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The Sheridan Sentinel apologizes to Commissioner-Elect Wes Bainter, and the readers, for inadvertently forgetting to place the corresponding chart with last week's article. So here it is in its entirety.

Taxpayers Report

The high point of this week's Commissioner Meeting was the contract awarded to a local contractor for the new heating and air conditioning systems in the jail building. This is the way our County work needs to be done. Always local, and this local contractor also saved the taxpayers of Sheridan County \$20,000.00!

I've been writing about unencumbered cash carryovers from one year to the next. We are now at the end of 2018 and Sheridan County will have a \$6.7 million cash-carryover into 2019, and don't forget that the 2019 Budget that was passed over the objections of the taxpayers increases taxes another \$400 thousand in 2019.

The most significant factor that shows how a county is doing economically, is school enrollment. How does the mill levy affect the ability of a town and community to attract young people, attract new businesses, and create new jobs? All of these activities are required if the school enrollment is going to be maintained, and certainly going to be required if our school enrollment is going to steadily increase.

The following report shows school enrollment and the mill levy in its corresponding town. It's easy to see that the high mill levies have resulted in decreasing school enrollments during the past ten years, as well as decreasing population. Why?? Because we are not an affordable town to live in. The property tax paid on a house in Hoxie is two to three times higher than a comparable house in the eastern part of rural Kansas. The same is true of our businesses in Hoxie; they are paying two to three times more than businesses in the rural eastern part of the state.

Take a look at the last entry in the table below: "Hoxie". We are the outstanding community in comparison to all the small towns in Northwest Kansas. Why? Because we are blessed with the Foote family making a huge investment in Sheridan County, as well as other counties in this area, and as a result, have created many new jobs and have attracted many new people to our town and community. Also, BTI John Deere has come to our community and built a new facility. Hoxie Implement has also expanded and added many new jobs. There are many positive things happening in our community but be very clear...these high tax rates will kill our local economy and we will decline in population and school enrollment. The good news is we have the opportunity to turn this around and get these taxes under control, so Hoxie and Sheridan County can continue to grow and prosper! We need to all work together and get this done.

Thanks for reading and have a great day!

Wes Bainter, 1st District Commissioner-Elect, Sheridan County

Mill Levy & School Enrollments				
County	Mill Levy	School District	2007-2008 Enrollment	2017-2018 Enrollment
Cheyenne	198	USD #297 Saint Francis	319	288
Dacatur	199	USD #294 Oberlin	406	347
Ellis	111	USD #489 Hays	3,084	3,219
Ellis	111	USD #432 Victoria	298	301
Ellis	111	USD #388 Ellis	337	490
Gove	218	USD #293 Quinter	322	302
Graham	217	USD #281 Graham County	406	381
Gray	171	USD #102 Cimarron-Esaign	694	677
Greely	250	USD #600 Greeley County	254	262
Logan	197	USD #274 Oakley	481	421
Meade	207	USD #226 Meade	480	381
Norton	198	USD #211 Norton Community	688	674
Osborne	225	USD #362 Osborne	206	263
Phillips	200	USD #625 Phillipsburg	658	620
Rawlins	191	USD #105 Rawlins County	318	318
Russell	198	USD #407 Russell County	979	840
Sherman	225	USD #352 Goodland	1,027	908
Smith	258	USD #237 Smith Center	498	405
Thomas	172	USD #912 Colby	1,001	988
Trigg	210	USD #208 Walseney	429	402
Wichita	220	USD #487 Leoti	472	401
Sheridan	191	USD #412 Hoxie Community	335	479

Note: The above mill levies are within the city limits of the county seat town.

Gingerbread Houses ~ A Christmas Tradition

The Long Term Care residents got into the Christmas spirit by decorating Gingerbread Houses and the LTC lobby, reading "The Christmas Story," and singing along with carolers. (SCHC LTC photos)



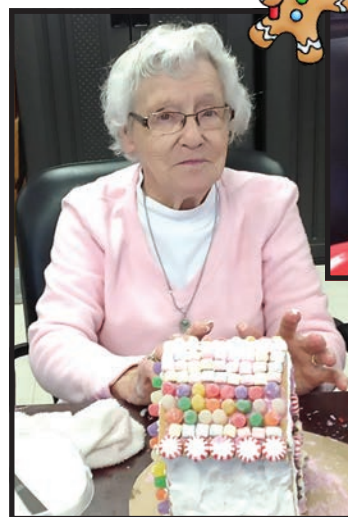
(Left) Look at all the colorful gingerbread houses!



(Above) Things got a little messy for Maxine Patmon!



(Right) Doreen Kennedy's house is full of colorful candies!



(Above) Barb Rietchek has a good start on her gingerbread house!



(Below) Dave & Lynn Popp work on their house together.



(Above) Annabelle Ostmeyer shows off her beautiful gingerbread house.



This group is about to begin!

SANTA STOPPED BY HOXIE IMPLEMENT!



What A Difference A Year Makes!

2018



Eli, Brynn & Oliver Shoendaler -

Santa wasn't quite so scary this year!

2017



(Left) Mader's Munchkins came to see Santa, Thursday, December 20: (f) Lila Guerrero, Paisley Sauvage, Hunter Mader, Chloe Pope, Corbin Pope, Jett, Mader, Ryan Bird; on Santa's lap: Hudson Mader & Cooper Schoendaler.

Reinke Recognizes Hoxie Implement Company with Diamond Pride Award



Reinke has recognized Hoxie Implement Company in Hoxie with a Diamond Reinke Pride award in recognition of the company's marketing year success. The dealership was honored during Reinke's annual

convention in Spokane, WA. "I congratulate Hoxie Implement Company on receiving this award," said Reinke Vice President of North American Irrigation Sales Mark Mesloh. "Reinke appreciates the dedication

they have to the growers in their community. We're proud to work with them and have them representing Reinke in Hoxie."

Reinke dealerships from across the United States and Canada gather each year to attend the company's sales convention. The convention's awards ceremony recognizes select Reinke dealerships for their hard work and dedication to sales and marketing throughout the past year.

The Reinke Pride awards are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail

environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions, event participation and market share.

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Words of Faith

What rich Harvest
your Goodness
Provides!
Wherever you go
there is Plenty.
Psalm 65:11

Grain Report

Reported on: Monday, Dec. 24

Wheat	4.60
Corn	3.38
Milo	3.05
Beans	7.34

Weather Report

SC Conservation District			
Date	High	Low	Moisture
12/16	--	--	--
12/17	--	--	--
12/18	--	--	--
12/19	--	--	--
12/20	--	--	--
12/21	--	--	--
12/22	--	--	--

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Words of Wisdom

The Year
is Yours...
WHAT
WILL YOU
DO WITH IT?

Community News

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Beer also available

Dine-In or Carry-Out

SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On December 20, the Selden Senior Citizens enjoyed a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha at the Midway Cafe and an afternoon of pinocle. Those present included Lillian Sulzman, Bob Wessel, Pat Wessel, Alfred J. Albers, Don Juenemann, Ralph Weis, Don Quackenbush (won high with a score of 500), Gail Mumm (took second with a score of 451), Carl Mumm (had the most tens), Boyd Wilson and Margee Wilson.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:
December 28: Health Schulte, Bill & Rose Bainter, Robbie & Debbie Koerperich; December 29: Mark Schieferecke; December 30: Sumner & Cheryl Schlenk; December 31: Matt Cheney, Clayton Bainter, Judy Brantley Hankins; January 1: Kandi Vahling; January 2: Mike & Tammi Porsch, Mike & Kandi Vahling, Boyd & Margee Wilson; January 3: Elizabeth Schreiner.

Christmas Light night will be again this weekend. We urge everyone to take a drive around town after dark and see the lights. Houses to look for include: Joe & Cathy Broeckelman, Robert & Laura Ritter, Darrel & Pam Dipman, Alejandra & Carmela Cruz, Nick & Elaine Koerperich, Edna Schiltz, Steve & Helen Carman, Alan & Chelse Bruggeman, Tyler Stevenson & Tasha Allmer, Robert Papp & Sara Vasbinder, Darrel & Carlene Bruggeman, Zach & Kathleen Michales, Greg & Paula McKenna, Nate & Jaci Schaben, Boyd & Margee Wilson, Tammie Stevenson, Bobbi Koerperich & Ernie Sheets, Davis & Terra Rath, Jerry & Paula Schiltz, Bill & Rose Bainter, Jeff Wessel, Orba Smith, Rhonda Sabatka, Loran Sulzman, Chris Bainter, Jim & Nova Meyers, Lad & Lori Truetken, Tom Peter, The Bank, Selden Lumber, Pauls Furniture, Selden Community Center, The Post Of ce, Karls Store, Selden City Of ce, Selden Library, Golden Plains Grade School.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas!!!!!!

THE ELEPHANT BISTRO & BAR

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New Year's Eve Pre-Fixe Menu

FIRST COURSE
WOLFGANG PUCK SAVORY SQUASH SOUP
SWEETENED CRANBERRIES, CANDIED PECANS, CARDAMOM CREAM

SECOND COURSE
GOURMET CHEESE & CHARCUTERIE PLATE

THIRD COURSE
SURF & TURF
8 OZ FILET & SHRIMP SKEWER
AGED CHEDDAR & THYME POTATOES AU GRATIN
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RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 7PM ~ 8:30PM

Happy New Year!

from

Record Number Earn Microsoft Certifications

Colby Community College announced the names of 31 students who earned 43 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certifications for the fall 2018 semester. The 43 certifications are a record since CCC became a testing academy in 2015. The previous high was 29 in the fall of 2017.

MOS certification validates mastery of Microsoft Office skills that are beneficial in a wide range of jobs and other life pursuits.

As a Microsoft Imagine Academy testing site, CCC provides training on fundamental technology skills for students, staff and community members interested in enhancing performance in a certain area or pursuing a career in IT.

Other certification options through the college include Access 2016, Outlook 2016, SharePoint 2016, OneNote 2016, Word 2016 Expert Part 1, Word 2016 Expert Part 2, Excel 2016 Expert Part 1 and Excel 2016 Expert Part 2.

The following local students earned certi cations: in Word 2016: Landon Heim (Hoxie), and Kaylin Schaben (Selden); in PowerPoint 2016: Kaylin Schaben (Selden).

For more information on Microsoft Office certification classes, contact instructor Crystal Pounds at (785) 460-5524.

Area Calendar

Every Monday:
8am Commissioner's Meeting - Commissioner's Room, SC Courthouse

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)

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

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

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

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

Oakley Sunday, January 13:
3pm Icons of Western Music, Sons of the Pioneers at Oakley HS Auditorium

POST YOUR EVENT OR ACTIVITY IN THE AREA CALENDAR! LET EVERYONE KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE GOING ON!

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We look forward to serving you again in 2019

Happy New Year!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Community News



Mealsite Menu

December 31 - January 4

Monday: Frito Chili Pie, Tropical Fruit, Fritos, Cinnamon Roll

Tuesday: CLOSED ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wednesday: Salisbury Steak w/gravy, Hashbrown Casserole, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Rosy Applesauce

Thursday: Ham & Beans, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Cornbread, Fruit Cobbler or Crisp

Friday: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Mixed fruit

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.

