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Wishing every one of our readers a beautiful spring and glorious summer season. Think we are all ready for some warm(not super-hot) weather.

JAMESON-COFFEY-NORTH DAVIESS ALUMNI BANQUET

**The Alumni Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 25th, 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

**The cost will be \$20 per person.
North Daviess Gymnasium in Jameson.**

Thank you from Gary and Debbie Mason

On March 31st the home of Gary and Debbie Mason's outside wood stove exploded and caught fire. The house was also in danger of burning. The Masons were not at home at the time. They would like to extend a special thank you to Blake Anderson for contacting them and telling them about the fire. Blake and Craig Heckenbach went on scene with buckets of water until Gary got the water hose going. They also appreciated and are giving thanks to the Jameson Fire Department members Wayne McNeely, Garrett McNeely, Richard Bonnett and others for all their help with the fire. They are very grateful to live in our community that helps each other when the need arises.

SAVE THE DATE

**FISH FRY AT JAMESON PARK: JUNE 7,2025 SERVING BEGINS AT 4:30 PM
134TH ANNUAL JAMESON PICNIC: JULY 31st-AUGUST 2nd**

JAMESON COMMUNITY BETTERMENT TRASH BAGS FOR SALE

All trash bags are \$12.00 per roll

39 gallon(yellow) 25 bags per roll

15 gallon(white) 65 bags per roll

We are currently out of the blue bags (sorry)

MEMORIES(cont'd)

Families and students I remember in and around Jameson: Mrs. Trimble as the local telephone operator, and Sue was her daughter who was a year ahead of me in school. She apparently helped her mother out with the phone. We had no phone, so never needed her services.

Mary Ellen and Lloyd Lockridge were sister and brother. She was also a grade ahead of me in school. Her brother was three or four years younger. She was a good volleyball player; she was tall, and a good spiker. I wasn't acquainted with their parents.

Dorothy Tingler and Mary Catherine Taylor were also older than me. Mary had sisters and brothers. Don't know about Dorothy but there was another Tingler family later, Jack and Betty, with two boys. Don't know if they were related to Dorothy.

The Mahargs and the Somervilles had older children. I knew Janette Maharg and Barbara Somerville. Also, Dale and Betty Alexander. Frances Richards lived south of town just off the highway. She was much older and later married Dale Alexander.

The Padgets had several children. Junior, Rex and Annalou were much older. Jack, Jim, and Jerry were the second family, and Jerry was in my brother's class. Mr. Padget worked for the Post Office. I remember Jim and Jerry as being great at playing basketball.

Leota Brewer lived east of town and was an only child. She had a beautiful, dimpled smile.

The large Wynne family—12 children—but all much older and most married with families. They were related to my dad. Ned and Hazel Brown lived on a farm southeast of town. They had two daughters: Beverly was my age, and Mariana who was in my sister Margaret's class. They were all active in the Christian Church my family attended.

Arthur Lee Burton just started school when I was in the seventh grade, and I didn't know his folks.

The Gordon family lived south of town with several children. Benny, Lois and Anna Jane were older than me, and Marjorie and one or two younger siblings. I spent time with them. Also, there were the Elmore and Estes families. The Esteses were older and I didn't know but I'd heard the name of J.D. Estes, not met him. My brother, Bud, spent time with the Elmore boys.

The Scott family had two older children, Shirley and Boob, and Dick was younger. Bob later married my classmate, Ruby Duffey. I learned that they had two sets of twins.

The Johnsons and the Worleys were relatives. Johnsons had three children—Betty Jane, Robert Lee, and Jean Ann. Worley's had five or six children—older ones—Loren, Sarah, Betty and Jean, and then Nancy, younger. Don't think they had any others. The Becker family were also relatives. Don't recall parent's names, but their children were Charlie, Barbara(my class), Jimmy, Patty and Floyd. There could have been a younger one. Jimmy was in my brother's class. In lower grades he contracted a severe ear infection and passed away. Such a tragedy!

The Severe family with twin daughters, Dixie and Donna, both in my class. They had bright orange/red hair, one with curly hair and one with straight, but otherwise identical. Don't know if they had any siblings. The family left town after Freshman year.

West of town residents were: Bob Duly came to town about the time I was leaving in 1952. He had a family. I believe only a young son, Jim. Bob ran a garage/gas station in town next to Alexander's grocery store. He was a prominent figure, as is his son now. I understand Jim Duly has done a lot for the town of Jameson over the years. That's a wonderful thing to do—to help the people and the community!

