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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Discussion About Proposed Senate Bill 294

There is a survey of Kansas taxpayers taken each year to get a general feeling about property taxes. This year's survey shows that 70% of Kansas taxpayers believe property taxes are too high and should be significantly reduced.

As you can see, there is a very strong sentiment in the business community to lower the property tax burden, especially considering commercial property is appraised at 25% valuation compared to 11.5% for residential property. For too long, Kansas taxpayers have been subject to non-transparent property tax increases. Local governments have been allowed to automatically collect additional property tax revenue from valuation increases, and rarely have taxpayers seen an offset in the mill rate to keep their tax burden flat. Senate Bill 294 would end that practice by requiring a reduction in the mill rate to offset any increase in property tax revenue unless public notice is provided to taxpayers and a vote of the governing body is taken. No new property tax revenue can be collected unless the governing body goes through the truth in taxation hearing process as prescribed in the bill.

My Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 294

I would also like this communication to serve as my support of Senate Bill 294. I am a county commissioner from Sheridan County and county seat of Hoxie. We have all been working together for the past several months in an effort to get a handle on the ever-increasing property taxes here in Kansas.

As an example, the property tax here in Sheridan County has doubled since 2010. The reason behind this obscene increase in county tax and city tax is because of the dynamics that exist in small Western Kansas towns and counties with fairly small populations. It's easier to say "YES" than "NO" and thereby not make anyone angry about funding for various city and county "WANT" lists for various departments.

The public has not felt comfortable in getting involved because there has not been a clear requirement for officials to make public the budget and tax amount for next year's budget and have a specific hearing to make it clear about any tax increase that is proposed and why taxes are going to be increased. This Senate Bill 294 brings officials and taxpayers together to discuss and decide what the budget shall be.

We need the community involvement in creating budgets and be involved in deciding how much money we are going to be taking from the citizens. In the process, the public will become more informed and confident that they understand about valuations, mill levies and property taxes.

Property Taxes are paid with dollars! Not mill levies. At the end of the day the governments of Kansas don't have any money! The only money government has is taken from the citizens by officials that will never, never, ever get enough money! The citizens of Kansas deserve to have the final decision about how much tax dollars they are willing to give to government to provide public services. This Senate Bill 294 is a big step in the right direction.

Thanks for reading and God Bless!
WES BANTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Kansas Board of Regents Announces 2020 Scholars from Hoxie



Addie Campbell



Andrew Foote



Victoria Rucker

The Kansas Board of Regents on the behalf of the KS State Legislature announced the senior students who will be designated a 2020 Kansas State Scholar upon graduation. These students across the state are held in the highest regards academically.

Besides completing the ACT test and being a Kansas resident, seniors must also have their scholar's curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified by their designated school official. The curriculum consists of 4 years of English, 4 years Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies and 2 years of Foreign Language.

According to the Board of Regents website, students that complete this curriculum and meet the other requirements, may be designated as State Scholars, which makes one eligible to receive the Kansas State Scholarship as provided by the Kansas Legislature.

The academic profile of recent scholars include an average ACT of 30 and an average GPA of 3.91.

\$20,635 in Grants Awarded to Area Organizations

Four area organizations have received Hansen Community Fund grants, administered by the Sheridan County Community Foundation, during the month of April.

Receiving grants are the Hoxie Recreation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist with the construction of a new concessions building at the ball diamonds facility; \$4,100.00 to High Point Advocacy and Resource Center, Inc. for the development of a new agency in northwest Kansas that will provide addiction support, treatment, and advocacy services face-to-face to people who have suffered the negative effects of substance abuse disorders; USD 412 Community Schools in the amount of \$4,500.00 to fund a new Family Partnership Program, a home-visiting program for families in the Hoxie school district that will provide support

to parents with young children, beginning at birth and ending when children begin school; and \$2,035 to Hospice Services of Northwest Kansas to assist with the purchase of equipment and tools for services provided in Sheridan County.

SCCF encourages organizations to submit applications to www.gnwkcf.org/hansen-grant for funding consideration by the first day of each month (rolling deadline).

Six categories are considered with making grants.

Education: Enhances the learning environment and expands opportunities for students. Provides increased self-reliance on personal life skills and workforce capability.

Health Care: Ensures access to quality health care services and promotes healthy life practices.

Community Social Services & Security: Enhance access to social services needed for individuals of special needs and supports systems to provide community disaster relief and general community emergencies.

Conservation & Environment: Support efforts to improve and maintain high air and water quality, appreciation for our natural environment and enhances economic and social benefits of outdoor resources.

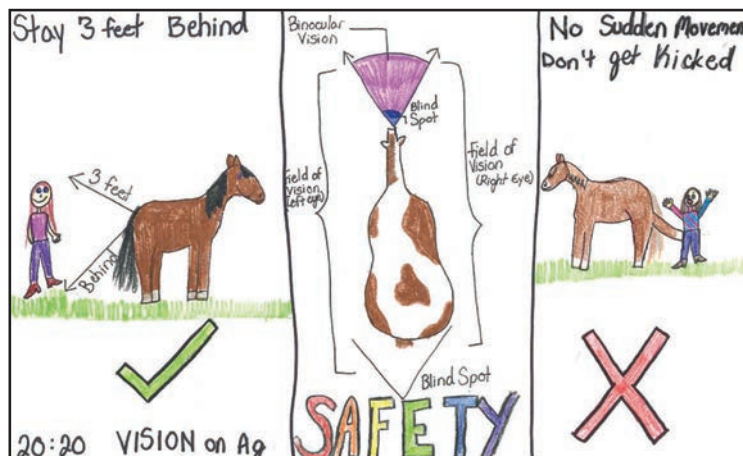
Arts & Culture: Provide cultural and artistic opportunities to enhance the quality of life for residents and to encourage tourism and the exchange of ideas.

Community Beautification: Support efforts to improve and maintain public spaces to enhance community pride and encourage socialization among residents.

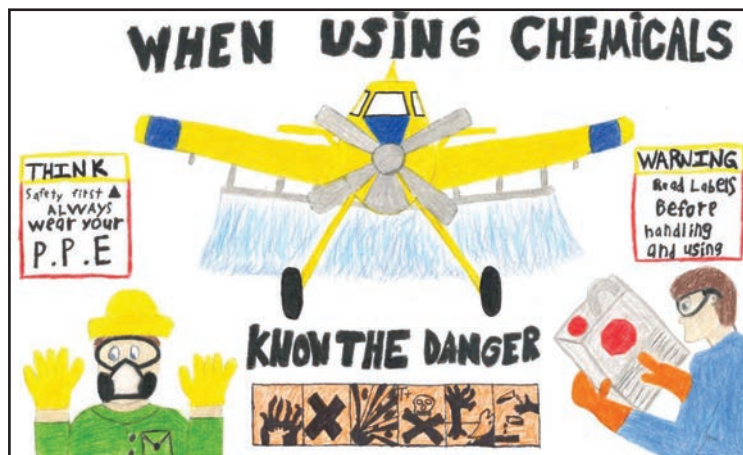
Contact Board Liaison Karl Pratt at karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com with questions regarding the application process.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/2x1dSVe>, and stay connected socially at www.facebook.com/sheridancsf.

Local Students Place in Kansas Farm Bureau 2020 State Safety Poster Program



Carley Cooper: Senior Division 3rd Place. (KFB photo)



Logan Heskett: Intermediate 3rd Place. (KFB photo)



Aubrey Diercks: Junior Division 5th Place. (KFB photo)

According to Clint Milliman, Board President for Sheridan County Farm Bureau, preventable injury is one of the leading causes of death for Kansas children. More children die annually from preventable, unintentional injuries than from all childhood diseases combined. This year, one child in four will suffer a preventable injury serious enough to require medical attention. The great tragedy is that most of these injuries can be prevented.

In an effort to reduce accidents by developing 'safety minded' youth, Kansas Farm Bureau has sponsored a Safety Poster Programs since 1950. Every year, several thousand youth in the first through sixth grades participate statewide.

Posters are judged on the county level and the top poster from each division is submitted for judging at the state level. Those posters were narrowed down to the top entries in each division then judged by a team of volunteers to determine the winning posters.

Clint is proud to announce that Aubrey Diercks from Hoxie was awarded 5th Place in the state for Division I, Logan Heskett from Hoxie was awarded 3rd place in the state for Division II; and Carley Cooper from Hoxie was awarded 3rd place in the state for Division III.

WHS Senior Spotlight: Morgan Zimmerman



By Isabella Ostmeyer, Staff Reporter

Morgan Zimmerman is the daughter of Richard and Deidre Zimmerman. Through her four years of high school she has participated in STUCO, NHS, art, FHSU math relays,

Kid Wind, DTP/yearbook, and powerlifting competition. She has also been involved in volleyball, basketball, and track all four years.

Morgan's favorite high school memory was her Junior year during sub-state volleyball when the Lady Thunderhawks beat Victoria in the Championship match. She said, "The thrill was amazing!"

Zimmerman has big plans for college as she plans to attend Wichita State University to earn a Bachelors in Graphic Design. Her favorite quote that she would like to share for all is "It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you're not."

Thank you for your time at Wheatland High School, Morgan, we will miss you lots!

GSJ Greenhouse Knows Northwest Kansas Supports Its Small Businesses



By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

What started as a single small greenhouse for personal use, has blossomed into three separate buildings, all fully stocked with plants and vegetables of the highest quality around. GSJ Katt Farms, owned and operated by Shirley Katt, sits just a mile and a half south of Grainfield on Hwy 23.

Shirley's passion for growing plants started when she was very young helping her Grandma Munk who lived south of Oakley and has since snowballed into a full-grown business. She started with a single hoop house and has since expanded to two more greenhouses, all built by herself, husband Gerald, and son Jordan; hence the

name GSJ - Gerald, Shirley, Jordan.

Every year Shirley says more and more customers arrive to purchase her quality plants which she prides herself in growing. Every single plant is started from either a seed or plug, fertilized, potted, and cared for by Shirley herself. That is one thing she says sets herself apart from the 'big box' stores. That, and the plants she raises are proven to thrive in our area's climate, and are mostly high-sun, drought resistant.

When asked how the COVID-19 virus has affected her business, Shirley is proud to share her appreciation for her customers' patience and understanding. "Customers are very patient, waiting in their cars for their turn. This is the best thing about northwest Kansas, people come support our small business, the people are amazing." Since Shirley already had this year's plants growing, there was no shortage of available plants or vegetables due to the virus. She also states more people

seem eager to start buying and planting this year.