And to think I hardly dare to take two steps in snow.



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EDITORIAL

Word of the Year: Justice

By Viktorija Briggs

Each year the various online dictionaries give their top searched-for word. The word for 2018 is "Justice." According to the Merriam-Webster website this entry was consulted 74% more in 2018 than it was in 2017!

Why justice?

Because the concept of justice has been at the center of many political debates during this past year. The concept of justice? Wouldn't that concept be obvious? That which is an honest and fair action or decision. Well, sort of. In today's world there is now racial justice, social justice, criminal justice, and economic justice. Yes, "justice," in all its supposed forms, has been adopted by the political platforms, which means it has been targeted as one of those words that we will soon become inured to and nally complacent enough to just say, "Fine! Whatever. Give it to them. Just shut up about it. Can we move on now?"

By making an issue of a non-issue, basically, a word to describe something, it makes that issue larger than it is or needs to be. All of a sudden, there are those who stand up and decry that they have no justice - for whatever it is they feel they've been slighted over. Most of those who have these problems are liberals. Those who have been taught

through our school and college systems that the socialist manner of government has somehow become far better than our capitalist system. Never mind that nowhere in any country during any time period since the dawn of man's governance of himself has this ever worked efficiently for any length of time. It is a dystopian dream. As a result, we now have what those of the conservative leanings refer to as "snowflakes." Meaning, they have a melt-down if they don't get the recognition they want or the changes they demand within the time frame they feel is appropriate.

Basically, they never grew up because they have been instilled with an entitled mentality. They don't want and often refuse to work or support themselves. They rely on the government or even the new crowd-funding sites, because it's their 'right' and it's only 'fair.' It's justice!

Every generation feels that the next will not be able to be productive or capable of taking over when their time comes. There are many who lived through the '60s and said that when those kids (the free-love, granola-eating, hate "the Man" hippie counter-culture) reached adulthood, the world would be in dire straits. They were right. It is their children

and children's children who have bred this soft-headed, weak minded, snowflake generation.

For the last 30+ years they're not taught how to cook, balance a checkbook, manage a budget, work for a living, respect others' property, have respect in general, and so expect everything to be handed to them - in many cases, even demanding it! This is all a result of their parents not being taught these skills as well, both in the home or at school. There are no longer common-sense lessons taught that help a person to grow into a contributing adult. At home, many of the parents are too busy trying to make ends meet, and there are those who, sadly, just don't really care. Give the kids anything, just make them shut up and go away.

The word raise means "to cause to rise upwards." Not just grow; everyone grows. But instead, to rise up and improve themselves on all levels: intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

So, when that generation takes over, with their little-to-no critical thinking abilities, no real life skills, or common sense, where will all that so-called dystopian-style justice have gotten them then? What will happen to the world? (Have you ever seen the movie,

"Idiocracy"?)

Thankfully, there are many who do not t into these stereotypical scenarios, but in the more densely populated cities these few are very hard to find. Here, in the "middle of nowhere," separated from that collective owe-me mindset, is a true view of what America was and could be again. Let's hope the few become the majority before it's too late. To do this, we must first raise ourselves up to re-claim the true meaning of justice.

Area Churches

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1000 Valley
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen
Hoxie

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1541 Oak
Hoxie

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1325 15th St
Hoxie

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1400 Locust St
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship
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Hoxie

McGraw United Methodist Church
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Dresden

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
14988 E Rd 70 S
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Selden

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Selden United Methodist Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
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The Kitchen Cabinet

Rachel Farber



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When a change from an ordinary omelet is desired a most appetizing dish is prepared by beating up three or four eggs, adding two tablespoonfuls of cold water, seasonings of chopped pepper or parsley, or any of the herbs or a bit of garlic is an improvement. Give the eggs six or seven whisks and pour into a pint granite dish that has been well buttered. Set this in the gas oven and turn on both burners after the dish has been put into the oven. As soon as the eggs have risen to the top of the dish, turn off one burner and then as soon as the eggs are set, turn off the other, leaving the eggs a few minutes longer. They must not remain over twenty minutes, and often fifteen minutes will be enough, depending upon the gas pressure.

The lower part of the dish will be tender and flaky, and the center creamy, neither like scrambled egg nor like omelet.

Use potato or turnip cups for a change instead of timbale molds or patty shells. Peel good sized potatoes or small turnips cut in

halves and a slice off each end so they will stand well, hollow out the centers and cook the shells in boiling salted water. Use these for any creamed vegetable, fish or chicken, having all hot and covering them with a rich white sauce. A little fling goes further served this way and looks very attractive. Garnish with parsley or chopped chervil, or water cress.

Chop Suey With Fish - Put a tablespoonful of butter in a deep frying pan and fry in it a pound of fresh pork and a cupful of diced celery and chopped onions. Cut the pork into bits, cover with a cupful of water and a can of mushrooms with the liquor from them. Cook slowly for an hour, then add a cupful of nely chopped peanuts and a cupful of aaked tuna, season highly and simmer for another half hour. This is such an unusual combination that it will be enjoyed by those who are looking for a new gastronomic sensation.

Some Good Eating

It is not so important that there should be a large variety upon our tables, but that our food should be well cooked and daintily served.

Almond Pudding - Beat separately the yolks of two and whites of three eggs, mix to a cream with four tablespoonfuls each of sugar and butter. Add, after the mixture is well blended, the grated rind of an orange and a quarter of a cupful of juice. Pour into a well-buttered baking dish, ornament with whole nuts and bake until firm. Serve hot with hard sauce and whipped cream.

A hard sauce may be made by creaming two tablespoonfuls of butter, add a cupful of powdered sugar, a teaspoonful of vanilla, and when well mixed fold in a half cupful of whipped cream.

Graham Bread - Take two cupfuls each of graham and white flour, sift the latter with one teaspoonful of salt and soda. Add a cupful of molasses and enough sweet milk to make a batter, about a pint. Add one cupful of raisins and chopped walnuts, well oured. Bake in a slow oven.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
January 28, 1915



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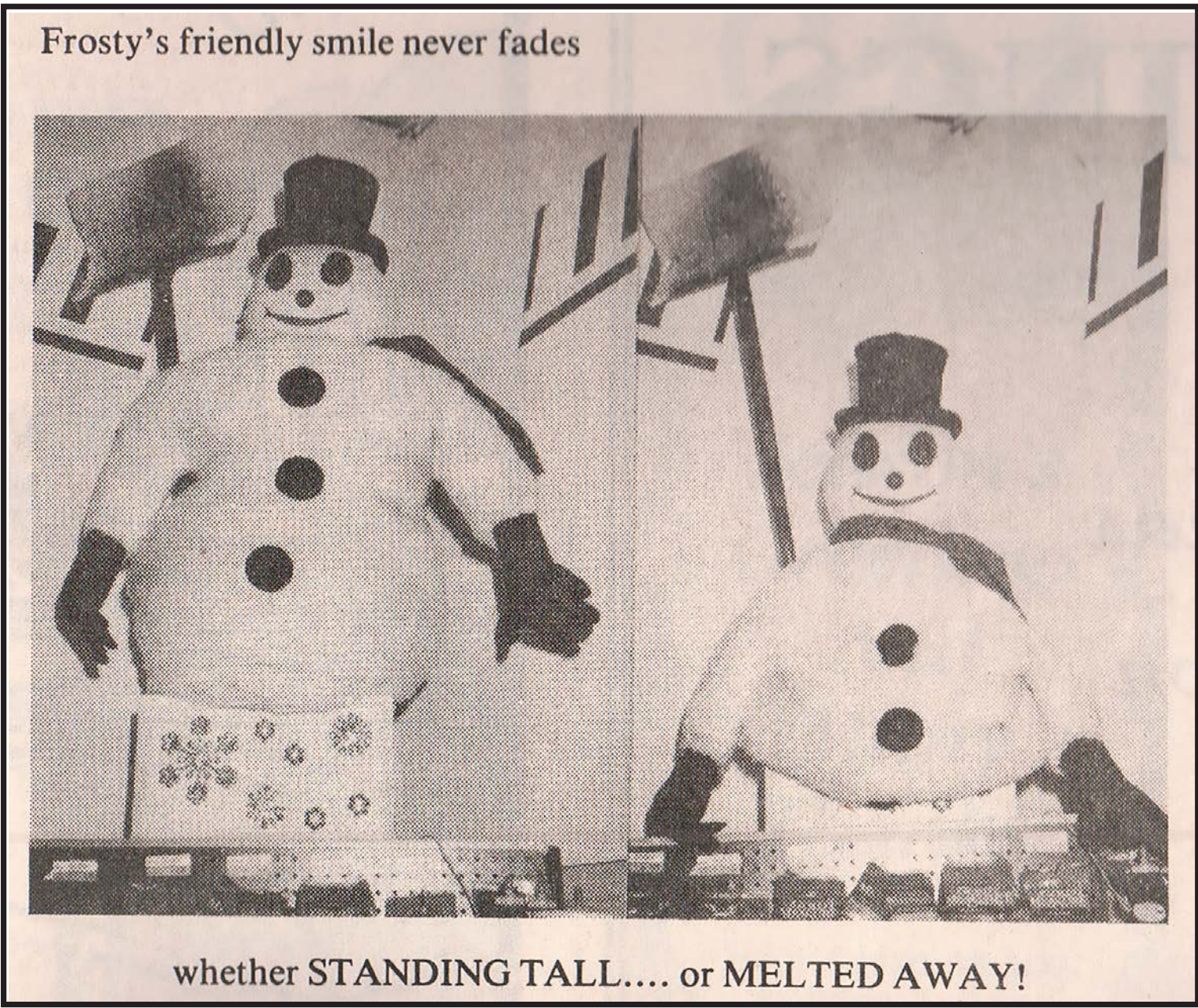
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KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

