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The Big Reveal ~ Hoxie Welcomes a New Bistro & Bar ~ THE ELEPHANT ~



Emily Campbell finally announced the opening of her new bistro & bar on Main Street in Hoxie. (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)

By Viktorija Briggs
 "The Elephant has finally made its debut! It's going to be fun...fresh...and 'something out of the ordinary'...stay tuned for more to come..."

That was Emily Campbell's announcement on social media on May 25, just after the sign and awning finally gave the name of her new place. Hoxie has been waiting impatiently for the unveiling, for months. It was worth the wait!

The interior is casual elegance. The beautiful wood tables were made by Carloff Wiltner from the old apartment floor, and the long bar was made from a lane of the old bowling alley.

The Elephant held an open house come & go on Friday, June 15 for everyone to stop in for a drink and a chance to take in the feel of the new place.

It's beautiful - all of it! Congratulations, Emily!

Pin-Ups & HOT RODS

By Viktorija Briggs

The 2018 Hoxie Hotrodder's Hoxie Rod Run was another huge success, with lots of fun for everyone.

This year's new attraction was the Classic Pinup Pageant, which brought in seven contestants vying to be crowned the first "Hoxie Classic Car Queen". The winner was determined by popular vote.

The winner was April Bretton of Smith Center. After receiving her crown, her son, Braxton, ran up and gave her a big hug and, with a bit of a choke to his voice, told her, "I'm so proud of you, Mom!" What more can be said to top that?!

1st Runner Up was Hoxie's own, Jaime Bufkin.

(1st Runner Up, Jaime Bufkin (l), and Hoxie Classic Car Queen, April Bretton (r))



(More color Hoxie Rod Run photos on pages 8 & 9)

Father's Day at the Old Opera House

By Marge Hartzog

Over 100 people attended the Father's Day meal at the former Jennings Old Opera House/Masonic Hall on Sunday, June 17. The event was sponsored by the Historic Building Preservation Committee, The Sons of American Legion and the local ZCJB Lodge and Western Fraternal Organization.

Following the meal, the SAL presented a very moving program honoring veterans of the Iraq War, and featuring active duty and veteran guest speakers from Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as Past National Legion Commander Mike Helm, and SAL member Jarrod Gerbitz.

Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Otter, currently stationed in Lincoln, NE is a member of the fourth generation of Hickert/Otter family to live in this area and is the descendant of and the brother of a long line of military family members. His military career began in 2004 when he served as a Helicopter Maintainer in Illsheim,

Germany, followed by two tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom and one tour in Operation Enduring Freedom. Since July 2016 he has been assigned to the Omaha Recruiting Company, coming from the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade, Ft. Bliss, TX. He is married and has one daughter and two step-sons. He spoke of the intense heat in Iraq, and on occasion, working 19 to 24 hours at a time to keep two helicopters continuously in the air for convoy security and for aerial observation to provide assistance to infantry units. In response to questions from those in attendance he said he loves the military and intends to make a career of the military. He has currently served fourteen years and intends to retire from service at 20 years. Brandon is the son of SAL member Frank and LeVonne Otter of New Almelo, KS.

Myrna Flaska Lacina, Brighton, CO, grandmother to three soldiers who were scheduled to serve in Iraq at the same time, spoke about her granddaughter Staff Sgt. Ret. Karen Matheny, and her grandson, Randy Matheny who were serving in Iraq at a time when grandson Paul Matheny was scheduled to join them in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Karen Matheny was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend due to medical issues. Myrna spoke of a contingent of Paul's friends and family members being in Ft. Riley enjoying their time together in preparation to seeing him off on his way to Iraq the following day when they received word of Randy's death. Myrna is a native of Jennings and is a descendant of a long line of military family members dating back to World War 1. Gold Star Mother Jan Matheny Collins, McCook, NE gave a heart-rending tribute to her son, Randy, who was killed in combat Feb. 4, 2007. It was a very touching time for everyone and made the audience aware of the sacrifices made by our young people whose lives are cut short by combat.

Past National American



Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Otter spoke at the Father's Day meal on Sunday, June 17, at the Jennings Old Opera House/Masonic Hall. (SAL Courtesy photo)

Legion Commander, Mike Helm, followed the Gold Star Mother's speech with comments and information about local soldiers who were killed in action. He discussed the need to keep the names and memories alive and in our thoughts of those who died defending our country.

SAL member Jarrod Gerbitz shared his experience of participating in the "Run to the Wall" Motorcycle ride to the Viet Nam Wall memorial in Washington, DC. He joined the group in Junction City, KS. An unexpected highlight of the trip was that he was one of a small number chosen from the hundreds of riders to tour Arlington Cemetery. He spoke of the impressive number of supporters along the way. He had many souvenirs to show. His interest in the trip began when he helped raise money to pay for gas for the bikers at the Oakley stop. He took the names and pictures of Bart Brooks and John Diederich, young men of the Jennings community with him and searched their names on the Wall. He said it was a very moving experience.

West Point graduate, Major, Ret., Katrina Lewison, Democratic candidate for Lt. Gov. Kansas spoke briefly of her experiences as a Blackhawk Helicopter pilot, serving two

tours in Iraq. She is a native of Hutchinson, KS. And is the recipient of a Purple Heart relating to shrapnel from a grenade.

SAL Stacy Hartzog gave the history of the Jennings SAL and paid tribute to his father,



Democratic candidate for Lt. Gov. Kansas, Major, Ret., Katrina Lewison, spoke briefly of her experiences as a Blackhawk Helicopter pilot, serving two tours in Iraq. (SAL courtesy photo)

Daryl Hartzog, for his efforts in starting the Jennings Sons of American Legion. The Jennings SAL is very active and provided much effort to bring

this program to the community to pay tribute to all veterans, particularly those who served in Iraq.

Niermeier & Bange Receive Scholarships

Each year, the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture awards scholarships to college students studying in fields that benefit agriculture and rural Kansas. Forty-four recipients have received \$27,000 in scholarships for the 2018-19 school year.

Wade Niermeier of Sheridan County, who is attending Fort Hays State University received a \$500 scholarship. Recipients must attend a Kansas college with a Kansas Farm Bureau Collegiate chapter and be a Farm Bureau Collegiate member.

Clayton Bange, Sheridan County was awarded a Kansas technical college scholarship.

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Words of Faith

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.
 African Proverb

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, June 19	
Wheat	4.35
Corn	3.00
Milo	2.90
Beans	7.29

Weather Report

SC Conservation District			
Date	High	Low	Moisture
6/10	100	67	--
6/11	91	57	--
6/12	90	64	--
6/13	90	67	--
6/14	100	73	--
6/15	102	72	--
6/16	93	70	--

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Words of Wisdom

Moving Fast is not the same as going somewhere
 ~Robert Anthony

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By Jodi Moellering, Secretary
 Scrappy Quilters met on June 12th at 6:30pm at the Methodist Church in Hoxie for their June party.

Members present: Carolyn Tuttle, Barb Popp, Marge Haas, Candy Becker, Mary Adams, Jodi Moellering, Judy Cressler, Deloris Steinike, Ferrol Powers, Gail Sams, Norma Chestnut, Judy Watkins, Reba White, Harriett Richardson, Kay Weber, Keri Vanover, Alice Mizer, Peggy Eland, Ronda Johnson, Bonnie Wilson, Charlene Meier, Darlene Schaffer.

Ronda Johnson called the meeting to order with a welcome and prayer over the meal. A fabulous potluck supper was provided by party committee and members. After the meal, Ronda conducted the business meeting. The proposed officers for the new year are: Judy Cressler-President, Kay Watkins-Vice-President, Kay Weber-Secretary, Mary Adams-Treasurer. A vote was cast, and the officers were approved unanimously.

The program committee (Jodi Moellering, Judy Cressler and Gail Sams) are reminded to begin work on the program lineup for the next year. The

September meeting is already set, but the rest will need to be completed. Peggy Eland has volunteered to put the booklet together after the programs have been set.

Ronda reminded everyone to pick up the member signatures if you didn't get them from Judy Watkins friendship presentation. There were also extras if you missed the previous signatures as well as other handouts from Judy's presentation.

Norma Chestnut presented Norma's Notions.

The program this month was about dolls and all the different forms of dolls. Charlene Meier shared her Raggedy Ann collection. Members were encouraged to bring one of their favorite dolls to share. There were many different dolls that had great stories shared about them.

For show and tell, people who made blocks for the block exchange shared their creations. There were some fabulous blocks. It's amazing how different they can be with the same pattern and different colors. Well done ladies!

Roll call as your favorite quilt block. There was discussion about all types of fabulous quilt blocks. Can there really be a favorite with so many options??

The next meeting will be September 11th at 7pm at the Midwest Energy Building in Hoxie. See ya all there!

The meeting was adjourned by Ronda.

Submitted by Jodi Moellering, Secretary



Mealsite Menu

June 25 - June 29

Monday: Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots or Triangles, Peas & Carrots, Bun, Pears

Tuesday: Turkey Tetrazzini, Antigua Blend Vegetables, Mixed Fruit, Bread, Bar Cookie

Wednesday: Taco Salad, Mexicali Corn, Chips, Orange Pineapple Gelatin

Thursday: Oven-Baked Chicken, 3-Bean Salad, Tropical Fruit, Bread, Pudding

Friday: Ground Beef Stroganoff, Catalina Blend Vegetables, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices

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

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Thank You!

We would like to thank our family for the very nice
 60th Anniversary Celebration
 on June 3.

Also, to our friends & relatives
 for the many congratulations we received.

Jerome & Pauline Heim

ROTARY NEWS

By Viktorija Briggs
 The weekly Rotary Club meetings at Oscar's has been fairly active this past quarter.

On March 13, the Rotary Club voted to donate \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in memory of Gayle Bainter.

Rachel Farber announced that the Kenoxie Archives & Museum had received its non-profit 501(c)3 status and would begin looking for grants to obtain archival boxes to protect the older, unbound, volumes of the newspaper.

Harry Joe Pratt spoke of the Community Foundation's Match Day Come & Go Meet & Greet on March 27 at Oscar's.

Judge Cahoj spoke of attending a meeting in Colby from April 8-10 when the State Supreme Court would be there.

At the March 20 Rotary meeting Harry Joe gave a presentation on the History of Hoxie. Much of his materials were borrowed from Harm Briery. It included ads from The Hoxie Sentinel, the Schropp homestead (9/25/1895), which consisted of a resort with two lakes, both of which Harm would swim at. There was an article also about Ewer's Beach in Tasco, which brought about a considerable amount of conversation among the group. They spoke of homemade beers brewed & bottled in cream cans during the Prohibition era.

An article about Houseworth Park & Lake on Hwy 24 was in a 1927 issue of The Hoxie Sentinel, where fishing, swimming and a wood-floor pavilion held dances; and northeast of the lake was ball park.

On March 27, Troyal Burris was the guest. He was the Rotary Student of the Month and was awarded \$25 in Chamber Scrip. Troyal stated that he would be attending the Reinke Program, and upon completion would return to work for Hoxie Implement.

Mike O'Dell gave a brief report on the hospital Audit Report, for which they did very well - "a perfect audit", to be exact. Statements showed "good stewardship of

taxpayers' funds". The hospital also received a 0% interest loan for a new x-ray imaging machine.

In April Wes Bainter showed us the new vinyl Rotary signs that will be installed on Hwy 24. They will be framed in metal for stability and installed on steel posts.

Mike updated the Rotary website.

Kory Taylor said that the deli side of Hoxie Stop 2 Shop was now open with pizza, subs, sandwiches, and a hot bar. Angus burgers were also on the menu. Traffic flow is monitored with a door monitor, so they can get an idea of how many customers they have in a day.

Niceta Farber spoke of the Health Needs Assessment. They had received back 62 surveys, having only expected approximately thirty. So, the response was better than hoped for, giving them a greater idea of what was in need or wanted by the community. The Mental Health Needs aspect of the SCHC care also began. It is the goal of the hospital to educate the public about mental health issues.

Rachel Farber gave a report on the new Hoxie Community Garden to be located across from the Methodist Church.

On April 24, Club President Mike O'Dell gave the group a "homework" questionnaire. It was also brought up that on July 1 the Rotary's new year begins, and as old initiatives have not yet been completed, they will be followed through into the next year.

Mike also mentioned that there had been 1000 hits on the Hoxie Rotary Club website.

For the first meeting of May, Mike said that number one on the "homework" survey was that an environmental project was the most preferred. Student of the Month was Brooke Dorenkamp. She will attend Dodge City Community College.