Shirley also works at the Logan County Hospital as a Physical Therapist Assistant. The greenhouse operates on her 'off' days, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. This will last until the planting season slows down mid-June unless she sells out sooner.

The greenhouse is fully stocked in high quality annual and perennial flowers, plants, and vegetables, including a wide variety of tomato plants. With her favorite part of the business being the 'growing of the plants', Shirley looks forward to many years growing plants and possibly adding another greenhouse.

Her son Jordan, whose senior year at Wheatland high school has changed tremendously, has helped in the greenhouses more than any previous seasons. When you visit the GSJ Katt Farms greenhouse, you can feel the love the Katt family has put into the structures, and especially the plants.

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Words of Faith

"The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure..."
Tibetan proverb

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Apr. 28

Wheat	4.21
Corn	2.65
Milo	3.04
Beans	7.41

Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
4/19	74	42	--
4/20	74	39	--
4/21	74	36	.05"
4/22	77	49	--
4/23	78	45	--
4/24	79	48	--
4/25	68	39	--

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Words of Wisdom

It is characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things.
~Henry David Thoreau

Community News

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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

We are having some crazy weather pattern. Today, Sunday, in the 80's. We have had some beautiful spring days. With the stay at home rule there has been very little news. Most activities for May have been cancelled.

Tom Votapka and Sue Long recently learned of the passing of their uncle and former Kanona resident, Myron "Red" McKinley on March 18 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Myron was married to Tom and Sue's aunt Margaret Elaine (Johnson) McKinley, who passed one month later on April 19. Elaine graduated from Jennings High School with the class of 1948. Their aunt Betty Votapka, formerly of Oberlin and married to the late Carl Votapka, passed away in Kalispell, Montana on April 13. Inurnments will be held at the Jennings Cemetery and the Kanona Cemetery when the families are able to travel.

Remember friends and former Jennings residents who are now residing in Norton, Oberlin or any other nursing home. Send a card and brighten their day.

Mealsite Menu

Reservations Call 675-3154

May 4 ~ May 8

Monday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & gravy, Beets, Bread, Peaches

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots or Triangles, Asparagus, Bun, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday: Ground Beef Stroganoff, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Thursday: Pork Roast in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Onions, Carrots, Bread, Plums

Friday: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-3154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

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NEWS

from the
OUTSIDE
with **John Liester**

Another week gone by. More fish are being caught, including some huge crappies! Milford, Malvern, and Glen Elder seem to be the hot spots now. The turkeys are gobbling up a storm too! I heard one here in Oberlin this morning.

One thing that's happening now is that a lot more families are out fishing and playing together. It's just too bad it seems like they had to be forced into it. I really love seeing pictures of kids with their first fish! The smiles say it all. Speaking of fishing. It just tickles me to no end to have people ask how I am catching my fish. So, I tell them, in detail. Do they listen? Obviously not. If the fish are biting at say, ten pm, it should stand to reason to fish then. But no, let's go during the middle of the day and then whine and complain about not catching anything. Well, duh, what do you expect??

I think Saturday was the most boats and people I have ever seen at Norton. Which is a good thing. Get outside and get sunshine and fresh air. Connect with nature and each other.

I've been waiting for the circus to slow down before I go for turkeys again. When I'm hunting or fishing, I just don't care for crowds. Believe me, after you've had pellets dug out of you it's a game changer! I have scars, a lot of them. Please be extra careful because we hunters are dressed in full camouflage for this season! Don't shoot at sounds or movements. Be sure of your target!!

I just got an email stating that the state is going to start opening up. I hope so. I have had more than enough of this gestapo power grabbing by the governor. I think the lawsuit from the churches may have something to do with it. Our governor

Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Weekly Agenda is posted Monday afternoon to the Sheridan County Clerk's Office Facebook page and the Sheridan County website.
(http://www.kansas.gov/sheridan/).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020
Sheridan County Courthouse
Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Attendance Restricted

9am Joe Pratt, County Attorney
9:15am Old Business
9:30am Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Dept.

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Dr. Raquelle Bainter

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7am to 2pm and 4:30pm to 8pm
Thanks again and God Bless.

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Friday at JD's 11am-1pm

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Hoxie

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1325 15th St
Hoxie

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Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
Seguin

Commentary & SCHC News

For Your Own Good

By James Briggs

Most of us who support the Prez, the Constitution, and conservative values also support the police. Across the board. That is somewhat odd when you consider that the police in many areas are the stormtroopers who are enforcing ANTI-Constitutional rules created by people with an unclear agenda to spread irrational fear of a fairly innocuous virus.

A few sheriff's departments have said NO, publicly and loudly, to enforcing those ridiculous lockdown rules. Others, mostly in rural areas, are just quietly ignoring the overambitious politicians and bureaucrats and are letting life go on as normally as possible.

Thousands of law enforcement agencies, however, are out there forcefully backing the politics instead of the science. They have turned on us, and on the Constitution, they swore to uphold.

It reminds me of what Mr. Tweed said in the billiards parlor scene from *Gangs of New York*, "You can always hire one half of the poor to kill the other half."

Which is not far from being the truth.

But wait! The fun doesn't end there.

For information about what to expect from our great military folks that we routinely share fawning memes about, just read everything you can find about the *Bonus Army*.

The leader of the Marines declined angrily when President Hoover found a loophole in the Posse Comitatus Act and ordered him to clear out the peacefully protesting WWI vets who were camping in Anacostia Flats in D.C. It was during the Great Depression and the Commander understood that times were hard for those heroes of the Big One and he didn't feel that their asking for a pro-rated sum from the bonus promised to them when they enlisted to fight was unreasonable.

Sycophant Army General Patton and Major McArthur, though, wasted no time in getting their troops to use clubs, gases, caustic chemicals, and guns on our boys who had returned home to ticker-tape parades not long before.

Two protesters were killed,

officially, but Lou Keller, an old neighbor of ours in the 1950s and '60s in Michigan, was one of the guys who loaded the bodies into covered Army trucks. He sat forward on our couch and tearfully sobbed like a heartbroken child as he leaned on his cane and relived the day that he and his crew loaded up dozens of dead vets. He said blood spilled out of the backs of the trucks when they lurched away and when they changed gears.

His crew was not the only crew.

Where was the press, you ask? They were busy turning our war heroes into scofflaws, ne'er-do-wells and rabble-rousers. Kind of like they do now.

There are a lot of good cops and a lot of good soldiers in America. The vast majority, I would bet. However, many of them will have confused loyalties when they are ordered to stomp on our rights and heads if overreaching elected leaders say it's for our own good.

For that reason, we must always keep in mind that anyone who WORKS FOR the government IS the government.

Unfortunately, we may learn that lesson way too well, way too soon.

Editorial: Are We Free or Sheep?

By Viktorija Briggs

As we all know, COVID-19 has reached Sheridan County. It was just a matter of time. But then, every year, we also know that the flu season will arrive. The only difference being that we don't shut down over it. When it was first announced in the news, yes, I was as worried as the next person. Now, I'm furious.

It has become abundantly more clear each day that this is a test to see how freedom loving people will react to being told that a 'national emergency' has made it so that they cannot go to work or leave their homes, all for their 'own safety'. And the people (sheep) complied - no questions asked.

On the plus side, everyone worked to change their hygienic habits - good! People are more conscious of keeping 'safe space' from others - good! Especially considering how some people just seem to like stepping within your 'space', so now they don't because they're afraid of 'getting the cooties'.

But on the other end of the spectrum we have no hugs or hand-holding or outward expressions of love; in particular to those who are ill (not just COVID-19 ill, either) and they can't be tended to or fussed over by family. Sorry, but it is a fact that the presence of family can be the difference between striving for life and giving up to death.

Herd immunity is what will get everyone the anti-bodies they need to continually fight it - now and when it comes around again. It is with many diseases, including the various types of flu each year. There is no cure for a virus. Vaccines only help prevent it, or at least whatever one it is that is decided (correctly or incorrectly) to be the flu strain for that year. They're finding people with antibodies that were probably exposed last fall, before it supposedly even got to the U.S. But then they're finding out all kinds of facts about this whole situation that are more than a little hinky.

On the economic side of this situation is an outright blatant theft of the peoples'

livelihood. Stay at home. Don't go to work - unless your job is 'essential'. Who has the right to deem someone's job as unessential?! It is absolutely essential to that person and their family! *Never mind it is a violation of the Constitution.*

It can also be argued that every part of the 1st Amendment has been violated either directly or indirectly by the state and federal levels of government (and on the local level in many areas around the country). The freedom to petition the government has been curtailed by stay-at-home orders. One cannot engage in free speech activities such as holding up picket signs for a protest if that person cannot leave their home. Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-25 put out on Saturday, April 18, was in direct response to the social media call for a march on Topeka which successfully occurred on Thursday, April 23, with hundreds of peaceful protesters expressing their anger at being denied their right to 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness'. President Trump expressed his approval of these protests, which are now regularly happening around the country. So, rather than 'hearing' her constituents as President Trump has, Governor Kelly doubled down. Thankfully, regardless of what she wants, this ego-driven power play ends May 1...or May 3...or May 4 - who knows, they keep changing it. Soon, anyway.

What I absolutely DO NOT understand is how people are still staying home, still keeping their businesses closed?! And don't tell me it's because of COVID-19. IF that were the case, then they would

follow suit every single year when the flu season comes around, because the statistical numbers we're now seeing absolutely and completely nullify that argument. The flu is definitively far more deadly.

Freedoms can only be taken if we allow them to be taken away, and that is what is happening on a grandiose scale. The experiment has proven successful. The sheep will do what they are told. Now that this has been proven - beyond a doubt - just how many 'national emergencies' for our 'health and safety' will suddenly present themselves every other year or so? From their viewpoint, it is now "GAME ON!"

There are now a few people/business owners around the country that are standing up for their rights; opening their businesses despite gestapo tactics by their local law enforcement citing or arresting them based on their governor's unconstitutional executive orders that deprive the citizens of their rights all for 'their safety and the safety of others'. *You don't quarantine the healthy, you quarantine the ill.* That's how it's been done since the dawn of man. Have we really devolved so much that we can't think for ourselves; we must be herded and tended to and kept caged 'for our own good'? If that works for you, that's fine, but do not impose it on everyone else because *you're* afraid. It's time to stand up, 'man-up', and get back to work. You have families to feed, businesses to run, and a life to live - and no one has the right to deny you this.

What has happened to the America we grew up in? It's time to bring her back!



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HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

The Kenneth Democrat
Friday, April 20, 1886

This issue is missing.
125 Years Ago
May 2, 1895

Milo Conklin, of Oberlin, was a pleasant caller at this office Thursday.

