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## TAXPAYERS' REPORT

In a little more than a month from now, we will be receiving our valuation notices on all the property in Sheridan County. The main reason our property taxes have escalated to such an excessively high level is because of the unrealistic increase in the valuation of properties all across the state of Kansas.

Home and business owners are increasingly concerned about their continually growing property taxes. Here in Kansas, property taxes have increased \$1 billion in the past 10 years! This is consistent with our Sheridan County property tax, which has doubled during those 10 years.

Make no mistake about the effect of excessively high property taxes. At the end of the day, property taxes are about people and their quality of life, their ability to afford a home, their ability to make a living, and their ability to remain in a small rural area.

The most important factor would be how much tax we are paying per person in these counties. As you can see, some of these counties are taxing excessive amounts compared with the population of the county. In most of these counties the population has remained almost the same or decreased in the past 10 years. However, the property tax has doubled during that same time.

The level of property tax in Kansas, but more specifically in rural Kansas, is unsustainable and unaffordable. Please refer to the chart below where you can compare the Sheridan County per capita tax with other rural Kansas counties.

Thank you for reading and God Bless!

WES BANTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

2019 Tax Comparisons			
County	Population	Levy Tax	Tax per Capita
Decatur	2871	\$6,605,168	\$2,300
Ellis	28710	\$25,028,696	\$872
Gove	2612	\$8,011,548	\$3,067
Graham	2492	\$9,856,064	\$3,955
Grey	6033	\$10,010,124	\$1,659
Logan	2844	\$7,550,726	\$2,655
Norton	5430	\$8,522,937	\$1,570
Osborne	3475	\$7,354,463	\$2,110
Phillips	5317	\$8,839,147	\$1,662
Rooks	5013	\$9,143,297	\$1,824
Scott	4897	\$14,377,118	\$2,936
<b>Sheridan</b>	<b>2533</b>	<b>\$8,547,332</b>	<b>\$3,374</b>
Smith	3603	\$9,865,832	\$2,738
Thomas	7711	\$8,688,851	\$1,127

Please compare Sheridan County per capita taxes in 2010 with 2019.

Sheridan County Per Capita Tax			
2010 Sheridan	2500	\$3,154,012	\$1,261
2019 Sheridan	2533	\$8,547,332	\$3,374

## Contractors Requested to Attend Commissioners' Meeting

Sheridan County Commissioners are asking any interested contractors to come to the Commissioner's Meeting on Wednesday, February 5 at 10:30 to discuss whether or not to remain in the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group (NWLEPG). This organization performs water testing, inspects complaints of sewage water runoff, permits construction of septic systems, issues water well permits and inspect wells that have been reported as not capped.

## Recycle Center Now Open

For the next few weeks, residents of Sheridan County are encouraged to visit the Recycling Center on Friday afternoons from 1-4. They can have a tour and ask questions of the Road & Bridge employees. The County wants to encourage all residents to recycle. Further information will be coming about the recycling hours of operation, etc.

## Twenty-four Organizations to Receive Match Day Funds

The public is invited to attend the upcoming Give & Grow Sheridan County Match Day Check Presentation Ceremony to occur during halftime (at approx. 8 p.m.) of the Hoxie High School Boys' basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, at the Hoxie High School Gymnasium. The ceremony and fundraising campaign are sponsored by the Sheridan County Community Foundation.

At this event, the twenty-four local non-profits which participated in the giving day campaign will receive the funds raised during the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> fundraising event. The evening will also include the drawing for the winner of the 50/50 Raffle prize of a minimum of \$2,500 and an additional \$1,000 in grant funding to be distributed to a participating 2019 Match Day charity(ies) of the winner's choosing. Raffle tickets are currently available for purchase up until the drawing. They are \$50 each or six for \$250 and may be purchased from any board member: Michelle Foote, 675-1298; Jodi Rogers, 675-8447; Harry Joe Pratt, 657-7008; Mike Menze, 675-8563; Krista Mauck, 741-2380; William Slipke, 567-7587; Teri Moss, 221-5159; or Board Liaison Karl Pratt, 675-1240.

The organizations and their respective project/events that participated in the campaign included:

**All Stars for Jesus:** Help cover the expenses of the Inflation-o-fun Year End outreach party; purchase of Bibles for Christmas.

**Christ Community Church of Hoxie (Youth Group):** For the "fifth quarter" program which provides a safe and fun place to go for students after home football games; to provide food and entertainment to keep the youth off the streets.

**Hoxie Golf Club, Inc:** Construct concrete golf cart paths on the golf course. The course allows for youth to participate in recreational golf, it is a representation of our High School Golf and Cross Country teams and is also an outlet for several charitable organizations to raise money.

**Sheridan County EMS:** Provide reduced cost classes on Stop the Bleed and CPR/First Aid, and place Stop the Bleed

Kits at locations throughout the community; have a community access AED program.

**Developmental Services of NWKS:** The goal of the Hoxie DSNWK Community Garden is to create a multi-use community centerpiece. The garden will be more than just a set of raised vegetable beds; rather it will be an open and welcoming space that encourages students and community members to sow seeds of community. This year it is our goal to add a door from the inside and add a concrete picnic area.

**Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry:** Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes that provide a traditional holiday meal and additional food items to help members of the community in need.

**Hoxie Boy Scouts:** Help in the purchase of supplies for service projects including Veterans and Memorial Day flags, trash bags for road cleanup and merit badge/camping supplies (new tents) and activities.

**Hoxie FFA Alumni:** Assist the Youth of the Hoxie FFA Chapter with their annual chapter banquet.

**Hoxie Recreation:** Ball Diamonds Improvements... renovating or constructing a new Concessions building; move field two back to allow for bigger dugouts on all fields, new fencing supplies, etc.

**Hoxie United Methodist Connect on Wednesdays:** Connect On Wednesday offers an informal evening of fun and fellowship for all ages. Each Wednesday begins with a meal followed by small groups for all ages. Match Day contributions will be used to help provide these meals and learning materials for each small group.

**Indian Pride Booster Club:** New sound system for the HHS gymnasium and football field.

**Main Street Arts Council:** Expand Main Street Art Walk to bring in FHSU art professors and graduate students demonstrations/hands on activities for attendees; purchase costume cataloging software supplies to document costumes obtained from past and future

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## The Sheridan Sentinel Welcomes New Ad Manager



Hayden and Brittany Lewis (Lewis Family photo)

Brittany Lewis is The Sheridan Sentinel's new Advertising Manager. She is from south of Grinnell, KS.

Born outside of Colby, Brittany has always called NWKS her home. She graduated from Colby, Class of 2009, spending two years at Kansas State University studying photography and business. She states, "After college I purchased a house in Washington, KS, where my dad's family lives and ran my photography studio on Mainstreet. My first newspaper job landed across the street from the studio, where I designed ads and worked on page layouts. As fate would have it, the week I opened my studio, I met my future husband, who was from Gove."

She continues, "Flash

forward to the present, I married Hayden Lewis in 2015, and we have been blessed with two boys, Gavin, age 2, and Brigham, 3 months. We live out in the country, close to the Lewis Family farm, raising cattle and farming."

Brittany's goal as Advertising Manager is to help rural businesses expand their business and sales through advertising in our paper and online. She says, "The Sheridan Sentinel is a perfect place for me to build relationships in Hoxie and the surrounding areas, and help promote our rural way of life."

*The Sheridan Sentinel is very happy to have Brittany on board! With the plans that are in the works, Brittany will be a vital part of those plans going forward.*

40s, and 50s, severe water management problems were going on in the state of Kansas, so a result our legislature passed the Watershed District Act in 1953 ("Kansas Department of Agriculture" 1). Watersheds provide critical services, such as clean drinking water, productive fisheries, and outdoor recreation. All of this helps to support our economies, environment, and quality of life. Now you may be asking yourself what is going on with watersheds? The truth is pollution is negatively affecting watersheds and is affecting our water supply.

There are two types of pollution, point source pollution and nonpoint source pollution. In this case, an example of point source pollution, or direct contamination, would be industrial waste from a factory pouring into a river. In my area of Kansas, feedlots are regulated so that the waste from cattle do not become point source pollution and contaminate our water. An example of indirect contamination, or nonpoint pollution, would be plastic getting into the waterways. According to the NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, one of the most significant threats to waterways and aquatic ecosystems is stormwater runoff. When it snows or rains, the water goes through the watershed and pickups

contaminants, pollutants, and soil. According to Stacie Minson, a KSU watershed specialist, diapers on the streets and parking lots are a big problem in the city of Hays because they get into the waterways when the rain picks them up ("Minson"). If the water runoff isn't filtered or treated, these pollutants go directly into the waterways. These pollutants can then eventually be carried all the way to streams and other large bodies of water. In the western part of Kansas, agriculture is one of our primary sources of income, so we have pollution like pesticides, fertilizers, and animal waste that can get into our waterways. Problems that can result from not keeping our watersheds healthy include the loss of habitats, invasive species appearing, worsening water problems, and climate change. But what can we do to avoid these things from happening?

One thing that the EPA is doing is that they created the Healthy Watersheds Program to bring more attention to protecting the quality of water and the lifespan of our aquifers (Environmental Protection Agency 1). Something we can do is when we water our lawns is water them wisely, especially when using pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Make sure to not over-fertilize and to use these

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## GP Students Place in Sheridan County Conservation District Contest

*By Judy Rogers*

Joseph Yanez-Perez and Karlissa Shepherd were recognized by the Sheridan County Conservation District at an assembly at Golden Plains High School in December for their performances at the 2019 Sheridan County District Speech Contest. Joseph placed first and Karlissa placed third in the county contest. As the county winner, Joseph presented at the Regional contest in Oakley where he also placed first.

He then presented at the state contest in Wichita where he placed third overall. This was Joseph's third year to compete in the conservation contest but his first year to make it to state. "It was exciting to win at the local level and compete at state," said Yanez-Perez. "The prize money will be helpful as I prepare to go to college in the fall."

His speech is quoted below.

**Our Watersheds, Our Home**  
Joseph Yanez-Perez

The University of Rhode Island defines a watershed as any area of land that drains rainfall and water to a collective body of water like lakes, rivers, and streams ("The University of Rhode Island" 1). The EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, states that "all of the land of the United States is a part of a watershed", so that means no matter where you live, we all live in a watershed (Environmental Protection Agency 1). Every watershed is divided or separated from the next watershed by a drainage divide. A drainage divide, according to the University of Rhode Island, is made up of ridges and hills that surround a body of water ("The University of Rhode Island" 1). In the state of Kansas, there are a total of 88 organized watershed districts that make up 22 percent of the landmass throughout the state, as stated by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. During the 1930s,



Golden Plains seniors Karlissa Shepherd and Joseph Yanez-Perez were recognized by the Sheridan County Conservation District for their speeches presented earlier in the year on water conservation. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

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### Words of Faith

Faith is building on what you know is here, so you can reach what you know is there.

Cullen Hightower

### Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 28

Wheat	4.19
Corn	3.41
Milo	3.03
Beans	7.85

### Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
1/19	41	17	--
1/20	27	13	--
1/21	41	15	--
1/22	56	28	--
1/23	48	20	--
1/24	46	19	--
1/25	57	19	--

Join us - Annual Mtg.  
2/10 6:30pm Hoxie Elks

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### Words of Wisdom

Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

# Community News

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News from the Outside  
with John Liester

How's everyone doing? It's been a bit of a struggle the last couple of weeks. Between a back injury from December flaring back up, and a scare with my daughter and her baby, things got a little rough. But now all is better on both fronts so here I am! Did you miss me? I missed this a lot!

