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NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN INTO OFFICE



Judge John Cahoj swears in Brandon Carver as Sheridan County Sheriff at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Newly elected County officials, left to right: front row: Shirley Niermeier (Treasurer), Heather Bracht (County Clerk), Mary Weimer (Register of Deeds); back row: Troy Dewey (County Commissioner), Judge John Cahoj, Harry Joe Pratt (County Attorney), Sheriff Brandon Carver (County Sheriff), Joe Bainter (County Commissioner). (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Judge John Cahoj swears in Heather Bracht as Sheridan County Clerk at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Judge John Cahoj swears in Harry Joe Pratt as Sheridan County Attorney at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Judge John Cahoj swears in Mary Weimer as Sheridan County Register of Deeds at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Judge John Cahoj swear in Troy Dewey as Sheridan County Commissioner for District 2 at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Judge John Cahoj swears in Joe Bainter as Sheridan County Commissioner for District 3 at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Judge John Cahoj swears in Shirley Niermeier as Sheridan County Treasurer at the Courthouse on January 9, 2017. (Photo by Rachel Farber)

Match Day Huge Success



By Rachel Farber

The second Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) Match Day was another huge success. They were able to hand out over \$75,000 to 35 different entities.

During halftime of the boys' basketball game on Friday, January 6, 2017, the SCCF made their presentation. Last year they gave out \$48,770 to 33 entities.

There were new requirements this year, besides being a non-profit organization, the SCCF

asked recipients to fill out an application stating the project they would be using the monies for. While many donated to a specific organization, others donated to the SCCF to assist in the monies to be matched.

The Sheridan County Community Foundation board members, Michelle Foote, Jodi Rogers, Harry Joe Pratt, William Slipke, Leanna Sloan and Mike Mense, have been able to help Dane G. Hansen give out grants in the amount of \$142,701 to Sheridan County organizations.

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Words of Faith

*You will eat
the fruit of your labor;
Blessings and Prosperity
will be yours.
Psalm 123:2*

Grain Report

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 10 | |
| Wheat | 3.16 |
| Corn | 2.88 |
| Milo | 2.50 |
| Beans | 8.79 |

Last Week's Weather

| Date | High | Low | H2O |
|--|------|-----|-----|
| There will be no "Last Week's Weather" until a new official can be found. | | | |
| If you're interested, contact the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Goodland, KS | | | |
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Words of Wisdom

*Life without
HOPE
is a life without
MEANING
Where's Sheridan?*

Community News

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Upcoming Area Events

Hoxie

Wednesdays, on-going:

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

Winter Wednesdays: Hoxie Farmers' Market, 730 Main Street, Hoxie 5pm - 7:30pm

2nd Tuesday - each month (Sept-June):

Scrappy Quilters Guild-Midwest Energy Building Meeting Room 7pm

2nd Wednesday - each month:

United Methodist Church Coffee Club in the Social Hall, 2 pm

Grainfield

Wednesday, January, 18:

6pm In-House Spirits Tasting-Harvest Spirit (must be 21)

Oberlin

Saturday, January 21:

10am "Blast Off" The New Year With Rocketry-Golden Age Center (RSVP by 1/13)

Saturday, January 29:

1:30pm Sheridan County Historical Society Annual Meeting: RE: Courthouse Re-Dedication-Bowen Scout House. (In case of inclement weather, meeting will be held February 5.)

Colby

Friday - Sunday, January 27-29:

2017 Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference - Manhattan, KS

Monday, February 13:

6:30pm FHSU Student Recognition Program - Colby High School

Hays

Monday, February 6:

Ellis County Extension-"Top 10 Considerations to Navigate a Struggling Farm Economy" - K-State Hays Ag Research Center (Register by January 30 - \$15 registration fee)

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

A beautiful Monday morning here. Snow on the ground and the sun is shining nicely. Some of our snow melted yesterday.

The family of the late Punch and Mildred Tacha enjoyed a Christmas Reunion in the Estes Park, Colorado YMCA Barclay Lodge. Attendees were; John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence; John R and Ryann Tacha, Lawrence; David, Diana, Avery, Cole, and Lauren Tacha. Aurora, Colorado; Joel, Sarah, Anna and Lucy Bergman, Milwaukee, Oregon; Sean and Leah Kenealy, Brooklyn, New York; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie of Estes Park, Colorado; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Hays; Chad, Kim, Madison and Jacob Kuntz, Manhattan; Chris, Kimberly, Abigail and Kate Kuntz, Raymor, Missouri; Ben and Katie Kershner, Ottawa; Zachary Kuntz, Manhattan; Kurt Brown, Millie and Dashiell, Quinter; Phil and Keli Kleidosty and Sidney, Kekaha, Hawaii.

Several in the community have been entertaining a cold. There was no library board meeting on Monday evening because several were ill.

SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On December 29 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center - Lillian Sulzman won high with a score of 600, Carlene Bruggeman took second with a score of 585 and Ohio Aumiller had the most Kings. Other players include - Pat Wessel, Wilma Ritter, Don Juenemann, Boyd Wilson, Margee Wilson, Carl Mumm, Ralph Weis and JR Albers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: January 7: John Kruse, Ron Kaus; January 8: Gary Shaw, Colten Sauvage, Tyler Stevenson, Tom Zodrow; January 9: Evelyn Wahl, Lindsay Wahl; January 10: Melanie Schultz Ruoff, Randi Stevenson, Kiezer Carman; January 11: Shad Putnam, January 12: Joe Bainter; January 13: Carl Ochs, Sherry Carman; January 14: Bernie Ritter, Angel Lobato; January 15: Dave Wachendorfer; January 18: Renee Wilson; January 19: Bodie Sauvage.

To Our Valued Customers

D & L SERVICE & BODY SHOP

HWY 24 E - P.O. BOX 623

HOXIE, KS - PH 675-3972

Thank you for another year of business and for all your continued patronage over the past 50+ years. It is with a heavy heart we must announce some upcoming changes at D & L Service.

Although we would like to continue selling fuel and providing full service, fuel and oil changes, we have decided that now is the right time for us to alter our current business operations. We have determined it is no longer cost effective to upkeep and maintain current aspects of our business and that we must make some changes moving forward.

All things considered, we will continue to sell fuel until our current supply is depleted, at which point our fuel sales will be discontinued.

We will also no longer be providing full service oil changes on vehicles, and will be shifting business focus to other services currently offered. We will remain an auto body repair shop and will continue to provide this service, as well as windshield repair and replacement. We will also continue Grasshopper & Country Clipper mower sales & service, as well as small engine and lawn mower repair.

Along with these changes we will have new business hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Closing from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch

Please understand this was not an easy decision, and that we that we sincerely appreciate the support and business our loyal customers have provided us over the years.

Kind regards,

D & L Service



Mealsite Menu

January 16 - January 20

Monday:

Salisbury Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Apricots

Tuesday:

Ham & Beans, Spinach Salad, Cornbread, Peaches

Wednesday:

Spaghetti, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Breadstick, Brownie

Thursday:

Meatballs w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Strawberry Shortcake

Friday:

Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Cheesy Broccoli, Bread, Tropical Fruit


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

Thank You

Our family would like to thank the community for the many acts of kindness towards us. We would like to thank Pastor Schadel for his wonderful service. The church ladies for the wonderful lunch. For the friends who came out on a bad day to honor John Rand. To Mary Ellen and Joe for all their help at a difficult time. Funeral home for all the help. Thank you for all the cards, visits, food, and donations. John Rand cared for his friends, patients, and family very much. He will be missed.

The Family of John Rand, Sylvia, Lori, Jorge, Cindy, and Nathan, Dr. John, Karl, Jim, Daren & Ronna

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SHERIDAN COUNTY EMS RECEIVES GRANT FROM CHS UNITED PLAINS AG

By Jeannine Taylor

The Sheridan County EMS, Hoxie, KS, recently received a grant from CHS United Plains Ag to assist in the upgrade of a new layer of communication system. CHS United Plains Ag/CHS Quinter matched a \$2,000 CHS Ag Safety grant from CHS Stewardship with an additional \$2,000 to purchase two new radios for local volunteer emergency medical technicians.

"CHS recognizes the importance of giving back and supporting safety initiatives in our local community," says Jeff Kahle, managing director, CHS United Plains Ag/CHS Quinter. "Equipping first responders with up-to-date communications is vital to protect everyone that lives in the rural area."

The new radios will be 800MHz, which will allow for better communication among Sheridan County EMS professionals, the county fire department, and law enforcement. The radios will also allow for more seamless communication with emergency personnel in other counties.

"This project would not be possible without the support of local businesses like CHS," says Deb Kaufman, Sheridan County EMS Director. "Sheridan County EMS is a volunteer organization and

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SATURDAY BUFFET

Saturday, January 14

5-8 pm

Pan-Fried Chicken

BBQ St. Louis Ribs

Smothered Pork Chops

Homemade Mashed Potatoes

Sides

All for \$7.95

Thank you to the staff of the hospital for the caring care and the excellent food that I received while in the hospital.

JoAnn Mauck

FAITH

is seeing light with your heart

when all your eyes see is darkness

Faith & Lifestyle

HAMA



Hoxie Area Ministerial Association

Endure or Lift (part 2) By Micah Howery

Last week we saw how emotional and spiritual burdens can be like weights that we lift in order to get stronger rather than heavy burdens designed to tear us down. This process of “lifting” isn’t the same as enduring. We must take each instance of a burden as an opportunity to grow. Let me give you an example.

God says, in many places, not to be afraid. He also says, in nearly as many places, that He will take care of our needs. So, when your circumstances look like your needs will not be met, you have a burden to bear or weight that can be lifted. If you have bills that outweigh your income, an emergency breakdown or a medical issue that piles up the invoices it would be easy to become afraid. However,

each is an opportunity to “lift the weight” by trusting God to provide.

This works especially well when the weight is something that happens regularly. For example, if you are afraid of what people think of you, every social experience is an opportunity to become afraid or to remind yourself that God’s opinion is the only one that matters. If you do the latter, you lift the weight and become stronger. If you do the former, you simply endure.

When we choose to endure we do not become stronger. In fact, when we just “put up” with our circumstances and/or our reaction to them, we train ourselves to respond to stimuli inappropriately. If every time my bank account empties I simply get afraid and worry about it, I’m training myself to worry rather than training myself to trust God.

These are called “mental/emotional ruts”. Every time I choose a behavior I reinforce that behavior in my own mind and make it more automatic. That’s why every time I choose sin over righteousness it’s easier to sin the next time I

have that same choice.

So just because I’m suffering a “burden/weight” every day, or even every five minutes, that doesn’t automatically mean I’m going to get stronger. I very well might get weaker.

Consider the gym metaphor. If I go into a gym and have someone stack weights on my back as I lay on the floor, I’m not going to build muscle. But if I stand up and pick those weights up over and over, I will. Endurance is like laying on the floor, but choosing to attempt to do the right thing (i.e. trusting God) is like lifting the weights. Only one reaction will make you stronger.

It can be very difficult to maintain this over and over, however. Much like lifting weights, the more repetitions you do the harder it can become. In those moments, it’s important to remember 1 Corinthians 10:13 which says, “And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” God watches carefully as you struggle.

He has not abandoned you when pain occurs. Rather, He provides the “way out”, or a method of overcoming.

This could be scripture that reminds you of the truth (God will provide), corrects bad belief (God is against you) or simply lifts your heart. It could be wise words from a friend or pastor. It could be this article. Whatever it is, it helps you find the way to lift the weights rather than simply suffer underneath them.

Notice that the end of the verse says you can “endure it.” A better translation would be “to stand up under it.” The image in the Greek is more like a squat in strength training, than what we think of when we hear “endure.” There’s a good reason weight lifting is called “resistance training.” As we “resist” according to God’s word, we get stronger.

As we “squat” and “bench press” our problems, we get stronger and stronger and eventually get to a moment where our strength outstrips the problems. That moment is called a “suddenly”, and it’s the subject of next week’s article.



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Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Wednesday:
All Stars for Jesus 3:35 pm-5:30 pm
7th - 12th Grade Youth Group 7 pm

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Sunday Contemporary Service 11 am

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3rd Wednesday-Mary & Martha Circle 7:30 pm

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Afternoon Worship 3:00 pm
Wednesday: Worship 4:45 pm at
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Worship Service 10:30 am
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Church Service 11 am

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Worship Service 10:30 am
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Wednesday: Confirmation Class 6 pm

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Wednesday: Connect for Dinner 6 pm
Group Study 6:30 - 7:30 pm
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SHERIDAN COUNTY EMS RECEIVES GRANT

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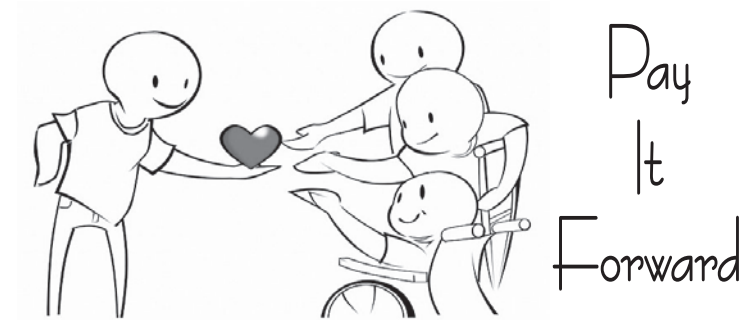
Deb Kaufman, AEMT and Sheridan County Director of Emergency Services is shown receiving the grant checks from Jeff Kahle, Managing Director of CHS United Plains Ag. (L-R) Heather Bracht, EMT and Sheridan County Clerk, Don Koerperich, AEMT and Sheridan County Emergency Director, Jodi Moellering, EMT, Kaufman, Dan Juenemann, Location Manager, Selden CHS, Kahle, Rob Bieberle, CHS Safety Specialist, and Alvin Juenemann, Location Manager, Colby CHS (Photo by Jeannine Taylor)

exists to protect and enhance the quality of life of our citizens and visitors through preventing or minimizing the loss of life. Communication inter-operability with our other county partners and neighboring emergency services is critical to our goal.”

