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WES BANTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Selden Library Installs Updates with Grant Funds

By Judy Rogers

The Selden Public Library has updated all of their computer equipment, as well as purchased a laminator and paper cutter to use for the Story Walk with funds provided by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

The library, which is operated completely with volunteers, was able to purchase four new computers along with a color printer/copier with these funds. Two of the computers are available for patron use while the other two are used for library operations. The computers provide internet access along with Microsoft Office applications. The internet access, which is also available via WiFi, is provided by Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech. The printer is shared by the

library and is available for patron use for a nominal fee to cover costs.

In addition to the computer equipment, the grant provided for the purchase of a laminator and large size paper cutter. The library uses this equipment to prepare books for the Story Walk on the south end of town. Each month, April-October, a new story is placed in the Story Walk along the Golden Plains Walking Trail just east of the grade school. Students and community members can enjoy reading the story as they walk along the trail. The laminator can also be used by library patrons to help preserve documents for a nominal fee to cover costs.

"We appreciate the support of the Hansen Foundation to help us continue to provide



ART Classes Develop Talents!

By Brittany Lewis

School had been cancelled but art was still in session. Eleven-year-old Adleigh Ziegler drew this art creation using oil pastels. Adleigh takes art classes once a week with Diane Pratt and hopes to continue art as a lifetime hobby.

For more information on art classes with Diane, visit her on Instagram @dianeprattcjp. (Photo by Andrea Ziegler)



Marsha Rogers, President of the Selden Public Library Board of Directors, uses the laminator purchased with grant funds from the Dane G. Hansen foundation to prepare a story for the Story Walk. The library, which is operated completely by volunteers, recently received the laminator along with a paper cutter and four new computers from the Hansen Foundation. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

services to our library patrons and the Selden community," said board president Marsha Rogers. "Public libraries are essential to help communities thrive and to provide needed services for the patrons they serve. We appreciate Dane G. Hansen's vision and support

and encourage everyone to stop by and see what we have to offer."

The Selden Public Library is open on Mondays from 9:00-11:00 am, Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 am.

HHS WRESTLERS COMPETE AT AREA TOURNAMENTS



Andrew Foote works for a pin at the Buzz Matson Invitational Tournament on January 18 in Oberlin. (Photo by Alayna Shepard)

By Peggy Eland

The Hoxie High School varsity wrestlers competed in the Buzz Matson Invitational Tournament in Oberlin on Saturday, January 18, placing second as team. Placing first individually were freshman Drew Bretz, sophomore Drew Bell, freshman Derek Johnson, and senior Dylan Weimer.

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Ashlyn Kaus wrestles hard for a victory at the Hays High Junior Prairie Classic on January 18 in Hays. (Photo by Alayna Shepard)

By Peggy Eland

Four Hoxie junior varsity and two girl wrestlers competed in the Hays High Junior Prairie Classic on Saturday, January 18. Sophomore Marissa Porsch placed second in the 130# girls division.

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Local Students Awarded Music Education Scholarships

Fort Hays State University students, Rhiannon Mullins, senior, and Tabor Rucker, senior have been awarded scholarships by the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association.

The association awards these scholarships to students who are seeking to become music educators in K-12 schools.

The scholarships were presented at the Northwest Kansas KMEA mini-convention concert series in December at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on the FHSU campus.

frustrations, and I'm the one who takes the brunt of your anger. I have to ask the tough questions in order to know what is happening, to send the aid you need. I'm the one who is with you through your toughest time, listening to what has happened or is happening. Our calls are never easy. Some are just better than others. We are the ones left hanging, hoping that you are ok, and that emergency responders can get to you in time or help you with whatever is wrong. Dispatchers are the first and the last to know. We are the first to know what is happening and we are the last to know the outcome. Sometimes the calls we take, they stay with us, could be for a week, sometimes for a lifetime. We all take calls that affect us differently, some are

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Student Spotlight Saige Meier



By Eidree Chapin, Co-Editor

Saige Leann Meier is the daughter of Trent and Melissa Meier. Throughout high school, she has been involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, art, and DTP. Meier enjoys being on sport teams because she likes the way our school works together to have a good time. Outside of school, her hobbies

include sleeping, hanging out with friends, watching horror movies, and mudding. Her favorite memories of high school are from when her class gets together to hang out and have fun.

After graduation she plans to attend NCK Tech in Beloit for heavy machinery operation. With this degree, she hopes to get on a traveling construction crew.

A short-term goal for Meier is to graduate high school and attend college. A long-term goal is to get a good career and start a family.

Her words of advice for high school students is to "always have food on hand."

Her favorite quote is by Lisa J. Fox, "Be a fireball, a force of nature, a self-sufficient independent display of fireworks."

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incident, the entries we do in a full 24-hour period, is done within a matter of minutes. We keep track of all EMS, fire, and law enforcement radio traffic that is said to dispatch. It is important that our emergency responders are able to concentrate on the job at hand, while we are in the background recording important information that they will later need. We monitor the jail and inmates 24/7. We register our local offenders, and we also conduct system tests, such as pager tests and EAS Tests. The EAS test is the test that comes across your TV screen.

The one thing about Dispatch, we are in the

background, you don't see our faces, and most people don't know our names. We aren't looking for a thank you, or recognition, we just want to shed some understanding on what we do.

Dispatcher. It's one word with a lot of meaning. What do dispatchers do? I want you to take a moment and think of your worst day, a time where you had to call 911 or you had to call the Sheriff's Office or Police Department. I am one of the people on the other end of the line. I'm the one who hears your screams. I'm the one who hears when you are scared. I'm the one who hears how lost you are. I'm the one who hears your complaints,

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Words of Faith

ALL
things
are
POSSIBLE.
~ Luke 18:27

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 21	
Wheat	4.35
Corn	3.42
Milo	3.04
Beans	7.95

Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
1/12	47	14	--
1/13	51	20	--
1/14	48	21	--
1/14	44	9	--
1/15	27	9	--
1/16	39	22	icy!
1/17	41	18	--

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Words of Wisdom

If everyone is
moving forward
together, then
success takes care
of itself.
~Henry Ford

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F 8-4:30

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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Reminder: Bean Feed Sunday, January 26, served by the Sons of the American Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Donations appreciated.

The Kansas day program "Children of the Promised Land", a presentation by Angela Bates of Nicodemus will start at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 26, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Everyone is invited to these events. "Children of the Promised Land" is part of the Humanities Kansas's Movement of Ideas Speakers Bureau. Refreshments will be served following the program.

The United Methodist Women met Wednesday, January 15, at the church. Kay Brown gave a short reading. We planned the 2020 year's

programs so a booklet can be made. We discussed needs in the community. Kay also served refreshments. Those attending included: Kay Brown, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Alice Mizer, and Louise Cressler.

Daryl and Marge Hartzog have been in Denver, CO several days where Daryl is having medical checkups.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Janice Robertson Ruzicka Winters. Janice died January 13, and funeral services were held Saturday, January 18, at Pauls Funeral Home. Janice grew up on a farm north of Jennings and attended grades 1 through 10 at Jennings. She graduated from Oberlin High School.

Sympathy also goes to Hope Brown and her family at the death of her grandmother.

Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy Taking Registrations for 2020 Session

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy is now taking registrations for its 2020 session. The event, which will be in its 83rd year, will be held Sunday, May 31, through Friday, June 5, at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

The ALBSKLA is for individuals who will enter their senior year of high school in the fall of 2020. It provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the

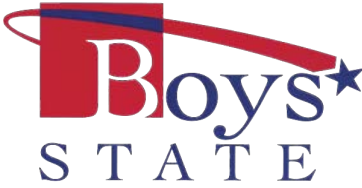
state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

Those wishing to attend the program should visit ksstate.org to register. In addition, anyone can nominate individuals to attend Kansas Boys State by going to ksstate.org and submitting the person's name, mailing address, e-mail address, high school and phone number. You can also submit nominees for future years as well.

The deadline to register to guarantee a spot in the program, is Wednesday, April 15. The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$325; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals, or those with questions, should contact Troy Fowler, ALBSKLA director of operations, at troy.fowler@ksbstate.org

AMERICAN LEGION



COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday
January 28

10:00 - 11:00

COURTHOUSE
MAIN FLOOR

Selden
Community Center
1:00 - 1:30

fresh apples, fresh oranges, dried
pitted plums, canned apricot halves,
dry split peas, dry navy beans, mixed
vegetables, long grain rice, brown
rice, canned pork, frozen pork patty,
frozen fish sticks, chunk cheddar
cheese

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

Arrive early or there may not
be any commodities left.

In commemoration of the 100 Year Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
Sheridan County Historical Society will be celebrating throughout the year.

The Women of Sheridan County
Don't Miss the Annual Meeting



ELIZABETH MINER FREEMAN
THE GRANDMOTHER
OF SHERIDAN COUNTY

Presented by
Kathryn Tremblay

January 26, 2020
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Area Calendar

Every Monday:
5:30pm Health & Wellness
Classes for Body & Mind
- Free! Midwest Energy
Bldg Meeting Room. Topics
rotate each month. For more
information call 785-675-3018.

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.

9am Commissioners'
Meeting at the Courthouse.
To be placed on the Agenda,
call the Clerk's Office 785-675-
3361.

6pm Connect-UMC
7:30pm FOUNDry-Hoxie
UMC (6:30pm-3rd Wednesday)

Every Thursday:
1:30pm Bible Study at
Ridgewood Manner.

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

Hays

Tuesday, February 4:
6am 5th Annual Brews on

the Bricks Tickets go on sale.
Live on the website (www.
downtownhays.com) at 7am
300 VIP and 60 GA tickets
will be available. Ticket prices:
VIP-Brews & Bites-\$80 In-
Office; \$85 Online; GA-\$40 In-
Office; \$45 Online.

Hoxie

Tuesday, February 25:
7pm Strategic Doing at the
Bowen Scout House. Doors
open at 6:30pm. Please arrive
early for a prompt start at 7pm.
For more information: www.
facebook.com/sheridancfcf

Tuesday, April 1:

7pm Strategic Doing,
location TBD Doors open at
6:30pm. Please arrive early for a
prompt start at 7pm. For more
information: www.facebook.
com/sheridancfcf

Oakley

Sunday, January 26:
3pm WPA presents Acoustic
Eidolon duo perform their
signature acoustic Celtic, folk
& classic genre music at Sharon
Springs HS Auditorium.

St. Francis

Sunday, February 9:
3pm WPAA presents Folk
singer Mollie O'Brien in
the St. Francis High School
Auditorium.

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, JANUARY 15, 2020

Sheridan County Courthouse

Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Invited

9am Shirley Niermeier
9:30am Road & Bridge
10am Harry Joe Pratt, County Atty.
10:15am Chris Mikkelsen
10:30am Karl Pratt
11am Old Business



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Community & SCHC News



Mealsite Menu

January 27 ~ January 31

Monday: Smothered Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday: Chili, 5-Cup Salad, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Turkey Tetrazzini, Italian Blend Vegetables, Bread, Strawberries

Thursday: Spaghetti, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices

Friday: Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Pineapple

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 \$3.50 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.50 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.

Scrappy



Quilters

By Kay Weber, Secretary

The Scrappy Quilter's Quilt Guild met Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Midwest Energy Community Room. The meeting was called to order by President Judy Cressler. Members attending were Kay Weber, Judy Cressler, Mary Adams, Ronda Johnson, and Marilyn Meier all from Hoxie. Carolyn Tuttle, Barb Popp, and Norma Chestnut from Quinter. Gail Sams from Park. Keri Vanover and Alice Mizer from Jennings.

Kay Weber presented the

program on Secret Window Panel wall hangings. She showed various wall quilts using panels and yardage for wall quilts. This was based on a pattern on YouTube by Donna Jordan of Jordan's Fabrics. Marilyn Meier also had made a larger wall quilt using yardage. There are many variations that can use the quilter's creativeness in making a wall quilt with panels and/or yardage.

Norma Chestnut presented Norma's Notion in connection with the New Year.