Goose hunting has been a hard deal lately. With the beautiful weather and no cold or snow to speak of, they just aren't moving like normal. There are two things I really like when goose hunting. Cold, and high wind. It does a lot to help a hunter. First, geese don't want to fly as far or as high to feed. Second, they feed a lot more often. High wind and cold will have snows really feeding all day. Instead of a morning and an evening flight, they may make several flights a day. Which is a great for hunters!

Saw something last Sunday at Norton that just amused me to no end. About a quarter mile from where our blind was, there were five younger hunters sitting in the trees. The snows were flying alright, just several hundred yards up, and when a flock flew over these guys, well they made the ammo makers happy! I believe every one of those boys emptied their guns. At every flock. It got to the point we would step out and applaud the fine marksmanship we were seeing. I also learned to better clean my auto. First shot I got, and said gun moved slow as molasses. So, I had a very expensive single shot. But that didn't matter because that was the only flock that worked into range. Such is hunting.

Yesterday, I took a guy who'd never been goose hunting. I warned him that with this weather I didn't hold very high hopes for the hunt. We had one flock work us and I hit a big Canada pretty hard. It flew on over the hill to the east. The birds quit flying, so we walked out to my truck to leave, and lying on the road about thirty feet behind the truck was my goose. How

lucky is that? Maybe I should have gotten a lottery ticket! Also, he got some great pictures of eagles, so he was beyond happy!

I had someone the other day ask why I'd gotten so political when I started as an outdoor writer. The answer is simple. If the left takes away just one type of firearm from the law-abiding citizen, they will damned well try to take them all. Which means no more hunting. Period. I'm not going to sit by and let that happen, nor will I be quiet about it. I spent too much of my life letting people decide what was good for me. Sorry folks, I know better than anyone what is good for me. Center mass folks.

I wonder just how proud the Democrats are of Schiff right now? On live television, this fool stated, and rather loudly, that the next election is far too important to be left to the voters. Let that sink in. He thinks even *you* shouldn't have a vote. Isn't this just a lovely party you liberals support? Also, Democrats are screaming to call witnesses in the Senate trial. Sorry, but no. They were supposed to have done all this in the house. They actually turned down the very people they want to testify now. Folks, the only people trying to obstruct anything are the Democrats. They have no case, and they know it. But if they can keep this crapstorm going long enough, it will change the next election. They know they don't stand a chance in hell against Trump and are doing everything they can think of to hurt his reelection. What this also tells is that all of these folks pushing for impeachment are going to be prosecuted for their crimes. Tell me, congressmen make approximately a hundred forty-three thousand a year; how do you become a multimillionaire on that wage? It sure as hell isn't by savings and investments! There's no way they made that much legally. Here, think of this. If you hate Trump after three years of watching the insanity of Socialist Democrats, your dedication to stupidity is quite impressive. Two truths in life. One, you don't get anything for free, and two, any government powerful enough to give you anything, is corrupt enough to take it all. You don't want to live under the control of the elites, vote Republican. Easy enough, isn't it. Good old Joe even has said he'd get rid of the Trump tax deal. You know, the one that lowered your taxes. He sure has your best interests in mind, doesn't he? Just something to think about.

Not much else. If this weather doesn't get cold and snowy, I'll be writing about fishing before long. As always, be safe and enjoy the outside.



### Groundhog Supper

Sunday, February 9  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
Program featuring  
**Roger Cooper**  
at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome Free Will Offering



## Area Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2nd Saturday - each month:**  
9-11am Gove County Food  
Distribution; use alley entrance  
behind 323 Main, Quinter.

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

**Grainfield**  
**Sunday, February 2:**

9am-1pm Grainfield American  
Legion's 'Groundhog Feed'  
sponsored by the Grainfield  
Opera House. Free will offering.  
Meal includes pancakes, eggs,  
and sausage.

### Hays

**Tuesday, February 4:**

6am 5th Annual Brews on  
the Bricks tickets go on sale.  
Live on the website ([www.DowntownHay.com](http://www.DowntownHay.com)) at 7am: 300  
VIP & 600 GA tickets available.  
Prices: VIP-Brews & Bits-\$80 In-  
Office, \$85 Online; GA-\$40 In-  
Office, \$45 Online.

### St. Francis

**Sunday, February 9:**

3pm WPAA presents Folk  
singer Mollie O'Brien at the St.  
Francis High School Auditorium.

### Morland

**Sunday, February 9:**

5:30-6:30pm Groundhog  
Supper at Mt. Pleasant Baptist  
Church. Program featuring  
Roger Cooper at 7pm. Everyone  
welcome. Free will offering.

### Colby

**Sunday, February 16:**

WPAA Board & Affiliates' 50th  
Anniversary Celebration Show  
at the Cultural Arts Center.

### Hoxie

**Tuesday, February 25:**

7pm Strategic Doing at the  
Bowen Scout House. Doors open  
at 6:30pm. Please arrive early for a  
prompt start at 7pm. For more  
information: [www.facebook.com/sheridancf](http://www.facebook.com/sheridancf)

**Tuesday, April 1:**

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

## Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020**

Sheridan County Courthouse

Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Invited

**9am Road & Bridge / Leroy Spresser**  
**9:30am Harry Joe Pratt, County Atty.**  
**9:45am Old Business**  
**10am SCHC**  
**10:45am Dana Hess**

## Grainfield Opera House

**Groundhog Day Feed**  
Sunday, February 2 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grainfield American Legion

Pancakes - Eggs - Sausage - 'mmm' good!

Free will donations - Meals

Sponsored by the Grainfield Opera House Inc.



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**FIRE DEPT. Dist. #1**  
785-675-3773

**EMS**  
785-675-3364

**EMERGENCY MGMT.**  
785-386-8051

**COUNTY CLERK**  
785-675-3451

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.**  
785-675-3621

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
785-675-3102

### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

940 8th St.  
Hoxie, KS 67740  
785-675-2101

Office Hours:  
M-Th 8-6  
F 8-4:30

Nurse Hours:  
M-Th 8:30-6pm

Closed for Lunch 12:30-1

**WIC Clinic**  
M-Th 9-4:30

## Bainter Chiropractic



Dr. Raquelle  
Bainter

Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00

Thursday 2:00 - 5:30

Saturday by Appointment

800 Main St., Hoxie

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## Daily Menu

Sunday & Monday Night:  
Full Breakfast & Regular Menu  
Full Breakfast Menu Every Morning  
7am - 10am

Sunday Noon: 6-Meat Buffet  
w/ Sides & Dessert

Daily Buffet Monday through Friday

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## Farm Bill Meeting

Monday, February 6  
2 - 4 p.m.  
Sheridan 4-H Bldg.  
Basics of the  
ARC/PLC Decision

Learn about the basics of  
the new Farm Bill, hear a  
summary of profitability  
from the Kansas Farm  
Management Association,  
and ask questions of your  
local Farm Service Agency  
professionals! There's no  
cost to attend, but please  
RSVP to your local Twin  
Creeks District office by  
February 4.

Western-Kansas-Child-Advocacy-Center  
HELP FIGHT CHILD ABUSE

**Saturday, February 15**

City Limits, Colby, KS

Doors Open 5:00 p.m. Supper 5:30 p.m.

Live Auction 6:15 p.m.

Gaming 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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♣ Silent & Live

♦ Auctions

♠ "Adopt a Child"

♥ Gun Raffle

♦ 50/50 Drawings

♠ & MORE!

♥♣♦♠♥♣♦♠

FOR TICKETS OR DONATIONS CALL SHANNON KAISER AT 785-657-7221

# Community & SCHC News



## Mealsite Menu

**February 3 ~ February 7**

**Monday:** Pork Cutlet, Hashbrown Casserole, Seasoned Carrots, Bread, Mandarin Oranges

**Tuesday:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Apricots

**Wednesday:** Chicken & Rice Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Fruit Cobbler or Crisp

**Thursday:** Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots & Triangles, Peas, Bun, Peaches

**Friday:** Tuna Salad, Tomato Soup, Tropical Fruit, Crackers, Pudding

*The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday – Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.50 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.50 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.*

## Pastor Chris



### Who Do You Say I Am?

There is a game that I have played with youth during my time as a youth pastor. It is called "Who Am I?" The premise of the game is that you will put the names of different people (real or fictitious) on an index card and tape one card on the back of the participants. However, they are not able to see what the name of the character on the back is. When the game begins, each participant will walk to another participant in the group and ask three yes or no questions. The purpose of the game was to be the first person to guess who you are, which is the name on the index cards. Of course, the game continues until every person answered who they were personally. It was a great way to break the ice, especially for the newcomers, to help them get acquainted with others in the group by opening the line of communication.

In Matthew 16, Jesus asked two "Who Am I?" questions to his disciples. You can read these two questions in Matthew 16:13-20. The first question asked was "Who do others say that I am?" Some said John the Baptist, others said Isaiah, and others said Jeremiah or one of the prophets. There is much to say about these answers, but space prevents me from spending more time on

## Match Day Funds

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theater productions.

**SCHS/HHS Alumni Association:** Purchasing new welcome flags to use on Main Street light poles during the week of Homecoming and possibly during the week of the fair/carnival.

**Scouts BSA Troop 161:** Purchasing an enclosed trailer to use to transport Scout equipment for their camps.

**Sheridan County Amusement Co. Inc.:** Purchase and install electronic brakes on the Tilt-A-Whirl ride and finish a few other repairs on other rides to meet inspection requirements.

**Sheridan County Benefit Walk:** This money would further our efforts to assist people residing in Sheridan County who are experiencing life altering health situations or catastrophic events. Although the monetary grants we can give out are very important, our mission assures individuals that

these answers as to what people said about Jesus. However, what about today? The Barna Research group conducted an online/phone survey in 2014; 92% of the respondents agreed that Jesus was in fact a real person. Of course, the average varies among the different age groups and the same survey showed that the younger the age groups, the lower the percentage of those who believed in the actual existence of Jesus. Answers as to who He was ranged from a great teacher, a good man, or a revolutionary, among other things. The more I looked at the results of these and other surveys, in addition to others and the Biblical text provided, I discovered one glaring fact. The argument is never about whether Jesus existed or not. The argument is about who He is, and now that brings us to the second of the "Who Am I?" questions.

"Who do you say I Am?" The question now becomes personal. Just as much as the question should be personal to us today. "Who is Jesus?" Peter's own confession to 'who Jesus is' is the foundation of the whole Christian life: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Who is Jesus? The Apostle's Creed, which provides a wonderful summary of the teaching of the Apostles cites: "I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord..." Why is such a confession so important to the Christian faith? Why is it important to say that He is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God?" Is it really a matter of life and death? As John neared the completion of his Gospel, he writes: "but these are written so that you may believe

they are not facing challenging times alone; the community is behind them in their struggles.

**Sheridan County Historical Society & Mickey's Museum:** New lighting and a new ceiling put in our east museum room; photo and archival supplies for continual cataloging.

**Sheridan County Hospital:** Upgrade the hospital's commercial washing machine. Creation of therapeutic healing garden in the courtyard for LTC residents and hospital patients.

**Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary:** We do not have a specific project in mind - the supervisors from different places in the hospital come to our meeting and request.

**Sheridan County Public Health:** Install a washer and dryer to do laundry in-house (towels, bibs, etc); update waiting room toys and purchase small toys to be given with immunizations; create a scholarship program - every teen who has completed recommended vaccines by 18 would be entered in a raffle for a

\$500 scholarship.

**Sheridan County Public Library:** Update our bathrooms so that they are handicap accessible, new flooring, and replace the furniture in our current seating area; programming, covering costs for presenters and supplies needed.

**Sheridan County Wellness Center:** Wall repairs and some electrical work. New seats for various equipment and ongoing expenses for security system and maintenance supplies for cleaning equipment, etc.

**St. Frances Cabrini Hoxie CYO/Jr CYO:** Ongoing service and educational events such as Prayer and Action, Youth Work Day, Bazaar, Senior Citizen Dinner, and other service projects, as well as youth conferences and camps.