Mr. Stickley, the miller, arrived Sunday and the mill is now running in full blast.

Mrs. Boise, the evangelist, called at this sanctum one day last week and awe had quite a pleasant chat with her. Mrs. Boise is a very pleasant lady to meet as she is posted on nearly every subject.

Miss May Lewis, of Norton, is visiting in the city, the guest of Miss Edna Hedge.

Mrs. Rarlett, of Collyer, is visiting with her daughter Mrs. Chas. Pearson, of this place.

An eight pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McPherson, April 26. All are doing nicely.

A letter from Charley Newland, a former Hoxie resident, announces the birth of a girl at his home on April 20.

The year 1895 promises to be a record breaker in Sheridan county in the way of births, good crops and general prosperity.

Ike Custer, of Menlo, was in the city Saturday and reported that he had the best prospects for a crop of wheat he has ever had.

D Deupree made a flying trip to Oberlin last week. He says what crops he saw along the road are looking well and if they don't yield well he will miss his guess.

Mrs. J. E. Colgan and the children left yesterday via Selden for Elmwood, Ills., where she will join her husband, who has steady employment in a machine shop there.

W. J. Gilchrist, who is seeding the Colman and Colgan farms to alfalfa, will not move his family from their abode in Bloomfield until his wheat crop is harvested.

Justice Zeigler had a case last week, wherein W. N. Horner sued Dr. Hall for a livery bill, but as his crops needed his attention and the parties interested wanted a continuance of 15 days he granted it.

A young lady down east by the name of Bowersocks was recently married to a man by the name of Smith. We don't blame her one bit, if we had a name like that we would change it too, yes even for Smith.

There was just one thing lacking at the Republican League meeting at Topeka. They had the pictures of McKinley and Harrison hung on the walls, and they should also have had that of Thomas B. Reed.

Bloomfield Babblings

Walter Barrett is herding for D. H. Dennison.

J. H. Harper is rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter.

Mrs. Isaac Zeigler visited at Mr. Chas Reeds last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Markham started Monday for an overland trip to the mountains. They take the trip in hopes of benefiting Mrs. Curry's health which has been very poor lately. Her many friends hope the trip may prove beneficial.

Jacob

Macgraw Items

Our Sunday School is changed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rev. Mapes addressed quite a large congregation Sunday night.

Reinie Baldwin has been working for Johnny Jumpangetit the past week.

Sunflower was at church Sunday and said that he had captured Tom Thumb for his dime museum.

Mr. Deleplain who had been expected for some time arrived here one day last week and has taken charge of his farm.

Pat

Lucerne Items

The "Siamese Twins" are trading horses for a livelihood of late.

Say, Grandpa stay with P. Hunter, if you need any help call on No 7.

Sherman Wilcox is the proudest man around Lucerne. It's a girl Sherman says.

B. Cooper and T. Wilcox went to Jennings last Friday to get their appropriation from the G. A. R.

No 7

100 Years Ago
April 29, 1920

Killed by Lightning

M. C. Zeigler received the sad news last week of the death of his uncle, Emmett Zeigler, of Kirksville, Missouri.

He was a school teacher and owing to high water had gone on horseback to his school and while on the way home was struck by lightening. He and the horse were both instantly killed.

He was the youngest brother of the late J. L. Zeigler and had visited here once.

Light Bonds Given a Good Majority

The bond election Monday brought out a good vote and the decision reached by the people is thoroughly representative because of the large vote, there being 151 votes for and 78 against the bonds.

The council will now be in a position to go ahead and give the people a good plant because their votes show that they want a good, efficient power station that will furnish plenty of current for the city's present needs with an adequate reserve for its future growth.

Local News

Mrs. Alice Fields has negotiated for the Toothaker property in this city and Mr. Babcock, who has occupied the property for some time, is now on the lookout for another place and he says he finds them mighty scarce, too.

Prof. H. E. Pearce and family were over from Hays and spent Sunday with Mrs. Pearce's mother. Mrs. T. J. Van Horn, and husband. The Pearces formerly lived here and the professor had charge of science and mathematics in our high school. Their numerous Hoxie friends were glad to see them again.

W. J. Gilchrist has sold his Hoxie residence to his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Williams, and is planning to take a two months' vacation. Saturday he will sell some of his household furniture at auction. Read his ad.

Farris Sloan, Charley Malcolm and Harry Hanshaw were down from Selden, Tuesday evening attending Masonic Lodge. Harry took the initiatory work in the order.

Robert Blum and wife were down from Menlo, Tuesday, and while here gave the *Sentinel* and order for some sale bills to help advertise a public sale which they will hold Wednesday, May 12. They have sold their farm and will look elsewhere for a location.

News from Fairview

By Peggy

They didn't have Sunday school or Christian Endeavor at Fairview Sunday on account of the rain.

Miss Thelma Porter spent Sunday afternoon at the home of C. J. Staubus.

Miss Myrtle Newman worked for Mrs. Tom L. Pratt last week.

Mr. Ralh Rowlison spent Sunday at home. He is working for Wallace Cooper.

Saline Pick-ups

By X. Y. Z.

Mrs. F. H. Phelps was on the sick list last week, but is some better at present writing.

Aubrey Breeden, who has been in the hospital at Hays, for the past five weeks, is improving nicely and is expected home soon.

Mrs. Stella Phelps and children left Wednesday for Wamego for a visit with friends and relatives.

Henry Epler, wife and daughter, Dorothy, and son, Milton, are visiting Ike Epler and wife near Garden City. Ralph and Freddie are kept very busy batching, looking after the setting hens, swapping eggs with the neighbors, etc.

Valley

By Gleaner

Miss Irene Crismore and her sister from eastern Kansas, are stopping at the Schropp home for the spring and summer. Miss Irene is here for her health.

Mrs. M. I. Woods will leave Thursday morning for Culver, Kansas, to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. T. McClure, and family.

Lawrence and Roscoe Hines visited with the sister, Mrs. Guy Kent, at Lenora last weekend.

75 Years Ago
April 26, 1945

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Ads from *The Hoxie Sentinel* from 125 years ago. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

Meeting

The Brotherhood Organization of the Methodist Church entertained the ladies to a dinner on Wednesday evening, April 11th. About seventy men and women enjoyed the roast beef dinner prepared and served by the men. LaVerne Pickett played two piano solos; L. M. Miller welcomed the ladies; Mrs. C. S. Percival responded in behalf of the women. All took part in the group singing. The men had election of officers with the following results; Alex Fromme will be the president for the ensuing year; Roscoe Blackford will be the vice president and Dorrance Steinsouer will be the secretary.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Sam Pickett is home from the hospital and improving, but slowly. Mrs. Mildred Duncanson Pearson is helping with the work at the Pickett home.

Pfc. Marvin Launchbaugh is leaving today after a ten day furlough at home.

Mrs. Bertha Leister and little son Joe returned Monday from ten days spent with friends in Atwood.

Mrs. Charlie Haynes spent

the weekend in the country at the Albert Barr home.

Corp. Harley Wendell Adams is with the Marines on Okinawa Island. His mother, Mrs. Nannie Adams heard from him on Monday of this week.

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. James Sproul and the Ervin Morgan family were entertained to dinner and for the day Sunday at the Chester Andregg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Organ and Loren Lee Launchbaugh were dinner guests Tuesday evening at the John Launchbaugh home. This was especially in honor of Pfc. Marvin Launchbaugh who was home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morgan had dinner Sunday with the Wilbur Morgan family.

The Elmer Weeks family of Colby had dinner and spent the day, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weeks.

Studley Items

The G and G Club met with Mrs. Jess Williams Thursday.

Mrs. C. C. McGuire accompanied Wade Thompson to Hays Sun. to see Mrs. Thompson, who is recovering

from a recent operation at the Hays hospital.

There will be a dinner at the schoolhouse Friday for the children and their parents.

Earl Stout was in Morland Sat.

Midway Unit

Club met with Mrs. Clay Duff April 19th for an afternoon meeting. There were ten members and one visitor present.

The last part of the lesson on "Fire Prevention" was given by the project leaders Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Lea Chapman. They ask us to remind all the members who were unable to attend the meeting, to bring their ironing board covers to the next meeting, which will be with Mrs. A. J. Popp May 3rd.

Archie Horner brought Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Horner home from Kansas City the first part of the week.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fore spent Wed eve at W. C. Morgans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Transue ate Mon. supper and spent the eve with Mrs. Maggie Transue in Quinter.

The Square Top school closed Thursday with a basket dinner at noon by the patrons of the district.

Leslie Sample had some teeth extracted by Dr. Haynes at Wakeeney on Monday.

Tasco Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woods.

Mrs. Con Russell and Mrs. Laura Houseworth called on Mrs. Gene Pfeifer for a short visit on Thurs.

Mrs. Nell Karnes and Mrs. Gene Pfeifer helped Mrs. Chas. Taylor hang paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Taylor and family spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Karnes and family.

50 Years Ago
April 30, 1970

Weeks Standard is Celebrating

Murl Weeks, owner of Weeks Standard Service on Hiway 24 in Hoxie is holding an anniversary celebration this Friday and Saturday to celebrate his first year at the new location.

Knighthood Degrees Conferred Here

The Hoxie Knights of Columbus were hosts to the Knighthood Degree (3rd Degree) Sunday afternoon at St. Frances Church in Hoxie with initiation ceremonies at 4 o'clock. Members of the Knighthood Degree team were Harold Kennedy, Clarence Hedge, John Geerdes, Clarence Wegman, Vince Bange, Al Krannawitter, Elmer Richmeier, Gerald Heim, Ray Beckman and Jerome Heim.

Broadway News

Dr. and Mrs. Shaner arrived the past week and are guests at Dave Popp's.

Mrs. Murl Simon went to Hays Saturday. One of Lawrence Simons little boys was in the hospital over night. He lost two fingers in a door going shut.

Vicki Richards sister and brother spent the weekend with them.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bob White Sr. visited Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Legere and family at Greensburg the weekend of April 18. They returned home on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt and Rick attended the FFA banquet at Hoxie High School Monday night, April 20.

Mrs. Hazel Aumiller, Mrs. Sylvia Wentte, Mrs. Maudie Bell and Mrs. Eva Moore were Thursday guests of Mrs. Esther Brandt.

McGraw News

Mrs. Helen Tice and Mrs. Jim Bainter, Gary and Brenda were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Loughry of Norton.

The Victory Club met with Mrs. Harley Carlton Thursday afternoon.

A potluck supper was held at the McGraw Church Sunday evening in honor of Warren Bainter who has returned to the States after serving with the armed forces in Germany. Warren showed slides of Germany and France.

Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Mable Treu on April 23.

