

## Eakin Enterprises for all your sand, gravel, dirtwork and concrete needs

Eakin Enterprises, Inc., in Larned has been a family owned business for more than 60 years. Currently owned and operated by Chad Eakin, the business was founded in 1950 by Chad's grandparents, Wanda and Willis Eakin. Prior to moving to Larned, the Eakins leased a sandpit in Dodge City. In 1957, they purchased a concrete plant in Larned, which was set up east of the train depot. They later moved the plant to the current location one-half mile west of Larned on U.S. Highway 56. The business was run by Willis and Wanda,

with the help of their two sons, Wendell (Chad's father) and Nolan. Chad started helping with the business as a young boy and opened his own construction business while still in high school. Another concrete plant was put into operation in Great Bend in 2001 and in 2004 the Hays Ready-Mix location was added to the growing business. Chad purchased the remainder of the original Larned business from other family members in 2006. The three locations currently employ 45 people. The main business office is located in Larned, with Chad

overseeing the day-to-day services and projects of the work crews.

Eakin covers a very large area with a variety of services including sand and gravel, dirtwork, concrete construction, ready-mixed concrete, and construction rental equipment. According to Chad, "customer service is very important to us and going that extra mile for our customers makes a huge difference." Call any of the three Eakin Enterprises, Inc., locations for all your sand, gravel, dirtwork and concrete needs.



The staff at Beckwith Mortuary and Monuments, (standing) Chaz Beckwith, Kyle Beckwith and Robert Sallee; (seated) Tamara Beckwith and Kelsi Williamson.

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The firm goes back even further, tracing roots to George Finney's practice in 1885. A young Maurice Wildgen joined Finney in 1933 and they practiced together until 1947, when the firm's post World War II era began with Glee Smith Jr. joining Wildgen.

When Wildgen went on the Pawnee County

bench as district judge, Glee Smith sought political office. First as a senator and then President of the Kansas Senate from 1957 to 1973, Smith helped enact many of the laws of our state, most especially the 1964 civil procedure code and the codification of the 1969 criminal code.

Don Burnett came to the firm in 1958, Jerry Larson joined in 1975, Ron Smith came on in 2005, and Jacque Butler in 2008.

Glee Smith passed

away in 2016, Jacque Butler has relocated to Derby, Kansas, and Jerry Larson has retired. But the firm serves on. The newest member of the firm is Brenda West Hagerman who came aboard in 2016 after three decades of service at Larned State Hospital's legal department.

Although the name has changed several times since Finney's earliest days in 1885, Smith & Burnett continues to serve the community and the surrounding area in a general civil practice firm specializing in estate planning, probate, wills, trusts, powers of attorney and contract law, mixed with real estate and oil and gas.

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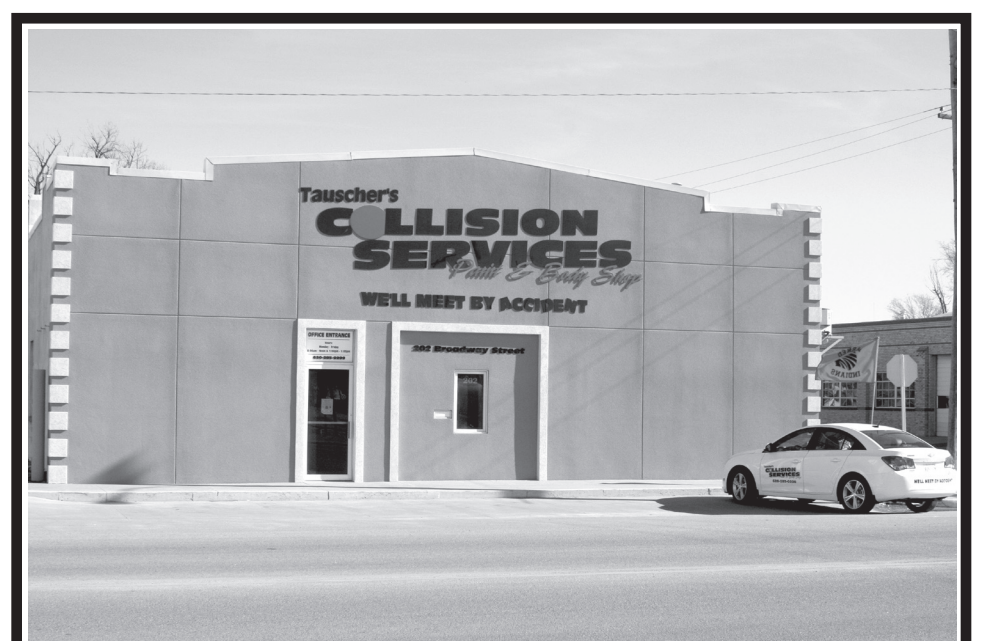
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