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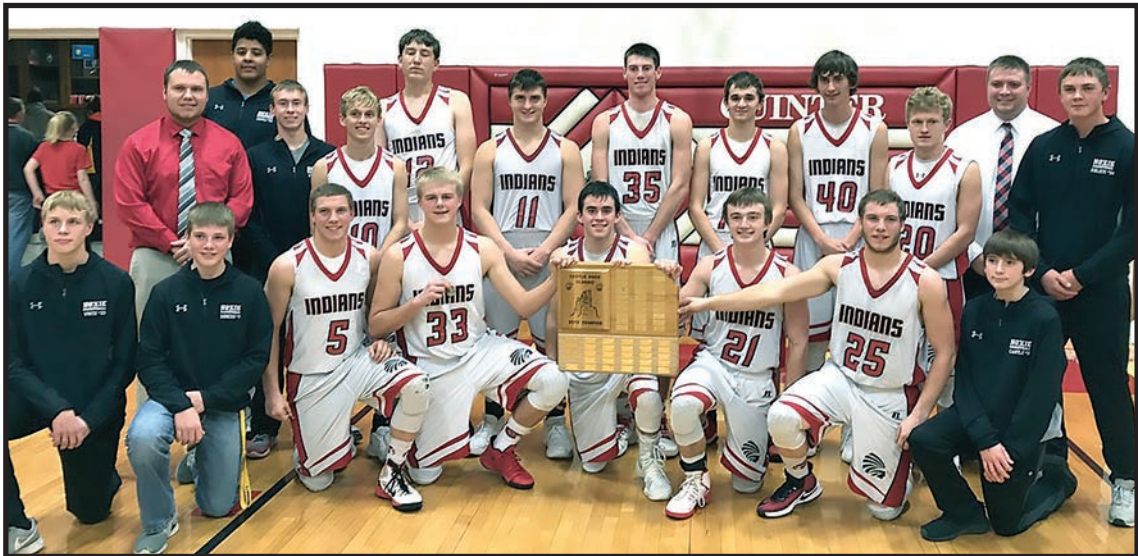
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Castle Rock Classic Champions



The Hoxie Indians are Castle Rock Champions again this year. The Indians are back-to-back Castle Rock Classic CHAMPIONS beating The Ellis Railroaders 65-62 in OT. (Front) Caden White, Matthew Diercks, Troyal Burris, Luke Schippers, Easton Slipke, Latham Schwarz, Taylor Burris, Dane Castle. (Back) Assistant Coach B.J. Beiker, Harlan Obioha, Logan Weimer, Kaden Tremblay, Jake Geisinger, Jarrod Dible, Sean Robben, Jared Kennedy, Parker Jones, Gavin Tremblay, Head Coach Jake Moss, and Kyler Niblock. (Courtesy photo)

The Lady Indians are Castle Rock Champions. (Front) Brooke Dorenkamp, Lilly Schamberger and Rebekah Castle. (Back) Coach Jared Dowell, Ashlyn Dorenkamp, Baylee McKenna, Addi Campbell, Macy Schamberger, Maiah Castle, Trinity Balluch, Macalee White, Lexi Torluemke, Paiton Rogers and Assistant Coach Erika Chandler. (HHS courtesy photo)



Lady Indians Win Castle Rock Classic

By Rebekah Castle

The week of December 4-9 was the week of the Castle Rock Classic basketball tournament that takes place annually in Quinter. Six teams compete but only one comes out on top. This year the Lady Indians beat Dighton, Atwood and Quinter to win the tournament.

The Lady Indians' first game took place on Tuesday, Dec. 5 against the Dighton Hornets. The Indians started out slow, but ultimately dominated

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Rotary Student of the Month



Hoxie senior Rebekah Castle is the December Rotary Student. Rebekah is FFA, is on the basketball and volleyball teams. She is also a member of C3YG (youth group). Rebekah is the daughter of Devan and Sarah Castle. (HHS courtesy photo)



STACEY HEIM RECOGNIZED BY USD #412



Stacey Heim was honored on Monday, December 11, 2017, with awards for her 12 years of service as a school board member for the USD #412. (Photo by Rachel Farber)

Hoxie Student Honored for Environmental Works of Art



Hoxie junior Abby Depenbusch's artwork was chosen to be in the 2018 Keep It Clean Kansas Calendar Contest. (HHS courtesy photo)