125 Years Ago
December 28, 1893
Miss Emma Stuart, spent Christmas in the city.
H. H. Eldering won the gun at the shooting match Christmas.
J. B. McPherson is attending a County Clerk's meeting in Wichita, this week.
W. B. Owens brought in thirteen wolf scalps Saturday for which he received \$39.00. He says he will have as many more by Januar rst.
Oscar Gessell and Miss Anna Eillers both of this county, have Judge Lucas' permission to become man and wife, having gotten the license last week.
W. S. Quisenberry spent last week in the North part of the county.
R. L. Chambers, and family of Colby, are spending the holidays with M. A. and family.
John Martin, brother and sister, of north of Quinter, were in attendance at the dance.
Misses Amelia Hansen and Lulu Grant were visitors at J. H. McConchies last week.
Andy Nestor, J. O. Hopkins, and Henry Suffecool, were callers at this of ce Saturday.
Zig says the place to nd anything is where you lose it, and he is buying hides and furs at the old stand.
Otis Jackson informs us that his father is well pleased with his new home at Dilley, Oregon.
The Christmas entertainment at the church was one of the most pleasant occasions of the season. The church was crowded to over owing and everyone seemed to have a good time.
Doc. Hall had his windows cleaned last week and Schulty went him one better and cleaned his windows and scrubbed his of ce oor. Ed Crum said that he was still in it so he swept out.
Freeman and Hiatt, deserve great credit for the manner in which they conducted the dance Christmas evening. There were about fty numbers out.
The following of cers of Masonic Lodge No. 348, were duly installed last Wednesday night by Past Master Beaver, of Colby:
J. S. Turner, W. M.,
E. M. Speer, Sr. W.,
E. H. Lupton, Jr. W.,
M. E. Thorpe, Sr. D.,
E. L. Gregg, Jr. D.,
W. F. Schultheis, Secretary,
Grover Walker, Treasurer
On account of the absence of Sr. Steward-elect, McPherson, the installation of the Stewards was postponed.
Parnell Items
Jim Eavis helped Mr. Eldering butcher a beef Wednesday.
Dame Rumor says there will be another wedding in our neighborhood about Christmas.
H. H. Eldering, E. E. Farber and Flip Robinson sold their broomcorn Monday and delivered it at Rexford Tuesday.
The dance at Hardscrabble was immense. Though some of the dear people found the oor ready to catch them when they fell, one man remarked as he picked himself up, "That reminded me of the rst time I tried to skate," We thought of our own experience in the skating line and smiled in sympathy.
Chinook
McGraw Times
Wash Ballard, is repairing his sheds for his cattle.
It is rumored that there is going to be a wedding in Union township soon.
As Jack called for his girl east of McGraw last Thursday night to take her to the party, he was run up a tree by the old man.
We heard that a certain young lady in Sheridan county, gave a young man the mitten because he put his arm around her. We don't blame the young man at all, but he should have had her posted



not to say anything about it for her sake.

Johnnie Jumpandgetit
100 Years Ago
December 26, 1918

Local News
Miss Lizzie Pearson helped Mr. and Mrs. Arnold take care of their big holiday trade last week.

Miss Lola Gallagher is home from her school duties at Junction City to spend the Christmas vacation.

Harry and Howard Mosier arrived home last week from Kansas City to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents. The boys are in the military reserve corps and are attending the Kansas City Dental College.

Dr. L. H. McCartney has recovered from the "u." He says it isn't so bad to have after all. He took good care of himself and slept in a cold room, and, as a result he got along nicely and is out now looking after his practice.

Harry Vance bought a thousand jack rabbits last week. He is now advertising for a car load. After all, the festive jack may yet pay for his keep. The, good jack rabbit steak when properly cooked isn't to be sneezed at either.

The schools are taking a Christmas vacation this week. The high school closed Friday and the city schools Monday evening.

Uncle Jim Heroy writes us this week to keep his Sentinel coming. He says Los Angeles is full of "u" but so far he hasn't taken it. He sends the season's greetings to all his old Sheridan county friends.

Mrs. Hannah Bastian and daughter, Mattie, from Missouri, arrived in Hoxie last week and have taken charge of the telephone of ce. The Misses Teel and Davis have resigned. Mrs. Grif ths, of Selden, is here temporarily, assisting with the book work and helping the new operators get on to their duties.

Angelus Notes
On account of the quarantine there were no services held at Angelus last Sunday.

Frank Merriam has quit baling hay and Henry Fellhoelter is staying at home.

Ikey surely must have died in a snow drift. He hasn't been seen since the big snow. "Keeping the Home Fires Burning," we presume.

Joseph Kamphous received his honorable discharge from the army last Wednesday and came home on Thursday. The

family are indeed rejoicing since Joe came home to stay.

Henry Korte received a wire from his brother-in-law, last week, stating his wife's younger brother was not expected to live and for Henry and his wife to come to Leoville at once. On account of the condition of the roads and so much snow. Henry was unable to go.

Mickey's Cash Store Butterfat is seventy cents a pound. You'll have more to sell if you use our Security calf food.

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75 Years Ago
December 30, 1943

Bow Creek News
Mrs. Kathryn Batman and son Billie, are spending the Christmas vacation with Kathryn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Simon and family.

A good program was enjoyed at the Lone Star school house Thursday evening, given by the pupils and their teacher, Miss Polly Teel.

A large crowd attended the Christmas Services at Tasco Friday night.

O. L. Babcock spent Christmas Day at the Willard Broyles home.

Chicago-Lucerne Dorothy Richards is visiting her husband, Harold Richards, in Denver for a few days. She will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Mowry and family and Rosa Doris Brock and baby spent Saturday at the Bob White home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cass spent Saturday in Ellis visiting a brother of Mr. Cass.

Local Happenings
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and daughter of Sharon Springs, Kansas, spent Saturday with Mr. F. R. Robinson.

Mrs. Arthur Cooper is in New York where she is visiting her sailor husband

who is temporarily in port. She left her infant son with his grandparents at Grain eld while she is making this trip.

Mrs. John Moss is spending the fore part of this vacation week at the Carl Collins home.

Max Cooper is visiting Private and Mrs. Jerry Gilchrist in West Virginia. He took this just at this time, as he is to be inducted soon.

Miss Jean Pope and Miss Loretta Manhart are home on vacation from the Strickler's Business School of Topeka.

Society News
Rev. and Mrs. Chandler were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rarick and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Launchbaugh had all of their family with them on Christmas. John Launchbaugh, Jr., A. S. is here for a week from Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Marvin of the Air Corps, Buckley Field, Denver, and Miss Hazel Launchbaugh of Denver also came on Friday, but had to return on Sunday. Marian Launchbaugh of the home and the Loren Launchbaugh family completed the family group who were together on Christmas and as much as possible on other days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Barr had their family with them on Sunday instead of Saturday for a Christmas gathering. There was the Jim White family, Albert Barr family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rowilson and Miss Theo Barr of the home.

On Thursday evening of last week Private and Mrs. Eugene Wagoner, Martin Wagoner and son, Junior, were supper guests of the Bernard Rueschhoff family.

Green Valley
There was a Christmas program at McGraw Sunday School, which was enjoyed by about 58 persons. Several visitors were present too.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Batchelder had as their guests Christmas, Mr. and Irene, Libby Spillman, Ardith Engleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spillman, Lloyd, Arlan, Doren, Wilma and Lois.

Allison News
Mr. Wayne Schreiber took part in the Christmas Program at Tasco. He was also a "u" victim a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Constant Cramer, Miss Flossie, and Sgt. Merlin Cramer were dinner guests Wednesday, the 22nd, with the Simontons near Tasco and Hoxie visitors also.

The Geo Van Vleets ate Christmas dinner with

grandmother Van Vleet in Selden.

50 Years Ago
December 26, 1968

Winners Announced in Drawings

The Hoxie Chamber of Commerce held a holiday cash drawing Saturday. The winners were Mrs. Verlin Miller \$25; Mrs. Grover Jones \$15; and Mrs. Matt Boxler \$10.

In the regular weekly drawing only one prize had been claimed. Mrs. Dennis Spillman won \$15. The numbers are posted in the business houses and winners have until this Thursday to claim their prize, according to retail trade committee members.

Fairview 4-H Club
The Fairview 4-H Club met Dec. 6 at the Al Meier home. Denise Meier led the club in singing Silent Night. Roll call was answered by naming a present I would like for Christmas.

A letter was read asking us to contribute to the T. B. fund. We contributed one dollar.

For un nished business we voted to have citizenship as our club project.

We decided to help Myrna Morgan with her People-to-People project and donate toys to the hospital. Clarence Wegman was appointed livestock leader and Al Meier was appointed as crops leader.

We set a new meeting date as the rst Tuesday of the month.

Sam Morgan opened the program with a project talk. Denise led us in singing O Little Town of Bethlehem. Elsie Morgan showed us how to wrap a gift as a Santa Claus. Sam led in playing "Throw the Snowball Through the Wreath." We then opened our gifts from the grab bag.

After adjournment Mrs. Meier and girls served refreshments.

Reporter, Susan

Morgan
Leoville News
Darrel Bruggeman and David Kruse each got a deer the rst day of the re arms deer hunting season. David got a 4-point deer. It dressed out 135 lbs. Darrel got a smaller one.

Ronnie Schroer of Kansas City will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schroer and family.

Tasco Notes
Linda and Brenda Pfeifer of Hays will be spending the Christmas holidays with their

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Pfeifer and family.

Bill Conard plans to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Coolidge.

Studley Items

I heard that Dale Bainter is one of the happy fellows who got a deer. Dale is employed at the Studley Co-op oil station and he and his family live in Studley.

Our Sunday school had a short Christmas program, gifts and treats last Sunday after Sunday school.

Mrs. Mayra Scott of Morland went with Mrs. Esther Brandt to Denver last weekend. They returned home Monday ahead of the storm which started Tuesday.

Seguin Items

Mrs. Florence Wilson of Selden will be a guest at the Gene Dempewolf home part of next week. On Christmas Day they all plan to spend the day at the Gerald Dempewolf home in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reinert attended the school program in Leoville Wednesday evening.

We are having real winter weather. This Saturday morning it is snowing and we are sure of a White Christmas. So a Merry Christmas to all our readers.

Mickey's Want Ads

My! Hasn't the year gone fast. Here it is Christmas again, then comes time for inventory. Also time to take inventory of your own self. Have we pleased the Father and made an honest effort to live up to the teachings of the Christ, our Savior. Where have we failed? With the turmoil, rioting, warring, drugs, gang activity - all far from His teachings.

25 Years Ago
December 23, 1993

Frosty Melts Hearts of Children

Anyone who walks this path, nds it easy to understand the thrill of really seeing a snowman that 'melts' only to return again to his original shape. Since 1959, children have stood transfixed before a larger than life Frosty in the corner of Getz IGA. Clad in gloves, plaid neck scarf and top hat, Frosty the Snowman gladly 'melts' to the delight of those children lucky enough to accompany their parents on a trip to the grocery store during the Christmas season. But even more exciting is when he takes a deep breath aided by a blower mechanism inside and re-into his full height. At the end of the cycle the air is again released and once again he melts.

Stock Market Game Via HHS

Students in Mr. Feldt's Business Principles class at Hoxie High School have just completed ten weeks of the Stock Market Game, administered by Kansa State University. Some 725 teams participated.

Hoxie High School students participating with their imaginary \$100,000 included Janel Cook, Mick Moss, Jarrod Spillman, Karl Stillman, and Susan Weis. The purchases allowed for each student must be in the common stock category. Game rules allow each team to borrow an additional imaginary \$100,000 on the margin and some students used that option this past fall semester. Each team's requested transactions are lled based on actual closing prices on the American and New York exchanges.

Freshmen Play Scott City

The freshman basketball teams traveled to Scott City Thursday, Dec. 16. The Beavers defeated the freshman boys 78-32. Michael Newman led the Indians with 9 points. Mitchell Moss and Dustin Juenemann added 8 points each. Moss hit 2 for 2 from three point range. Tate Mauck had 5, Brandon Beckman 2 points. Juenemann led in rebounding with 9. The Indians record is now 1-3.