Show and Tell: Barb Popp showed a large sized quilt that was paper pieced in patriotic colors and was very striking. When asked who would receive this, Barb said that was not an option at this

time – she plans to keep it for a while. She worked on this for 1 ½ years and even hand quilted it.

Gail Sams had 42 embroidered blocks that were given to her for use as charity quilts. She had divided them into two 12 block sets and one set of 18 blocks. Anyone was welcome to take any number of the blocks and bring back to quilt and/or tie for a finished product.

Marilyn Meier will have the program in February on Easy Hearts. Each person may bring their own scraps of red, burgundy, or white fabric for this hands-on project.

A trip to quilt shops will be taken in March. This will be discussed further in February, also.

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harder than others.

I have one call that stays with me, it will stay with me forever. Most of the time it doesn't bother me, but then there are some days that I think of you. I am the one who took your call about a man with a gun, I am the one who listened on the phone as I could hear shots being fired in the background, as you told me an officer is being shot at. I am the one who took the call from your screaming daughter, unable to understand her, as she had just watched you get shot and killed. This incident happened years ago; I can still hear her screams. This is only one example of an event that has affected me in a way that I will carry with me forever. We are the people who have to keep it together for you. Dispatching is a tough job, but what is most important to us? Our public and our first responders' safety. *Everything we do, we do it for you. IAM911STRONG*

This Article was written by Sheridan County's Director of Communications, and the goal is to help those understand a little more of what Dispatchers do.



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
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ
1541 Oak
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
1325 15th St
Hoxie

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1400 Locust St
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship
454 Hwy 24
Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
14988 E Rd 70 S
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
202 S Missouri
Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church
924 17th
Hoxie

Selden United Methodist
Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
Seguin

THANK YOU

The loss of Janet has been a great shock to all of us but remember that Janet is where she has wanted to go her entire life. She was only here on loan from God, and on January 12, He said "Come home." We give thanks to God for giving us a wonderful wife and mother, and to all of the people who helped in our time of loss:

For the outpouring of love and prayer from our Christ Community Church family, Pastor Ben Rhodes and the entire community; the staff at Sheridan County Hospital, Sheridan County EMS; Eagle Med; staff at Great Plains Hospital in North Platte for the effort to save Janet; Phil Stinemetz, Joe and Mary Ellen Welshon and Brad Plumer for the care after Janet's passing; The Hoxie City crew and the Sheridan County Sheriff's Dept. for help the day of the funeral; the Sheridan County Road Department for grading the roads to the cemetery; the neighbors for helping with cattle; the many who came to the house with food to feed an army, and words of encouragement.

I know I have missed many, many others, but please forgive us, God knows and is reminding us daily of the caring and loving community we live in.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

The family of Janet Shaw: Scott Shaw; Andrea, Chris, Jonathan, Olivia, and Charlotte Graham; Laura, Tucker, Kaiden, Brynlee, and Brooks Sexson

GRAINFIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST 301 MONTHLY STAG/STAGETTE DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
5:30PM ~ 7:30PM**

Menu

- Lamb Fries
- Chicken Fried Steak
- Chicken Strips
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Green Beans
- Salads
- Cake
- Tea
- Water
- Coffee

Pop, Beer & Wine Coolers also available.

All for \$15

Call for Entry - Barn Quilt Exhibition

Do you want your barn quilt to be proudly displayed in a professional art gallery? Do you think your barn quilt could win 1 of 5 cash prizes? The Dane G. Hansen Museum is calling all barn quilters to enter their best barn quilt into the inaugural Open Call Barn Quilt Exhibit.

"Intent to exhibit" registration forms are due by February 17, and barn quilts may be delivered to the museum between March 2 and March 9. Call the museum directly for a registration form or visit our museum website: hansenmuseum.org.

The Open Call Barn Quilt Exhibit will be on display from March 13, 2020 to April 26, 2020. Awards will include People's Choice (\$350 prize), Best of Show (\$350 prize), and four Hansen Museum awards of \$200 each. Awards will

be determined by a double-blind judging system, based on three criteria: creativity, appearance, and construction.

For more information, please contact museum director Shari Buss at 785-689-4846.

The Museum is open weekdays 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The Museum is handicapped accessible and thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, there is never an admission fee.

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Don't Have Insurance? We Can Help!

Hoxie Medical Clinic now employs a Case Manager and Navigator to assist with insurance enrollment on the healthcare marketplace, other needed services, and we also accept VA Choice. Free mammograms and Pap tests are available to women with no insurance.

Available Job Opportunities at SCHC:

Acute Care

Full-Time Day Shift CNA

Full-Time Night Shift RN

Long Term Care

PRN Shift Nurse - Shift TBD

Radiology

Full-Time Day Shift Technologist

PRN Technologist - Shift TBD

Dietary

Part-Time Cook - Shift TBD

Housekeeping

Part-Time Housekeeper - Day Shift

Why National Blood Donor Month is Important

Donating Blood Save Lives
Someone needs blood every few seconds in the United States. And more than 4.5 million Americans would die every year without lifesaving blood transfusions. National Blood Donor Month helps us remember these vital statistics.

A Gift That Keeps on Giving

The American Red Cross needs 13,000 blood donations every single day to maintain an appropriate blood supply. Fortunately, eligible blood donors can donate blood every eight weeks.

Good for Donors Too

The American Journal of Epidemiology reports that blood donors are 88 percent less likely to have a heart attack.

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KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

The Kenneth Democrat Friday, January 22, 1886
Geo Crane returned from a trip to WaKeeney last Wednesday. He reports many persons as having lost their lives during the late storms and that many amputations of frozen arms and limbs have been necessitated along the country adjoining the K. P. road.

M. A. Chambers left last Wednesday for a three weeks visit in Iowa. On the way he will take in the Legislature at Topeka. It is intimated that when he returns there will be one accompany him who will share his triumph, comfort him in adversities and protect him from the cold when the mercury is at zero.

L. French has returned to his claim north of town.

J. A. Woolums and Henry F. Miller subscribed this week.

The first train over the K. P. since Jan. 7th passed last Saturday.

Chas. Hook returned from Grinnell last Tuesday, where he had been on a few days visit.

W. L. McCartney appears on the streets this week, "slightly demoralized but still in the ring."

Our readers will find Mr. Shellabarger's 'ad' in another column. The mill he offers is highly spoken of.

We would suggest the following rules:

1. When you come into our office never take a chair and sit down by the fire but come right into the post office proper, behind the boxes; it is public property and the Government wants you to go back there to see how its servants run things.
2. Always read the 'copy' the compositor is working at as it is quite necessary that you should know what is going to be printed. After reading it offer suggestions as to what you think we ought to print, that always makes the Editor feel good to know that you are not satisfied with his ideas.
3. If you should find him at his desk writing look over his shoulder and see what he is writing about. This is good manners and highly appreciated.

125 Years Ago January 24, 1895
We understand there is to be a social of some kind, at Woolums Hall Friday night.

Gust Johnson has rented the McCracken place, one mile east of town, and moved there last Tuesday.

Frank McIvor is in Topeka this week on business.

C. H. Beers was looking over his Selden store today.

R. M. Herron has a car of good corn which he is selling reasonable.

W. S. Quisenberry, the Rexford druggist, was in the city a few days the fore part of the week.

John Robison, the Rock Island section foreman at Selden, spent a couple of days in Hoxie last week.

Sim Tucker is now a full fledged real estate man, he having embarked into that business the first of the year.

If the County Treasurer will make out a statement of the condition of the financial affairs of the county we will publish it free of charge. We've got it.

E. E. Hartley has moved his household goods from the Tolle property to the rooms over the *Palladium* office, recently occupied by O. D. Hoskins.

Sheriff Bardwell went east last week, we do not know his business, but hear that he has a strong trail of a man who left Sheridan county very suddenly last year.

We are of the opinion, that in less than thirty days our county will be issuing scrip and this opinion is not without foundation, if this is true, why should we pay exorbitant prices for everything we get!

Guy Currents
News are scarce but we are still in the ring.

While we are going to the Sand Creek Lyceum last Friday evening, Irwin Hedge's horse ran away and threw him out of the buggy. Irwin says he seems to be a little stuff.

Soberly
Lucerne Items
Mr. Editor - If you have room in your paper for the tribbles of a Chipmunk, I will try and send in a few.

John Shoemaker and wife are still in the grocery business and seem to enjoy it very much. John has laid in a few dutch almanacs and says he is going to talk dutch before long, he thinks he would be a democrat if that would secure the post office.

Elias Taylor says jack rabbits are getting most tarnacious scarce about now.

Chipmunk

Guy Items
Sam Morgan has been under the weather but is better now and ready for tobacco again.

Edd Schropp and Joe Conard have been putting up ice.

The skating is fine on Holly creek and the young folk are improving it.

Reporter 100 Years Ago January 22, 1920
Hoxie W. C. T. U. Holds Interesting Meeting
The ushering in of National Prohibition was fittingly observed Friday evening in Hoxie by the local organization of the W. C. T. U., who rendered a beneficial and entertaining program at the Palace Theatre just after the picture show, which was attended by a large audience.

Miss Mollie Wilkin, in her usually clever manner presided as chairman during the evening.

The community singing proved one of the most enjoyable features of the program and Miss Wahle, instructor in music in our schools, succeeded in getting much spirit and enthusiasm into the singing. "Pep"

Local News
The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Van Horn, Thursday afternoon, January 29. All members are cordially inviting to be present.

Miss Lena Baier, our efficient compositor, underwent a successful operation at Norton, Saturday, and we are glad to report that she is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cooper and son, Milton, left this week for St. Petersburg, Florida, to spend the rest of the winter.

A. B. Hite, the Lucerne blacksmith, and W. H. Williams, one of the prosperous farmers out that way, were down to the county hub, Friday, attending to business matters.

Morte Campbell informed us last week that his father, J. N. Campbell, has gone to Frenchburg, Kentucky, to live for a while. Through Morte's thoughtfulness the *Sentinel* will make weekly visits to his Kentucky home.

We overlooked making mention last week of the sale of the C. T. Dallam restaurant to Mrs. Harris who is now in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Dallam have conducted a bakery and restaurant here for several years and are entitled to a much needed rest.

George Eavis informed a *Sentinel* reporter Saturday that he tried some Texas Blue Ribbon cane seed last spring and he raised the greatest patch of feed he ever saw grow. His stock relish it and prefer it to any other feed. Mr. Eavis is also a breeder of purebred Aberdeen Angus cattle and says that to his notion they are the best all-around breed of beef cattle one can raise.

Northwest Prairie Dog
Mr. and Mrs. Shelton autoted down to Hoxie Wednesday.

Nick Korperich bought a new Ford car from Barney Person.

Word receive from Carl Clark in Denver tells us that he is recovering from an attack of influenza.

Emerald Grove
V. P. Borger was able to be out to church, Sunday, but Mrs. Borger is still very weak.

There is some of the finest corn in this part of the country that has been raised here in many years. There will be no lack of seed corn as it is nearly all of good quality.

C. D. Transue has been hauling his wheat. We rather think Clint likes hauling wheat better than just "strolling" around town.

75 Years Ago January 18, 1945
Goodland Cowboys Here Friday
It looks like a good game when Hoxie meets Goodland on Hoxie's court this week. Oberlin took the Hoxie game 32-13 and last week they humbled the Cowboys 32-15.

Hill City proved too much for the Hoxie Indians last week. They had the advantage of height and knew how to use it. The locals played a good floor game but were cold on shots. Strong, of Hill City, made 19 points. Hill City, 32, Hoxie 13; Hill City Second, 21, Hoxie, 5.

Bow Creek
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shipley went to Halstead where she is under the doctors' care.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Karnes and sons spent Sunday at the Oscar Karnes home.

The Bow Creek 4-H met at the Oscar Karnes home Saturday night.

The Bow Creek Social met at the Claude Shipley home Friday night.

