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## TAXPAYERS' REPORT

In this week's article, I would like to focus on our Emergency Medical Services that operates in this county, as well as assists with out neighboring counties, as services are required.

Our EMS operates 24-hours a day, 365 days per year, and is staffed mostly with volunteers that sign up for shifts all through the day and night. When a call comes in from a member of our community that needs emergency medical attention, it is these EMS volunteers who respond.

In addition to EMS, our Sheriff and Fire Departments are also required, at times, to assist in providing the necessary medical care.

For this service to remain strong and capable of providing the best in emergency care, we are continually looking for more people to become involved and take the necessary required certification classes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to get involved in this very important service, please contact our EMS Office to discover how you can help. The EMS is putting together a class schedule right now. You can contact EMS at 785-675-3364.

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

## Bulldogs Win Homecoming Game



Golden Plains junior Rojelio Loya (23) makes a quick move to evade a Rolla Pirates defender during the Bulldogs Homecoming game on September 20. The Bulldogs advanced their record to 2-1 with a 74-26 win over the Pirates. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs football team advanced to a 2-1 record with a 74-26 Homecoming win over the Rolla Pirates on September 20 in Rexford. "It's always fun to win during Homecoming. We needed this win after the loss to Moscow last week. "We added some new plays that worked pretty good."

The Pirates won the toss and elected to receive the football. GP Junior Wade Rush kicked a touchback in the windy conditions. With tackles by senior Harley Weese and sophomore Roberto Loya, the Pirates were pushed back to the 4-yard line at 4<sup>th</sup> and 25. The Bulldogs gained a safety and a 2-0 lead to start the game.

The Bulldogs then ran the ball with runs by Weese and Rojelio Loya. With an incomplete pass they turned the ball back over to the Pirates who fumbled allowing Loya to recover for the Bulldogs. With a Weese touchdown and a PAT kicked through the posts by Rush, the 'Dogs were up 10-0.

The Bulldogs kicked back to Rolla who were able to evade multiple Bulldog defenders to put in their first touchdown of the game. Weese took out the runner on the PAT then answered with a 70-yard run to the end zone for the Dogs to extend their lead to 16-6.

The Bulldogs stopped the Pirates' advance once more as they repeatedly took out the

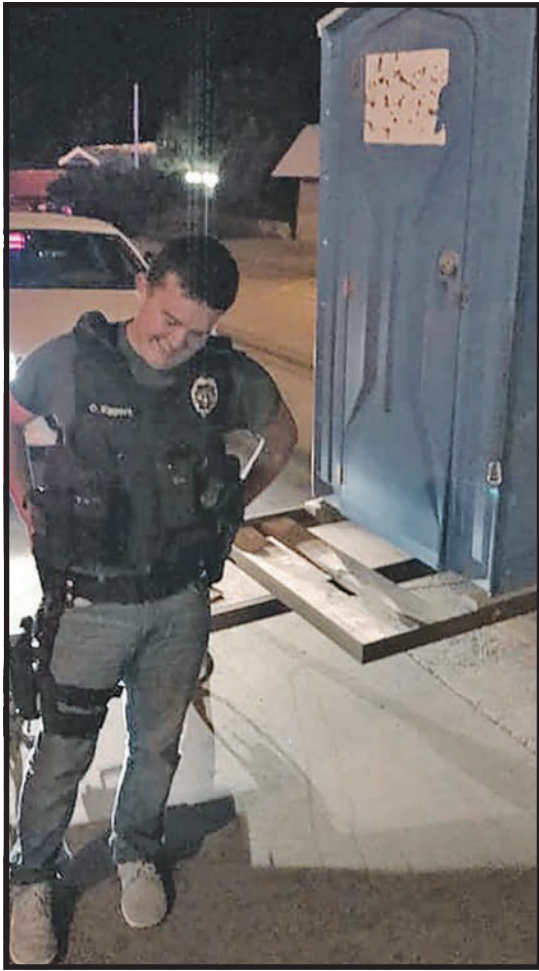
runner with stops by Tyler Koerperich, Jaime Infante, and Weese. Weese then intercepted a pass, returning it for yet another score and a 22-6 lead for the home team.

With the Pirates unable to make a first down or complete a pass, the Bulldogs took over. Roberto Loya ran the ball down the field allowing Weese to finish in the end zone. Rush kicked the PAT through the uprights for a 30-6 lead as the first quarter clock held 2 minutes. The Bulldogs passed the ball from Rojelio Loya to Rush for one more touchdown and Weese passed to Koerperich for an extra point to hold a 37-6 first quarter score.

As the clock ticked its way to half time and the Homecoming festivities, the Bulldogs were determined to finish the game as they stopped Rolla's efforts to pass the ball. Runs by Rush and Weese and penalties on the Pirates allowed Rojelio Loya to run in another Bulldog touchdown making the score 43-6.

Rolla fought back with two more scores of their own, closing the spread to 43-19. With 1:33 left in the half, the Bulldogs scored twice more with a short run by Weese and an interception run in for a touchdown at the buzzer giving the Bulldogs a 56-19 half time lead. "We lost our momentum and gave up

## #CHASEONTHECASE!!!



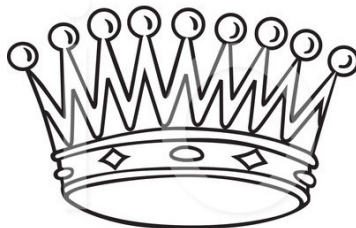
At approximately 10:05 pm on September 26, 2019 Hoxie Police Department was dispatched to "hazardous materials incident" at Main and Trail Avenue in Hoxie. Upon arrival.... well you can tell by the photo how this call went. Officer Eggert had plenty of fellow officers there for moral support and good laughs.

Luckily no accidents occurred as a result of a Porta-Potty being left on Main Street and the Fire Department was not needed for hazmat cleanup. (SCSD photo)

## The Sentinel

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## Wheatland Crowns 2019 Homecoming King & Queen

The 2019 Wheatland High School Homecoming King and Queen were seniors Ethan Beckman and Eidree Chapin. Ethan is the son of Brian and Dawn Beckman. Eidree is the daughter of Kent and Paula Chapin. (WHS photo)

## New Physicians Assistant Joins Hoxie Medical Clinic



Bhavini Gopaldas (Hagedorn) arrived in Hoxie in September to begin working at the Hoxie Medical Clinic. She will begin seeing patients on Monday, October 14.

Bhavini (pronounced BAHV-nee) was born in London, England, and grew up in Malawi, Africa. Her parents were originally from India, and she has an older brother. Her family move to the United States in 2002. They now live, and are small business owners, in Nebraska. She states that she attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 2008, majoring in Biology and minoring in Gerontology and Humanities in Medicine. In 2014 she attended Physician Assistant School at Union College in Lincoln, NE. Bhavini says, "I was blessed to receive the National Health Service Corps Scholarship."

In 2011, Bhavini met her husband, Daniel Hagedorn at UNL. Dan's family is

from Western Nebraska, but currently reside in Manhattan, KS, while his younger brother lives in Lincoln, NE. Dan recently graduated from Washburn Law School in Topeka and will be working in Hoxie and Oberlin with Attorney Steve Hirsch at Hirsch Law Offices. Bhavini and her husband have lived the past two years in Emporia, KS, where she practiced Family Medicine. She says, "I enjoyed helping patients of all ages. I am passionate about increasing access to primary healthcare."

Dan and Bhavini's family include a one-year old Black Labrador Retriever named Friend and are expecting their first child in January 2020. She concluded with, "We enjoy Nebraska football, fishing and being outdoors. We both look forward to serving the community of Sheridan County and making it our new home."

Sheridan County welcomes Bhavini & Dan Hagedorn.



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### Words of Faith

Humor is a prelude to faith, and laughter is the beginning of prayer.

- Reinhold Niebuhr

### Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Oct. 1

Wheat	3.39
Corn	3.38
Milo	3.05
Beans	7.65

### Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
9/22	80	53	--
9/23	86	67	--
9/24	88	54	--
9/25	88	52	--
9/26	78	57	--
9/27	78	49	--
9/28	87	54	--

FALL HARVEST IS UNDERWAY - BE SAFE!

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### Words of Wisdom

LIFE is nothing without a good sense of humor!

- John Waters



# Community News

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## John Athey NSDAR

Kay Weber, Secretary

The John Athey NSDAR Chapter met Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in Hoxie at the Sheridan County Historical Society Museum. There were eight members and two guests attending: Gayle Breckenkamp of Colby; Sharon Maurath and Dee Ann Smith of Oakley; Fran Mann and Janet Kaiser of Quinter; Cheryl Goetz of Park; Judy Watkin and Kay Weber of Hoxie. Guests were Marjorie Hartzog of Jennings and Karen Lewis of Hoxie.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Gayle Breckenkamp in ritualistic form with reports on

President General's Report, National Defense Report, Indian Minute, Flag Fact, Conservation Minute, Constitution Minute, Conservation, American History, and DAR Schools.

Roll Call was stating a Historical Fact of School.

Karen Lewis gave a very informative program on preservation of genealogical items such as historical papers and pictures. She showed various things that they use at the Historical Society.

The group ended their meeting by attending The Elephant. Everyone enjoyed the meal and visiting.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To Sheridan County Residents:

On Thursday, August 29, I took the opportunity to rearrange my schedule and attend the KDOT meeting in Hays in regard to highway improvements in Northwest Kansas. There was a disappointing total of six (6) representatives from Sheridan County. In addition, there were letters of support from other Sheridan County representatives.

Ross related statistics about Hwy 23 to the group. In his time with the Sheridan County Fire Dept, there have been 22 fatalities on Hwy 23 from Grainfield to Selden. In the last 10 years KDOT recorded 80 accidents from Grainfield to Hoxie.

KDOT data on the traffic counts recorded over the last three years averaged 415 trucks and 490 cars per day

on Hwy 23 from Interstate 70 to Hoxie.

There is another meeting to be scheduled in late November to get into more specific details and needs for highway improvements in Northwest Kansas. Of particular interest to Sheridan County would be the modernization of Hwy 23 from Interstate 70 to Hoxie. The attendance of Sheridan County residents is important to the outcome of these decisions.

Please put the next meeting date on your calendar and try to schedule attendance.

Northwest Region Colby, Wednesday November 20, 2019, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, City Limits Convention Center, 2227 South Range Ave., Colby, KS 67701

Doyle Kauk  
rdek@ruraltel.net

## Colby Veterans Service Representative October Travel Schedule

October 15: Atwood - 9:00 - 12:00 Courthouse Commissioner's Room

October 17: Hoxie - 9:00 - 12:00 Courthouse Commissioners Room

October 22: St. Francis - 9:30 - 12:30 Courthouse Commissioners Room

October 29: Goodland - 8:30 - 12:00 Courthouse Extension Work Room

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## THANK YOU!