This was the last meeting for the club until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Treu and Carol visited at the Emil Alaska home in Hoxie Monday night.

Mildred Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. David Schlingloff and Steven visited Mamie Hedge, Merle and Clarence last Sunday.

Mrs. Bud Jones called on Anna Smith and Clayton Hedge at the Graham County Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fortin are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bray Dooley, Mr. Dooley and boys in Mora, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. August Karls visited Mike Karls at the Good Samaritan Home Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Charley Vavroch and children.

Clara Krim of Oberlin visited friends in Leoville Sunday evening.

Mickey's Want Ads

Use 2-4-D with Banvel D on your weeds and dandelions; chlordane for the bugs, and Acme spray on your fruit trees.

Gerald: "Were you ever troubled with athlete's foot?"

Harold: "Just once, when a football player caught me out with his girl."

A shipment of beautiful new lamp shades has just arrived. Dress up our old lamp with a New Look.

25 Years Ago
April 27, 1895

Sheriff's Report

On April 19 the sheriff's department received information that there was a person living at the motel in Selden that was wanted by the Unites States Army for desertion from Ft. Bragg, N.C. Upon investigation of the information the sheriff's department arrested Patrick S. McCracken and held him in the Sheridan County jail until the Military Police from Ft. Riley arrived to transport him back to face charges on desertion.

Selden Happenings

Laura Berls was hostess to the senior citizens Thursday. Betty James congratulated Carol Shaw on earning the 1,000 hours of service to the community since she has been a member of the RSVP. Nine Selden members and five from Hoxie attended the awards banquet Wednesday night. We all enjoyed the delicious dinner, and the entertainment and dancing later. On Thursday there were five tables of pinochle. High was won by Louise Reichert, second by Gerald Sloan and low by Amelia Juenemann. We were glad to have Gerald join the RSVP.

McGraw News

Norma Tice visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tice and Brandon on Saturday morning.

David Herrmann returned home to Colorado Springs on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann and David, and Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh had pizza with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl Friday night.

Saturday Wes Bainter, Mark Heim and Jeff Brown worked cattle and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter. Raquelle Bainter visited this week.

Jennings-Allison News

John Tacha and family from Lawrence were guests of punch and Mildred Tacha last week.

Easter dinner guests of Bill Brocks were Bertha Brock, Blanche and Arch Harman, and Bob and Shirley White.

Sue Long, Park, was an Easter dinner guest of Mary and Tom Votapka, rural Jennings.

Rexford News

Guests of Lawrence and Zula Horinek for Easter were Jackie Gilkerson of Colby and Sally and Bob Seitz of Denver, Colo.

Rex and Betty Carswell spent Easter weekend with Steve and Terry Salter and Jaimee in McPherson.

Edwin Schulte was a dinner guests of Alfred and Jean Hawkins for Easter.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt went to Wakeeney Sunday afternoon to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Joe and Elsie Vsetecka at the VFW.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reidel of Derby were Saturday overnight guests of Gene and Viola Riedel. They called on Roy and Beryl Covalt Sunday morning.

NWKS News

Gov. Kelly Settles with Churches

Senate President Susan Wagle had this to say following breaking news that the legal battle against two Kansas churches and Governor Kelly's unconstitutional executive order is over:

"Governor Kelly has given up contesting her unconstitutional church ban in federal court. She has agreed not to enforce her blatantly discriminatory order by agreeing to let churches safely meet indoors while practicing the same social distancing measures she rejected two weeks ago. Governor Kelly has been told by the legislature and the Kansas Attorney General for almost a month the order violates the United States and Kansas Constitutions. I'm glad she's finally realized her order unfairly targeted churches while allowing bars and restaurants to remain exempt. It's unfortunate she had to waste so much time and money in court and ultimately be reprimanded by a federal judge for her to get the picture."

Consumer Corner: Know Your Rights Regarding Monthly Payments

By Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

The COVID-19 pandemic and federal, state and local government responses to the virus have unfortunately created significant financial hardship for millions of Americans. In fact, more than 26 million Americans have filed claims for unemployment benefits over the past five weeks. It's important that if you, your family members or friends are having trouble making payments on a home mortgage or car loan, you know your rights and know the available avenues for assistance.

Regarding your home, the governor last month issued Executive Order 20-06 to temporarily prohibit foreclosures across the state in an effort to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. This order is currently effective through May 1. However, even with this order in place, if you are behind on your payments it's best not to ignore the issue. Here are some tips to help you handle the situation:

- Look for help as soon as possible by contacting either your lender or a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-approved counselor for free assistance. The number to find a HUD counselor near your location is (800) 569-4287.
- Make sure to open all statements, notices and correspondence from your

Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The deadline for the scholarships administered by the Kansas Board of Regent has been moved back to June 1. Included in this program is the Kansas Career Workforce Grant, The Ethnic Minority Scholarship, The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship, and more. Go to <https://bit.ly/2Y9o8pD> to check this out.

The Kansas Future Teachers Academy at Emporia State will not be held in person this year. In place of the traditional academy, KFTA plans to offer a series of online speaker events for teachers and future teachers. As speaker events are finalized, updates will be provided here.

You're graduating! We know these are unusual times, with unusual ways of celebrating, but nonetheless, we want to celebrate YOU! Grab your family and join us as we celebrate your accomplishments - and give away premium gifts, too! KSU-Polytechnic will be hosting the Class of 2020 Extravaganza on

Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m.

Questions? Contact the Office of Admissions at polytechnic@k-state.edu or 785-826-2640. You can register at <https://bit.ly/3eWnqSE>.

Many Seniors would have been using these last couple of months to visit schools again and finalize their college decision. Juniors would be setting up initial campus visits to get a feel for where they may be interested in applying this Fall. Unfortunately, with campus visits brought to a halt, many students are having to find alternative methods for researching potential school options.

Natalie Wallace, ESU admissions rep, would love to offer a zoom meeting for you and any students that may be interested in having a "face to face" conversation about Emporia State University. This is open to any student that wants to participate. Contact Natalie at nwallac1@emporia.edu.

Most colleges are providing this opportunity, including virtual tours. Check their websites or contact your counselor.

KAWSE will again be hosting Career Chats. Maisie Edmonson will be doing so on April 28, 2pm. Maisie is currently a sophomore majoring in Interior Architecture and Product Design. With her degree, she hopes to design spaces that change the world. Engineers Without Border will have a group presentation on April 29, 10am. Engineers Without Borders is an international organization dedicated to providing engineering solutions to communities that need them. In this Career Chat, several members of the KSU Engineering Without Borders will share more about their experiences and majors. You can register for either Career Chat at <https://bit.ly/3aWaalj>. This is for students grades 6-12.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Every Tuesday: Trojan Tuesdays Enrollment Days for Colby CC

May 1-Deadline to apply for O'Brate Foundation Scholarship
May 8-Registration deadline for June 13 ACT

June 1-Deadline to apply Kansas Board of Regent Scholarships
June 19-Registration deadline for July 18 ACT.

USDA Approves Program to Feed Kids in Kansas and Virginia

Pandemic EBT to Feed Children during COVID-19 National Emergency

(Washington, D.C., April 27, 2020) U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced Kansas and Virginia have been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), signed by President Trump, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.

This latest action complements previously announced flexibilities for the Child Nutrition programs that:

- Allow parents and guardians to pick up meals to

WHS NHS Members Get Creative in Quarantine

By Laredo Allemang, WHS Staff Reporter

With everyone in quarantine, NHS members have had to become creative with their service projects. On April 22, it was Secretary's Day, and they celebrated by thanking the USD 291 and 292 secretaries for their service. They thanked the secretaries by sending them a note of appreciation and some cookies baked by member Jordyn Vincent.

A regular activity for the NHS is to go to the grade school and read to the children. Since they can't read to the elementary students face-to-face, Wheatland's NHS has taken to Facebook. The members are posting videos to the Fans of the Thunderhawks' page of themselves reading, so the young students can watch and listen.

Diane Wetter says, "NHS members enjoy doing these service projects. Service is one of the four pillars of the National Honor Society. The other three pillars are scholarship, character, leadership. NHS members continue to serve as positive role models to younger students throughout the days of the Covid-19 Pandemic, albeit online."

GPHS BeTheLight Campaign Every Friday



Golden Plains High School is honoring the Class of 2020 every Friday night until their scheduled graduation date by lighting up the football field and scoreboard at 8:20 pm (20:20 in military time) for 20 minutes and 20 seconds as part of the #BeTheLight Campaign. Seniors and their families and friends are encouraged to drive by the field in honor of the seniors during this time. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, no social gathering can take place. Support the GPHS Senior Class of 2020 by driving by the field in Rexford each Friday until May 8. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

mortgage lender. If a response is required, respond as soon as possible.

- Avoid companies that claim to help with mortgage modification and foreclosure prevention or recovery. These companies often charge large, upfront fees to assist you. Often, the assistance they provide is the same service you can get for free. Contact HUD for a local counselor.

- If you are having difficulty managing your finances, you may wish to explore credit counseling options. For a list of approved credit servicing agencies in Kansas you may visit the Kansas Office of the State Banking Commissioner's website at www.osbckansas.org.
- Know your mortgage rights. Review your loan documents so you know what your lender may do if you don't make your payments. Discuss potential legal issues or problems with a qualified attorney.

Here are some tips to help you handle your monthly car payments if you're unable to make them because you've lost your job or your income due to the COVID-19 response:

- Again, don't avoid the issue. Be proactive and contact your lender. Certain financial institutions are allowing people to delay payments or renegotiate payment schedules. Make sure to get any kind of agreement in writing.

- It might make sense to refinance your loan with a lower interest rate or a longer term. If you plan to refinance, make sure it is with a credible lender.

- If you miss payments, you could be charged a lot more in fees and hurt your credit. Thankfully, many lenders have voluntarily halted reposessions during the COVID-19 pandemic, but rather than being surprised with a repossession it's best to contact your lender proactively and find out your options if you know you can't make your payments on time.

- Kansas has rules about how cars can be repossessed and what happens after. If lenders break the rules, they might lose other rights against you or have to pay you damages. If your car does get repossessed, you might still owe money for the difference between what the car sells for and what you still owe on it. An attorney can help walk you through the process on how to challenge a repossession or a deficiency judgment.

The most important takeaway is to be proactive. Talk to your home or auto lender to find out your options and make a plan.

More information about your rights regarding your monthly home and car payments is available at www.InYourCornerKansas.org or by calling our consumer protection hotline at (800) 432-2310.