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Ads from The Kenneth Democrat, January 22, 1886 years ago. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

Solomon Valley 4-H Club
The Solomon Valley 4-H Club met January 5 at the Rowilson home. Nine members and one leader answered roll call by naming a New Year's Resolution.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung by all. History of Kansas by Luke Miley, Cause of headache by Eileen Campbell. Reading by Dale Rowilson, Mary E. Campbell the life of Benjamin Franklin.

Indoor games were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rowilson.

The club adjourned to meet February 2 at the Joe Winter home.

Selden Items
Mrs. Thurman Daniels taught school for Mrs. Francis Heagney last week while Mrs. Heagney visited her sister, Mrs. Predmore.

Inez visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Warner, Mankato, and tells us they are just getting settled in their new home, recently purchased. Cecil is remodeling the house and otherwise improving the place.

Mr. Tom Ryan of Tully, Kansas, passed away last week. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Tully. Mr. Ryan was a Kansas pioneer and well-known in northwest Kansas.

Local Happenings
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thummell are parents of a son born last

Saturday morning at the Colby hospital. The Thummell's now have two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Nelson Pyle, Sally and David drove to the eastern part of the state this past week-end. There they met Mr. Pyle who has been visiting in St. Louis and Johnny who has been with his grandparents at Salina. The family are expected back about today.

Howard "Bud" Briery of the SeaBees is home on a thirty-day leave. Bud has been in the South Pacific for the past twenty-two months. He is making the acquaintance of his son, John Howard, a year and a half old.

Edwin Pratt, son of Mrs. Violet Pratt, has received his call to the army air forces and will report January 24th to Leavenworth.

Fairview Items
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil O'Dell and children visited at the E. N. Bell home Sunday, p. m.

Calvin Chestnut was sick Wednesday. Howard Transue assisted with the chores.

The many friends of Mr. O. A. Meade are sorry to receive word that he does not improve as they hoped that he would.

50 Years Ago January 22, 1970
Mrs. Farber Presents Building to Hoxie Masons
The stated communications of Hoxie Lodge No. 348 A.F.&A.M. on Jan. 14, 1970 was a happy

occasion when a deed, dated Dec. 12, 1969, to the property where the Masonic Hall is located, was given to the lodge by Mrs. Theresa Farber. The deed was presented by past Master Charles L. Morgan to Dale Breit, Master of the lodge.

The original deed to the lodge from Grover Walker for the privilege of building the second story as the Masonic Hall, was dated Feb. 13, 1901.

Seguin Items
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Curtin and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wiley of Colby were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerdes.

Mrs. Margaret Stephens was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Don Koster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rietcheck and Bob were Friday and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ostmeier and children of Garden City.

Studley Items
Mrs. Elsie White visited her daughter, Mrs. Henry Taylor on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Madden visited Mrs. Lenna Knoff and Mrs. Arvilla Bell Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Amelia Pleoeger was able to go back to work as head cook at the Hoxie hospital the last of the week after a bout with the flu or a bad cold - she didn't know which.

Leoville News
Mrs. Mary Reichert visited Mrs. Charley Heisz in Selden Wednesday afternoon.

Cal Krim of Oberlin was calling on friends in Leoville Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Zodrow visited her daughter, Mrs. Norman Spresser in Selden Tuesday.

McGraw News
The George Launchbaughs visited Mr. and Mrs. Val Griffith and Mrs. Gladys McKinney of Oberlin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Loughry of Norton were Saturday afternoon visitors of the Jim Bainters. Mrs. Wade Smith was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guamer of Jennings were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter.

Tasco Notes
Tasco Community Club met Friday, Jan. 16 with Helen Karnes. Twelve members were present and everyone enjoyed the usual good dinner. Lena Morgan won the hostess gift. Embroidery work was done for the hostess. The next meeting will be on Jan. 30 with Nettie Ackerman. Quilting will be done for the hostess.

Mrs. Violet Washburn visited Helen Karnes Friday evening.

Eunice Taylor returned home Jan. 12 from a Hays hospital after having major surgery. She is recovering satisfactorily.

Broadway News
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simon and Timmie spent Saturday night and Sunday here caring for chores. Terry and Shelly Mader were Sunday dinner guests. Shelly is staying a few days while her parents are at the Denver stock show.

Albert Smith called on Wm. McGuire Wednesday morning.

Jim Popp returned to Kansas City Sunday to be with Barbara and Joyce.

25 Years Ago January 19, 1995
Two Vehicle Accident Jct. 23-24
The intersection of U. S. Highway 24 and K-23 as the scene of a two-vehicle accident early Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 11. Hoxie Chief of Police John Bieker worked the accident which occurred at 1:43 p.m. He reported that Randall E. Weimann of North Manchester, Ind. was ticketed for failing to yield the right-of-way to an eastbound 1985 Chevy Blazer driven by Melissa N. Bainter of Selden. Weimann was driving a 1995 International truck northbound on K-23 with two identical tractor trucks being hauled piggyback. Bainter's vehicle struck the wheels of one of the rear trucks as it passed through the intersection. Damage to Weimann's vehicle was unknown. The blazer received extensive damage.

McGraw News
Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis went to Joe Cech's at Goodland to visit. Tuesday the Weises attended the junior varsity basketball game. Norbert Weis was a caller this week.

Norma Tice was a supper guest of Mrs. Bill Vahling and Josh. Norma also spent the afternoon at the Vahlings'.

Bow Creek F. C. E. Meets
Bow Creek F. C. E. met at Rosemary Schlick's home Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m., with Rosemary as hostess and Mary Stillwell as co-hostess. A fine meal was enjoyed at noon.

Verlene Feldt opened our meeting. Roll call was answered by 11 ladies and one guest, Jackie Bendure. Each gave their favorite month and why.

Shannon Morgan read the minutes of the last meeting; and were approved as read. Thank yous were read, bills presented and paid. Evelyn Walden gave the council report. Verlene presented a report on ways of earning point for Standard of Excellence. Program books were passed out. The afternoon was spent filling them out and deciding lessons to be given. Cards were also passed out with information and the name of our mystery pal for the year.

See you Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Deloris Paintin's home. Norma Jean Lewis will be co-hostess. Don't forget your valentine for the grab bag.

- Public Relations Chairman, Deloris Paintin

Jennings-Allison News
Bill and Rosa Brock had late Christmas dinner with Bob, Darla, Clint, Colby and Casey Brock of Goodland Sunday. Additional guests were Bill, Carolyn, Chip and Kym.

The regular monthly meeting of the senior citizens was held at the senior center on Jan. 10.

NWKS News

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

January 18, 2020

The 2020 legislative session kicked off on Monday, January 13, with a busy week organizing committees. On Wednesday, I was honored to be elected Chairman of the Building & Construction Committee. This committee reviews all state leases and construction projects.

Governor Kelly gave her State of State Address, which was a broad overview of the Governor's vision for Kansas. Larry Campbell, the Governor's Budget Director presented the proposed budget to our Senate Ways and Means and the House Appropriations committees jointly. The Governor's Budget is built on the premise of re-amortizing KPERs, the state's retirement program. She wants to use KPERs to help finance the budget that may provide some short-term gain but would add another \$4.4 billion in debt to the unfunded liability and an additional 10 years to the payment plan, if the plan were approved. If the State continues on our current payment plan, KPERs is expected to be fully funded in 15 years. At this time KPERs is funded at about 68% and our unfunded liability is about \$7 billion. Last year I opposed the re-amortization and I will again this year.

Governor Kelly's proposed budget will cost around \$7.8 billion for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed plan includes various new social spending initiatives, Medicaid Expansion, delaying payments to our state retirement fund and a pay raise for state employees. Even with a billion-dollar budget carryover, the Governor continues to request transfers from KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation).

In an attempt to help Kansans with property tax costs, the Governor suggests funding a program called the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund, which hasn't been used since 2003. It is a cumbersome fund designed to send money back

to local government who will decide whether or not to pass the money on to taxpayers. LAVTRF relief estimates calculated by independent researchers show, after going through all the red tape, taxpayers who own a \$150,000 home will only save an average of about \$12-\$25 per year depending on the county.

The Governor also wants to provide \$53 million in tax credits to low-income families for sales tax relief while a Republican plan would eliminate the cumbersome tax return credit element and simply lower the amount of tax paid at the store when Kansans buy groceries.

To help try to offset at least some of her spending plans, the Governor would like to begin taxing streaming services like Amazon Prime, Disney Plus, and Netflix, which, if approved, would take affect in July. Her budget plan, according to the state's bipartisan Legislative Research Department, overspends and cuts into our reserves by an estimated \$571.8 million. Republicans strongly support allowing Kansans to take advantage of the Trump Tax Policy which allows taxpayers to itemize their deductions to get breaks on property taxes, mortgage interest expense, and healthcare costs.

We have opportunities for young students in middle school, junior high, or the first years of high school to come to Topeka and be a page. It is a great learning experience about the legislative process and an opportunity to see Kansas' beautiful Capitol building. If you are interested, contact my Office Assistant at 785 296-7399.

Thank you to all who returned my survey. Anyone who did not receive a survey and would like a copy of my update/survey may call my office and request a copy by mail or email, 785 296-7399 or rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve the 40th Senate District of Kansas.

Governor Kelly Announces Reorganization of State Employee Health Plan

Division to be moved to Department of Administration

Governor Laura Kelly today announced her intent to submit an executive reorganization order (ERO) to the Kansas Legislature, moving the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) and the State Self Insurance Fund (SSIF) from the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to the Department of Administration (KDOA). The new reporting structure will align the office with other employee-focused services and provide improved administrative efficiencies and support.

SEHP administers the Kansas employee health insurance benefit program and also provides staff support and counsel to the members of the Kansas Health Care Commission (HCC), which sets rates and programs for state employee health insurance benefits. SSIF administers workers compensation claims for state employees when they are injured on the job working for the state. Mike Michaels will continue to oversee the SEHP and SSIF under the leadership of Secretary of Administration DeAngela Burns-Wallace.

"During past administrations, premiums for state employee health insurance increased drastically each year. This made it more difficult and

expensive for our employees to receive important health benefits," Governor Kelly said. "Ensuring affordable, quality health care for employees across the state is one of my top priorities, and this executive reorganization order illustrates that commitment."

"The State Employee Health Plan provides critical services to state employees and their families," Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said. "As a program that provides critical staff services, it makes sense that this should be moved to the Department of Administration. I'm confident that under Dr. Burns-Wallace's leadership, programs and services will continue to flourish."

"The Department of Administration provides support and services to state agencies and employees," Burns-Wallace said. "We look forward to welcoming the SEHP and staff to KDOA, where we can better coordinate and support their mission."

Governor Kelly will submit the ERO to the Legislature within the first 30 days of session. The ERO will become effective on July 1, following its transmittal to the Legislature, unless either the Senate or the House takes action on the ERO within 60 calendar days of submission.

Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy Taking Registrations for 2020 Session

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy is now taking registrations for its 2020 session. The event, which will be in its 83rd year, will be held Sunday, May 31, through Friday, June 5, at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

The ALBSKLA is for individuals who will enter their senior year of high school in the fall of 2020. It provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character

and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

Those wishing to attend the program should visit ksbstate.org to register. In addition, anyone can nominate individuals to attend Kansas Boys State by going to ksbstate.org and submitting the person's name, mailing address, e-mail address, high school and phone number. You can also submit nominees for future years as well.

The deadline to register to guarantee a spot in the program, is Wednesday, April 15. The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$325; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals, or those with questions, should contact Troy Fowler, ALBSKLA director of operations, at troy.fowler@ksbstate.org

KBA Introduces Bill to Sustain Local Access to Credit for Kansans

The Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) has introduced legislation at the Kansas Statehouse that will strengthen Kansas communities by sustaining local access to credit.

Senate Bill (SB) 259 would amend provisions of the tax code to allow banks as well as savings and loans to deduct the interest income derived from commercial and agricultural business loans and those rural housing loans, defined as places with a population of 2,500 or less, from their income that is subject to the Kansas Privilege Tax. The Kansas Privilege Tax is an annual tax that banks and savings and loans pay to the State of Kansas that is based on their income earned during the previous year.