The Hoxie High School Class of 1979 would like to extend a big Thank You to the Hoxie Hot Rodders organization and Roch & Marilyn Meier. The use and setup of the two covered picnic tables for our 40th Anniversary Reunion during Homecoming was greatly appreciated.  
Thanks Again!

## THANK YOU!

The family of Barbara Rietcheck would like to thank everyone for all of the kindness extended in the loss of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother. The many memorials, floral arrangements, and plants, masses, cards, and phone calls were much appreciated, and a true testament of how many lives she touched.

A special thank you to the Sheridan County Health Complex, Dr. Nemeczek, and staff for their great care; Fr. Vince, the St. Martin Catholic Church Community, and St. Ann's Sodality for the preparation of the services and the wonderful meal; Mary Ellen and the staff at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home for their professionalism and compassion; Clara Lou and Hoxie State Insurance for the use of their conference room for family gatherings; and to everyone who thought of our family and prayed for us.

Barb's faith was unwavering and it is a great comfort for all that she is now in her heavenly home watching and guiding us from above.  
Thank You!

## NWLEPG Water Well Testing

NWLEPG is doing water well testing for Sheridan County. You may pick up bottles and instructions at the Public Health Office.

Water sample pick up at Sheridan County Public Health is on October 24, 2019. Please have samples in to the Health Department by 9:00 AM CST.

It is recommended for private water well owners to test their drinking water every 1-3 years for bacteria and nitrates.

## Area Calendar

Every Sunday:  
7pm SED (Spiritual Education & Discernment)  
Bible Study w/ Pastor Jake Schadel (Cross & Flame Parish)

Every Tuesday:  
12pm Hoxie Rotary Club-upstairs at Oscar's

Every Wednesday:  
Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478

6pm Connect-UMC  
7:30pm FOUNDry-Hoxie UMC (6:30pm-3rd Wednesday)  
9am Commissioners' Meeting at the Courthouse. To be placed on the Agenda, call the Clerk's Office 785-675-3361.

2nd Monday - each month:  
5pm Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-SCHC Conference Room

1st Wednesday - each month:  
6pm Grinnell VFW monthly supper at VFW Hall

Last Thursday:  
7pm Jennings Book Club Meeting-Jennings City Library

Hoxie  
2019 Hoxie Buckle Series  
2pm Exhibitions  
3pm Races  
October 6  
Hoxie Arena - Sheridan County Fairgrounds  
More information: 618-534-5709 or 618-559-8924; www.millimanquartherhorses.com; millimanquartherhorses@hotmail.com

Thursday, October 17:  
9am Colby Veterans Service Rep. in Commissioner's Room of Courthouse.

Colby  
Sunday, October 13:  
3pm WPAA presents Jana Jae, First Lady of County Fiddle at the CCC Cultural Arts Center.

Monday, October 14:  
7pm WPAA presentation of Three Billy Goats Gruff at Oberlin HS Auditorium. Free entry.

Sunday, October 20:  
WPAA presents Backtrack vocal ensemble at the CCC Cultural Arts Center.



The Hoxie Farmers' Market's fifth - and final - season is over.

We've enjoyed the years of serving the community, but without the patronage it is

very difficult to get vendors who will commit to setting up each week.

We wish to thank those few loyal vendors and patrons who did join us regularly. We enjoyed the fun, conversations, and opportunity to share our handicrafts, garden produce, and catching up on what's new with our vendors and patrons.

Thank you, to those who showed us such great support. We appreciate it very much!

## The 2019 Raffle Car



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## The Brothers of the Hoxie Masonic Lodge

would like to thank those who have bought raffle tickets for the cars in the past. Tickets are now available for the 1968 Camaro RS/SS Convertible. The Camaro will be on display at Winterfest, November 29, 2019.

### For Tickets

CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE HOXIE MASONIC LODGE  
Don Ammons, Devan Castle, Jim Baldwin, Doug Cass, Dale Brown, Ron Farber, Roger Johnson, Chuck Timmons, Brad Howard, Gary Shipley

75% OF TICKET SALES will return to the local Lodge to help our community.

## 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, OCTOBER 2, 2019

Sheridan County Courthouse  
Agenda Subject to Change

9am Joe Pratt, Co. Atty, Shirley Niermeier, Co. Treasurer  
9:15am Old Business  
9:30am Ross Carder, Road & Bridge Supervisor  
10am Jim Meyers, Accountant

Public Invited



## Meetings

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Please arrive early for a prompt start at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 ~ 7 p.m., location TBD  
Tuesday, December 3 ~ 7 p.m., location TBD  
Tuesday, February 4 ~ 7 p.m., location TBD  
Tuesday, April 7 ~ 7 p.m., location TBD

More info available online at www.facebook.com/sheridancctf

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# Community News



## Mealsite Menu

**October 7 ~ October 11**

**Monday:** Pork Cutlet, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday:** Goulash, Brussels Sprouts, Pears, Bread, Brownie  
**Wednesday:** Chicken & Rice Casserole, Catalina Blend Vegetables, Rosy Applesauce, Bread, Cookie

**Thursday:** Liver & Onions in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Peaches

**Friday:** Chef Salad, Cottage Cheese, Crackers, 5-Cup Salad

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday – Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.00 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

## Area Churches

Christ Community Church  
454 W Hwy 24  
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church  
1000 Valley  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
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Hoxie Church of Christ  
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Hoxie United Methodist Church  
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785-675-3364

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**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**  
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**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.**  
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Office Hours:  
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## Preacher's Point

By  
Pastor Timothy Johnson



### God Has A Plan

When rotten things happen in life, God does have a plan.

In John chapter eleven, there is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

For some background, this is how the story goes.

Lazarus, a man from the town of Bethany, is sick. Lazarus lives with his two sisters Mary and Martha.

The three of them are good friends with Jesus and His Apostles. Often when Jesus and His entourage are in the Jerusalem area (Bethany is about a

mile and a half from Jerusalem), they spend time at the siblings' home. The three of them open their doors to more than the thirteen visitors. Often others are traveling with the Messiah, others are there to hear Him speak, but Mary, Martha, and Lazarus' door is open to all who will come with the Lord. Not only do they offer a place for the weary to lay their heads for the night; they also take on the added time, effort and expense to feed the hungry travelers (Luke 10:38-42). It would be safe to say, that Mary, Martha, and Lazarus would be the closest earthly friends Jesus had apart from the twelve apostles.

The timeframe of the story is essential, as well. The events of this story take place about two weeks before Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus had healed thousands of people in the previous three years. There is no doubt that the siblings had been eyewitnesses to the miracles of Christ.

When Lazarus becomes ill, the sisters send word to Jesus.

Judging from both sisters first words when Jesus arrived, they fully expected Jesus to come and heal their brother.

John 11:21, Martha, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

John 11:32, Mary, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

The thirteen are about a day, and a half walk away, on the other side of the Jordan river when the messengers arrive, with word of Lazarus' illness (John 10:40). Jesus does something unexpected - He waits two days before leaving (John 11:6).

Jesus' response when He receives the message of Lazarus' illness shows that He has something greater planned. What He has planned has nothing to do with anyone's immediate desires (healing Lazarus), but has everything to do with bringing glory to God. John 11:4, "When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."

Jesus waits.

Lazarus dies.

Right before Jesus and the Apostles leave for Bethany, Jesus explains what is going on, but the twelve do not under-

stand. John 11:14-15, "Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him."

Let us take a step back and look at what is going on thus far. A good friend of Jesus is sick. Word of the situation comes to Jesus, with every expectation of Jesus' arrival and healing of the disease. Jesus does nothing, and Lazarus dies. However, Jesus claims what is going on will bring glory to God by bringing people to faith.

When Jesus arrives, Lazarus has been dead for four days.

No one is expecting Jesus to raise Lazarus from the dead. How the people respond to what Jesus says is an indication of this. When Jesus tells Martha that her "brother shall rise again." She talks about the resurrection in the future at the last day (John 11:23-24). When Jesus tells them to roll the stone away from the grave, they warn Him the body is already in decay (John 11:39).

Upon removal of the stone, Jesus yells, "Lazarus, come forth." Lazarus rises from the dead and walks out of the tomb (John 11:43). A side note here - if Jesus had yelled, "Come forth!" without inserting Lazarus' name, every grave in the cemetery would have been empty as all the dead would have walked from their graves.

Upon Lazarus' resurrection, God accomplished His desired result - more people believed on the Son of God.

God does not always give us what we desire. In the case of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, God had something greater in mind than what anyone else could imagine. God is working in your life, and the odds are good His desired end is an increase in faith, but do we get bogged down with self-sightedness because He does not do what we expect or want Him to do at the time?

God will work to boost your faith, God will work to increase someone else's faith through you, or He is working to do both.

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## Fall Tornadoes Could Occur in Atypical US Areas This Year

From Accuweather.com

Increase of nearly 50 tornadoes possible in this year's AccuWeather Fall Tornado Outlook.

AccuWeather Global Weather Center - October 1, 2019 - As fall progresses, it's not typical for the south-central United States Plains to experience an extended tornado season. Tornadoes in October and into November would be more likely to occur along the Gulf coast, but that's not where the action could be this year.

Instead, the Plains may be ground zero in a battle of northern cold fronts and southern warm air, which "could just create a lot of havoc," according to AccuWeather Lead Long-Range Meteorologist Paul Pastelok.

"We've already seen one big storm in the Rockies, and it looks like we may continue to see more storms this fall moving out from the Rockies," Pastelok said. "And if the stormy and colder pattern continues to stay in the Rockies and we have all of this warming trying to come in from the southeast, there's going to be a good temperature gradient set up in the middle of the country for a couple of severe weather events."

The first big snowstorm of the season dropped 3 to 4 feet of snow in spots across the northern Rockies.

"In the south-central Plains, it's only going to get colder with these air masses from the north," Pastelok said. "The Gulf waters are warm, so you have an increasing temperature difference setting up going into the late fall. I think we're going to have some really rough stuff there in November."

As a result, AccuWeather has updated its Fall Tornado Outlook and raised its tornado estimate based on the impacts already seen from Hurricane Dorian, as well as what is now expected in November. AccuWeather is forecasting

between 1,400 and 1,475 tornadoes for 2019, an increase of roughly 50 tornadoes.

AccuWeather's 2019 forecast released in February accurately pinpointed the areas to be hit hardest this year, with a higher frequency of severe weather risks in the traditional Tornado Alley -- notably Oklahoma, Kansas and parts of Texas -- than they had experienced on average the previous three years.

So far this year, Texas, with 174 tornadoes, has experienced the most in the U.S., according to preliminary, unconfirmed data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Kansas is second with 127, while Oklahoma with 92 is fourth behind Mississippi, which has had 94.

NOAA's preliminary reports show there have been 1,519 tornadoes in 2019, but that total is not a confirmed final number. The inflation-adjusted annual tornado running total -- which attempts to remove overcount by multiplying the preliminary total by 0.85 -- is 1,291, according to NOAA.