BOE Minutes 4/13/20

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Hoxie Grade School Library in Hoxie, Kansas.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT WERE:

BOARD MEMBERS: Billi Beckman, Margery Haas, Leonard Weber, Lola Baalman, Michael Bretz, Reba White, Devan Castle

SUPERINTENDENT: Jim Howard

CLERK: Mandy Shipley

PRINCIPAL: Mark Wildeman
VIRTUAL GUESTS: Four community members (all were in and out of the meeting at various times, but all had exited and did not return after 7:35 PM)

Special Note: The meeting was broadcasted using audio only zoom link features regarding Board members with Superintendent Jim Howard serving as the "face" of the meeting, with his device being the only one with the video feature enabled. Meetings held with virtual capabilities will be a work in progress until the best method is discovered. Thank you for your patience as we work out unexpected

challenges with technology.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mandy Shipley announced who was in physical attendance at the meeting to ensure the virtual participants were aware as they only had access to audio of the meeting.

Billi Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Margery Haas moved and Reba White seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of item (g) under the Consent Agenda, Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Hoxie KNEA, and changing the title of agenda item (a) under New Business from Substitute Teacher Pay to Approve Classified Pay Resolution and Plan. Mandy Shipley took a roll call vote and the motion passed 7-0.

The Board recognized the virtual visitors present.

There were no communications to the Board to address.

Leonard Weber moved, and Margery Haas seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mandy Shipley took a roll call vote and the motion passed 7-0.

The Board reviewed their goals.

1. All employees will receive effective evaluations that reflect their actual performance.

- Winter Coach Evaluations were available and set to be discussed in the executive session for personnel under New Business.

2. Technology will be developed to complement student

learning

- Jim Howard delivered the technology report. He updated the Board on the status of the new phone system, letting them know that there were still a few issues being addressed as far as call forwarding, staff training and access, and intercom capabilities. He also gave them a brief update on Category 1 & 2 E-rate.

3. The Guidance Department will be developed to assist all student to have success in our District

- There was no physical report to review and Mark Wildeman did not have anything to add in addition to what he was going to discuss in his Principal's report.

Jim Howard shared his Principal's Report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He stated how proud he was of the teacher's flexibility and adaptability in this time of our temporary new "normal" school environment. He did not have much to discuss due to the daily and weekly updates provided to the Board, staff and community through social media, email, and text messages.

Mark Wildeman shared his Principal's Report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He updated the Board on the current state of remote learning for his building and provided an answer to a prior Board meeting question about uniform rotation by giving them plans through 2022. He also discussed options being considered for graduation and

prom. He emphasized that neither event was off the table at this point, depending on the guidance from the state as we move into the late spring and summer months. He informed the Board that it was decided to cancel 8th Grade Promotion, with the hope to recognize those students at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. He concluded his report by informing the Board of the progress with the sound system for the stadium and by commending the students for their engagement in the remote learning process.

Leonard Weber attended the prior NKEESC Board meeting by phone in place of Devan Castle and gave a brief report on the meeting. Minutes were provided. Margery Haas had nothing to report for a Legislative Update.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report provided by Darla Zerr and Jim Howard added that the current meal system in place will end on our scheduled last day of school, May 22. The district is currently looking at solutions and options to continue the program throughout the summer and updates will be provided to the community as they become available.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendent's Report. With the daily and weekly updates he provides, he discussed only the possible economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for schools in Kansas in the future, and provided the Board with the reading series selection for the Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year. He added that

bring home to their kids;

- Temporarily waive mealtime requirements to make it easier to pick up multiple-days' worth of meals at once;

- Allow meals to be served in non-congregate settings to support social distancing;

- Waive the requirement that afterschool meals and snacks served through certain programs be accompanied by educational activities to minimize exposure to the novel coronavirus; and
- Allow states, on an individual state-by-state basis, to serve free meals to children in all areas, rather than only those in areas where at least half of students receive free or reduced-price meals.

Today's announcement

is the latest in a series of actions that USDA's Food and Nutrition Service has taken to uphold the USDA's commitment to "Do Right and Feed Everyone". These actions and more are part of USDA's focus on service during the COVID-19 outbreak. To learn more about FNS's response to COVID-19, visit www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that leverage American's agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy.

grades 7-12 would realign and plan for a new series next year to roll out in the 2021-2022 school year.

Reba White moved, and Leonard Weber seconded a motion to approve the Classified Payment Resolution & Plan as presented. Mandy Shipley took a roll call vote and the motion passed 7-0.

Leonard Weber moved, and Reba White seconded a motion to approve the bids from Meyer Electric and Heim TV & Appliance to install air conditioning in the Grade School Gym as presented. Mandy Shipley took a roll call vote and the motion passed 7-0.

All virtual guests present left the meeting at 7:35 PM. Voting by usual means resumed (show of hands with the Board President stating the result of the vote) through the end of the meeting, as no virtual guests rejoined for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:36 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 2 hours with the Board, Jim Howard and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:36 PM in the BOE room (Weber/Haas 7-0).

The Board took a break at 9:37 PM and returned to open session at 9:41 PM.

The Board moved to accept the resignation of Bailey Jurek as 5th Grade teacher at the completion of the 2019-2020 school year (Bretz/Castle 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the

resignation of Casey Ballard as JR/SR High Agricultural Science teacher and FFA sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year (Baalman/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the resignation of Lucas Burmeister as Forensics sponsor at the completion of the 2019-2020 school year (Haas/Bretz 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the hiring of Dana Baier as 6th Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year (Bretz/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the hiring of Jennifer Bultena as JR/SR High Agricultural Science teacher and FFA sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year (Haas/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the hiring of Jaclyn Carder as JR/SR High Family and Consumer Science Teacher and FCCLA sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year (White/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the hiring of Breanna Brown as JR/SR High Math and Title I teacher for the 2020-2021 school year (Bretz/Baalman 7-0).

The Board moved to approve the Winter and Spring Coaches and all Sponsors for the 2020-2021 school year as presented (Bretz/Weber 6-1). Devan Castle abstained from voting resulting in a "no" vote.

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 9:47 PM.

BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT

Approved this 11th day of May 2020

MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK





Farm News

President Trump Urged to Address Payment Limits for Farmers and Ranchers

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) today sent a letter to President Trump urging him to eliminate payment limits for livestock, dairy and specialty crop producers in the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

The COVID-19 crisis has caused significant damage to agriculture operations across the country. The CARES Act provided \$23.5 billion to support farmers and ranchers, including \$9.5 billion for livestock, dairy and specialty crop producers, as well as farmers supplying local food systems. This assistance provided through the CFAP will help provide farmers and ranchers with critical relief. However, the payment limits included in the CFAP will significantly reduce the program's effectiveness for many family-owned farms and ranches facing unprecedented losses due to the COVID-19 crisis.

"The COVID-19 crisis has caused unprecedented damage to the livestock, dairy and specialty crop industries," the Senators wrote. "Agricultural economists have estimated over \$13 billion in harm to the cattle industry and \$5 billion to the pork industry due to the pandemic, with many billions more in injury to dairies, fruit, nut, and vegetable producers, and the horticulture and floriculture industry. As is true for many other small businesses across the country, this financial

harm comes through no fault of these farmers and ranchers, nor is it the result of typical market forces. As such, these relief payments should aim to indemnify as much loss as possible without restrictive payment limitations."

This letter was cosigned by Senators Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Doug Jones (D-Ala.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), David Perdue (R-Ga.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Martha McSally (R-Ariz.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), and Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.).

This letter is supported by the American Farm Bureau Federation, AmericanHort, American Sugar Alliance, Farm Credit Council, Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Milk Producers Federation, National Pork Producers Council, National Potato Council, United Fresh Produce Association, U.S. Cattlemen's Association, and Western Growers Association.



By Alyssa Rippe-May, Twin Creeks Extension District Agent - Livestock and Farm Management

"K-State Resources Brought to Your Home"

In normal times, it can be hard to distinguish between what we now call real news versus fake news. In the middle of a pandemic, telling what information is truthful and what information is not is quite a bit more difficult. But not to worry, information from K-State Research and Extension is always research based; no bias here. So, how do you connect with our research-based resources? There are a myriad of ways.

Do you prefer more traditional, print methods of receiving your information? If so, our newspaper articles can be found in all our Twin Creeks District newspapers. Each week, one of our Extension agents writes a column focused on a timely topic in their subject area. If you are reading this article, you already found this resource. Good for you! However, did you know we still create a bi-monthly newsletter, too? It can be found on our Twin Creeks District Facebook page, emailed directly to your inbox, or mailed to you. If you want to join our newsletter subscription list, just contact your local Twin Creeks District office.

Do you want access to our publications or fact sheets on specific topics, like tree species that do best in Northwest Kansas or data showing the outcomes of implanting your calves? We have those too. We can mail them to you, email them to you, or just show you the link to find them on our K-State Research and Extension website yourself.

Are you interested in a more techy way to interact with us? We have you covered there too. See our K-State Research

and Extension Twin Creeks District Facebook page for regular posts on timely topics and information on upcoming virtual Extension education. Visit our Twin Creeks District website, twincreeks.ksu.edu, for information on horticulture, crops, consumer sciences, 4-H, and way more. Find articles written by our KSRE agents and specialists, links to research-based publications specific to our area and needs, videos on timely topics, and much more. Any page you visit via our Twin Creeks District site is research-based. Do you prefer to listen to your information instead? K-State Research and Extension has started a daily podcast, The Extension Files. Our KSRE marketing team interviews specialists on a variety of topics like what to do when your income drops, tips for growing a great garden, food safety during a pandemic, and much more. Find it wherever you access your podcasts.

So why worry about fake news versus real news? Just check out our K-State Research and Extension resources with full confidence that what you learn there is based on science, not opinion.

"Soil Tests"

Getting ready to plant your garden? If you have not completed a soil test in the last couple years, now is a great time to check out the nutrient composition of your soil and make any amendments prior to planting. So, what's the process for a test? It's simple. You will begin by taking a representative sample of your garden. You can either use a soil probe (available at all our Twin Creeks District offices) or a shovel. To avoid non-representative samples, take a series of samples throughout your garden in a "W" pattern. Each sample should be 6 to 12 inches deep. Combine all your samples in a clean

Agricultural Safety - Tornado Season

As Kansas is in "Tornado Alley," it is important to stay vigilant as we enter the peak months of tornado season. These violently rotating columns of air can last for as little as a few seconds or as long a few hours. Deadly tornadoes can move as fast as 300 miles an hour.

Even though most Kansans have seen or lived through a tornado, it is always important to be reminded of the safety tips that could end up saving your life.