This legislation would benefit customers by allowing Kansas banks and savings and loans to better compete on interest rates with non-bank competitors that are not subject to income tax of any kind in Kansas. SB 259 will also bring immediate financial relief to Kansas farmers and ranchers struggling with ongoing low commodity prices by allowing local banks and savings and loans to lower interest rates by ¼ percent.

"SB 259 creates more competition for credit, and it will help sustain access to local credit for Kansas customers, especially those in rural communities," states Doug Wareham, President & CEO of the Kansas Bankers Association. Wareham adds, "Kansas tax policy currently discriminates against Kansas customers that choose to do business with their local bank when seeking a loan for commercial or agricultural needs. We believe all Kansas customers should be given the same opportunity for the lowest interest rate possible when they choose to do business with their local bank or savings and loan."

SB 259 was introduced by the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and is expected to be scheduled for a committee hearing soon. Stakeholders interested in SB 259 are encouraged to contact the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) at (785) 232-3444 for more information. The KBA, which was founded in 1887, represents 98% of the banks and savings and loans serving urban and rural communities across Kansas.

Fort Hays State Makes Multimillion Dollar Contribution to Regional Economy

Fort Hays State University's economic impact on its five-county region ranged between \$175 million and \$234 million in fiscal year 2018, according to a recent economic impact study.

The exact estimates computed in the study for the year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, were \$175,280,975 and \$233,710,726.

The estimate of the total economic impact is determined by combining a direct impact with an indirect impact and an induced impact. The direct impact for FY2018, the sum of all local expenditures made by the university, was estimated at \$129,839,292 under the method that resulted in the high-end estimate.

That method, called Caffrey-Isaacs, estimated the indirect impact – additional business spending to support the initial expenditure – at \$25,967,858. The induced impact, "additional expenditures resulting from the incomes created by the direct impact," was estimated at \$77,903,575.

"Fort Hays State is unquestionably a key contributor to the overall health of the regional economy," said university President Tisa Mason. "The research in this study shows a growth of almost 300 percent in the university's economic impact in the region over the last 30 years."

Direct effects come from local spending by the university and its associated entities, from purchases of goods and services by faculty and staff and their families, spending by students and visitors to the university, jobs created by the presence of the university, and tax revenue.

Total net pay for all university faculty and staff living in the home region was computed from payroll records at \$31,020,933 for FY 2018. Total local expenditures by FHSU students was estimated at \$32,384,041, or 71 percent of total student spending of \$45,611,325 (tuition not included).

The study also broke down student expenditures by type: 47 percent for housing; 20 percent for food; transportation, 11 percent; entertainment, 4 percent; health and personal care, 3 percent each. All other expenditures were lumped into a category call Other and estimated at 12 percent.

The study found that these activities bring more than \$2.6 million to the area.

President Mason said Fort Hays State's institutional mission of producing engaged global citizen-leaders for a 21st-century world makes it easy to overlook the university's connectedness to the economic vitality of the region beyond our campus footprint.

"Our Hays campus community, almost a thousand strong, drives economic development in western Kansas through our many and diverse arts and cultural offerings, our nationally competitive NCAA athletics programs, and our business development, applied health and social services consulting and community service efforts," she said.

The study defines the Ellis County regional economy as Ellis County and the four contiguous counties: Rooks, Russell, Rush and Trego. Three Fort Hays State economics, finance and accounting faculty members conducted the study: Dr. Emily Breit, associate professor; Dr. Tom Johansen, professor; and Dr. Samuel Schreyer, associate professor.

The full report can be found at <https://fhsu.edu/president/state-of-the-campus/index.html>.

Kansas Electric Rate Study

Finally, Kansas lawmakers may have an in-depth dialogue on future energy policy and electric rate regulation. The study of Retail Rates of Kansas Electric Public Utilities by London Economics International was placed on the Kansas Corporation Commission's website on January 8. This 324-page report was commissioned by the Kansas Legislature to investigate the higher electric rates in Kansas by cooperatives, municipals and the largest investor-owned utilities such as EVERGY.

The first conclusion of the report was basic and long overdue - establish a State Energy Plan (as almost every other state has). The second conclusion was to mandate 'integrated resource plans' from utilities that truly assess power production costs in comparison with a demand side management plan that entails expanded energy conservation/efficiency options. The KCC must explore the best 'performance-based' regulation of electric rates.

Finally - establish a framework for the 'securitization' of uneconomic assets (old coal plants) to take them out of the rate base and prioritize the less expensive options of conservation and renewable sources of power such as wind and solar.

This debate will start before key House and Senate committees in the next two weeks. Policy Watch will report on the progress of that debate. A State Energy Plan must be a comprehensive survey of natural gas and electric service. 70% of Kansas homes are heated with natural gas so energy conservation improvements net natural gas and electric savings. This report just focused on electric rates.

In terms of 'securitization' of uneconomic assets such as old/underused coal plants, ratepayer-backed bonds may be sold to buy off these declining assets. How will this cost be shared between 'captive ratepayers' served by public utility monopolies (that are privately owned) and the investors in electric utilities? The public needs to voice these concerns and hold the KCC responsible to find that proper balance between ratepayers and investors.

Farm Credit Seeking Scholarship Applicants

The Board of Directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is pleased to announce the continuation of the Farm Credit Scholarship program. Farm Credit has \$8,000 available to High School Seniors, a \$500 per semester scholarship, which is renewable for up-to four years of post-secondary education per recipient. Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA members.

Applications are available at www.fcwk.com; or from their High School counselor; or at the Farm Credit Office at 1190 S Range in Colby. Applications are due by February 18, 2020. For more information or questions, contact Cathy Hawk at the Farm Credit office in Colby (785-462-6714).

Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is located in Colby, Kansas and can be reached by calling 1-800-657-6048. Farm Credit makes loans for the purchase or refinancing of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities as well as loans to finance farm operations, agribusiness, livestock and equipment. Farm Credit also has an extensive crop insurance program. The farmers and ranchers who borrow from Farm Credit own the ACA. Farm Credit of Western Kansas is part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's leading agricultural lender.



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Area Schools



Hays High Junior Prairie Classic Results

(Continued from page 1.)

Girls 130

Marissa Porsch's place is 2nd and has scored 17.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Marissa Porsch received a bye

Quarterfinal - Marissa Porsch received a bye

Semifinal - Marissa Porsch won by major decision over Ariana Gomez (Holcomb) (Maj 9-0)

1st Place Match - Breanna Ridgeway (Great Bend) won by fall over Marissa Porsch (Fall 1:33)

Girls 143

Ashlyn Kaus's place is unknown and has scored 5.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ashlyn Kaus received a bye

Quarterfinal - Ashlyn Kaus won by major decision over Halle Lohmeyer (Hays) (Maj 14-2)

Semifinal - Sydney Boyle (WaKeeney-Trego Community) won by fall over Ashlyn Kaus (Fall 2:25)

Cons. Semi - Marissa Hanrahan (Great Bend) won by decision over Ashlyn Kaus (Dec 7-4)

Boys 106

Tate Weimer's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

Prelim - Gael Terrazas (Garden City) won by fall over Tate Weimer (Fall 3:00)

Prelim - Charles Fitzgerald (Manhattan) won by decision over Tate Weimer (Dec 4-3)

Boys 132

Ryan Shaw's place is unknown and has scored 5.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ryan Shaw won by decision over Sammy Christians (Hutchinson) (Dec 2-1)

Quarterfinal - Keishaune Thompson (Pratt) won by decision over Ryan Shaw (Dec 4-2)

Cons. Round 2 - Ryan Shaw won by fall over Macon Sekavec (Fall 0:25)

Cons. Round 3 - Kaidence Sanchez (Great Bend) won by fall over Ryan Shaw (Fall 1:43)

Boys 132

Macon Sekavec's place is unknown and has scored 2.0 team points.

Prelim - Macon Sekavec won by major decision over Jacob Colglazier (Larned) (Maj 19-8)

Champ. Round 1-Sebastian Rodriguez (Garden City) won by fall over Macon Sekavec (Fall 1:17)

Cons. Round 1 - Macon Sekavec won by decision over Jose Rivera Negrón (Junction City) (Dec 6-4)

Cons. Round 2 - Ryan Shaw won by fall over Macon Sekavec (Fall 0:25)

Boys 138

Heath Roberson's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Patton (Buhler) won by fall over Heath Roberson (Fall 2:56)

Cons. Round 1 - Kaleb Jaquez (Ulysses) won by decision over Heath Roberson (Dec 6-2)

Buzz Matson Invitational Results

(Continued from page 1.)
(Photos by Alayna Shepard)

Team scores were:
1st Wray, CO - 178.5
2nd Hoxie - 160
3rd McCook, NE - 110.5
4th Plainville - 88
5th Hill City - 82
6th Trego County - 80.5
7th Decatur Community - 76
8th Smith Center - 75
9th Goodland - 67
10th Oakley - 50
11th Atwood - 26.5
12th Stockton - 23
13th Osborne - 9



106
Wayne Shepard (16-10) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.

Round 1 - Wayne Shepard 16-10 won by fall over Josh Juenemann (Decatur Community HS) 15-11 (Fall 4:32)

Round 2 - Brady Collins (Wray HS) 25-0 won by major decision over Wayne Shepard 16-10 (MD 12-0)

Round 3 - Wayne Shepard 16-10 won by injury default over DJ Knox (Goodland HS) 20-4 (Inj. 0:00)

Round 5 - Wayne Shepard 16-10 won by injury default over Carter Underhill (Hill City) 14-4 (Inj. 0:00)

113
Dayton Bell (18-5) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Dayton Bell 18-5 won by decision over Kaleb Atkins (Hill City) 21-3 (Dec 7-6)

Semifinal - Cade Rockwell (Wray HS) 22-3 won by decision over Dayton Bell 18-5 (Dec 7-4)

Cons. Semi - Dayton Bell 18-5 won by decision over Octavio Gonzalez (Goodland HS) 13-5 (Dec 6-5)

3rd Place Match - Kaleb Atkins (Hill City) 21-3 won by decision over Dayton Bell 18-5 (Dec 8-3)



120

Drew Bretz (21-4) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.
Round 1 - Colton Shoemaker (Smith Center) 18-8 won by decision over Drew Bretz 21-4 (Dec 4-2)

Round 2 - Drew Bretz 21-4 won by fall over Garry Wayne Moore (Stockton HS) 1-17 (Fall 0:57)

Round 3 - Drew Bretz 21-4 won by fall over Brody Kaup (Goodland HS) 3-5 (Fall 0:55)

Round 4 - Drew Bretz 21-4 won by decision over Cole Rockwell (Wray HS) 11-2 (Dec 4-1)

Round 5 - Drew Bretz 21-4 won by decision over Aidan Hockman (Hill City) 18-7 (Dec 8-7)

126

Drew Bell (21-1) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Drew Bell 21-1 won by fall over Jason Colby (Goodland HS) 6-19 (Fall 1:36)

Semifinal - Drew Bell 21-1 won by fall over Justin Knoll (Stockton HS) 13-8 (Fall 1:18)

1st Place Match - Drew Bell 21-1 won by fall over Talyn Campbell (McCook HS) 15-11 (Fall 2:45)



132

Derek Johnson (23-0) placed 1st and scored 23.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson 23-0 won by fall over Drew Withington (Atwood- Rawlins Co.) 9-12 (Fall 3:12)

Semifinal - Derek Johnson 23-0 won by fall over Koy Smith (Wray HS) 9-8 (Fall 0:52)

1st Place Match - Derek Johnson 23-0 won by major decision over Alex Eskew (Decatur Community HS) 17-6 (MD 9-1)

138

Dylan Weimer (9-1) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Weimer 9-1 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Dylan Weimer 9-1 won by fall over Corbin Wessel (Decatur Community HS) 11-11 (Fall 1:28)

Semifinal - Dylan Weimer 9-1 won by fall over Gabe Kerns (Plainville) 16-9 (Fall 3:50)

1st Place Match - Dylan Weimer 9-1 won in tie breaker - 1 over Eric Cain (Oakley HS) 17-4 (TB-1 10-8)

152

Aidan Baalman (25-2) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Aidan Baalman 25-2 won by fall over Landon Towne (McCook HS) 19-7 (Fall 1:56)

Round 2 - Aidan Baalman 25-2 won by fall over Kyan Ensign (Goodland HS) 13-12 (Fall 0:38)

Round 3 - Aidan Baalman 25-2 won by fall over Brady Keith (Hill City) 3-5 (Fall 1:47)

Round 4 - Aidan Baalman 25-2 won by fall over Tristan Ryburn (Oakley HS) 6-13 (Fall 1:20)

JV Girls Fall to the Indians



Dribble! Breanna Rath, a freshman at Golden Plains, dribbles past a St. Francis defender during the JV game on January 11. Rath contributed 5 points but the Bulldogs fell to the Indians 26-41. (Photo by Brooke Stoll)

By Brooke Stoll

The Golden Plains Bulldogs travelled to St. Francis on January 11 for their second full JV game of the season. The Bulldogs fell to the Indians 26-41. "We started to play better and work harder after the first quarter," said Senior Candace Taylor. "We needed to get into the rhythm and settle down!"