Mike said that "for the Federal Audit the previous week, the hospital was tested on 19 aspects, passed 18, missed one. FQHC advised

Upcoming Area Events!

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

Every Wednesday:
 Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478
 6pm Connect-UMC
 7:30pm FOUNDRY-Hoxie UMC (6:30pm-3rd Wednesday)

Every Saturday (May-Sept):
 Hoxie Farmers' Market located in Peoples State Bank parking lot

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

2nd Wednesday (Sept-May):
 2pm UMC Coffee Club-UMC Social Hall

1st Thursday - each month:
 12:10pm Lunch & Learn Horticulture Series at Sheridan County Public Library by Twin Creeks Extension District. RSVP

by the Monday prior to the week's program. 785-675-3268.

2nd Thursday - each month:
 9:30am HAMA Theological Book Club. Location changes each month, contact Pastor Micah Howerly for location & information micahhowerly@gmail.com

4th Thursday:
 6:30pm Taylor Ratliff Suicide Prevention Project at Golden Years Senior Center, 638 3rd Street, Phillipsburg (6/21, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25). Mary LeDoux 785-476-6107, Rachel Russel 785-302-1376

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

Every Saturday:
 6:30pm Facebook Bible Study w/ Pastor Jake Schadel (Cross & Flame Parish Facebook page)

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services would be of greater use. The SCHC services now include portable x-ray with a 3-second view-time. This machine has increased their x-ray exam capabilities to 40 per month. There is also a new pain management department for those who suffer with chronic pain. With the new specialty experienced staff, and the advances made around the hospital the SCHC is now a competitor with many of the larger hospitals in the northwest Kansas area.

On May 29, Darnelle Keith gave a presentation on the Hoxie Recreation Center's new lunch program, the swim team, plans for a certified kitchen in their new facility.

Our next meeting will be at noon, Tuesday, June 26, upstairs in Oscar's. Contact Mike O'Dell (modell@sheridan.hpmin.com) for more information on the luncheon or to join the Hoxie Rotary Club.

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Sheridan County Benefit Walk

Thank You from the Sheridan County Benefit Walk

A sincere thank you to all of the following businesses and individuals for sponsoring our recent Benefit Walk Event. With your help, and with the help of all who attended, bought raffle tickets, luminaries and made donations, over \$60,000 was raised to continue to give support to families who are facing difficult health situations in the Sheridan County area.

Thank you also to anyone who participated on a team, came early to help set up and stayed late to tear everything back down. Thank you to all who have given Memorials in the past year; what a beautiful way to remember your loved one.

Apologies if we have missed listing anyone. Please know that we are grateful for every donation we have received.

Sincerely, *The Sheridan County Benefit Walk Committee*

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Tips, Tricks & Hacks

- ❖ Organize tank tops with a tie rack.
- ❖ Mark your child's toys with bright colored nail polish to make it easy to see which belongs to them.
- ❖ Mustard kills indigestion. If indigestion strikes while you are out, it's mustard to the rescue. You usually can find a convenience store, deli or restaurant with a mustard packet. It helps to calm the heartburn well --

- you just eat it.
- ❖ Vinyl tablecloths cut & sewn into aprons make perfect clothes protection for craft projects.
- ❖ Plastic mattress covers make great protective table covers for crafting.
- ❖ Picnic tablecloth blowing around? Partially fill four sandwich bags with dirt; wrap a corner around it, and tie with an elastic hair tie. The

- weighted corners hang off the table's edges, keeping the tablecloth in place.
- ❖ Hold birthday candles in place with Lifesaver candies. They're the perfect size, and they catch the wax drips.
- ❖ Use a paperclip to turn a regular bra into a racerback strap.
- ❖ Use a paintbrush to clean cracks & crevices

- around the home and in the car. (Toothbrushes work great for this too!)
- ❖ Make the toolbox the last thing packed, and the first thing unpacked.
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- ❖ Bananas and avocados

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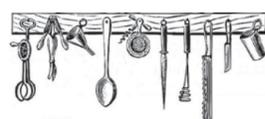
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Cooking in Camp
For the housewife dependent upon her modern equipment to aid in making housework a pleasure, the simple outfit of the real camper would find her helpless. We need to get away from all the conveniences that make life enjoyable to really appreciate our blessings, while the novelty for the time being of going without and using our own ingenuity, is a source of pleasure.
The camp cook who can produce a good meal with the background of a hunk of bacon, a frying pan and a sack of meal, is worth further acquaintance. He builds his fire, making a stove of stones, on which he places his frying pan; then with a little salt pork or bacon soon sizzling in it he lays in his freshly caught fish all rolled in seasoned meal, and a crisp, delicious

bit satisfies the appetite of a hungry camper.
Fish, fresh from the running brook, broiled before a fire while held by two sticks, will give the uninitiated the taste of a savory dish which civilization never can produce.
The delicious mushrooms growing in such abundance in the woods and fields will make a full meal when well prepared. One must have enough knowledge to distinguish the good from the poisonous varieties. There is an endless variety of good foods which may be prepared in the woods.
A fowl or wild game of any kind, dressed and covered with a paste of barley flour and water to keep in the juices and flavors, may be buried in hot ashes and roasted to toothsome deliciousness. Remove the paste, and any

ashes clinging to it will come off with it. The seasoning, of course, must all be done before it goes into the ashes.
If one is not able to go for an outing, unhampered with weight and ready to enjoy even the discomforts of simple foods prepared in the open, he would better stay at home, for such are not agreeable companions. The broadest, most helpful people are they who never lose the childlike enjoyment of simple pleasures.
*By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
August 8, 1918*



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KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

125 Years Ago
June 22, 1893

Sheriff Bohn was attending justice court here last Friday.

It is reported that stock owners on the Smoky river are moving north on account of no grass and the cattle starving to death. Rain must be had there soon or all will have to go.

John and Alex Simpson were marketing hogs in the city Tuesday.

Thomas Edwards was in last week looking after the hog market.

Sprague has entirely recovered and is able to attend to business at the old stand.

Oakley has got the loan of a 12 pound cannon from the state, and is going to bombard for rain.

Last Saturday was a big day in town the stores were crowded with people, and the streets with teams.

Harry Pratt accompanied by his sister Mrs. George was in the city Tuesday shopping and visiting friends in the neighborhood.

Several parties have made arrangements to go east and harvest and get ready to make the run into the strip when it opens in September.

Jacob Hagan made proof on his timber claim on Monday and he now has another 160 acres to pay taxes on but he is happy and says he will die wealthy.

The trial of John Verhoeff for the stealing of cattle from Drake Bro's resulted in an acquittal for John, the state failed to furnish evidence enough to bind him over.

The Highland strikers Captained by Ed Walker, went to Guy last Sunday and played the Guy nine a game of ball, it was interesting from beginning to end and resulted in a victory for the Guy nine, the score being 19 to 20, a return game will be played soon.

M. H. Horton had some business in the city last Saturday, he has several new wind mills to erect and a whole lot of repairing to do.

Hermitville Items

Wheat is short with the exception of a few pieces of spring wheat.

No excitement in this law-abiding vicinity.

Farmer Doubleday and son Will were seen hitting the trail for Hoxie, last week driving Nancy Hanks.

Will Smith is a new settler on the Rob Patterson school land, he is at present breaking bread and bleeding turnips.

Peter Gobis was hunting a lawyer at J. T. Pattersons this week, having been arrested on the charge of cruelty to animals, he is believed to be innocent and of course will get clear.

Remus Spaulding

Skelton News
Miss Mattie Hill is expected home from Republic county this week.

Miss Emma Stewart is home since the close of her school on the north Saline.

Mr. Keys had company from Leland last week.

Mr. Wm. Stewart received the sad news Saturday of the death of his youngest son, in Morning Sun, Iowa.

Observer

Valley Township

Dick Hansen came down from Norton county and was at home over Sunday.

Charlie Curran has built a new house on his homestead on Martin creek.

Guy, Springdale and Skelton Sunday schools will celebrate the 4th of July in a grove near Skelton. All Sunday schools especially invited.

Reporter

Sand Creek Items

Our new blacksmith Mr. Lawless, got hungry for solitude and struck out to find it. Mr. Vaughn holds a little sack to the tune of a few dollars and some horseman are in it too. However, the man may yet make things all right, we judge not that we



Bainter Oil was formerly a Chevrolet dealer. The building hasn't changed much over the years! (Courtesy of the Sheridan County Historical Society)

not be judged.

Messrs. Harris and McGlasson, paid the Guy Sunday school a visit and report a good time.

100 Years Ago
June 20, 1918

Frank Fay and family left this week for a visit with relatives in Colorado.

John Schlicher is on the Kansas City market with a load of fine porkers this week.

The Sutter Land Auction Company of Salina will conduct a big sale for G. F. Payton. Everything will go, stock, implements and his section of land. Watch next week's paper for full particulars.

Estray - Taken up at my ranch, five miles southwest of Morland, Kansas, a gray horse, weight about 900 and about six years old. George McAtee, Morland.

Barney Person was down from Selden, Monday, on business. Barney is proprietor of a garage and a picture show at Selden and is always a very busy man.

North Fork

By Faith

Ura Launchbaugh spent few days in Dresden last week visiting relatives.

Helen Matthews is assisting Mrs. Bobbie Kelly with her house work this week.

As we have not written for some time, we would like to announce the birth of a fine boy born June 4th, at the home of Ivan Kelly, and also a fine girl born June 8th, at H. N. Walker's.

Studley Items

Chas and Fred Williams are replanting corn.

Tom Black and family visited at Nels Bell's last Sunday.

Geo Haynes and family of Hoxie autoed through to Morland Wednesday.

The dance at Tasco netted the Home guard boys \$40 Saturday night.

Selden News

By Camouflage

Mrs. Bench was a Norton visitor Friday.

Bert Vaughn came in Sunday night from Kansas City.

Ed Monteith, wife and son of Hoxie were Sunday visitors with relatives here.

Emerald Grove

By Lucile

Miss Mollie Simon of Pattawatomie county is visiting her brother Walter and uncle, Fred Simon.

Rev. Miller preached at Mount Pleasant last Sunday. We understand that there is a talk of him settling among us for a while preaching here and at Leland.

Francis Simon a nephew, and Mr. Benter a cousin, of Fred Simon, were visiting here last week, returning to Wamego Sunday.

Kenneth Township Republicans to Meet

The republicans of Kenneth township will meet Monday night at the Palace theatre

to select a township ticket. All republicans should be present.

Saline Pick-ups

By X. Y. Z.

G. T. McWilliams motored to Plainville last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Transue, June 3rd, a son.

Mr. Meade and son from Colorado were visiting at the O. E. Meade home last week.

John Troutman and son, Fred, of Beloit were calling on friends in our community last week. They formerly lived here. Fred is now state auditor of the Farmers' Union Elevators.

Drug Store News

Sammy Kits, flashlights, and fountain pens for the soldiers.

Nice Assortment of watches at low prices.

Don't forget that we have the best grades of paints and window glass.

- Wiggins, the Druggist

75 Years Ago
June 17, 1943

Cyclone at John Follis'

Last Thursday evening, June 10, the John Follis family had retired around 9 o'clock p.m. when they heard a tremendous roar outside the house. John went to the door and attempted to open it, but the wind blew the linoleum up and knocked him down. The rest of the family attempted to get other doors open and get to the storm cave, but were unable to do so. The barn, garage, brooder house, and other buildings were scattered about the country side, and windows were blown out of the house and the chimney bricks were scattered. Fortunately, none of the family were seriously injured. They lost 300 little chickens as a result of the storm also.

Aside from turning some barns around in that neighborhood, the storm seemed to have spent itself mostly at the Follis home.

Broadway Items

Staff Sergeant Randal Conard and Mrs. Conard ate Monday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Fore in Quinter.

Dorothy Karnes is helping Mrs. H. M. Epler with her house work.

Mrs. Gail Morgan and Winifred Laughman left Tuesday eve by bus for their homes in Ohio. The ladies had spent the past three and a half weeks at W. C. Morgan's.

Chicago-Lucerne

Harry Wallace left for Wichita, Friday, where he will attend the wedding of his daughter, Velve Wallace, Saturday afternoon.

Artie Teel, the president of the telephone board, and Allie Noone met at the telephone office Tuesday, and decided to move the telephone line. A number of men around Lucerne moved it Thursday. All lines going south of Lucerne were grounded. The board also says those lines must be in order as the Co-

op station and Pratt's Store at Studley are on those lines.

Miss Alene Cox, who has been working for Mrs. Connor spent this week in Lenora.