- Know the difference between a tornado watch and warning. A watch means a tornado is possible, a warning means a tornado is already occurring or will occur soon.
- Identify a safe place in your home where household members and pets will gather during a tornado: a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- In a high-rise building, pick a hallway in the center of the building. You may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor.
- In a mobile home, choose a safe place in a nearby sturdy building. If your mobile home park has a designated shelter, make it your safe place. No mobile home is safe in a tornado.
- If you are outdoors, try to seek shelter around you. If you can't quickly walk to a shelter, get to a vehicle and drive to one. Remember to wear your seatbelt and avoid bridges and highway overpasses. If the winds pick up and debris starts flying, make sure to pull over and park. Keep your engine and seatbelt on and make sure to put your head below the window, covering it with your hands or a blanket.

Resources: National Geographic's Tornadoes, explained, American Red Cross's Tornado Safety Tips

bucket, then mix thoroughly. Finally, remove just 1 pint to submit. If you have one area of your garden that is particularly troublesome, you may want to submit an additional sample from just that area.

Once you are ready to turn in your soil sample, give your local Twin Creeks District office a call and we will make arrangements for drop-off. We will walk you through a quick one-page sheet to collect additional information about your garden that helps the laboratory make the best possible recommendations for your soil. Finally, we will send the sample off to our K-State Soil Testing

PPP & EIDL Programs Expected to Include Farmers & Ranchers

On April 21, the Senate passed additional aid for Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan programs. If passed by the house and signed by the President, an additional \$310 Billion will be available for PPP, of that at least \$60 billion for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), minority depository institutions and smaller lenders. It also provides another \$50 billion for the EIDL program.

The most notable change in this round of funding would be that farms and ranches would be eligible to apply for EIDL loans.

It is expected the House will vote on the aid package today (April 23). If passed, the programs could open back up again as early as Friday. It is advisable to apply as soon as possible for these programs become available again as it's expected these programs will run out of money as quickly as the first package.

For more details on these individual programs visit KRC's COVID-19 page or the Small Business Administrations' websites listed below.

Paycheck Protection Program - The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. Farms are eligible to apply for this however please read KRC's breakdown in our FAQs for more information.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan- The CARES Act expands the Small Business Administration's long-standing Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL). The EIDL program was created to assist businesses, renters, and homeowners located in regions affected by declared disasters.

Laboratory. The total cost per sample is around \$20 for a standard test, and it takes about 2 weeks to receive your soil report back from the lab. The report will give you recommendations on any soil amendments needed as well as information on what fertilizers you should plan to use this year to help your garden grow to its peak production.

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AFBF Updates CARES Act, CFAP Information

To provide immediate financial assistance to farmers and ranchers impacted by COVID-19, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act provided the secretary of Agriculture with an immediate \$9.5 billion and the Commodity Credit Corporation with a \$14 billion replenishment, which will be available in July (What's in the CARES Act for Food and Agriculture). On April 17, USDA unveiled details of the much-anticipated CARES Act assistance package for agriculture, which includes \$16 billion in direct payments to farmers and ranchers and \$3 billion in food product purchases for distribution.

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), crafted using funding in the CARES Act, is made of two components: direct payments to farmers and ranchers totaling \$16 billion, and \$3 billion in food product purchases for distribution.

The direct payments will financially assist producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand due to COVID-19.

The food product purchases, and the distribution initiative will bring farmers and food banks closer together. Read the Market Intel update to learn more.

Additional details, updated as information changes, is available at <https://bit.ly/2W1kiwa>.

USDA Direct Farmer Aid

The USDA announced on April 17 the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, a provision of the CARES Act that provides \$19 billion in immediate relief for farmers and ranchers, food banks, and other organizations addressing food access needs in communities.

As reported by the USDA, the program will provide:

1. Direct Support to Farmers and Ranchers: The program will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted and will assist producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19.
2. USDA Purchase and Distribution: USDA will partner with regional and local distributors, whose workforce has been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion

Coronavirus and Agriculture Webinar Series

In light of increased uncertainty, we are all facing, *farmdoc* is offering additional webinars. The "Coronavirus and Agriculture" is a continuing webinar series occurring on Tuesdays and Fridays. New registrations are taken at <http://go.illinois.edu/fddLive>. Webinars available include:

Ag Trade
Tuesday, April 28
11 - 11:45 a.m. CST

Livestock
Friday, May 1
11 - 11:45 a.m. CST

Food Consumption in China
Tuesday, May 5
11 - 11:45 a.m. CST

Registration is free however pre-registration is required. The registration is limited to 1,000 participants.

Letters Sent to USDA to Drop CFAP Payment Limits

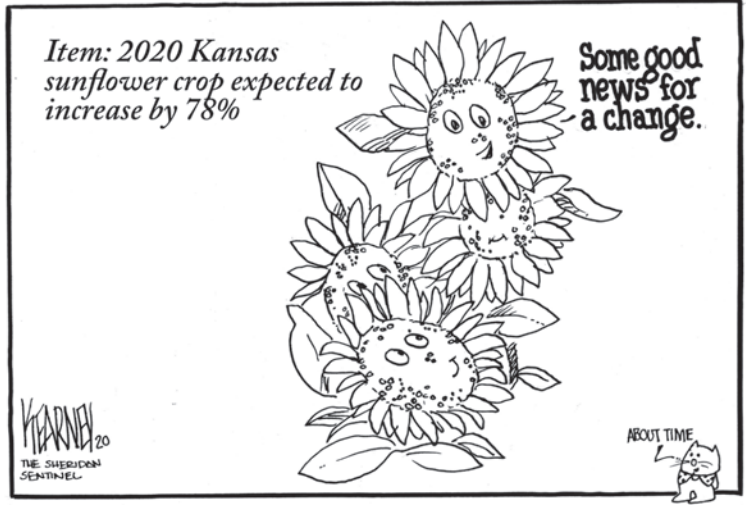
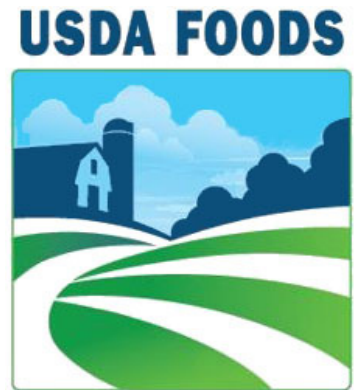
In response to the COVID-19 national emergency and its impact on agriculture, USDA is providing \$19 billion in immediate relief to provide critical support to America's farmers and ranchers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

CFAP places a \$125,000 per commodity and \$250,000 per individual or entity payment limits, which would severely restrict the program's effectiveness for many family-owned farms and ranches across the country. It is also unprecedented for livestock and dairy producers to be put under a payment limit cap.

Bipartisan letters, signed by Senators Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts on the Senate side and Representatives Marshall, Watkins and Estes on the House letter, were sent to USDA to drop the payment limits for livestock, dairy and produce farmers in CFAP.

in fresh produce, dairy, and meat. This is called the USDA Food Box Distribution Program. This link provides more information on how to become a USDA contractor.

Many details are still forthcoming about how funds will be dispersed, how farms can apply for direct support and the Food Box Program.



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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION STATE OF KANSAS SHERIDAN COUNTY K.S.A. 25-204

In accordance with the provisions of KSA 25-204, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held August 4, 2020. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

One candidate for United States Senate
One candidate for United States Representative – 1st District
One candidate for State Senate – 40th District
One candidate for State Representative – 118th District
One candidate for District Court Judge – 15th District, 1st, 2nd Divisions
One candidate for District Magistrate Judge – 15th District, 3rd Position

One candidate for County Commissioner – 2nd District
One candidate for County Commissioner – 3rd District
One candidate for County Clerk
One candidate for County Treasurer
One candidate for County Register of Deeds
One candidate for County Sheriff
One candidate for County Attorney

One candidate for Township Trustee and Township Treasurer in each of the following townships: Adell, Bowcreek, Solomon and Valley

The following officers will be elected in each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

One Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct
One Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done this 9th day of April, A.D. 2020.

Heather Bracht
Sheridan County Election Officer

(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel April 30, 2020)

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel April 30, 2020)

NOTICE -Taxpayers- MAY 11, 2020 is Deadline for Second Half 2019 Taxes

Reminder

Please mail your copy of receipt off your statement to:
Sheridan Co. Treas., P.O. Box 899, Hoxie, KS 67740
or pay online at:
www.kansas.gov/propertytax.

The second half of the 2019 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before May 11, 2020 your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes will be published by name, last known address and tax amount as per K.S.A. 19-547.

Shirley Niermeier
Sheridan County Treasurer

(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel May 7, 2020)

Commission Minutes 4/1/20

Now on this 1st day of April 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Troy Dewey presiding. Others present were Wes Bainter, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Commissioner Joe Bainter was absent. Guest was Rachel Farber.

Dewey called the meeting to order.

Pratt stated after doing more research people interested in hauling for the County should have at a minimum a KDOT number and a Kansas commercial tag. This would then put them under safety regulations as they pertain to drug testing, CDL, and how many hours they can run. Pratt will revise the agreement and the individual can determine if it is feasible.

Pratt discussed the need to re-up the current Road Repair Agreement for Spresser Excavating so that it is current. The estimate sheet will be attached.

Pratt stated he had written a letter to an individual who had done some road work on his own and damaged the road.

Bracht told the board that she had been advised an individual had pulled one of the Road & Bridge employees up on a road from a creek bank in the Selden area and had damaged his vehicle. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Interim Supervisor, will check it out.

Bracht presented the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution for approval and signature. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 2-0.

Dewey made a motion to continue with the Courthouse remaining closed to the public until April 15, 2020 when it will be discussed again. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Only for an emergency or critical work will the public be allowed in and then they will

be screened. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-146 pertaining to the spread of infectious and contagious diseases. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. This Resolution states that Sheridan County has adopted the emergency order entitled “Safer at Home Order” and that individuals who fail to abide by a quarantine order or the groups of 10 or less rule shall be subject to fines and penalties.

Bracht had been contacted by a citizen of Sheridan County about the County offering a “stimulus” for the taxpayers in the form of a stimulus check or something. The Board agreed this was not a good idea. There is help out there for small businesses.

Bracht advised the Board that there is a lot of discussion with the Clerks and the Secretary of State’s office about the upcoming elections.

Public Health had presented an agreement from GH Computer Services for IT service as Tyrel Spillman is no longer able to help. The Board stated that David Stithem can help public health with their computer issues.

Dewey made a motion to approve the March 18, 2020 and March 27, 2020 minutes as presented, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 2-0.

