

**Hopefully spring is ready to make an appearance pretty soon. Wishing everyone a joyful March and a blessed Easter on Sunday, April 20,2025.**

**JAMESON-COFFEY-NORTH DAVIESS ALUMNI BANQUET**

**The Alumni Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025. Social hour will start at 5 PM, Dinner will begin at 6 PM. Reservations are requested,. Please call any of the following people to reserve your spot at the banquet.**

**Bev Hunter—660-334-1466**

**Jan Duly—660-663-3520**

**Dena McNeely—660-663-7437**

**Debbie Ray—660-605-1473**

**Cost will be \$20 per person.**

**North Daviess Gymnasium in Jameson.**

**NORTH DAVIESS R-III GRADUATION 2025**

**Graduation for the North Daviess Class of 2025 will be held in the high school gymnasium in Jameson at 6:00 PM on May 9,2025.**

**NORTH DAVIESS R-III YEARBOOK SUPPORT**

The 2024-25 North Daviess Yearbook Staff would like to provide your business, or you as an alumni with an opportunity to advertise in this year's yearbook. The sponsorship levels and prices are listed below:

**North Daviess R-III Yearbook  
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It is because of people like you, and businesses like yours that we are able to offer our yearbook at a reasonable price. Thank you for your time and continued support!

North Daviess R-III Yearbook Staff & Sponsors  
 North Daviess R-III School District  
 413 E. 2nd Street  
 Jameson, MO 64647  
 ATTN: Yearbook

John Rockhold  
 Superintendent/Principal

Phone: 660-828-4123

Fax: 660-828-4122

Name of Business or Alumni's Name & Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print Business Name or your Alumni Name exactly as you would like it to appear in yearbook)

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Please make checks payable to North Daviess R-III School District.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for your support!*



**Congratulations to Natalie Linthicum, the 2025 NW MO Regional Spelling Bee Champion!!**

**Natalie defeated 23 other competitors who won their qualifiers, and is the first North Daviess student to win the NWMO Regional Contest! Natalie competed in**

**Natalie will compete at Nationals in May in Washington DC!**

**Natalie won the 2025 Daviess County Spelling Bee in Winston, on 2/3/25. This was a Back-to-Back win for her as she also won last year. She is the first Two-Time Champ in North Daviess History! Great job at both competitions Natalie!!!**



**Congratulations to Alex! He attended the NCTM Elementary Mathematics Contest on February 8<sup>th</sup>! Over 75 students were signed up to compete, and he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Number Sense and Target!!**

**Great job Alex!!!**



## **OBITUARIES**

### **Max Eddie Hefley**

**Max Eddie Hefley, 93, of Jameson, Missouri, passed away peacefully at the Veteran's Home in Cameron, Missouri on March 3, 2025. Max was born in Pattonsburg, Missouri to Rufus and Cleo (Carter) Hefley on September 27, 1931. He graduated with the Class of 1949 from Jameson High School and married his beautiful bride, Susie Lavene (Vance) Hefley on July 1, 1951. After less than a year of marriage, he was drafted into the United States Army and served his country for two years in the Korean War. Upon his return from the war, he and his wife bought a farm and bought and restored the historic Colonial across the street from the Jameson Community Park, which served as their loving home to raise their family.**

**As an active member of the Jameson community, Max served as President of the Jameson School Board and Elder of the First Christian Church of Jameson. He also served with the Jameson Volunteer Fire Department, on the Village of Jameson Town Board, and was an active member of the Masons, Jameson Lions Club, and the Community Betterment Association. He loved his family, farm, and community, and was well-known for his woodworking, beautiful flowers, and coconut cream pies.**

**He was preceded in death by his wife, Susie Lavene (Vance) Hefley, and his parents, Rufus and Cleo (Carter) Hefley. He is survived by his sister, Nancy (Hefley) Terry-Thompson, his daughter, Denise (Danny) Dixon, his son, Vance (Julie) Hefley, 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.**