The Lady Dogs struggled in the first quarter. They could not find a basket and trailed the Indians 0-7 at the end of the first. The Bulldogs couldn't stop the Indians and fell behind 7-15 at the half.

GPHS started to work together and find rhythm to outscore the Indians 13-10 in the 3rd quarter. With a score

of 20-25 going into the final quarter, the Bulldogs knew they would need to keep their intensity up to try and capture the win. The Lady Dogs struggled to stop the Indians in the 4th quarter, losing 26-41. "It was a good game after the first half," stated freshman Breanna Rath. "We learned what we need to continue working on during practice to continue being successful."

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Rayna Taylor 8, Sidney Taylor 7, Breanna Rath 5, Lauren Patmon 4, and Jazline Manriquez 2. The Bulldogs will continue their season when they host Heartland Christian for a full JV game on Thursday, January 16.



Round 5 - Tyler Collins (Wray HS) 6-0 won by decision over Aidan Baalman 25-2 (Dec 12-6)

160

Andrew Foote (17-7) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Andrew Foote 17-7 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Andrew Foote 17-7 won by fall over Colt Segarra (Hill City) 14-9 (Fall 1:56)

Semifinal - Emmanuel Huerta (Wray HS) 23-3 won by decision over Andrew Foote 17-7 (Dec 3-2)

Cons. Semi - Alex Anthony (McCook HS) 15-12 won by decision over Andrew Foote 17-7 (Dec 5-2)



182

Donovan Balluch (12-11) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Donovan Balluch 12-11 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Rylan Basart (Stockton HS) 17-6 won by fall over Donovan Balluch 12-11 (Fall 1:10)

Cons. Round 2 - Donovan Balluch 12-11 won by fall over Lance Kaser (Osborne) 7-13 (Fall 4:50)

Cons. Round 3 - Donovan Balluch 12-11 won by fall over Ashton Bearley (Atwood- Rawlins Co.) 6-10 (Fall 1:35)

Cons. Semi - Dexter Duatel (Goodland HS) 8-3 won by fall over Donovan Balluch 12-11 (Fall 1:01)

195

Kaden Sekavec (0-4) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kaden Sekavec 0-4 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Alec Langan (McCook HS) 26-2 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec 0-4 (Fall 2:49)

Cons. Round 2 - Jake Johnson (Wray HS) 9-14 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec 0-4 (Fall 3:35)

220

Brandon Baker (13-6) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandon Baker 13-6 won by fall over Wyatt Glassman (Oakley HS) 8-10 (Fall 1:01)

Semifinal - Brandon Baker 13-6 won by fall over Jose Molina (Wray HS) 21-5 (Fall 1:22)

1st Place Match - Dillon Dunn (Trego HS) 22-1 won by fall over Brandon Baker 13-6 (Fall 1:59)

Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Interested in a career as a Service Technician for BTI? Join us at Hoxie BIT for an Open House event on January 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, to experience a day in the life of a BTI Technician. There will be hands-on activities, demonstrations, and snacks! Bring your parents and learn about our full-ride scholarship program and meet the BTI service team. Find out more at www.btiequip.com, or find the event on Facebook.

Are you looking for a unique program involving hunting and the outdoors. Pratt Community College offers the only two-year degree program in Wildlife Outfitting and Operations. A limited number of spots are open each year, so go to www.prattcc.edu/WOO.

Pratt is located in one of the prime hunting and fishing areas in the state. And Pratt is the home of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. Many KDWPT personnel are also teachers in the program.

Are you interested in a career in electric power distribution (including a lineman), power plant technology, wind/renewable energy, industrial technology, or other industry-related fields? Find out more at evergy.com/community/scholarshipopportunities. At least 9 will be awarded in this category.

Evergy/Haines-Weber Scholarships will also award 15 scholarships to students entering the fields of business, finance, accounting, engineering, human resources, computer technology, communications/marketing, and related fields. Both programs will be administered through the Ellis Foundation. General questions can be sent to MaryKay Ulrich at 785-575-8132 or email MaryKay.Ulrich@evergy.com.

Something for many high schoolers who turn 15 (or older) by April 19: Colby Community College is offering a lifeguard certification class. It is a hybrid class, which means some will be online and some will be in person. The online portion starts March 9th. The in person dates are Sundays March 29th, and April 5 and 19. It will run from 10am-4pm. You can earn two hours of college credit for PE. Call Advising Center to register at 785-460-4691.

Description: The course provides entry-level lifeguards participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies. To provide professional-level care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services personnel take over.

Southwestern College (Winfield) will be hosting audition days on February 1 and 8 for scholarships in theatre arts, music theatre, music education, and music performance. Find out more at sckans.edu/audition.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 21: Mock scholarship Interviews at NKESC

Feb. 1: Priority deadline for ESU

Feb. 3: Deadline for Nex-Tech Break the Rules Scholarship

Feb. 12: Junior Day at Barton CC

Feb. 12: Junior Day at Dodge City CC

Feb. 27: Pete Henry Scholarship Deadline

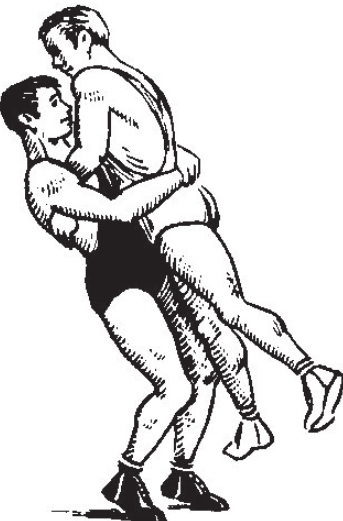
Feb. 28: Registration deadline for April 4 ACT

Mar. 15: Masonic Scholarship deadline

Mar. 30: Tigermania at FHSU for sophomores/juniors

May 8: Registration deadline for June 13 ACT

June 19: Registration deadline for July 18 ACT





Area Schools



Bulldogs Compete with Trojans at Home



Shoot! Golden Plains sophomore Alex Gonzalez puts up a shot against Logan in Rexford on January 10. Gonzalez shot 63% on free throws against the Trojans but the Bulldogs lost the game 47-58. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team competed with the Logan Trojans in Rexford on January 10 for their first home game of 2020. The Bulldogs played hard and worked together but ended the game with a 47-58 loss.

Senior Harley Weese opened the first with six points for the Bulldogs, but the Trojans pulled ahead towards the end of the quarter to lead 10-6.

Weese added the next five in the second to have scored the first 11 Bulldog points in the game. Alex Gonzalez added a couple of free throws and a basket by Ashton Schiltz tied the game up at 17. With the first of two technical fouls called on Logan, Gonzalez hit two more from the line to give the Dogs a slight lead. Both teams worked hard to tie the game up at 23 by the half.

Weese continued to shoot well in the third adding another 6 along with baskets by Jaime Infante, Colby Lathrop, and Gonzalez but the Trojans pulled ahead with 19, including multiple three-point shots, to lead 42-34 at the end of the third.

The Bulldogs added 13 more in the final quarter, but the Trojans put up 16 more for the win 58-47.

Weese finished the game with 17 points for the Bulldogs. He had 8 rebounds, 4 steals, and 2 blocks. Wade Rush added 9 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals, Alex Gonzalez had 7 points and a steal, Jaime Infante had 6 points, and 4 rebounds, Roberto Loya contributed 4 points, Ashton Schiltz added 2 points and 4 rebounds, and Colby Lathrop put in 2 points and claimed 2 rebounds. Additional rebounds came from Fabian Cepeda 2 and Austin Patmon 1.

Lady Bulldogs Remain Undefeated at Home

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs extended their season record to 7-0 with a 42-29 win over the Logan Lady Trojans in Rexford on January 10.

Senior Zoey Hillis opened the game with a basket for the Bulldogs. The Trojans answered and pulled ahead 5-2. The first of four three-pointers from junior Ashley Stoll tied the game back up. The Bulldogs went on to gain a 10-5 lead by the end of the first.

Continuing to spread the ball around the floor, the Lady Bulldogs never let up and extended their lead to 23-16 by the half. The defensive battle continued in the third with the Bulldogs only adding 7 and the Trojans adding four.

The fourth quarter provided intense action as the Lady Bulldogs distributed the ball around the floor finding Ashley Stoll who put in all 12 Bulldog points in the quarter. The Trojans held strong to put in 9 more but the Lady Bulldogs held on for the win, 42-29.

Ashley Stoll, who scored all 12 Bulldog points in the fourth, finished the game with a career high 20 points, including a career best four 3-pointers. "The team did a great job taking care of the ball and getting it to where it needed to be," said Ashley. "I didn't even think about it (her career high) until coach told me after the game."

"We work on free throws every day in practice," said Alex Gonzalez who made 63% of his free shots. "I thought it was good for me to be able to play more than I usually do. We do need to get our hands up more and work harder in practice to help on defense."

The Bulldogs played their third game of the week against St. Francis on Saturday and will travel to Ransom to take on Western Plains/Healy on January 17.

GO BULLDOGS!



Thunderhawks on the Courts

By Anna Godek, Staff Reporter

On Friday, January 10, the Thunderhawk basketball team traveled to Winona to play against the Triplains-Brewster Titans. The JV girls started off the night with a win. Next up were the JV boys, and they won by 17 with a score of 54-37. Following the JV boys were the Varsity girls who won easily with a score of 83-29. The girls also had 15 offensive rebounds. Finally, the Varsity boys won with a score of 61-40. The boys were up by 16 during half time. It was a very successful night of Thunderhawk basketball, coming home with a clean sweep.

On Tuesday, January 14, the Thunderhawks started out the week with ball games at Dighton. The games started at six with the Varsity girls playing in one gym while the JV boys played in another gym. The JV boys won with a score of 56-46. The Varsity girls battled against the Hornets and took the game into overtime, but the lady Thunderhawks took a tough loss with a score of 42-45. The girls shot 94% from the free throw line. The teams switched gyms and got ready for tip off. The JV girls played only three quarters of a game but lost to the Hornets. Finishing out the night were the Varsity boys. They played a tough and close game but ended up losing by two. The final score was 46-48. It was a long night, but the Thunderhawks fought hard till the very end.