There were 1,124 tornadoes in 2018, and the 25-year average is 1,199 tornadoes a year, according to NOAA's Storm Prediction Center.

According to AccuWeather's updated Fall Tornado Outlook, based on AccuWeather research, there will be roughly 40-50 tornadoes in October and approximately 65-75 in November.

The 25-year average number of U.S. tornadoes for October and November is 58 and 56, respectively, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Storm Prediction Center.

"Tornado activity could linger into early December, depending on when the storm track decides to shift a little farther," said Pastelok.

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# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

### 125 Years Ago October 4, 1894

The two-weeks old son of Mrs. Mattie Cressler died last week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Eddlerding Tuesday morning.

The hail storm Friday night broke out all the west side windows in town.

J. A. McKinney and J. B. VanZant were in the city yesterday.

Hon. Chas. Smith of Washington Kansas will speak in Hoxie next Saturday.

Over seven tons of local freight was received at this station Monday night.

Johnny Jones shipped a car of fat cattle to Kansas City Wednesday morning.

Miss Jennie Freeman has just commenced a six months term of school in the Forman district.

Milt Shafer and Floyd Humes left Wednesday to attend the Priests of Palace parade at Kansas City.

Dad McDonald moved into town for the winter. He is comfortable quartered in the rear of his shop.

Ed Speer says he understands that John Vedder got pretty well soaked before he got to Selden Saturday.

Rev. Robb and family will move to town for the winter in a few days. They will occupy the building vacated by Mrs. Frazier.

Henry Prince did the type setting in this office this week.

Frank McIvor was laid up the first of the week with an attack of Typho-malaria.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Kessler of Collyer visited at W. S. Quisenberry's the forepart of the week.

Mr. Cummings of R. G. Dunn & Co. has been in our city for the last few days looking after the company's business.

John Foster, John Jagen and several other Dutchmen from Saline township were up Saturday attending the German League.

Uncle Nate Simpson says the best rain for 10 years fell in the region of Menlo last week and everyone is sowing wheat.

About thirty Hoxieites took advantage of the excursion rates and visited Denver Saturday and Sunday. They have all returned and report a good time.

The *Neus* is the name of a new paper born at Hill City this week. It is a republican and is also a very neat and newsy sheet. Wilcox Bros. are the founders. We wish them success.

The populists and democrats of Gove county are not marching arm-in-arm as they have always done heretofore. Some of the leading pops say they will go down with a sinking ship before they will be dictated to by the democrats anymore.

A German League was organized here last Saturday with a membership of 35. Quite a good showing for the first day. The following are the officers elected President, Andrew Nester; Secretary Feldtholter; Treasurer, F. A. Haverkamp. This league promises to be one of the strongest in the County.

Yesterday, Mrs. E. L. Gregg went to the cellar for something and on returning heard a queer noise. She at once hunted up Otto and they proceeded to see what was the trouble. The cause proved to be a rattlesnake which was comfortably coiled up on the bank about three feet from their heads, and seemed out of humor at being disturbed. His snakeship was immediately dispatched but Mrs. Gregg still feels a little shaky about going down to the cellar.

### 100 Years Ago October 2, 1919

#### Hoxie Has Flour Mill

Last week the Crum flour mill began operation and is running at full blast. The machinery is driven by a large motor and Hoxie City furnishes the current.

An expert miller is in charge and the flour and mill feeds put out by this institution compare favorably with the largest and best mills.

Several Hoxie ladies have tried "Flavo," their best grade of flour, and pronounce it excellent.

Mr. Crum is to be congratulated on his enterprise

in establishing his plant here and he is worthy and no doubt will get the patronage that is due him.

#### Local News

Harm Hunziker was down from Selden on business Friday. "Blue Blazes Rawden," an Artcraft picture, Saturday night. Nuff said.

Lon Goreell unloaded a car load of Fords a few days ago and they all went like hot cakes.

Terrance Geiger, and wife, of Hill City, were guests at the Branson home the first of the week.

District court convenes next week. It will probably last all week as the docket is rather heavy this term.

George Fairchild and family are now nicely domiciled in the Robertson property which they recently purchased.

Andy Nestor was up from Abilene, Kansas, the first of the week attending the funeral of his old friend and neighbor, C. R. Pearson.

The Hoxie Branch of the American Red Cross will hold a meeting for the annual election of officers at the M. E. church, at 8 o'clock p.m. October 15.

As we go to press word reaches us that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith was bitten by a snake Wednesday and died that night.

Frank Corrick, one of our oversea boys, is helping out with the work in this office. Frank spent several months in France and was under shell fire for many weeks.

O. L. Jones has begun the erection of a very substantial addition to the E. G. Currier residence. That fact that "Casey" is doing the work insures Mr. Currier a neat job.

Miss Junia Sullivan, of Paradise, Kansas, visited several days this week at the Rev. Branson home as she was returning to her work in the Farmers' Co-operative store Brewster.

#### Houck's Landing

By Remus Spaulding  
Trumble Patterson visited Lawrence Woods, Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Curry has moved for the winter to Kansas City where the children will attend school.

The G. F. Hopkins family are planning to move to the far west in the near future. Their friends here who will always have an abiding interest in their welfare will long miss their friendly sociability.

#### Bow Creek

By Mary Hoepotatoes  
Mrs. John Lewis has returned from her visit to Missouri.

Pete Anderson has purchased Frank McIvor's noted shotgun and with an armful of ammunition is expecting to put in the winter hunting geese and ducks on upper Bow Creek and on the Mile lake.

J. A. Fairchild has decided to stay in Sheridan county this winter. Plenty of feed and a few good cows is a combination that make living in Sheridan county as easy as any place on earth.

### 75 Years Ago

September 28, 1944

#### City School Notes

Second Grade - Several have made combination flash cards and are drilling at home for speed. Since we must learn the addition and subtraction combinations to 18, extra work at home will be very helpful to each child.

Third Grade - We are enjoying our unit in Social Studies, "How and Where We Live" very much. We are taking an imaginary trip to every continent in a study on the world map in our room.

Fourth Grade - We have started our trip across the United States in Social Studies. We went from Boston to New York City on the Boston Post Road and will go from New York to San Francisco on the Lincoln Highway.

#### Tasco Items

Tasco Community Club met September 21<sup>st</sup> with Mrs. Irene Pfeifer. Fourteen members were present and two visitors, Mrs. Orville and Mrs. Elbert Brown. These two ladies joined our club and will hereafter be counted among our members.

We quilted on a club quilt and embroidered tea towels for our hostess. Our next meeting will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Helen Hojda.



This photo was from the collection of items found in a trunk that had been left behind at the jewelry store in Tasco. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

Robert Getz, Elton Getz and Randall Conard are all home on furlough at present.

#### Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Frank English left the first of last week for Lincoln, Nebraska where they are visiting a brother of Mr. English.

Mrs. Anna Reed received word a week ago of a serious car accident on September 19<sup>th</sup> to F. M. Setchell of Denver. The steering wheel broke on a curve and he was thrown out. He is in a Denver hospital and still in a serious condition. Mrs. Reed has been in almost daily phone communication with her daughter, Mrs. Setchell.

Nels Pyle and Loyal Jacobs were in Salina overnight Wednesday of last week for a parts meeting of the International Harvester Company. Mr. Pyle took his 12-year old son, David down and back with them.

Erwin Cooper left September 20<sup>th</sup> for active service in the V-6 Navy training program. He was sent from K. U. to Jacksonville, Florida where he will be stationed for some time. He is an aircrewman.

The Ray Lacey's have purchased property in town and plan to move in about the first of November. They bought this house from Olin Babcock. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wagoner have been living in this house for the past several years.

#### Society News

Mrs. Mary Decker had dinner Sunday with the George Forsyth's. In the afternoon they took a ride, especially southeast. The wheat over most of the county is up and soon will be a carpet of green.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Day and two children had as dinner guests Wednesday evening of last week, Ensign John Launchbaugh, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. B. V. Thompson.

The Dave Follis family and Howard Currier family had

dinner Sunday with Mrs. Ada Karnes. Mrs. Karnes lives just east of her step-daughter, Mrs. Howard Currier.

#### Fairview Items

Mrs. Lucye Spillman of Hoxie, Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Getz and son, Rex, of San Marcos, Texas, W. L. Dillingham, Ramona Lea and Phyllis Irene Minimum of Morland were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Transue, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Minimum and Billy were evening guests.

Miss Lillian Pfannenstiel is working in the Howard Transue home.

#### Broadway Items

Howard Timmons, Doris Jean Sample, Mrs. Leslie Sample and Leon were shopping in McCook, Nebraska Friday. They called on Mrs. Joe Timmons and Josephine in Hoxie that evening.

Harold Richards is home on furlough and getting acquainted with his new son. The baby has been named Larry Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards and Joan ate Tuesday supper with Rev. and Mrs. Albert Smith.

### 50 Years Ago

October 2, 1969

#### Hoxie PTA Chili Supper is Monday

Chili eaters are wanted by the Hoxie PTA for their chili supper Monday, Oct. 6. The supper will be held at the Hoxie Grade school cafeteria with serving starting at 6 p.m. The charge will be \$1.00 per family plus 20c extra for homemade pie.

Following the supper there will be a Junior High intersquad football game.

Everyone is welcome to join our festivities, said Mrs. Howard Harwerth, president of the organization.

#### Garden Club to Meet

The Hoxie Garden Club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the home of

Mrs. Bess Porter at 2 p.m.

The lesson will be "Birds and Their Habits" with lesson leader, Mrs. W. E. Stewart. Roll call will be "What's New in Medicine."

#### Mickey's Want Ads

We have put in a small stock of Reynolds do it yourself aluminum in perforated designs.

The little girl was quite serious about losing her baby teeth. She explained to her teacher that one tooth was loose and she'd already lost three.

"Pretty soon," she commented, "I'll be running on the rim."

If you are an archer its time to get your arrows, strings, silencers, quivers, sights and other supplies.

#### Tasco Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gearheart and children of Sunflower, Kansas were recent visitors of the Glen Brown family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brown had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Michaelis of WaKeeney, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown, and Mrs. Glen Brown, Terry and Mickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Pfeifer and Shirley were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Deines in Hays.

#### Tom Tom Tribune

Boulder Band Trip - At 3:00 a.m. Sept. 20, 54 band members and 10 pom pon girls were boarded on buses ready to travel to Boulder for Colorado's annual band day. The band marched in the parade along with about 65 other bands. After having lunch on the campus, they watched as C. U. took over Tulsa with a score of 35-14.

On to Denver, the band went to the late Cinerama where they saw "Krakatoa East of Java." The highlight was when the spectacular volcano "Krakatoa" came to life. The

group spent the rest of the night in Denver.

Freshmen Gain Experience - Hoxie Freshmen dropped a 30-0 football contest to Atwood, Sept. 24. The young Indians gained valuable and much-needed experience in the game. Next action for the Freshmen will be Oct. 2 at Oberlin.