**A service celebrating Max's life will be held at 2 PM Monday, March 10th, 2025, at Stith Funeral Home in Gallatin. The family will receive friends one-hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors will follow the services at Hillcrest Cemetery in Gallatin. Friends may call after 9 AM Monday at the funeral home. Any donations in memory of Max to the Jameson Community Betterment Association, Inc. would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of Stith Funeral Home in Gallatin. (660) 663-2117. Online guestbook at [www.stithfamilyfunerals.com](http://www.stithfamilyfunerals.com)**

**Editor's note: Max was a kind and gentle soul and our little village has lost a wonderful man and friend. I can't remember a time he wasn't willing to help the village and the people if needed. We know that he is in a better place, but Jameson is sure going to miss him. Much love and sympathy to his family.**

**I was sent the following article by Jameson High School 1952 graduate, Charlene(Boyer) Ballenger. This will be the second installment of her Jameson memories. Hope everyone is enjoying it.**

When we moved to Jameson in 1945, most of the farmers grew oats. I don't recall them growing wheat. When it was time to harvest, Dad would cut the oats with a horse-drawn mower. We had four horses, so he would alternate the horses daily, two at a time. That way they didn't get so tired. After the oats were cut, dried, and raked, he would put them in shocks, stacked on end and leaning together.

Then, all of the farmers would get together and a huge thrashing machine would come to each farm and thrash the oats. It was a horrible, dirty, dusty job! Most of the time the grain was put in the farmer's barn in bins to use to feed the animals during the winter. The farmers' wives that could help would get together at whoever's farm they were thrashing and cook an enormous meal to feed the hungry men. Sometimes there were 15 to 20 farmers. I remember going to help in my mother's place several times when I was 12 or 13 years old, as she had young children at home. Most of the time I walked or rode the bike. I'd help clean up and wash dishes. But it was another pair of hands on a busy, hot day.

During the winter on Sundays after church when dinner was over, us kids would play games, mostly card games. We'd argue and fuss and get pretty noisy! Dad would be trying to nap. Finally, he'd get up, take a blanket and go out and snooze in the car! This was before we were old enough to get jobs or older girls to have boyfriends.

My mom belonged to a club called "Stitch and Chatter." They met usually in the daytime, and I assumed they did sewing (Mom was a quilter). I was in school so don't recall. But once-in-a-while the whole families would get together in the evening and have a big meal—everyone would bring a dish of something. They'd visit and play card games. My folks were avid card players—no poker, etc. . Just old-fashioned card games like Pitch, Hearts, Rummy, Canasta (that was new). The families included the Blacks, my folks, Larys, McIntoshes, Stanleys, and others I don't recall. It was usually done in the summer so the kids could play outside. Seemed like it was often at our house, as my mom liked to entertain, and she was an excellent cook. She always made homemade bread every week and the rolls were out of this world! We never had store bought bread.

To earn money for each class—only in high school—we had a "work day." Our goal was to accumulate money for a trip at the end of our Senior year. I can remember going out at Harvesting time and picking up corn left in the field that the farm equipment had dropped. The farmer would pay us to do this. Also, we picked apples and pears. The money we earned for work day was put into a class fund. Each class would also have a yearly play which an admission was charged and that would go into the fund. There were small numerous things that we did over the four years to increase our fund. Mr. Holley took care of this and if I remember correctly, we had over \$250 in our class fund to apply to our senior trip. This occurred after we graduated in mid-May. We decided to go to Colorado and see all the sights. There were 12 of us to graduate (in alphabetical order): Barbara Becker, myself, Beverly Brown, Ruby Duffey, JeanAnn and Stephen Feurt(cousins), Eddie Hightree, John McCartney, Maurice McNeely, Kenneth Nickells, Osta Ann O'Hare, and Jo Ann Williams. Lois Chadwick left mid-year to get married and didn't graduate. We'd all gone to school together since my 5<sup>th</sup> grade except Ruby and Eddie. They had come to our school in their freshman year. We left soon after graduation day for the Senior trip because one of the girls was getting married, others had jobs to go to when we returned or college to attend or other places to go, and I had three months of secretarial school to attend. We took three cars; Mr. and Mrs. Holley's and their six year old son; Mr. Prindle's; and Boyd Feurt's car, but I don't recall who drove it. We packed our luggage, food, etc. There were 16 of us and one child.