**USD #412:** Upgrades to the High School auditorium, including new lighting and sound equipment, etc. Viability of bring movie theater back into the auditorium.

November also served as the annual Match Month in a fundraising challenge sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Participating communities that raise up to \$50,000.00 will receive dollar-for-dollar matching funds from the Hansen Foundation with the potential for an additional \$25,000.00. Results of the November 2019 Match Month campaign will also be announced during the ceremony.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. For more information, visit [www.gnwkc.org/sheridan-county-community-foundation](http://www.gnwkc.org/sheridan-county-community-foundation).

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First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church  
1000 Valley  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ  
1541 Oak  
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church  
1325 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Hoxie

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1400 Locust St  
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship  
454 Hwy 24  
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14988 E Rd 70 S  
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# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

*The Kenneth Democrat*  
**Friday, January 29, 1886**  
Steve Leaton lost a cow this week.

Fred Fitch was sick in bed three days last week with rheumatism of the heart.

A. S. Morgan reports heavy losses of stock in the south eastern part of the county.

Hog cholera is playing havoc in the east, and is killing the hogs to an alarming extent.

D. C. Blackwill was caught out in the blizzard and froze his feet so badly that one of them had to be amputated.

O. C. Harris will enlarge his barn immediately by building a 42 foot addition, and his partner, Geo. Odel, will bring 16 head of horses from Nebraska next month.

The party who picked up the four sacks of corn on the trail or road to Buffalo Park is requested to return them and save trouble. The party is known. Leave them at this office or to G. W. Humes.

Hon Jackson Leatherman was in the city Monday and gave this office a call, in conversation he incidentally remarked that Kenneth was a good enough town for him, and the people on the North Solomon will work to keep it where it is now.

Some of the young folks of Kenneth while enjoying a sleigh ride on Sunday afternoon had the misfortune to break their sleigh four miles south of town and were preparing to walk when the ambulance, driven by Wm. Gesford, happened along and brought the party back to town.

Harry Beach sold his school land, on the South Solomon, to parties east for five dollars per acre.

#### Sheridan Dottings

Not having seen anything in your paper from this part of sunny Kansas, and thinking that, perhaps, the former correspondent has gone to visit his wife's folks we will try to enlighten the world from this point.

Robert Taylor got his horses out of the stable today for the first time since the storm.

E. C. Motz made a flying visit to Kenneth last Saturday.

Ed Forbes says he is going to get a claim for his girl. Anyone having a claim for sale near Ed's will do well to call on him.

Young America  
**125 Years Ago**  
**January 31, 1895**

Jake Mosier complied with Uncle Sams requirements in regard to his homestead last week.

Some of the aspirants for office at the coming election are figuring on making a canvass on their past record, but bear in mind that everything has two sides and look out.

Andy Nestor and John Forster had business in town yesterday.

Gaylord Shafer and Lane Kennedy drifted into town with the snow Tuesday.

Sam Wiggins, John Hedge and Lew Bardwell attended the dance at Skelton Monday night. Sheriff Bardwell has traded his place up by Rexford for a feed mill to Overbrook, Osage county.

E. E. Hartley is attending court in Topeka this week. Won't some of those fellows down there have a picnic? Gee fuzz!

Uncle Nate Simpson says if anything on earth would make a minister swear, it would be to read the last commissioners proceedings.

C. D. Transue, of Saline township, was up Tuesday looking after some real estate business and called at this office and left a great big cart wheel.

The *Palladium* went into hysterics last week because Vedder and McIvor attended the State Editorial Meeting together. Why, Brother, for our part we would have gone had you been in Vedder's place.

Some of the pops of this county should clear their garments before they refer to Burton as a libertine. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones, is an old saying, but not so old but that it can be applied.

We have it on good authority that some of Sheridan county's citizens who live near the Gove line and who are of a speculative turn are buying rabbit scalps at various points along the U. P. and pay 2 1/2 cents therefor, they then bring them to Hoxie

and swear that they were killed in Sheridan county and get five cents for them. Of course this is all right that is if they don't get caught, but if they do, look out.

#### Lucerne

Mr. Editor;

I will again open my battery from old Pumpkin town. Some of the farmers of Adell township met the 19, inst, to make some arrangements in regard to seed grain, but it did not amount to much as there were only 17 present.

J. L. Shoemaker if filling up his store in good shape.

The Lyceum at Lucerne school house is flourishing and we challenge the country.

Jim Billdad

#### Parnell Items

T. S. Donovan is calculating to sow 100 acres of fall wheat yet.

Parnell township is going to be pretty well irrigated by wind mill process this year.

Jo Hamilton has a running dog and says anyone wanting to match him a race to write or telegraph him at Selden.

A Shy Maiden

**100 Years Ago**  
**January 29, 1920**

#### Booster Club Holds Good Meeting

The Booster Club held a meeting in the rooms of the Naylor Investment Company's office Monday evening, which was quite well attended and proved interesting.

As this was the regular semi-annual session for the election of officers for the ensuing half year, this business was taken up and J. M. Hall was elected president, Don Crum, vice president; C. E. Montgomery, treasurer; R. B. Arnold, secretary; Fred Naylor, Dr. Beckner, and Fred Andregg, members of the managing committee.

All were enthusiastic and many made interesting and pointed talks on the value of the club and its possibilities as a community building organization. Several plans for the year were discussed and at a later meeting the club will decide on some definite work which will help put our county on the map as one of the live communities of the state.

#### Local News

Bert Vaughn was down from Selden on business last Wednesday.

We understand that Selden is to have a new banking institution which will be capitalized at \$15,000.

Mrs. Brewster, of Lucerne, visited her sister, Mrs. Juna Charles, and family Monday.

Mrs. L. C. Miley has postponed her contemplated visit to Oklahoma until sometime in the near future.

Mrs. L. Andrews and son, Orval, of McDonald, Kansas, visited over Sunday at the home of W. C. Andrews. Mrs. Andrews is the wife of W. C.'s brother, Lewis, who formerly resided in Sheridan county, moving to Rawlins county fifteen years ago. He now owns and operates one of the largest and finest stock ranches in that county.

A number of Hoxie young ladies gave the first leap year party of the season Friday evening at Beers' hall. Various games and dancing were the amusements of the hour. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The county attorney of Graham Co. started out to clean up his county's shire city a few days ago, with the result that an injunction was obtained against a few of the business places that had been tolerating acts that were in violation of the laws of the state.

#### Prairie Flowers

By Uncle Josh

J. H. McGinnis and family spent Sunday at the Frank Turner home. J. H. is shelling his big pile of corn this week.

Chet Shafer and his wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a big baby boy at their home January 24.

Mrs. F. W. Daniels was called last week to the bedside of her father who is seriously ill at his home in Clay county.

#### Valley

By Gleaner

The nursing class met Friday with Mrs. Charles Currier. Mrs. Phoebe Conard and Mrs. M. I. Woods were visitors and enjoyed listening to the class discussions.

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EAST SIDE SQUARE.

Ad ffrom The Kenneth Democrat, January 29, 1886. Interesting things to purchase at CH's Arnold (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

and family and Mrs. M. I. Woods spent Sunday in Menlo with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conard and daughters.

Last Saturday the home of Mrs. P. A. Conard was the scene of a merry crowd of people who came in as a surprise party for Miss Miriam Conard to help her celebrate her birthday. The evening was spent in various games and the report of those present (some twenty-five people) as a very enjoyable time indeed.

**75 Years Ago**  
**January 25, 1945**

#### Four-H Party, January 27

Seven 4-H clubs in Sheridan County totaling nearly 125 members will gather at Walker Hall, Saturday night, January 27, for a hilarious party.

The party is being sponsored by the Sheridan County 4-H Council. The council is composed of two members from each club and totals 14 members. Jewell Walden of the Bow Creek 4-H is President and Joan Motsenbocker of the Fairview Club is Vice-president.

The program for the party includes a number by each club, games for all, and several special numbers. The hall will be decorated with crepe paper in the official colors of the 4-H organization, white and green.

All 4-H members and all interested in 4-H work are invited to attend the party.

#### East Saline News

The H. H. Club met in the home of Mrs. Alfred McQueen, Thursday afternoon, January 11, with thirteen members present.

The afternoon was spent doing Red Cross sewing. A short business meeting was held. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be January 25<sup>th</sup> in the home of Mrs. Walter Ulrich.

Mr. M. Ringer and Mrs. Plunket and children were dinner guests at the Philip Martin home last Sunday.

Bill Schlick received a message of the death of his grandmother, whose home was in Racine, Wisconsin.

#### Local Happenings

Paul Long of Wagoner, Illinois, visited a few days with Mrs. Eva Long, the Charlie Lewis family and Mr. and Mrs. Dible of Rexford. He had been to the stock show in Denver and visited here enroute home.

Mrs. Mary Dyke of California is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Popp. Her soldier husband, Raymond Dyke, accompanied her as far as Oakley as he is enroute to a new location.

Mrs. W. B. Woofter and Private Glen Woofter spent a couple of days of last week with relatives in Colby with another son, Duane, who went to Denver for his army examination.

Mrs. L. M. Miller returned Sunday from Kansas City where she had spent nearly three weeks visiting with relatives there.

Jay Steinshouer went to Kansas City Tuesday to spend the rest of the week at the Lumberman's Convention.

#### Society News

The Harmony Club met January 17<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Gwen Morgan. This was an all-day meeting with a covered dish dinner at noon. There were four visitors. The ladies tied some comforters and did other sewing for the hostess. The next meeting will be January 31<sup>st</sup> with Mrs. Susie Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Percival had dinner Tuesday noon with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woofter and son, Glenn.

Cultus Club met Tuesday with

Mrs. Ad Smith. The members present enjoyed the review of the book "Mr. Lincoln's Wife" given by Mrs. Ray Mahanna. Election of officers was postponed until February 13<sup>th</sup> when the meeting will be held with Mrs. Mahanna.

#### Prairie Dog

Jack Hague of Oberlin spent Saturday night and Sunday with Donald Jenkins. Both boys leave January 23<sup>rd</sup> for their induction.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jenkins visited Sunday evening at John Huelsman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neff, Paul, Jr. and Carl were dinner guests at Frank Boegers in Selden Sunday.

**50 Years Ago**  
**January 29, 1970**

#### David Leopold, CPA Opens Office Here

David E. Leopold, certified public accountant, has opened an office in Hoxie. The office is in a newly constructed building located just south of the Ben Franklin store. David invites you to stop in and see his new office.

#### Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Helen Hedge on Jan. 22 for a delicious beef and noodle dinner. All members were present except Mable Treu and Florence Mauck. Ethel Karnes won the raffle prize. Club will meet in two weeks with Florence Mauck. Roll call will be answered with a Valentine verse.

News from members:

Mrs. Edwin Trueblood spent Monday in Colby with her mother, Genevieve Messamore.

Mrs. Edward Karnes called on Mrs. Jess Williams Wednesday afternoon.

#### Tom Tom Tribune

Hoxie Winner Over Oakley in B-team Game - Hoxie's B-team defeated Oakley's B-team by a

score of 67 to 54. The Indians had a well balanced scoring attack, with four players in double figures. Jerry Meitl and Jim Kennedy led the scoring with 13 points each. Gary Richmeier and Joe Newman followed with 10 each. Brad Cooper also added 9 points to the total. The score at halftime was 37 to 13 with Hoxie on the top end. Oakley narrowed the margin the second half.

#### Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brewster, Teresa and Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McClelland spent Sunday, Jan. 18 with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shipley at Goodland.

Mrs. Anna Moore and Mrs. Martha McClelland tied a comfort for the mission box last week.

Mrs. Mayra Scott and Mrs. Esther Brandt spent Friday with me. We did some craft work in the afternoon.

#### McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader and family Friday evening.

Mrs. Gene Zimmerman and Rhonda visited the Lee Walkers Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lawrence Smith visited Mrs. Bill Schweitzberger and Lesa of Oberlin Friday afternoon.

#### Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reinert of Hoxie were Sunday visitors at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jacobs and family.

Mrs. Mabel Fortin and Lucy Bechamp were shopping in McCook Friday.

Mrs. Anna Schroer has been on the sick list the past 10 days. Her condition is improved at this writing.

#### Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Haffner were week ago Sunday afternoon visitors of Elmer Rietchecks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dempewolf were Sunday evening visitors of Frank Dempewolf of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mannebach were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Temaats and girls of Oakley.

#### Mickey's Want Ads

We have a complete line of new dinette sets.

Wife grew restless and suspicious. She sent a straight telegram to her husband as follows: "John, dearie, remember, you're a married man."

Later in the day she received this reply: "Am sorry but your wire arrived one hour too late."

Don't forget about these 99c cans of spray paint.

#### Hoxie Grade School News

Seventh Grade Loses to Quinter - The undefeated Quinter seventh grade defeated the Hoxie seventh graders last Monday evening by a 46-27 count. The Quinter team has one of the finest seventh grade teams in the area. Not only are they a tall team, but they also handle the ball extremely well.

**25 Years Ago**  
**January 26, 1895**

#### Rexford News

On Jan. 18, three Rexford residents attended a reception at the Colby American Legion Post for National Commander Bill Detwielier. Attending were Rexford American Legion Commander John Gould, Adjutant Peg Greenwood and Auxiliary President Freda Ketchum. Although Commander Detwielier was called back to Washington and was unable to visit with local legionnaires, his message was presented on video by Kansas Department Commander Gus Bosetti and Kansas Department Adjutant Chuck Yunker. Commander Detwielier's message concerned a controversial display proposed for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington depicting the Enola Gay and the bombing of Japan at the close of world War II. Following the program refreshments were served by the host Post.

Frances McIntyre entertained the Happy Hour Unit with a luncheon at her home Tuesday. The program books for 1995 were filled out. Edna Colson led the discussion on the lesson, "Our Mother, Our Daughters, Our Sisters, Ourselves," which was a breast cancer fact sheet. The February meeting will be at the Red Barn with each bringing a patriotic item to share, and some snack food.

# NWKS News

## CHS Students' "ART-ifacts" Reception Planned at Prairie Museum

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will hold an artists' reception on Sunday, February 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to highlight its current Colby High School "ART-ifacts" Student Art Show - now showing at the museum.

The ART-ifacts show is part of the Prairie Museum's winter artist exhibition calendar - now on display in the museum's Garvey Gallery. The show features Colby High School (C.H.S.) art students' still-life drawings and paintings of objects chosen from the museum's permanent collection.

C.H.S. Art Instructor Trish Starbuck has partnered with the Prairie Museum of Art and History for the fifth annual ART-ifacts show. "This is the fifth year that my advanced art students have participated in the ART-ifacts Exhibition, and their work continues to evolve each year," Trish explained.

The ART-ifacts show presents the students' original, artistic creations in tandem with the museum artifacts that inspired their work.

New to this year's ART-ifacts show is the display of 'mini-museums' by C.H.S. English students. Under the instruction of C.H.S. Language Arts Teacher

Nancy Rundel, the 'mini-museums' were created by the American Studies class, which combines American History with her English III courses. The American Studies class jointly addressed historical and literary topics from the same time period. Rundel's students then worked in collaborative groups in order to create three-dimensional, cardboard-boxed 'mini-museums' based on the group's selected topic. Themes highlighted in some of the mini-museums now on display range from the dust bowl, the moon landing, Ringling Brothers' Circus, The Grand Ole Opry, to Frank Sinatra, and Walt Disney.

"We hope the public will join us during this reception, to view the incredible works created by our very creative C.H.S. students," said Starbuck. Refreshments will be served during the 'come and go' artist reception.

The C.H.S. ART-ifacts show is free and open to the public during the months of January and February. For more information about this exhibit, contact the Prairie Museum of Art and History at: (785) 460-4590.

## State Conservation Commission Meeting

The State Conservation Commission will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020. The meeting will take place at the Kansas Water Office in the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404 in Topeka. The meeting is open to the public.

The State Conservation Commission consists of five elected commissioners; two ex officio members representing the Kansas State University Agriculture Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service; and two appointed members representing the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The KDA Division of Conservation consults with the SCC to protect and enhance Kansas' natural resources through the development, implementation and maintenance of policies, guidelines and programs

designed to assist local governments and individuals in conserving the state's renewable resources.

To request a copy of the agenda, please contact the KDA Division of Conservation at 785-564-6620 or [kda.doc@ks.gov](mailto:kda.doc@ks.gov). If special accommodations are needed, please contact the agency three days in advance of the meeting date.

## USMCA Update

This week, Senate President Pro Tempore Chuck Grassley (R-IA) held an enrollment ceremony to sign the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Implementation Act. The bill is now headed to President Donald Trump who has said he will sign the implementing legislation next Wednesday, January 29, at the White House. For his part, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced he will unveil legislation to approve USMCA on January 29.

## Leading Pro-Life Group Recognizes Marshall

Susan B. Anthony List, America's leading pro-life organization, today announced that U.S. Congressman Roger Marshall, M.D., has earned an A-rating on the organization's National Pro-Life Scorecard. The scorecard is a new tool for holding members of Congress accountable for their legislative records on life and highlighting leadership in the fight to protect unborn children and their mothers.

"The first 25 years of my career were dedicated to delivering babies in rural Kansas. Sadly, today in Congress, I must fight harder to protect unborn children and their mothers than I did in the delivery room," said Dr. Marshall. "I am honored to receive an A-rating from Susan B. Anthony List and will keep fighting for the well-being of mothers and their babies by working to end the barbaric practice of abortion."

Rep. Marshall has voted consistently to protect the lives of the unborn, defended the Trump Administration's pro-life efforts, and is a leading advocate and cosponsor of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

"When it comes to standing up for the unborn and their mothers, we can always rely on Congressman Marshall's vote and his voice. We are proud to award him with an 'A' on our National Pro-Life Scorecard," said Jamie Dangers, Legislative Director, Susan B. Anthony List.

## Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

January 26, 2020

This week the Kansas Supreme Court dismissed the lawsuit over funding and pay raises for the state's court system filed by six trial-court judges. Legislators last year approved a \$149 million annual budget for the court system, but the Supreme Court is pushing for an increase of \$18 million or 12%. Attorney General Derek Schmidt issued a statement to the press saying, "This court should no more decide the size of its own budget than the Legislature should decide the constitutionality of the laws it enact."

This year's annual Relay for Life came at a perfect time to promote the proposed Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment.

The amendment was introduced in both the House and Senate last week. The rally has taken place every year since the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision was made 47 years ago. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, pro-life groups made their voices heard in opposition. It brought together pro-life Kansas lawmakers and groups from across the state to discuss what they can do to impact the current laws on abortion. The proposed language for a constitutional amendment protecting life was unveiled. Last year the Supreme Court found that

the Kansas constitution contains a right to an abortion. This ruling made it so every reasonable abortion law that has been passed by the legislature is likely to be struck down. This will be a top priority this session.

Jeff Vogel, Kansas Department of Agriculture, briefed our Senate Agriculture Committee on the progress being made by farmers and growers in the state who have decided to produce industrial hemp. Vogel reported that the first year of the industrial hemp program's research phase was a positive one overall, with 190 active growers in the state, 20 active distributors, 35 active processors and 9 universities participating in the program. Vogel expects the KDA to have the state's commercial program rules and regulations prepared for submission to the U.S. Department of Agriculture as early as this upcoming week. Once the rules and regulations are approved by the USDA, the state will begin accepting licensure applications for a commercial industrial hemp program, which means growers could begin planting industrial hemp as early as the 2020 growing season.

The Public Health and Welfare Committee began hearing testimony on SB 252. Those in favor of expanding Medicaid argued the bill should pass, as is, without work requirements or conscientious objections provisions. Under the Denning-Kelly plan, Kansans in the coverage gap ages 19-64 who earn up to 138% of the federal poverty level would be eligible for Medicaid, which is now only available to the elderly, children and those who are disabled and don't have the option to work. In his testimony in favor of SB 252, Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning explained the Pathway to Work provision. The federal Affordable Care Act law prohibits any work requirement provisions that can impact enrollment up to 138% of the federal poverty level. It is known that many states are proposing a work requirement, however, right now there is not a single state that has a functioning work requirement for Medicaid eligibility. Either the work requirement has been denied by CMS, struck down by the courts, and or has been deemed to expensive by the states to implement. This is why the Senate Select Committee proposed and believed a pathway to employment was the best approach over a hard count work requirement.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve the 40<sup>th</sup> Senate District of Kansas. Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov](mailto:rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov) or you may call me with your questions or concerns. My office number is 785 296-7399 or my cell number is 785 899-4700. If you are in Topeka, stop by my office at 236-E.

## Marshall Applauds Administration's Response to Corona Virus Outbreak

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the outbreak of the Coronavirus strain originating in Wuhan, China, continues, U.S. Congressman Roger Marshall, M.D., reminds Kansans that U.S. health officials remain on high alert and are fully prepared for any situation.

"Based on data provided by the Chinese, the Coronavirus has now been confirmed to have spread to more than 4,500 people in China with over 100 confirmed dead. With China quarantining more than 50 million citizens, the U.S. must closely monitor and guard its points of entry and returning citizens. As a physician, I understand the uncertainty and fear infectious disease outbreaks can have. I encourage Kansans to follow recommendations from their doctor and adhere to the CDC's warning against travel to China," said Dr. Marshall. "This infectious disease outbreak is impacting us here at home and that's why we must respond with urgency in coordination with other nations around the world."

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) currently has teams on the ground both domestically and internationally. There have now been 45 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in 13 countries outside of China and five cases have been confirmed in the United States. Domestically, CDC is working closely with local public health authorities to identify potential cases early and make sure patients get the best and most appropriate care. To control the spread of the outbreak, CDC has preventive screening measures in major U.S. airports.

"As this flu and cold season continues, it may at first be hard to differentiate the Coronavirus from other common viruses, but the primary differences are the additional symptoms of wheezing and shortness of breath. Handwashing, disinfecting surfaces, and other general public health best practices are recommended, and as we continue to work through this outbreak my office will stay in constant communication with the CDC and State Department health care officials as we closely monitor this public health concern," said Dr. Marshall. "Efforts by President Trump and this administration have ensured our health agencies have the funding and resources necessary to combat outbreaks and protect Kansans. I am confident in the measures being taken by our national health care officials and agencies."

Last year, President Trump signed into law the reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness (PAHPA) Innovation Act. PAHPA has been critical in improving preparedness and response, and bolstering the emergency response workforce, as well as increasing communication and efforts in medical countermeasures. The administration has also consistently prioritized funding to build on previous investments to protect the civilian population in the event of public health emergencies related to infectious disease outbreaks.

Currently testing for the virus can only be done by the CDC, but officials are optimistic a commercially available test will be available in February. This test will help countries further contain and monitor this virus. If you are concerned at all about symptoms you are experiencing, please contact your primary physician immediately. For the latest information on the outbreak, visit CDC's Novel Coronavirus 2019 website.

## Medicaid Expansion in Kansas

*Elements in Competing Versions Affect Estimated Enrollment, Costs*

Multiple proposals to expand Medicaid for low-income Kansas adults age 19-64 have emerged for consideration in the 2020 legislative session. How could selected components in some proposals, such as premiums or alternate income limits, affect enrollment and costs? Our latest issue brief delves into the details and updates previous Kansas Health Institute estimates of the effect of expansion on KanCare.