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Colby
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Passengers (PG-13)
Hidden Figures (PG)

Palace Community Theatre

101 Center Ave
Oakley
785-672-3115
Passengers (PG-13)

Sunflower Cinema

220 N Penn Ave
Oberlin
785-475-7141
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Frontier Stage

305 E East Main St
Hill City
785-420-3344
Sing (PG)

Norton Theatre

215 E Main St
Norton
785-877-2075
Unavailable at press time

JOKES & QUOTES

Somebody knocks on door:

Who is there?

Police?

What do you want?

We want to talk.

How many of you are there?

Two.

So talk with each other.

The morning before Christmas Santa went to his favorite diner and ordered Eggs Benedict for breakfast.

A few minutes later the waiter came back, carrying his Eggs Benedict in a shiny new hubcap.

Santa was confused. He asked, “Why the hubcap? Why not a plate?”

The waiter said, “Because there’s no plate like chrome for the hollandaise.”

A little 3-year-old girl was playing with her miniature tea set. Her father was in the living room and her mother was out shopping.

The little girl came out to the living room and offered her father a cup of tea, which was in fact just water. He thought this was really cute, so she did it sev-

eral more times.

When the mother came home, the father had the mother stop and watch the little tea ritual, as her daughter brought the father another cup of tea (water) and he drank it.

The mother said, “Very nice. But has it occurred to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?”

A man is trying to understand the nature of God, time, and the Universe. He asks God, “How long is a billion years to you?”

God says, “A billion years is like a second to me.”

The man asks, “Well, how much is a billion dollars to you?”

God says, “A billion dollars is like a penny to me.”

So the man says, “God, can I have a penny?”

And God replies, “In a sec.”

An older lady passed away recently. She’d never been married, and she specifically asked that her casket service not have any male pallbearers.

Her contract with the funeral parlor stated: “They never took me out when I was alive, so they sure won’t be taking me out when I’m dead.”

Success is on the same road as failure; success is just a little further down the road.

Jack Hyles

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Little Economies

In a home where every penny must be carefully spent, the wise little mother washes the apples to be fed to her growing children, pares and cores them and puts the peelings and cores in a glass jar well sealed until she has enough to boil up and make a glass or two of jelly. Where one is able to buy apples by the barrel they should be carefully watched and a few cans of them put up occasionally so that there need be no waste. The peelings and cores may be cooked, strained and put into the vinegar keg, making a fine clean vinegar which you know is wholesome.

Apples should be served baked, in sauce, in puddings of various kinds, as relish for roast pork, as salads, fried with onions as a vegetable; in fact, there are numberless ways of saving every apple; nothing, not even the skin, need be wasted.

Use raffia for tying up holiday gifts; it can be bought in colors or you can color a bunch easily. It is strong, cheap and adds a festive touch to the package which is lacking in string.

One mother finds that making buttonholes in ravelly goods is remedied by cutting the buttonhole, the running a knife dipped in hot wax through it. The wax holds the threads and the buttonhole is easily worked.

When using boughs of fir or pine for decoration, dip the ends of the twigs in paraffin and avoid the pitch pots which are so annoying.

Save pretty boxes and cover with wall paper, using the color appropriate for the gift sent.

Sunday Night Suppers

This is the time when the chafing dish may be enjoyed, with leisure to perform all sorts of experiments.

Salad Sandwich - A salad, a sandwich, hot or otherwise, a hot drink, or an iced

one, depending upon the temperature, with fruit, fresh or preserved, and a small cake and one need not turn away a guest because of lack of provender.

Ox Tongue With Tomato Sauce - Cut a boiled tongue in slices, the in disks with a biscuit cutter. Have ready mashed potatoes, well-seasoned with butter and cream and covered with the white of an egg and piled on a platter in a long mound. Make a tomato sauce or use a can of tomato soup, lay in the tongue, and when thoroughly hot arrange around the mound, overlapping and standing on edge, pour the sauce around.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
January 4, 1917



Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber



This crazy picture shows five girls, identified as Waunita Currier, Virginia James Ziegler, Frances Haffner, and two unknowns enduring a hazing for entering high school. It was posted on the Sheridan County Historical Society Facebook page that this was a school supported “hazing” of some freshman class, possibly around 1956 or ‘57. This ended sometime during the 1960’s, due to day of fun that often turned out not to be for some. This then led to each class wanting to seek ‘revenge’ for what they endured when coming into high school.

From The Sheridan County Democrat
January 11, 1895

The Citizens’ drug store man has built an ice house in the rear of the store and will fill it with ice to run his soda fountain.

John Hedge, the new Probate Judge, moved to town on Wednesday afternoon and took possession of the office. In the evening, Tom Crick, the postmaster at Guy, hunted him up and the Judge gave his permission for T. S. Crick and Lula Grant to become one and enjoy all the blessings of a married life after someone who had authority to say “something” to them.

Valley Township
Studley, January 1st, 1895
Write it 1895.

There will be two weddings in high life in our city soon.

J. Blackman is building a dam. He is going into the prune raising.

Skelton died last night at 12 m., and Studley was born this morning.

Uncle Abraham Pratt has received his appointment as postmaster of Studley, and is happy.

If you want to get Abram Pratt hot under the collar, just ask him about that cabbage deal he had with Billy Haines.

Studley will take on mourning when Uncle John Hedge moves to Hoxie. Also a poor lone widow in our burg will shed tears of regret.

A thick headed republican was heard to say the other day that Valley township had gone to hell since it elected a democratic township board.

125 Years Ago
January 14, 1892

Our steam Mill is a success. Fred Fay says he has parsnips on his farm four feet long.

Dr. Graves was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung the last week in January. Short time for repentance.

Livery-man Smith of Grainfield did business in our city last week.

Measles are reported in our city. This is a good time of year to have them.

Uncle Jack Sloan was in the city Tuesday in company with George. The loss of his wife is bearing heavy on him and he come to town to escape the loneliness.

A great war is going on in the southwest part of the

state the militia are out and martial law will be declared and things brought to a focus. Judge Botkin can settle this matter by resigning.

Mr. Miller of the billiard hall has decided to move his tables from this place to Goodland. We recommend him to the people of Goodland as a sober, industrious, model man and are sorry that he is compelled to leave us.

Mr. Altman has brought one of his steam engines to the city and started a steam feed mill he will do all kinds of grinding and at prices which cannot be met in foreign places. He asks a share of your patronage and his works can be found at Crum’s.

Bert McKinney report married life a success but that it also has its vicissitudes last Monday morning at 2 o’clock his house was surrounded by a gang of which the following were part of the members, Capt. Law. Walt Cressler, Frank Holmes, Jap Foster, Frank Spillman, Harry Sloafer, Eugene Stevens, Silas Foster, they began to toot horns ring bells and otherwise make themselves obnoxious until disgusted with their own music and the weather they silently stole away we are sorry that the boys did not have better luck but would advise them to try again at some future date.

100 Years Ago
January 11, 1917
Local News

Dr. Lloyd Farber, of Selden, was a Hoxie visitor Sunday.

Dorsey Rouse, the Sentinel’s foreman, spent Sunday in Selden with his parents.

We’re glad to enroll M. P. Mowry of the Allison country as a reader of the Sentinel this week.

W. A. Oelke, that hustling young farmer of Parnell township, was a pleasant caller at our office Thursday.

Read the high school notes and find out where we’re all going Friday night, and “you all” come along too.

Contractor Wilson is rushing the work on the Masonic hall and in a week or so at the present speed the walls will be completed.

Old Sheridan
Guy Godfrey is sporting a new Ford. What next?

Mr. Roy Rogers’ little girl met with a serious accident last week.

Mr. Hunt of Hoxie is finishing our Flora Carl’s

term of school at Old Sheridan.

Some farmers are making preparation for putting in their spring crops.

North Fork
Bobby Kelley’s have a phone now on line 3. We are glad to have them on the line again.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Pickett was buried in Adell cemetery Monday, January 8. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett are well-known in this neighborhood and have the sympathy of the entire community in this hour of sorrow.

High School Notes
Rumor has it that Kate is a good jitney driver. See the hack-driver for further information.

Remember Friday evening the affirmative debating team of the S. C. H. S. meets the Logan debaters. Come out and root for us, we need you.

Selden News
The item in last week’s Sentinel by Lucille regarding the little child forgotten in the automobile reminded us of a story Prof. Worley used to tell about himself when he was a small boy. His parents were in the habit of attending protracted meeting and taking their family of small boys along comfortably covered in the back part of the “Studebaker” on a nice bed of hay. His mother always carried a cooky for each boy to munch on the way home. One night the mother when handing back the cookies noticed that no boy grabbed for it, whereupon the horses were stopped and a searchlight in the shape of the family lantern put into use. The extra cooky proved a boy was gone. There was no other way but to turn around and go back to the church where the embryo Professor was found curled up in the pew fast asleep.

Angelus
Ikey has a grouch. Wonder what happened?
The homes in which the electric lights are installed certainly do loom up beautifully at night.
Little Will Robben, Geo. And Herman Ostmeyer’s hired hand, has a girl but he won’t tell who she is. He said she knows and he knows that he knows, so what can a fellow do?

The new church at Angelus is now an assured thing. Rev. Zeigenfuss has \$25000.00 cash. He raised \$5000.00 last

Sunday in about ten minutes, people giving voluntary contributions.

75 Years Ago
January 8, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leopold are parents of a son, David Earl, born January 3rd at the Colby Hospital. Mother and babe are getting along nicely. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mickey, Mrs. Lippton and the Vernon Mickey family visited the mother and babe on Sunday. They report that there were nine babies in the hospital, all boys. Two of them are twins.

Saline Valley Gossip
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Albers are the proud parents of a baby girl.

No school was held in Grinnell Friday, due to roads being impassable.

Dave Schulte made a business trip to Grinnell Saturday morning.

Mrs. Frank Moos and baby son returned home from the hospital at Colby, Sunday afternoon. They have named him Larry Nicholas.

The school faculty have returned from their vacations, but it is impossible to have school because of the snow blocked roads.

January 1, 1942 is the first time in seven years that we have lived on Highway 24 that there was no traffic. Not one car all day long. Such a storm – perfect day to take inventory.

City School Notes
Third Grade – This week ends the first half of our school year. The third six week’s tests are the order of the day.

We have begun the unit “Our Community” which is a study of Kansas.

Our teacher is reading “The Pioneer Twins”, a story of the “Oregon Trail.” It is very interesting and exciting.

Fourth Grade – This is the eighteenth week of school. School is now half over.

We have been having fun playing fox and geese in the snow. We like our snow fort, too. But we wish it would get a little warmer.

Louise Bieker is our president and John Lewis is our vice president for January. Our secretary is Melba Ball.

S. C. H. S. Notes

The Freshman class of the S. C. H. S. met at the high school building, Tues., Dec. 30, at 6:00 o’clock, to go sleigh riding.

The bob sled owned by Bill Cooper was pulled by Virgil Neal’s team. The ride was cut short however, when one runner gave way. The group then went to the Hoxie Café for chili and hot chocolate.

“This Thing Called Love” at the Pix ended the evening for everyone.

50 Years Ago
January 12, 1967

NW Kansas Library Group Held Annual Meeting In Hoxie

The first annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Library System was held in Hoxie Monday, Jan. 9 at the Old Sheridan Inn. Thirty-five representatives from 14 libraries in the 11-county area were present. The objectives of this organization are to improve existing libraries, extend library services to sparsely populated areas not now served by an adequate public library, and to achieve maximum utilization of tax

monies and other funds available from state and federal sources.

Cooper Dry Goods Holding “White Sale”

Cooper Dry Goods of Hoxie is announcing a big January White Sale which begins Thursday and continues through Wednesday, Jan. 18. The sale offers many money saving bargains throughout the store.

County Officials Began New Terms of Office Monday

Sheridan County officials began their new terms of office Monday, with three new faces appearing on the elected staff: Gene A. Smerchek, county attorney; R. E. Bielser, sheriff; Mrs. Eula Farber, clerk of the district court.

Angelus 4-H Club

Ronald Lager gave a project talk on dairy calves at the regular meeting of the Angelus 4-H club on Dec. 30, at the Walter Schwarz home. John Lager gave a demonstration on his Instamatic camera and mounting snapshots.

For music appreciation, Kathy Dickman told about the guitar and accompanied on the piano while her sister, Diane, played a few numbers on the guitar.

Mrs. Walter Schwarz reported on her trip to Manhattan for the State Advisory Board meeting.

Carl Schwarz will be one of the delegates from Sheridan County to the National Western Livestock Show in Denver.

A Christmas gift exchange by the members of the club was held after the meeting.

Laurita Schwarz, reporter

Tom Tom Tribune

Our cager of the week is Gregg Cooper.

When asked for his comments on the season Gregg said, “The team is under a lot of pressure, but we’ve been under pressure before, and it’s going to be a long season but we’ve got the best coach in the league.”

Norbert Neal, a senior, is our grappler of the week.

Norbert’s comment on the season was as follows: “On a given night we’ve got the potential to beat anyone in the league, but it’s going to take work.”