We planned to do some cooking at parks whenever we could. Mr. Holley made all the arrangements and places to stay. Since some of us had relatives on the way, we made plans to stay overnight with them.

I had an uncle and his family in Wichita, Kansas so we made that stop for the first night. Someone else had relatives living in that town, too. Everything turned out okay. I had four other girls staying with my family. On we travelled the next day.

I'll always remember the first sight of the Rocky Mountains! It was spectacular! Late in the evening and beautiful! We stayed in motels, then the next day toured the prison at Canyon City. Don't know why Mr. Holley suggested that place! It was creepy for us girls, but I'll always remember going there. On to Colorado Springs where we toured Garden of the Gods and the balanced rock, the Red Rocks outdoor theater where I understand performers don't need microphones. Also saw Seven Falls. Lots of beautiful scenery! We stayed around Boulder overnight with more relatives and sight-seeing some more. We went roller skating and ate at a restaurant. I recall eating turkey and dressing. I was sick all night with an upset stomach, but I bounced back the next day. On north to Rapid City, South Dakota where we went swimming in warm water springs. Cooked at a park. We then went to see Mount Rushmore and the four presidents' faces carved on the mountainside. We spent time there looking at the sites. We'd planned to go through the Black Hills, but roads were closed for repair, and we didn't get to go. We journeyed home after six or seven days. It was a wonderful trip with new sights and experiences!

I mentioned on our senior trip of Mr. and Mrs. Holley's little six-year-old boy, Larry Russ. He started school in the fall of '52. He was a happy, pleasant, mischievous little guy. I understand he went all 12 years to school in Jameson. Then attended William Jewel College in Liberty, MO where he was a basketball coach. He had a wife and family and was well respected. I never knew or met them. He passed away within the last two years and is buried at Glenridge Cemetery northeast of Liberty. My husband is also buried there since January 2022.

**The Jameson Huskies were an outstanding basketball team in 1951-52, winning First Place at the Invitational Tournaments in Pattonsburg, MO and Maysville, MO.**

They won second place in the Bethany, MO tournament. In the Missouri State Sub-Regional Tournament in Cameron, MO, they placed third. It was a fantastic year for the players—Stephen Feurt, Eddie Hightree, Garland Maize, Maurice McNeely and Jerry Padget. Others on the team included David and Wayne Elmore, Bill Feurt, Don Hoyle and Kenny Nickells. Mr. Holley was Coach at the time. Jim Premer joined the coaching staff in 1950 and started the format for the players. But the Korean conflict was going on and he was called to perform his national duty, so Mr. Holley replaced him. I remember going to the game in Pattonsburg where it was shoulder-to-shoulder crowded. It was such an exciting game we couldn't sit down! It was overly warm in the gym, even though it was cold outside, and so many packed in there yelling for their home team!

On September 28, 2008, all of the original five team members met at the Hereford House restaurant in Independence, MO for their 56<sup>th</sup> reunion and to enjoy a meal and reminisce. I was privileged to be there in celebration with my brother-in-law Maurice McNeely and his wife Nancy who is my sister.

**I've attended the Alumni Banquet in Jameson off and on for several years, then it became too complicated with my family to continue.** However, I did attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Banquet in 2002. Kenny Nickells, a classmate, had taken up painting. He had on display an 18"x20" beautifully framed painting of a barn. The frame was soft green and cream colors. The barn was brown with light pink and blue clouds above it. Two trees and some bushes surrounded the place. I was fascinated by the colors- they're pleasing to my eyes. It was to be auctioned, and I purchased it for \$90! We had decorated our family room ranch house in barn pictures and mementos several years prior, so the picture just fit our home!