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Farm News

Upcoming Sorghum Events

Jan 22-23 Red River Crops Conference - Altus, OK
Jan 24 Kansas Commodity Classic - Manhattan, KS
Jan 28-30 International Production and Processing Expo - Atlanta, GA
Jan 28-29 24th Annual Soil Health Conference - Wichita, KS
Jan 29 Kansas Sorghum School - Scott City, KS
Jan 29 Kansas Sorghum School - Hutchinson, KS
Jan 29 Kansas Sorghum School - Beloit, KS
Jan 30 Nebraska Sorghum Symposium - Curtis, NE

Sorghum Checkoff Opens Applications for Leadership Sorghum Class V

The Sorghum Checkoff is accepting applications for Leadership Sorghum Class V, a program designed to develop the next generation of sorghum leaders. During the 15-month leadership program, class members will be exposed to various aspects of the sorghum industry in addition to personal development and networking opportunities. Through both hands-on and classroom-style learning experiences, class members develop an understanding of how sorghum moves through the value chain, how checkoffs and stakeholder organizations interact on behalf of the industry and what the future holds for sorghum. USDA-approved criteria state eligible applicants must be farmers actively engaged in sorghum production within the U.S. and U.S. citizens. Fifteen growers will be accepted into the program's fifth class. More information on the class schedule and program criteria can be found at LeadSorghum.com.

U.S., EU, Japan Agree to New Subsidy Rules

The United States, the European Union, and Japan proposed new global trade rules on Tuesday to curb illegal subsidies they say are distorting the worldwide economy, with China as their clear target. After meeting in Washington, Japanese Economy Minister Hiroshi Kajiyama, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, and EU trade commissioner Phil Hogan said in a joint statement that existing World Trade Organization (WTO) rules were insufficient to tackle market distortions from subsidies. The three countries intend to bring their proposals before the greater WTO body.

Free BQA Training Sessions Scheduled in Kansas

Four advanced beef cattle care and health training sessions will be hosted by the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) during February, March and April. These checkoff-funded sessions will provide beef producers with up-to-date standards and technologies to improve animal welfare and food safety.

Dates and locations are Feb. 6 - Holton Livestock Exchange; March 19 - Central Livestock of South Hutchinson; March 24 - Fort Scott Livestock Market; and April 9 - Mankato Livestock. All the meetings will take place at 6 p.m.

Producers and veterinarians will receive Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training and information relevant to the cow-calf, stocker and feedlot segments. The information will include animal husbandry best management practices, downed animal care and humane euthanasia training. In addition, low-stress cattle-handling techniques will be reviewed. All producers and veterinarians who attend will earn BQA certification valid for three years.

Each workshop is free of charge and includes a complimentary meal. Pre-registration one week or more prior to the event is requested by contacting KBC at (785) 273-5225 or kbc@kansasbeef.org. Walk-in attendees are welcome but are not guaranteed a meal.

Kansas State Industrial Hemp Conference

K-State's Hemp project will feature an upcoming program centered about recent research and information about Industrial Hemp. This program will be held February 4, 2020 from 8:30-4:00 pm at the Sedgwick County Extension Office located at 7001 West 21st Street in Wichita. Registration is requested by January 28. Seating may be limited. Online registration is at www.bit.ly/kshempconf or call 316-788-0492. Topics included will be insect and disease management, High Tunnels at the KSU Olathe Station, Hemp Testing service, Report from the KS State Board of Ag and Recent KSU Research at the Industrial Hemp Research Station by scientists working on various topics. Register now online or contact your local Twin Creeks Extension office. Norton: 785-877-5755 Oberlin: 785-475-8121 Hoxie: 785-675-3268 Hill City: 785-421-3411.

Perdue Signals MFP 2.3 Payments Will be Made

In multiple interviews, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue spoke positively of the likelihood the third tranche of Market Facilitation Program 2.0 payments will be made. "My expectation is that the third tranche will be issued imminently," the Secretary said. "I'm counting on it, but we've got to get that allocated through the Office of Management and Budget. But I see no reason why we can't get that done," said Secretary Perdue. Perdue also noted he believes China will follow through on the agriculture purchases it has committed to. "It doesn't give me any pause at all," Perdue said. "I think again the number of \$40 to \$50 billion is secure. That is a definitive commitment." However, due to the anticipated purchases from China, USDA Deputy Secretary Steve Censky told reporters that an MFP 3.0 is unlikely. "We do believe that with these trade agreements in place, there won't be a need for the MFP payments," Censky told reporters. However, this is dependent on how the market changes.

Governor to Sign Wildland Fire Proclamation

To highlight the need for vigilance for wildland fires, Gov. Laura Kelly will sign a proclamation Friday, Jan. 24 marking the week of Feb. 3-7 as Wildfire Awareness Week.

"While some wildland fires can't be prevented because they spring from lightning strikes or other natural causes, many are avoidable by carefully observing basic precautions when using fires outdoors," Kelly said.

The proclamation signing will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the governor's ceremonial office at the Kansas Capitol.

Last year, Kansas fire departments responded to more than 2,500 vegetation-related fires that caused four deaths and burned almost 28,000 acres in the state. Almost 500 of these fires required counties to seek mutual assistance to bring them under control.

"There are guidelines established by the state to help control outside burning," Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management said. "Following these guidelines can help greatly reduce incidents of wildland fires in the state. Even simple things like making sure you completely extinguish cigarettes before throwing them out can help prevent the loss of life and property caused by wildland fires.

"Prompt response to uncontrolled fires is a vital part of public safety," Tafanelli said, "so we must all be alert and ready to report suspicious smoke and fires to our local fire departments."

Tafanelli noted that 84 percent of all Kansas firefighters belong to volunteer fire departments.

"We all owe these brave men and women our thanks for giving their time and energy, even to the point of risking their lives, to keep us safe when wildland fires threaten our communities," Tafanelli said.

Sen. Moran Applauds Senate Passage of USMCA

Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture - today applauded the Senate's passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

On January 3, Sen. Moran urged Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to bring the USMCA to the Senate floor for a vote as soon as it passed out of the appropriate Senate committees. Sen. Moran voted yesterday in both the Senate Appropriations and Commerce Committees to pass the USMCA, moving it to the full Senate for a vote.

"Passing the USMCA is a major step in implementing this 21st-century trade deal and providing needed certainty for Kansas farmers, ranchers and manufacturers," said Sen. Moran. "Over one-third of Kansas exports go to Canada and Mexico making those countries Kansas' two largest export markets. I appreciate Senate leaders listening to my request and quickly moving this important trade agreement to a vote on the Senate floor. I have heard directly from many Kansas producers on the vital importance of a modern trade deal that expands export opportunities, and I applaud President Trump's work to get this trade deal accomplished."

The House of Representatives passed the USMCA on December

Kansas Corn: Two Positive Trade Actions Improve Outlook

The Kansas Corn Growers Association applauded two trade actions this week that improve the outlook for Kansas corn farmers. Today, the U.S. Senate passed the U.S.-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) trade agreement. On Wednesday, the U.S. signed the Phase 1 trade agreement with China.

"We'd like to thank our Kansas Senators Roberts and Moran for their leadership on getting the USMCA passed in the Senate," Kansas Corn CEO Greg Krissek said. "This solidifies our trading future with our neighbors and key customers for corn and corn products."

Mexico is the top export buyer for U.S. corn. Collectively, Mexico and Canada account for more than half of all U.S. exports of corn and corn products like ethanol, DDGS and red meat. The long-term stability provided by USMCA will further open the doors for increased ethanol exports to Canada and Mexico as they work toward an E10 gasoline baseline.

The U.S.-China Phase One

Governor Applauds Congressional Passage of USMCA

Citing its importance to Kansas exports and the state's economy, Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam expressed praise today for Congressional passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

"This is an important and welcome development in Kansas, especially as our farmers and ranchers struggle to rebuild after an historic year of natural disasters," Governor Kelly said. "With more than 95 percent of the world's consumers living outside the United States, world markets offer tremendous growth opportunities for Kansas agriculture. USMCA will create enhanced export opportunities and help Kansans capitalize on the increased global demand for food and agriculture products."

Secretary Beam also cited the positive impact for Kansas producers.

"This agreement is great news for Kansas, especially Kansas agriculture," he said. "Mexico and Canada are consistently in the top three trade partners for Kansas so maintaining these strong relationships is critical for agricultural exports in the state."

Canada and Mexico are Kansas' first and third largest export markets for Kansas food

Conservation Trees from KSU

The Kansas Forest Service offers low-cost tree and shrub seedlings for use in conservation plantings. Plants are one to two years old and sizes vary from 8 to 18 inches, depending on species. Two types of seedlings are offered: bareroot and containerized. Containerized provide a higher survival rate and quicker establishment. Orders are accepted from now through May 1, but order early to ensure receiving the items you want. Orders are shipped beginning in mid-March. Approved uses for these plants include windbreaks, wood lots, wildlife habitat, timber plantations and educational and riparian (streambank) plantings. All items are sold in units. Each single species unit consists of

25 plants. For example, a unit of Eastern red cedar has 25 trees per unit. Though a single species unit is most commonly purchased, four special bundles are also available which include a quail bundle, pheasant bundle, eastern pollinator bundle and western pollinator bundle. Tree planting accessories are also available. These include marking flags, root protective slurry, rabbit protective tubes, weed barrier fabric and tree tubes. If there have been problems with deer browsing on young trees, the tree tubes are a must. For details and an order form, go to: <http://kfs.mybigcommerce.com/> Order forms are also available from local K-State Research and Extension offices.

Statements on Phase One Trade Deal with China

Senator Marshall
President Donald J. Trump signed Phase One of a trade deal with China on Wednesday, securing a tremendous victory for Kansas producers and manufacturers. Congressman Roger Marshall, M.D., issued a statement in response to the signing:

"This agreement today represents an enormous victory for Kansas agriculture producers and manufacturers. This is yet another promise kept by our President that will continue to improve the lives of all Americans," said Dr. Marshall. "Our farmers and ranchers have borne the brunt of the effects from this trade battle, and I am happy to say that things will get better soon. President Trump's efforts to solidify deals with our four largest export markets - Mexico, Canada, Japan, and now China, will give Kansans the confidence needed to move into the next decade and beyond."

As part of the Phase One agreement, China will buy \$200 billion worth of American goods and services over the next two years, nearly doubling our U.S. exports to the country and further narrowing the gap on our longstanding trade deficit. Agriculture goods will account for nearly \$100 billion of the purchases, providing a much-needed boost to the industry that accounts for more than 40% of our state's economy.

Senator Moran
Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture - released the following statement after attending the White House signing ceremony with President Trump of the Phase One trade deal with China:

"Today, the United States and China signed an historic trade agreement that will open new trade opportunities for farmers, producers and manufacturers across Kansas.

I was pleased to join President Trump at the White House for the signing ceremony. This agreement includes a commitment by China to purchase at least \$40 billion annually in agricultural products from the United States each of the next two years. This agreement is also a first step in addressing China's misbehavior on trade, such as the theft of American intellectual property and forced technology transfer. Congress must work to make certain China lives up to its agreement and hold China accountable if its bad behavior continues. I will urge the administration to reach an agreement with China that removes U.S. tariffs and China's retaliatory tariffs that are damaging to Kansas."

NSP
National Sorghum Producers Chairman Dan Atkisson, a sorghum farmer from Stockton, Kansas, made the following statement today after the signing of the U.S.-China Phase One agreement at the White House.

"National Sorghum Producers was pleased to be a part of the signing today of a Phase One deal with China and applauds both the U.S. and Chinese administrations for their hard work to progress negotiations and reach an agreement that should lessen market uncertainty and shift purchases to more U.S. agriculture products, like sorghum, by our customers in China. Our farmers, as well as Chinese consumers, will benefit from this agreement.

We anticipate fully analyzing the terms of the deal, but as for what we understand today, it offers more opportunities for our growers to once again become competitive in the Chinese market and to regain relationships with our customers there. We know we have the sorghum to sell, and we know our customers in China want our product. Therefore, we look forward to re-establishing business at the shipment levels we saw before this process began."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
ARCHIE HUGHES, Deceased.

Case No.: 2020-PR-000001

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated January 13, 2020, has been filed in this court by Donna Hughes, as surviving spouse of Archie Hughes, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Donna Hughes as Administrator 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 Personal Representative 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 (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.