NWKS & Farm News

News from the Outside



I know, I missed last week. What can I say, time got away from me, but here I am again, stirring things up. Hunting has been good! Last two trips for geese saw



success for me. It seems I am stuck on four birds a hunt now, but it's all good. I have a friend that, until last season, was lucky to get three or four geese a season. Last season he nally asked my secret. I told him, "Pick out one bird and shoot it. Then worry about another one." Watched him shoot 21 snows in one day! No stopping him now!

Went yesterday to Webster. You needed an anti-aircraft gun as high as the geese were ying! They knew where they were going and were in the stratosphere getting there. Ended up going to a different lake. Three snows and a blue in less than an hour. I also had a possum sniff my foot and hang around for a good long time! I didn't seem to bother him, and he never bothered me. Even the gun re didn't scare him off. He'd just look at me curiously.

I haven't heard a lot about shing lately. Antelope Lake was wide open this afternoon, as was Webster yesterday. I'm sure sh could be caught now but hunting has got me busy. Looking forward to a hunt with my son next weekend.

Time to put the Liester smack on some geese!

I am looking to purchase a new semi-auto goose gun. There sure are a lot of choices out there! It's going to be a tough decision for sure.

Life's been pretty quiet in our home. Just Linda and I and the four fur kids. Cats are just like kids. Every one has a very distinct personality! And always good for laughs! Although a couple of them might be a bit spoiled!!

I see we may have some snow next week. Be careful folks, and give the snow plows time to do their job! My wife drives one, and I really want her to come home to me at the end of the shift! Merry Christmas to everyone reading this, and God be with all of you as you go about your lives! Take care and remember to enjoy the outside.



Kansas Hog Inventory Down 3 Percent

Kansas inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018, was 2.05 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 3 percent from December 1, 2017, but up 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

Breeding hog inventory, at 170,000 head, was up 3 percent from December 1, 2017, and unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 1.88 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The September - November 2018 Kansas pig crop, at 927,000 head, was up 3 percent from 2017. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 85,000 head, up 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.90 for the September - November period, compared to 10.80 last year.

Kansas hog producers intend to farrow 86,000 sows during the December 2018 - February 2019 quarter, up 9 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.

Intended farrowings for March - May 2019 are 86,000 sows, up 13 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.

2018 Farm Bill Signed into Law

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 was signed into law today by President Trump at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. National Sorghum Producers Chairman Dan Atkisson, a sorghum farmer from Stockton, Kansas, attended the event and released the following statement:

"Today's signing is a culmination of hard work, commitment and intelligent planning by Congress to get the bill across the nish line before the end of the year. We know this bill invests in the future of agriculture and NSP would like to thank the Administration as well as the

leaders of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and their staffs for their leadership.

"NSP has been engaged in the farm bill process since hearings began in 2017. We have witnessed both chambers make focused efforts to meet the needs of rural America and applaud the resulting legislation. The 2018 Farm Bill contains policy that will maintain and enhance opportunities for sorghum producers and all of U.S. agriculture and we look forward to working with the Administration through its implementation."

A full analysis of the farm bill's impacts on sorghum will be in the winter issue of Sorghum Grower magazine released in January and online at sorghumgrowers.com.

Kansas Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.36 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 2 percent from last year.

Placements during November totaled 400,000 head, down 5 percent from 2017.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 385,000 head, up 1 percent from last year.

Other disappearance during November totaled 15,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year.

Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during November 2018 totaled 303 million pounds, up 5 percent from November 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 160,000 head, 7,000 head more than November 2017. Milk production per cow averaged 1,895 pounds.

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Area Schools



Goodland Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament Results for Hoxie



120 Drew Bell (13-2) placed 2nd and scored 28.0 team points.

Round 1 - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 13-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 13-2 won by fall over Donovan Colby (Ellis) 3-10 (Fall 1:02)

Round 3 - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 13-2 won by fall over Alejandro Janas-Alvarez (Garden City) 4-5 (Fall 1:14)

Championship Bracket - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 13-2 won by fall over Jonathan Lara (Ulysses) 11-4 (Fall 0:43)

1st Place Match - Dillon Jaramillo (Rocky Ford) 10-1 won by decision over Drew Bell (Hoxie) 13-2 (Dec 9-6)

132 Dylan Weimer (14-1) placed 1st and scored 38.0 team points.

Round 1 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 14-1 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 14-1 won by fall over Alonso Marquez (Garden City) 2-5 (Fall 1:28)

Round 3 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 14-1 won by fall over Salvador Barintas (Garden City) 5-5 (Fall 1:53)

Championship Bracket - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 14-1 won by fall over Quinton Venard (Rocky Ford) 13-4 (Fall 2:30)

1st Place Match - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 14-1 won by fall over Eli Reling (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 7-2 (Fall 1:34)

145 Aidan Baalman (15-2) placed 1st and scored 38.0 team points.

Round 1 - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 15-2 won by decision over Jaden Escamilla (Garden City) 3-2 (Dec 9-5)

Round 2 - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 15-2 won by fall over Mason Gottschalk (Ellis) 6-8 (Fall 2:44)

Round 4 - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 15-2 won by fall over Gavin Garza (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 5-10 (Fall 0:55)

Round 5 - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 15-2 won by decision over Konnor Grif n (Colby) 11-6 (Dec 11-4)

1st Place Match - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 15-2 won by fall over Santino Mendoza (Rocky Ford) 10-6 (Fall 3:59)

152 Andrew Foote (11-7) placed 6th and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Akash Patel (Hays TMP) 0-6 (Fall 1:09)

Round 2 - Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Jonathan Trejo-Gutierrez (Garden City) 1-6 (Fall 1:38)

Round 3 - Michael Mendoza (Hugoton) 8-5 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 11-7 (Fall 1:47)

Consolation Bracket - Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Hernandez German (Leoti-Wichita County) 3-5 (Fall 1:21)

5th Place Match - Roman Garcia (Ulysses) 7-3 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 11-7 (Fall 3:08)

160 Dayton Porsch (17-0) placed 1st and scored 44.0 team points.

Round 1 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 17-0 won by fall over Luiz Guerero (Hugoton) 1-9 (Fall 1:31)

Round 2 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 17-0 won by fall over Mason Murray (Goodland) 6-7 (Fall 1:48)

Round 3 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 17-0 won by fall over Nick Rehmer (Colby) 10-7 (Fall 0:39)

Championship Bracket - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 17-0 won by fall over Nick Holmes (Ulysses) 8-3 (Fall 1:15)

1st Place Match - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 17-0 won by fall over Andrew Garcia (Garden City) 9-3 (Fall 0:25)

170 Donovan Balluch (8-8) placed 4th and scored 22.0 team points.

Round 1 - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 8-8 won by fall over Ignacio Perez-Rodriguez (Rocky Ford) 4-10 (Fall 1:33)

Round 2 - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 8-8 won by fall over Sergio Garcia (Garden City) 1-4 (Fall 2:46)

Round 3 - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 8-8 won by fall over Jesse Baltazar (Garden City) 2-7 (Fall 2:16)

Round 5 - Kayden Christiansen (Lakin) 9-4 won by fall over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 8-8 (Fall 0:22)

3rd Place Match - Abelardo Sanchez (Ulysses) 5-5 won by fall over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 8-8 (Fall 1:16)

285 Brandon Baker (5-5) placed 7th and scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 5-5 won by fall over Jeison Coreno (Hugoton) 6-4 (Fall 0:27)

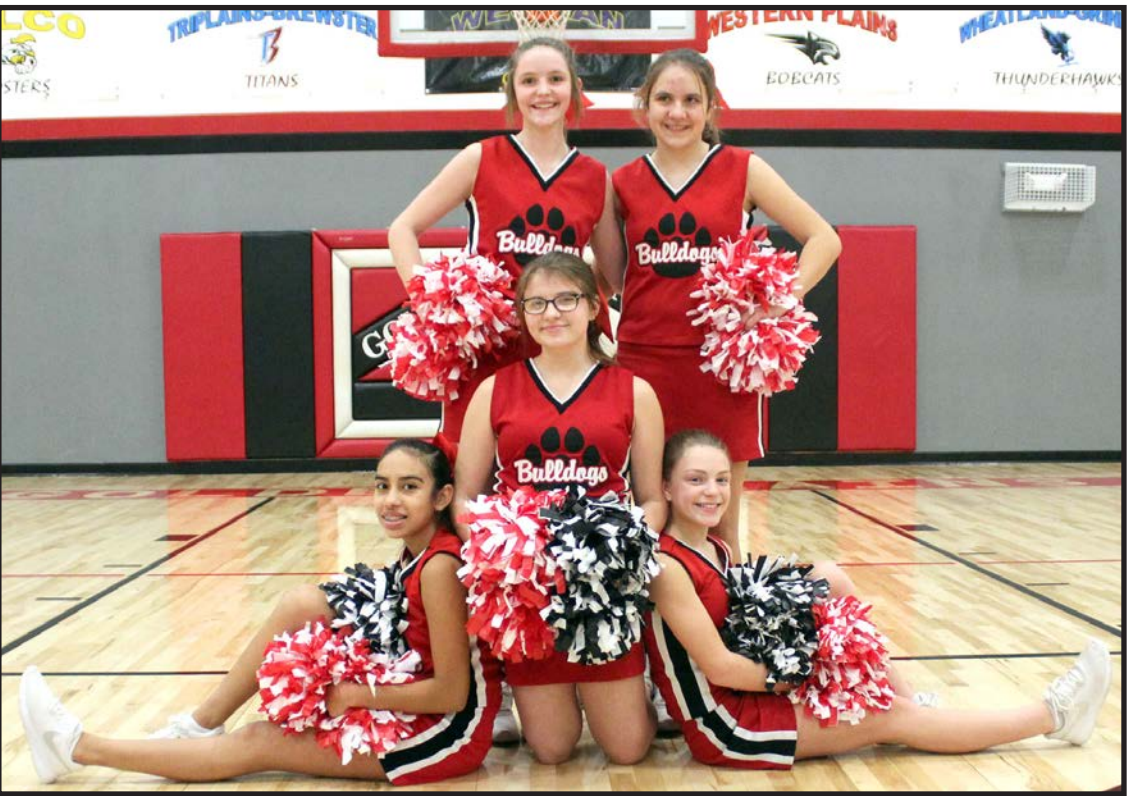
Round 2 - Hadley Panzer (Lakin) 11-0 won by fall over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 5-5 (Fall 0:13)

Round 3 - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 5-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Consolation Bracket - Jesse Hermosillo (Leoti-Wichita County) 7-3 won by fall over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 5-5 (Fall 1:56)

7th Place Match - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 5-5 won by fall over Connor Staab (Hays TMP) 7-4 (Fall 0:31)

Golden Plains Middle School Cheerleaders



Golden Plains Middle School Cheerleaders: (f) Jazline Manriquez, Jamie Graves, Breanna Rath; (b) McHaley Carter, Sidney Taylor. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Golden Plains Dance Team Performs



Dance! The Golden Plains Dance Team performs their Christmas Dance on December 14 in Rexford. The girls enchanted the crowd during half time of the varsity boys' first home basketball game of the season. Team members performing included (l-r) Lauren Patmon, Britton Knowles, Alisha Brantley, Danica Ritter, and Tylor Todd. (Photo by Marielena Cruz)

Lady Bulldogs Score Record Threes Against Northern Valley

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldog basketball team continued their winning streak on December 14 as they defeated the Northern Valley Huskies 63-27 in their first home game of the season. "We played with a lot of intensity," said Junior Mabel Lugo. "We were red up for our first home game."

