## Midwest

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according to a story at the time in The Hutchinson News.

He sold the 60-foot-plus-long squat building to G.D. "Gordly" Estes and Midwest Feed and Oil, which remodeled and expanded the location to include a feed mill and a wholesale and retail outlet for farmers.

Midwest Poultry Company occupied 12 W. Ave. B; Midwest Feed, 14 W. Ave. B; and Welborn Supply, 16 W. Ave. B. Midwest Feed also continued to operate a livery stable in the back for a few years.

Estes owned and operated the business for many years, eventually selling it to longtime employee Norman Karlin, who began working there in 1947, after graduating from Salt City Business College.

Karlin sold the business in the early 1990s to Mike Smith, who in turn sold it in June 2005 to Melynn and Steve Cannon. The Cannons operated it until shuttering the business in March 2011.

"I remember going in the building when I was growing up," Kueck said. "We lived in the country and had chickens. It's where we bought baby chicks and feed and plants for the garden. The building has a lot of memories for me, too."

Building owner Greg



Lindsay Bauman/The Hutchinson News

**Right: Kelli Bringle (left) and Amanda Farmer talk as they wait for their rides home from spending their day at the TECH Adult Life Skills building on Tuesday afternoon. Above: TECH Inc. staff member James Pope plays the piano for TECH Inc. clients on March 7, 2013 at the Adult Life Skills building on West Avenue B.**

Travis Morisse/The Hutchinson News

Payton remodeled the space in 2013 to house the adult life skills program of the Training and Evaluation Center of Hutchinson, or TECH.

TECH will mark the 100th anniversary of the building on Third Thursday.

"There are still a lot of people who wonder what happened to the inside of the building, and this will be their chance to come inside and see," Kueck said.

Birthday cake will be available to anyone stopping by from 5:30

to 8:30 p.m., said Kueck.

Several stations will be set up inside the building offering a glimpse of its past, and Jim French will perform music from the period when the structure was built. Former owners Karlin, Mike Smith and Melynn Cannon will also be around, to help share the history of the building.

"We love our building and what we use it for. We're excited that piece of history has been preserved and TECH is very excited to be part of downtown Hutchinson," Kueck said.

### IF YOU GO

Midwest Feed 100th Birthday celebration  
14 W. Ave B, now TECH Adult Life Skills.  
Free cake, historic displays, tours 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.,  
Third Thursday, Aug. 21.

# HHS and the home field advantage

Hutchinson High School has come a long way over the years. Originally housed in the four-room Sherman schoolhouse, HHS produced its first graduates, two of them, in 1882. The school grew as the town grew, moving from the second floor of Sherman to the original Central School at Fifth and Maple in 1891. In 1910 more than \$125,000 was spent building a much larger Seventh and Walnut facility. Finally, in 1961 HHS moved to a very "modern"-looking 13th and Severance campus. This same campus in 2011 received a 21st century makeover courtesy of a voter-approved bond issue.

A high school is more than just a place for education but is also integral to a town and its identity. Particularly a town with a single public school that (almost) everyone attends. And those who attend other schools, for either geographical reasons (Buhler) or philosophical reasons (Trinity Catholic, Central Christian, and most home schoolers), still use the city's flagship school as a benchmark. Other schools evaluate their own offerings as to whether they are "as good as," "equal to" or even (close your ears, Salthawks) "better than" what is done at HHS.

Regardless of our schooling background, we all have a stake in the success of Hutchinson High School. That fact brings me to a not-well-known-enough organization here in town that gives us all a way to raise the bar at HHS. That organization is the Hutchinson High School Alumni Association. The brainchild in 1991 of Dennis Perrin, Juanita Murphy, Tom Elliott and others, the alumni association serves not only as a facilitator of class reunions and scholarships, but as a funding

Community columnist



Paul Waggoner

source from the public to innovative teachers and projects. The all-volunteer board of HHS alumni receives many requests every year

for higher-quality equipment for a chemistry lab.

Since 1992 the alumni association has raised more than \$185,000 for teacher projects or student scholarships. Nearly 85 percent of the HHSAA budget goes to this effort. The association is a 501-c-3 charity and its finances are organized through a designated fund at the Hutchinson Community Foundation and account at First National Bank. Our current president is Cindy Knox.

It is simple to be a part of the alumni association and share in this mission. For a \$15 contribution, you are in. If you contribute \$50 annually, you have reached the Super Salthawk level (which we proudly bestow on you, and neither a naysaying assistant principal nor skeptical former teacher can ever take it back!). More is better, and you can gift an alumni membership for a child or grandchild who went to HHS. It is the cumulative impact of hundreds of active alumni and friends that makes the difference.

A public high school reflects the community at large, weaknesses as well as strengths, and the HHSAA is a way to build on our communal strengths. I commend it to all as a great charity and a great cause. Give our best teachers the benefit of the

home field advantage. You don't need a bucket of ice water to meet this challenge. Just send your gifts and contact information to the Hutch High School Alumni Association, c/o 810 East 13th, Hutchinson, KS 67501, or email [knoxc@usd308.com](mailto:knoxc@usd308.com). Be as generous as you can. It is your home field as well.

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Hutchinson High School 1915



Hutchinson High School today

from teachers with a special idea or project to help them teach more or better or differently. If approved, the funding goes out.