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
Steven W. Hirsch #12789
HIRSCH LAW OFFICE
124 So Penn, PO Box 296
Oberlin, Kansas 67749
(785) 475-2296
Attorney for Estate

/s/ Donna Hughes
Donna Hughes, Petitioner

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Commission Minutes 1/8/2020

Now on this 8th day of January 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Joe Bainter presiding. Others present were Wes Bainter, Troy Dewey, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk and Rachel Farber. Joe Bainter called the meeting to order.

Joe Bainter made a motion to appoint Troy Dewey as Chairman of the Board and Wes Bainter as Vice-Chair for the year 2020. Troy Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the warrant in the amount of \$34,825 to Superior Emergency Response Vehicles for the Tahoe being purchased for Sheriff Carver. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bracht presented the bill for Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group (NWLEPG) in the amount of \$1,905. This is the balance owed for the last six months of 2019. Dewey made a motion to pay the \$1,905, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Bracht advised the Board that a decision to remain in the organization needed to be made prior to April 1. The Board did not make a decision on paying the additional \$502.13 to assist with purchasing the new lab testing equipment.

Bracht distributed three abatements to the Treasurer's Tax Roll for approval. Joe Bainter moved to approve the abatements, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve and pay the \$50,000 to Venture Corporation for the millings, per the agreement. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

County Attorney Joe Pratt stated that by statute, the scale at the landfill cannot be a split scale. A scale, if purchased, will have to be installed by a licensed, certified individual/company.

At 9:13, Dewey made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 9:18. Dewey made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to amend the employee handbook to reflect that holiday, sick, vacation and personal time will not be counted towards overtime

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Sheridan County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as Amended, on the 10th day of February at 6:30pm, at the Hoxie Elks Lodge in Hoxie, KS.

The meeting agenda will include the following business items:

ONE:
The supervisors of the Sheridan County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:
They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.
The terms of Rick Johnson and Darrin Herl have expired.
All in the County of Sheridan in the State of Kansas.

By: Daniel Schultz,
Chairperson

Sheridan County
Conservation District

Attest
DeeAnn Schamberger
Sheridan County
Conservation District
Manager

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pay. Motion carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to move the meeting to the first-floor foyer due to the number of guests. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey reconvened the meeting. Present were Joe Herskowitz and Rex Storer from the Road Department, as well as additional guests Fred Niermeier, Bob Brewster, Melanie Cooper, Ed Goetz, Stuart Beckman, Michael Schamberger, Joe Broeckelman, Lance Coburn, Brandon Carver, Tom Beckman, Mike Beckman, Leroy Spresser, Brian Baalman, Ron Bixenman and Suzanne Cooper. Some comments:

- It was stated we are still having trouble with roads. We need to all work together to do what is best for Sheridan County.

Mary "Neecy" Sloan

July 10, 1925 ~ January 17, 2020



Mary Bernice "Neecy" Vickers Wood Sloan was born to Clarence I. and Ruth O. (Lyon) Vickers on July 10, 1925 in Sheridan County, KS. She passed away at the Sheridan County Long Term Care on January 17, 2020 after a short illness. She graduated from Sheridan County High School in 1943. She attended secretarial school in Denver, CO and then worked in Seattle, WA during the WWII years. She moved back to Sheridan County and married Dale Wood on August 27, 1950. Dale lost his life in an airplane accident a few months before their son Gregory Dale was born. Greg came into the world on October 17, 1951. Neecy was part owner of the grocery store/post office in Studley, KS for several years. She worked at the local Soil Conservation Service and at the Sloan & Eland Law Firm. Neecy married Ray Sloan September 14, 1963.

Neecy's days were filled with love for her Lord. She taught many children in Sunday School classes and led several Bible Studies in the community throughout the years. Her commitment to Christ was evident in every part of her life. She

was a constant source of strength as she shared lessons from Scripture.

Neecy's backyard garden was a wonderful place that she spent many hours tending. She looked forward to each spring anticipating the first plants poking through the soil. Neecy still mowed her own lawn until the age of 92.

Neecy is survived by her son Greg, wife Juliet and granddaughter Jessica; her brother, Bill Vickers; sisters, Vivian Wade, Charlotte Beeson and Dorothy Nation, stepsons Murray (Bonnie) and Richard (Glenda) Sloan, their families and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dale Wood; husband, Ray Sloan; sisters, Fae Frasier, Leigh Vickers, and Phyllis McClelland.

Neecy had two favorite sayings. "That's a good thing" and "I've got that square filled". She has accomplished both and is resting in the arms of Jesus.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at the Christ Community Church with Pastor Ben Rhodes presiding. Burial will follow in the Hoxie City Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, from 1:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Memorials are suggested to the Christ Community Church Building Fund or the Sheridan County Library and may be sent in care Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

- We need to reconstruct the roads, otherwise we are throwing money away.
- Sand and millings are not being ripped in.
- In 2019, only 3 miles of road were completed.
- Better communication with county employees about areas that need worked.
- Need to prioritize the roads. Problem areas are never fixed.
- Is there a plan? Why not put a plan in place - here are the roads that will be done this year.
- Who decides which road is a priority when several farm volunteers have several roads that need fixed?
- The mowing needs to be hired out. The Board would like individuals to commit to mowing at least 20 miles. The Road & Bridge employees need to work on the roads, not mow. Get the word out. There is no shortage of people interested in mowing and hauling sand.
- The Grinnell road needs shoulders pulled and dirt brought in. Can't keep the water off the road.
- The roads didn't get this way overnight. Everyone needs to be patient.
- We need to spend more time on the big problem areas.
- Start working with employees to train, be sure they can operate the equipment.
- If the County is unable to get a road done, contact Leroy Spresser, Brendon Gourley, Doug Cass. We've got to get the roads done.
- Leroy Spresser stated he would be happy to work with employees in the section.

Ken Schaffer

January 1, 1954 ~ January 17, 2020



Kenneth "Ken" John Schaffer was born January 1, 1954 in Hoxie, KS to William (Bill) and Marie A. (Albers) Schaffer. He passed away January 17, 2020 at University of Colorado Hospital with his family by his side. Ken attended Grade and High School in Hoxie graduating with the class of 1972. After graduation, he attended Garden City Community College graduating in 1974. He worked various jobs but loved his cattle and farming.

Ken married Glenda Plummer on December 3, 1977, and to this union two children were born, Stacey Brown and Travis Schaffer (KayAnn). He also had two stepchildren, J.R. Behan and Heather Holt. He was blessed with seven grandchildren.

In recent years, Ken took up the sport of golf and enjoyed it very much. He played in Senior Tournaments, couple's tournaments and several tournaments with his son, Travis. Ken is Past Exalted Ruler of the Hoxie Elks Lodge #2415 and Past State President of the Kansas Elks Association. He is a member of the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus of Hoxie, KS.

Ken is survived by his wife, Glenda of the home,

Hoxie; son, Travis Schaffer and his wife KayAnn of Hoxie; step-son, J.R. Behan of Topeka; daughter, Stacey Brown of Hoxie; step-daughter, Heather Holt of Wichita; grandchildren, Allison Holt Nielson, Stacy Holt Jr., Dalton Brown, Sean Brown, Abbie Brown, Derek Schaffer, and Dallas Schaffer; brother, Will Schaffer and wife Margaret of Hoxie; sisters, Kathy Collins of Goodland; and Karla Olson of Hoxie; nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents William "Bill" and Marie Schaffer and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Roger and Dorothy Chapman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie, KS. Interment will immediately follow the service in the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Cemetery. The Past State Presidents of the Kansas Elks Association will present a graveside memorial service. Visitation was Tuesday, January 21, 2020 from 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with family receiving friends from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., with Rosary and Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M., all at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Benefit Walk, Sheridan County EMS, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, or KETCH and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

At 10:45, Dewey made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel matters. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt, Bracht, Herskowitz and Storer. The door opened at 10:52 with no decision being made.

Herskowitz stated he had been in contact via email with the company about the app for employees to use to clock in and out. At this time, the County will not use this app and will continue using the time clock.

Allowing non-employees to use our equipment was discussed. The problem is the liability if something is damaged or someone injured. Pratt will check with KCAMP about "leasing" the equipment to non-employees.

Chris Mikkelsen, Landfill Operator, entered the meeting. Mikkelsen stated he had obtained a new fuel tank for the Landfill and requested permission to have Bainter Oil deliver fuel. Dewey made a motion to approve this, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Mikkelsen stated he is looking at a 40' scale. Wes Bainter suggested checking buy/sell/trade to see about purchasing a used one. If a new one is approximately \$50,000, this expense is not something that will ever be recouped.

Mikkelsen was directed to start driving his personal vehicle to the shop, not leave the County pickup in Studley and drive in from there.

Dewey made a motion to approve the December 30, 2019 Minutes as amended, seconded by Joe Bainter.

Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter stated he will review the KNRC information to determine if he feels it is worthwhile to remain in.

Dewey stated several contractors have stated they feel the county should remain within the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group (NWLEPG). Wes Bainter stated that right now NWLEPG has total control. Joe Bainter and Dewey both stated that we would never be able to hire someone to go and check wells for less money than we are currently paying NWLEPG. Local contractors will be contacted in the near future to come in and discuss this issue.

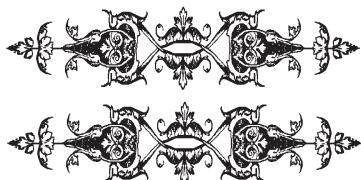
At 11:22, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt, Bracht and Kauk. Kauk exited after just a minute or two. The door opened at 11:40 with no decision being made.

The following warrant was audited and approved:

General \$ 34,825.00

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the regular time and meeting place.

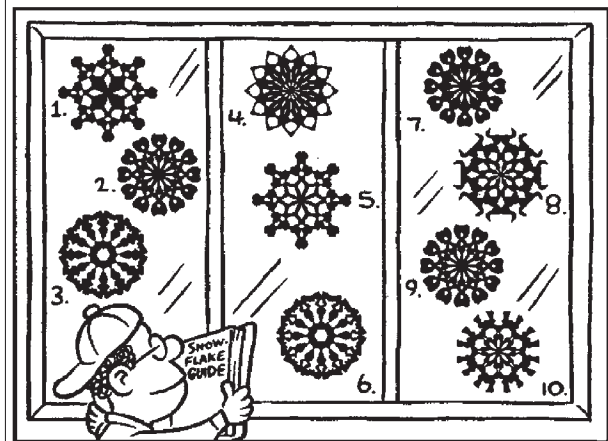
Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Joe Bainter, Chairman





Fun Page

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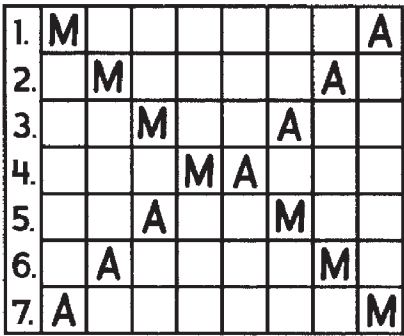


A FLAKY PROBLEM! Unlike nature, two of the snowflakes hanging in this school window are exactly alike. Can you spot them in less than a minute? Don't melt under this time pressure.

Answer: 2 and 9.



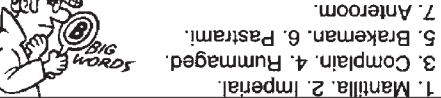
by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

FIND THE BIG WORDS!
Using the clues below, find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. The letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

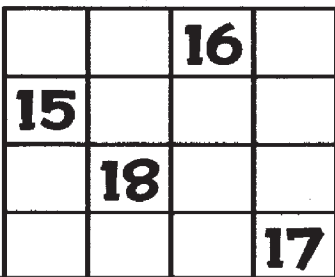
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- Spanish scarf
 - Of an empire
 - Express resentment
 - Searched thoroughly
 - Railroad worker
 - New York sandwich
 - Waiting area
- Anagrams:**
- malt + nail
amir + pile
lamp + coin
game + drum
mane + bark
mast + pair
tome + roan



BRAIN TEASER! One night, two fathers and two sons played poker. When the game was over, there were three dollars in chips to be split up. Each player received exactly one dollar. How was this possible?