Report From Clerk Of District Court

Mrs. Minnie Carder, Clerk of District Court for 1966 of Sheridan County, give the following report from her office.

There were seven recovery of money; three partitions; two quiet titles; six divorces were issued and one divorce case dismissed. There was one foreclosure on real estate. There was one transcript from Graham County.

There were eleven “appointment of agent” for Service of Process.

Cases on the docket that were not completed in 1966 are: one quiet title; one declaratory judgment; two divorce cases; three separate maintenance cases; two partitions; one assault and seven felony cases.

Separate from cases are the tax warrants, mechanics liens, notary applications, statutory bonds, certified copies and verified copies and other business which must be handled according to Statute.

The office took in \$118,535.88 during the year. Delinquent taxes collected were in the amount of \$820.57. Revenue tax collected was \$110.89.

25 Years Ago
January 9, 1992
White Returns From Down Under

Thousands of miles from home for 11 months, Hoxie youth Brian White made memories and new friends to last a lifetime. Brian left for Australia January of 1991 as a participant in the Youth For Understanding foreign exchange program.

Nov. 28 was Brian’s last school day in Australia. He returned to the States Dec. 12 on the 14 hour 48 minute flight. A transition period then began for Brian and his parents, Jim and Reba White, and his brother Scott.

John Deere Day Thursday, Jan. 16

The 20th Annual John Deere Day festivities will be held at Taylor Implement Company on Highway 24 west of Hoxie Thursday, Jan. 16. The day includes a lunch at 12 noon and film about John Deere farm equipment and techniques to be shown starting at 1 p.m. Tuffy and Dema invite everyone to attend.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Start

Be on the lookout for Girl Scouts with cookie order cards!

Carrying on a well-received tradition for over 50 years, Girl Scouts will be going door-to-door to sell cookies. Seven different varieties of cookies will be on sale. The cost of each box is \$2.50.

Sheridan County Library

That Librarian must be kidding herself if she thinks it’s quiet in the library! With characters like those in **Treasure Island**, Stephen King’s book like **Cujo** or **Pet Semetary**, and even those wild westerns, it’s never quiet in the library.

If you would like to read any of the exciting books mentioned above, drop by the library and ask the librarian on duty where these books are located in the library.

Kirk Getz has agreed to display a small part of his Coca Cola collection with the library this month. From advertisements to even a telephone are just a small part of this very unique collection. (Thank you Mr. Getz for sharing with the library.)

“Bookie”

Menlo Pricilla Club Meets

The club Christmas party was held at the home of Bonnie Schiltz.

Do you know who your secret pas is was roll call answered by 12 members.

We all told our plans for Christmas. Sounds like everyone will be busy. Christmas card was read from Nora, a former member. Hardly anyone guessed or had a clue as to who their secret pal was, as we opened our gifts.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious array of foods our hostess served.

We played a fun game of Categories. Prizes were won by Lynette Ball, Michelle Patmon and Faye Steiger.

Our next meeting will be potluck with Enda McKinney Jan. 21 at 7:30.

Don’t forget about the calling tree.

Secretary

NWKS News

Emergency Call for Blood Donations

The American Red Cross has a severe winter blood shortage and is issuing an emergency call for blood donors to make a donation appointment now and help save patient lives.

Hectic holiday schedules for many regular blood donors contributed to about 37,000 fewer donations in November and December than what was needed. Snowstorms and severe weather have also impacted donations. Nearly 100 blood drives were forced to cancel in December, resulting in more than 3,100 blood donations going uncollected.

How to help

Find a blood donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross is extending hours at many donation sites for more donors to give blood or platelets.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities

Decatur

Jennings
1/20/2017: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
United Methodist Church, 202 S
Topeka Ave
Oberlin
1/17/2017: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.,
Decatur Health Systems, 810 W
Columbia St

Ellis

Hays
Hays Blood Donation Center
208 E. 8th
Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fridays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ellis
1/18/2017: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.,
VFW Post 9139, 813 Jefferson
Street
Hays
1/4/2017: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.,
The Mall, 2938 Vine St.
1/17/2017: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
HaysMed, 2200 Canterbury
1/20/2017: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Holy Family Elementary, 1800
Milner

Norton

Norton
1/18/2017: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.,
Norton County 4-H Building, 126
East Park Street

Sheridan

Selden
1/6/2017: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,
Selden Community Building, 110
N. Kansas

Rest Areas Closing For Renovations

The Kansas Department of Transportation will close the I-70 rest areas in Trego County located near WaKeeney for a construction project.

Starting Jan. 9, the westbound facility will close for renovations, with work on the eastbound facility beginning later in the month. Work includes remodeling the existing restrooms and upgrading the surrounding lighting. Both facilities are expected to be reopened by Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting.

Travelers may use the Grainfield facilities located near milepost 96 during the construction. RDH Electric and Construction is the primary contractor for the project with a total contract cost of approximately \$306,000. For more information, contact KDOT district maintenance engineer Rob Percival at 785-877-3315.

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Onsite registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and the workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. The Wichita workshop will begin online registration at 8:15 a.m. and the workshop at 8:45 a.m.

Registration for the March 2017 From the Land of Kansas and Farmers' Market State Conference is \$75 for one day and \$95 for both days. Registration is expected to be open late January at FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMConference and will close March 8, 2017.

KDA is committed to providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy. These workshops will provide support and assistance to help make Kansas businesses more successful.

For more information, contact Janelle Dobbins, KDA's From the Land of Kansas marketing manager, at (785) 564-6759 or Janelle.Dobbins@ks.gov

National Festival of Breads Deadline Approaches



The holiday season has come to a close, and so must the entry period for the 2017 National Festival of Breads. The festival, sponsored by King Arthur Flour, Red Star Yeast and Kansas Wheat, is a national amateur bread baking competition that hundreds of bakers enter. The entry deadline for this year's competition is January 16, 2017.

Adult amateur bakers, ages 18 and up, can submit original recipes for ethnic breads, rolls, time-saving and simple breads, and whole grain breads online at nationalfestivalofbreads.com, a website dedicated to the contest. Youth bakers, ages 12-17, can also submit recipes for yeast breads and quick breads using the same form. Submissions will only be accepted through the online form.

Judges will evaluate all entries and select eight adult finalists, each of whom will receive airfare and accommodations to participate in the national competition on June 17, 2017, in Manhattan, Kansas. In addition, each adult finalist

will receive a \$500 cash award, participate in a wheat harvest tour to a working Kansas wheat farm and flour mill, and take part in other activities. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$2,000 cash, a trip to attend a baking class of their choice at the King Arthur Flour Baking Education Center in Norwich, Vermont and a supply of Red Star Yeast.

One youth grand prize winner will be selected and will receive a \$500 scholarship. Two youth entries will receive runner-up prizes of a \$250 scholarship each.

Special awards are also available for the best recipe using white whole wheat flour, best recipe using a corn ingredient and the best recipe using a soy ingredient. More prize packages are detailed in the official contest rules at nationalfestivalofbreads.com.

The National Festival of Breads is sponsored by two of the most trusted brands in baking, King Arthur Flour and Red Star Yeast.

Additional information, past recipes and a summary of the 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 competitions are available at nationalfestivalofbreads.com. Submissions must be received online by January 16, 2017.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Where to Live in Retirement

Where's the best place to retire? In your state or hometown, or right where you are? The answer might not even be in the United States.

The 2015 Global AgeWatch Index is an eye-opener. First on the list is Switzerland as the best place for older people to live. It was followed by Norway, Sweden and Germany. So where on the list is the United States? Number nine, right behind Iceland and Japan.

Some of the typical warm-weather retiree countries ranked as followed: Spain (25), Costa Rica (28) and Thailand (34).

Each country was ranked on 13 areas, consolidated into four key points: enabling environments, income security, health status and personal capability.

Yet the whole story about a country might depend on which list you read. For example, while the Global Age-Watch Index ranks Australia at No. 17, another less-scientific study ranks it in fifth place. And the Costa Rica in 28th place becomes the No. 1 spot in another list.

If you're searching online for information about retirement locations, beware. Consider the source of the information. Read the fine print. If kudos go to a country because it has an easy visa and residency process, that doesn't tell you what it will be like once you live there.

If a "study" was written by an investment company telling you what your likely monthly costs will be, that's fine, but it doesn't tell you about the quality of life and health care. Panama, coming in at No. 20 on the AgeWatch Index, gets high marks on another list because those who can prove a \$1,000 monthly income are given discounts on entertainment and phone bills.

For more information on the Age-Watch Index, go online to www.hel-page.org/global-agewatch.

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Competition Now Open For 2017 Tiger Gold On Friday Graphic

Contest entries are now being accepted by the Tiger Gold on Friday Committee at Fort Hays State University for the 2017 TGOF graphic.

The competition is open to designs from anyone on campus, students in the Virtual College, alumni, and members of the Tiger community wherever they live. Members of the TGOF Committee are not eligible.

Every contestant will receive a Tiger lapel pin. The top three designs will be posted on FHSU's social media and in the Memorial Union from Feb. 17 to Feb. 24 for a public vote. The creator of the winning design will receive a \$100 Visa card from Eagle Communications.

Each entrant can submit up to three entries. Entries will be accepted until midnight, Feb. 14. The winner will be announced March 1.

Requirements, guidelines and contact information can be found at <http://www.fhsu.edu/TGOF/graphic-contest/>.

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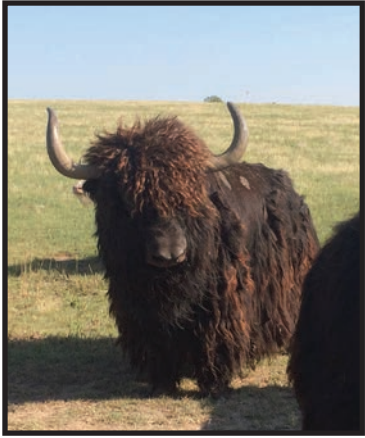
~ Business of the Week ~ Bow Creek Ranch, LLC



Diego is the David’s pet yak, that travels to events with them. He is very gentle and tame and enjoys a good scratching by those who want to pet him. (BCF courtesy photo)

By Rachel Farber
Doug and Stephanie David are the owners of Bow Creek Ranch, LLC. On their ranch they raise cattle and horses, and for the last five years, they’ve also been raising and breeding yaks. The David’s were looking for some outside income when they stumbled upon raising yaks. The yaks are used as a meat source, and for their wool fiber, which is warm, durable, and comparable to cashmere in texture.
They have been growing their business in some way each year. They currently sell yak wool goods: socks, knit hats, scarves, and sweaters. These can be found on their website bowcreekranch.com. You can also find them on Facebook.
The David’s have a farm between Morland and Lenora. Driving past their ranch it is possible to see their yaks out in the pastures. They raise and sell their animals for both breeding and meat purposes.

“Our low cholesterol yak meat is our biggest seller as we ship all over the U.S.,” stated Stephanie. The biggest challenge Bow Creek Ranch has faced is getting their



business spread throughout the community and beyond. Bow Creek Ranch has both state and USDA meat labels for selling the yak meat, as well as their home-raised beef. Attending shows and events with their pet yak, Diego, allows the public to see, touch, and learn about these incredible animals. They’re

easy to care for, enjoying the cold winters, with all that long hair. But they can have some difficulties in the summer, so extra care must be taken during the hotter time of the year.
Both Doug and Stephanie have served with the International Yak Association, with Stephanie currently serving as secretary. Each year they go to the National Western Stock Show where the yearly IYAK meeting, seminars, and yak show are held.
Besides spending time with their yaks, raising cattle and horses, they also enjoy hunting and fishing.
So, if you’re interested in finding out more about yaks, sampling yak meat, or want to purchase some of the finest and warmest wool (without that ‘wool itch’) socks, scarves and sweaters, contact them via their website, Facebook page, or email: bowcreekranch@hotmail.com

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“Selling food directly to consumers through farmers’ markets provides growers a chance to tell their farm’s story, but there are also legal, safety

and financial parameters that farmers need to understand before choosing this marketing tool,” said Londa Nwadike, consumer food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension and the University of Missouri.
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NEW BUSINESS ~ YOUR RIGHT-HAND MAN

By Viktorija Briggs
Sheridan County has another new business available to its residents. Briggs, also of Hoxie Machine, saw another niche market and decided to fill it. While Hoxie Machine takes care of those needing machine work (farm implement repairs, tractor repairs, parts re-built, etc.), this new business, Your Right-Hand Man, has a range of services for a different customer base. Here is Briggs’ story about how he got the idea, and an idea of the services you can call on him for.

Two years ago, I was shopping for plumbing supplies at Garret’s Plumbing in Norton and I overheard the receptionist’s half of a phone call from someone who apparently needed a light bulb changed. It seemed pretty odd to me that anyone would call a plumber to get a bulb changed. Surely, I was mistaken about what I thought I heard, so I had to ask about it.

As it turned out, I was not mistaken. The lady on the other end of the call had asked if they would send someone out to change the light bulb in her basement stairway.

I was a bit shocked and confused. Who would be willing to pay a plumber’s hourly rate just to get a bulb changed? It made no sense.

The receptionist must have

read the bewilderment on my face because she quickly stated that she gets calls like that quite often from older folks who can no longer do the minor chores that most of us perform every day without a second thought. They either don’t have anybody who would do those small tasks for them or they don’t want to be a burden on their loved ones.