It does matter. From science to language arts, the International Baccalaureate program, counseling, even sports, have all benefitted from these grants. Teachers write us back thanking us for helping them better engage their students in vocabulary skills, or for a counseling outreach designed to more fully welcome incoming freshmen, or grateful

# Locking in jail cells



Photo by Megan May/The Hutchinson News

A driver prepares to transport a cell to the new Reno County jail construction site Wednesday as others line Severance Street awaiting placement.

Monday's the goal for positioning them in latest phase of Reno Co. facility.

By KELTON BROOKS

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For a place that's primarily used to house individuals who break the law, project superintendent Andrew Jones wanted to make it clear that the new \$19 million Reno County jail is not a luxury hotel.

"It's not an extended stay. It's not cheaper if you stay longer," Jones jokingly said.

But the jail itself is here to stay as the extension continued with the placement of the 64 prefabricated cellblocks on Wednesday.

The 46,000-pound, 15-by-13-foot-wide prefab cellblocks were built and shipped from Topoka and arrived Monday on flatbed trucks that are lined along the closed Severance Street. Workers will place 16 single and double cells each day in hope of having all the pods in place by Monday.

The placement began on the west side of the east wing of the jail, where the single cells were positioned. Sheriff Randy Henderson said by national standards, a certain percentage of single cells have to be in place, and that's why 200 beds were ordered instead of 220.

In all, there are 64 cellblocks (200 beds, 120 cells), plus 50 more at the other end of the jail complex for minimum-security prisoners who could be released during the day to go to work.

The main-level cellblocks have what Jones described as a "hat brim" that extrudes 5

feet horizontally from the top of the cell. The concrete brim will act as the walkway for the cell stacked above it.

Jones said the painting, plumbing and electricity are already connected to the individual cells. A maintenance corridor along the outer perimeter of the cellblock will allow maintenance workers to repair plumbing and other systems without entering the cells.

The interiors of the cells contain fixtures, two beds (for two-man cells), a table, sink, toilet and four break-away hooks for clothing and towels. This will also prevent prisoners from attempting to hang themselves, Henderson said.

Each bed inside the cells is 76 by 27 inches. On the northeast side of the jail, a spot is allocated for the addition of another 40-bed cellblock when or if it is needed in the future.

After the cells are placed,

the next business is to finish the roofing before snow begins to fall so workers can focus on the interior of the jail, Jones said.

"Everyday there is a new wall up," Henderson said. "The steel ceiling truss is up and I know they want to have the roof finished before the winter."

The administrative area located at the main entrance of the jail is rounding into form, with a large portion of the exterior walls standing. Two tall standing and wide doorways for buses to pass through to drop off prisoners are positioned, as well as medical and shower areas.

Jones said the construction of the jail is coming along "right on schedule" and plans to have it complete by this time next year.



Above: A view of a two-person cell at the new Reno County jail. The site will contain 200 cells. Left: Workers place a cell at the construction site Wednesday. Below: An overall view of the jail construction and cell installation.



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JE Dunn Construction employees work inside the new Reno County jail on Wednesday.

# News' obituary site to allow lasting tributes

By THE NEWS STAFF

On Tuesday, The Hutchinson News is launching hutchareabituaries.com, an online destination to post tributes to those from the area who have died.

The enhanced obituary section of the hutchnews.com website offers users the opportunity to create a lasting personal tribute

to a deceased loved one by enriching their listing with photo galleries and video, said Jade Piros de Carvalho of Logic Maze, which helped develop the site.

Visitors to the website can also add messages to online guest books, submit "cards of thanks," link to memorials or read comments and memories left by others. The page also enables searching

for an obituary by name or keyword.

"The hutchnews.com obituary section has always provided readers with a reliable source for locating funeral service information," Piros de Carvalho said. "But we recognized the need to develop a product that would better allow our readers to tell the story of their loved ones through

multimedia, and to more easily extend condolences to grieving friends and relatives through online memory books."

Contributors can add guest-book messages directly through the website. To place a tribute on hutchareabituaries.com, however, contributors should call The News at (620) 694-5700, ext 370.

## Water Facts

Jim Heck/The Hutchinson News Jul 30, 2014

In the 2010 Census, there were 19,391 occupied households in the city of Salina. If each household flushes a toilet, on average, 10 times a day, the city of Salina would flush its toilets 193,910 times each day. Using Federal plumbing standards, the typical toilet uses 1.6 gallons per flush - meaning 310,256 gallons are flushed in Salina each day.

Meanwhile, Kanopolis Reservoir, when full, holds 55,241 acre feet of water - each acre foot being the amount of water it takes to cover one acre, one foot deep, or 325,851 gallons of water.

Salina households flushing 10 times a day would take nearly 159 years to drain Kanopolis Reservoir, while the



6,500 wells in southwest Kansas' Groundwater Management District 3, pulling 3.25 million gallons every minute, would deplete the lake in 3.87 days

### [Report details size, speed of salt plume headed for Wichita wells](#)

By MCT Regional Aug 8, 2014

The headline of a news release issued Thursday by a federal agency seemingly warned of doom and gloom for Wichita:

### [Drip irrigation: Possible water solution](#)

Tim Unruh Kansas Agland Aug 5, 2014

COLBY -- A form of irrigation that's proven to be the most efficient and capable of dramatically cutting water consumption still awaits a major coronation in Kansas.