There were only three players: grandfather, father and son.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers three through 18 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 42. We've filled in the numbers 15 through 18. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error -- and a good eraser!



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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X I B U C P P L X P V M E Z P V V T F U P

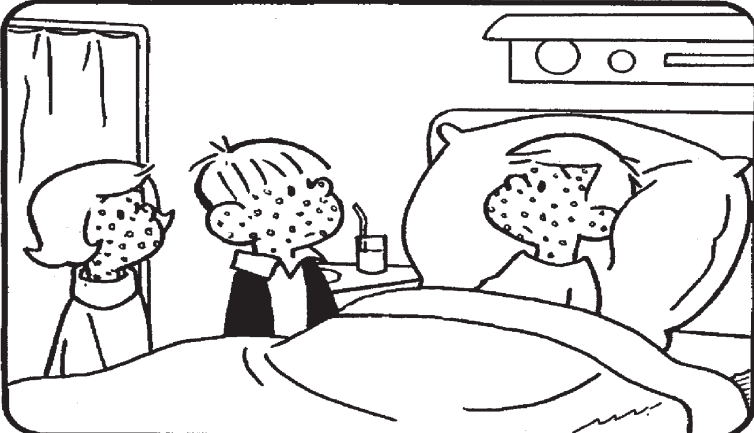
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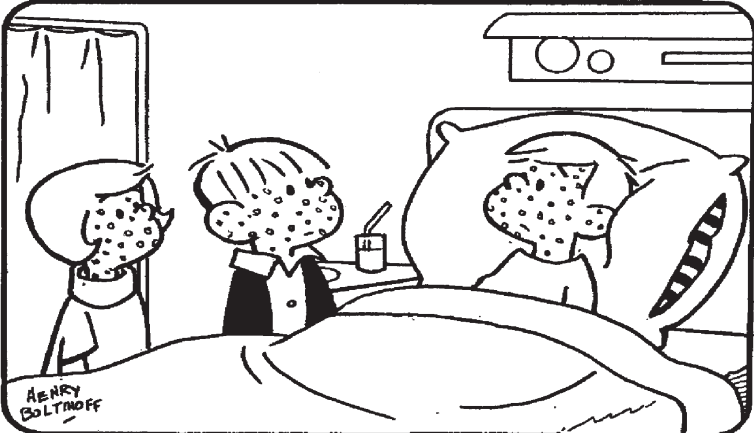
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Button is added. 2. Straw is moved. 3. Pillow is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Knob is moved. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

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CryptoQuip

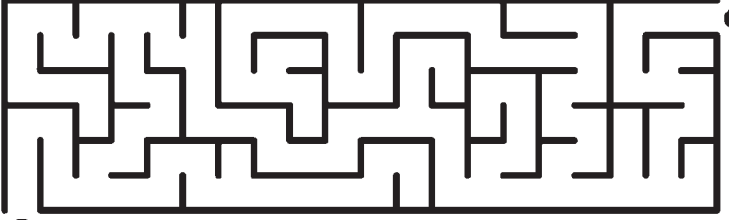
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals P

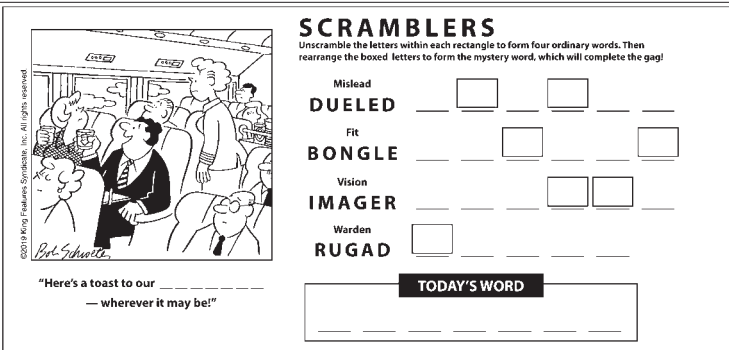
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Kids' Maze

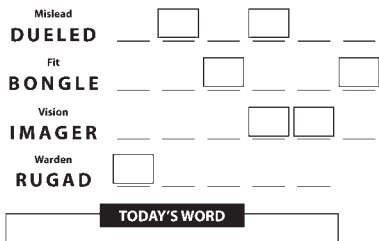


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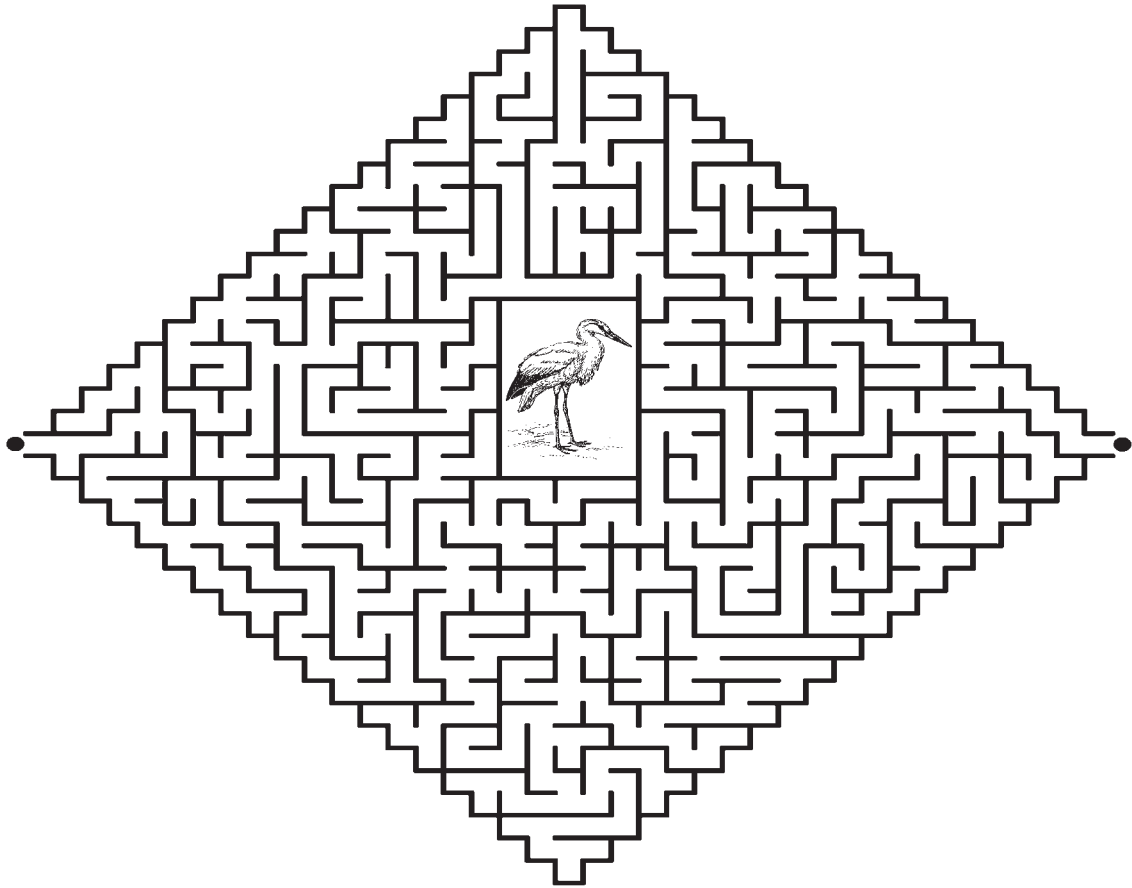
SCRAMBLERS

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



Mega Maze

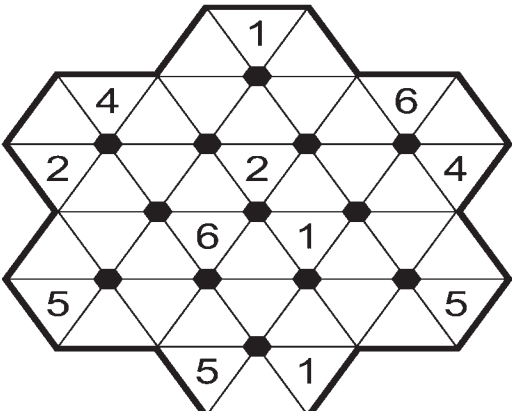
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



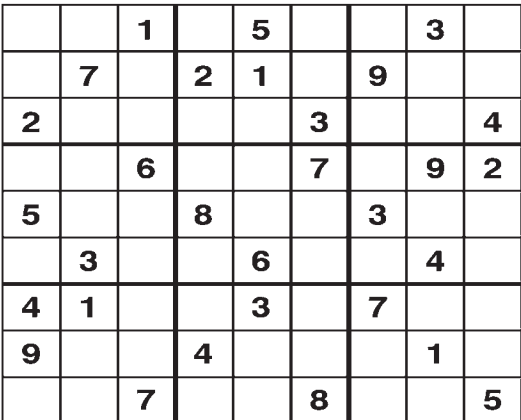
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Shred
 - To another country
 - Buster Brown's dog
 - Mexican article
 - University of Maine's city
 - News anchor Katie
 - Arduous task
 - Not be idle
 - Discoverer of Uranus
 - and "The Office" co-star
 - Spoil
 - "Orinoco Flow" singer
 - Sea, to Luc
 - Buenos
 - Commanded
 - PCs on planes, often
 - Long-range German gun of WWI ... and "Apollo 13" Oscar nominee
 - Letter #3
 - Bern's river
 - To the extent that
 - 1975 Wimbledon winner ... and "Shape of You" singer
 - German article
 - U.S. architect I.M.
 - Pet treaters
 - Slaughter with a bat
 - Abnormal plant swelling
 - Schindler with a list
 - Deputy of an envoy ... and old CBS variety show host
 - Ballpark gate
 - Explorer
 - Hernando de ...
 - Rose color
 - Klee output
 - Bistro bills
 - Olay product
 - and "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
 - Sheriff Andy Taylor's tyke
 - Coach
 - Parseghian
 - poiloi
 - "T.N.T." rock band
 - Game venue
 - Officer played by Phil Silvers ... and 1970s-'80s New York City mayor
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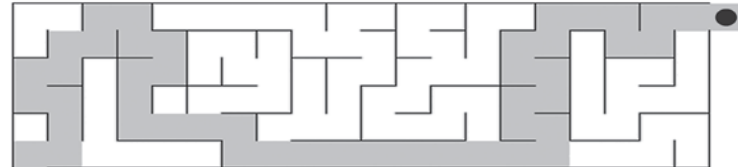


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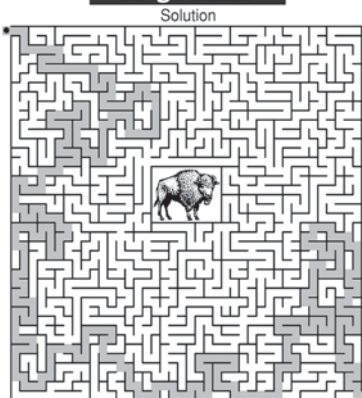
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Last Week's Fun Page Solutions

Kids' Maze Solution



Mega Maze



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

I	N	O	P	U	T	S	A	E	P
D	I	N	E	T	G	T	E		
N	W	O	I	G	I	N	A	B	E
O	I	O	B	E	S	E	K	B	O
D	G	P	B	C	M	T	E	O	O
W	O	L	K	A	W	S	I	G	N
O	U	H	E	U	E	A	N	O	W
H	T	V	C	H	G	T	S	E	W
C	A	M	U	N	C	H	O	M	P
H	A	V	E	A	S	N	A	C	K

Riddle Answer:

It goes chew chew.

Super Crossword

Answers

J	E	T	F	U	E	L		C	L	A	M	P	S		S	M	I	D	G	E		
E	T	I	E	N	N	E		H	A	V	E	A	T		C	A	N	A	R	D		
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