That was a day of reckoning for me. We all know that Father Time has his foot on our necks and that he will step down a bit harder with each passing year, but I don’t think many of us consider the day-to-day ramifications of getting older. Your stairs turn into Mt. Everest. A sack of groceries turns into a round bale. Your grandchildren turn into The Hulk when you try to pick them up.

Ladders? Let’s not even talk about ladders.

That overheard phone call was where YOUR RIGHT-HAND MAN started to take shape. There was obviously need for someone who will come to your home and do all of those things that an aging body wants no part of.

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I will happily clean out your basement, garage, shed, outbuilding or barn. If any of the items you want gone are worth selling I will list them on Craigslist and Nex-Tech

Classifieds and split the sale price with you.

I will gladly make minor electrical and plumbing repairs and do other handyman work.

I will reluctantly go into creepy places to replace a water line or run an electrical cable.

I will even do yard work. I recently trimmed some bushes and removed some unwanted perennial flowers during the short lull between our recent cold spells.

I charge \$35 per hour and there is a one hour minimum service. I know that probably sounds like a lot, but I don’t charge for traveling time and my quotes are always free. On larger jobs, I will always give you a WILL NOT EXCEED price that you can count on.

Note, also, that I don’t expect anybody to pay me thirty-five bucks for changing a light bulb or getting something heavy down off a shelf. If you have a job that will just take two minutes, then look around the house and find other work that will keep me busy for the other fifty-eight minutes of that one hour minimum.

Feel free to work me like a rented mule. I’m counting on it. When I arrive at your house, I am there to work. You won’t have to point a pistol at me to keep me busy. You’ve got my word on that.

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Hoxie Schools



LADY INDIANS BEGIN NEW YEAR WITH BIG WIN

By Nicole Heim

On Friday, Jan. 6, the Hoxie Lady Indian Basketball Team hosted the Greeley County Jackrabbits at home. The Lady Indians were anxious to finally play a game after a long winter break. During break, Hoxie continued to practice hard and prepare for future games.

Hoxie pressured the Lady Jackrabbits early and pulled away quickly. The Lady Indians led with a 19-point run until the Lady Jackrabbits scored their first point. Greeley County also had many fouls in the first half, which led to many free throws from the Indians. Hoxie led the score 59-8 heading into the locker room for halftime.

The second half was much like the first, consisting of easy baskets from the Indians. Hoxie switched to their zone defense for part of the second half also. Four of the Indians captured five or more steals, with freshman Addi Campbell leading with eight.

The Lady Indians sustained their lead and ended up defeating the Lady Jackrabbits 87-20.

Leading the team in points was senior Brynn Niblock with 19 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, and 6 steals. Following right behind her was freshman Addi Campbell with 17 points, 2 rebounds, 8 assists, and 8 steals. Junior Rebekah Castle had 16 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Junior Lilly Schamberger finished with 12 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3 steals. Tallying 10 points, 3 rebounds, and 1 steal was freshman Macy Schamberger. Senior Nicole Heim came up with 5 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, and 6 steals. Junior Brooke Dorenkamp added 4 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. Sophomore Brecken Rowh finished with 2 points and 3 rebounds. Sophomore Katie Geerdes also had 2 points. Sophomore Maiah Castle added 2 assists.

Hoxie Wins In Atwood

By Matthew Diercks

On Dec. 20, the Hoxie Indians traveled to Atwood to face the Rawlins County Buffaloes. Hoxie came in to this matchup hoping win and not go into overtime as they did in the Castle Rock Tournament.

Hoxie won the tip at the beginning of the game and scored an easy bucket. Hoxie allowed a few points in the beginning but kept the game close. The first quarter ended with a score of 17-11 and Hoxie down by 6 points.

In the second quarter Hoxie started to make a comeback. They kept scoring but struggled a little bit on their defense. They let Atwood score some points but Hoxie scored more. Hoxie ended the second quarter ahead 31-30.

When the second half started, Atwood and Hoxie were going back and forth. Both teams

struggled with scoring points though. But Atwood scored more and ended the third quarter up 45-44.

Hoxie wanted to win because they did not want to lose their winning streak of 5-0. Hoxie and Atwood played neck and neck, with both teams allowing a few points each. But Atwood did not score enough. Hoxie went on to win the game 58-56.

Game Stats: sophomore Logan Weimer-12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assist, 1 block; junior Troyal Burris-1 assist, 2 blocks; sophomore Jarrod Dible-5 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assists, 1 steals, 1 block; junior Easton Slipke-16 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block; junior Latham Schwarz-8 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists; junior Taylor Burris-1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals; junior Luke Schippers-2 points, 1 steal; sophomore Sean Robben-19 points, 13 rebounds, 1 assist.

KIDS WRESTLING RESULTS

Dec 31, 2016

Colby Open Results

Six & Under:
46# Ethan Baker, DNP
46# Tyler Meyer, 3rd
52# Isaac Giancola, DNP
58-61# Gage Epp, 3rd

Eight & Under:
52# Gunner Wente, 3rd
73# Mathew Bretz, 1st
76-80# Ayden Joslyn, 4th

Ten & Under:
70-73# William Meyer, 1st
76# Ian Giancola, 2nd
82-85# Kane Epp, 5th
100# Malcom King, 5th

Twelve & Under:
68-76# Tate Weimer, 3rd
68-76# Ivan Kaus, 2nd
80# Dayton Bell, 3rd
84-88# Andrew Bretz, 1st
130-140# Donovan Balluch, 2nd

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Scott City Open

Six & Under:
43# Paicen Schippers, 2nd

Eight & Under:
73-76# Greyson Schippers, 4th

Ten & Under:
64# Braxton Munk, 4th

Twelve & Under:
76-80# Carson Ochs, 4th
100# Miles Baalman, 3rd
150-165# Gavin Schippers, 4th

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120# Aidan Baalman, 2nd

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Colby Novice Tournament
Six & Under:
67-70# Knox Washington, 3rd

Eight & Under:
70-76# Grant Shaw, 4th
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Ten & Under:
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Six & Under:
46# Tyler Meyer, 2nd
58-61# Gage Epp, 3rd

Ten & Under:
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Norton Novice Tournament
Six & Under:
43# Colton Shipley, 3rd
46# Ethan Baker, 1st
46# Bradyn Wilson, 1st
67# Knox Washington, 3rd

Eight & Under:
76# Ayden Joslyn, 1st
76# Grant Shaw, 3rd
110# Alex Bufkin, 3rd

Ten & Under:
100# Malcom King, 2nd

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NWKL Tournament
FRIDAY 1/20:
2:00 pm Varsity Wrestling-
Beloit Invitational
3:00 pm Varsity Basketball-
NWKL Tournament
SATURDAY 1/21:
9:00 am Varsity Basketball-
NWKL Tournament
2:00 pm Varsity Wrestling-
Beloit Invitational

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY 1/16:
Mini Breakfast Sliders, Cereal,
Fruit Cocktail, Juice, Milk
TUESDAY 1/17:
Pancake & Sausage on Stick, Ce-
real, Apricots, Juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY 1/18:
Peanut Butter & Jelly Pocket Ce-
real, Bananas, Juice, Milk
THURSDAY 1/19:
Long John, Cereal, Mandarin Or-
anges, Juice, Milk
FRIDAY 1/20:
Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Fruit
Cocktail, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY 1/16:
Crispito, Curly French Fries,
Corn, Cheese Bread Stick, Ro-
maine Garden Salad, Garbanzo
Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Apple
Wedges w/ Caramel, Milk
TUESDAY 1/17:
Toasted Cheese Sandwich,
Chicken & Noodle Soup, Ro-
maine Garden Salad, Tomatoes,
Applesauce, Banana half, Choco-
late Sheet Cake, Milk
WEDNESDAY 1/18:
Marinara & Meatball on a Bun,
Corn, Tator Tots, Garden Salad,
Garbanzo Beans, Diced Pears,
Frozen Fruit Balls, Milk
THURSDAY 1/19:
Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Po-
tatoes, Peas, Garden Salad, Car-
rots, Rolls Apricots, Strawberry
& Kiwi Swirl Sorbet, Milk
FRIDAY 1/20:
Stuffed Crust Pepperoni
Pizza, Green Beans, Hodge-
podge Veggies, Romaine
Garden Salad, Diced Pear, Ba-
nana Pudding, Milk

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**AG In The
Classroom**

The second-grade Classes of
Hoxie and Selden go hands-on
with Soil Conservation. This
annual educational activity is
sponsored by the Sheridan Co.
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assistance from the local NRCS.
The fall lesson begins with
a video and a short story
instructing the kids on the
process involved in growing
trees. After the video, a field
trip begins, allowing the kids
to collect walnuts and burr oak
acorns in area yards.
They stomp on the nuts to
break apart and remove the
outside shells.
The walnuts are then placed
in a wire cage, and the burr oak
acorns in another cage.
A hole is dug by the NRCS
employees. The cages are
buried in the hole and covered
with water, dirt and sand. This
process encourages stratification.
In the spring, the wire cages
are dug up, washed off and the
seeds are planted in a cup. Each
child took home a Burr Oak and
Walnut potted plant to care for.



Matt Palmquist, Hoxie NRCS, explains why the acorns are buried. (Photo by Dee Schamberger)

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**Lady Indians Win 87-20
Over Lady Jackrabbits**

Senior Brynn Niblock shoots for two over Greeley County defenders in Friday's action. Hoxie beat the Lady Jackrabbits 87-20. (HHS courtesy photo)

**Wild String
Art**

The After-School Art
Program started back up
on Tuesday, January 10,
2017. One of the students is
working on her wild string
art project. (Courtesy photo)

**Hoxie
Overpowers
Greeley
County 77-39**

Troyal Burris #5 defends
against Greeley County
during the basketball game
Friday, January 6, 2017.
Hoxie overpowered Greeley
County 77-39. (Photo by
Rachel Farber)

Students watch as Alex Heeger, Hoxie NRCS, bury the
Walnuts and Burr Oak acorns. (Photo by Dee Schamberger)

Alex Heeger oversees Selden second graders having fun
stomping the nuts. (Photo by Dee Schamberger)



**Local
Hoop Shoot**

The Hoxie Elks Lodge held
the Local Hoop Shoot on Sun-
day, January 8, 2017 at the
Hoxie High School. Boys and
Girls ranging from age 8 - 13
participated. Winners were as
follows:

8-9 Girls: 1st place: Carley
Cooper, 11/25
8-9 Boys: 1st place: Josh
Rath, 15/25; 2nd place: Ian
Giancola, 13/25
10-11 Girls: 1st place: Emily
Bainter, 7/25

10-11 Boys: 1st place: Owen
Patmon, 14/25; 2nd place:
Samuel Watkins, 12/25
12-13 Girls: 1st place: Carlie
Nieman, 14/25; 2nd place:
Willow Washington, 7/25
12-13 Boys: 1st place: Rojelio
Loya, 10/25, 3/5; 2nd place:
Carter Beckman, 10/25, 2/5
Winners from this hoop
shoot will advance to the Dis-
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Golden Plains Schools



BULLDOGS PLAY FIRST GAME OF THE NEW YEAR



Sophomore Dylan Spresser drives the ball down the floor during Golden Plains first game of the new year on January 3 against the Stockton Tigers. This is the first time these two teams have played each other. (Photo by Noel Ritter)

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains hosted the first game of the new year on January 3 when the Stockton Tigers came to Rexford to take on the Bulldogs. This is the first time these two teams have played each other.
The Tigers opened the game with a 7-0 run before senior Brett Gerbitz sank a basket for the Bulldogs. The Tigers answered with another 9. Dawson Spresser made another Bulldog basket and a couple of free throws. Another basket from Jacob Ritter gave the Bulldogs 8 points at the end of the first quarter. Stockton led with 25. The second quarter was all

See story on next page.

MENU

- MONDAY 1/16:**
B: Combo
L: Chicken
- TUESDAY 1/17:**
B: Scrambled Eggs
L: Bierocks
- WEDNESDAY 1/18:**
B: Pancake Wrap
L: Chicken Fajita
- THURSDAY 1/19:**
B: Turnovers
L: Soup & Sandwich
- FRIDAY 1/20:**
B: Biscuit & Gravy
L: Pulled Pork

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BULLDOGS' CALENDAR

- MONDAY 1/16:**
1:30 pm MS Scholar's Bowl @ Brewster
4:00 pm HS Scholar's Bowl @ Brewster
7:00 pm BOE Meeting
- TUESDAY 1/17:**
6:00 pm HS Scholar's Bowl-WKLL vs Cheylin
- WEDNESDAY 1/18:**
12:00 pm HS Scholar's Bowl-WKLL @ Wheatland
- THURSDAY 1/19:**
4:00 pm MS Basketball vs Western Plains/Healy
- FRIDAY 1/20:**
6:00 pm HS Basketball @ Weskan


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JV Boys Play Close With Tigers



Colby Lathrop (35) dishes the ball off to Dylan Spresser (31) during Golden Plains JV's first game of the new year against Stockton. The Bulldogs played close with the Tigers in a two-quarter game. (Photo By Judy Rogers)





LADY BULLDOGS PLAY CLOSE WITH STOCKTON



Senior Morgan Ritter goes up for two against the Stockton in Rexford on January 3. The Lady Bulldogs played a close game with the Tigers for their first game following the Christmas break. (Photo by Judy Rogers) *See story on next page.*


By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played a close game against the Stockton Lady Tigers for their first game following the Christmas Break on January 3 in Rexford. "It felt good to be back in a game after practicing against our own teammates the past couple weeks," said senior Morgan Ritter.
Stockton started the game with two quick baskets only to have them answered by Kaylie Schaben and Gabrielle Schiltz for the Bulldogs. This set the pace for the game as the girls traded baskets throughout the quarter and the game as the Bulldogs held a slight 10-9 lead at the end of the first.
The second was more of the same as the Bulldog would pull ahead only to have the

See story on next page.