The girls scored a record 9 three-pointers in the game with five coming from freshman Kassie Miller and 4 from sophomore Brooke Stoll. Returning to the floor for the first time this year following a late season volleyball injury was senior KayCee Miller. "It was good to get back on the court," said Miller. "I felt a little rusty, but I'll get there soon."

The Lady Bulldogs opened the game with a 12-0 lead in the first quarter. Hitting three pointers in the second helped them to add 27 to their score in the second while the Huskies found the basket with 10.

The Bulldogs kept their re going in the third with an additional 20 points, holding the Huskies to 7. The Huskies continued to play to the nish with 10 points in the fourth while the 'Dogs nished the game with another 4 for the 63-27 win.

Kassie Miller scored 19 points for the Bulldog victory along with Brooke Stoll 16, Ashley Stoll 9, Mabel Lugo 8, KayCee Miller 4, Carli Nieman 3, Candace Taylor 2, and Noel Ritter 2. The girls outrebounded the Huskie 39-24 with Lugo 9, A. Stoll 9, Zoey Hillis 6, Nieman 5, KayCee Miller 4, Kassie Miller 2, Noel Ritter 2, B. Stoll 1, and Morgan Wark 1.

Ashley Stoll and KayCee Miller each had 5 assists along with Kassie Miller 2, and 1 each by B. Stoll, Amanda Cheney, Carli Nieman, and Mabel Lugo.

The Bulldogs hold a 5-0 record as they prepare for their nal game before break on December 18 against Stockton. "5-0 is a really good start to the season," added Lugo. "I am confident we can keep it up."

HHS Basketball Results



Wallace County at Hoxie Dec. 11:
JV Girls Win 48-26, Varsity Girls Win 61-31, JV Boys (2 quarters) Win 29-19, Varsity Boys Win 74-52.

Hoxie at Atwood Dec. 14:
JV Girls Loss 17-23, Varsity Girls Loss 50-51, JV Boys Win 38-11, Varsity Boys Win 74-56.

Junior Addi Campbell #10 drives to the basket. The Lady Indians lost to the Lady Buffaloes 50-51. (HHS photo)

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Area Schools



Congratulations to the GPHS Conservation Essay Contest Winners!



Congratulations to the Conservation Essay Contest Winners from GPHS! Josh Spresser placed first in Sheridan County and competed at state in Wichita. Joseph Yanez-Perez placed third and Iram Garcia received Honorable Mention. Thanks to the Sheridan County Conservation District for the opportunity to present and for the prizes!!! Students were presented their awards at an assembly at Golden Plains High School. Pictured are all competitors and representatives from the conservation district. (l-r) Flint Hodge, Iram Garcia, Robynn Wessel (instructor), Joseph Yanez-Perez, Don Rowilson (SCCD), Josh Spresser, Deanna Schmidtberger (SCCD), Analaxia Gomez, Darrin Herl (SCCD), and Yamily Romero. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

BULLDOGS HOST STOCKTON

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted Stockton for their final game of the fall semester on Tuesday, December 18, in Rexford. With the 42-82 loss to the Tigers, the Bulldogs go into the Winter Break with an 0-6 record.

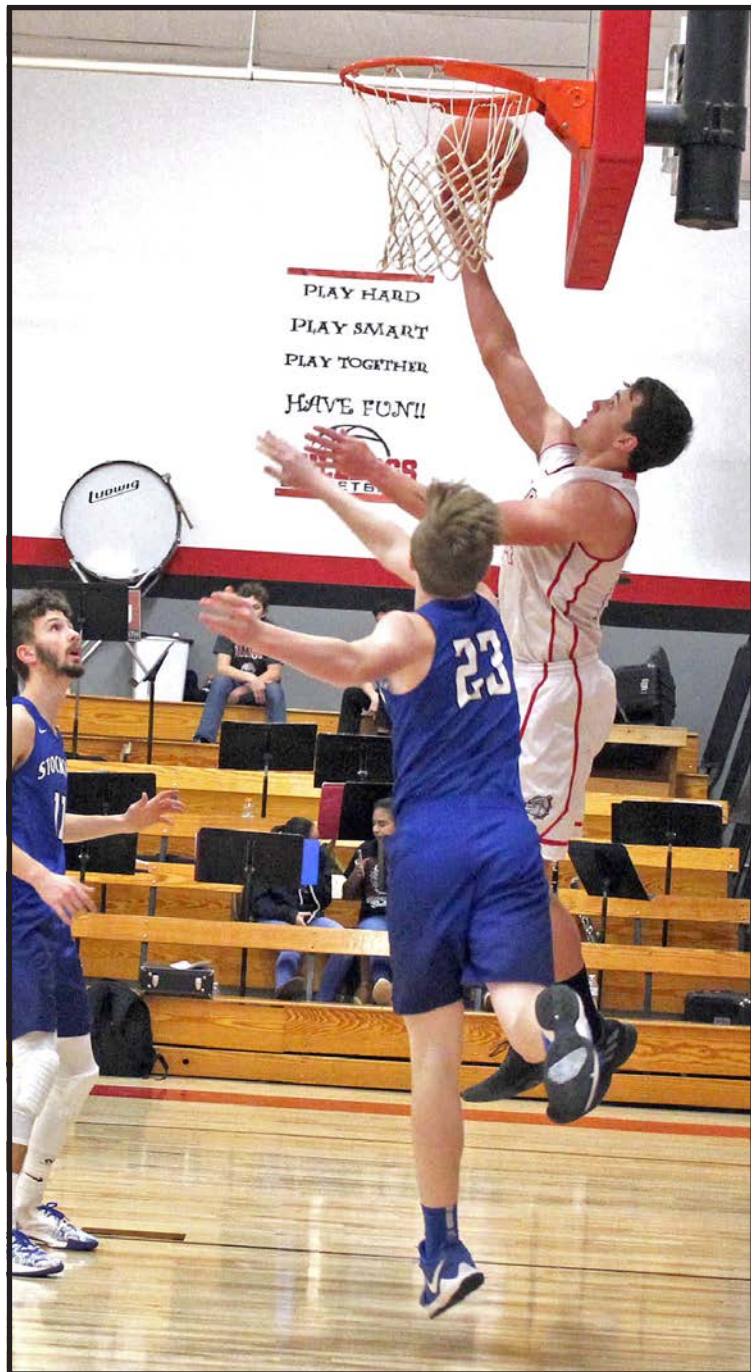
The Bulldogs fell behind the Tigers 8-19 in the first quarter. With the 'Dogs struggling to put 5 on the board in the second, the Tigers led 38-13 at the half.

The Bulldogs put in another 9 in the third, but the Tigers pumped in 32. The 'Dogs had their best eight minutes of the night in the fourth with 20 points while holding the Tigers to 12, but it wasn't quite enough as the Tigers claimed the 82-42 win.

"It took us a while to get going," said senior Josh Spresser who had two three-pointers in the fourth quarter, "but we are improving with every practice. If we play a whole game like we did the fourth, it would have been a different game."

In addition to Spresser's six points, Caleb Korte scored 16 and Wade Rush 13. Additional points came from Jacob Ritter 4, Nolan Ritter 2, and Austin Patmon 1. The Bulldogs will take a break for the holidays and return to the court on January 4 in Logan.

Golden Plains Senior Caleb Korte goes in for a layup during Golden Plains' final game before the Christmas break against Stockton in Rexford on December 18. Korte led the Bulldogs offense with 16 points, but the 'Dogs remain winless so far this season. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Lady 'Dogs Go 6-0!



By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs go into the Christmas Break with a 6-0 record following a 61-37 win over Stockton on December 18 in Rexford.

The 'Dogs took an early lead, but the Tigers fought back for a slight lead in the first quarter. The Bulldogs took over to lead 15-9 by the end of the quarter. Once the 'Dogs got rolling, they pushed hard to add 19 in the second as their defense held the Tigers to 2 for a 34-11 half time lead.

Continuing to play their best game, the girls outscored the Tigers 14-10 in the third. The Tigers fought back in the fourth to put in an additional 16 as the 'Dogs added 13 to keep the lead and remain undefeated with the 61-37 win.

The Bulldogs had points from Kassie Miller 15, Mabel Lugo 14, KayCee Miller 13, Brooke Stoll 11, Ashley Stoll 4, Carli Nieman 2, and Noel Ritter 2. Rebounds came from KayCee Miller 9, A. Stoll 7, B. Stoll 3, Nieman 3, Lugo 3, Ritter 2, and Amanda Cheney 1. The girls had 18 steals and 18 assists for the win.

They will take a break over the holidays before traveling to Logan on January 4 to try and keep their win streak alive.

Golden Plains junior Mabel Lugo tips the ball to start the game against Stockton on December 18 in Rexford. Lugo scored 14 points against the Tigers and had 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 assist to help the Lady Bulldogs to a 6-0 start to the season. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Golden Plains Elementary Begins Christmas with Concert & Program



Golden Plains Fifth Graders Diego Perez and Braylee Knowles perform the traditional Russian Folk Song and Dance *Sasha* during the Golden Plains Elementary Christmas Program on December 20 in Selden. The concert included performances by the third-grade bells, fourth grade recorders, grade band, and songs by students Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. (Photo by Marielena Cruz)



Golden Plains Third Graders perform several numbers on the bells during the Golden Plains Elementary Christmas Concert on December 20 in Selden. Musicians shown include (l-r) Owen Amlong, Tanner Todd, Cristian Garcia, Mayte Hernandez-Lopez, Brenlynn Rath, and Briella Knowles. The concert was directed by Betty Schieferecke. (Photo by Marielena Cruz)

JV Girls Lose in Overtime



By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV girls lost a tough game in overtime to the Stockton Tigers on December 18 in Rexford.

The teams, which scheduled a two-quarter contest, stayed close all night. The Tigers outscored the Bulldogs 14-13 in the first quarter, but the Bulldogs fought back to outscore the Tigers 12-11 in the second to send the game into overtime.

In the OT, the Tigers put in 10 points, holding the Bulldogs to 6 to claim the 35-31 win. Freshmen Rayna Taylor and Carli Nieman each scored 8 for the Bulldogs while Morgan Wark put in 6. Amie Cheney added 4 along with Taryn Fleckenstein 3 and Candace Taylor 2.

"We started out better in this game than we did in our others," said Rayna Taylor. "We are improving as the season progresses." The JV girls will play their next contest on January 4 in Logan.

Carli Nieman reaches for the rebound during the Golden Plains JV girl's game against Stockton.. (Photo by Marielena Cruz)

Bulldogs Play in Sagebrush Tournament



Sophomore Wade Rush puts up a shot in the first game of the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster on December 3. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs continue to look for their first win as they played in the Sagebrush Basketball Tournament in Brewster on December 3, 7, and 8.