Local Happenings

Pharmacist Murray Corke has been laid up with malaria. He is in the south pacific area. His regular duty is on board a boat but while sick he was in a land hospital. His mother, Mrs. Minnie Corke has heard from him and thinks he is back on active duty by this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooper heard from their son Sergeant Mark Cooper the first of this week. He wrote from Hawaii. Of course he couldn't say much except that he was there and in fine health.

D. O. Burkepile returned Saturday from several weeks in Colorado where he has been farming. He plans to be here thru the coming harvest season.

Fairview Items

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Borger visited at Oscar Borgers Sunday.

Mrs. Lucye Spillman and Rex Getz spent part of last week at the W. I. Transue home.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant McElwain and family visited at Mrs. Elsie Mills home Sunday.

Studley Items

A large crowd attended the Gardner estate sale at Morland Saturday.

The derrick has been erected for Well No. 3 at the Pratt oil field near Studley.

The G and G Club meets this week with Mrs. Harry Madden.

Bow Creek

The John Follis home was almost completely wrecked by the wind. They are now living in the Chicago school house.

Mrs. Fred Karnes spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. J. N. Walden. Wilda spent the afternoon with the Simon girls.

Mrs. Roy Simon received word from Hutchinson last week, telling of the death of Rev. C. A. Fahlgren, on June 3. He was a former pioneer preacher in this county and will be remembered by many Sheridan County people.

50 Years Ago
June 20, 1968

To Hold Art Exhibit Here This Weekend

The members of the spring oil painting class will hold an art exhibit here this Saturday and Sunday, according to Mrs. Delores Mowry, instructor.

About eighteen exhibitors will have their paintings on display in the former Dress Shop building from 10 a.m. till noon and 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Mrs. Mowry said.

The paintings were done by exhibitors from Hoxie, Studley, Morland and Penokee.

Mrs. Mowry extends a cordial invitation to the public

to come in and view the art work on display in Hoxie this weekend.

Morland Man Killed in Tractor Accident

Roy Goodrow, well-known Morland resident, was killed instantly Wednesday, June 12 in a tractor accident near Morland.

Studley Items

Linda Long of Lenora spent a few days last week with Jeannie Ploeger.

Miss Hilda Pratt was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis.

Mark and Hugh Robben and Charles McClelland left Sunday afternoon for a week of Boy Scout camping at Hansen Reservoir near Kirwin. They will return home Saturday.

Tasco Notes

Bruce and Kelley Brown of Bennington are spending several weeks here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie W. Brown, the Glen Browns and other relatives.

Mrs. Fred Pratt visited Ina Hill for awhile Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Karnes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Weeks and family.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, Steve and Carol returned last Wednesday from visiting in California and other western states. They attended the 50th wedding anniversary at Saratoga, Calif., for Dr. and Mrs. Guy Leist June 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Horn.

Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Helen Tice were Mr. and Mrs. George Booth and son Billy of Winston Salem, N. C., and Mrs. Ethel Kelly of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter.

Angelus 4-H Club

The regular meeting of the Angelus 4-H Club was held June 12 at the Lauren Dickman home. Bernard Dickman led us in singing "Old Folks at Home". Roll call was answered by 16 members.

The candidates for King and Queen contest are Leona Schwarz and Ronald Lager.

Bernard Dickman gave a project talk on the quarter horse.

Laurita Schwarz, Ronald and John Lager each gave a report of their trip to Round-up.

The Junior Leaders plan a tour on June 30.

The next meeting will be held July 12 at the Alfred Lager home. - Betty Chaffin, reporter.

Seguin Items

Wednesday afternoon visitors at the John Geerdes home were Mrs. Bob Pierson of Colorado Springs, Mrs. Raymond Malory, Mrs. G. E. Curtin and Mrs. Harlan Wiley of Colby, and Mrs. Marvin Cox and daughter Irma Jean

of Atwood.

St. Ann's Sodality met Wednesday in the church hall. Thirteen members were present. Fr. John Walsh met with the group to make plans for the teaching of Christian doctrine. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Margaret Stephens, Mrs. Nick Koster, and Mrs. John Geerdes. They served Bing Cherry salad with crackers.

25 Years Ago
June 17, 1993

Solomon Valley 4-H Meeting

On May 20 Mrs. George Karnes hosted a sewing project meeting in her home. Eight young ladies were present to finish sewing their project of "red bears" which they had begun at the previous project meeting.

An enjoyable time of learning and fun was had by all. Those present were Shannon Chapman, Jessica Shipley, Jessica Pratt, Therese Newman, Nicole Farber, Andrea and Laura Shaw and Jaime Cooper, also Janet Shaw and Melanie Cooper, project leaders. We had delicious refreshments shared with us by Janet and Margaret. - Jaime Cooper, reporter

Broadway News

The past week has been good for Bible School. There are several coming who had no way. Several have made plans to meet them, have them at the church at Bible School time, be there to take them back to where they picked them up at proper time.

Lawrence and Katherine Simon attended church at Colby Sunday morning. Lawrence spoke on Gideon work.

Don and Oneita McWilliams and Alma Maude Smith went to Concordia Wednesday. They visited Harold McWilliams who had surgery that morning.

Rexford News

Grace Cheney visited her son, Duane and family in Bazine last weekend. The two daughters, Shawna and Jenny took part in the Ness County pageant which was held in Ness City Saturday. Each girl received an Award of Excellence.

The Royal Neighbors met Thursday evening in the Community Building for their regular meeting. After the business meeting, Jean Hawkins served a delicious dessert for refreshments.

Jennings Community News

Last weekend Rosalia Stephens went from Hays to Wichita with Ray and Rose McFarland to attend the baptism of her granddaughter, infant daughter of Therese and Chris Stroubel.

Jarrod Ward, AFS student in New Zealand, called his mother, Laura Tacha on June 7, to wish her and her husband, Mike, a belated anniversary wish. He said that he was really busy. The Aukland Grammar School that he attends is very demanding of its students and he is having to study more than ever. He has made some great friends, but says that he misses his friends and family. Jarrod is scheduled to be back in the United States in January.

Selden Happenings

Lydia Weber was hostess to the senior citizens Thursday. There were four tables of pinochle. High was won by Fansion Juenemann, second by Tillie Goscha and low by Mirl Schrock. We were happy to have Mirl and Elizabeth Schrock with us.

The Shaws had a get-together at the Rexford café Wednesday. Those present were Gail and Doris Jean Oliver, Libby Shaw, Carol Shaw, Evelyn Shaw, Donald and Ellen Shaw, Lyle and Clyda Emigh, Mrs. Dennis Rogers and son. In the afternoon they visited at the Gail Oliver home and took pictures. Tex and Lena Shaw joined them in the afternoon. A good time was had by all.

In Other News

Chasing Clovers: Parenting Styles – Reality Speaks

By Patsy L. Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension District, 4-H Youth Development Agent

A new generation of kids has led to a new generation of parents today – a sign of the times. This new generation of parents started in 1982 with the Tylenol scare. From that point, parents prioritized the safety and future of their children, but the bad news is that parents didn't know where to draw the line. We have padded, loved, funded and defended our children. We consider them our trophies by protecting and perfecting them, but still trying to be a good parent. Parents often can't draw the line between mothering and smothering; fathering and bothering; yet, this is the most 'educated' generation of parents in US. History.

The real issue is not the education of parents, but issues of the heart. Most parents slip into habits that aren't so healthy. In his research, Dr. Tim Elmore, founder of Growing Leaders, has spotted a handful of damaging parenting styles that have plagued our culture over the last decade.

The Snowplow Parent -- In 2002, social scientists coined the term "helicopter parent" – observations of parents hovering over their kids, working to make sure they got every imaginable advantage. Writings about this parenting style can be found in many journals, but the term has now been renamed as the "snowplow" parent. These parents push, negotiate, intimidate and even manipulate others to ensure that doors open for their children, and that no negative incident affects their self-esteem or diminishes their chances at being accepted. "Snowplow" parents create unfair environments and unrealistic scenarios that students must recover from when they enter the real world as adults.

The Problem: These parents don't allow their kids the privilege of learning to fail and persevere.

The Issue: These "snowplow" parents may possess a controlling spirit in which they find it difficult to trust others to deal with their children that they care for, tending to be over-functioning and even micromanaging in style. They mean well, but they must learn to trust the process. As parents, we must switch our focus from "controlling the circumstances" to "connecting with the kids" and equipping them to be successful.

The Karaoke Parent -- These parents want to look and sound like their kids – dress, talk and even be cool like their child. They hunger to be a "buddy" to their kids and stay "cool" and "hip" so that they will be able to relate to their children. These parents work to create an image, but don't offer their kids the boundaries and authority they desperately need. Some of these parents will even go to lengths of allowing and purchasing alcohol for their underage children hoping to gain trust. Many children of these Karaoke Parents grow up needing a therapist in their late twenties because they are angry at their parents.

The Problem: They don't provide their children the clear parameters that build security and esteem.

The Issue: Many times parents and teachers follow the karaoke style because of their own emotional insecurities. Kids don't need parents to be cool; they need them to be real.

The Dry Cleaner Parent -- Just as you take your wrinkled, soiled clothes to the dry cleaners to have them cleaned and pressed by professionals, it is easy to drop our children off with experts to "fix" them. These "dry cleaner" parents don't feel equipped to raise their kids. Although the home environment may have spoiled

or damaged their child's character, they hope a school, counselor or church youth group can fix them. Parenting is a learning experience and one of the most important tasks.

The Problem: Dry Cleaner parents don't furnish their kids the mentoring and authentic face-to-face time they require.

The Issue: For some of these parents, connecting with kids is just not their specialty. They don't feel adequate for the parenting task, it is too much work for them to connect with their kids, and they hide behind the fact that they are busy with other priorities.

The Volcano Parent -- These parents burst into a rage if they are backed into a corner and erupt like a volcano. Life has not turned out as they planned, so they write papers for their children, do homework, apply for jobs or colleges. This is similar to the snowplow parent, but for a different reason – they are attempting to live out their un-lived life through their child. They desperately want their child to make it, because that kid is their last hope of leaving some sort of name or legacy for themselves.

The Problem: These parents have unrealized dreams from their past.

The Issue: The child represents the best way for the adult parent to accomplish their dream from the past. These parents must address their own emotional health and deal with their own issues so that they don't further damage their child. Children have a much better chance of growing up if their parents have done so first.

Two New Parenting Styles -- Social scientists are now measuring the newest population of kids – Generation Z. These youth have not seen a day without social media and don't need adults to get information, yet they experience the same level of anxiety as a psychiatric patient did in the 1950s.

The Ostrich Parent -- Too many parents simply don't have the time or patience to understand their teens, so they disengage, similar to an ostrich sticking their head in the sand. Maybe out of fear – they don't want to know what is happening with their child. They figure what they don't know won't hurt them, but many times it is hurting their child.

The Problem: Kids are left to navigate this new world of anxiety and social media without a guide.

The Issue: Many of these parents are simply preoccupied with their own lives, are too afraid or too busy to ask about their child's, are too enthralled with their own social media feeds and seem oblivious to the needs of their child.

The Owl Parent -- This parent symbolizes a completely different approach to life. They are alert and observe what's happening all around. They possess the wisdom to address dangerous patterns in kids, helping them to rise above addictive behavior, risk aversion, self-absorption, anxiety, depression and entitlement.

Today, more than ever, kids need healthy, engaged parents leading their homes. Parents need to become healthy mentors to their kids as they lead lives worth imitating. Stop spending time preparing the path for your child and start preparing the child for the path.

Contact your local Twin Creeks Extension District office in Norton, Decatur or Sheridan counties to take advantage of the benefits of participating as a 4-H member that stresses positive youth development. #TrueLeaders; #4-HGrowsHere.

Information in this article has been adapted from Dr. Tim Elmore, founder of Growing Leaders.

Parable of a Blacksmith and His Son

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." A message kids today should be taught, learn to use, and apply.

A young man went to seek an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume, it was excellent. And asked,

"Have you received a scholarship for school?" The boy replied, "No".

"It was your father who paid for your studies?" "Yes." He replied.

"Where does your father work?" "My father is a Blacksmith"

The Director asked the young man to show him his hands.

The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect.

"Have you ever helped your parents at their job?"

"Never, my parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me.

The director said:

"I have got a request: When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning."

The young man felt his chance to get the job was high.

When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands.

His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed his hands to his son. The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had so many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them.

This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his studies. The bruises on the hands were the price that his father paid for his education, his school activities and his future.

After cleaning his father's hands, the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time.

The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director.