Rufus Hefley family with children Max, and Nancy several years younger than the brother. I remember Nancy as having beautiful dark red hair. (She was a classmate of my youngest sister, Margaret). I don't recall their mother's name. They were farmers.

The Croy family were also farmers. Twins Lewis and Louise were in the class of 1951. I believe they had older siblings I didn't know. I remember Louise as having beautiful dark hair and big blue eyes. Lewis had lighter hair. I don't ever recall meeting their parents.

Another family by the name of Groves lived on that side of town, also, but I only knew Margaret. She was three years older than me, but youngest of several. I recall her as being jovial. Many others lived in that area, but I confess I had no occasion to go over there.

The Roberts family lived at the edge of town. I knew Collene and Charles, older ones, and Byron, younger. Don't know about their family, or if they had other children. I believe they had a café in town later. Otherwise, I didn't know their livelihood.

Artie Hightree lived out on the highway and operated a combination gas station/convenience store. Eddie was his son. I never knew the mother as Eddie came from Kansas City on his Freshman year, left for a while, then back again to finish school and help the Huskies win the regional basketball tournament, along with his buddies.

When you are in high school, you usually don't pay attention to what's happening, except in the moment, or what's going to happen in the next few weeks. Yearly planning is for later and let others do it! Now I've learned differently!

The hair story. The Spring after we moved to Jameson in 1945, Mom had Dad take us two older girls to the barber shop in Gallatin-not the beauty shop- and she said to ask the barber to give us a "feather bob." It was horrible—shaved up the back, parted on the side, and long over our forehead and ears. I hated it! Thought it would never grow out! I said to myself that I would cut my own hair from then on! And I did. It was shorter on one side a time or two, but it grew back, and I learned from it. Pin curls were in fashion, and I started doing that to mine and Mom's hair. Nancy learned also. I eventually started cutting and setting a neighbor's hair, then another asked. Next thing I knew, there were "home perms" on the market, so of course I tried one. It was a kit that came with a solution to use on the hair for curl. You could also buy perm hair curlers. Ladies from town began asking me to cut and perm their hair. I never had a set price- I knew that I couldn't-but I received 35-50 cents for a pin curl setting and no more than \$1.50 for a cut, perm and setting. I earned money that way until I was 15. But just before I was to take a different kind of job, a prominent lady in town asked me to do her hair. Soon one of her friends was asking me. Of course, I responded by doing the work. Apparently, one of them told their regular hairdresser that I was doing it for them (at a lower price of course). My mother received a notice (I don't know how as we had no phone) that if I didn't refrain from taking away her customers she would call and report me to the authorities. So that ended that! I had thought about attending cosmetology school, but knew my parents couldn't afford it. I was almost 16 years old and a sophomore in high school. The next summer I had a job in Kansas City anyhow. By the time I was a Senior, I'd selected secretarial school. My parents paid half and I was to pay the rest when I finished and found a job, which I did. I have done my own hair ever since, until the last four or five years and my son, Doug, who lives with me, does it for me. He attended cosmetology school in the 1980's and pursued a career in Commercial Print Photography as a makeup artist for over 25 years. He eventually let his license lapse, left the beauty industry, and put his computer technical skills to use as a Legal Assistant. He has since retired and looks after me.

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

Keith Sarver Writes North Daviess History

Keith Sarver who was a music teacher at North Daviess, has written about the school and is offering a free PDF copy to anyone that would like one. It is called "The Tale of Two Schools, The Heritage and History of North Daviess R-III School, Jameson, Missouri through 2016.

If you're interested in obtaining a free copy please send request to klsarver1950@gmail.com

Keith Sarver, 422 S. 10th Street, Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Editor's note: I have read this and it is very interesting. Thanks Keith for compiling this article.

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 continuing. Cement was poured, walls are up, and electric is being installed. I'm sure more than that is happening, but I know it looks wonderful.

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

Just a note to our readers: Thank you so much for all who have donated so generously to this project. May you be blessed beyond measure for all your help. Hope you all get to come to the Picnic so you can see what a great improvement this is to our park.

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".

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

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

Please send us your news: *The Gem* is provided by the Jameson Community Betterment Association. It is in its 17th 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 July 2025. I really need articles if this paper is to continue.

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