Key points from the brief include:

- A total of 132,000 Kansans - including 93,000 adults and 39,000 children - are estimated to newly enroll in KanCare if Medicaid is expanded.
- This estimate differs from other estimates, including state fiscal notes, because it includes the indirect effect of expansion on children and currently eligible adults.
- Of projected new

enrollees, about 77,000 were previously uninsured, while the remaining 55,000 had other coverage and are expected to switch to KanCare.

- The premiums included in some proposals would be expected to reduce adult enrollment by as many as 37,000 enrollees, but potentially could increase net cost to the state.
- Total net costs to the state in 2021, after accounting for new revenues, offsetting savings and additional administrative costs, are estimated to be \$15.3 million for newly eligible adults, \$14.1 million for currently eligible, newly enrolled adults, and \$34.4 million for newly enrolled children.
- If these estimates approximate the actual experience, then the up to \$35 million annual hospital surcharge proposed in SB 252 would more than cover the net state cost of newly enrolled adults.

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# Area Schools



## Hoxie Lady Wrestlers Compete at Rock Creek Invitational

The Hoxie female wrestlers competed at the Rock Creek Girls Invitational on Friday, January 24. Senior Ashlyn Kaus placed second and sophomore Marissa Porsch placed third.

- 130#**  
Marissa Porsch (17-3) placed 3rd and scored 10.5 team points.
- Round 1 - Marissa Porsch 17-3 won by decision over Morgyn Baker (Burlingame) 9-9 (Dec 11-5)
  - Round 2 - Marissa Porsch 17-3 won by tech fall over Ameerah Alfaikawi (Manhattan) 2-4 (TF-1.5 4:03 (17-2))
  - Round 3 - Brianna Randles (Topeka West) 15-1 won by fall over Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 17-3 (Fall 0:24)
  - 3rd Place Match - Marissa Porsch 17-3 won by decision over Samantha Houser (Washburn Rural) 17-8 (Dec 4-1)
- 143#**  
Ashlyn Kaus (12-9) placed 2nd and scored 9.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Ashlyn Kaus 12-9 won by major decision over Alyssa Troyer (Rock Creek) 5-5 (MD 16-7)
  - Round 2 - Ashlyn Kaus 12-9 won by decision over Amelia Sayers (Washburn Rural) 8-11 (Dec 9-6)
  - Round 4 - Ashlyn Kaus 12-9 won by fall over Abby Lawson (Sabetha) 1-14 (Fall 1:05)
  - Round 5 - Marissa Hanrahan (Great Bend) 17-8 won by fall over Ashlyn Kaus (Hoxie) 12-9 (Fall 0:55)

## Hoxie JV Wrestlers Place Well at Buffalo Invitational

The Hoxie High School Junior Varsity wrestlers competed in the Buffalo Invitational in Atwood on Saturday, January 25. Senior Ben Aumiller placed first, freshmen Tate Weimer and Ryan Shaw both placed second, sophomore Kaden Sekavec placed third, freshman Macon Sekavec placed sixth and sophomore Heath Roberson placed ninth.

- 106#**  
Tate Weimer (12-10) placed 2nd and scored 13.5 team points.
- Round 1 - Tate Weimer 12-10 won by fall over Alex Bennett (Garden City) 5-9 (Fall 4:57)
  - Round 2 - Tate Weimer 12-10 won by tech fall over Dalton Diest (Atwood-Rawlins Co) 4-11 (TF-1.5 5:47 (17-2))
  - Round 3 - Jack Bornhoft (Sedgwick County-Fleming) 20-8 won by fall over Tate Weimer 12-10 (Fall 1:28)
- 132#**  
Ryan Shaw (18-10) placed 2nd and scored 24.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Ryan Shaw 18-10 won by fall over Orion Craig (Garden City) 4-4 (Fall 1:30)
  - Round 2 - Ryan Shaw 18-10 received a bye () (Bye)
  - Round 3 - Ryan Shaw 18-10 won by fall over Braydon Wilson (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 0-9 (Fall 1:41)
  - Round 5 - Ryan Shaw 18-10 won by decision over Joel Muller (Sedgwick County-Fleming) 10-6 (Dec 3-0)
  - 1st Place Match - Drew Withington (Atwood-Rawlins Co) 13-12 won in double overtime over Ryan Shaw 18-10 (2-OT 7-2)
- 132#**  
Macon Sekavec (12-14) placed 6th.
- Round 1 - Macon Sekavec 12-14 won by fall over Donnovan Colby (Ellis) 3-5 (Fall 1:43)
  - Round 2 - Macon Sekavec 12-14 won by fall over Oscar Mejia (Garden City) 0-8 (Fall 0:00)
  - Round 3 - Drew Withington (Atwood-Rawlins Co) 13-12 won by fall over Macon Sekavec 12-14 (Fall 1:31)
  - Round 5 - Hagen Villanueva (Garden City) 8-2 won by fall over Macon Sekavec 12-14 (Fall 1:20)
  - 5th Place Match - Orion Craig (Garden City) 4-4 won by decision over Macon

## Hoxie Wrestlers Fourth at Beloit Invitational

By Peggy Eland

The Hoxie Indian wrestlers competed in the two-day Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament on January 24-25. They placed fourth as a team with 131.5 points, following Blue Valley Southwest with 261.5 points for first place, Chanute with 197 points for second place, and Marysville with 133 points for third place. Individually, senior Dylan Weimer placed first; senior Andrew Foote and freshman Derek Johnson placed second; junior Aidan Baalman and sophomore Drew Bell placed third; freshman Drew Bretz placed fourth; and freshman Wayne Shepard placed sixth.

- Wayne Shepard (17-13) placed 6th and scored 8.5 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Wayne Shepard 17-13 received a bye (Bye)
  - Quarterfinal - Wayne Shepard 17-13 won by tech fall over Gage Carlson (Minneapolis) 18-8 (TF-1.5 5:23 (21-4))
  - Semifinal - Trent Clements (Chanute) 26-1 won by fall over Wayne Shepard 17-13 (Fall 3:40)
  - Cons. Semi - Sajen Kemling (Concordia) 21-4 won by decision over Wayne Shepard 17-13 (Dec 9-4)
  - 5th Place Match - Christopher McClanahan (Abilene) 17-10 won in sudden victory - 1 over Wayne Shepard 17-13 (SV-1 8-6)
- 113#**  
Dayton Bell (19-7) place is

unknown and scored 2.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Dayton Bell 19-7 won by decision over Bentley Montgomery (Smith Center) 17-11 (Dec 7-2)
  - Quarterfinal - Kolton Misener (Chanute) 24-4 won by fall over Dayton Bell 19-7 (Fall 3:32)
  - Cons. Round 2 - Logan Normandin (Plainville High School) 19-8 won by decision over Dayton Bell 19-7 (Dec 3-0)
- 120#**  
Drew Bretz (24-6) placed 4th and scored 12.0 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Drew Bretz 24-6 received a bye () (Bye)
  - Quarterfinal - Cole Cronk (Blue Valley Southwest) 25-8 won by decision over Drew Bretz 24-6 (Dec 3-1)
  - Cons. Round 2 - Drew Bretz 24-6 won by fall over Kai Barton (Marysville High School) 4-15 (Fall 2:13)
  - Cons. Round 3 - Drew Bretz 24-6 won by decision over Trey Dillow (Chanute) 15-10 (Dec 2-0)
  - Cons. Semi - Drew Bretz 24-6 won by decision over Kaleb Stroda (Abilene) 19-5 (Dec 4-0)
  - 3rd Place Match - Cole Cronk (Blue Valley Southwest) 25-8 won by decision over Drew Bretz 24-6 (Dec 3-0)
- 126#**  
Drew Bell (25-2) placed 3rd and scored 19.0 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Drew Bell 25-2 won by major decision over Andrew Wilkinson (Smith Center) 13-14 (MD 10-2)
  - Quarterfinal - Drew Bell 25-2 won by fall over Carson Ochoa (Salina South) 15-9 (Fall 3:50)
  - Semifinal - Brett Umentum (Blue Valley Southwest) 28-3 won by decision over Drew Bell 25-2 (Dec 6-4)
  - Cons. Semi - Drew Bell 25-2 won by fall over Daniel Vines (Concordia) 19-5 (Fall 4:45)
  - 3rd Place Match - Drew Bell 25-2 won by decision over Isaac Novotny (Marysville High School) 16-10 (Dec 7-0)
- 132#**  
Derek Johnson (25-1) placed 2nd and scored 19.0 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Derek Johnson 25-1 received a bye () (Bye)
  - Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson 25-1 won by major decision over Braden Wilson (Abilene) 14-12 (MD 9-1)
  - Semifinal - Derek Johnson 25-1 won by decision over Alex Eskew (Oberlin) 20-8 (Dec 5-2)
  - 1st Place Match - Weston Becker (Blue Valley Southwest) 25-7 won by decision over Derek Johnson 25-1 (Dec 9-2)
- 138#**  
Dylan Weimer (13-1) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Weimer 13-1 won by fall over Cade Anderson (Concordia) 3-15 (Fall 1:19)
  - Quarterfinal - Dylan Weimer 13-1 won by fall over Caleb Taylor (Silver Lake) 9-6 (Fall 1:17)
  - Semifinal - Dylan Weimer 13-1 won by fall over Tyler Davis (Chanute) 13-4 (Fall 2:28)
  - 1st Place Match - Dylan Weimer 13-1 won in sudden victory - 1 over Joey Bockin (Marysville High School) 11-2 (SV-1 2-1)
- 152#**  
Aidan Baalman (29-3) placed 3rd and scored 20.0 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Aidan Baalman 29-3 won by fall over Kolby Johnson (Holcomb) 8-12 (Fall 2:18)
  - Quarterfinal - Aidan Baalman 29-3 won by fall over Wyatt Tubbs (Colby) 14-11 (Fall 2:16)
  - Semifinal - Brady McDonald (Chanute) 23-5 won by decision over Aidan Baalman 29-3 (Dec 13-8)
  - Cons. Semi - Aidan Baalman 29-3 won by fall over Caleb Copeland (Salina South) 18-8 (Fall 1:24)
  - 3rd Place Match - Aidan Baalman 29-3 won by decision over Hunter Prochaska (Beloit) 15-4 (Dec 9-7)
- 160#**  
Andrew Foote (20-8) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.
- Champ. Round 1 - Andrew Foote 20-8 won by fall over Austin Brandt (Clay Center) 7-10 (Fall 1:22)
  - Quarterfinal - Andrew

## HHS HONOR ROLL

2nd Nine Weeks Honor Roll  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Emily Bainter  
Noah Dowell  
Jaidyn Follis  
Kailyn Follis  
Charles Foote  
Giovanny Gomez  
Sofie Gourley  
Makenna Heim  
Chelidy Pridey  
Braydon Scheetz  
Kash Schiltz  
Samuel Watkins

Honor Roll

Max Beckman  
Duncan Bell  
Addison Bieker  
Levi Brousseau  
Hilde Heskett  
Kacie Jones  
Malcom King  
Hannah Madden  
Braxton Munk  
Easton Nickelson  
Nathan Snyder  
Ava Spillman  
Macy Wentz

Honorable Mention

Trent Fenner  
Harrison Meyer  
Kayden Robbins  
Tealynn Schieferecke  
Londyn Schiltz  
Makenzie Shaw  
Jon Thummel

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Isaac Diercks  
Nash Geisinger  
Josey Kennedy  
Kinley Rogers  
Elyssa Rucker  
Ella Zerr

Honor Roll

Danielle Bacon  
Connor Diercks  
Kane Epp  
Genesis Harvey  
Preston Kennedy  
William Meyer  
Carson Ochs  
Blythe Schutte  
Mireya Villa