No School But Pep Band Helps Build Team Spirit



Breanna Rath, Roberto Loya, and Garrett Carter (l-r) join other students in playing in the Pep Band at the Golden Plains vs. Stockton basketball game in Rexford on January 3. Even though there was no school at Golden Plains, the pep band members still showed up to support the Bulldogs and entertain the fans during the games. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



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Golden Plains Schools



BULLDOGS PLAY FIRST GAME OF THE NEW YEAR

Tigers as they added 13 and held the Bulldogs to 0 to lead 38-8 at half time. The Bulldogs continued to struggle in the third with the only points coming from Nolan Ritter. The Tigers extended their lead to 46-10 going into the fourth.

The Bulldogs continued to play as the final minutes ticked off the clock. Nolan Ritter added a 3 while Gerbitz and Spresser each made one more basket to end the game with a 54-17 Tiger win.

Spresser finished the game with 6 points along with Nolan Ritter 5, Gerbitz 4, and Jacob Ritter 2. The Bulldogs will play twice more this week as they travel to Logan on January 6 and host St. Francis on Saturday, January 7.

LADY BULLDOGS PLAY CLOSE WITH STOCKTON

Tigers tie it back up, finally gaining a one-point lead 18-17 by the half.

Both teams fought hard for control of this very physical game. The 'Dogs tied it back up to begin the third. The Tigers just answered pulling back in the lead. The Tigers gained a six point lead midway through the quarter but the Lady Bulldogs were determined. Mabel Lugo hit a free throw, then KayCee Miller dished it off to Schiltz. Another basket from Lugo and a free throw from Miller left the 'Dogs down one 28-27 at the end of the third.

The final quarter was no less of a battle as both teams worked hard to control the ball and the game. A three-pointer from Miller gave the 'Dogs a 2 point lead at the start of the quarter. She added a couple of free shots to extend the lead. The Tigers answered with a three. Another Bulldog free throw and Tiger basket tied the game up at 33 with just under three minutes to play.

The Tigers pulled ahead by four with just 26 seconds remaining followed by a time out. Back on the floor, Lugo hit a shot to bring the game within 2. A foul at 3.4 seconds gave the Tigers a final point and a 38-35 win over the Bulldogs.

Miller ended the game with 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. Schiltz added 7 pts, 6 reb, and 1 asst. Lugo had 5 pts, 5 reb, 1 asst, and 3 steals. Ritter put in 4 pts, 6 reb, 3 assts, and 1 steal. Maggi Nieman scored 4 pts, 1 reb, 2 assts, and 2 steals. Schaben ended the game with 2 pts, 14 rebs, 2 assts, and 1 steal.

The girls will have a busy week of basketball as they travel to Logan on Friday and host St. Francis back at home on Saturday, January 7.

JV Boys Play Close With Tigers

By Noel Ritter

The Golden Plains Bulldogs boys JV team played a two-quarter game with the Stockton Tigers in Rexford on January 3, 2017 for their first game of the new year.

The Tigers started out with the first basket of the game. The Bulldogs answered with a quick bucket from Austin Patmon. A free throw by Clayton Bange put the 'Dogs up by one. The Tigers added a basket to regain the lead, but a final shot by Patmon put the Bulldogs up 5-4 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs started off strong in the second and final quarter with a basket from Dylan Spresser and another from Nolan Ritter giving the Dogs a 9-4 lead. The Tigers went on a scoring run to pull ahead with just over a minute and a half to play ending the game with a 13-9 Tiger win.

"I felt like we were still out of shape from Christmas break," said Clayton Bange. "However, we played a good game and tried our best." The Bulldogs will travel to play the Logan Trojans January 6, 2017.

Snow Blower Safety Tips

The following safety information is from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). Much of it is common sense, but sometimes common sense takes a back seat to 'just get the job done'. *Safety first... always!*

Prepare Before It Snows
Review your owner's manual and check your equipment. Check your owner's manual for safe handling procedures from your manufacturer. If you forgot to drain the fuel last winter before storing your snow blower, drain the tank now. Adjust any cables. Check the auger (the snow blower should always be completely powered off when you are checking the equipment). Know how to operate the controls. You should be able to shut off your equipment quickly.

Prepare your fuel and handle it properly. It is important to have the right fuel on hand for your snow blower - movement and fuel availability may be limited during a snowstorm. Be sure to use the correct fuel, as recommended by your equipment's manufacturer (for more information on fueling properly see www.LookBeforeYouPump.com). Fill up the fuel tank outside before you start the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Be sure to clean the area you intend to clear with your equipment. Snow can sometimes hide objects that if run over by a snow blower, may harm the machine or people. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from the areas you intend to clear.

Dress appropriately. Wear safety glasses and footwear that can handle slippery surfaces.

Operate Your Equipment Safely

KEY SAFETY TIP: Never put your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool (or stick) to unclog snow or debris from your snow blower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute. Make sure the snow blower is in the off position before addressing any clogs.

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Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Poster Program

Adults agree that child safety is an important topic; the trick is getting the kids to agree.

In an effort to reduce accidents by developing "safety-minded" youth, Kansas Farm Bureau has sponsored the KFB Safety Poster Program for more than 67 years.

Each year thousands of youth in grades 1-6 participate statewide. Posters are judged on the county Farm Bureau level with the winning poster from each of the three divisions submitted for judging at the state level. Local awards will also be given.

"An effective safety poster displays one main idea says," Amy Seegmiller, Sheridan County Farm Bureau Association Women's chair. "We've seen some great posters over the years. It's always interesting to see what safety topics the kids choose for their posters."

It is our hope that parents will go to www.kfb.org/ and show the kids some ideas of past state level winning posters and discuss the topics with their children during the poster creative process.

For additional information, contact the Sheridan County Farm Bureau Association at 785-675-3661.

AUDITION DATES SET FOR COMMUNITY MUSICAL

Auditions for the Colby Community College spring musical production, "Guys and Dolls," will be held Feb. 16, 17 and 21 in the vocal music room on the south side of the Cultural Arts Center at CCC.

"The musical is open to college students and members of Colby and the surrounding communities," said CCC choral director Randy Berls. "We need a few younger parts if anyone has kids that are interested."

Audition times are Thursday, Feb. 16 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to noon; and Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Participants may also audition by appointment.

Music is available by contacting Berls at randy.berls@colbycc.edu or (785) 821-3648.

The production is scheduled for April 29 and 30.

your snow blower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or debris.

Only use your snow blower in visible conditions. Never operate the snow blower without good visibility or light.

Aim your snow blower with care. Never throw snow toward people or cars. Do not allow anyone to stand in front of your snow blower. Keep children or pets away from your snow blower when it is operating.

Use extreme caution on slopes and hills. Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

Know where your cord is. If you have an electric powered snow blower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping. Do not run over the power cord.

More safety tips and information are available at www.opei.org.

Sun Protection Isn't Just For Summer

By Viktorija Briggs

Everyone thinks of protection from the hot summer sun, but forget that the sun can cause just as much damage in the winter, in particular when there is snow on the ground and the sky is overcast. We tend to think that because the sun isn't visible, then there's not much chance of getting a sunburn, but what we forget is that those ultraviolet light rays go right through that cloud cover! Add to this the typical daily Kansas wind, and you get a sunburn with chapped skin. This can be very painful, as well as dangerous for your skin (and ultimately your health). So, proper skin care is in order. The following information is from the Skin Cancer Foundation website.

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends three critical steps to take in 2017 to help lower skin cancer risk.

1. Cover Up

Clothing is the best defense against skin cancer, and the more skin you can cover, the better. But not all clothing is created equally: tight-

knit fabrics (like denim) and synthetic materials (like polyester) offer better sun protection than loosely-woven fabrics and natural materials. Wear a broad-brimmed hat to protect your face, head and neck. To protect your eyes and the sensitive skin around them, wear UV-blocking sunglasses.

2. Use Sunscreen Every Day

Studies have shown that daily use of an SPF (sun protection factor) 15 or higher sunscreen reduces the risk of developing melanoma by 50 percent. Sunscreens come in many formulas - including sprays, lotions and oils - so everyone can find one that fits their lifestyle. For daily use, choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. For extended outdoor activity, choose a water-resistant, broad-spectrum formula with an SPF of 30 or higher. Apply one ounce of sunscreen to your body 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating. When

sunscreen shopping, look for The Skin Cancer Foundation's Seal of Recommendation, which assures consumers that a sun protection product performs as its label claims.

3. Check in With Your Skin

Skin cancers can be disfiguring and even deadly if allowed to progress. That's why early detection is so important - skin cancer is very treatable if detected in its early stages. However, the five-year survival rate for patients whose melanoma has spread to distant organs is only 17 percent. If detected early, before the cancer has spread, the survival rate jumps to 98 percent. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends examining your skin from head-to-toe monthly, and seeing a dermatologist once a year for a professional skin exam. If you spot anything new or changing, make an appointment to see your doctor right away.

For more information about skin cancer prevention, detection and treatment, visit SkinCancer.org.

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSES AND HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR SALE BY PRATT REAL ESTATE



- 5 Bedroom (3 up, 2 down) / 3 Bathroom
- 1536 sq ft Main Floor
- Full Basement
- Double-Car Attached Garage
- Located on Large 95' x 193' Lot
- Priced to SELL \$189,500

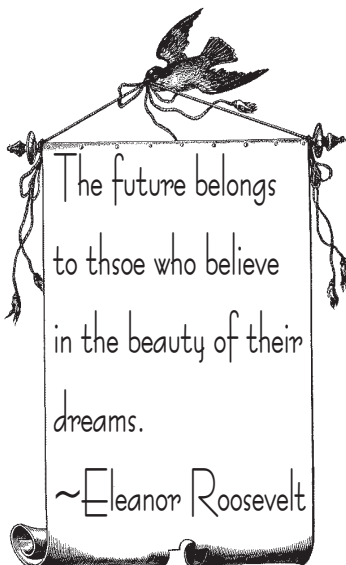


- 3 Bedroom (1 up, 2 down) / 2 1/2 Bathroom
- 1200 sq ft Main Floor
- Full Finished Basement
- Single-Car Attached Garage
- Located on Corner Lot
- Priced to SELL \$164,500

All these houses are located within Hoxie city limits, in the new Sunrise Addition on the east side of Hoxie. There are no special assessment taxes on these properties, for a great savings to the buyer(s).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VIEW THESE HOUSES, OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS IN HOXIE, CONTACT:

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Farm News

Agribusiness Development Workshop

The Kansas Department of Agriculture will host an Agribusiness Development Workshop on Jan. 19, 2017, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Russell City Council Chambers, 133 W. 8th St., Russell. This workshop will provide Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses with resources, current business development and organizational contacts to assist with start-ups or expansions.

The KDA Division of Agriculture Marketing received a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant to help fund the workshop. Established in the 2014 Farm Bill, USDA's Rural Business Development Grant is a program intended to help with technical assistance, training and other activities to allow small businesses in rural areas to expand.

"Agriculture is the largest industry, economic driver and employer in the state, contributing 43 percent of the state's economy and 12 percent of the state's workforce, including 19 percent of the entire workforce of Russell County," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey. "We are committed to economic growth, and these workshops will provide information and education to expand opportunities for small and rural agribusinesses across the state."

Featured speakers at the event will represent KDA; Russell County Economic Development; USDA Rural Development; Kansas Department of Commerce; Network Kansas; Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Kansas Small Business Development Center; a local agriculture business; and a financial institution.

KDA will also hold five additional agribusiness development workshops in the following locations: February 2 in Emporia, February 9 in Winfield, February 16 in Liberal, February 23 in Norton and March 2 in Hutchinson.

KDA is committed to providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy. This workshop will provide support and assistance to help make Kansas businesses more successful.

A light meal will be available for those who register prior to January 15. To RSVP, email your name and workshop location to kda.events@ks.gov. Contact Lynne Hinrichsen at Lynne.Hinrichsen@ks.gov or (785) 564-6757 with any questions.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Upcoming Sorghum Events

- Jan. 10 Sorghum U, *Wichita, Kansas*
- Jan. 12 Oklahoma Sorghum Meeting, *Garfield County Extension Center, Oklahoma*
- Jan. 12 Sorghum U, *Hays, Kansas*
- Jan. 11-12 South Carolina AgriBiz & Farm Expo, *Florence, South Carolina*
- Jan. 16-18 Cover Your Acres, *Oberlin, Kansas*
- Jan. 17 Brownfield Ag Conference, *Brownfield, Texas*
- Jan. 18 New Mexico Sorghum Association Meeting, *Clovis, New Mexico*
- Jan. 24-25 No-Till on the Plains, *Salina, Kansas*
- Jan. 30-Feb. 2 NSP DC Fly-In/Leadership Sorghum, *Washington, DC*
- Jan. 31 K-State Sorghum



Kansas Wheat Scoop No. 1980: Enriched Grains Help Prevent Birth Defects

By Hannah Schlapp, Kansas Wheat Communications Intern

Because January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month, we want to raise awareness of the benefits of consuming folic acid, especially during a woman's childbearing years. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 40 percent of pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, so ensuring your diet has a steady supply of folic acid is important, no matter whether you are trying to have a child or not.

Birth defects in the spine and brain can occur in the very early stages of conception, making it important for women to consume a healthy dose of folic acid each day, especially while trying to conceive, to help prevent the possibility of that happening. Spina bifida is a neural tube birth defect, which develops within the first month of a pregnancy - often before a woman even knows she's pregnant.