By Jackie Campbell

Across the state of Kansas, thousands of artwork entries for the 2018 Keep It Clean Kansas Calendar Contest were submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Students from grades kindergarten through twelfth grade were to promote in their artwork an awareness of environmental issues such as recycling, reusing and reducing materials, and green practices. Thirteen students were selected as winners in the 2018 Keep It Clean Kansas Calendar Contest (formally known as Kansas, Don't Spoil It! Calendar Contest). Student's works are feature for each month of the year plus the cover. Out of the thirteen students, Hoxie

school district had a winner: Abby Depenbusch, 11th grade. On Nov. 15, the calendar winners were invited to a reception at the Kansas Children's Discovery Center located in Topeka. They had refreshments and received a large version of their artwork signed by the Governor and a bag of goodies. Afterwards, the winners with their families were invited to enjoy the Discovery Center. This is Abby's first time winning this contest.

This is an annual fall project in art class headed by art instructor Jackie Campbell. The last winners for this contest were in 2015 when Hoxie had two calendar winners and a runner-up.

Soil Conservation Poster Contest Winners



Soil Conservation poster winners for grades 7-9 are Alayna Shepard - 2nd place, Anissa Villegas - 1st place, Gracie Munk - 3rd place, and Carter Beckman (not pictured) - Honorable Mention. (HHS courtesy photo)



Anissa Villegas received Honorable Mention at the state level for her Soil Conservation poster. (HHS courtesy photo)



High school Soil Conservation poster winners are Logan Weimer - Honorable Mention, Latham Schwarz - 3rd place, Macy Schamberger - 2nd place, and Nataly Villa (not pictured) - 1st place. Nataly's poster received 3rd place at the State Level. (HHS courtesy photo)

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Words of Faith

The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do.

James 3:5

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Dec. 12	
Wheat	3.56
Corn	2.89
Milo	3.12
Beans	8.71

Weather Report

SC Conservation District				
Date	High	Low	Moisture	
12/3	62	44	--	
12/4	48	17	--	
12/5	48	25	--	
12/6	48	7	--	
12/7	40	19	flurries	
12/8	47	27	--	
12/9	56	35	--	

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Words of Wisdom

Rudeness is the weak person's imitation of strength

~Eric Hoffer

Where's Sheridan?

Community News

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CLOSING REMINDER

Effective January 1, 2018, all offices on the 2nd floor of the courthouse (Treasurer, Clerk, Appraiser, and Register of Deeds) will remain open during the noon hour and the courthouse will close at 4:30 every day.

BURN BAN NOTICE

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners along with Sheridan County Fire Chief Ross Carder approved a burn ban in Sheridan County until further notice. If you have questions, please contact Chief Carder.
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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Saturday was a beautiful day. A good-sized crowd gathered at the Jennings Community Hall to enjoy chili, vegetable soup, and dessert served by the Lions Club members. Santa arrived at 1:00 much to the delight of all the children waiting for him. The community drawing was then held. Much to my surprise the city presented a plaque to me for dedication and service of over 25 years as city council member. Someone mentioned this should have included Wayne. That is very true as we worked side by side for many years doing city work. I thank everyone. The city is very thankful for all the individuals and businesses who donate for the gift drawing in our small town.

Earlier in the day Saturday the Wreath Across America ceremony was held at the Jennings cemetery and the Big Timber cemetery.

Our daughter Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Goodland came to enjoy Saturday with us.

Many people had children

and grandchildren come to spend the day and to attend the festivities.

Remember the Sunflower Senior dinner on Wednesday at noon. Main dishes are being prepared by senior board members. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert you are welcome to do that. Everyone is welcome to come join us.

Santa Day for the Jennings Community brings lots of people together. Our community is much larger than the boundaries of the town. In recognition of this, the service area of the Jennings City Library includes the townships of Jennings, Allison, Pleasant Valley and Lyon along with the City of Jennings. There is a need for another library board member from anywhere in the service area. Would you like to volunteer in the new year? The Book Club has more members from outside the town than in. Would you like to read "The Christmas Train" by Baldacci and meet to talk about it in January?

SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and Anniversaries: December 15: John & Helen Karls; December 16: Steve Carman, Dana Broeckelman Carter; December 17: Nick Koerperich, Todd Walker, Robyn Mendiola, Tyson Paulson; December 18: Kami Miller; December 19: Tara Shaw, Renee Bruggeman Filmore, Chad Focke, Avery Spresser, Ben & Christa Wessel; December 20: Stephanie Ritter (Happy 50th), David Neff, Nathan Zodrow, Cole Anderson; December 21: Troy Emigh.

On December 7, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center JR Albers won high with a score of 615 and Ohio Aumiller took second with a score

of 615. Other participants included Lillian Sulzman, Bob Wessel, Pat Wessel, Wilma Ritter, Ralph Weis, Boyd Wilson, Margee Wilson, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Don Juenemann, Carl Mumm, Don Quackenbush and Paul Neff.

"Selden Community Christmas Celebration" will be December 17 at the Community Center in Selden. Spend an evening in the spirit of Christmas with area community members. Bingo begins at 4:00 pm (1 free card per player - additional cards \$5 each, which will be used for the blackout). Soup Supper from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and Santa arrives at 6:30. Fun evening for all, so we hope to see everyone there.

HOXIE ELKS LODGE #2415 HOOP SHOOT



Hoxie Elks Hoop Shoot

The Hoxie Elks Lodge #2415 held the local Hoop Shoot on Sunday, December 10, 2017. First place winners

will advance to the District Hoop Shoot to be held at Skyline High School, Pratt, KS on January 27, 2018. Winners included 8-9 year old, Carley Cooper, Hoxie, 20 of 25, Jackson Foster, Grainfield, 12 of 25, 10-11 year old Hayden Wark, Golden Plains School, 10 of 25, Brayden Scheetz, Hoxie, 12 of 25, 12-13 year old, Breanna Rath, Golden Plains School, 15 of 25, Owen Patmon, Golden Plains School, 21 of 25.

2nd place 8-9 year old, Kailee Wessel, Golden Plains, 5 of 25, Dylan Wark, Golden Plains, 10 of 25, 3rd place, Chase Meyer, Hoxie, 9 of 25.

2nd place 10-11 year old, Jaidyn Follis, Hoxie, 7 of 25, Josh Rath, Golden Plains, 10 of 25

2nd place 12-13 year old, Tayten Barnett, Golden Plains, 6 of 25



Mealsite Menu

December 18 - December 22

Monday: Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Plums

Tuesday: Ham & Beans, Spinach Salad, Cornbread, Fluffy Fruit Salad

Wednesday: Chicken Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Rosy Pears

Thursday: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Bread, Birthday Cake

Friday: Split Smoked Sausage, Cubed Seasoned Potatoes, Strawberries & Bananas, Bread, Cookie

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.

Upcoming Area Events

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

Study w/ Pastor Jake Schadel
(Cross & Flame Parish
Facebook page)

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

**Hoxie
Sunday, December 17:**
6:30pm Christmas
Celebration (music by Melissa
Dawn)-Hoxie UMC

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

Sunday, December 24:
7pm Christmas Eve Service-
Hoxie UMC

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

Wednesday, December 27:
12pm Chamber Meeting -
City of Hoxie office.

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

**Oakley
Tuesday, December 19:**
6pm Kansas Author's Club
Christmas supper-Colonial
Steak House Restaurant at
I-70 & US 83.

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

**Colby
Thursday, December 21:**
12pm Don Rowilson
presentation on the history
of the Homestead Act at the
Prairie Museum of Art &
History during the "Food for
Thought" program.

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

Every Saturday:
6:30pm Facebook Bible



LETTERS to SANTA

It's time for
Letters to Santa.
Be sure to have them
to
The Sentinel
by noon
Monday, Dec. 18.
716 Main St., Hoxie
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THANK YOU!

The family of Donna Prickett would like to thank everyone who took the time to send a card, and to those who stopped by for Mom's 85th birthday. It was very heartwarming. What a great community! We would also like to send a special thanks to Leanna Sloan, Janice Baalman, and Tanya Kennedy for the time and effort they put into making it a great day!

Brick & Tina Prickett



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Community News

Rowlison to Present at Prairie Museum of Art & History



By Ann Miner

There were several ways would-be settlers could claim land in Northwest Kansas in the late 19th century, including some that were a little on the devious side. Don Rowlison will be at the Prairie Museum of Art and History at noon on Thursday, December 21 to discuss homesteading rules and work-arounds for this month's "Food for Thought" program.