#### Studley Items

Mrs. Linda Brazil visited Mrs. Beryl Covalt Wednesday afternoon.

G and G Club met with Mrs. Inez Bretz and Anna Laura Thursday. Nine members and one visitor, Mrs. Grace Williams were present to enjoy the dinner and an afternoon of visiting.

Alex and Bob Moore were fishing at Norton lake Thursday and overnight. They came home with 12 nice bullheads and 10 large channel cats.

#### Seguin Items

Friday morning the ladies of our village gathered at the Gene Dempewolf home in honor of Vona Lea's birthday anniversary. Those present were Margaret Stephens, Florence Schlageck, Evelyn Rall, Mary Geerdes, Marge Koster and Max, Barbara Rietcheck, Terry and Richard, Bernadine Rietcheck and John A., Mary Ellen Meier and Gayle, Frances Bange and Becky and Mrs. John Rietcheck. We all enjoyed the hour of visiting along with coffee.

### 25 Years Ago

September 29, 1994

#### Great Plains to Expand

Like its trademark logo, the dinosaur, no trace will soon remain of the Sinclair service station which stood for years at the corner of Queen Ave. and Main St. This past week the small building and covered pump area which have a history dating back to 1928 were torn down for expansion of Great Plains Auto Supply.

#### Membership to Vote on Hoxie Coop Oil Co. Future

After attempts to negotiate an outright sale of the Hoxie Co-op Oil Co. didn't develop, members of the Board of Directors were forced to make an alternative decision. In board action last week, they voted to present a proposal to the stockholders to auction the facilities. Cooperative members will meet sometime in October to vote on the proposal. A date has not been finalized.

#### Saline Valley 4-H Club Meets

The Saline Valley 4-H Club held their September meeting on Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Studley Coop. the host was the Rick Shipley family. Roll call was, "What is your favorite subject?" The meeting started out by the reading of the last meeting's minutes and the treasurer's report. There is an officer training meeting for officers, project leaders, and parents on Oct. 22, in Graham County. Ryan Shipley had a demonstration on manners and Ashley Minimum had a project talk on her market hogs. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 17 at Jim White's residence. Janel Bretz, Gina Cressler, and Scott White have talks.

Reporter, Jessica

#### Shipley

#### Rexford News

Guests of Pastor and Diana Taylor last week were her parents, Richard and Doris Plunkett of Yucaipa, Calif.

JoAnn Miller, Colby, Gina Miller of Hays, Carol Bell and baby Tilyn of McDonald brought dinner and spent the day with Lula Thieler last Saturday.

Lewis and Frances Black of Colby spent all day Friday with his sister and husband, Eileen and Roy Dible.

#### Jennings Allison News

The Jennings Community Unit met at the Café Monday morning at 10 a.m. The lesson was on modifying recipes given by Twila Pearson. Present were Mae Warrick, Claudine Bennett, Wilma Mader, Lois Scott and Twila Pearson.

Chaylene and Christina Stanley accompanied their grandmother Josephine Kinser to Atwood Sunday to attend the Western Plains Art Association program of Mexican dancers.

Neoma Tacha's stepbrother Emil Flaska, Hoxie and Stanley Flaska of California were Wednesday guests at their home.





# NWKS News

## Prairie Doc® Perspectives: A Tall Drink of Water

*By Andrew Ellsworth, MD*  
What if there was something you could drink that could help you live longer and was free? Would you drink it? What if I offered something else to drink that could shorten your life and would cost you one dollar? Would you want to buy it?

As you might have guessed, the initial question refers to water, which is healthy and free, for the most part. Meanwhile, the latter question refers to a less desirable alternative, soda pop.

A recent study involving half a million people in Europe found that drinking soda pop was associated with a greater risk of death from any cause. What's even more interesting is how this study found that both regular and diet soft drinks were bad for your health. Drinking sugar sweetened beverages, such as regular sodas, increases your risk of digestive disease deaths. Meanwhile, drinking artificially sweetened beverages, like diet sodas, increases your risk of dying from cardiovascular diseases.

I'm sorry to say, but that diet soda may increase your risk of a heart attack or stroke. These findings were most significant when people drank two or more sugar or artificially sweetened beverages per day, compared to less than one per month.

This study was published in September 2019 in the Journal of the American Medical Association Internal Medicine. It showed associations, which means it saw connections, but it doesn't necessarily prove a cause and effect relationship. However, this was an impressive study involving half a million people followed for over 16 years. It excluded people if they already

had cancer, diabetes, stroke, or heart disease and it tried to account for body weight and smoking as well. Furthermore, other studies have found similar results.

If you really want a soda pop, it's not going to kill you to have one, but you probably don't need several every day. If you do, why not try cutting down? If you don't feel like drinking a glass of water, consider trying a sparkling water, or maybe take a glass of water and put a slice of lemon in it. Maybe try a natural sweetener like honey. Or, have a glass of milk.

In the last several years, people are drinking less soda pop, and the large soda corporations are listening to consumer demands. You may notice some alternatives the next time you walk down the beverage aisle at the grocery store. However, pay close attention to what's in them. Many are still loaded with sugar, and others have artificial sweeteners. Be wary of sports drinks, juice, supplement drinks and other alternatives.

My recommendation is to enjoy a tall glass of water. It's good for your health, good for your pocketbook, and you just might feel the satisfaction of self-care.

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## Cowboy Music and Poetry at Prairie Museum of Art & History

Two troubadours are riding into Colby on Saturday, October 12, for a special evening of contemporary western music and poetry at the Prairie Museum of Art & History. Musicians Kerry Grombacher and Aspen Black will perform their "Songs & Stories of the American West" in the museum's Garvey Room, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The production tells fascinating stories that are set in the Western landscape, where the couple has worked and traveled with cowboys and Indians, ranchers and rodeo riders, outfitters and chuck wagon cooks, as well as lawmen and lawbreakers.

"We're honored to be invited to perform at the Prairie Museum of Art & History," said Kerry Grombacher. "We're students of the history of the western United States, and I've written several western ballads that were inspired by paintings or photographs made in the west." Aspen Black added, "I'm really looking forward to performing in Colby. I'm a Virginia cowgirl, and it's awe-inspiring for me to spend time on the Great Plains, with the big sky and long horizons that signify the West in our imaginations."

Kerry Grombacher and Aspen Black, both successful solo artists, have worked together as a duo since 2014, performing nationwide for arts councils, house concerts, festivals, museums, and libraries. Their songs are influenced by the English ballad tradition, the string-band music of Aspen's Appalachian home, and the corridors of the desert Southwest - where Kerry has lived and worked.

Kerry Grombacher plays guitar and mandolin. His songs have been featured on the ABC-TV adventure travel show, "Born to Explore," and on the Putumayo World Records CD "Cowboy Playground," which was released in over 60 countries. He has released five albums of original songs, and his songs have been recorded by a list of artists, including: Jim Jones, Belinda Gail,

The Texas Trailhands, Gary Prescott, and Trails & Rails. Nalini Jones, of the Newport Folk Festival, says "Kerry Grombacher is the best kind of songwriter, with lyrics that take us on journeys to places we've never visited before, and melodies so pure and true that they seem to rise up from the plains..."

Aspen Black plays guitar and bass. She is a finalist for the 2019 Will Rogers Medallion Award for Cowboy Poetry, and she released a new CD of Cowboy Poetry, "Tales from the Road," in 2018. Aspen's "Lovin' the West" won the Rural Roots Music Commission's 2017 Classic Western CD of the Year award, and her "Eastern-Western Cowgirl" was the 2015 Female Country-Western CD of the Year. She was a top five finalist for the International Western Music Association's Female Poet of the Year in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Her poetry CD, "Invisibility," was a top five finalist for Cowboy Poetry CD of the Year in both 2015 and 2016.

Dick Shoemaker, of YNN-TV, in Franklin County, Virginia, says "Aspen Black has the voice of an angel. I could listen to her sing all day, and just sit back and smile."

Admission to the event is \$5 for adults, while kids (aged six years and under) gain entrance free of charge. Tickets are now available at the museum; or may be purchased at the door on the night of the concert.



## Innovators Conference to be Held at FHSU

The Kansas Small Business Development Center will host the Rural and Independent Innovators Conference at Fort Hays State University from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, in the Robbins Center on the university campus.

The conference is to help product and technology innovators who want to know how and when to advance their ideas and provide business connections to grow and evolve.

Registration for the event is \$15 and includes lunch. Visit <https://ksbdc.eccenterdirect.com/events/25104> to register.

For more information call 785-628-5615.

## FHSU Receives Largest Single Grant in its History

A program and a goal of increasing the number of advanced nursing practitioners in rural Kansas communities have helped the Department of Nursing at Fort Hays State University win the largest individual grant ever at Fort Hays State University.

The program is called the BSN to DNP track. It is a pathway for nurses who have the Bachelor of Science in Nursing to earn the Doctor of Nursing Practice, an advanced practice family nurse practitioner degree without having to leave home. The grant is \$2,796,398 from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Jenny Manry, chair of FHSU's Department of Nursing, said the project has two goals: to increase the number and quality of nurse practitioners in rural areas of the state, and to increase collaboration with clinical sites and on-site professional mentors (called preceptors) to recruit, train and educate the program's students.

"The BSN to DNP program at FHSU focuses on preparing students to care for populations from the newborn to the elderly," she said. "Students perform clinicals with both physicians and family nurse practitioners across Kansas, with many students coming from rural and frontier areas."

The grant covers four years. The program requires 75 credit hours of coursework and, over two years, 900 clinical hours. About half of the grant will go to students as stipends. The aim, said Manry, is to cut down on the hours students have to work to sustain themselves and to provide travel money. "I have some students who drive an

hour or an hour and a half every day to go to their clinical sites," she said.

Jayda Edgar, who is in her third year of the DNP program, has a passion for rural America, "I hope to continue working in small, rural areas as these are the communities that are struggling to find providers," she said. "I love the personal connection with the patients and communities."

The stipend, she said, has been very welcome.

"This stipend has lightened my financial burden tremendously and allows me to focus on my schoolwork," she said. "I do not think I can put into words my gratitude for this."

Manry said Edgar is just one of the students who has been positively impacted by the grant. She said she hopes that the funding will impact rural communities by giving students a slight reprieve from financial burdens and allow them to complete the DNP program, which may not otherwise have been possible.

About 50 students are currently working toward their degrees in the BSN to DNP track.

For more information on FHSU's Doctor of Nursing Practice program, visit [www.fhsu.edu/nursing/dnp/](http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/dnp/).

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## CCC Adult Education Receives Training Grant

With a grant provided by Walmart to the Kansas Board of Regents, the Colby Community College Adult Education department and Citizens Health are partnering to train employees of Citizens Medical Center, Family Center for Health Care, and Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) received a grant for \$463,500 from Walmart to develop customized training programs branded as Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K).

The programs, which are delivered in partnership with retail and service-sector employers, focus on employer and employee needs, providing engaging staff development, and retaining a more skilled workforce. CCC's request for \$25,000 was allocated to assist learners in attaining and improving communication skills in their workplace settings.