By eating enriched breads and other grain products, you're not only consuming a beneficial amount of folic acid, but you're also lowering your chances of giving birth to a child with a birth defect.

In 1998, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration mandated that enriched grain foods be fortified with folic acid. That means folic acid is added to flour as part of the milling process.

Today, enriched grains - including white bread, tortillas, pasta and cereal - have twice the folic acid as whole grains and are the top source of folic acid for women of child-bearing age. Sadly, however, a recent Grain Foods Foundation survey showed 51 percent of Americans are unaware of this important health benefit.

Despite low awareness, the required fortification is helping us, and our babies, be healthier. Neural tube defects were reduced by 36 percent in just five years as the result of fortification, and that trend is continuing. That's one reason the Centers for Disease Control recognized flour fortification as one of the top 10 public health achievements of the first decade of the 21st century.

Both whole and enriched grains offer health benefits. In addition to folic acid, enriched grains are fortified with three major B vitamins (niacin, thiamin and riboflavin) and iron. Whole grains are important sources of antioxidants, fiber, B vitamins, vitamin E, magnesium, iron and numerous other vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients. As part of a healthy diet, whole grains may reduce the risks associated with heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and obesity.

The Spina Bifida Association (SBA) and the Grain Foods Foundation (GFF) play a major role in educating women about the benefits of folic acid. Both groups promote consuming folic acid as part of your everyday diet for a healthy lifestyle and to prevent birth defects like spina bifida in the future.

For more information about folic acid and birth defects, visit the Spina Bifida Association and Grain Foods Foundation websites.

- School, *Colby, Kansas*
- Feb. 1 K-State Sorghum School, *Wichita, Kansas*
- Feb. 2 K-State Sorghum School, *Concordia, Kansas*
- Feb. 3 K-State Sorghum School, *Iola, Kansas*
- Feb. 8 Kansas Commodity Classic, *Manhattan, Kansas*
- Feb. 23-24 Agricultural Outlook Forum, *Arlington, Virginia*

TOP 10 CONSIDERATIONS TO NAVIGATE A STRUGGLING FARM ECONOMY

Farmers and ranchers are currently experiencing one of the biggest downturns in history with many parallels to the 1980's. Commodity outlooks remain pessimistic, indicating tight financial conditions for farmers into the future.

The Ellis County Extension Office is hosting the "Top 10 Considerations to Navigate a Struggling Farm Economy" program on Monday, February 6 in Hays at the K-State Ag Research Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The focus of the program will be on several different topics to start thinking critically about how the farm operation might withstand these hard times. Each topic will provide the decision framework of how to evaluate what viable options or opportunities exist to become more efficient and to strengthen the farm business.

Some of the topics of discussion are: Overview of the Farm Financial Situation, Cost of Production for Crops & Livestock, Maintaining Working Capital & Restructuring Debt, Utilizing FSA Loan Programs, How Long Can I Afford to Lose Money on Rented Ground, and more.

The RSVP and \$15 registration fee is due by Monday, January 30 for the Top 10 Considerations to Navigate a Struggling Farm Economy program on February 6 in Hays at the K-State Ag Research Center. To register call the Ellis County Extension Office by January 30 at (785) 628-9430 and mail your check to 601 Main, Hays, KS. 67601 or email Theresa at tam3@ksu.edu

January Proclaimed From the Land of Kansas Month

In recognition of From the Land of Kansas, the agricultural trademark program which is a visible and important link between producers and consumers of Kansas agricultural products, Governor Sam Brownback proclaimed January as From the Land of Kansas Month.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture strives to serve Kansas farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and consumers by providing support and assistance to help Kansas businesses grow, which keeps money in Kansas communities, building stronger businesses and local economies. The From the Land of Kansas program at KDA provides agribusiness marketing opportunities to participating local businesses, and allows consumers to identify and choose to support products that contain Kansas ingredients or items processed in Kansas.

"Agriculture businesses are a vibrant part of communities and contribute to the economic well-being and quality of life for Kansans," said Janelle Dobbins, program marketing manager. "From the Land of Kansas supports more than 400 farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses from more than 80 percent of our counties. We encourage all Kansans to learn more about Kansas products and support their friends and neighbors as we celebrate those who grow, produce, process or manufacture agriculture products in our state."

Opportunities to purchase From the Land of Kansas products can be found at shop.fromthelandofkansas.com and in many stores around the state.

To become a member or to find out more information on the From the Land of Kansas program, please visit FromtheLandofKansas.com or contact Dobbins at Janelle.Dobbins@ks.gov or 785-564-6759.

KDA Seeks Participants for Agricultural Trade Mission to Mexico

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is seeking individuals to participate in an agricultural trade mission to Mexico. This mission will send Kansans who have an interest in exporting corn, distillers grains and ethanol to Mexico in an effort to increase market opportunities for Kansas farmers and agribusinesses. Tentative travel dates are March 24-30, 2017.

Participants of this trade mission will interact with international agricultural representatives to promote the use of Kansas ethanol, corn and corn by-products. Kansas corn farmers and agribusinesses specializing in distillers grains and ethanol production are encouraged to apply.

Selected participants will be eligible for travel stipends for airfare and hotel and will receive a per diem for meals. Participants will be responsible for the cost of other incidental expenses.

In 2015, Mexico imported nearly \$842 million in agriculture products from Kansas, making them our number one commodity trade partner. KDA strives to encourage and enhance economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy by exploring and expanding both domestic and international marketing opportunities.

For more information on the trade mission to Mexico, including instructions on how to apply and application requirements, go to agriculture.ks.gov/international, or contact Suzanne Ryan-Numrich at suzanne.numrich@ks.gov or 785-564-6704. Deadline for submitting applications for consideration is Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

This trade mission is funded in part by the State Trade Expansion Program grant. The STEP grant is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, and helps Kansas non-exporters to get started and existing exporters to export more.

Kansas Commodity Conferences Scheduled

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Kansas Farm Bureau commodity conference on Feb. 7. Held at the KFB headquarters in Manhattan, the conference begins at 1 p.m. with a welcome by KFB President Rich Felts.

This conference serves as an educational opportunity for Farm Bureau members. Industry leaders will conduct break-out discussions on conservation, animal health, crop insurance, livestock antibiotic use, markets, prices, water and trade.

Following the afternoon's presentations, KFB will host dinner and a Farm Bill Discussion starting at 6:30 p.m. in the KFB cafeteria.

Conference participants must be paid Farm Bureau members in Kansas and must register for the event through your county office. There is no fee to attend this event. Contact Cory Saunders, 785-587-6122 or saundersc@kfb.org, for more information.

The Recovery Years

Toni Flax, Rangeland Management Specialist
Hill City, Kansas

Drought has plagued most of Kansas for the last several years forcing farmers and ranchers to make tough choices on management of their native rangelands. One tough decision is the reduction of cattle herd numbers. In 2016, normal to above normal precipitation provided the state with lush, beautiful rangelands with more grass than has been seen in several years. Producers should be thinking about the recovery time for grasses. This recovery includes the roots as well as the leaf production and reproductive capabilities of the plants.

The root system makes up three quarters of an entire plant. The root's job is to take in water and nutrients for the growth and carbohydrate storage. These stored reserves are for plant production as well as for quick restart in the spring. Every time leaf matter is taken from the plant, root production slows so it can focus on re-growing leaves that soak up the light for photosynthesis. When a plant continually has to be making leaf material the roots weaken and die off, leaving the whole plant weak.

Native grass plants reproduce as much by roots and rhizomes as they do by seed. Making sure the grass plant gets the rest it needs after the drought will ensure it will be able to spread its rhizomes across the landscape as well produce the seeds it needs.

Research suggests it takes two years of normal to above normal conditions to recover to pre-drought conditions. Looking across the pasture, farmers and ranchers may be tempted to put more head out there. The recovery process is more than the leaf material seen above the ground. Patience for the recovery of the root system will lead to bigger and healthier roots, and that means a healthy plant with more total forage production.

For more information, visit the Kansas NRCS Web site www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs or your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center. To find a service center near you, check on the Internet at offices.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter @NRCS Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Members are also encouraged to attend the Kansas Commodity Classic, which starts the next morning, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center. Attendees will hear a market update as well as presentations from U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee staff and representatives from the National Corn Growers Assoc., Sorghum Producers and Association of Wheat Growers.

There is no fee to attend the Commodity Classic and lunch is included. Registration can be made at the same time as registering for KFB's Commodity Conference at your county office. More information regarding Commodity Classic can be found at <http://kswheat.com/events/kansas-commodity-classic>.

NOTICE PRODUCT RECALL

Perfect Fit Meals, LLC Recalls Chicken Breast Product Due To Misbranding And Undeclared Allergens

Perfect Fit Meals, LLC, a Houston, Texas establishment, is recalling approximately 3,546 pounds of chicken breast product due to misbranding and undeclared allergens, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The product may contain milk and wheat, known allergens which are not declared on the product label.

The ready-to-eat chicken breast items were produced on December 20 and 21, 2016. The following product is subject to recall:

- 10.5-ounce sealed tray package containing "From the Kitchen of Cooking Light Magazine: Lemon Pepper Chicken" with "Use or Freeze By" date of 01/21/17 and lot code 2457744.2

The product subject to recall bears establishment number "P-827" inside the USDA mark of inspection. This item was shipped to military commissaries and retail establishments nationwide.

The problem was discovered when a distributor notified the establishment that the chicken breast product had been incorrectly labeled. Although the product is labeled "Lemon Pepper Chicken" it contains a different product, "Blackened Chicken Breast", which contains milk and wheat allergens.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

top ten

Word Lookups

of 2016

1. Surreal

2. Revenant

3. Icon

4. In Omnia Paratus

5. Bigly

6. Deplorable

7. Irregardless

8. Assumpsit

9. Faute de Mieux

10. Feckless

Source: Merriam-Webster

City & County

Commission Minutes 12/28/2016

Now on this 28th day of December, 2016, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Doyle Kauk presiding. Others present were Vic Bielser, Troy Dewey, Joe Bainter and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor entered the meeting. Dewey made a motion to purchase the CAT Motorgrader from Foley, seconded by Bielser. Carried 3-0. A check will be written today for this purchase. Feldt advised the board that a culvert had been removed in the northeast part of the county. At this time, no replacement culvert will be put back. Until the road is reworked, and it is not on the list, it will be left as is. Dewey made a motion to purchase a fuel tank from L & M Steel. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. A quote was received for a CAT scanner to help diagnose problems. Feldt and Roudybush will attend the Jan. 9, 2017 meeting and discuss further. Bielser advised that Road 30 S going West needs reworked. There are potholes which need repaired. Feldt advised the board she had been asked about hiring someone full-time for office help. At this time, Feldt and the board agree that she does not need a full-time office person.

The repair work at the historical society building was discussed. Bielser stated they are having a meeting on Jan. 3 to discuss the celebration being planned for the summer. He will bring up the repair work at that time and then will have the historical society board meet with the commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

Niceta Farber and Mike O'Dell from the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 16-105, a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain medical equipment and related appurtenances and providing for the payment the costs thereof. Kauk seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This is for a bond to purchase endo therapy equipment, sterilization equipment, etc. This Resolution will be printed in *The Sheridan Sentinel* three times.

Bids were received from Paul's Furniture, Heim TV and Wachendorfer Construction for replacing the flooring in the Public Health Office. Kauk made a motion to approve the bid from Pauls Furniture, which was the lowest bid. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The bid will be adjusted to reflect no dumping charge and to finish only the rooms that can be covered by the \$7,850 Public Health will receive from the Sheridan County Community Foundation. Bids were opened from Meyer Electric and Gary Smith with a rejection from Vitus Meier to install an electric box so that the Public Health refrigerators can be connected to the generator in the Sheriff's Office in case of power outage. Dewey made a motion to accept the bid from Gary Smith, which was the lowest, seconded by Bielser. Carried 3-0.

Bielser made a motion to approve the December 19, 2016 minutes as presented. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the payroll and warrants as presented. Kauk seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Kauk made a motion, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Micro Loan Committee minutes from the December 20, 2016 meeting. Carried 3-0.

At 10:00 the public hearing for the micro application by The Sheridan Sentinel LLC opened. This public hearing is a state requirement in the micro loan process. The purpose for the hearing was to hear from the public pros and cons for the loan. Present was Viktorija Briggs. Briggs spoke about her plans for the building and the future of *The Sheridan Sentinel*. The hearing closed at 10:10.

The following payroll and warrants were audited and allowed:

General Fund
\$174,678.44
Road & Bridge \$79,120.14
Spec Hwy \$26,500.47
Spec Tech \$60.09
E911 \$1,367.24
Spec Mach \$198,205.00
Noxious Weed \$35,606.66
Public Health \$6,030.56
Spec Amb. \$170,950.00
Public Transp \$1,060.32
Landfill \$2,381.71
Spec MV \$7,534.20
VIN \$350.00

No further business, Kauk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bielser. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place. All newly elected officials will be sworn in on this day.