The Director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when he asked him,

"Can you tell me what you did and what you learned

yesterday at your house?"

The boy replied: 'I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop.'

"Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father, I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping my family.

The director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship others go through to accomplish things, and a person who realizes that money is not his only goal in life."

"You are hired."

A child that has been coddled, protected and given everything he or she wants, develops a mentality of "I have the right" and will always put himself or herself first, ignoring the efforts of parents, family and friends. If we are this type of protective parent are we really showing love or are we helping to destroy our children?

You can give your child their own room in a big house, good food, a computer, tablet, cell phone, and a big screen TV, but when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, children need to experience that too.

After eating, have them wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters, let them fold laundry or cook with you, pull weeds or mow the lawn. You are not doing this because you are poor and can't afford help. You are doing this because you love them and want them to understand certain things about life.

Children need to learn to appreciate the amount of effort it takes to do a job right. They need to experience the difficulties in life that people must overcome to be successful and they must learn about failure to be able to succeed.

Children must also learn how to work and play with others and that they will not always win, but they can always work harder to reach their goals. If they've done their best, then they can take pride in all the effort they put forth.

Life is about giving and serving, and these qualities are taught in our homes.

(Source unknown; oldest version found July 19, 2008)

Preacher's Point By Pastor Timothy Johnson



Families

The family dynamic in America has changed across recent decades.

Divorce in my parents' generation was extremely rare; living together outside of marriage was also taboo. I am not saying the WWII generation was as pure as the driven snow, they had their share of adulterers and adulteresses, but marriage overall was looked at as sacred. The common belief was that the wedding vows were exactly that – vows; a pledge between a man and a woman and God. Vows were a person's word, and the reliability of that word was directly related to a person's reputation and their family's reputation. A promise and a handshake were how deals were finalized, in other words, a person's word.

Views about marriage shifted as my generation grew into adulthood. Divorce went from rare to common, living together before marriage was no longer taboo, more babies were being born outside of wedlock, deals went from being confirmed by a handshake to needing a contract with three copies. About marriage – fewer weddings were conducted in churches, and people started calling a marriage license, "a piece of paper."

Today, the shift continues. Divorce has gone from common to expected. Living together before marriage has grown into the way people hope things to happen. The thought about marriage has shifted from a vow between a man and woman and God to a relationship between two people based on feeling. We've moved from the honest handshake to being paranoid that our identity and every dime we have stolen. Things have changed.

In today's American culture often the man is absent, leaving the woman to raise the children and fend for herself. Usually, there is a legal arrangement where he will throw some money her way to help with expenses, and he will have appointed times to see the children. Sadly, there are many instances where dad is absent, and mom receives no help from him whatsoever. Yes, these circumstances have existed with every generation, but today it is no longer unusual.

The opposite of love is selfishness. Love always gives (John 3:16). When my sister died, my parents gave me an example of love. The grief of losing a child may be the most heart-wrenching thing a person can go through. During those days after Brenda's death, mom would cry. Dad would put aside his grief for a few moments to help mom; put his arm around her, console her, wipe away her tears, talk about Brenda. Mom would gradually gain her composure; the tears would stop. Then a few minutes later the tears would start flowing from my father's eyes. Mom would do for him what he had just done for her. This back and forth care for each other occurred for

a week or more. They were able to get through this time of grief by loving each other – putting aside their feelings to tend to the sentiments of the other.

In many families, everyone is looking out for his or her wants and desires and not each other. Pieces of evidence of this – separate bank accounts, comments like, "You can't use that it is mine!" When a couple weds they become one (Genesis 2:24). Two cannot become one when living separate lives even when living under the same roof. Do not get me wrong, I am not saying they cannot have different jobs or careers, but their goals, what they desire life to be like in the future, how to raise the children, handle the money, thoughts on dealing with the in-laws, and a score of other things must be in agreement or serious problems will arise. How can these things be in agreement if not discussed?

Talking things out long before they occur will make life a lot happier. Julie and I discussed how to educate the children, our goals in life, how we would come to decisions and much more before we were married. Over the forty years since we have averted many arguments by going back to those early talks and acting as we agreed. Doing this has kept us one. Neither of us is looking out for our selfish desires, but the betterment of each other, in other words, love.

Love when coming from both sides of a relationship brings joy, happiness, self-worth, and purpose to life. When love is only on one side of a relationship, it brings sadness and heartache to the loving party and usually a sense of loss and loneliness to the unloving person. When a relationship is void of love, filled with selfishness from both sides, misery, destruction and destroyed lives is usually the outcome.

Many today equate a physical attachment as love. This thought could not be further from the truth. When true love, a complete giving of two people to each other, exists, the physical bond through marriage is enhanced. When a man and woman are fully unselfishly devoted to one another, and God is brought into the relationship everything in life is improved.

Two last points – 1. You cannot make someone love somebody else. It is a choice everyone makes. They will either be selfish or loving. 2. God is essential 1 John 4:8, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

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Albin Watercolor Painting Workshop

The Dane G. Hansen Museum takes great pride in hosting a two-day watercolor painting workshop with Laurie Albin at the Dane G. Hansen Museum, 110 W. Main, Logan, Kansas. This workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 22 and 23, 2018, with a lunch break each day. At this workshop, Laurie will introduce basic watercolor techniques and present step-by-step demonstrations providing guidance and inspiration. Day 1 of the workshop, students will practice newly introduced techniques by painting a floral. Day 2, students work from a custom sketch with the goal of completing a work ready for the frame. This workshop is available to all skill levels.

Instructor Laurie Albin is a Kansas Watercolor Society Signature member and has been painting watercolors from over 42 years. Laurie is an

experienced instructor, for ten years, she had a teaching studio in WaKeeney, Kansas and for the past eleven years Laurie has been teaching secondary art in public schools. To view Laurie's art, go to www.albinstudio.com.

This learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program with funds from the Hansen Foundation. Cost of the workshop is \$120.00 with discounts available for members of the Dane G. Hansen Museum. For more information, please call 785-689-4846.

Museum Hours are M-F 9-12 & 1-4; Sat. 9-12 & 1-5; Sun. & Holidays 1-5. The museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We are handicapped accessible and there is never an admission fee. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shari Buss at 785-689-4846.

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AG Derek Schmidt: Federal Court Blocks Feds from Implementing WOTUS Rule in Kansas

TOPEKA - (June 11, 2018) - A federal district court on Friday prohibited the federal government from implementing the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule in Kansas, Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced today.

The WOTUS rule, which sought to vastly expand the definition of "waters of the United States" to include ditches, ponds, and wetlands in order to more aggressively regulate private land use under the authority of the federal Clean Water Act, has faced numerous legal challenges since it was finalized by the Obama Administration in 2015. Kansas filed a lawsuit seeking to block the implementation of the rule the day after it was announced, but the litigation was delayed by a legal dispute over jurisdiction that ultimately reached the U.S. Supreme Court. Earlier this year, Kansas won the jurisdiction argument in the Supreme Court, but in the interim the Trump Administration assumed office and announced it was delaying WOTUS until 2020 with the intention to revise it.

Still, in light of multiple challenges by supporters of the 2015 rule to block the Trump Administration plans to change the rule, Kansas pressed ahead with its lawsuit.

"This injunction ensures that the Obama-era WOTUS rule will not be implemented in Kansas," Schmidt said. "Even if the federal government changes its mind or if other courts reject the government's decision to delay WOTUS until 2020, Kansas will be protected. This injunction brings certainty to farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and other private property owners."

In entering the injunction, Federal District Judge Lisa Godbey Wood rejected the federal government's assertion that its delay of WOTUS until 2020 made the injunction unnecessary.

"[I]f the WOTUS Rule becomes effective before a final decision on the merits is rendered, farmers, homeowners, and small businesses will need to devote time and expense to obtaining federal permits—all to comply with a rule that is likely to be invalidated," she wrote.

The case is State of Georgia, et al. v. Scott Pruitt, et al., Case No. 2:15-cv-79-LGW-RSB, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. A copy of the preliminary injunction is available at <https://bit.ly/2LG9ahh>.

Seven Safety Tips to Protect Construction Workers from Extreme Heat

By Western Specialty Contractors

Summer is a great time for construction work, but a brutal time for construction workers. Excessive heat and sun exposure pose significant dangers, such as sunburn, dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Every year, construction workers become ill on the job and some even lose their lives due to heat exposure.

To protect its workers from the extreme summer heat, Western Specialty Contractors manages a heat illness training program and a safety hotline for its employees.

As part of the program, training is provided to all employees and supervisors who work in high temperatures. Training topics include: how heat can affect the body, how to identify the signs and symptoms of various heat-related illnesses, and what to do if a co-worker is experiencing symptoms of a heat-related illness. Western also regulates the hotter environment by providing water and shade to workers and by having supervisors and safety managers monitor the heat index so that the proper protective measures can be taken.

"It is important particularly during the summer months that outdoor workers drink plenty of fluids to help prevent dehydration, which is the primary cause of heat cramps and heat exhaustion," said Cameron Samuel, Assistant Safety Director at Western Specialty Contractors.

Cameron, who has training and experience managing the health and safety of outdoor workers, offers the following tips for preventing heat-related illnesses on a construction jobsite:

- Drink water frequently and drink enough water that you never become thirsty. Drink water or other non-caffeinated, electrolytic beverages and make sure that your drinks are always cool, not room temperature. Adding a lemon slice to water can make plain water more drinkable.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, breathable cloth-

ing made from natural materials such as cotton. Avoid wearing non-breathing synthetic clothing. Wear safety glasses with UV protection, sunscreen and brimmed hard hats.

- Gradually build up to heavy work. If possible, do the hardest work during the coolest time of the day. Workers who are suddenly exposed to working in a hot environment face additional hazards to their health and safety. New workers and those returning from time away need to be extra careful in making sure they stay hydrated.

- Take more breaks in extreme heat and humidity. Move to the shade or a cool area such as an air-conditioned building or car when possible but try not to go in and out of air conditioning too much as it will make it harder for you to adjust to the heat. Use cooling fans whenever possible.

- Select your lunch carefully. Junk food is high in fat and preservatives and will put a high caloric load on the digestive system. Try eating a bigger breakfast, so you're not as hungry at lunch. Eat light lunches that include fruits, vegetables and salads.

- Keep an eye on your co-workers and be alert for signs of heat exhaustion. Early symptoms include lethargy, disorientation, stumbling, dropping tools, slurred speech or unresponsiveness. Heat stroke is a medical emergency requiring a 911 call and immediate cooling.

- Check your urine frequency and color throughout the day. Water intake is adequate when urine is clear or light yellow. When the desire to urinate is less than twice per day and/or you are producing a dark yellow urine, you may be dehydrated.

By training employees on the early signs of heat exhaustion, taking the proper precautions, and employing tips like the ones listed above, outdoor workers will greatly reduce the risk of heat-related dangers.

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2018 Kansas Agriculture Photo Contest

Enter your pictures into the Kansas Department of Agriculture's annual photo contest! KDA began accepting photos on June 1. Photos will be accepted through August 31.

Kansas farmers and ranchers are encouraged to capture that beauty and share it with others through the Kansas Department of Agriculture's annual photo contest.

This year, KDA's photo contest categories will celebrate different aspects of Kansas agriculture. *Agriculture in the Fields*, *Animals of Agriculture*, *Agriculture in Town*, *Water in Agriculture*, and *County Fair* categories will showcase the broad spectrum of what agriculture means in Kansas — from farmers' markets, to the animals and crops, to the beautiful landscapes of Kansas farms, all while producing food, fiber and energy for Kansas and a growing world. And, for the first time we have a category to capture the magic of the county fair. In addition, there will be a separate *Youth* division, for young photographers age 19 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners in each of the six categories.

KDA serves to advocate for agriculture, the state's largest industry and economic driver. Photos which best capture the categories will be used throughout the year as we tell the story of Kansas agriculture. After submission, KDA is granted permission to use any photograph for publications, social media, websites, displays, etc. without payment or other consideration from the photographer.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to KDA.PhotoContest@ks.gov. Entries must include a title and brief description, where and when the photo was taken, the photographer's full name and age, entry category hometown and email address.

Guidelines for the KDA Photo Contest:

Submissions
Beginning on Friday, June 1, 2018, the Kansas Department of Agriculture will begin accepting photos for the 2018 Photo Contest. Photos must be submitted no later than midnight on Friday, August 31. Voting will begin Monday, September 17, and will end Friday, October 19. Winners will be announced Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Categories
Agriculture in Town
Farmers' markets and agricultural processing facilities are pillars of many

communities within Kansas. Share your extraordinary photos that depict how these agricultural businesses and more work within your community.