Rowlison is a Sheridan County native, fourth generation cowboy, and long-time curator of the Cottonwood Ranch just east of Hoxie. He attended Colby Community College and earned a B.S. in

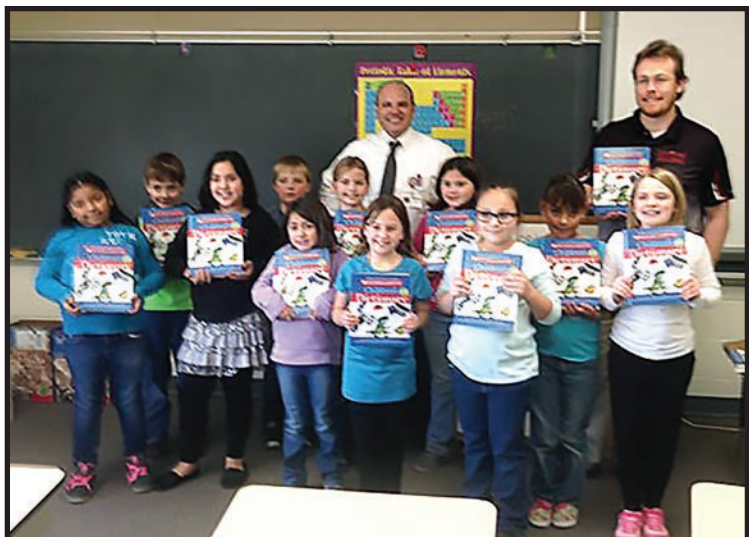
Anthropology with an emphasis in Archeology in 1972. He worked as an archeologist with the Kansas State Historical Society and, after earning a Masters in Education from Kansas State University, was appointed the first State Public Archeologist in 1980. He has been with Cottonwood Ranch since 1985.

His talk will outline a brief history of the Homestead Act and the requirements it and other legislation laid out for acquiring land. The story would not be complete without mentioning claim jumpers and claimants hired by land speculators, and these entertaining tales will be included in the mix.

"Food for Thought" is a lunchtime program series hosted by the Prairie Museum of Art and History each third Thursday from October through March. A light lunch is served, and the program is free and open to the public. Donations are always gratefully accepted.

The Prairie Museum is located at 1905 S. Franklin Avenue in Colby. For more information, call 785-460-4590.

Hoxie Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries



Golden Plains' Dustin McBride's 3rd grade class received dictionaries from the Hoxie Rotary Club. Pictured with the class is Rotary President, Mike O'Dell (center back.) Hoxie Grade School 3rd graders also received dictionaries, but no photo is available. (Hoxie Rotary courtesy photo)

Pearl Harbor

By Madilyn Green (Golden Plains 5th Grade)

Pearl harbor was a surprise attack by the Japanese.

What caused the attack?

This embargo blocked the Japanese from receiving crucial materials, such as steel and aviation fuel. The United States placed this embargo because Japan tried to take over more territory. As a result, the Japanese army decided to attack **Pearl Harbor**, a U.S. Base, as a precaution, in a surprise air attack.

Why did the U.S stop letting the Japan get what they needed?

After Hitler died the

Americans stopped sending oil and steel and other crucial materials to Japan.

Why Pearl Harbor

On Pearl Harbor there was an American navy base that Japan wanted to attack.

Did Japan really bomb the U.S.A.

President Franklin Roosevelt called December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy." On that day, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at **Pearl Harbor**, Hawaii Territory. The **bombing** killed more than 2,300 Americans. It completely destroyed the American battleship U.S.S

Story is printed exactly as submitted.

When Winter Bites

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

When the temperatures in Kansas dip below freezing, two types of people usually surface - those who enjoy invigorating weather and those who tolerate the cold from the inside. How an individual feels about the cold weather usually depends on where he/she grew up, age and more importantly, attitude.

Another element comes into play - wind chill factor. Wind chill factor is usually defined as the cooling effect from wind and temperature on the human body. Wind whisking by exposed skin during cold weather increases a person's heat loss.

An Antarctic explorer, Paul Siple, and his colleague, Charles Passel, first coined the term "wind chill" in 1939. Siple described wind chill as the relative cooling power - heat removal - from the body with various combinations of wind speed and low temperatures.