Attest:
Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Chairman, Doyle Kauk

BOE Agenda

- Opening
 - Call to order: Flag Salute
 - BOE Picture for the Yearbook
 - Additions to and approval of agenda
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Communications to Board
- Old Business
 - Review and approve minutes for December meeting(s).
 - Approve December 19 (Regular Board Meeting)
 - Review Board Goals
 - Accountability (from top to bottom), Follow through, Leadership, Effective evaluations (district employees from top to bottom)
 - Communication and trust at all levels
 - Curriculum Alignment/ Create student opportunity, dual credit
 - Understand budget
 - Department Reports
 - Principal Reports
 - Jim
 - Gary
 - NKESC Report
 - NWKVT Report
 - PDC Committee Meeting
 - Legislative Updates
 - Transportation / Maintenance Report
 - Technology Report
 - Food Service
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Financial Review
 - New Business
 - Examination and Approval of Business Reports
 - Current Bills
 - Treasure's Report
 - Activity Funds
 - Monthly Budget Summary
 - Superintendent Evaluation- Executive Session (Non-Elected Personal)
 - Motion for Executive Session - (Non-Elected Personal)
 - Consider resignations
 - Consider new hires
 - Adjournment

BOE Minutes 1/9/2017

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE:
BOARD MEMBERS: Leonard Weber, Lola Baalman, Margery Haas, Stacey Heim, Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle
SUPERINTENDENT: J i m Howard
CLERK: Mandy Shipley
TREASURER: Diane Stithem
PRINCIPAL: Gary Johnson
GUESTS: Lance Baar, Megan Beiker, Kendra Lay, Samantha Hernandez
ABSENT:

The Board took their yearbook picture prior to the meeting being called to order.

Lola Baalman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of item "C" - Selecting negotiations committee and "D" - Executive session for non-elected personnel (Haas/Beckman 7-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present.

Mandy Shipley and Jim Howard acknowledged January as School Board Member Recognition Month. Board members across the state work for no pay, spending their personal time to serve their school districts to help students succeed in life. Each Board member was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

The Board reviewed other communications including thank you cards from staff members for the holiday meal and chamber bucks provided for Christmas.

The minutes from the December 19, 2016 regular Board meeting were approved as presented (Weber/Heim 7-0).

Lola Baalman reviewed Board goals.

The Board moved to appoint Leonard Weber and Margery Haas to the Negotiating Committee for the 2017-2018 school year (Beckman/Castle 7-0).

The Board entered into executive session at 7:06 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board and Lance Baar present (Weber/Haas 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:16 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:17 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board and Lance Baar present (Weber/Haas 7-0).

The Board invited Jim Howard and Gary Johnson into the executive session at 7:25 PM.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:27 PM.

Lance Baar left the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Gary Johnson shared his principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. Junior High Wrestling began on January 4, 2017 and their first tournament will be in Hoxie on Thursday, January 26, 2017. The Junior High girls basketball team will compete in the NWKL tournament in Atwood on Thursday, January 12, 2017 and Saturday, January 14, 2017 in Atwood, Kansas. One High School student competed in the KMEA State Music auditions in Salina on Saturday, January 7, 2017, with results still to be determined.

The High School Student Council will deliver Nex-Tech phone books this year as a fundraiser for their club. Forensics begins this semester taught for the second year by Micah Howery and there are 3 High School students taking the course. Gary also reviewed all of the work our awesome custodians did over the Christmas break.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:32 PM for a period of 7 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board, Jim Howard and Gary Johnson present (Heim/Beckman 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:39 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:40 PM for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board, Jim Howard and Gary Johnson present (Heim/Beckman 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:45 PM

Jim Howard shared his principal's report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed enrollment and praised the teachers and staff who came in over the break and organized the science kits once located on the 3rd floor.

Leonard Weber had no report for NKESC.

Billi Beckman had no report for NWKVT as their last meeting was a teleconference and she had not received the minutes.

The PDC committee has not met since the last Board meeting so there was nothing to report.

Margery Haas gave a brief legislative update.

The Transportation/Maintenance report was tabled to the Superintendents Report.

Jim Howard shared the technology report. The first grant application to the Sheridan County Community Foundation for technology needs has been submitted and there is no other progress to report. The E-rate bid process closes on January 11, 2017 and the final contract with K12itc will be signed after that date. Jim was able to negotiate a lower buyout on our TaaS agreement with Nex-Tech. Over the break our custodians performed inventory of technology and organized it.

The Board reviewed the Food Service report.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendents report. The new water bottle fillers were installed over the break and have been a huge hit with the staff and students alike. Jim will be attending the Superintendents Council and State Board of Education meeting in January. He also discussed the results of the MAP testing that students in grades 3-11 took before the break and provided the Board with copies of the letters that were sent home to parents.

Mandy Shipley provided the Board with a financial review.

The current bills were approved as presented (Heim/Weber 7-0).

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented (Weber/Haas 7-0).

Gary Johnson and Jim Howard reported on the activity funds for the Hoxie JR/SR High School and Hoxie Grade School.

The activity funds for the Hoxie Grade School and Hoxie JR/SR High School were approved as presented (Haas/Beckman 7-0).

The Monthly Budget Summary was approved as presented (Weber/Castle 7-0).

Megan Beiker, Kendra Lay and Samantha Hernandez left the meeting at 8:20 PM.

The Board took a break at 8:21PM. Diane Stithem left the meeting at 8:23 PM.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:25 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:27 PM for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in

order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with only the Board present (Heim/Weber 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:57 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:58 PM for a period of 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with only the Board present (Heim/Weber 7-0).

The Board invited Jim Howard into the executive session at 9:03 PM.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:18 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:19 PM for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board and Jim Howard present (Heim/Weber 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:24 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:25 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with only the Board present (Bretz/Haas 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:35 PM.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:37 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board, Jim Howard and Gary Johnson present (Bretz/Haas 7-0).

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:47 PM.

Lola Baalman adjourned the meeting at 9:48 PM (Haas/Castle 7-0).

LOLA BAALMAN, PRESIDENT
Approved this 13th day of February, 2017
MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK

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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 30th day of January, 2017, at noon at the Sheridan County 4-H Building, 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 two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Shane Beckman and Brett Oelke has expired.

All in the county of Sheridan in the State of Kansas.

By: Daniel Schultz, chairperson
Sheridan County Conservation District

Attest:
DeeAnn Schamberger
District Manager

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TIME TO FILE PERSONAL PROPERTY RENDITIONS

Personal Property Assessment for the 2017 tax year began January 1 in the County Appraiser's Office.

According to K.S.A. 79-303, every person who owns or holds tangible personal property must list said property for assessment with the County Appraiser on or before March 15, annually.

Items to be listed for taxation include but are not limited to mobile homes, non-highway vehicles, campers that do not qualify as RVs, aircraft, boats, jet skis, trailers, golf carts, snowmobiles, ATVs, mopeds, and commercial equipment, supplies and machinery. Also, all new improvements to real estate during 2017 need to be reported to the Appraiser's office.

The Sheridan County Appraiser's Office is open during noon hours Monday through Friday until March 15 to accommodate taxpayers. Since a signature is required on the assessment form, we will not be able to accept assessments by telephone. Personal Property Renditions will be mailed only upon request.

The handicapped entrance is located on the north side of the Courthouse. A telephone has been installed there for your convenience. If steps are a problem for you, please call and someone from the Appraiser's Office will come downstairs to assist you.

If you have questions concerning Personal Property Assessment, please call the County Appraiser's Office at 675-3932.

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AGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

I was born in Colorado and soon we moved to Colby, KS where I attended High School and received my associate of Applied Science in 2009 from Colby Community College. 2015 found me moving to Hoxie, KS where my four children and I share a home with Dustin Bell (originally from Hill City), who has four children of his own. Our eight children keep us busy and we could not ask for a better place to raise our family than in a rural community, like Hoxie. My experiences include my Kansas Insurance License in 2012 and I had the opportunity to attend Leadership Thomas County, and I am a member of the Hoxie Area Chamber. I recently decided to fulfill a long-time dream of mine by obtaining my real estate license. New to real estate, I wanted to become affiliated with a company whose reputation and commitment to their clients and community stood out from the rest.

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Kids: color stuff in!

I love flying over all the events!

On January 20, 2017, Donald Trump will become our country's 45th president. That date, **Inauguration Day**, is when a newly elected president officially takes office. President Trump's first day will be very busy - full of speeches, services, parades, parties and dancing. Every four years, millions of people around the world watch Inauguration events on television. Will you be watching?

Presidential Inauguration! 2017

business 11 hotels 12 golf 5 book 8 Fame 7 movie 14 mother 1

2 children 6 food 9 father 3 oldest 15

13 Queens First

6. was elected the 45th _____ of the U.S.A.
7. is the 6th person to become President without having held a public office
8. has 5 _____; his youngest son, Barron, is 10 years old and can speak in the Slovenian language
9. is married to Melania Trump; the second Lady to be born outside of the United States; born in Slovenia
10. enjoys the _____ *All Quiet on the Western Front*
11. favorite _____: the 1941 classic, *Citizen Kane*
12. enjoys fast _____; likes steaks well done
13. has a star on Hollywood Walk of _____ for TV work
14. is a businessman; owns golf courses, _____
15. played baseball, football and soccer in high school, but enjoys _____ now

When Presidents change, the movers shift everything in and out of the White House in about five hours!

My name is Andrew Jackson. When I became President in 1829, things did not go so smoothly. People forced their way into the White House. They stood on furniture in muddy boots. They broke glasses and plates. I left to spend the night in a hotel!

A Packed Schedule!

Here is a schedule of what usually happens on **Inauguration Day** for a President-elect and his family. Match each event to its description:

1. **Wreath** Laying Ceremony
2. Make America Great Again! **Celebration**
3. **Vice President's** Swearing-In ceremony
4. **President's** Swearing-In ceremony
5. Inaugural **Address**
6. **Departure** of the outgoing President
7. Inaugural **Luncheon**
8. Inaugural **Parade**
9. Inaugural **Balls**
10. National **Prayer** Service

A. New President and First Lady escort former President and First Lady from the Capitol.
B. President-elect gives an oath pledging to serve the American people. This is the moment when the President-elect becomes the President!
C. Vice President-elect gives oath to uphold American values.
D. Many groups in Washington D.C. hold fancy celebrations in the evening.
E. This is held after ceremonies are over; more people are expected to attend this than any other event; balloons and confetti will rain onto the streets.
F. President and Vice President go to a religious service at Washington National Cathedral.
G. President-elect visits Arlington National Cemetery, lays flowers to honor fallen soldiers.
H. Food prepared to the taste of incoming President; served to politicians, family and friends.
I. After being sworn in, new President speaks to the American people of future plans.
J. One last thank-you to the American people before officially becoming the president.

Pets at the White House

Lots of different pets have lived at the White House. Can you find and circle these?

horse bobcat bear canary dog cat zebra rooster raccoon elephant

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

sheep cow snake badger hamster rabbit

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R.F.D.
ONE PLASTIC TOBOGGAN... ONE LITTLE RED WAGON... A LITTLE TINKERIN'... AND WA-LA...
WE CAN THUMB OUR NOSES AT OL' MISTER CLIMATE CHANGE!

by Mike Marland

The Spats
I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A STUDENT LOAN
HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE YOU GOING TO BORROW?
BY JEFF PICKERING

Amber Waves
OH GREAT, NOW IT'S TOO COLD AND THE SNOW WON'T STICK TOGETHER
YESTERDAY WAS WINDY AND NOW TOMORROW I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL
SERIAL HONEY, SINCE YOU'RE NOT BUSY, COME GIVE ME A HAND
LIFE IS ABOUT TIMING AND WITH MY MOM THERE IS ALWAYS TIME TO CLEAN
BY DAVE T. PHIPPS

HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

TOYS SALE

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Cork is missing. 5. Hair is different. 6. Pocketbook is missing.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals I

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FK VTHIAFXL KEFCCTD EFAAFGCK.
RVTB TXMJB EGRHVFXL RVT MTKRTD
UTKRTD TKRVTD.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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

| | | | | | |
|----|---|----|---|----|----|
| | ÷ | | + | | 11 |
| - | | x | | - | |
| | + | | ÷ | | 11 |
| x | | + | | x | |
| | x | | + | | 29 |
| 20 | | 22 | | 30 | |

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

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

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

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIZ DBO'U ZPV QMBZ IJEF-BOE-TFFL

XJUI CBCZ DIJDLFOT? CFDBVTF UIFZ

BSF BMXBZT QFFQJOH.