The 'Dogs faced off against the Wallace County Wildcats for the first game on Monday afternoon. The Wildcats got off to a quick start as they pulled to a 21-7 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs added a few points in the second quarter but couldn't

stop the Wildcats offense as they pulled ahead 40-16 by the half.

The 'Cats continued to outrun the 'Dogs in the second half as they pushed forward to a 68-25 win. Bulldog points were scored by Caleb Korte-15, Wade Rush-6, Austin Patmon 2, and Colby Lathrop 2.

The second game of the tournament was against the Cheylin Cougars. Again, the 'Dogs allowed the Cougars an early lead 21-13 by the end of the first. The 'Dogs outscored the Cougars 15-13 in the second, but the Cougars still held a 34-28 half time lead.

The game maintained a 6-point spread in the third with both teams adding 11, but the Cougars hit the three-point shot repeatedly in the fourth to extend their lead for the win 67-53. Wade Rush scored consistently throughout the game for a total of 26 points. Jacob Ritter added 12, Nolan Ritter 7, Rojelio Loya 3, Kole Butts 3, and Ashton Schiltz 2.

The final game of the tournament was on Saturday against the Weskan Coyotes. The Bulldogs were able to stay with the Coyotes throughout most of the game trailing by 4 at the end of the first 16-20. The Coyotes pulled ahead in the second to lead 35-26 at the half.

The Bulldogs added another 11 in the third, but the Coyotes maintained their lead 49-37. The fourth started out with a three-point shooting contest between the teams with 3 3's in less than a minute. The 'Dogs pushed hard and never quit outscoring the Coyotes 24-22, but the Coyotes held on for the win 71-61.

Rush again led the Bulldog offense with 26 points along with 16 from Nolan Ritter, Jacob Ritter 6, Austin Patmon 5, Josh Spresser 3, Ashton Schiltz 3, and Rojelio Loya 2.

"We gave up too many points in the tournament," said Colby Lathrop. "We need to stay focused and improve our defense," added Nolan Ritter. The Bulldogs will play their first home game of the season on December 14 when they host Northern Valley.



Area Schools



GPHS JV Girls Win at Home



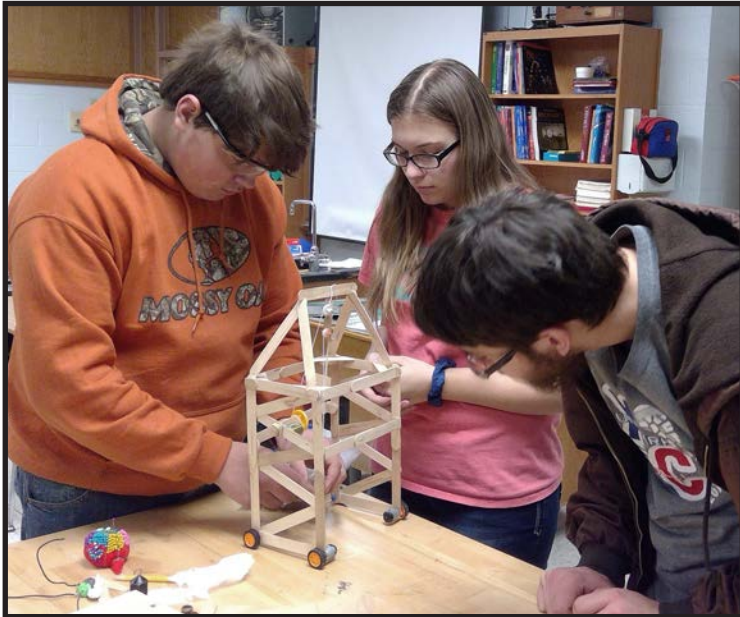
Golden Plains Freshman Amie Cheney steals the ball and drives in for a lay-up during the Northern Valley JV game. The JV girls took down the Huskies to capture their first win of the season. (Photo by Marielena Cruz)

By Ashley Stoll
On Friday, December 14, the GP Lady Bulldogs hosted the Northern Valley Huskies. The JV had half a game and defeated the Huskies 20-8.
Both teams began the game ready to play. It was back and forth throughout the first quarter, ending with a tied score of 6. The Dogs took charge in the second quarter. They held the Huskies to one basket, while adding 14 points. Quick baskets and good defense led the Dogs to capture the win 20-8. "We improved from last game, but there are many things to work and improve on," said Freshman Carli Nieman. "I enjoy playing and can't wait for the next game!" she added.
Leading the team in points was Carli Nieman with 7, followed by Amie Cheney with 6. Other contributors to the score were Taryn Fleckenstein with 4, Rayna Taylor 2, and Morgan Wark with 1. "It was exciting to win our first JV game at home," stated Freshman Amie Cheney. "We worked well together, and I'm excited for the rest of our JV games!"
The JV girls will continue their season with another 2-quarter game against Stockton on Tuesday, December 18.



Thunderhawks STEAM Forward

By Jessi Bernbeck, Staff Reporter
Every year, the entire Wheatland High School staff comes together to figure out a way to challenge the students using STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics).
This year, they challenged the students to make a launching device, such as a trebuchet, catapult, a slingshot-type of design, or whatever the students research and choose. Also, this year they included the four students in Applied Technology to help with ideas concerning what types of material and what is going to be launched. The four students include: Juniors Jordan Katt, Harrison Stephens, Tyler Haffner, and Colter Allemang.
The idea will be launched on Dec. 19, when the students start brainstorming ideas and coming up with what they believe will work best. After the break,



students will get Jan. 4 and 5 to finish their idea. Small models will be done on Jan. 5, but larger launching devices will be made available for public viewing later in the semester. The day on which the competition and launches will take place is as yet undecided and will be announced in the future.



THUNDERHAWKS START NEW TRADITION

By Mikayla Heier, Copy Editor
This month, students in every WHS English and Speech class had to memorize a poem and be able to not just recite it but perform it. This competition is called Poetry Out Loud, and students from all around the country compete in this contest. It starts in the class competition, then school-wide, then on to regionals, then state, and then nationals.
On Monday, December 17, the class competitions were held at WHS; from there the students who won out of the class competition went on to the school-wide competition.
On Wednesday, December 19, the school-wide competition was held with 14 students who made it to the school competition. These students recited two different poems, one for each round of

competition.
The students who competed were Seniors Zach Gillespie and Cauly Meier, Juniors Eidree Chapin, Ethan Beckman, Jordyn Vincent, and Delta Dawn Torres, Sophomores Jailey Gallentine, Madison Kline, Kirsten Schroeder, Isaiah Dickman, Elliot Godek, and Trevor Zarybnicky, and Freshmen Isabella Ostmeier and Tyra Schultz.
Chapin, Gillespie, and Schultz received Honorable Mention while Godek received third place, Vincent received second place, and Torres was recognized as the Thunderhawk Poetry Out Loud champion.
Torres will be competing at Regionals on Saturday, January 19, 2019 in Hays. If she moves on from Regionals, she will compete at State, which will be held in Salina in March.

StuCo Brings the Spirit



By Morgan Zimmerman, Staff Reporter
Wheatland High School hosted a Christmas Spirit Week. It took place on the 17-19. Monday was to dress up in red and green. Tuesday was ugly sweaters, and Wednesday was Christmas décor. On Tuesday, right after lunch, there was a contest for the ugly sweaters. There were many participants, but there were only 3 winners, although all those who participated got a pizza party. Coming in third place was Freshman Trey Vincent, second place was Freshman Tyrell Chapin, and winning the contest was Junior Eidree Chapin. The winners each received a bag of candy.
Contest Judge Will Bixenman said, "All of the kids' sweaters



looked great."
StuCo also put on a tree decorating contest. The theme for decorating was Christmas movies. Each class had to pick a movie they could represent by decorating a Christmas tree. The trees had to be decorated by Dec. 13 and they were judged on Dec. 18. The seniors came in last place with the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. Sophomores were third with the movie *Christmas with the Cranks*. The freshmen came in second place with the movie *Home Alone* and winning this year's Christmas tree decorating contest was the juniors. Their movie was *The Grinch*. The winning team got to choose between \$50 to their class fund or a pizza party.

Watching NASA Probe Land on Mars



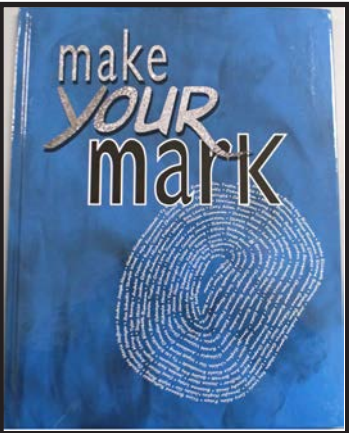
4th grade watching the NASA probe land on Mars. (WES photo)

Thunderhawks Shoot to Win



By Mikayla Heier, Copy Editor
On Dec. 8, the Thunderhawk basketball teams played in the final rounds of the Castle Rock Classic tournament. The girls' varsity team finished the tournament in fifth place, beating Quinter with the score of 48-42 resulting in the first win of the season. Freshman Anna Godek led the team in scoring with 17 points, and Senior Nicole Holaday led the team in rebounding with nine in total, while Junior Morgan Zimmerman was close behind with eight total rebounds.
On Dec. 8, the boys' varsity team played Dighton and took a tough and close loss; the ending score was 52-55. Sophomore Trevor Zarybnicky led the scoring with a total of 18 points while Junior Tyler Haffner was close behind with 16 total points. Zarybnicky also led the team in rebounding with a total of eight rebounds.
On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Thunderhawk teams traveled to Ellis to play three full games and one half game against the Railroaders. The Lady Thunderhawks played half of a junior varsity game which resulted in another win for their record. The Lady Thunderhawks also played a varsity game, in which they lost with the ending score being 31-36. Junior Jessi Bernbeck led the team in scoring with 15 points while Senior Angel Mong led the team in rebounds with nine in total.
On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the boys' junior varsity played a full game which resulted in a loss, making it their first loss for their season. The boys' varsity also took another tough loss with the ending score of 22-36 adding another loss to their record. Junior Tyler Haffner led the team with 10 points, and also led the team in rebounding with eight total rebounds.

Come Get a Yearbook



By Saige Meier, Photo Editor
The Wheatland Journalism class has extra yearbooks from past years, including 2015, 2017, and 2018. If you would like one, contact the high school at 785-673-4223 and ask for Mrs. Zerr. Yearbooks up until 2017 are \$20 while supplies last, and the 2018 books are \$45 while supplies last. Going forward, the 2018-2019 yearbook, which will be released this coming spring, can be purchased on the TreeRing website for \$27.
Yearbooks allow you to remember "the good old days," and parents of teens in from these years, and you don't currently have a yearbook, you could see how goofy your kids were in high school. Even if you don't have kids in these years, then you can still get one and see all the good times we had at Wheatland High School.

Making Science Out of Oobleck!