"We're excited to work with Citizens Health to improve skills and service in our area," said CCC Adult Education Director Nance Munderloh. "We believe this opportunity will be beneficial to many people."

The course for Citizens Health employees begins in October. For more information, contact Munderloh at (785) 460-4663.

## FY2020 Multi-Agency Appropriations Bill

Bill Supports Law Enforcement, Economic Development, Space Exploration & Scientific Research

The Senate Committee on Appropriations today approved Chairman Jerry Moran's (R-Kan.) FY2020 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Act. The FY2020 CJS Appropriations Act funds the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Justice, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation, and related agencies.

"I take my role of being

a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars very seriously and I'm pleased this bill is fiscally responsible and prioritizes key investments for public safety, law enforcement, rural broadband, aerospace initiatives and infrastructure, the National Science Foundation, NASA and a number of additional programs important to Kansans," said Chairman Moran. "In addition, this bill accelerates the goal of returning American astronauts to the moon, cements America's leadership in space exploration and includes important resources for STEM Education programs to inspire the next

generation of scientists."

"This legislation will also provide a pay raise for law enforcement and continue to fund important programs to keep communities in Kansas safe," continued Chairman Moran. "This includes programs created by the STOP School Violence Act and resources to conduct "Operation Triple Bean" and "Operation Save a Casing." Kansans will benefit from this legislation for many years to come, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this measure to the President's desk."

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Diercks Second at Hill City CC Meet



Junior Gabe Friess races to a second-place finish at the Hill City Cross Country Meet on September 26. His time was 17:35. (HHS photo)

By Tom Friess  
Last Thursday, September 26, the Hoxie Cross Country team wrapped up the September portion of our schedule with a meet at Hill City. With a ravine which is “fondly” called the “Grand Canyon” that must be negotiated four times, the race would be decided by who had the best mental approach to its looming large as part of the race. In our pre – race warmup / course preview we talked about how we needed to make a strategy as to how to beat it rather than let its presence beat us. I thought that our outlook to the hill and the cooler than expected temps helped to spur the runners on to some impressive times and places. The girls’ varsity race started off with junior Emily Diercks as our lone entry. She throttled it up a notch or two from previous meets and was able to race to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place

finish. She looked smooth and focused the entire race and her time of 21:02 is her best ever regular season time. It also now places her with the all-time fastest times for a Hoxie runner on every course that we compete on.

The boys’ varsity took to the course next as freshman Drew Bretz, sophomores Clay Johnson and Zack Cooper all hoped to also run well. Drew struggled as he tweaked a hammie on the first go through the canyon but was still able to medal in 14<sup>th</sup> place. His time was also good enough to be the fastest ever by a Hoxie freshman. Clay continues to run better and better as he ran a new personal best time on a pretty tough course and was able to finish just in front of Zach who was just a few seconds off his season best. Both of these guys continue to show the rewards of good practice habits. Junior Gabriel Friess also ran and set a new PR with a 17:35 which was good for second place and wrestled the all – time best from his brother Luke.

Sophomore Adam Heim and junior Samantha Robben would top off the afternoon in the JV race which was run with both the boys and girls. Adam was racing better than he ever has until his calves and shins started to cramp and slowed him at the end. His time at the 2-mile mark translated to 22:30 5K which would have been a PR, but the nagging pain slowed him to a 24:02. Samantha remains the steadiest of our runners as she is well-paced throughout the race. I had her gear back on the downhill to protect her knee and she still raced to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place JV medal and a new PR of 26:32.

We can be proud of this group. Oftentimes the site of the ravine causes the team to panic but they took it in stride (pun intended) and were able to have a great day of racing. We now look forward to two Tuesday meets in a row first at Oberlin then for league at Hoxie and we continue to undergo the Trials of the Miles in practice to improve our times.

INDIANS CALENDAR

MONDAY 10/7/2019

11:30am Sr Cap/Gown/Announcement w/Mike Danner

3:35pm Elementary BLT Mtg

5:30pm FB-JV vs Trego

TUESDAY 10/8/2019

2:20pm FHSU Rep

4:30pm VB-V/JV vs Logan/Norton

4:30pm CC-JH/HS @ Hoxie League

WEDNESDAY 10/9/2019

9am FFA Dairy Cattle Judging

2:20pm WSU College Rep

THURSDAY 10/10/2019

2:20pm NCKT Rep

4:30pm VB-JV vs Phillipsburg/Trego

4:30pm VB-JH @ St. Francis

5:30pm FB-JH @ St. Francis

FRIDAY 10/11/2019

7pm FB-V @ Atwood

SATURDAY 10/12/2019

9am VB-JH @ Trego MCL Tournament

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BULLDOGS' CALENDAR

MONDAY 10/7/2019

NO SCHOOL

4:30pm VB-JV @ Oakley

TUESDAY 10/8/2019

4pm VB-HS @ Almena

WEDNESDAY 10/9/2019

10:15am Flu Shots in Rexford

THURSDAY 10/10/2019

Fall Pictures

4pm VB/FB-MS vs Cheylin

FRIDAY 10/11/2019

7pm FB-HS vs Weskan

SATURDAY 10/12/2019

9am Ringneck Classic @ Hill City

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7pm Friday

The Hoxie Indians Lose Road Game

By Dylan Weimer

The Hoxie Indians traveled to Leoti to take on the Wichita County Indians on Friday, Sept. 27. Hoxie played well but were plagued by injuries causing a 56-26 defeat to a high-powered Wichita County offense.

Wichita County won the toss and elected to receive the ball starting on their own 33-yard line. They drove the ball down the field scoring on a 24-yard pass. The two-point conversion was no good making the score 6-0. With a good return by sophomore Cade Courley, Hoxie started with the ball on Wichita County’s 35-yard line. Hoxie drove the ball to the 20-yard line before throwing an interception on 4th and long. Wichita County took over on their own 5-yard line. Hoxie showed an improvement on defense forcing a three and out for Wichita County. Hoxie then took over on Wichita County’s 35-yard line. With only one play on offense, senior Dylan Weimer rushed for a 35-yard touchdown. A failed two-point conversion made the score 6-6. Wichita County took over on their own 23-yard line. With another good drive, they scored on a 14-yard pass. The two-point conversion was good, making the score 14-6. Hoxie returned the kick to their own 28-yard line.

To start the second quarter, sophomore Ashton Dowell scored on a quarterback sneak from the one-yard line. The two-point conversion failed making it 14-12, Wichita County. After a good kick by Hoxie, Wichita County had a zero-yard return, starting on their own 25-yard line. Their

offense had another good drive setting up a 20-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was good, making the score 22-12. Senior Andrew Foote recovered the onside kick attempt, setting Hoxie up at midfield. Dowell threw a perfect ball to D. Weimer. With a 39-yard gain, Hoxie had the ball on the 2-yard line. After a false start, Dowell found D. Weimer for a 7-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion failed, making it 22-18. Wichita County then started on their own 26-yard line. Driving the ball down the field, they finished with a 15-yard touchdown pass and a successful two-point conversion, making the score 30-18. Hoxie’s next drive ended in a punt, giving the ball back to Wichita County on their own 10-yard line. Hoxie’s defense came up with a big stop going into halftime.

Hoxie received the second half kickoff returning it to their own 28-yard line. Senior Wylie Weems rushed for a 35-yard gain on the first play of the second half. Hoxie then had troubles with the snap, giving the ball to Wichita County on their own 18-yard line. Hoxie forced them into a three and out and then took over on their own 22-yard line after the punt. Hoxie then threw an interception on the first play of the drive. Wichita County took over on their own 28-yard line. They set up a good drive resulting in a touchdown. A failed two-point conversion made the score 36-18. Hoxie returned the kick to their own 30-yard line. Hoxie drove the ball to the 25-yard line before throwing an interception,

giving Wichita County the ball at their own 12-yard line. After one play, they scored a touchdown and failed the two-point conversion, making it 42-18. Hoxie took over at midfield after the kick went out of bounds. With a good drive by Hoxie, Dowell had a 1-yard rushing touchdown on a quarterback sneak. The two-point conversion was good, making it 42-26. Wichita County returned the ball to their own 34-yard line. They quickly drove the ball down the field scoring on a short touchdown run. The two-point conversion was no good, making the score 48-26. Hoxie returned the ball to their own 29-yard line.

Hoxie turned the ball over on downs to start the 4th quarter. Wichita County took over on their own 16-yard line and picked up a couple of first downs before scoring on a 13-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion was successful. That made the score 56-26, which was the final score in favor of Wichita County.

Sophomore Ashton Dowell was 17/35 on passing. He passed for 195 yards. Senior Dylan Weimer had five carries for 54 yards and senior Wylie Weems had 4 carries for 31 yards. On the receiving side, D. Weimer had 73 yards, Weems had 61 yards, junior Caden White had 37 yards, and junior Gavin Tremblay had 19 yards. Leading Hoxie in tackles was D. Weimer with 18 total tackles, Weems with 14 total, and White with 11 total tackles.

Lady Bulldogs Add Two More Wins



Ashley Stoll Serves the ball during the Cheylin match in Bird City on September 24. The Lady Bulldogs came home with two wins following the Cheylin and Quinter Games advancing to an 18-1 record. (Photo by Adrian Grontvedt)

By Mabel Lugo  
The Golden Plains Bulldogs traveled to Bird City to take on the Quinter Bulldogs and the Cheylin Cougars on September 24. The varsity won both games of the night to advance their record 18-1. “We have improved as a

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Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open on October 1. This is the information that colleges use to figure out how much financial aid your student qualifies for. And since the cost of education is different at every school, the amount you receive will be different from every school. You can send your info to up to 10 schools free.

There is no disadvantage and every advantage to completing this early, and you will be using 2018 (not 2019) tax returns. You should have completed those by April 15. Acquire a FAFSA ID for student and parent, then complete FAFSA online. A good place to start is this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fz9j-g1FIHQ>

Hutchinson Community College will host Recruitment Day for juniors and seniors on October 25. Registration is required: [www.hutchccc.edu/recruit](http://www.hutchccc.edu/recruit).

Newman University will waive the \$25 admission fee for students on free or reduced lunch. Ask your counselor for the code. Find out more about NU at [insidenewman.com](http://insidenewman.com), or by calling 316-689-1164.

Bethany College will have Senior Preview Days on October 25 and January 20, as well as Junior Days on November 15 and March 30. Register for any of these visits at 800-826-2281 or at [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu).

Kansas State Polytechnic (Salina) has added a day, October 10-11, to the Polytechnic Wildcat for a Day Overnight Experience. Immerse yourself in the Kansas State University Polytechnic culture and learn what it’s like to be a part of the Wildcat family. During your stay, you’ll have the opportunity to attend classes in your area of interest, check out student activities in the Student Life Center, meet and make friends with current students, enjoy

our dining services and spend the night in a residence hall. To find out more call 785-826-2640 or email [polytechnic@k-state.edu](mailto:polytechnic@k-state.edu). There are still openings for the November 7-8 experience as well.