Animals in Agriculture
Our animals and pets are our best friends, partners and helpers in the agriculture industry. From family pets to livestock, Kansas farmers and ranchers care for our animals. Enter photos of the animals around your farm or ranch that bring a smile to your face.

Agriculture in the Fields
Farming is a process, starting with planting seeds and ending with the food on our tables. Capture unique photos that show the process of the food supply in Kansas.

Water in Agriculture
Water comes in many forms and plays many roles in our lives. Send us photos of the role water plays in agriculture in your communities, showcasing the natural beauty of this critical resource.

County Fair
From carnival rides and ice cream to winning first place prizes with livestock, the county fair is full of good food, animals and learning opportunities. Submit pictures to show us what fair time is like in your county.

Youth Division
Open to children 19 years and under. This is a great opportunity for youth to use their school or 4-H projects. Share photos of your experiences growing up on your farm, ranch or rural area.

What to Enter
The Kansas Department of Agriculture is looking for photos showcasing the breadth of agriculture in Kansas. This year features new categories and keeps the youth division. The purpose of the new categories is to showcase Kansas agriculture in new ways. Only pictures taken in Kansas are eligible to enter the contest.

We ask that all photo submissions are not digitally manipulated or enhanced. Photos that have been altered will be disqualified. Photos that have been edited using Instagram filters will not be accepted. Normal cropping, color correction, etc. are acceptable. Please remove watermarks/trademarks before entering.

Judged on creativity and photo composition, winning photos will be used on the department's website, social media, publications, brochures and may be displayed around the KDA building. Prior submissions

to the KDA contest are not eligible for reentry, but photos taken before 2018 are acceptable.

How to Enter
The contest is open to Kansas residents only.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to KDA. PhotoContest@ks.gov. Entries must include:

A title and brief description of each photo

When and where the photo was taken

Photographer's full name and age

Entry category

Hometown

E-mail address

Alternately, CDs containing photo files and accompanied by all of the required information may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Attn: Communications
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Manhattan, KS 66502

Judging Criteria

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's social media, the Kansas State Board of Agriculture and select Kansas legislators will judge photographs from each category.

Finalists from each category will be selected based on social media feedback through KDA's Facebook and Pinterest accounts. Judging on KDA's social media platforms will begin September 17 and will end October 19. Points will be allocated as follows:

Likes — 1 point each

Comments — 5 points each

Reposts/Re-pins — 10 points each

Prizes

1st Place in each category will receive a \$100 gift card.

2nd Place in each category will receive a \$50 gift card.

Select winning photos will be displayed at the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Terms
By submitting photos, the photographer gives the Kansas Department of Agriculture permission to use the photos in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration. Additionally, by submitting a photo that includes human subjects, the photographer is indicating that they have obtained full permission from those subjects for the photograph to be used in department medium as well.

Voting to select finalists will begin on KDA's social media sites in September. For more information, contact Heather Lansdowne, KDA director of communications, at Heather.Lansdowne@ks.gov or 785-564-6706.

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Farm & Garden News

Kansas Wheat Sponsors Inaugural Bread Sculpture Contest at Kansas State Fair

The popular expression, "The best thing since sliced bread," conveys the importance of this everyday convenience to the general population, but what is the "best thing since sliced bread" for bread itself? The answer for creative cooks may just be bread sculptures!

This year the Kansas Wheat Commission is partnering with the Kansas State Fair (KSF) to host the inaugural Bread Sculpture Contest.

"Bread sculptures are a beautiful way to mix art and science," said Cindy Falk, nutrition educator for the Kansas Wheat Commission. "The options for shaping are nearly limitless, so what we're really looking for are unique creations that showcase the versatility of bread."

The contest will be comprised of six categories: County Class Youth, County Class Adult, County Class Team, Open Class Youth, Open Class Adult and Open Class Team. The first round for county class entries will take place during county fair season, so contact your local county or district agent to learn if your local fair will be hosting a primary round. Winners of the local contests will be eligible to advance to the KSF competition. But don't fear if there was no local contest offered or your bread didn't make the top spot! Entries will be accepted in open class divisions at the Kansas State Fair.

Participants are encouraged to think beyond a loaf of bread. Whether you create cute-as-a-button bunny rolls, a regal turkey for a Thanksgiving centerpiece, a literal bread basket or a wintry snowflake, an imaginative and detailed product is a must. Creativity and originality are the top points in the competition's scorecard. Judges will also be looking for execution, visual impact, color palate and finally, the completeness of provided instructions.

"This project is a great way to get kids in the kitchen over the summer to hone fine motor-skills, practice writing composition, integrate STEM concepts with real-world skills and maybe even get some prize money for their creations," said Falk.

All participants must pre-enter with the Kansas State Fair no later than August 15, 2018. There is one entry per participant, per class, and youth entries should follow the ruling for 4-H age. Sculptures may be constructed from frozen yeast dough or a yeast dough made from scratch. Sculptures will not be tasted, but seeds, herbs and other edible decorative toppings and icings may be used as artistic flourishes. Items may be brought into the KSF contest during normal food receiving hours (please consult the KSF website for details) or extended receiving hours will be available for this contest only on Friday, September 7, 2018.

Entries must include a typed, detailed recipe including shaping instructions with step by step photos or sketches on an 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper. While there are no size restrictions, small entries (i.e. rolls) must be presented with 6 individual sculptures.

"We want these sculptures to spark the imaginations of fairgoers," Falk said. "Each entry should have a complete list of instructions, so people can take these ideas home and recreate them."

Premiums awarded in each class are: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$25 and 3rd - \$15. One Overall Grand Champion at the KSF will be selected from the (6) 1st place winners (County and Open Class divisions) and will receive an additional \$100.

For examples and ideas visit homebaking.org or nationalfestivalofbreads.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy Falk of Kansas Wheat.

Upcoming Sorghum Events

June 22: McLennan County Row Crop Tour - McGregor, TX

July 4: Independence Day - Office Closed

July 18: Sorghum Clinic and Field Tour - UGA Iron Horse Farm, Watkinsville, GA

Sorghum Trade Talk

There were no new purchases of sorghum this week as President Trump and his Administration are expected to announce on Friday revisions to the initial tariff list on Chinese exports, which come as trade discussions between the two countries advance. The list is anticipated to include 800-900 Chinese products, down from the original list of 1,300. President Trump's initial list included \$50 billion of goods, but speculations indicate the revised list will have a slightly lower value. While trade discussions continue, it is highly expected that China will retaliate with their own tariffs that will affect a host of U.S. goods. China released a list of proposed tariffs in March, which included a 25 percent duty on most agriculture commodities that could be implemented as early as July 1. National Sorghum Producers will closely monitor the discussions to ensure producers remain up-to-date with information.

Although current exports are hampered by looming uncertainty around trade discussions and limited sorghum availability, positive interest in U.S. sorghum continues to be demonstrated. Despite no new purchases of sorghum this week, there were actual exports to Japan and Mexico. Buyers and sellers are poised and look forward to availability increasing as harvest ramps up in South Texas, which should bring new sorghum crop to the export markets.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending June 17, 2018, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 39 short, 44 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 37 short, 46 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 15 percent very poor, 31 poor, 36 fair, 16 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was

94 percent, equal to last year, and ahead of 88 for the five-year average. Mature was 64 percent, ahead of 57 last year. Harvested was 23 percent, near 19 last year, and ahead of 11 average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 9 excellent. Corn silking was 3 percent, near 4 last year and 2 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 38 fair, 51 good, and 4 excellent. Soybeans planted was 94 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 81 average. Emerged was 84 percent, ahead of 75 last year, and well ahead of 63 average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 35 fair, 57 good, and 4 excellent. Sorghum planted was 86 percent, ahead of 73 both last year and average. Headed was 2 percent, near 1 average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 23 fair, 69 good, and 2 excellent. Cotton squaring was 6 percent, ahead of 1 last year, and near 2 average.

Sunflowers planted was 71 percent, ahead of 62 last year and 60 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 21 poor, 42 fair, 26 good, and 3 excellent.

Crop Update

By June 10, 80 percent of this year's sorghum crop had been planted, up 19 percentage points from the week before and up 11 percentage points from this time last year. Planting is also 12 percentage points higher than the 5-year average. Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas have planted 100 percent of this year's crop, putting those states ahead of the 5-year average. Planting was most active this week in Kansas where planting advanced by 33 percentage points, reaching 69 percent. Colorado reached 63 percent South Dakota, 85 percent and Nebraska 91 percent.

Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during May 2018 totaled 318 million pounds, up 10 percent from May 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 157,000 head, 7,000 head more than May 2017. Milk production per cow averaged 2,025 pounds.

Grain Handlers Offered Training Opportunities

AgriSafe, in partnership with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), is offering health and safety training to grain handling workers through training workshops. Training topics include confined space grain bin entry, respiratory protection program and prevention strategies.

For more information on AgriSafe and NECAS Free Trainings, contact Knesha Rose-Davison, Health Communications Director, at 866-312-3002 ext. 002.

THE CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF® BRAND MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH BARN PAINTINGS

Celebration planned at Crooked Creek Angus in St. Francis, Kan., June 29

WOOSTER, Ohio - June 15, 2018 - In 2018, the Certified Angus Beef® brand is celebrating 40 years of bringing the best Angus beef to consumers. The brand's familiar logo will be painted on 40 barns across America, an old-school marketing approach that's a tip of the hat to the farmers and ranchers who created the brand in 1978 and lead it today.

On June 29, guests, family, friends and community members will gather at Crooked Creek Angus, St. Francis, Kan., to celebrate the painting of its barn - the 20th stop of the cross-country journey.

In addition, the Joneses have planned a full day of events open to the community at no charge. In conjunction with the NorthWest Kansas Library System, a StoryWalk® and Story Hour at noon will feature "A Mouse Named Tree," illustrated by the barn painter, Troy Freeman. Freeman will visit with guests of all ages about the book, and how books are published. After a proclamation from the governor is shared and a Certified Angus Beef® brand lunch is served around 1 p.m., guests can enjoy turtle races at 3 p.m. Then, at 6 p.m., local artist and teacher Peggy Moberly will host Beef, Barns and Brushes, a "wine and paint" course open to 30 participants. Guests can RSVP for Moberly's painting course by calling Adam Jones

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"We're so excited to share this experience with the community," says Jones. "We hope to have a great turnout for these fun activities!"

It's exactly this sense of community the series of barn paintings is meant to encourage and celebrate, says Tracey Erickson, vice president of marketing for the Certified Angus Beef® brand. "This effort is a tangible symbol of the valuable, and interconnected, roles farmers and ranchers play in guiding the Certified Angus Beef® brand from farm to table," says Erickson. "It's an honor for us to join their efforts in honoring our roots: family farmers and ranchers who have always been at the heart of this brand."

Few symbols represent vintage Americana like a barn, where farm life is centered from generation to generation and, oftentimes, celebrations held. Each barn has a unique story, much like the Certified Angus

Beef® brand and its family farmers and ranchers. The Joneses are representative of this heritage.

What started as a small 4-H project quickly turned into a registered Angus operation for the Jones family. In 1995, Daniel and Karen Jones purchased two Angus heifers for their children, Amanda, Adam and Katherine. Then, after a move to St. Francis in 1998, the family took the opportunity to expand the cowherd. Adam returned to the ranch after graduating from Colorado State University in 2005 to help. Today, Adam and his wife, Jeanne, own and manage Crooked Creek Angus, where they raise 225 registered Angus cows and sell heifers and bulls. "The strong ranching community of Cheyenne County, Kan.,

makes our ranch an ideal place to celebrate the Certified Angus Beef® brand," Adam says.

Freeman, of Free Sky Studios of Springfield, Ill., is an experienced mural and large-scale painter for businesses, cities and townships, amusement parks, schools, residences and more, as well as the illustrator of 15 books and the founder of a graphics and web design business. While painting barns for the Certified Angus Beef® brand, he enjoys meeting the farming families and learning more about their unique stories and backgrounds, while celebrating their shared goals and values.

Painting takes two to three days at each barn site. The first barn was painted the week of Jan. 15 in Ocala, Fla., at Baldwin Angus Ranch, located along the well-traveled Interstate 75. The next barns to be painted will be in Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota, with the journey ultimately concluding in October near the brand's headquarters in Wooster, Ohio.