(Left) Branton Goetz and Andrew Frecks making oobleck as part of science, specifically states of matter. (WES photo)

FACS Class Leaves Freshman in Stitches



By Eidree Chapin, Editor-in-Chief

The WHS freshman FACS class students sewed aprons to use in the kitchen when cooking. There were many different styles and colors of aprons made. Some students also made more than one apron to give to other people as gifts.
Freshman Isaac Mendez said, "I thought it was fun. It was easier than what I expected. I felt like sewing helped me because now I know how to sew."
The class also made Christmas stockings once they were finished with their aprons. They too, were made of many different colors and patterns.

Electric Car Gains Knowledge

By Jett Schmidtberger, Staff Reporter
The Electric Car organization of Wheatland High School traveled to Haydon, December 12, to attend a seminar. The seminar had a load of new information that can be used to build and/or make the cars more efficient.
Senior Zach Gillespie, Vice President of Electric Car said, "There was a lot of tips and advice that they had to offer, which I think will be beneficial to the Electric Car organization. I think it will help us in the races, too."
It was a seminar that provided information about safety, how to make the car/battery more efficient, and ways to build a durable car.

Freshman Tyra Schultz said, "It was fun and a neat experience. I will use my stocking during the Christmas season."
Every year, each freshman FACS class completes these projects.
The FACS teacher, Mrs. Reba White, said, "I have the students learn how to sew so they will know what the quality of the clothing is. I think it's important to know how to sew. It is a very important life skill. Sewing is also a possible career for some students. The clothing industry is improving, and they will need more employees as they improve."
The next unit the class will be studying is cooking.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of IMOGENE TOOTHAKER, Deceased.

Case No. 1999-PR-000002

NOTICE OF HEARING ON

PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the **14th day of January 2019, at 11:00 a.m.** of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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BOE Minutes 12/17/2018

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

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE BOARD MEMBERS: Leonard Weber, Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle, Margery Haas, Reba White, Lola Baalman
SUPERINTENDENT: Jim Howard

CLERK: Mandy Shipley
TREASURER: Diane Stithem
PRINCIPALS: Mark Wildeman
GUESTS: David Villines, Carey Leonard, Maiah Castle, Sam Bretz, Trinity Balluch, Tennille Giancola, Lance Baar, Lisa Weimer, Megan Beiker
ABSENT: Billi Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the ag salute.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved with the date of the meeting amended from 12/12/18 to 12/17/18 (Weber/Haas 7-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present.

The senior class representatives present were addressed by the Board and given the opportunity to ask the Board for permission for the senior trip to be an overnight stay. The dates proposed were a departure on May 4, 2019, returning on May 5, 2019. Maiah Castle and Sam Bretz gave an overview of the itinerary and estimated costs for the trip, and then presented fundraising opportunities that would cover a majority of the costs. They will have 2 quarters of beef and a brand-new set of tires to raffle with tickets costing \$20 each or 3 tickets for \$50, as well as gift cards donated by local businesses with raffle tickets costing \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The raffle drawing will take place on February 12, 2019, at half time of the boys' varsity basketball game. The Board came to a consensus that the overnight stay should be allowed and were impressed with the presentation.

Maiah Castle, Sam Bretz, and Trinity Balluch left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

David Villines and Carey Leonard with Johnson Controls presented information about their company that specializes in helping districts plan for and follow through with improvements ranging from new windows to new buildings. The general consensus of the Board was to have Johnson Controls perform a needs assessment for the district at no cost and move forward in the process from there if deemed necessary.

Reba White requested more lighting on the south side of the High School building, specifically the auditorium doors. Lighting has been added to the south side main entrance doors, so Mr. Wildeman did not think it would be an issue to handle her request.

The Board moved to approve the consent agenda as presented (Haas/Weber 7-0).

Jim Howard provided the Board with updates on progress with Board goals. He began with the second goal, technology complementing student learning, and presented the technology report and provided the minutes from the last committee meeting. He then turned over the update on goal three, the guidance department will be developed to assist all students to have success, to Tennille Giancola. She reported that nine senior students will begin professional learning experiences next semester in the areas of electrical, precision farming, education, chiropractic/medical, and nursing. She also informed the Board that beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the high school will offer a total of 9 pathways for students, up from the 3 currently offered. Those pathways are 1) Comprehensive Agriculture Science, 2) Power, Structural, and Technical Systems, 3) Family, Community, and Consumer Science, 4) Early Childhood Development & Services, 5) Teaching and Training, 6) Business Finance, 7) Health Science, 8) Animal Science, and 9) Construction and Design. She concluded, and Jim Howard continued Board Goals by addressing goal one, effective evaluations. Lance Baar was present to discuss coaching evaluations.

Tennille Giancola and Diane Stithem left the meeting at 7:51 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:52 PM to discuss coaching evaluations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Mark Wildeman, and Lance Baar present, returning to open session at 8:07 PM in the BOE room (Castle/White 7-0).

Lance Baar left the meeting at 8:08 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:10 PM to discuss the scal audit pursuant to the exception for data related to nancial affairs under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 8:20 PM (Bretz/Baalman 7-0).

The Board entered into executive session at 8:21 PM to discuss the scal audit pursuant to the exception for data related to nancial affairs under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard and Mandy Shipley present, returning to open session at 8:26 PM (Bretz/Baalman 7-0).

Jim Howard informed the Board that issues with payment for the paint job on the Activity bus had been resolved.

Jim Howard shared his Principal's Report for Hoxie JR/ SR High. He informed the Board that due mainly to ineligibility, Debate was unable to compete at regionals, thus ending their competition season earlier than planned. He also commented on why the High School play was cancelled, citing late withdrawals of students from the play as the main reason. He continued by informing the Board that Sueanne Hill had received the "Outstanding Service Award" from the NWKL, which entitles her to a lifetime league pass. He then provided information on both Junior High and High School basketball and wrapped up by reiterating Mrs. Giancola's earlier discussion regarding progress with the Guidance Department.

Leonard Weber did not have anything to report from the latest NKESC meeting, but copies of the minutes were provided to the Board.

Margery Haas reported that the legislatures would return to office in January but had nothing further to report.

The Technology Report was

reviewed during Board Goal updates and was not revisited.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendent's Report. He discussed events in the district since the last regular Board meeting, which included the Administrators serving lunch and the Superintendents Council he attended in Sublette. He concluded by informing the Board he would take over testing coordinator duties, giving an update on progress with KESA, and letting them know he would have winter MAP data ready for them at the January Board meeting.

Another bid was given to the Board for a freezer for Food Service. A decision will be made on replacing vs. repairing the freezer at a future Board meeting.

The Board was provided with the Superintendent evaluation form they used the prior year but were also given an alternate form as an option. They chose to use the new form and will have a special meeting on January 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM to discuss and complete the evaluation to be given to Mr. Howard at the regular January 14 Board meeting.

Megan Beiker and Lisa Weimer left the meeting at 8:53 PM.

The Board took a break at 8:53 PM and returned to open session at 8:57 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:58 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, and new hires pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:13 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:14 PM to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for 30 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:44 PM in the BOE room (Haas/Baalman 7-0).

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 9:46 PM.

BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT
Approved this 14th day of January 2019

MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK

BOT Minutes

Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm in the Conference Room. Members in attendance were Lucille Heim, Leanna Sloan, Michael Mullins. Also present was Niceta Farber, Michael O'Dell, and Rebecca Bird.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with two additions. 4-0

Long Term Care and Assisted Living room rates were reviewed and discussed. The last rate increase went into effect on March 1, 2017. The main driver of the rate increase in Assisted Living is due to the KDADs survey requirement for 24/7

An Assisted Living rate increase will be pending research from legal counsel regarding the license.

Ken Eland entered the meeting at 12:10 pm.

The Long Term Care proposed increase were discussed. The Medicaid case mix is \$232.00 as of July 1, 2018 indicating the costs have increased for Long Term Care services. A motion was made to raise the Long Term Care room rates by 6% for semi-private rooms and 10% for private rooms, rounded to the nearest dollar, effective February 1, 2019. 5-0

Private pay swing bed rates were reviewed and is not a common occurrence. Consensus is not to raise private pay swing bed rates. Lifeline rates were reviewed. Peggy is looking into Lifeline products and rates will be reviewed once research is completed.

Increasing the company credit card limit to \$15,000 was discussed. The current process was discussed including monitoring and extra payments made as needed. Consensus is to maintain the \$10,000 credit

card limit and current process.

Selden Clinic proposed hours effective January 1, 2019 would be Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This was the proposed day from Selden community members as they have a community luncheon that day.

Housing for Wichita students was discussed. The current housing options will be utilized for each rotation lasting approximately 6 weeks.

KDADs issued a civil penalty of \$2,500 from the Assisted Living survey and was paid immediately to avoid additional fees.

CMS has issued regulations for hospital pricing transparency. The facility charge master will have to be available on the facility website as of January 1, 2019. KHA is helping to develop policies and disclosures for facilities.

The facility made a contribution of \$4,900 to the Sheridan County Community Foundation for match day.

A contributor has pledged \$10,000 in stocks towards the tax credit program which would require establishing an account with Jake Moss. These stocks would be liquidated once received. A motion was made to approve establishing an account with Jake Moss. 5-0

Discussion was held on a revolving loan fund with Western Cooperative for \$68,000 to fund the portion of the telemetry system not covered by the Hansen Foundation grant award. Consensus is to hold on making a decision until the interest rate known.

The reference lab vendor was discussed. The contract with AMS, the current vendor, will expire in January 2021. Via Christi owns AMS and does not want to work with smaller facilities. However, AMS paid for the interface with Evident with a 5-year agreement. AMS will be contacted about terminating the remaining contract and any associated fees.

Staff utilization of private vehicles for delivering meals-on-wheels was discussed. Employees are reimbursed per mile at the current IRS rate and are covered by the facility liability insurance.

The Inclement Weather Policy was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Inclement Weather Policy as presented. 5-0

Tim Lee entered the meeting to review and discuss concrete proposals. The proposed project would be to redo a section of the northeast parking lot, replace concrete ramp, and build an Assisted Living handicap ramp. Staff preference is to use rebar for these projects. The one vendor will be contacted to rebid the project for rebar and a third vendor will be contacted for price comparison.

Bids for the LTC window project were reviewed and discussed. Jason Stewart and T.A. Woods priced windows through Selden. It will take approximately 4 weeks for windows to be delivered once ordered. It was discussed to wait until a heating and air system is implemented. Consensus was to continue with window installation as timeline for heating and air system is unknown. A motion was made to approve Jason Stewart's bid as presented. 5-0

The building project update was discussed. The Acute blueprint from CG was reviewed. The design is for 9 beds in order to be ADA compliant. Room 10 would be available to accommodate another bed in emergency situations. Proposal would be to complete in 2-3 phases, so rooms are still available. Plan specs will be ready for the town hall meeting on December 4, 2018. Consensus is to continue with the presented plan. The LMI survey was discussed. LMI designation would only be applicable until the next census survey in 2020 and then the city of Hoxie residents would qualify. Consensus is not to pursue LMI surveys at this time with the current timeline

and other pending projects. Tax credit are being mailed to donors once received. Contractors have been contacted regarding bids to replace windows and remove the wood for Central Supply remodel.