It is now on the wall of the den in my Liberty home. We also have other barn pictures in a spare bedroom, but none painted by anyone we know!

**More school news.** In the fall of 1948, when I was a freshman in High School, the high school in Civil Bend, MO, a small town between Jameson and Pattonsburg, was dissolved. I don't know how many students were involved, but some went to Jameson and some to Pattonsburg. The three Cornett boys, Casey, Colin and Corky, as well as Ruth Dever, Frances and Ruby Duffey, Tillie Eaton, Clinton Whetstone, and two or three others arrived at our school for their studies  
(to be continued next issue)

### **Memories"**

**Written and submitted by Charlene (Boyer) Ballenger  
1952 Graduate of Jameson High School**

### **COOK SHACK UPDATE**

**With the contribution of an anonymous donation, the Lions Club has decided to undertake a massive renovation of the Cook-Shack at the city park. It has been several years since any improvements have been made, and we have had local volunteers offer to help assist with labor and equipment.**

**The old cook shack at the park has been taken down and work is starting on the new one. However, as the project progresses, the donation for materials and supplies may fall short. Anyone interested in donating to help with this renovation can contact:**

**Harry Clymore...660-334-0951  
Frank Wheeler...816-213-0577  
Jan Duly.....660-334-0426**

**For this project and in partnership and support with Jameson Community Betterment as a 501 c 3 organization, donations can be made to Jameson Community Betterment for tax deductions mailed to....**

**Jameson Community Betterment  
PO Box 114  
Jameson, MO 64647**

**Scotland Church of Christ:  
26320 Flint Ave., Jameson, MO 64647  
Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. & Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.**



## **POST OFFICE**

As most of you are aware, Beth Wheeler championed the cause of keeping our Jameson Post Office in operation.

Post offices are rated and ranked based on their revenue, i.e.: postage sales. Beth played a big part in keeping our local revenue equal to and above offices in towns much larger than our small village. We are asking all alumni, past neighbors and friends of the community to help us keep our local post office in operation. Since the price of postage is the same at any post office, please consider purchasing stamps for your business or personal use through the Jameson branch. Stamps can be ordered by mailing a check directly to the Jameson Post Office at 206 Main Street, Jameson, MO 64647. There is no additional fee for return mailing. Make checks payable to Jameson Post Office. Be sure to include your return address.

If you would prefer to deal with a Community Betterment Member, the following have agreed to step in for Beth as "stamp bootleggers".

**Jan Duly**  
21501 200<sup>th</sup> St.  
Jameson, MO 64647

**Patty Baker**  
124 Walnut  
Jameson, MO 64647

**Post Office Hours: M-F 8:30-12:30    Saturday: 10 :15-12:00    Post Office Telephone: 660- 828-4368**

**Please send us your news:** *The Gem* is provided by the Jameson Community Betterment Association. It is in its 17<sup>th</sup> year of publication. It is sent to nearly 500 homes in 31 states. If you know of someone who wants to receive *The Gem*, please give their name and address to us. Donations to Jameson Community Betterment are tax deductible, appreciated, and used well. I appreciate any items or articles submitted. The Gem will not accept any kind of ads but would love to have any old memories you'd like to share of Jameson and the school. Next Gem should be out around the middle of May 2025. I really need articles if this paper is to continue.

**Contact information:**

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## **New Cook Shack**

If you have driven by the Jameson Park recently you may have noticed the Cook Shack is under construction!!

With the dedication of several local volunteers, workdays have been successful, and progress is under way!!!

So next time you are in Jameson drive by and take a look...and if you happen to see some of our volunteers at work; please take a moment to give them a well deserved THANK YOU!!!!