About the Certified Angus Beef® Brand

Since 1978, the Certified Angus Beef® brand has signified a mark of distinction on restaurant menus and in grocery store meat cases. It all began 40 years ago with a group of family farmers and ranchers determined to create and, still today, bring the best Angus beef to the table. To celebrate their vision and dedication to quality, we're painting 40 barns in rural communities across the country with the brand's logo - celebrating both the milestone and people at the center of the brand's success. Visit CertifiedAngusBeef.com, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to follow the #BrandtheBarn journey.

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Rod Run 2018

All photos by Viktorija Briggs

Pin Up Contestants pose along side another winner, the classic sedan beauty.

Left to right:
Tammi Mathews (Oberlin), Marcia Bingham (Hoxie), Hoxie Classic Car Queen April Bretton (Smith Center), 1st Runner Up Jaime Bufkin (Hoxie), Heather Lewis (Hoxie), Kim Shields (Colby), Jennifer DeChant (WaKeeney)



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State & National

Senate Agriculture Committee Approves Farm Bill

Earlier this week the Senate farm bill was marked up and passed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Prior to the markup 198 amendments had been filed for consideration. At the conclusion of the relatively quick, seemingly smooth markup, 66 non-controversial amendments were filed to the Senate farm bill as part of a manager's amendment. Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) continue to press forward with plans to take the bill to the floor before the July 4 recess. National Sorghum Producers Chairman Don Bloss from Pawnee City, Nebraska, and director Larry Dahlsten from Lindsborg, Kansas, were in Washington, D.C., during the markup, holding several meetings in Senate offices regarding sorghum priorities in the overall bill.

Meanwhile, in the House, GOP leadership expressed confidence they would clear its version of the farm bill. Leadership announced plans to vote on immigration measures next week, including a proposal to provide for a workable guest worker program. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway believes he has enough votes to pass H.R. 2 before the June 22 deadline.

Tower Mental Health Foundation Announces Grant Opportunity

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and the Tower Mental Health Foundation today announced that they are soliciting grant applications for projects and activities that support mental health services in Kansas.

Grants totaling approximately \$70,000 will be awarded by the Foundation. Applications are available on the attorney general's website at www.ag.ks.gov/tower. Completed applications must be received by August 1, 2018.

The focus criteria for this year's grants include projects that have an innovative approach to recognizing and intervening for at-risk pre-Kindergarten children, particularly those traumatized and not socialized; programs that will help build resiliency through peer training on coping skills for school-age youth in suicide prevention, including incorporating social media platforms. Projects that include a multi-disciplinary, collaborative approach will be prioritized.

The Tower Mental Health Foundation of Kansas was created as a result of an agreement between the attorney general's office and the Menninger Foundation in 2007. It offers support to organizations that provide mental health services in Kansas. The attorney general is the sole member of the Foundation, which is staffed by the office of the attorney general. The Foundation's board of directors is composed of nine Kansans with a keen interest in mental health issues. Dr. Walter Menninger serves as the Board's president.

More information is available on the attorney general's website at www.ag.ks.gov/tower, or by calling (785) 296-2215.

U.S. Soy Responds to Tariff Announcement

In response to the announcement regarding U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports, the American Soybean Association (ASA), the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) and the United Soybean Board (USB) release the following statements.

"Nobody is a winner today," says ASA Vice President Davie Stephens, a Kentucky soybean grower. "In the midst of a down farm economy and down farm prices, this uncertainty has led to a drop of market prices. Adding additional export market uncertainty through an expected 25 percent retaliatory tariff on U.S. soybeans into China ensures that soy growers and the rural communities that depend on them will see the effects of this for years to come. As the largest importer of U.S. soybeans, China is a vital and robust market we cannot afford to lose."

"We know our U.S. farmers are great at producing soybeans and so do our customers, globally consumers are demanding soy products in record volume," says USSEC Chair Derek Haigwood, a soybean farmer from Newport, Arkansas. "USSEC is actively working to minimize the impact of this action on U.S. farmers and the U.S. soy industry by ensuring customers around the world understand the value that U.S. Soy provides."

"The soy checkoff continues to focus on market diversification for U.S. soybeans to improve profit potential for all U.S. soybean farmers," says USB Chair Lewis Bainbridge, a soybean farmer from Ethan, South Dakota. "In times like these we need to keep current and potential soy users informed about the benefits of U.S. soy."

The U.S. Soybean Export Council connects U.S. soybean farmers with opportunities to improve human nutrition, livestock production and aquaculture. This mission is accomplished with a science-based technical foundation and a global network of partnerships including soybean farmers, exporters, agribusiness and agricultural organizations, researchers and government agencies. USSEC operates internationally and works with aquaculture programs in different nations to help ensure sustainability and profitability for industry producers. USSEC programs are partially funded by the United Soybean Board.

USB's 73 farmer-directors work on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers to achieve maximum value for their soy checkoff investments. These volunteers invest and leverage checkoff funds in programs and partnerships to drive soybean innovation beyond the bushel and increase preference for U.S. soy. That preference is based on U.S. soybean meal and oil quality and the sustainability of U.S. soybean farmers. As stipulated in the federal Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soy checkoff.

ASA represents all U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international issues of importance to the soybean industry. ASA's advocacy efforts are made possible through voluntary farmer membership by farmers in 30 states where soybeans are grown. For more information on ASA, visit www.soygrowers.com.

EPA Administrator Pruitt Talks with Kansas Farmers

Administrator Pruitt Approves Registration of Bio-Isobutanol as Fuel Additive

On July 12, 2018, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt visited East Kansas Agri-Energy and Dedonder Farms, where he announced EPA has approved the first registration for bio-isobutanol as a fuel additive. Administrator Pruitt also visited EPA's Region 7 office in Lenexa, Kansas.

"Today's visit to the Sunflower State began with a candid and productive dialogue with Kansas corn and grain sorghum farmers on the Renewable Fuel Standard," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "Separately, I made an important announcement approving the registration of bio-isobutanol as a gasoline additive, enabling new opportunities for expansion and continued growth of biofuels across the country."

Administrator Pruitt and Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. Jackie McClaskey toured East Kansas Agri-Energy and attended a roundtable with over 40 local farmers and growers to discuss agriculture issues, specifically the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) - including the corn-oil and sorghum pathways, both of which the Agency is working diligently with federal, state, and local partners to advance.

"We appreciate the opportunity to show the EPA administrator the important work being done in Kansas to protect natural resources while growing Kansas agriculture, and we look forward to continuing the conversation in the future," said Kansas Department of Agriculture Secretary Dr. Jackie McClaskey. "Communication with our federal partners is key to developing policy that meets the needs of Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusiness."

"We appreciate the opportunities provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to implement federal programs in ways that meet the needs of our state," said Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Jeff Andersen. "We will continue to work with our State and federal partners, such as EPA, to identify innovative solutions to Kansas environmental concerns, such as smoke management and drinking water and wastewater system compliance."

"Good to have Administrator Pruitt in Kansas and especially at an Ethanol plant where he could hear firsthand concerns about proposed changes to the RFS. I'm glad to see the EPA and this administration taking farmers concerns seriously and taking the time to hear from them firsthand," said Rep.

Roger Marshall (KS-01). "I'm also especially heartened by the discussion of progress on a sorghum Oil Biofuels Pathway."

Following the visit at Agri-Energy, Administrator Pruitt was joined by Lieutenant Governor Tracy Mann (R-KS) for a tour of Dedonder Farms followed by a smoke management demonstration and discussion with members of the Kansas Departments of Environment, Health, and Agriculture as well as members of the state's Farm Bureau and Livestock Association. During this visit, Administrator Pruitt was able to hear firsthand how EPA is working closely with our partners at federal, state, and local air agencies to develop prescribed burn plans as an important tool to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and mitigate adverse impacts to public health and safety.

"Administrator Pruitt visited Farm Bureau members in the Flint Hills region of Kansas today to see first-hand the need for prescribed wildland fire to maintain a native ecosystem of tallgrass prairie," says Kansas Farm Bureau President Rich Felts. "Kansas ranchers need a partner from regulators such as KDHE and EPA to ensure the centuries-old tradition of prairie fire continues to keep invasive trees and species at bay. We trust Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration will do everything in their power to ensure the Flint Hills region remains in native prairie and is not overcome with Eastern Red Cedar and other non-native plants."

At Dedonder Farms, Administrator Pruitt also formally announced that EPA has approved the registration submitted by Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC - a manufacturer of bio-isobutanol, as an approved fuel additive.

"Butamax welcomes the decision by the EPA, after thorough review of Butamax's submission, to register isobutanol at 16% level as a gasoline additive. We believe that the combination of bio-isobutanol's desirable fuel properties and Butamax's production technology means that bio-isobutanol has the potential for widespread introduction into commerce," said Butamax Advanced Biofuels, LLC CEO Jan Koninckx.

Following the meeting at Dedonder Farms, Administrator Pruitt visited EPA's Region 7 Office where he met with Regional Administrator Jim Guilliford and numerous other Region 7 employees, including the Superfund team, who provided an update on the cleanup of the West Lake Landfill site.

Opportunities to Innovate: From Farmer to End User

By Jayne Godfrey

Soybeans have been grown in the United States for more than two centuries; however, U.S. soy innovation continues through new soybean varieties, technology and soy-based products. Here are a few ways the U.S. soybean industry is innovating through each step of the value chain to bring added benefits to users of U.S. soy around the world.

Processors: High Oleic Soybeans

High oleic soybeans produce healthy, trans-fat-free oil that doesn't need additives. Since its creation, high oleic has grown in use around the United States and according to the United Soybean Board (USB), high oleic soybeans have the potential to become the fourth-largest grain and oilseed crop in the U.S. Farmers now have the option to plant high oleic soybeans each season to contribute to meeting a new consumer demand that can benefit international customers looking for a more sustainable product for an increasingly health and environmentally

conscious consumer.

Processors: NIR Technology

Customers of U.S. soy buy meal and oil. That's why protein and oil levels matter so much to end users around the world. Near Infrared technology (NIR) is one tool used by elevators and processors to evaluate the protein, oil and moisture levels of soy at the point of delivery from the field. In fact, processors use NIR extensively today to evaluate and segregate soybean loads based on compositional characteristics. This enables them to deliver meal and oil products to end users meeting their specifications. The soy checkoff is working on other technological innovations to improve the current system to better meet the demand.

End Users: Bio Products

Biodiesel, a sustainable, environmentally-friendly fuel made from soybean oil, is one of the original success stories of soybean innovation in the marketplace.

"At the time [of its creation], there was a surplus of soybean oil," says Gregg

The Political Hype-of-the-Moment

By Viktorija Briggs

There is always something going on to keep the people on their toes in the political arena. Let me explain that a bit. I'm referring to those with measurable I.Q.'s and aren't having their opinions governed by the latest online meme that is filled with twisted truths and half-facts. The latest uproar going on is about the children of illegal aliens being "torn from their parents and imprisoned", which I'm sure is just another red herring to draw attention away from something truly important to the American people as a whole, rather than an insignificant minority of loudmouths with an agenda.

Today I received an article from Senator Moran. I replied to that email because his statement shows his ignorance in the reality of the situation. He has made a kneejerk statement on a subject he has obviously done little to no research on - or his staff who are probably the ones who are supposed to do the research for him. Either way, there is a gross failure in education on the subject matter by one who should be fully informed prior to making a public statement. Following is the article received:

Sen. Moran: Our Country Must Make the Well-being of These Children a Priority
WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) released the following statement regarding the policy of separating families at the border and the need for real immigration reform:

"Our immigration system is broken. This has become more evident in the last week when children are being forcibly separated from their parents. I oppose this policy and am working with my Senate colleagues and administration officials to bring the current circumstances to an end. Our country must make the well-being of these children a priority. We can find appropriate ways to secure our borders and deter illegal immigration in a moral way that honors our values as Americans."

To break down his statement, the reality of the situation, as I see it is as follows:

- 1) Broken immigration system: Yes, I agree that our immigration system is broken. There is no doubt about it. But everyone's been whining about it for decades, and rather than enforcing the laws already in place, the politicians make more after giving amnesty to the illegals first. Wrong move every time!
- 2) "Children being forcibly separated from their

parents": Yes, they are. *Of course, they are!* First of all, the parents are breaking the law. They are here illegally. By law, they are to be imprisoned. Also, by law, children cannot be imprisoned with adults. And, as these kids were brought here illegally by their parents, then whose fault is this? The parents. Not the country into which they smuggled them. Children are removed from imprisoned parents all the time, but no one complains because "they broke the law". Yes, and so did these people when they crossed our border illegally - with their children. So, like any other criminal, they are rightfully removed and incarcerated.