Latino Leadership Day will be held November 7 at Northwest Tech in Goodland. Registration deadline is October 25. To find out more contact Belinda at [belinda.miller@swplains.org](mailto:belinda.miller@swplains.org). KSU-Polytechnic will also have live programs on Instagram and Facebook scattered on several dates between now and Christmas. Topics include digital media, professional pilot, computer systems technology, technology management, unmanned aircraft systems, and robotics. Contact admissions at the info in the previous paragraph to find out more.

The KU Area Health Education Center is excited to announce the 2019 Regional Night @ The Lab Science Competitions. Research topics in the areas of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Health will be assigned to this year’s teams. The Northwest Kansas region competition will be held at Colby on October 9. Find out more at <http://www.kumc.edu/community-engagement/ku-ahec/health-career-promotion/night-the-lab.html>.

IMPORTANT DATES:  
October 5: Girls in Aviation Day at KSU Polytechnic

October 15: Deadline to apply to Wichita State for Distinguished Scholarship Invitational

October 25: Deadline to apply for Hansen Career-Technical Scholarship

November 1: Deadline for Masonic Essay entry

November 7: Senior Day at FSCC; November 8-Deadline to apply for December 14 ACT

Nov. 13: Garden City CC Exploration Day

Jan. 10: Deadline to apply for February 8 ACT

KSHSAA Joins NFHS Network

The Kansas State High School Activities Association has signed an agreement with the NFHS Network for streaming of KSHSAA postseason events. The NFHS Network serves 44 other state associations.

The agreement is for five years beginning with the 2019-20 school year. The NFHS Network will provide live streaming through its online subscription platform at [www.NFHSNetwork.com](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com).

“The KSHSAA is committed to highlighting the outstanding student-athletes and teams participating in the interscholastic arena across our great state,” said KSHSAA Executive Director Bill Faflack. “The partnership with the NFHS Network will allow for Kansas championship experiences to be enjoyed with a broader audience, provide educational opportunities for school broadcast team members, all while connecting Kansas kids with supporters across the Network audience.”

The NFHS Network, which streams events live and on-demand on its website at [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com), is a joint venture of the NFHS and PlayOn! Sports. It aggregates the sports media and related rights of state high school athletic/activity associations to bring education-based, high school activities to

millions of homes in America. The 2019-20 school year will mark seven years of operation. Nearly 230,000 events have been broadcast on the Network since its launch in 2013.

“This is an exciting announcement for the NFHS Network, KSHSAA and all our member state associations across the country,” said Mark Koski, CEO of the NFHS Network. “An important goal of the NFHS Network is to showcase high school sports and activities from every state and this partnership gets us closer to that goal. Friends and family should never have to miss their student compete or perform.”

While 40 Kansas schools have already joined, this agreement also allows access for more member schools to join the NFHS Network’s School Broadcast Program (SBP). Currently, the NFHS Network’s School Broadcast Program allows students to get involved outside of participating in the activity itself. In the SBP, students fill the roles of commentators, camera operators and producers, guided by a school advisor.

For more information on the SBP and the automated Pixellot program, visit their website <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/sbp>.

The NFHS Network has covered a diverse array of events, including those outside of traditional sports. Non-traditional broadcasts are provided on the network free of charge, and a subscription to sporting events on the NFHS Network is \$9.95 per month.

Exclusive first rights to postseason events will belong to the NFHS Network. Declined inventory will be available for rights purchase through the KSHSAA Broadcast Agreements, digital or linear.

The broadcast schedule for this school year will be released at a later date.

THUNDERHAWKS CALENDAR

MONDAY 10/7/2019

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY 10/8/2019

4pm VB-HS @ Wheatland

4:30pm CC-HS @ Hoxie

THURSDAY 10/10/2019

4pm VB/FB-MS @ Northern Valley

FRIDAY 10/11/2019

7pm FB-HS vs Quinter

SATURDAY 10/12/2019

9am VB-HS @ Scott City

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AREA SCHOOLS’ MENUS

School:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10	10/11
Hoxie	B: Blueberry Muffin L: Teriyaki Chicken	B: Biscuit & Gravy L: Frito Pie	B: Waffle Sticks L: Chicken Fajitas	B: Sausage Link w/toast L: Grilled Chicken Patty	B: Breakfast Round L: Cheeseburger





# Area Schools



## JV Girls Split Games at Home



Breanna Rath (left), Karla Hernandez/Lopez (center), and Sidney Taylor (right) return the ball to Victoria during the JV game at Rexford on September 17. The Golden Plains Bulldogs lost a game to the Knights and played a close set with the Northern Valley Huskies. (Photo by Brooke Stoll)

By Kloie Jones

On Tuesday, September 17, the Junior Varsity volleyball team played two sets at home against Victoria and Northern Valley.

The first game was against Victoria. "We worked well together," said sophomore Lauren Patmon about the loud and intense game, "but we still have room for improvement. We'll get 'em next time!" The final score was 16-25 in favor of the Knights.

The second game was with Northern Valley. "We worked hard and had great communication," said Karlissa Shepherd about how the intense, stressful game went. It was fairly even throughout the game. The Lady Bulldogs worked hard and played close but fell to the Huskies 27-29.

The next game is on September 24, at Cheylin against the Cougars and the Quinter Bulldogs.

## Lady Bulldogs Add Two More Wins

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team," said Ashley Stoll.

In the first game of the night the Lady Bulldogs took on the Quinter Bulldogs. The first set the girls were filled with intensity and won 25-11. The second set was a competitive match as it went back and forth but the Golden Plains girls pulled away and won 25-22. "We started out good, but got into a slump," added Stoll, "but pulled together in the end."

The second match of the day was a battle between the Cougars and Bulldogs. The Bulldogs and Cougars played a close first set, but the GP girls pulled away and held on to win it 25-20. The GP Bulldogs came back with enthusiasm and took the second set 25-17. "Overall we have improved as a team and I am excited to see how the rest of the season goes," continued junior Ashley Stoll.

The Lady Bulldogs advance their winning streak to 18-1 and are still ranked in the state KVA poll. They travel to Sharon Springs on September 28 where they will be taking on Sharon Springs Wildcats and the Weskan Coyotes.

## Middle School Takes the Win

By Mabel Lugo

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team traveled to Oberlin to take on Atwood and Oberlin on September 23. They had two A-team, and two B-team games. The A-team lost both games and the B-team came home with a win over Oberlin and Atwood.

The A-team girls played three tough sets against Oberlin. The Lady Bulldogs fought hard to get a win on the first set but lost 17-25. The girls regrouped in the second set and won 25-22. They began the third set hard but lost 10-15. "We played really hard," said Emma Weiner. "We need to talk more and play together as a team." The Lady Bulldogs played their second game against Atwood. They struggled in the first set losing 25-8. The

girls regrouped in the second set but lost 25-17. "We need to pass the ball better also," continued Emma Weiner.

The B-team Lady Bulldogs started their night off playing against Oberlin. They won their first set 25-18. The girls fought hard in the second set but lost 25-27. They went into a third set and won 15-13. The girls then took on Atwood and won both sets. They were determined to win and won 25-23. The second set they had intensity and won 25-16. "It went really well," said Jaqueline Manriquez. "We played hard and played as a team, but we need to talk more and be able to play as a team all the time."

The GP Middle School Bulldogs will host Logan and Palco at Rexford on September 26.

## GPMS Girls Continue Season in Grinnell



Emma Weiner serves to the Thunderhawks in Grinnell on September 19. The Golden Plains Middle School girls won two games against Grinnell/Wheatland crediting their serves for much of their success. (Photo by Braylee Knowles)

By Britton Knowles

On September 19, 2019 the Golden Plains Middle School girls continued their volleyball season against the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks. A, B, and C teams all played. They walked off the court with two wins and one loss.

The A-team girls started off in the first set 25-22. "We did good," said Hayden Wark who sets for the A-team. "We worked really hard on our serves, even though we didn't get all of them, and our returns." The A-team ended the game with a win of 25-22 in both sets.

The B-team girls seemed to struggle a little in the first two sets. The first set they won 25-20 and the second set they lost 23-25. They ended up going into a third set and they lost that third set against the Thunderhawks 12-15. "I was really nervous, but I had fun," said Braylee Knowles, 6th grade, "I had more fun than I thought I would. We need to work on serving though. Other than that, I think we all talked and communicated with each other well."

The C-team only got to play one set but "We had fun," said Emma Carter. "It was nice to play after the hard work at practices." The C-team girls ended up winning 25-12. "We need to work on moving towards the ball faster and not being afraid of it," added Carter.

The girls will play their next games at home on September 26 against Logan/Palco.

## WKLL Students Learn to Lead



The Wheatland High School senior girls with Wayne Simien and his son Shepherd at the leadership conference on September 25. (left to right): Seniors Eidree Chapin, Saige Meier, Jett Smidtberger, Wayne Simien, Shepherd Simien, Seniors Jessi Bernbeck, Morgan Zimmerman, Jessica Heier, and Jordyn Vincent. (WHS photo)

By Eidree Chapin, Co-Editor

On Wednesday, September 25, Wheatland High School and the Grinnell Middle School student body traveled to Colby for a WKLL leadership conference. All league schools attended this conference: Cheylin, Northern Valley, Logan, Western Plains, Healy, Triplains, Brewster, Weskan, Palco, Heartland Christian, and Golden Plains. Former KU basketball player and NBA champion, Wayne Simien, started off the day talking to the group about leadership. He also showed pictures of objects like a sling, river, and forest, and told us how they applied to us.

Senior Jett Schmidtberger said, "It was a cool experience to see and listen to Wayne Simien. I liked to hear that he has had experiences with bullying and how he handled it. It was a great

thing to attend and I'm glad I got to go."

After Simien was through talking, the groups divided into smaller groups to listen to other speakers. There were speakers from Fort Hays State University who talked to the students about having appropriate social media accounts. Another speaker was a representative from Norton Valley Hope. She spoke about substance abuse and addiction. The last speaker was Trooper Tod Hileman, a Kansas State Trooper. Trooper Tod talked to the students about traffic safety.

Senior Saige Meier said, "It was a good experience and I learned many valuable things from each speaker."

The day was concluded with Simien speaking to the students about how to believe in yourself and have self-motivation.

## Hawks Hook a Win

By Laredo Allemang, Staff Reporter

On September 20, 2019, the Wheatland High School Thunderhawks football team traveled to Alma to play against the Northern Valley Huskies. The Thunderhawks and the Huskies were neck and neck throughout the game, but the Hawks pulled through the last minute to give Wheatland the win.

After the long hard fight, the Hawks came out on top with a score of 28-18.