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Kids' Maze

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

CENTRAL ZOO

ACROSS

1 Separates by a boundary
9 Rues
16 "Mamma Mia!" group
20 Perennial Italian encore
21 Place to spend drama program-ming
22 James Brown's style
23 Arriving where there's no outlet
25 Kind of wrestling
26 Weak in the
27 One more than bi-
28 Tight spot
29 Baggins of "The Hobbit"
30 "Calm down!"
36 Ga. hours
39 Any of les Antilles
40 Works in a gallery
41 Stern (from)
42 One the Blessed Virgin's titles
47 "Gangnam Style" rapper
48 Sit-ups work them
50 River vessel
51 Unrefined metals

DOWN

2 "I love him like —"
3 "The Eternal City"

ACROSS

52 Like sports cars, briefly
54 Common lot sizes
56 Assertions
58 Instruction in force
61 Web program-ming language
62 — really help if ...
64 Day to "beware"
65 Suffix with Benedict
66 Ford bombs
68 They're hidden in the centers of this puzzle's eight longest answers
71 Tabloid
75 Kilmer of "Monster"
76 Descartes of rationalism
77 Homeboys' howdies
79 Moral lapses
80 Marked with a very cold iron, as cattle
86 Picnics, e.g.
88 In an unstrict way
89 Elongated fish

DOWN

4 — light (filming lamp)
5 Touch, e.g.
6 Texter's "Wow!"
7 Hissy
8 Boots, e.g.
9 Bike spokes, say
10 Before, in poetry
11 Key with one sharp
12 Stinging insect
13 Military foe
14 Baking pan
15 Unhappy Francis
16 Home of St. Francis
17 Broad street
18 Stinging insect
19 Chilly director
24 Airport landing: Abbr.
29 "It's chilly!"
31 Avila aunt
32 Just about
33 "East co —"
34 Ingests too much of, informally
35 180-degree turn, informally
36 Break out of
37 Fended (off)
38 Voices below altos

DOWN

43 Not at all advanced
44 Grazing spot
45 Hi — screen
46 Suffix with 40- or 50-
47 Oh-so-prim
49 Latvia was one: Abbr.
52 All that — bag of chips
53 Biographer
54 Top-rate
55 Toyota of the 1980s
57 Cotton thread type
59 Pointed a firearm
60 Knife in old infomercials
63 "Noah" director
67 Sluggish
69 Hud's co-star
70 Rural hotels
72 Winy
73 Film director
74 Ella pieces
78 "Fa-a-ancy!"
80 Mel's brassy waitress
81 Rodent's last meal, maybe
82 Gregarious sort
83 Grom mineral

DOWN

84 "The Raven" poet's initials
85 — Hill (R&B quartet)
87 Bill's film bud
91 Faith forsaker
94 Goller of mentalism
95 City area, for short
96 Rorem of art songs
98 Form a thought
99 BYOB part to a Brit
100 Neighbor of Colombia
101 Key with one sharp
104 Person a non —
105 Bolivian city
106 Horse relatives
107 Witness
108 Earthy hue, to a Brit
109 Pothole sites
114 Suits' degs.
116 Portion (out)
116 Comic actor
118 Roscoe Maxilla locale
119 Former boxing king
120 Reds great Roush
121 Sawmill item
122 Big name in water filters

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Legals & Obituaries

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of

HERMINE C. WEIS, Deceased.
Case No. 2016-PR-32

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated December 6, 2016, has been filed in this court by John Weis, as a surviving son and heir of Hermine C. Weis, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of John Weis as executor of the estate.

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

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the appointment of John Weis as executor of the estate on or before **January 23, 2017, at 10:00 A.M.** in this court in the city of Hoxie in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

John Weis, Petitioner

Steven W. Hirsch #12789
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Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
WESLEY R. SPILLMAN,
Deceased
Case No. 2016-PR-33

NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 28, 2016 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition requests that Charlene Spillman be appointed as Administrator of this estate without bond.

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 Administrator or other proceedings in the administration 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.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in this court, in the city of Hoxie, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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

Charlene Spillman, Petitioner

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-105

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND RELATED APPURTENANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19 4616 et seq., as amended (the "Act") authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Sheridan County, Kansas (the "County"), to issue and sell revenue bonds for the purpose of purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring an existing hospital building or buildings and improving, remodeling or repairing and equipping the same, or for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing an addition to an existing county hospital; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan County Hospital, a county hospital duly organized by Sheridan County, Kansas under the laws of the State of Kansas (the "Hospital"), desires to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring equipment to perform endoscopic procedures including EndoTherapy equipment, sterilization equipment, a drying cabinet, and all related appurtenances in the estimated amount of \$138,679.68 (the "Project"), and to pay related expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the revenue bonds in one or more series proposed to be issued by the County in the amount of \$110,943 (the "Bonds") to provide funds for the foregoing purposes with the remainder of the costs of the Project to be paid from available funds of the Hospital, all as provided by the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that it is necessary and advisable and will promote the general health and welfare of the County and its inhabitants to proceed with the Project and the offering, issuance and delivery of revenue bonds of the Hospital in an approximate amount of \$110,943.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Necessity. The Board hereby declares its intent to acquire and equip the Project at an estimated cost of \$138,679.68.

SECTION 2. Financing Authority. The County intends to issue the Bonds in an approximate amount of \$110,943 to pay a portion of the costs of the Project and financing costs related thereto, with the balance of the Project costs to be paid from other available funds of the Hospital. The Bonds shall be limited obligations of the County payable solely from the sources and in the manner as provided in the Bond Resolution to be adopted by the County to authorize the issuance of the Bonds and prescribe the terms and conditions thereof.

SECTION 3. Reimbursement Authority. Bonds authorized pursuant to this Resolution may be used to reimburse project expenditures made on or after the date which is 60 days before the date of this Resolution, pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

SECTION 4. Publication of Resolution of Intent. This resolution shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. No Bonds will be issued until all publications have been made, as provided by the Act.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS, THIS 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/ Doyle Kauk, Chairman
/s/ Troy Dewey, Commissioner
/s/ Vic Bielser, Commissioner
ATTEST:
/s/ Heather Bracht, County Clerk

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
CAROL J. HILL, Deceased

Case No. 2015-PR-4

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on December 13, 2016 in said Court by the undersigned, executor of the Will of the decedent, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 6, 2017 at 1:30 p.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Mark Hill
Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Without public notices in the newspaper, you're left guessing.



Public notice is your right to know about the issues that directly affect your life. And, you can easily find public notices in your local newspaper. Without public notices in the newspaper, you're left to guess about what the government is doing in your community and how elected officials are spending your tax dollars.

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PUBLIC NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS.
Where public information is accessible to the public.

Correction, we did not catch the autocorrect mistake of "William" instead of "Willard," in last week's issue. We apologize to his family & friends.

Willard Roy Hedge



Willard Roy Hedge, 91, of Doctor's Inlet, Florida, formerly of Hoxie, died at home on Friday, December 2, 2016. He was born on December 9, 1924, in Selden, KS to the late James Roy Hedge and Bessie Fern Farber. Willard is survived by his wife of 70 years, Irene (Hemman) Hedge. He was employed by the U. S. Postal Service, retiring in 1980 after 35 years. He was a veteran of WWII, having served as a Staff Sergeant in the 457th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force. He was stationed in Peterborough, England from December 1944 to April 1945 and flew 35 missions as a ball turret gunner on B17s. He was awarded 3 bronze stars.

Willard was preceded in death by an infant son, Gary Hedge; and sisters Lorraine Locke and Donna Sterkin. His twin sister, Wilda Selbe, of Kansas City, KS, survives. He is also survived by daughter Jeanne Allison (Richard) of Tampa, FL; daughter Jan Mills (Scott) of Nashville, IN; son Jerry Hedge (Carole) of Holly Hill, SC; daughter Judy Fuzzell (Douglas) of Fleming Island, FL; grandson Christopher Mills (Amanda) of Washington, DC; granddaughters Kim Snow (David) of Tampa, FL; Heather Curry (Evan) of Bradenton, FL; and Jesse Hohenstein (Daniel) of Frisco, TX; grandsons Jordan Hedge (Colleen) of King of Prussia, PA; and Zachary Hedge (Kelley) of Wake Forest, NC; and granddaughters Lindsay Fuzzell (Andy Roldan) of Lafayette, IN; and Lauryn Gammons (Derrick) of Virginia Beach, VA; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was conducted on December 7, 2016, at Crossroad Lutheran Church of Fleming Island, Pastor Ryan Ritzman officiating. His ashes will be buried at a later date at Jacksonville Memory Gardens in Orange Park, FL.

Willard was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; always a gentleman; and full of kindness, humility and quiet strength. He will be greatly missed.



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State of Kansas
Amendment

2017

Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the

2017 Budget

The governing body of

Sheridan County

will meet on the day of January 30, 2017 at 9:00 am at Sheridan County Clerk's Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at Sheridan County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments

| Fund | 2017 Adopted Budget | | | 2017 Proposed Amended Expenditures |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| | Actual Tax Rate | Amount of Tax that was Levied | Expenditures | |
| Hospital Rev Bond Ser 2015 B1 | | | 0 | 15,028 |
| Hospital Rev Bond Ser 2015 B2 | | | 0 | 57,500 |

Heather Bracht

Official Title: County Clerk

James Patterson



James Edward Patterson, 82, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2017 at the Long Term Care, Quinter. He was born September 2, 1934, at the home of his grandparents, outside of Lubbock, TX, to Aaron Edward Patterson and Margaret Leona (Anderson) Patterson.

In 1956, James committed to a four-year enlistment in the United States Navy. On July 19, 1959 James married Janice Charlene (Wente) Patterson and after several years of marriage, the couple settled in the Quinter, KS area.

James was an avid lover of metal fabrication and welding. He worked for several years for Quinter Manufacturing and then the Gove County Road and Bridge Department before opening his own welding service.

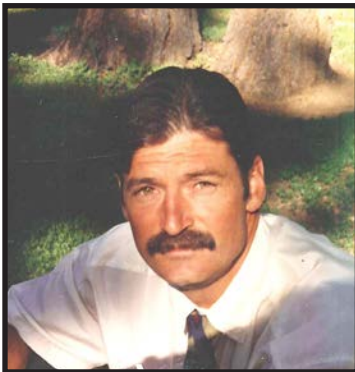
James is survived by his two children, Jana Kamp (Karl), Elgin, TX and James T. Patterson (Allison), Cedar Creek, TX; sister Ann Wente (Duane), Hoxie, KS; brother David Patterson (Kathy), Hoxie, KS; and three grandsons, Jacob Kamp, Cody Patterson, Shawn Patterson. Also surviving are many cousins, nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents Aaron & Leona (Anderson) Patterson.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home, Tuesday, January 10, from 6pm to 8pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Jim Patterson Memorial Fund. Donations to the fund may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 901 South Main, Quinter, KS 67752.

Services will be held at Schmitt Funeral Home in Quinter, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 12:00. The burial immediately following will be at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery in Wakeeney.

Condolences: www.schmittfuneral.com

Michael Musick



Michael C. Musick of Wakeeney, KS passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at his home after a short illness at the age of 63. He was born in Des Moines, IA, June 15, 1953 to Clifford and Gwyneth (Miller) Musick. On July 17, 1992, He married Madeline Dreiling (formerly of Hoxie, KS) in Conifer, CO. Mike was a talented carpenter who could build or design almost anything. He served as Construction Superintendent on many jobs as well as being self-employed.

Mike is survived by his wife Madeline of the home in Wakeeney; sisters, Linda Shonhorn, Dianne Holford, and Cecile Tripp; two step-daughters, Marlys McConnell and Amanda Joy Johnson both of Bellevue, Washington; Step-grandchildren, Christopher McConnell and Julian Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford & Gwyneth Musick; brother, Kevin Musick, and Step-grandson, Andrew McConnell.

A memorial service and private family inurnment is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers Memorials are suggested to Julian Jensen Education fund and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. On-line condolences may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Darin Lee Richmeier

Darin Lee Richmeier, son of Orville and Nettie (Deibert) Richmeier, was born on February 15, 1967 in Hill City, Kansas, and peacefully passed away January 4, 2017, at the age of 49.

Darin attended High School in Hoxie, Kansas. After the passing of his mother, he moved to Norton, Kansas and was employed by Jamboree Foods.

Darin enjoyed watching his cousins play sports, talking to and being around his friends at the Norton Manor, and he took great pride in his work. His greatest love was his family. Darin's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His smile, joking around and singing brought so much joy to everyone around him. He gave us all such courage and hope, and reminded us of the preciousness of life.

Survivors include: his father, Orville Richmeier, Norton; one sister, Laura, and husband, Doug Frickey, Norton; two brothers, Brad, and wife, Sheila Richmeier, Kansas City, MO; Rodney, and wife, Barb Richmeier, Overland Park, KS; grandmother, Peggy Neal, Hoxie, KS; several aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces; many other relatives and friends.

Darin was preceded in death by his mother, Nettie Richmeier; grandfathers, George Richmeier, Bo Deibert and Everett Neal; grandmother, Josie Richmeier.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 am Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Norton Christian Church. Visitation is Sunday, January 8 from 5 pm - 7 pm at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, KS. Interment will be at the Hoxie Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Compassionate Friends of Norton, KS. Condolences may be placed online at www.enfieldfh.com. Arrangements by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

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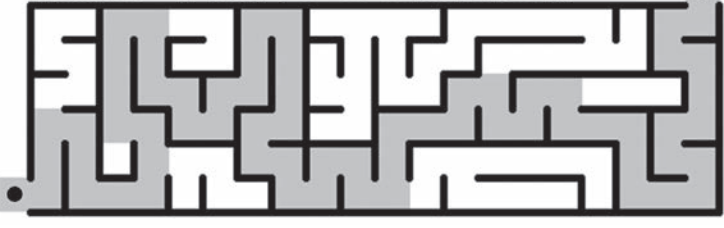
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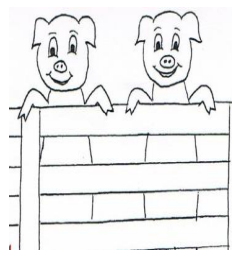
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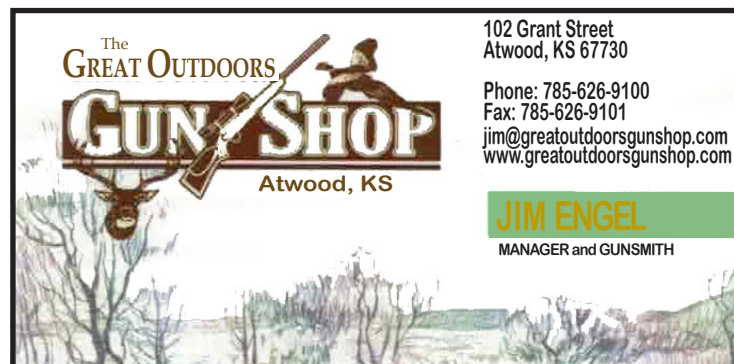
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