3) Senator Moran opposes this policy, and is, with colleagues and the administration working to end the situation. He states, "Our country must make the well-being of these children a priority." The priority is the absolute securing of our border. Only with that accomplished, then these illegals will become virtually non-existent, and the "forcible separation from their parents" a moot point. The children are not held in cages, as the liberals would have us believe. The memes on social media are a travesty in their level of lies - and proven as lies with more and more facts being presented every day. It is fact that these children are placed in a holding facility. They are housed in large facilities designed and set up to be kid-friendly, with appropriate games, and proper bed & bathroom facilities, among other things. The facilities are probably some of the nicest places these kids have ever lived, with amenities they never even knew existed, and receiving three full meals a day - something I doubt they received at home in their own country. Yes, their welfare is important, but I'm sorry, not as important as the safety & welfare of our own. Especially at the expense of prioritizing illegals over citizens.

4) He finishes his statement with, "We can find appropriate ways to secure our borders and deter illegal immigration in a moral way that honors our values as Americans." Yes, absolutely, and this is done by building that wall; fully enforcing our immigration laws; and penalizing sanctuary cities, counties & states by removing federal funding (they want them, then let them support them). Our "values as Americans" are that we make the choice as a people of who is it that we protect and assist.

And illegals aliens are not a part of that group.
But, that's just my opinion.

PUBLIC NOTICE

If it's not in the newspaper, how will you know?



Your local newspaper fulfills an essential role in serving your right to know. After all, it shouldn't be your responsibility to know how to look... where to look... when to look... and even what to look for in order to be informed about public information. It is the government's responsibility to notify you of public information, and your local newspaper is the most accessible place to find it.

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City & County

Commission Minutes 6/4/2018

Now on this 4th day of June 2018, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Vic Bielser presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Troy Dewey and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

The meeting was called to order by Bielser.

David Bingham, Landfill Operator, entered the meeting. Bingham presented a quote from LSC Environmental Products for PosiShell. There are currently three landfills close that use PosiShell so a load will be brought out and delivered to the Thomas County Landfill and we will pick up our share. Bielser made a motion to purchase one-third of a load at a cost of \$4,367.16 (Sheridan County's share). Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bingham stated that he had been asked about getting rid of stringers that are at the landfill. The board stated no selling stringers at this time.

Bracht passed around a thank you from the Hoxie Grade School for allowing Road & Bridge employees to come with some heavy equipment and help with removing the old playground surface.

Bielser made a motion the minutes of May 29, 2018 be approved as presented. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the June 1, 2018 payroll as presented, seconded by Bielser. Carried 3-0.

Bainter advised he would be attending an NWLEPG meeting on Wednesday.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Nicholas Roudybush, Road & Bridge Mechanic, entered the meeting. At 9:08 Dewey made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Feldt, Roudybush and Bracht. The door opened at 9:13. Bielser made a motion to have Foley Tractor replace the Kenworth 105 truck motor at an estimate of \$27,235.43. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The tillers that are currently used need repaired but we can't get parts for them anymore. The board would like Roudybush to try and fix a different way, if possible. Feldt distributed the prior week work maps. Rocky with Venture Corp., the crew doing the road work, contacted Feldt about possibly having extra millings they would be willing to sell to the county, we would haul them. The board asks that Feldt let them know to advise us when the job is complete, and a better idea is known on how much is actually left. Conditions of several roads were discussed.

County Attorney Joe Pratt entered the meeting with Hayden Bowden who is a Washburn law student interning with Eland & Pratt. Deb Scheibler with WorkforceONE entered the meeting as well. Scheibler discussed with the board the benefits of being a WorkforceONE member and what they can do for the county. Scheibler will forward to the county flyers and posters to help promote. Basically, they help provide training and/or schooling and then jobs for individuals, at no cost to the county. Pratt and Bowden had to leave the meeting, but Pratt advised he would contact her with some specific questions he had for the county.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor, Rob Nordquist and Loren Sulzman, Foremen, Nicholas Roudybush, Mechanic, Kirby Garrison, Murphy Tractor & Equipment and Dustin Daniels from Foley Equipment all entered the meeting. Garrison and Daniels presented bids for motorgraders. Everyone exited the meeting.

Sheridan County Sheriff Brandon Carver entered the meeting. At 10:46, Bielser made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Carver and Bracht. The door opened at 10:56 with no decision being made. Carver advised the board that the fingerprint machine is now connected, and they are waiting on a tech to come out. The new sheriff's car is here. The wiring will be redone as well as the console and graphics will be put on. The board approved the purchase of two 556SPR rifles at a cost of \$1,500.00 each. This will come out of the VIN Fund. Carver will check on the cost of having a cage installed in the new car. Carver and commissioner Dewey exited the meeting.

Joe Pratt, County Attorney, Hayden Bowden and Tom Beckman entered the meeting. Beckman discussed a musk thistle infestation in several different areas. Pratt will send letters the multiple landowners with problems. He will also check with Barry Quanz, Noxious Weed Supervisor, to see what his recommendation is.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor, Rob Nordquist and Loren Sulzman, Foremen, and Nicholas Roudybush, Mechanic re-entered the meeting. Everyone discussed the specs for the motorgrader bids that were received. After much discussion, Bielser made a motion to purchase the CAT 140M3 at a cost of \$227,713.48. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. This will be paid for out of special machinery. Bainter made a motion to approve the purchase of 8000 gallons of diesel from Bainter Oil. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The following warrants were audited and allowed:
General Fund \$57,787.93
Road & Bridge \$33,752.79
Noxious Weed \$2,134.10
Public Health \$4,252.22
Public Transp. \$663.25
Landfill \$2,133.75
With no further business, Bielser made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Motion carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 11, 2018 at the regular time and meeting place.

Commission Minutes 6/11/2018

Now on this 11th day of June 2018, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Vic Bielser presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Troy Dewey and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Doren Follis.

The meeting was called to order by Bielser.

The board discussed the NACo annual meeting to be held July 13-16 in Nashville, Tennessee. No one is planning to attend.

A Preventative Maintenance Agreement was presented for the Zoll E Series heart monitor and the Zoll X Series heart monitor. Dewey

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022, of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 316, Thomas County, Kansas, and that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Education for the remainder of the unexpired term, not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this notice.

Such vacancy exists by reason of the resignation of Tony Miller.

By order of the Board of Education Unified School District No. 316, Thomas County, Kansas, May 21, 2018.

John Spivey
Clerk, Board of Education

Sheridan County Sheriff's Department
Activity Report
05/01/2018 - 05/31/2018

AA	Traffic Stop	79
911H	911 Hangup, Miss Dial	15
ABAN	Abandoned Vehicle	4
ACC	Accident-Street/Roadway/HiWay	2
ACCPD	Accident-Property Damage	4
ACWED	Accident-w/Driver	1
ANIMAL	Misc Animals/Livestock at Larg	1
ASSL	Assisting	5
CATTLE	Cattle Out	21
CP ATT	Civil Process Docs-Attempted	11
CP SERVE	Civil Process of Docs-Served	16
DRUG	Drug Offenses	1
DUI	Driving Under The Influence	4
EMIS	Ambulance Run	3
ESCORT	General Escort	3
SEAR	Search Warrant	0
THEFT	Theft	0
TRAFCO	Traffic Control	0
TRANS	Prisoner Transportation	0
VIN	VIN Inspections	14
WARR	Warrant Service	0
WELF	Welfare Check	2

made a motion to approve and sign the one-year maintenance agreement for these two machines at a cost of \$1,020.00. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to amend the Sheridan County Employee Handbook and Work Regulations to include information pertaining to the use of the credit card. It will become the employees' responsibility to pay for any charges in which an itemized receipt is not presented. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bielser made a motion to amend Resolution No. 18-35 pertaining to board members for the Area Agency on Aging. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Ronda Johnson will fill the unexpired term of Leona Washburn. Dewey made a motion to approve the revised fee schedule for public transportation, seconded by Bielser. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion, seconded by Bielser, to approve the June 4, 2018 minutes as amended. Carried 3-0. The warrants were approved on a motion from Bielser and second from Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The board approved Joe Broeckelman cutting hay from the 6/10th of a mile at the Y in Selden if he decides to do so.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Barry Quanz and County Attorney Joe Pratt and Intern Hayden Bowden entered the meeting. Pratt is completing work on the Burn Resolution as well as the Burn Ban Resolution the county usually uses. Quanz discussed with the board and Pratt an issue he had with a local farmer when they were spraying for musk thistle last week. Permission had been given from a family member to spray the area. Pratt will talk with the family about the issue. Quanz and Pratt discussed the letters that will be going out pertaining to musk thistle problems. In the future, Pratt will double check with Quanz before phoning or mailing letters to farmers about problems on their land to be sure it hasn't already been addressed. Quanz exited the meeting. Bracht will forward an email to Pratt about information needed from the Kansas Governor's Grant Office in Topeka.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor entered the meeting. Feldt distributed the prior week work maps. Dewey made a motion to approve purchasing 4000

gal. of diesel and 2300 gal. of regular gasoline from Bainter Oil. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. A bid was presented for 5 Michelin 17.5R25 tires from Allied for motorgraders. Bielser made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Dewey. Motion carried 3-0. The cost is \$1,004.00 per tire. An estimate in the amount of \$1,449.00 from High Plains Door for a door opener for the east overhead door on the old shop was approved on a motion by Bainter and second by Dewey. Carried 3-0. The door itself had been inspected previously and was in good condition. An easement for an electric line for Tim Baalman was approved and signed on a motion from Bielser and second from Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Bainter gave a report on the NWLEPG meeting he attended on Wednesday in Colby. Bielser gave a report of the KNRC meeting he attended in Dodge City.

Don Rowilson and DeeAnn Schamberger representing the Sheridan County Conservation District entered the meeting. Schamberger handed out the booklet from the annual meeting held in February. She and Rowilson discussed with the board what the Conservation District does, different contests held for young people and budget information. The budgets \$18,000 for the Conservation District. They would always be happy with more but can make this work. The commissioners have started work on the budget so will let them know once it is more complete.

The board and Bracht discussed wages for the 2019 year.

David Leopold, CPA, entered the meeting to start putting together numbers for the budget.

The following warrants were audited and allowed:
General Fund \$2,838.42

Road & Bridge \$20,018.65
Offender \$297.90
Noxious Weed \$40.00
Public Health \$516.00
Public Transp. \$38.05

With no further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bielser. Motion carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 18th, 2018 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Vic Bielser, Chairman

BOE Agenda

USD #412 Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 7:00 AM
*Bold Items are Actions Items
1. Opening
a. Call to order: Flag Salute
b. **Additions to and approval of agenda**
c. Recognition of Visitors
d. Communications to Board
2. Examination and Approval of Business Reports
a. **Current Bills**
b. **Treasurer's Report**

The Art of Second Thought

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

Every Western movie worth watching features at least one full-blown bar room brawl. Such tumultuous scenes are chock full of good guys, bad guys, flying fists and whiskey bottles.

Smack-dab in the middle of all this mayhem there's always one unlucky cowpoke crawling under the tables toward the swinging doors and safety. After dodging falling bodies, busted-up furniture and shattering glass he crawls into the dirt street where he checks himself for holes, stands up, dusts himself off and skedaddles down an alley.

And, so it is with many of us veterans who toil in the word vineyard. Like the cowpoke, some of us have escaped into the street of social media with our finely-honed writing skills intact.

I'd say that's one heck'ava accomplishment, although one rarely recognized or valued. With each passing day it seems less, and less emphasis is placed on the written word, grammar and punctuation.

We're all too busy. Not enough time.

Include greetings or salutations in Facebook, texts or e-mails?

What are they?
Where's the personal touch?
Whatever happened to etiquette in written communication?

Writing is the art of second thought. What first springs to mind is seldom good enough.

The skill of writing lies not in a ready gush of words, but in sifting through them carefully. Sometimes this process is swift. Other times it takes a bit longer.

A letter, e-mail or text should be clear, precise, succinct and expressive. Few can decipher one or two letters, hacked-up phrases and excessive punctuation.

Choose the best word to say what you want to convey. Never settle for meaningless exclamation points, bold-faced or underlined words.

Select strong sentences. Use the active tense. Avoid passive tense and words that end in *ing*. Whenever possible, pick short, one-syllable words.

Write with small words - good ones - that say all you want to say, quite as well as the big ones.

As I discovered many years ago when I read Joseph A. Ecclesine in *Printer's Ink*,
There is not much, in all truth that small words will not say - and say quite well.

Small words can be crisp, brief, and terse - to the point like a knife. They dance, twist, turn, sing. Like sparks in the night they light the way for the eyes of those who read.