The Hawks had 9 penalties with 75 penalty yards. They had 63 total plays and 15 first downs. Throughout the game the Hawks had 4 touchdowns scored by Issac Mendez, Johnny Phillips, and Tyrell Chapin. There were 28 punt returns and 2 conversions.

"The win at Northern

## Chapin Climbs the Hills



By Jessi Bernbeck, Staff Reporter

Eidree Chapin traveled to Hill City on September 26, to run at the cross-country meet. Chapin ran 5K in a time of 27:17. This time is a season record. Chapin said, "I am very happy with my time as I did not run for two weeks because of sickness. It was also a tough course, so I am proud of my time. I look forward to running next week and seeing what I can accomplish the rest of the season."

Chapin will be running at Hoxie on October 8.



Valley was the start of a football program that is building," said Jett Vincent.

The Hawks game has greatly improved since last year and we are all excited to see how many more wins we can earn this season.

Chris Bixenman stated, "No one thought we would win, but we did what we should and came out on top."

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# Farm News



## 2019 Kansas Small Grain Acreage and Production

Winter wheat production is estimated at 338 million bushels, up 22 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The area harvested for grain totaled 6.50 million acres, down 11 percent from 2018. Planted acreage totaled 6.90 million acres, down 10 percent from a year earlier. The yield is 52.0 bushels per acre, up 14 bushels from 2018.

Oat production is estimated at 1.15 million bushels, up 31 percent from 2018. Area harvested for grain, at 18,000 acres, is unchanged from last year. Planted acreage totaled 120,000 acres, unchanged from a year earlier. Yield is 64.0 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels per acre from last year.

Barley production is estimated at 132,000 bushels, down 29 percent from a year ago. Area harvested for grain is 4,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2018. Planted acreage totaled 14,000 acres, down 18 percent from last year. Average yield, at 33.0 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from 2018.

## Kansas Hog Inventory Up 2 Percent

Kansas inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2019, was 2.08 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2018, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2019.

Breeding hog inventory, at 175,000 head, was up 3 percent from September 1, 2018, but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 1.91 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June - August 2019 Kansas pig crop, at 948,000 head, was unchanged from 2018. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 87,000 head, unchanged from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.90 for the June - August period, compared to 10.90 last year.

Kansas hog producers intend to farrow 86,000 sows during the September - November 2019 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for December 2019 - February 2020 are 88,000 sows, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.

## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending September 29, 2019, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 65 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 73 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 30 percent, behind 38 last year, and near 31 for the five-year average. Emerged was 12 percent, near 15 last year and 11 average.

Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 10 poor, 34 fair, 42 good, and 10 excellent. Corn dented was 96 percent, near 100 last year and 98 average. Mature was 73 percent, behind 89 last year and 84 average. Harvested was 28 percent, behind 45 last year and 41 average.

Soybean condition rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 34

## Big Cob Hybrids Celebrates 10 Years of Service

*Hybrid seed company provides world-class corn and soybean seed to area growers*

A milestone has been reached for Big Cob Hybrids, a top provider of corn and soybean seed as it celebrates 10 years of service to farmers in the Western Corn Belt in 2019. As evidence of its successful growth, earlier this year Big Cob Hybrids opened an additional storage and distribution location just northwest of Hoxie, Kansas, to serve its growing seed inventory demands from Kansas growers.

Established in 2009 by Ben Benson and Jim McGowen, Big Cob Hybrids started with a small line-up of corn and soybean seed and quickly began to grow with the help of Benson's father, Dr. David Benson. Dr. Benson is one of the most experienced corn breeders in the industry, holding over 51 patents for his breeding efforts, and whose extensive corn product knowledge and product commercialization experience helped develop Big Cob into a truly competitive regional brand powerhouse.

## Grain Stocks

Kansas corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2019 totaled 78.5 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Of the total, 6.80 million bushels are stored on farms, down 16 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 71.7 million bushels, are up 5 percent from last year.

Wheat stored in all positions totaled 474 million bushels, down 4 percent from a year ago. Onfarm stocks of 31.5 million bushels are up 47 percent from 2018 but off-farm stocks of 442 million bushels are down 6 percent from last year.

Sorghum stored in all positions totaled 46.0 million bushels, up 117 percent from 2018. On-farm stocks of 1.70 million bushels are down 23 percent from a year ago but off-farm stocks of 44.3 million bushels are up 133 percent from last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 46.8 million bushels, up 154 percent from last year. Onfarm stocks of 5.50 million bushels are up 67 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks, at 41.3 million bushels, are up 172 percent from 2018.

Oat stocks stored in off-farm positions totaled 306,000 bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago.

"One of the major myths of the seed business is that small, independent seed companies can't provide the quality of seed or genetics that the large national companies can," said Ben Benson, who serves as the current CEO of Big Cob Hybrids. "Over the past ten years, Big Cob has proven that, through our partnerships and licensing, we have access to world-class genetics that are regionally better than our competitors. Add that to our proprietary Farm-Fit Planning process, and our Kansas and Nebraska growers can be confident that they have made wise planting decisions by placing the right seed on the right acres."

Now with 10 full-time employees and 20 Area Seed Representatives, Big Cob's growth is evidence of the company's continued commitment to provide exceptional corn and soybean seed selection as well as proven, experienced crop planning guidance based on each individual farmer's management practices and field conditions.

"It is very exciting to commemorate a decade of service to farmers in the Western Corn Belt," said Benson. "The farmers we serve throughout Kansas and Nebraska have been a blessing to work with and we look forward to our joint success for many years to come."

For more information about Big Cob Hybrids' mission to provide the highest quality, farm-specific seed available and guide farmers towards maximum yields and reduced anxiety at planting time, visit [www.bigcob.com](http://www.bigcob.com).



## Why Me? Why Not

*By Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County Farmer & Rancher*

One of my favorite cartoons is a "Hagar the Horrible" panel. The picture shows Hagar with arrows stuck in his shield, his boat sinking, obviously having a bad day. He has his hands thrown back and is looking at the heavens and proclaims, "Why me?"

The next panel shows the skies above him open up and a voice say, "Why not!" I think back on that cartoon sometimes when it comes time to advocate for agriculture. Whether it is in D.C., Topeka or a fourth-grade classroom, many times I wonder, why me? Why can't I just stay home and work on my farm and forget the rest of the world exists?

Truth be told, I suppose I could, but the reality is the days of keeping our noses to the grindstone, minding our own business and not worrying about what anyone else thinks are long gone. I don't know if you have noticed, but things like social media allow everyone with an opinion and a keyboard to be an expert about agriculture.

That is why it is so important for us to be involved and to advocate for agriculture. We are the true experts, and every one of us pour our blood, sweat, and tears into what we do. So, I will ask you this question; if *not* you, then *who* will tell our story? We all

know that answer, and the alternative is one that should scare us to death.

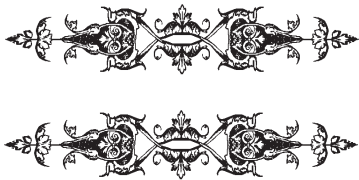
That is also why it is so important to be active in Kansas Farm Bureau. Alone our voices can be heard, but it is a much greater challenge. Kansas Farm Bureau and, ultimately, American Farm Bureau allow for us to come together as farmers and ranchers to achieve a common goal. It is the power of the individual member to have influence that gives us our grassroots strength.

I know each of us are incredibly busy, and it is so hard to make that sacrifice to be gone from our farms and ranches. Let me assure you the sacrifice is well worth the pain. I truly believe the time I spend advocating for agriculture, whether it is telling our story to school kids or elected officials, is just as important as the time I spend in my tractor seat.

We must all take the time to tell our story. Each of us has one to tell and the public needs to hear it. The days of assuming everyone has ties to agriculture and understands what we do are gone. The public wants to like and trust us, but they need to hear our story from us directly.

The next time your phone rings or that email pops up with an opportunity to advocate for agriculture, I want you to answer the call and tell everyone about the great work we all do every day. We feed a hungry world while protecting the soil, air, and water. Why you? Why not.

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## Sheriff's Report

09/15/2019 to 09/21/2019

Traffic Stop:	16
911 Hangup, Miss Dial, Misc.:	6
911 Call Transferred:	2
Unknown Business:	1
MV Accident-Street/Road/Hwy:	2
MV Accident - Hit and Run:	1
MV Accident - Private Property:	2
MV Accident w/Deer:	1
Alarm - Business:	1
ANIMAL CALL:	2
Attempt to Locate:	2
JAIL BIBLE STUDY :	1
Burglary:	1
Control Burn:	1
Cattle Out:	3
Municipal or District Court	2
Civil Process of Doc.-Served:	4
Criminal Damage to Property:	2
Disabled Vehicle:	2
Dog At Large:	2
DOM - Domestic Disturbance:	3
Ambulance Run:	5
General Escort:	1
Fire:	3
Fish/Boat License Checks:	1
Gas or Hazard Fumes:	1
Gas Skip:	2
Creating a Hazard:	1
Hitchhiker:	1
Incident:	1
JAIL - Cleaning/Recreation:	2
JAIL ALTERCATION:	1
Jail Meals:	19
K-9 Deployment:	1
Lost & Found Property:	1
Meeting:	1
Parking Complaint:	1
Contact w/Public (10-21, etc):	78
Reckless Driver:	1
Registration/Offender/Update:	1
Phone/Mail Scam:	1
Service Rendered:	2
EMS/FIRE/CIVIL STAND BY:	6
Stolen Property:	1
Suicidal Subject:	1
Suspicious Activity:	1
Suspicious Person:	1
Suspicious Vehicle:	1
TESTING:	2
Prisoner Transportation:	1
Interview:	1
VIN Inspections:	7
Visitation:	2
Welfare Check:	9
Total:	215



# Legals & Minutes

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JOHN R. GEISINGER, Deceased CASE NO.: 2019-PR-000017

## NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated August 27, 2019, has been filed in this court by John B. Geisinger, as a co-executor named in the Last Will and Testament of John R. Geisinger, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of John B. Geisinger and Jacqueline Wiens as co-executors of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

/s/ John B. Geisinger  
John B. Geisinger, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JULIA A. GEISINGER, Deceased CASE NO.: 2019-PR-000002

## NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated August 27, 2019, has been filed in this court by John B. Geisinger, as the successor executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Julia A. Geisinger, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of John B. Geisinger and Jacqueline Wiens as co-executors of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

/s/ John B. Geisinger  
John B. Geisinger, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
ANNUNCIATA WEBER, Deceased. Case No. 2019-PR-000006

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Daniel J. Weber and Fr. Kevin Weber, co-executors of the estate of Annunciata Weber, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the **28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, at 11:00 a.m.** of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Daniel J. Weber  
Daniel J. Weber, Executor  
/s/ Fr. Kevin Weber  
Fr. Kevin Weber, Executor

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
RALPH A. WEIS, DECEASED. NO. 2019-PR- 22

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

### AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 24, 2019, a petition was filed in the District Court of Osborne County, Kansas, pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, by Donald Weis, praying for the admission to probate of the Last Will and Testament of Ralph A. Weis, deceased, dated May 1, 2018, which is filed with said petition, and for the appointment of Donald Weis as Executor thereof, without bond, pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against said estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Donald Weis  
Petitioner

Paul S. Gregory #12408  
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P. O. Box 345  
Osborne, Kansas 67473  
785-346-5445

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## Commission Minutes 9/11/2019

Now on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Joe Bainter presiding. Others present were Wes Bainter, Troy Dewey and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Irene Follis and Doyle Kauk.