Some 75 years later, wind chill has become a common term in our everyday conversation. Knowing the factors help people protect themselves against frostbite and hypothermia. Tissue damage occurs in frostbite when wind chill temperatures fall below -25 degrees F. Hypothermia results when the rapid loss of the body's internal temperature alters

judgment. This sometimes results in death.

Western Kansas stockmen know the harder the wind blows, the lower the wind chill factor. Simply put, it is the relationship between wind speed and actual temperature that produces this chilling effect.

People who spend time outdoors during these cold periods - stockmen, construction workers, hunters, runners and skiers - may create their own winds or increase the existing wind. Because movement magnifies airflow, they should be especially cautious of wind chill.

Manual labor and other physical exertion can cause heat loss also. Sweat begins and heat is removed by vaporization. Breathing cold air also results in the loss of heat from the lungs.

Few people realize that smoking, drinking, prescription drugs and illegal narcotics may also contribute to frostbite or hypothermia during bitterly cold temperatures. All of these dull the senses.

Alcohol dilates the capillaries of the skin and that increases the body's heat loss. Nicotine smoke absorbed by the blood causes the capillaries to constrict. This restricts the blood flow to the earlobes, fingertips and other regions of the body. Medication can have

side effects too, so venture outside during cold weather with caution.

Wind chill charts for regular references are available wherever outdoor equipment is sold. Use these charts only as a point of information. Wind chill charts aren't always accurate because they don't consider all the possibilities of heat loss, or the preventive measures against it.

Air temperature is rarely a reliable indicator of how cold a person will feel outdoors. Elements such as wind speed, relative humidity and sunshine or solar radiation also play a part. A person's health and the type of clothing worn will also affect how a person feels.

When you go outside, dress for the weather and the wind. Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing in several layers. These layers can be removed to prevent perspiration and subsequent chilling. Snug mittens are better protection than fitted gloves.

Always wear a hat, preferably wool, ear protection and a scarf or neck gaiter. If it's bitter cold - stay inside or limit your exposure to the elements.

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

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The Kitchen Cabinet

Rachel Farber



Easy Dishes

Food that can be prepared at short notice, and simple menus for a quick meal, the recipes for which should be close at hand.

One of the most enjoyable soups may be made in a short time if a can of tomatoes, a little milk and seasonings are to be had. One reason why many women lose their heads in an emergency is the idea that they have no background to begin on. Have a list of dishes for a quick meal, with ingredients printed in two columns, so that a quick glance will tell you if you have all the materials.

This is the time of year when we are making our plum puddings, and fruit cake, our mince meat and little cakes which are improved by age. If one has a simple suet pudding which may be easily steamed in a hurry over the teakettle in a sieve, a sauce is

prepared and your dessert is ready.

Woe to the housewife who does not keep many cans of tomatoes on hand for all kinds of dishes. These, if put up by oneself, cost half as much as those you buy. A dish of hot, well seasoned tomatoes poured over buttered toast and sprinkled with cheese will make a quick and most tasty luncheon or supper dish.

Toothsome Dishes

If one likes to delight a guest with an unusual salad, and who does not? here is one worth trying: Lay a slice of banana on a crisp nest of lettuce, heap it with banana put through a ricer, and well mixed with lemon juice, sprinkled with chopped pecan meats and serve with a mayonnaise dressing. If one does not care for an oil dressing, there are any number of boiled dressings

which are simple to prepare and have the good keeping quality. Equal parts of beaten egg and diluted vinegar cooked in a double boiler, and such seasonings, richness of dream of condiments added when used, is one of the good stand-bys.

Cherry and Date Dessert

- Put a pint of cherry juice in a cup of hot water, the juice of half a lemon and a cup of sugar over the fire. When boiling, add two level tablespoonfuls of gelatin which has been softened in water. Cool and stir, setting the pan in ice water when slightly thickened, wet a mold and put the gelatin mixture in alternate layers with a cup of stoned dates. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
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Area Churches

Christ Community Church
454 W Hwy 24
Hoxie

Christian Fellowship Church
God's Living Stones
2008 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church
1101 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church
1000 Valley
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ
1541 Oak
Hoxie

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Kenoxie Archives & Museum

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Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber

From The Golden Belt, Grinnell

December 11, 1886

Capt. Houston has been absent during the week, attending business in Hays City.

Two large prairie fires, one in the south-east and one in the west, could be seen from Grinnell Wednesday.

We understand a social hop is to be given at the Gove Hotel some time during the holidays. Supper will be served.