They are the graceful notes of prose. You know what they say the way you know a day is bright and fair - at first sight...Small words are gay. And they can catch large thoughts and hold them up for all to see, like rare stones in rings of gold, or joy in the eyes of a child.

Some make you feel, as well as see: the cold, deep, dark of night... the hot, salt sting of tears.

In case you didn't realize it, Ecclesine's words above were all one syllable - no punctuation, except periods.

Vary the length of your sentences. This will give your paragraphs rhythm. Short sentences are likely to be clearer than long ones and easier to read.

Keep an average sentence to a length of 12 words. Good luck.

Write (well).
John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Midwest Energy Holds Public Meetings on Electric Rate Changes

Midwest Energy is seeking Board of Directors approval for proposed electric rate changes, effective Jan. 1, 2019. A public meeting to discuss the changes is being held in Colby on Tuesday, June 19 at 6 p.m. in the meeting rooms of the Colby Community College Student Union. All Midwest Energy customers are welcome to attend.

The rate changes, if approved, would be revenue-neutral for the company. This is Midwest Energy's first general electric rate change since 2011. It is needed to address significant differences between similar customers on the M and W Systems, as well as simplify rate structures. If approved, the proposed rate changes will take place over a three-year period. Details on the proposed rate changes are available on the Midwest Energy website at www.mwenergy.com/residential/electric-rate-changes.

Other public meetings scheduled to discuss the rate changes include: Hays, June 21 at 6 p.m., Robbins Center, Fort Hays State University; Great Bend, July 3 at 6 p.m., Barton Community College Fine Arts Building, Room #30; and Macksville, July 5 at 6 p.m., American State Bank & Trust Building.

"This agreement provides both economic and environmental benefits," said Earnie Lehman, president and general manager at Midwest Energy. "It allows us to use more Kansas renewable resources to meet the needs of our Kansas customer-owners," Lehman continued. Financial details of the agreement were not disclosed.

The Kingman agreement will bring Midwest Energy's total wind energy supply to 106 megawatts. Midwest Energy purchases 49 megawatts of wind under contract from the Smoky Hill Wind Farm in Lincoln County, Kan.

Considering Midwest's 2015 retail peak load of 316 megawatts and the expected availability of energy from the wind farm, "this means that by 2017, more than a quarter of our customer-owner's energy will be coming from Kansas wind," Lehman said.

Hays-based Midwest Energy is a customer-owned cooperative serving 50,000 electric and 42,000 natural gas customers in 40 central and western Kansas counties. A leader in renewable energy, Midwest Energy was among the first Kansas utilities to begin purchasing wind-generated electricity in 2001. It became the first utility in Kansas to offer a community solar option, building a one-megawatt solar array in Colby, KS, in 2015.

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- c. Monthly Budget Summary
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 - a. Review and Approve Minutes of Meeting(s).
 - i. **Approve June 11th (Regular Board Meeting)**
 4. **New Business**
 - a. Salaried Classified Pay
 - b. Approval of Final Expenditures and Transfers
 - c. Table Handbooks with Revisions
 - d. Approve Wellness Policy
 - e. Approval of June 27th Minutes
 5. **Adjournment**



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Battle of Gettysburg

July 1, 1863 - July 3, 1863

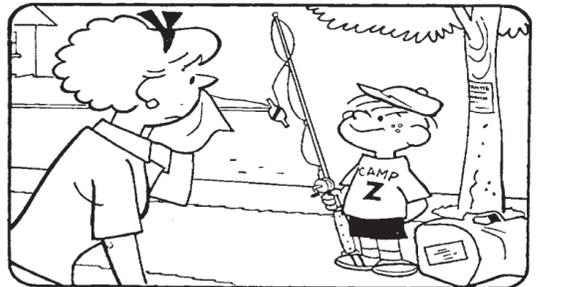
What do you know about the Battle of Gettysburg? It was a major turning point of the Civil War. Hint: where was it on my map? Gettysburg National Military Park contains the battlefield and the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Read my clues to learn about the battle and to fill in the puzzle.

- The Battle of Gettysburg was the largest battle fought during America's _____ War (1861-1865).
- The Civil War started after southern _____ began to leave the union of the United States of America.
- These states called themselves "Confederate States of America" and elected their own _____, Jefferson Davis.
- Abraham _____ was just becoming the new president of the United States - and he did not want these states to break away.
- Lincoln declared _____ to try to keep the union together.
- He also wanted to put an end to _____.
- The Confederates raised an _____ to fight for their way of life, which included slavery.
- The northern army fought the Confederate army; members of some _____ had to choose sides, and former friends sometimes had to fight one another on the battlefield.
- The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in and around the small town of Gettysburg.
- On the first day of _____, 1863, in Gettysburg, Confederate soldiers under General Robert E. Lee began fighting with Union soldiers led by Major General George Meade.
- They fought for _____ days. By July 4th, General Lee was withdrawing his army.
- At the end of the fighting more than 50,000 _____ were dead, wounded, captured or missing.
- Even with the battle raging around the town, only one townsman, Mary Virginia Wade, was killed while baking _____ for Union soldiers - by a bullet that came through the door of her sister's house.
- The town was filled with wounded and sick people. People were afraid that _____ would spread.
- Homes, churches and other buildings became _____ volunteers buried the dead. Horses and mules that had been killed had to be burned.

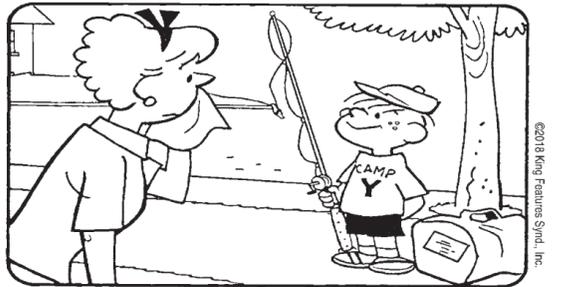
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



4 letters is different; 2. Arm is missing; 3. Foot is smaller; 4. Letter is different; 5. Foot is missing; 6. Lung is missing; 7. Foot is smaller; 8. Letter is different; 9. Foot is missing; 10. Lung is missing; 11. Foot is smaller.

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Visiting Gettysburg

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- on the hundreds of statues, cannons and the battle
- to find the train station where President Lincoln arrived to give his Gettysburg Address
- to watch a movie about the soldiers, their struggles, their days at Gettysburg and after
- on reenactments of the camps and the battle
- for biking, horseback riding and camping fun

Can you find your way from the visitor's center to two of the flags carried into the battle?

Soldiers from the North and South carried their own units' flags into battle at Gettysburg. The flag on the left below, carried by the 26th North Carolina, was shot down 14 times on the first day of fighting. The flag on the right was carried by the 125th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry. It had 34 gold stars.

A Soldier's Life

Soldiers' lives in the Civil War were hard. When they weren't marching or fighting, they camped. When bored they played cards and made instruments. Match these words that soldiers used to their meanings:

- drill
- muster
- sentry
- hatchack

- soldier standing guard
- hard, tasteless cracker - had to be soaked to eat it
- practice marching or firing
- to call the troops together

- flank
- bedroll
- private
- goober peas

- nickname for peanuts (a good snack on the move)
- battle position - to cover the side of the enemy
- easily carried for use sleeping outdoors
- lowest rank in the army

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal..."

A few months after the Battle of Gettysburg, President Lincoln traveled by train to that town to dedicate the Soldiers' National Cemetery for soldiers from the north. The President's speech at the event was so short that some people are said to have missed it entirely because they weren't paying attention. Yet, this powerful "Gettysburg Address" became Lincoln's most famous speech. After Lincoln spoke, he did not feel well. Doctors said he had smallpox. Lincoln is said to have joked that now he had something he could give to everyone who came to ask for something from him!

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "AM" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters: JAM, RAM
 4 Letters: EXAM, NAME, REAM
 5 Letters: AMONG, DREAM, SAMBA, TRAMS
 6 Letters: AMAZES, AMAZON, DAMAGE, MAMMAL, SESAME, STEAMS
 7 Letters: AMERICA, GRAMMAR, ORIGAMI, SHAMPOO
 8 Letters: CARAMELS, VITAMINS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals S

CESGV UQQRJP CS WX YPUX
 LQAZCHG, WX JGRPBLQV ZVRGN
 "XQY HBQYUN LG CHBCWGN QE
 XQYV HBGUE!"

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

Kids' Maze

Super Crossword

"IF THE SHOE FITS ..."

ACROSS

- Gillette razor brand
- Sled in the Olympics
- "Hey, you over there"
- Sermon deliverer
- Debuted
- Choral voice
- Like a lie
- Car riders' jollers, to a shoe collector?
- Buccaneer
- Kingly name of Norway
- IRS money
- Highly eager
- Paradigm
- Rakish sort
- Treasure hunters, to a shoe collector?
- Part of ENT
- Direct (to)
- Hot-rod rods
- "I'm Walkin'" singer, to a shoe collector?
- Week - glance
- Tree with samaras
- More neat
- Suffix with lyric
- Covertly add to an email
- One of the Brady girls
- Not veiled
- Nametags, e.g.
- Blend on high, maybe
- They may be irregular
- What Romeo and Juliet were, to a shoe collector?
- Not cooked
- Itty-bitty
- Put on - (fake it)
- 506, in old Rome
- "Kwon do" or "Bo" lead-in
- Fleeing, to a shoe collector?
- Quarterback Kyle
- Pivots on an axis
- The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
- Title girl in a J.D. Salinger story
- Named New Ager
- Jenny Craig patron
- Antiquated
- Midpoint: Abbr.
- Slacks off
- Ending for mountain
- Amazed feeling
- Snoring, to a shoe collector?
- LaBelle or LuPone
- the Champions"
- Big U.K. lexicon
- Comic Charlotte
- Emerson's metaphor for art, to a shoe collector?
- "... that try - souls"
- Chef Ducasse
- Brooches
- Plains native
- Slant
- Ad-lib
- Some cooked taters and peppers, to a shoe collector?
- Book after Nehemiah
- Life - bowl of cherries"
- Scope
- Biting insect like a lion
- Pool inflatables
- Col. North, familiarly
- Lip off to
- Be in a choir
- Picnic intruders
- 1 iPad buy
- TV ("Fake Off" channel)
- Mayonnaise-based sauce
- Enough
- 1970s teen idol Garrett
- Vase type
- Bother
- "The Rock" actor
- Just average
- Everett of Hollywood
- Old veteran
- Hubbubs
- Baby
- 77-Down
- British sort
- Golfer's hit
- Business' hush-hush technique
- Peripheral
- Film vault
- Partner of to
- Sci-fi carrier
- This is a test
- Ending for Milan
- Flemish painter Brouwer
- Sardine cans
- Various stuff: Abbr.
- Got 100% on
- Zodiac sign
- Billiards shot
- Anheuser -
- Minos' island
- Benefit
- Court arbiter
- Bottom-of-barrel stuff
- H.S. junior's hurdle
- Village VIP
- Bakery string
- French painter Dufy
- One way to turn right
- Too old to qualify
- Island (U.S. state)
- Condor nest
- Aquatic flora
- Colon half
- Big ice mass
- Mata -
- Barking sea creature
- "Yes, we're open," e.g.
- Actress Mullally
- Dangerous curves
- Fixed charge
- Dangling enticement
- Noisy birds
- Three past A
- Bit of hair
- Used a chair
- Anti votes
- Deplane, e.g.
- More eensy
- Ryder of "Mermaids"
- Pieces from pundits
- Was gabby
- Beethoven title name
- Gets stuck in the mud
- "Likewise"
- Carta
- Big ice mass
- Despot
- Amin
- Heard legally (U.S. state)
- Swedish carrier
- Pasty-looking
- Dine
- Relatives of aves.

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

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	1			9		7		

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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CryptoQuip

answer
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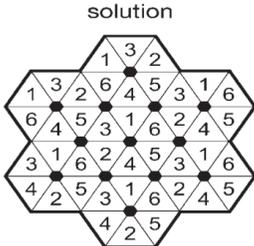
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Have you Found Sheridan?!

SNOWFLAKES



Go Figure!

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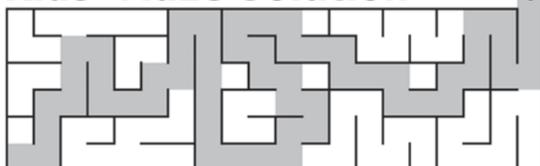
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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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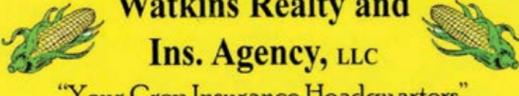
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