Honorable Mention

Tucker Baalman  
Gavin Schippers  
Onna Sekavec  
Andre Vaughn  
Emily Villegas  
Owen Walker

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Carter Beckman  
Andrew Bretz  
Brady Jones  
Madison Snyder

Honor Roll

Miles Baalman  
Tori Bainter  
Dayton Bell  
Alexandria Cousins  
Jayden Fenner  
Allison Franklin  
Derek Johnson  
Morgan Jones  
Lalai Klitzka  
Samantha Munk  
Zachary Reynolds  
Skylar Tremblay  
Willow Washington  
Tate Weimer

Foote 20-8 won by decision over Deyton Bedore (Stockton) 12-9 (Dec 3-0)

- Semifinal - Andrew Foote 20-8 won by decision over Jacob Conrad (Smith Center) 23-8 (Dec 9-8)

- 1st Place Match - Parker Winder (Chanute) 25-3 won by decision over Andrew Foote 20-8 (Dec 5-0)

- 182#  
Donovan Balluch (12-13) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Brennan Walker (Beloit) 19-3 won by fall over Donovan Balluch 12-13 (Fall 2:51)

- Cons. Round 1 - Triston VandeVelde (Silver Lake) 9-9 won by fall over Donovan Balluch 12-13 (Fall 0:42)

- 220#  
Brandon Baker (14-8) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Jakob Sasse (Smith Center) 10-10 won by fall over Brandon Baker 14-8 (Fall 3:09)

- Cons. Round 1 - Brandon Baker 14-8 won by fall over Brandon Fletcher (Salina South) 6-14 (Fall 2:40)

- Cons. Round 2 - Rowdy Farr (Colby) 22-6 won by decision over Brandon Baker 14-8 (Dec 6-0)

## Conservation District Contest

Continued from page 1

chemicals intelligently. Another way to help our watersheds is not to dump anything into storm drains, and remember, your trash on the street ends up in our water! There are other simple things that we can do out in our yard like pick up and dispose of animal waste properly. If we don't pay attention and let pet waste accumulate, then it could become a problem. KSU watershed specialist Stacie Minson, states that the city of Hays made an ordinance dealing with pet waste ("Minson"). The reason is not that residents were tired of it ending up on their shoes, but to prevent it from being in their water. She also mentioned that those who have wells on their land should check their water because not checking it can directly affect the health of you and your family. Lastly, go to your local conservation district and ask for more information about watersheds and what you can do to help. The main thing that we can do is to watch for activities or actions that pose a threat to affect the water quality and our environment. We can't just let other people do things for us; we can do things to help out.

To solve the watershed issue, we need to take some advice from an unlikely source. So as Vanilla Ice once said, we all need to "Stop, Collaborate, and Listen." Stop expecting someone else to solve the problem, collaborate with your local conservation district, and listen to your conservation specialist in your area. Just little things like this can have a huge impact and make the world a better place.

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5. Infante added another basket with less than a minute to play. With two free throw shots from Rush, the game was within two points. The Bobcats added two free shots of their own to extend their lead to 4.

With 11.7 seconds on the clock, Weese hit another shot. The Bobcats missed the first of a one and one at the line allowing the Bulldogs to get the rebound, head down the floor and make a final layup by Alex Gonzalez with 3.4 seconds left to play.

The Bobcats called a final timeout and rushed down the court to put up a three, which bounced off the front of the rim giving the Bulldogs their first win of the season 52-51.

"I was glad that I made the shot for the win," said Alex Gonzalez, "It was good to finally get a win. We look forward to continuing to work as a team to get additional wins."

Weese led the Bulldogs with 14 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 deflections, and 2 steals. Wade Rush added 11 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 deflections, and 4 steals. Alex Gonzalez had 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal. Jaime Infante had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 deflections, and 2 steals along with Ashton Schiltz's 5 points and 4 rebounds. Additional points for the win were scored by Fabian Cepeda 3, Austin Patmon 3, Roberto Loya 2, and Colby Lathrop 2. Lathrop also had 3 rebounds and 2 steals along with an assist and steal by Roberto Loya and an assist by Rojelio Loya.

The Bulldogs will continue their season as they host Weskan on January 24 in Rexford.

## Bulldogs Win One at Ransom

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team won their first game of the season against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats in a close game 52-51 in Ransom on January 20.

The Bobcats opened with a basket by the Bulldogs tied it up with a 3 from Austin Patmon. They pulled ahead 8-3 but the Bobcats answered to bring the score to within one. The Dogs held strong to lead 11-7 at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs scored 5 straight to pull ahead by 9 early in the second quarter. The Bobcats answered their drive to tighten up the game and hold a 27-25 lead at the half.

Harley Weese tied the game up to at the start of the third before the Bobcats went on a 9-point run. The Bulldogs put in a couple of shots from Wade Rush and Alex Gonzalez, but the Dogs still trailed 32-39 going into the fourth.

The game was far from over as both teams battled for the win. Weese put in three and Rush made a 3-point shot but the Bobcats still led by 9 with just over three minutes to play.

Jaime Infante made a free throw and Ashton Schiltz a field goal, before Roberto Loya hit a shot to bring the game within



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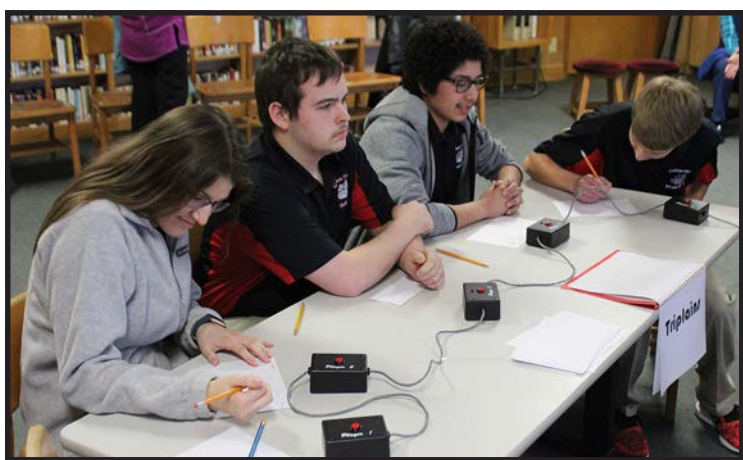


## Dance Team Performs at Half-Time



The Golden Plains Dance Team performed at half time of the varsity boys' game against Weskan on January 24 in Rexford. Despite two members missing due to illness, the girls practiced hard all week and gave a great performance. Dancers included Karla Hernandez-Lopez (left front), Alisha Brantley (left back), Lauren Patmon (right front), and Danica Ritter (right back). (Photo by Judy Rogers)

## Scholars Bowl Second at Brewster



The Golden Plains High School Scholars Bowl team members, Karri Schaben, Flint Hodge, Joseph Yanez-Perez, and Ethan Weiner, work hard on a math problem prior to the second round at the Brewster Scholars Bowl Invitational. (Photo by Steiner Scott)

By Brooke Stoll

The Golden Plains High School Scholars Bowl Team traveled to Brewster on January 20. They took second behind Wallace County with a record of 6-1. Competing for the Bulldogs were Joseph Yanez-Perez, Flint Hodge, Karri Schaben, and Ethan Weiner. The Bulldogs have placed well at every meet this season. "Overall, I think we did very well at this scholars bowl," said Ethan Weiner. "We are improving throughout this season."

The Bulldogs took on Wallace County in the first round and lost 10-40. They then defeated Heartland Christian 30-0.

GPBS faced off against Cheylin and won 50-20. For the fourth round, the Dogs captured the win against Triplains 40-10. The Bulldogs continued the winning streak and defeated Weskan 30-20, Brewster 40-0, and Healy 60-10. They finished 6-1 to take second place. "We did surprisingly good at this meet with so many of our members being gone," said Flint Hodge. "It was a good confidence booster going into the rest of our season!"

The Golden Plains Scholar Bowl Team will travel to Ransom for the WKLL League meet on Wednesday, January 22.

## GPBS Competes in St. Francis

By Zoey Hillis

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team played their third game of the week in St. Francis Indians on January 11 but fell to the Indians 42-63.

The first quarter started off with a 15-9 Indians lead. In the second quarter Harley Weese put in 9 points along with 2 from Alex Gonzalez. The Indians added 18 to lead 33-20 at the half.

The Bulldogs fought hard into the third, adding 11 points, consisting of three 3-pointers; one each from Alex Gonzalez, Wade Rush, and Colby Lathrop, and 2 points from Jamie Infante. The Indians held onto the lead 47-31 going into the fourth. Golden Plains fought hard adding 11 more points but fell to St. Francis 42-63.

"We played well in the first half," said Wade Rush. "We need to work on free throws and take better care of the ball."

Harley Weese had 13 points for the Bulldogs along with Alex Gonzalez 7, Wade Rush 6, Jamie Infante 6, Fabian Cepeda 5, Colby Lathrop 3, Rojelio Loya 2.

Rush led the team with 7 rebounds, Weese 6, Infante 5, Gonzalez 5, Ashton Schiltz 4, Austin Patmon 3, Cepeda 2. Weese had 2 assists for the game, while Gonzalez had 2, Patmon 2, Rush 1, Lathrop 1. Weese had 2 steals, along with 1 from Gonzalez. Rush had 2 blocks and Weese 1.

The Bulldogs will travel to Western Plains/Healy, on Monday January 20, for a game rescheduled from January 17 due to the ice storm.

## NHS Talks About Dental Hygiene

By Laredo Allemang, Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, January 14, Wheatland National Honor Society members traveled to the Grainfield Grade School to talk about dental hygiene. The members gave the children a "T-hawk Talk" about the importance of taking care of their teeth. The grade school students were given a worksheet about their teeth and they got to take the worksheet with them to record their brushing habits at home.

"I think it was very good to go to the grade school as it is an important thing that the kids need to learn while young. The kids always enjoy talking to us and it's always great to see their excitement," says Eidree Chapin.

## 2020 WHS SNOWBALL KING AND QUEEN



The 2020 WHS Snowball King and Queen are Senior Jordan Ostmeyer and Junior Leonor Mergenschroder. (WHS photo)

## Answering Toward Second



The Scholars Bowl team at the League meet. Left to right: Seniors Jessica Heier, Harrison Stephens, Juniors Elliot Godek, Wendell Mong, Senior Ethan Beckman, and Junior Jailey Gallentine. (WHS photo)

By Morgan Zimmerman, Co-editor

On Wednesday January 22, the Wheatland High School Scholars Bowl team left school around 10:15 A.M. to travel to Ransom to participate in the League meet. There were 12 teams involved with this meet, Brewster, Cheylin, Golden Plains, Healy, Heartland Christian, Logan, Northern Valley, Palco, Triplains, Weskan, Western Plains and Wheatland.

This meet was played like a Round Robin, and the Thunderhawks came out with a 9-2 finish. There was a three-way tie between Golden Plains, Western Plains, and Wheatland, and since Wheatland lost to Golden Plains that gave the Thunderhawks a second-place finish.

Senior Ethan Beckman led the team with 25 correct answers followed by Junior Elliot Godek with 10. Senior Harrison Stephens answered seven while Junior Wendell Mong answered two and Senior Jessica Heier and Junior Jailey Gallentine each answered one.



## Art Scholastic

By Saige Meier, Staff Reporter

In December 2019, the art students applied for the Art Scholastic. Students submit their artwork online and get judged. They are awarded Honorable Mention, Silver Key, Gold Key, and American Vision. The American Vision is very hard to get as only five students in the nation receive this award.

Students around the world enter this competition. The only way to move up in the competition is to win a Gold Key. First round winners move on to the regional level and then to Nationals in New York. Regional level winners get to take a trip to New York and see all the hundreds of artworks that won in Nationals.