Joe Bainter called the meeting to order.

Joe Pratt, Sheridan County Attorney, entered the meeting. Pratt stated that he had talked with Fred Albers about a road south of Menlo. There is water running over the road due to ditches needing cleaned out. Pratt will write a letter to the other landowner to see if they can go on his property.

Pratt has talked with Pfeifer Dozing Service, LLC about grading a road on 30S and 140E. Pfeifer would complete the Agreement with the County and Pratt stated he would pay \$175.00 of the \$550.00 cost, leaving the County's share \$375.00. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve Pfeifer grading that road and the County paying \$375.00 for the work, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Pratt will get Bracht a copy of the signed Agreement.

Bracht presented a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners to approve and sign for the Sheridan County Hospital. They are asking support in obtaining a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to remove and replace the concrete in the courtyard of the Long Term Care Unit and to remove the large tree. The bid to remove the tree and remove and replace the concrete was \$43,480. The hospital will pay \$10,000 so the request from the Hansen Foundation will be \$33,480. The Board and approved and signed the letter of support on a motion by Dewey and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bracht distributed the correspondence from Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation stating that Sheridan County is in compliance as it pertains to valuation. The Division of Property Valuation commended the Appraiser's Office for the hard work and dedication in completing the 2019 appraisal process.

Kansas WorkforceONE update information was distributed to look through if interested.

Guest Doyle Kauk stated he had attended the meeting in Hays as it pertained to Highway 23. Kauk stated there were six Sheridan County residents in attendance. They plan to have another meeting for this project in late October or early November.

Bill Patmon entered the meeting. Patmon stated he approved the action Wes Bainter is taking. Patmon further said we need to get the county roads better, especially the bus routes. Farmers are in a bind with crop prices this summer. Feels the roads really need help, especially with gravel. Wes Bainter shared that the state is looking at the eight-year average formula, that some feel this is too long a time period. Patmon also stated that the weeds are growing in,

narrowing the roads.

Ross Carder, Road & Bridge Supervisor, entered the meeting. Carder discussed the road in Tasco coming in from the north and blading around the loop south. Permission was given to blade to David Taylor's house and to Herb Cressler's but not the loop.

Carder has looked at shelving for chemicals to keep it off the floor. Dewey made a motion to purchase two used shelving racks from Mike Scott at \$700/each. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Carder stated he is looking at totes that can be placed on stands to hold pre-emergent. He wants to get the whole county sprayed this fall and feels they should be able to spray 100 miles a day. If they can spray again in May, he feels they should be in good shape as it pertains to weeds.

Road & Bridge applied for a grant from the Department of Transportation for bridge number 57 on Co. Rd 120N between 40-50E and it was approved. This is for a total bridge replacement. The approximate cost for Sheridan County is \$130,000 with the State's share being \$550,000. Carder stated there would be a final contract coming within the coming month that would need to be approved and signed by the Board. This would be a 2021 project.

The County should receive \$66,000 from the Federal Fund Exchange program. This is for road work already completed and paid for that the County can be reimbursed for. Carder stated the BoMag at the landfill died. The service man from Wichita should be here this week to see if it is the computer system or what.

Carder advised the Board that Marjorie Reynolds would start having overtime as she will be mowing.

Carder presented information on a used 2005 2500HD pickup with box for sale at Tubbs & Sons at a cost of \$10,850. It has 152,000 miles on it. Carder requested permission to purchase. He would like to have two pickups set up for the road crews. Dewey made a motion to approve the purchase of the pickup, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

On a motion by Dewey and second from Joe Bainter, permission was given to put at least three of the pickups and the little tractor for sale on NexTech. Carried 3-0.

One bid was received with two refusals to lay new flooring in the offices, map room, and hallway of the Road & Bridge office. Paul's Furniture had a bid of \$3,594.73. Dewey made a motion to accept this bid, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Carder advised the Board that the Landfill office had been cleaned up.

At 9:52, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 3 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt and Carder. The door opened at 10:02 with no comments.

At 10:03, the Board took a small break.

Jim Myers, CPA, entered the meeting and presented the completed 2018 audit. Myers

stated he had no problems with any staff at the Courthouse and all documentation was available and in order. Wes Bainter stated that the cash reserve is obscure. Joe Bainter stated this was Wes' opinion. Individuals have told him they are taxpayers and we need to keep the reserve there. Myers stated the basic trend of General and Road & Bridge is the reserve is going down.

Myers recommended that there be some sort of centralized accounting for chemical sales, what comes in, what goes out and what is being received for payment. This is an area that should have better accounting.

Joe Bainter moved the 2018 audit for Sheridan County be approved as presented. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey moved the Landfill report be approved as presented, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Myers exited the meeting.

Wes Bainter moved to amend the agenda to include Scott Foote. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Foote discussed with the Board a new program with Kansas Department of Transportation that offers money to help pave roads. Foote is looking to pave a 2.4-mile road from the highway to the north entrance of the feedlot with asphalt. Foote has talked with Brett Tremblay, an engineer, and they have come up with some ideas. The State will pay up to 85% of the cost to pave the road and Foote is asking the County to come up with an amount and he will also come up with an amount. Foote stated it looks better if the County is involved and is asking that the County come up with 15%, he will pay 15% and then submit to the State a request for the remaining 70%. The initial estimate to pave this road was \$1,250,000. Hopefully the actual cost will be less. Doyle Kauk was recognized and stated that he drives a lot of feedlot roads and stated that the specifications need to be heavy enough to withstand the traffic. Kauk feels there needs to be side striping. The sides break down or need constant repair. Wes Bainter moved to approve paying 15% of the cost up to a max of \$180,000. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Joe Bainter abstained stating he wanted to be able to talk with taxpayers first before making a decision. The application deadline is the end of September with approval being given in October. Foote stated the County would be the sponsor. Foote will contact Penco Engineering and Brett Tremblay and get the engineering fees first. Foote exited the meeting.

Jeff Younger with Secure Energy entered the meeting. Younger discussed gas prices and how much the Courthouse and shop spend for gas service. Locking in the gas rate saves the

County several thousand dollars annually. Dewey made a motion to lock in 50% of the gas usage for the period November through March. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter stated he would be out of the office on the 18<sup>th</sup> so the Board opted to have no meeting. If something comes up, Bracht will contact each commissioner individually if need be.

Brandon Carver, Sheridan County Sheriff and Dana Hess, Communications Director/Dispatcher, entered the meeting. Bids were presented for two HP and two Dell computers. Hess stated that the computer for dispatch can be paid for through the 911 funds. Dewey made a motion to approve purchasing two Dell computers at a cost of \$2,760.56. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Hess advised that one of the full-time employees is going to part-time due to another job offer which will pay more money. Hess is asking for a raise for all dispatchers. A starting wage of \$15.00 with a .65 raise after six months. Hess discussed and presented information about the number of calls they receive and then the amount of entries that are necessary to be made for one call. Hess continued with the discussion about the type of calls dispatchers handle and at times it is a lot to deal with. Dispatchers handle calls from the public as well as law enforcement, EMS and fire. Hess stated she is having a difficult time even getting individuals to apply for the dispatch job. If we lose the Communications Center, Sheridan County would have to pay another agency to dispatch for us and this creates other issues. Wes Bainter stated he is not opposed to paying dispatchers more money but it creates issues with other employees so that is why he states he is working on a wage scale. Wes Bainter moved that the starting wage for dispatch be \$15.00/hr with no set raise after six months. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants and payroll were audited and approved:

General \$56,505.04  
Road & Bridge \$24,988.51  
Offender \$250.00  
Public Hlth. \$4,416.05  
Public Transp. \$1,328.34  
Landfill \$1,331.47  
Spec Auto \$1,242.15

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room on the main floor in the Courthouse. There is no meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 18.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Joe Bainter, Chairman

## Real Estate AUCTION

### 160 (+/-) Acres of Sheridan County, KS Crop Land

### Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Sale time: 11 a.m.

**Legal Description:** NW 1/4 of 35-6-29, Sheridan, County, KS.  
**Land Location:** From Selden, KS: 2 miles East, then 3 miles South. From Hoxie, KS: 5 miles West on Hwy 24, then 7 1/2 miles North.  
**Sale Location:** Bowen Scout House, 1 Block East of Main Street on Sheridan Avenue in Hoxie, Kansas.  
**Terms:** Ten percent (10%) down day of sale, balance on approval of marketable title on or before 30 days from day of sale. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, must have been arranged and approved prior to the auction so that Buyer(s) are capable of paying cash at closing.  
**Possession:** Approximately one half of the cropland is planted to corn. Buyer will receive possession on this acreage after the 2019 corn harvest. The balance of the cropland will be planted to wheat and the Buyer will be paid \$3,375.00 for lease of these acres with possession to Buyer after the 2020 wheat harvest.  
**Title Insurance:** Title insurance shall be used to prove clear and merchantable title with the Buyer(s) and Seller sharing equally the owner's policy expense. The lender's policy, if required, will be the expense of the Buyer(s).  
**FSA Payments:** Buyer(s) will receive 100% of the 2020 FSA feed grain payments on acres not planted to wheat and 0% of the 2020 wheat program payment.

FSA and Tax Information			
Auction Acres	Cropland Acres	Wheat Base Acres	Corn Base Acres 2018 Taxes
160	156.54	54.33	46.21 \$1,419.28

**Acres:** All acreages are based on U.S. Government measurements and are considered approximate. The statements, while not guaranteed, are from reliable sources. Any costs incurred in establishing boundaries shall be the responsibility of the Buyer(s). Sale is subject to easements, rights-of-way, reservation and/or restrictions of record. Seller and Realtor make no warranties, either expressed or implied. Broker represents the Seller only and will not be considered an agent for the Purchaser(s). Announcements made day of sale shall take precedence over all printed material. For more information, contact the broker.  
**Mineral Rights:** All Sellers' mineral rights will go to Buyer.  
**Closing:** Date of closing will be on or before November 8, 2019.  
**Agency:** Pratt Real Estate is the Exclusive Agent of the Sellers.  
**Taxes:** Seller will pay all 2019 and prior taxes with the taxes for 2020 and subsequent years to be the responsibility of the Buyer(s).  
**Auctioneer's Note:** Take an hour off from picking corn and drilling wheat and come to the auction for a cup of coffee and a chance to buy 160 acres of Sheridan County, Kansas cropland at auction price.

## Pratt Real Estate

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