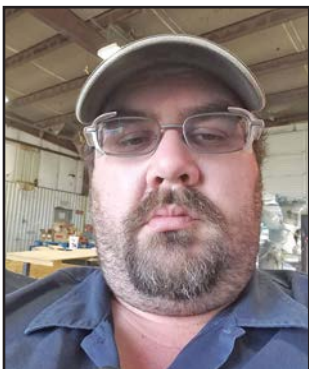
Wes Bainter stated he would like to look at selling the radiators on-line once they have been removed. Bracht stated employees would like the radiators to remain till we really have a winter to make sure the window units will keep the offices warm.

Joe Herskowitz, Interim Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz asked about the agreement between Woofter Pump & Well and the County as it pertains to water. The Board agreed that there is an arrangement whereby Woofter supplies water for road work free of charge, and in exchange, the county allows them to put trash in the landfill for free. Pratt will draw up a simple Agreement so that it is in place for the future.

Curtis Higby, Road & Bridge

Vance Williams

July 5, 1984 ~ April 18, 2020



Vance Christopher Williams age 35, of Thayer, KS passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at his home. Vance was born on July 5, 1984 in Scott City, KS the son of Timothy L. and Carol M. (Ostrenga) Williams.

On March 20, 2014 in Buffalo, KS Vance married Pamela K. Martin and she survives at their home. When not working, Vance enjoyed being with his family, playing computer games, going hunting, and doing carpentry work. Most of all he enjoyed hanging out with his children.

Including his wife Pamela, Vance is

survived by two children: Jason Williams & Mason Williams of Thayer; one sister; Rhonda Williams of Colby, KS; parents: Timothy Williams of Colby, KS, Carol Williams of Copeland, KS; paternal grandmother: Jana Williams-Mills of Hoxie, KS; maternal grandparents: Raymond & Mary Ostrenga of Las Cruces, NM; father-in-law: Ronald Martin of Columbus, KS.

Vance was preceded in death by his grandfather, Darrell M. Williams, DVM, and mother-in-law, Anita Martin.

Cremation has been requested. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will hold a private memorial service. Memorials have been suggested to the Vance Williams Children’s Educational fund and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

DEATH NOTICE: John Lemon

John G. Lemon Sr., 60, of Hoxie, KS passed away April 27, 2020 at the Sheridan County Health complex. He is survived by his sons, Joshua Lemon of Odessa, TX, John Lemon, Jr. of Leavenworth, TX, Robert Lemon and Jake Lemon of Odessa, TX; daughters, Crystal Lemon and Karin Carroll; brother, Rick Lemon; sisters, Roseann Mendenhall and Vonita Unruh. He was preceded in death by his parents. No services are planned at this time. Memorials are suggested to the John G. Lemon Sr. Memorial and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Word of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com. Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home handling arrangements.

employee, has completed his last test so is now certified to treat noxious weeds in Sheridan County.

The Hauling Agreement will be changed to reflect that hauling will be paid by

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!
How many flowers are pictured in Mary's garden? (Count them with a friend and see if you both get the same total.)

A BETCHA PUZZLE! Place six ice-cream sticks on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them so that each stick touches all the other sticks!

SECRET: The solution is pictured to the right.

END OF MONTH STUMPER! At right is a word square. Find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.

1	2	3	4	5	A
2					P
3					R
4					I
5	A	P	R	I	L

Answers: 1. Drama, 2. Recap, 3. Actor, 4. Maori, 5. April.

1. A serious narrative work.
2. What they do to tires.
3. Found in a theater.
4. Native of New Zealand
5. A rainy month (APRIL, in place).

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1. SUN _ _ _ _
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4. SUN _ _ _ _
5. SUN _ _ _ _
6. SUN _ _ _ _

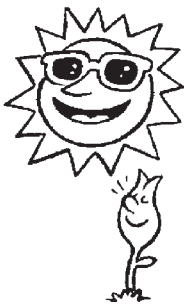
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A SUNDAY SPELLING BEE!

Let's see if you can make your vocabulary grow by spelling these six "SUN" words correctly. Hints to the meaning of each word are given below.

DEFINITIONS:

- Gave evidence against (gangster slang).
- Type of disposition.
- Cool and sweet.
- It's useless at night.
- Miscellaneous items.
- A neck protector.



Answers:

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals W

HMAO EHR FANIAOEF IGNE HGTF,
W FSIIRFA EMAT RSQME ER FWOQ
"LGOQF LRN EMA PAPRNWAF."

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Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

Peak	TOSSICLE			
Puncture	RECIPE			
Belief	CORNDIET			
Aspect	IBANGER			

"Whatever it is, it's _____!"

TODAY'S WORD

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

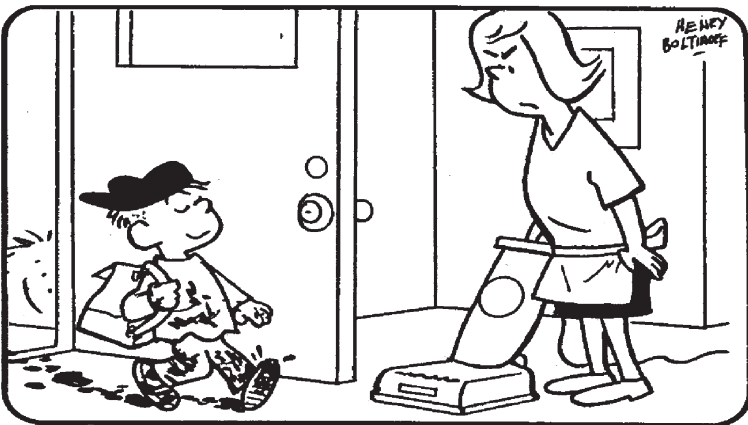
WHAT DO YOU CALL CRAZY CHICKENS?

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SUNSET	___	NESTS	COLLAR	___	CORAL
PRICED	___	PRIED	SAMUEL	___	SALEM
KNEADS	___	DEANS	SCRIPT	___	STRIP
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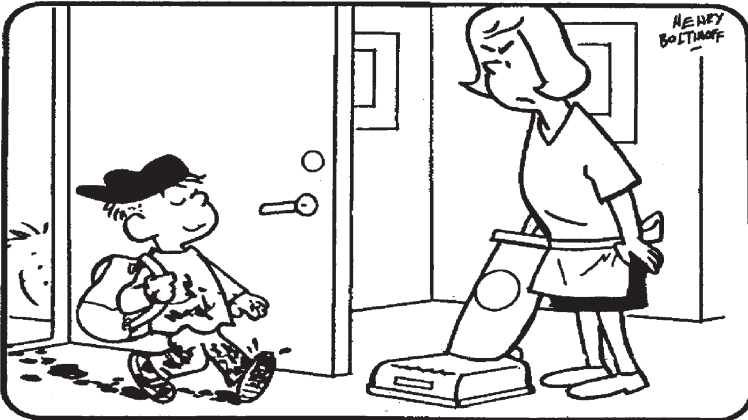
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



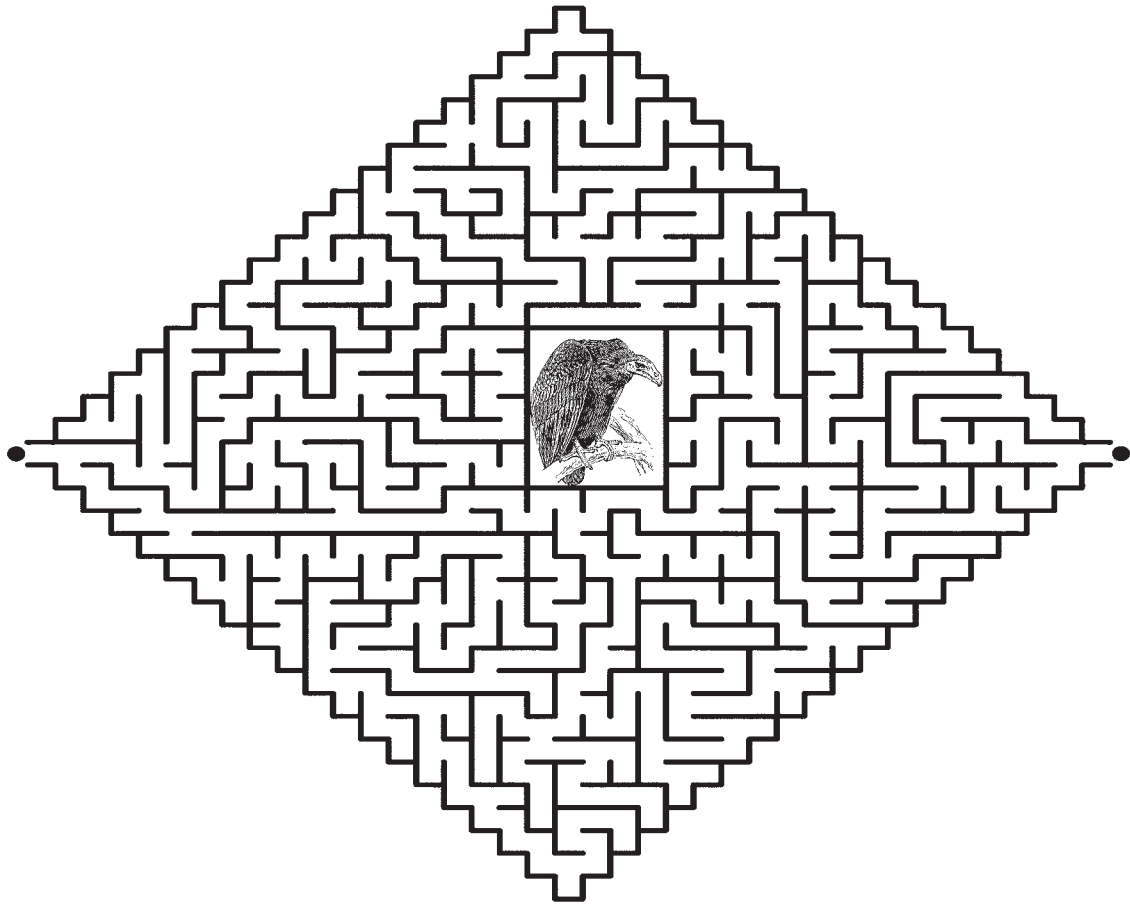
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Door knob is different, 2. Door window is missing, 3. Picture is added, 4. Backpack is different, 5. Cord is missing, 6. Woman's hair is different.