On January 13, 2020 we found out our results: 17 Wheatland High School students got awards. Honorable Mention were Mary McDonald, Aubri Iversen, Isaac Mendez, Tyra Schultz, Emma Thompson, and DeltaDawn Torres. Silver Key winners were Nevaeh Dunagan, Elliot Godek, Braden Gormley, Tyra Schultz, DeltaDawn Torres (Won Three), and Morgan Zimmerman. Gold Key winners were Saige Meier, DeltaDawn Torres, and Jordyn Vincent (Won Three). DeltaDawn Torres and Jordyn Vincent won American Vision.

## WHS Forensics Competes in Colby

By Isabella Ostmeyer, Staff Reporter

On Saturday, January 18, the WHS Forensics Team traveled to Colby and competed for the first time this year. The team did well, and a few placed in their events.

Senior Ethan Beckman stated, "I thought the meet went well. It was a great way to kick off the season and test out our new pieces." Beckman placed sixth in Prose.

Chris Bixenman also placed, earning 4<sup>th</sup> in Impromptu.

When asked about this meet, he added, "It was a great first meet. Beckman and I are doing great with our duet. I did decent in Impromptu and didn't think I would break finals, but I did and then had to think on the fly to get that 4<sup>th</sup> place medal."

Chris and Ethan also received a 5<sup>th</sup> place medal for their duet performance.

Tyra Schultz also competed in this meet but did not place in any of her events. She competed in Poetry and Impromptu Speaking.

Seniors Ethan Beckman and Christopher Bixenman show off the medals they received at Colby. (WHS photo)

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# Farm News

### Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during December 2019 totaled 332 million pounds, up 5 percent from December 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 167,000 head, 6,000 head more than December 2018. Milk production per cow averaged 1,990 pounds.

### Kansas Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.42 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 4 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 435,000 head, up 10 percent from 2018. Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 430,000 head, up 5 percent from last year. Other disappearance during December totaled 15,000 head, unchanged from last year.

### Sorghum Checkoff Opens Applications for Leadership Sorghum Class V

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

### Kansas Refrigerated Warehouses Capacity

Gross refrigerated storage capacity in Kansas totaled 41.6 million cubic feet on October 1, 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Usable refrigerated storage capacity was 33.0 million cubic feet, or 79 percent of the gross space. Refrigerated warehouse numbers totaled 7 in 2019.

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### Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the month of January 2020, topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 22 short, 54 adequate, and 14 surplus, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 23 short, 59 adequate, and 9 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 8 percent very poor, 15 poor, 43 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent. The next monthly report (for February) will be issued February 24, 2020. Weekly reports will begin March 2nd for the 2020 season.

### Plan Now for Gardens and Food Preservation

Karen Blakeslee, K-State Food Specialist, encourages everyone to start Planning your garden now will save you time later! Winter is here, but many people are planning now for gardening. While you study garden catalogs or websites, don't forget to plan how you will preserve the produce this summer. Your edible garden can be preserved in many ways including canning, freezing, dehydrating, and pickling.

What freezer space do you have? Be sure to use up last year's stash to make room for the new batch. Clean the freezer to remove stray food and spills from broken packages. To freeze food, follow freezing guidelines for each food and use bags or plastic containers designated for freezing to maintain best food quality.

Do you like to can your produce? If so, get up to date on current recipes and guidelines. For best safety and quality, follow tested recipes. Using older recipes and methods can lead to spoiled food, food waste, and foodborne illness.

Have you checked your equipment? Now is the time to get your dial gauge tested. Contact one of our local Extension Office for testing. This can be done free of charge. The canner brands we can test include National, Presto, Maid of Honor and Magic Seal. Inspect the canner for any wear and get parts replaced. Sources for replacement parts can be found at [www.rrc.k-state.edu/preservation/canning.html](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/preservation/canning.html).

Learn more about food preservation at [www.rrc.k-state.edu/preservation/index.html](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/preservation/index.html).

### Apply for CMS Training

Kansas Farm Bureau's Communications, Media and Spokesperson Training will be offered April 21-22 in Manhattan. This training for voting members will aim to provide Farm Bureau members in Kansas with the skills necessary to use their stories, statistics and key messages to make their messages stand out and connect with relevant audiences.

For eligibility requirements, registration and more information, go to their website (<https://www.kfb.org/Get-Involved/Training/Communications-Media-and-Spokesperson-Training>). The deadline to apply is March 18.



### Roll Back of WOTUS Announced

This week EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced replacement of the Obama-era WOTUS rule. The final rule removes millions of miles of streams and roughly half the country's wetlands from protection under the Clean Water Act, which requires industries to obtain permits to discharge pollution or fill in wetlands and imposes fines for oil spills. According to Politico, this is the largest rollback since the Clean Water Act was passed in 1972 and goes much farther than simply repealing Obama administration rules.

EPA finalized the rule despite its scientific advisory board raising concerns in late December that it was "in conflict with established science ... and the objectives of the Clean Water Act." Environmental groups and Democratic states have already said they'll sue over the new rule.

### Kansas Wind Energy Update

This update comes from a Kansas Power Alliance report by Kimberly Gencur Svaty to the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications committee. The Kansas Power Alliance has more than 35 members with interests in wind farms, purchase power agreements, and manufacturing facilities.

Kansas is the number 1 state in the wind energy share of electricity generation at 36.4% in 2018 followed by Iowa at 33.7%. Kansas' first operating wind farm was in Montezuma in 2001 developed by Florida Power & Light. Today there are nearly 40 operating wind farms. There are now 6,100+ megawatts (MW) of installed wind capacity with 1,200 MW under construction and 1,020 MW in advanced development.

There are more than 3,000 turbines in operation capable of powering 2 million Kansas homes. 4.7 Billion gallons of water saved annually. The cost of wind electricity has dropped from 6 cents per kilowatt hour (Kwh) to 1 cent per Kwh today.

The Kansas State Fair has signed contracts with EVERGY to be fully powered by wind. Soldier Creek (300 MW) is under construction but contracts have been signed for full power to Kansas University, Kansas State University, the city of Manhattan and USD 501 in Topeka.

Siting guidelines were established in 2005. Known as the 'Flint Hills Box', 16 counties were a moratorium area. There was an expansion in 2011 to 33 Kansas counties. With a court case favoring local control, counties now have more authority over the siting of industrial wind farms. Reno and McPherson counties have adopted moratoriums.

CORRECTION: Reno County has not adopted a moratorium on wind. In fact, a request for one was denied. Residents in the area where a permit was sought by NextEra Energy, however, successfully petitioned to require a unanimous planning commission vote to grant a permit, and the vote was 2-1 in favor, so the permit was denied. The case is now in district court.

The county planning commission may take up more

### President Trump Addresses AFBF

Sunday, at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, President Trump touted his Administration's trade victories, approval rating, regulatory rollbacks, and appreciation for America's farmers and ranchers. "America has always been a farming nation — founded, built, and grown by people just like you, who pour out their heart, soul, and sweat into this land; who wake up at the crack of dawn; who plow the soil, plant the seed, and tend the fields from the dawn to dusk; and do not rest until that job is beautifully, perfectly done... That's the American farmer [and] rancher," said President Trump.

### K-State Sorghum School

A K-State Sorghum Production school will offer in-depth information for sorghum growers and key stakeholders. The school is sponsored by Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. It will on Thursday, January 30 at the Great Bend Recreation Commission, Burnside Room, 1214 Stone Street. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the programs starts at 8:45 and concludes at 1:00 p.m.

The sorghum school will cover a number of issues facing sorghum growers: risk management, marketing opportunities, weed control, crop production practices, and nutrient and soil fertility.

Lunch will be provided courtesy of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. There is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to pre-register by Monday, Jan. 27. Online registration is available at [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu) or by calling the Cottonwood Extension District, Great Bend office at 620-793-1910.

### Industrial Hemp Continues to Expand

Industrial hemp continues to expand, thanks to state legislation and the 2018 Farm Bill passed by Congress. In 2019 in Kansas, 250 various licenses were issued by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) covering 5,700 acres in 70 counties. Since July 1, 2019 there has been a 40% increase in new planters for 2020. Since 2018, KDA and KSU have provided hemp educational programs to over 2,900 individuals.

### Enroll Soon in Ag Risk Loss and Price Loss Coverage Programs

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk Loss (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. March 15, 2020 is the enrollment deadline for the 2019 crop year.

Although more than 200,000 producers have enrolled to date, FSA anticipates 1.5 million producers will enroll for ARC and PLC. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Until March 15, producers who have not yet enrolled in ARC or PLC for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office unless yield updates are requested. Additionally, farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields that take effect beginning with crop year 2020. If the owner accompanies the producer to the office, the yield update and enrollments may be completed during the same office visit.

More information on ARC and PLC available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc). To enroll, contact your FSA county office for an appointment.

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# Legals, Minutes & Obituaries

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

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

Case No.: 2020-PR-000001

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

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

/s/ Donna Hughes  
Donna Hughes, Petitioner/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
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CITY OF HOXIE SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND UNENCUMBERED CASH For the year ended December 31, 2019									
FUND	RECEIPTS	CASH	DISBURSEMENTS	CASH	ENDING BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE	CASH BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCES PAYABLE
GENERAL	127,510.36	623,354.33	949,183.22	102,500.87	6,277.56	96,223.11			
LIBRARY	8,445.35	33,975.21	38,000.00	4,420.56	0.00	4,420.56			
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	72,629.03	196,620.44	205,030.53	64,418.94	0.00	64,418.94			
STREET RESURFACING	296,206.32	76,507.35	218,694.44	93,779.23	0.00	93,779.23			
AIRPORT	35,113.30	4,811.06	1,748.24	38,176.12	71.45	38,104.67			
BOND & INTEREST	85,352.49	291,717.24	288,907.11	88,162.62	0.00	88,162.62			
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	2,550.52	32,760.31	26,767.60	6,543.03	0.00	6,543.03			
FULLER CEMETERY	22,623.26	15,410.00	21,550.10	16,483.16	0.00	16,483.16			
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	1,524.41	4,201.24	0.00	5,525.65	0.00	5,525.65			
WATER & SEWER UTILITY	52,989.55	276,286.19	243,606.21	60,659.14	4,195.06	56,664.08			
REFUSE UTILITY	80,093.87	182,297.94	188,082.25	74,375.16	3,886.56	70,488.60			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	121,254.87	155,059.80	20,310.31	491,803.36	0.00	491,803.36			
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	124,401.19	195,000.00	168,700.00	130,701.19	0.00	130,701.19			
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	1,659.46	2,738.18	2,500.00	1,887.64	0.00	1,887.64			
Utility Deposit	4,704.96	6,850.00	1,850.89	9,489.13	0.00	9,489.13			
POOL PROJECT	20,126.73	0.00	10,671.11	9,455.62	0.00	9,455.62			
SEWER MAINTENANCE	199,143.71	433,848.73	189,589.94	217,457.53	0.00	217,457.53			
Capital Project - Sewer 2019	10,000.00	1,283,184.17	1,300,049.37	62,934.80	17,992.2	44,944.60			
TOTAL	1,296,229.38	3,795,473.19	3,997,738.42	1,478,983.35	32,380.83	1,446,602.52			
COMPOSITION OF CASH:									
Checking Account, First State Bank				989,198.92					
Money Market Account, Equity Bank				178,849.63					
Certificate of Deposit, First State Bank				50,000.00					
Certificate of Deposit, Equity Bank				100,000.00					
Certificate of Deposit, Peoples State Bank				100,000.00					
Sewer Project 2019, First State Bank				62,934.80					
TOTAL				1,478,983.35					
Petty Cash Account				500.00					
Cash on Hand				100.00					
TOTAL				1,479,583.35					
OUTSTANDING DEBTS:									
General Obligation Bonds Principal Amounts:									
East Sheridan Street		\$50,000.00							
Water		\$135,000.00							
Sunrise Addition 1 (Series 2014-A)		\$1,740,000.00							
Sunrise Addition 1 (Series 2015-A)		\$59,000.00							
Sunrise Addition 2 (Series 2014-B)		\$175,000.00							
Sunrise Addition 2 (Series 2015-B)		\$27,000.00							
Royal Ave. Extension (Series 2014-C)		\$100,000.00							
BTL Sewer Project (Series 2016)		\$84,000.00							
GO Bond Total		\$2,370,000.00							
TRF Loan - Main Street		\$102,737.00							
KCHIEF SRF Loan (Sewer Proj)		\$1,174,596.17							
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBTS		\$3,646,823.17							

I, Kylie Bell, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed, Kylie Bell, City Treasurer

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

The meeting agenda will include the following business items:

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

TWO: They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The terms of Rick Johnson and Darrin Herl have expired. All in the County of Sheridan in the State of Kansas.