Provider updates were discussed. Niceta and Mike attended the Rural Recruitment Reimagined workshop in Wichita providing Q&A insight for provider recruitment.

The 340b program update was discussed. BKD completed their audit and will release their as a recommendation

to the Board. Staff have already implemented some recommendations with SunRx.

The Rawlins County Dental Clinic update was discussed. The Clinic has begun receiving payment for these dental services.

Board minutes from the October 22, 2018 regular meeting was discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 22, 2018 regular meeting as presented. 5-0

The statements and analysis were reviewed.

The bad debt write-offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debt write-offs for October 2018 in the amount of \$6,953.51 for the Hospital and \$4,001.21 for the Clinic and pursue in small claims for those within Sheridan and surrounding counties. 5-0

A motion was made to approve October Accounts Payable in the amount of \$642,049.52. 5-0

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

The proposed budget was reviewed. Initiatives and projected start date were reviewed including a second physician, Rawlins County Dental Clinic, a part-time dentist, Assisted Living coverage, mid-level position, Ray's Pharmacy, telepsychiatry, building project, merit increase, and new positions.

Grant submissions were discussed. Dane G. Hansen awarded \$50,000 for the cardiac monitoring system.

The FQHC report was reviewed. HRSA remodeling funds were awarded for Behavioral Health including funds for remodeling. HRSA will be contacted for an extension to provide plans.

Employee updates were reviewed.

Misty Stewart entered the meeting to present the LTC report. Census, and Assisted Living transition were reviewed. U.S. News completes an overall rating of nursing homes and rankings were distributed.

Shelly Eberle entered the meeting to present the Physical Therapy report. The department is staffed with Shelly and Morgan Farber and Becci Baker is contracted for PT services 2 full days per week. Compared to 2017, the department has completed 863 more PT modalities, 314 more in OT, 137 more in ST through October 2018. The increase is driven by having a physical therapist available 2 days per week, having another aid full time to complete visits, and the acuity level of swing bed patients. Women's health services were implemented this year. Mimedx treatment for wound care dressing was also implemented.

Leanna exited the meeting at 4:55 pm.

Corporate Compliance procedure manual was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Corporate Compliance Policy & Procedure manual as presented. 4-0

Teresa Poage entered the meeting to present the QAPI and Risk Management reports. Press Ganey reports did not have many surveys completed for review. ER stats were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, December 17, 2018 at 11:30 am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:12pm. 4-0

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Our New Year's resolution is to...

...let the younger kids play with us too!

Kids: color stuff in!

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Ringing in the New Year!

Okay, okay! So you caught me ringing the bells to wish everyone a joyful New Year. Get with the program already and get this puzzle done!

Family Fun:

- watch a _____ game on TV.
- decorate house with streamers and _____
- _____ the night away with your friends and family
- serve favorite _____
- visit with your _____ and friends
- play _____ to _____
- dance the night away
- make and keep _____ to do something better in the new year
- _____ to health, wealth, and good luck
- cheer with _____ and horns
- _____ up new calendars

Community Fun:

- _____ falling from the sky
- _____ exploding in the air
- _____ with lots of food and dancing
- _____ playing Auld Lang Syne
- line the streets to watch the _____
- attend special _____ services
- warm and bright _____ blazing
- _____ ring in the New Year
- glowing _____ drops at midnight
- _____ entertain with beautiful music

How time flies!

In the U.S.A. there is a three-hour time difference between the east coast city of New York and the west coast city of San Francisco. In Canada there is also a three-hour time difference between the eastern city of Montreal and the west coast city of Vancouver.

When the clocks in New York City and Montreal strike midnight and people there are welcoming in the new year, what time is it in San Francisco and Vancouver?

Western Coast San Francisco, U.S.A. _____

Eastern Coast New York City, U.S.A. 12:00 a.m.

Vancouver, CAN _____ Montreal, CAN _____

Use this color key to fill in the puzzle: R = Red Y = Yellow

and

What Time is it? The New Year is a time to visit and think about:

Everyone is talking about New Year's **resolutions**. Do you know what a **"resolution"** is? It is a promise to break an old habit or to start something new. It is a promise to work on something to get a result. For example: "If I play with my dog every day, maybe I can teach him a new trick." Match the first half of the phrases below to the ones that finish them:

If I: 1. do my chores swiftly 2. do odd jobs 3. keep a diary 4. exercise more 5. read a lot 6. practice

Then I: A. will be in better health B. will have more time to play C. will earn more money D. will get better E. won't forget things F. learn new words and new ideas

If I: 1. save my money 2. treat others well 3. do my homework 4. keep my room clean 5. take care of my things 6. keep clean, comb my hair

Then I: A. will get better grades B. can buy myself nice things C. will have them for a long time D. will be treated well by others E. will look my best F. can find my things

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - FEEL AFFECTION FOR

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Why does everyone like Frosty the Snowman?

ADMIRE
ADORE
APPRECIATE
CARE FOR
CLASP
DOTE ON
ENJOY
ESTEEM
FANCY
FAVOR
HAIL
HONOR
LIKE
LOVE
PRAISE
PRIZE
REGARD
TREASURE

Y	O	J	N	E	R	I	M	D	A
C	E	C	L	A	S	P	B	P	D
N	R	H	A	I	L	T	P	E	O
A	U	C	A	R	U	E	S	R	E
F	S	D	O	T	E	O	N	E	
A	A	L	E	C	H	F	E	L	M
V	E	I	I	H	O	N	O	R	S
O	R	A	S	K	O	V	C	R	O
R	T	O	L	R	E	G	A	R	D
E	S	I	A	R	P	R	I	Z	E

Riddle answer: _____

Kids' Maze

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Frame is different. 3. Hassock scallop is missing. 4. Clock is missing. 5. Clown is missing. 6. Remote control is missing.

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: J equals E

AJ HSC EPSL MJZJS HR

OJJZJ RDS OPSJMHQ. PTHJS

PNN, AJ ARDNLM'H APMH HR

SDTTNJ PMC TPHEJSQ.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Tally	___ O ___	Frighten	___ A ___
2. Hemingway's fish	___ L ___	Short or Lulher	___ T ___
3. Fuzzy fruit	___ A ___	Roost	___ R ___
4. Victory wreath	___ L ___	Actress Bacall	___ N ___
5. Disclose	___ V ___	Rescind	___ P ___
6. Fetch	___ G ___	The very edge	___ K ___
7. Big rig	___ U ___	Runner's pathway	___ A ___
8. Waiver	___ A ___	Put through a sieve	___ I ___
9. Foot joint	___ K ___	Fish for	___ G ___
10. Showy dresser	___ N ___	Papa	___ D ___

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS TERRIBLE! THE GROUND IS ALL FROZEN!
THIS IS HORRIBLE! IT'S GOTTA BE 20 BELOW!
THIS ICE AND BLOWING SNOW IS JUST AWFUL!
CAN'T I CLEAN MY ROOM LATER? IT'S NICE OUT!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

WHAT A GREAT PARTY!
IT IS! BUT ZIVA NOT SURE IF THE NIGHT IS NOT THE HOUR, OFF THE BEACH OR OFF THE GRID.
LIMBO, LIMBO!

MAGIC MAZE • ORVILLE AND WILBUR

MXLURP MJGDAXVSQ
NKSELCYCIBIFDAE
XVTQONOMJHFCAYCW
URPNLNJHDKFDNBZ
XVNTROQOIESAMKI
HFDORBROTHERSBHS
ZYVWVTTTRDFEECLP
QONREYLLFLNDTWLO
KIHFNENALPRIAAOR
DCAZXWVDUPLWYRP
SRQO3091THGIRWN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

1903 Airplane	Dayton Flyer	Pitch Powered Gliders	Wind tunnel Wright Yaw
Bicycles	France		
Brothers			

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

QUITE A COMPLEMENT

ACROSS

- Like whisked eggs
- 11th U.S. president
- Two — kind
- OshKosh — (clothing brand)
- Rio Grande city
- Turn about an axis
- Hoop part
- Supply (with)
- Reach
- Back in the day
- Gird one's —
- Elena Kagan and others
- Govt. ecology org.
- Biblical verb ending
- Suffix with front or cloth
- hall (U. hangout)
- Limbo and others
- Vast quantity
- Motel cousin
- "Alley- —" (1960 #1 hit)
- "So it is!"
- Euterpe and others
- Cleveland NBAer
- Actor Sacha Baron —
- Post-it initialism
- Up until now
- Prior to, in poetry
- Parisian pal
- Italy's loc.
- Way of carrying oneself
- Wooded region in France
- Kitchen and others
- Still a bit firm, as cooked pasta
- Russian city or region
- Barrett of Pink Floyd
- ThinkPad maker, once
- Spy novelist John le —
- "Boy, — ever!"
- Init. on a battleship
- Delhi's home
- Noted time
- Shortstop and others
- Tire trappers
- Wall-to-wall, e.g.
- Water in one fontaine
- Pop singer Brickell
- Nitrogen or carbon, e.g.
- Intimidates, with "out"
- Margarine
- Maui feast
- Deborah of old films
- Mouth pain relief brand
- Singer Tori
- Lsm
- Dumplings in an Italian restaurant
- Dog of comics
- Phoenix NBA team
- a Rebel" (1962 hit)
- Bic Clic —
- Summer, in France
- Overused theme
- Arthur with a racket
- Gas in glass
- 103, to Nero
- Mag for an entrepreneur
- It's stranded in cells
- "Help!" from a helmsman
- City north of San Diego
- Hear (of)
- Flood control structure
- Longtime record label
- Kippur
- Very inferior
- Valuable
- Lamb-in-pita treat
- Geologist Sir Charles —
- Bistro list
- Chronicle
- See 96-Across
- Pro trained in trauma
- Callas of opera
- Cola cubes
- Large chasm
- Angling need
- Atop, in verse
- Certain ground-floor apartment
- Tyro PC gamer, say
- Petro-Canada rival
- Sour in taste
- Actor Lash of Westerns
- Post office container
- Mothers
- TV host Ellen
- , and away!
- Possible reply to "Who's there?"
- Shoe brand
- Scout
- Toyota Sequoia, e.g.
- ESPN anchor Bob
- Flee quickly
- He played Andy Torres on "Cougar Town"
- Spells, as of luck
- Prime period
- Not far from
- Fly alone
- Age-old flu-fighting drink
- Yoga chants
- Iranian city
- Quick cuts
- coating
- More — likely
- Test by lifting
- Sitar player Shankar
- Pride parade
- initialism
- Lee (food brand)
- Camelot wife
- Big admirers
- Comic Dunn
- Alias abbr.

DOWN

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answers

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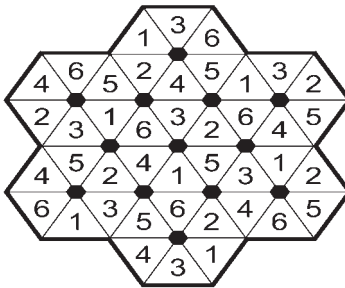
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