Mega Maze

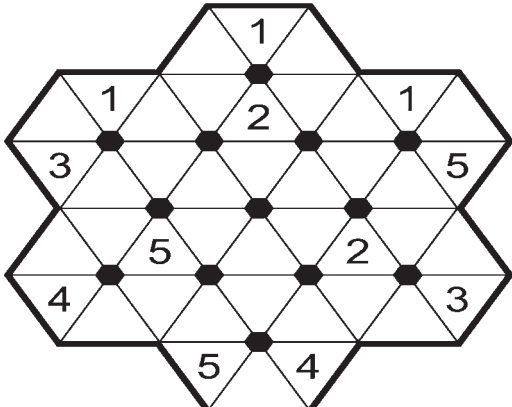
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4				1				3
	9				7	8		
		6	5				2	
	3			2		6		1
5					9		4	
7		3			5			4
		5		4		9		
4			1				7	2

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

JOB SCREENING

ACROSS

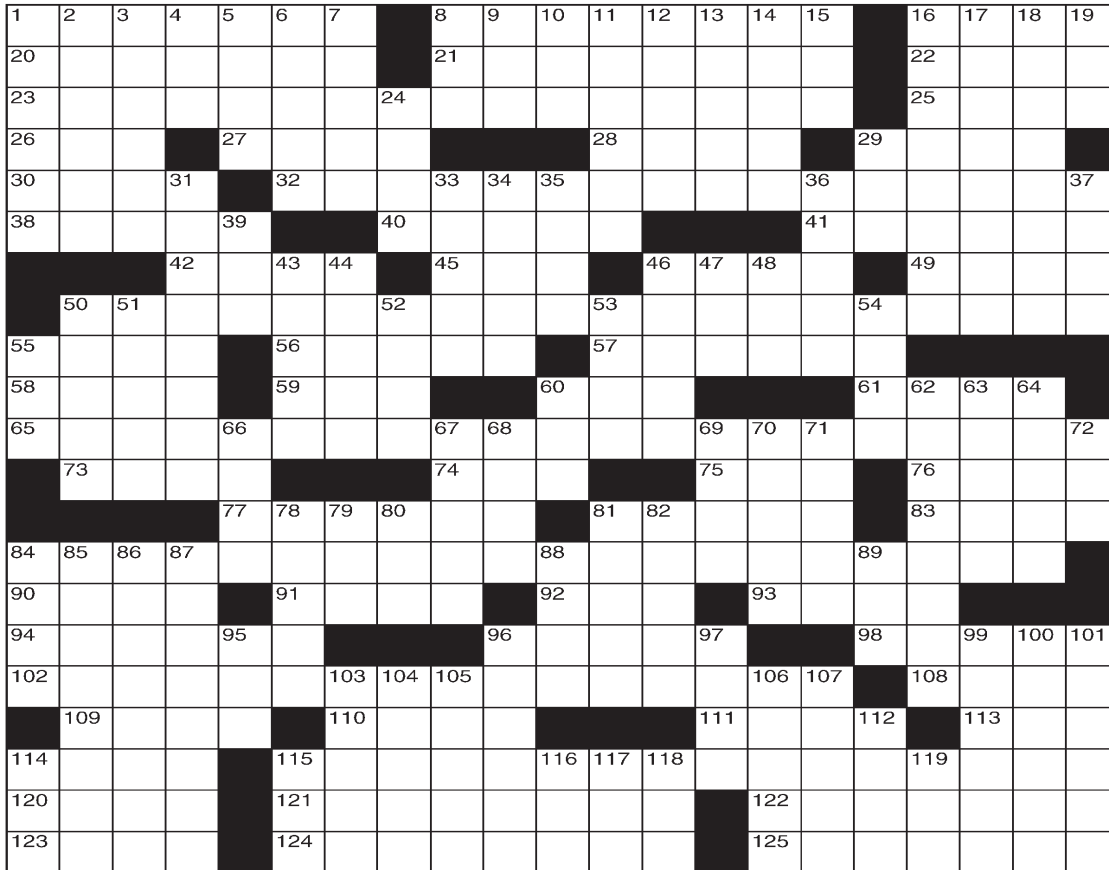
1 Perceive
8 Wavering
16 Dies down
20 One of the Great Lakes
21 CD from Eminem or Jay-Z, say
22 Marshland
23 Start of a riddle
25 Teal, e.g.
26 Mineo of films
27 First-century emperor
28 Sufficient, in dialect
29 After-bath sprinkle
30 Zest
32 Riddle, part 2
38 Majestic
40 Inane
41 High-pH compound
42 Sticky, viscous stuff
45 Previously called
46 "— have to wait"
49 ESPN's Hershisier
50 Riddle, part 3
55 They often elicit groans
56 "Suffice it — ..."

57 Chinese zoo mammals
58 "Thou — lady": King Lear
59 Hotel's kin
60 Young dog
61 Sews an edge around
65 Riddle, part 4
73 Tara of "American Pie"
74 Granola bit
75 "— Man Answers" (1962 film)
76 Jazzy Anita
77 Irritated reply to "Are you awake?"
81 Devours, with "down"
83 Accept
84 Riddle, part 5
90 Gulf nation
91 Good diving score
92 Genetic letters
93 Flanders river
94 Ovum, e.g.
96 "There it is!"
98 Souses
102 End of the riddle
108 AI who drew Li'l Abner

109 Old Italian coins
110 Tie down, as a ship
111 Sheikh, e.g.
113 Actress Carrere
114 Mark Twain's Huck
115 Riddle's answer
120 Poker cost
121 Ethereal quality
122 Relate (to)
123 Prayer opener
124 Northern parts of New York and New Jersey
125 Numbers used in sums

DOWN

1 Divining rod
2 Get some air
3 German military camp
4 Jaguar, e.g.
5 "— Brockovich"
6 Gone up
7 — Dame
8 Suffix with script
9 Round bread of India
10 Hot tub
11 In a docile way
12 1985 Kate Nelligan film
13 In re
14 "Dallas" actor Patrick Sumac
15 Singer
16 Begin, as a journey
17 — ball (pool hall item)
18 "Fists of Fury" star
19 Get sight of
24 "— the weather?"
29 Phone no.
31 Port of Japan
33 Actress Lisa
34 Poem of lamentation
35 "Hick" actor Baldwin
36 Hayek of Hollywood
37 Window ledge
39 Parking —
43 — left field
44 Tine
46 Repeated statement in Windows ads
47 Plating metal
48 Kind of PC monitor
50 Rage
51 — nous
52 "There — I" in team"
53 Musical piece
54 Racket-raising Arthur
55 Rover's foot
60 Fruit discard
62 Arcane
63 Annoyed with
64 Boa, for one
66 "Right, bro"
67 0% of the people
68 Biker's bike, colloquially
69 Largest city on Hawaii
70 "Get — back!"
71 Abrades
72 Coloring substance
78 Dance great de Mille
79 Ovid's 1,051
80 Diarist Anaïs
81 Took the prize
82 Florida city
84 Breathe loudly
85 Bringing up the rear
86 Collides with
87 Not deserved
88 Tramped (on)
89 "Holiday" actor Ayres
95 Mao — -tung
96 Romeo and Juliet's town
97 "It's — state of affairs"
99 Lane of Broadway
100 Narcotic
101 Generates
103 Beatnik's "Got it!"
104 People on the move
105 Like a well-pitched inn
106 "Sing, Sing, Sing" drummer Gene
107 Totally filled
112 Longtime West Virginia senator Robert
114 — Schwarz
115 Sorority letter
116 Humid
117 Suffix with colour
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Commission Minutes

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the load, no by the hour. Wes Bainter stated that there has been overwhelming interest and support in the County for mowing. The southwest corner of the county is the area with no one to mow yet. Pratt is reviewing the documents to make sure everything is in order.

Wes Bainter presented the estimate from Spreser Excavation LC for work to be done on road 110N from 70W to Hwy 23. Total cost is \$11,050. Dewey made a motion to approve the estimate, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 2-0.

Herskowitz stated he was down to two applicants for the position of Secretary at the Road & Bridge Department. After discussion, Herskowitz stated he would hire Glenda Schaffer as part-time secretary.

Herskowitz discussed the vehicles currently for sale. Pratt will review the hauling agreement and get it to Bracht to send to the Commissioners.

At 10:00, Niceta Farber and Mike O'Dell from the Sheridan County Hospital called in and were placed on speaker phone. Sheridan County Hospital is going to do some checking to see if they will qualify for a small business loan. If they qualify, they will bring back to the Board of Commissioners

the terms of the loan. They realize that the County can't apply for loans but are hoping that since they are a non-profit, they might be eligible. Wes Bainter stated to go ahead and make application and see what happens.

The deadline to receive bids for the remodel project at the hospital was March 31. Several bids were received and were forwarded to the architect for review. If any of the bids are selected, breaking ground would have to be postponed due to the coronavirus situation.

Dewey made a motion to approve the March 27, 2020 payroll as presented. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the March 25, 2020 warrants as presented. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The following payroll and warrants were audited and approved:

General \$132,114.97
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Public Hlth. \$4,972.39
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Bracht reminded the board that there would be no meeting

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on Wednesday, April 8. The next meeting will be April 15.

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Troy Dewey, Chairman

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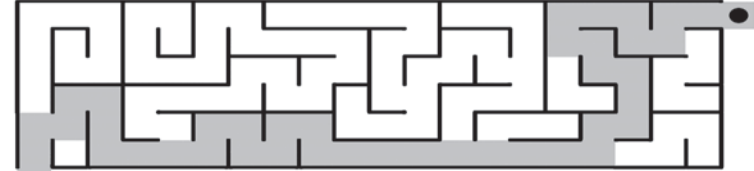
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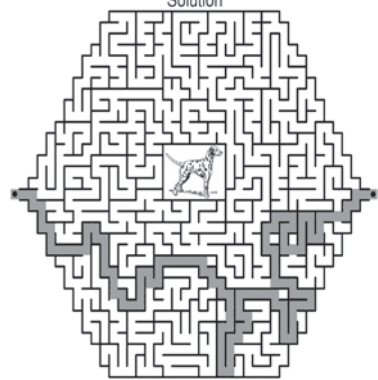
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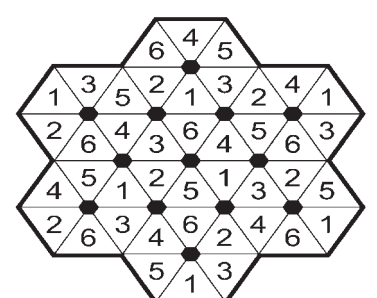
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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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SNOWFLAKES solution



CryptoQuip answer

A gutsy ghost went into a pub but was told to leave. They didn't serve spirits there.

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Glare;
2. Tabloid;
3. Scarves;
4. Bleat

Today's Word
AVAILABLE

Super Crossword

Answers

R	E	P	A	V	E	D		T	R	A	S	H		L	O	C	A	T	E	D
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