By: Daniel Schultz,  
ChairpersonSheridan County  
Conservation DistrictAttest  
DeeAnn Schamberger  
Sheridan County  
Conservation District  
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## Commission Minutes 1/15/2020

Now on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Vice-Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Joe Pratt County Attorney, and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Absent was Commissioner Dewey. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Irene Follis and Rachel Farber.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Bracht advised the Board a bill for the 2020 dues had been received from Northwest Kansas Planning & Development. The portion for Sheridan County is \$5,055.00. This was tabled until Commissioner Dewey is here next week.

Bracht advised the Board that two dispatchers have turned in resignations. These were distributed for the Board to read. Bracht asked Wes Bainter if he had received information from the dispatchers and he stated he had.

Pratt spoke with Norm Bowers about non-employees using our equipment. They feel a Lease Agreement could be created with stipulations about it being used on county property only, they would be responsible for fuel, etc. Pratt stated he did not find anything statutory pertaining to reflective clothing. Bracht will give him the number for KWORCC (workman's comp carrier) and he will verify with them.

Bracht pulled out the handbook. For clarification, she advised the Board that on Page 4, under Appointed Official, it states that "Certain officials, such as the Appraiser...Appointed officials are eligible for the same benefits as elected officials." This was to clarify about leave. Bracht then advised that on Page 8 of the handbook is where it states that sick leave, vacation leave, or any other approved absence will be included in computing overtime

hours. The Board, by consensus previously, will change this to read that no leave or holiday time will be included when calculating overtime. Time will also not round forward or back but will be paid to the minute.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 Minutes as presented, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 2-0.

At 9:18, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel, personnel matters. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Present were the Board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 9:23 with no decision being made.

Joe Herskowitz from Road & Bridge entered the meeting. Wes Bainter advised he had talked with Rex Storer about checking the roads at Bow Creek Cemetery. It will be checked out prior to the funeral service.

The bucket truck repairs were discussed. The serviceman has advised that the cables need repaired at a cost of approximately \$15,000. He stated that once the cables expire, there is a liability issue. By consensus, the Board decided the bucket truck is not a piece of equipment that is needed. Herskowitz will place on NexTech and Purple Wave.

Herskowitz distributed the chemical inventory. He will go back and get expiration dates. Bracht stated she could help with pricing if needed. Herskowitz stated that two employees are going to Dodge City on Thursday to test for noxious weed.

Wes Bainter stated the County should not be competing with local business.

The recycling building is close to being up and going. Due to the height of one of the balers, the heating duct will have to be moved. The bailers and conveyor are up and working. Wes Bainter stated he talked to the hospital, Joslyn's, BTL and Hoxie Implement about recycling cardboard. They are all agree they want to recycle. Wes Bainter feels they should purchase a trailer and when it is full, the County would come and get it and take it to recycling to bale immediately. Wes Bainter feels you need at least a 14' trailer with tailgate that drops down. Wes Bainter will come back with numbers for this type of trailer. Bids will be obtained for a chain hoist door for the building where bales will be stored and the other door will be sheeted off. They want the door to be a TracRite Door. Once everything is complete, something will be put in both papers with bullet points as to what will be taken, etc.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

Melanie Cooper entered the meeting. Cooper had been at the meeting the previous week when the road conditions were discussed. Cooper stated that everyone needs the road system to work. She realizes that the last few years the weather has been unusual. Cooper distributed her resume and then went on to discuss her qualifications, experience and what she feels she could bring to the Road Department. The Board thanked her for coming in.

Bids were reviewed for the windows. Selden Lumber had the low bid of \$73,725 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor windows of the Courthouse. Wes Bainter made a motion to proceed with Selden Lumber ordering the windows, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 2-0.

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Hugh Wigginton from H & S Sales & Service. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Changes were made to the bid for heating/cooling units for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor as well. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the bid for heating/cooling units in the amount of \$8,450 from H & S Sales & Service. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Irene Follis was recognized and stated she would like the Board to be sure that there is good information put out in the papers on recycling.

Wes Bainter asked that Bracht confirm with High Plains Roofing their timeline to get the Courthouse roof done.

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht,  
County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Vice-Chairman

## BOT Minutes 12/23/2019

December 23, 2019

Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 12:01pm in the conference room. Members in attendance were Michael Mullins, Leanna Sloan and Lucille Heim. Also present was Michael O'Dell, Hannah Schoendaler, a Patient Family Advisor Committee (PFAC) Representative and Justine Wade.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with 3 additional items. 4-0

The Board of Trustees 2020 meeting schedule was reviewed. The February meeting is tentatively moved to February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Election of Officers was conducted. A motion was made to approve Michael Mullins for the Chairman of the Board. 5-0. A motion was made to approve Ken Eland as the Vice-Chairman, Lucille Heim as Secretary and Leanna Sloan as Treasurer. 5-0

The Board of Trustees Bylaws were reviewed, and no changes have been made. A motion was made to approve the bylaws as presented with no changes made. 4-0

The Conflict of Interest statements were passed out and signatures were received.

The Critical Issues Summit will be held February 27 and 28, 2020 in Wichita, KS.

Ken Eland entered the meeting at 12:07pm.

A renewal notice on the CD at the First State Bank was received.

A motion was made to reappoint Alexander Serra, M.D. and Mohammad Quraishi M.D. to courtesy staff. 5-0

Dr. Machen's contract was discussed.

Policy and Procedure manuals were reviewed.

A motion was made to accept the Corporate Compliance policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Pharmaceutical Services policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the 340B policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Med Staff Bylaws, Rules and regulations and fair hearing plan policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Nutritional Services policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Utilization Review policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Discharge Planning policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the HIPAA policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Health Information Management policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Business policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Skilled Swing Bed policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Education policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Infection Prevention policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Employee Health policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Acute Nursing policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Emergency Room policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to accept the Central Sterilization, Operating Room and Anesthesia policy and procedure manual as presented. 5-0

## Luella Kinderknecht

December 24, 1933 ~ January 13, 2020



Luella M. Kinderknecht, 86, of Hoxie, passed away Monday, January 13, 2020. She was born in St. Peter, on December 24, 1933, to Joe A. and Elizabeth M. (Dinkel) Richmeier. She married Virgil A. Kinderknecht, on November 9, 1954 in St. Peter, Kansas. He passed away June 21, 2001.

Luella grew up on a farm near St. Peter. She attended school in St. Peter and graduated from 8th grade. After 8th grade graduation, she immediately went to work helping families with their children. For a short while before she met Virgil, Luella worked in Hays at the Hospital. After they were married, they moved to a farm north of Park where they lived until 1995 when they moved to Hoxie, Kansas. She kept the house in order and raised the children while Virgil went to work on the railroad.

Luella was a wonderful cook. She was well known for her chicken and noodles, barbecued meatballs, fried chicken, homemade rolls, and her specialty, galuskies. She grew a large garden until the past few years. After her husband Virgil died, her children and grandchildren made sure she had the best care possible. Her grandchildren made sure her lawn was mowed, and her grandson, Aaron, always spent the evening helping decorate her house for Christmas. Luella enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities. She dearly loved her children and all her grand and great-grandchildren. They made her world a brighter place to live.

Survivors include her children, Marilyn Arnold (David), of Hoxie, Leon Kinderknecht (Tracy), of Wamego, Loretta Karnes (Roy), of Grainfield, Glenda

Heier (Richard), of Hoxie, Randy Kinderknecht, Galen Kinderknecht, both of Park, Sheila Heim (Steve) and Eric Kinderknecht (Debbie), all of Hoxie, grandchildren, Jeremy Arnold, Mary Glick (Darin), Levi Kinderknecht (Tiffany), Mark Karnes, Travis Arnold, Ryan Kinderknecht, Kala Harvey (Jonathan), Jadrien Carson (Jeff Pfeifer), Kara Scott (Bronson), Alex Kinderknecht (Kristen Redding) Aaron Heim, Corey Heier, Becki Sporing (Raven), Chris Heim (Taylor), Cody Kinderknecht, Mariah Kinderknecht (Ryan Kabriel), Colin Heim and Erica Kinderknecht; great-grandchildren, Caden, Kristin, Eli, Shawn, Brinley Keaton, Kyler, Sebastian, Blaten, Taelynn, Jayden, Braysen, Gavin, Blaze, Keira, Bella, Eisle, Teagan, Gordon, Savannah and McKinley; great-great granddaughter, Makiyah; siblings, Blanche Zerr, Edwin (Agnes) Richmeier, Eileen Bellairs, Carmella Jones, Clarita Kollhoff, and Larry Richmeier (Jackie).

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Virgil, son, Michael Kinderknecht, infant daughter Mary Ann, grandson Brett Arnold.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, KS. Burial followed the service in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Park. Visitation was held Friday, January 17, 2020 with family receiving friends from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with a Vigil Service and rosary starting at 7:00 P.M. all at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Benefit Walk, Sheridan County Amusement Company, or masses and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at mickyleopoldfuneral.com.

Luella was a kind and loving person. Her husband, children, grand and great-grandchildren were so precious to her. Death leaves heartache but love leaves a memory no one can steal. Luella's memory will live on because of the memories that have been made by all her love.

presented. 5-0

The KDADS audit is completed. There will be no impact to our rates and no payback needed.

The HRSA 340B is still under review.

The CMS Medicare Secondary Payer Audit is complete.

The Toothaker Annex was discussed.

The Acute Wing project was discussed.

Provider updates were discussed.

Teresa Poage entered the meeting to present the Quality and Risk Management report. The QHi and financial information was reported. Avera was used 11 times in November. The Quality Assurance report was reviewed. ER stats were reviewed. Risk management data was reviewed. Teresa left the meeting.

Becky Vickers entered the meeting to provide an update on HIPAA and HIM. Becky left the meeting.

Corporate Compliance minutes were reviewed.

The Board minutes from November 25, 2019 and Special Board meeting minutes from December 3, 2019 were reviewed. A

motion was made to approve the minutes from the above meetings as presented. 5-0

The financial statements were reviewed.

The 2020 Budget was discussed.

A motion was made to approve the budget as amended. 5-0

The bad debt write-offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debt write-offs for November 2019 in the amount of \$4,673.354 for the Hospital and \$1,593.05 for the Clinic and pursue in small claims for those within Sheridan and surrounding counties. 5-0

A motion was made to approve the November Accounts Payable in the amount of \$593,717.57. 5-0

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Grant submissions were discussed.

The FQHC report was discussed. The agenda for FQHC BOT meeting was reviewed.

The employee updates were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting will be January 27, 2020 at 11:30am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:37pm. 5-0

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### SNOWFLAKES solution

### CryptoQuip answer

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What book would you use to find words that are not true?

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### SCRAMBLERS solution

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