Mr. Charley Dunn, brother of Phil, returned Wednesday evening from Colorado, and is visiting relatives and old time friends.

The Badger Lumber Co. has, during the past week, erected a 23x80 dry lumber shed. Things look lively around the yards now.

County Clerk Borah and Deputy Booton were up to the metropolis to spend the Sabbath, attending Rev. Aller's services in the evening.

Banker Brown and Commissioner Campbell, of Grainfield, were in the city Wednesday evening, and enlightened our den with their smiling countenance. Call again, gentlemen.

There has been placed in the hands of Davis Bro's 70 books to be used for a circulating library. Any person can become a member of the club for two years by the payment of \$1.00. Davis Bro's are agents in Grinnell. H. E. Washburn traveling agent.

The ladies are working faithfully to perfect the Christmas entertainment. It will be a success.

Some twenty persons attended the game party last Wednesday evening, and an enjoyable time is reported.

A. S. Booton came up to the metropolis Tuesday, returning Wednesday. He was accompanied by Mr. Frank F. Wright.

Miss Jones and pupils will give an entertainment New Years' Eve., for the purpose of buying a library for the school. Particulars next week.

A Union Sunday School will be organized tomorrow, and all interested are requested to meet at the school house at 2:30 p.m. Arrangements will also be made for a Christmas tree.

S. M. Vanover has a sealed jar of beans and is giving every customer who buys a sack of flour a guess on the number of beans the jar contains. The person nearest right will be presented with 100 lbs. of flour.

Mr. Frank Wright has purchased the south livery stable in Gove City, has added thereto and will run a hack line from here to Dighton, via Gove City. This will be of great convenience to many of our citizens who make frequent business trips to that burg.

Don't forget that Rev. Dugger preaches Sunday evening next at the school house. If you enjoy a good sermon you should make it a point to be present and hear him.

125 Years Ago

December 15, 1892

1500 proved circulation. Frank Menefee shipped a car load of grain this week.

Frank Grinnell, has gone to Tacoma, Washington, after a four weeks visit to his father.

W. H. Dodds, has moved into his new frame house and is the happiest man in the county.

Prof. Judd arrived in town last week on a load of broom corn for which he was looking for a market.

Jim Bell, the jolly traveling man of Samuel Doddsworth, was taking orders from our county officers last week.

Trains have been delayed all week on account of snow, heavy falls both east and west. Much suffering reported.

Dr. Winternitz drew the music box at McCallum's, and Frank McIvor got the watch and all of Ed Turner's baking powder.

J. N. Bowman, and family of Adell township, have gone east to have a surgical operation performed on his arm which he hurt last summer.



Tasco School prepares for Christmas Program. If you know any of the kids in the photo contact the Sheridan County Historical Society. (Sheridan County Historical Society photo)

J. H. Patterson's family arrived last week and moved to their new home west of the city. They have been in Colorado for the past three years and are glad to get back.

Cards are out for the marriage of J. H. McConchie to Miss Anna Campbell, on December 24th, Mc., all our people know, and his wife will be welcomed to our city. Congratulations are heartily extended.

Last Tuesday J. C. Vaughn's team of spirited horses cut a figure eight through our streets accompanied by the music of Terry's & Bushby's band, no harm was done only two posts of Battey's awning was broken down.

Dr. Winternitz, left Wednesday for the West in search of a location. We are very sorry to have him leave us, as it will be a long time before his place can be filled. However our best wishes go with him and we recommend him in whatever community he may stop, to the people as a first-class and successful physician and a finished gentleman.

Double the circulation of any paper in North West Kansas.

Robt. Tied was getting an extra horse Saturday to assist in putting in his large acreage of wheat which he is still at work on.

A. L. Troutman, was baptised last Sabbath, the ice was pretty thick and the water cold, but Bert went through the ordeal without any bad results.

Seguin Squibs
Some trading in Logan lands these days.

W. W. Long and Ben Wood spent a few days in Norton county last week.

Harvy Dodds has moved into their new house and his son is living in the old one while he is building on his homestead.

Alas! Alas! We are stripped of our store and left without

"chewin." J. H. Woltzen has moved back to Hoxie and there is another opening for a good man.

Sam Weller

100 Years Ago

December 13, 1917

Local News

Harry Vance moved into the Prof. Williams property, Wednesday.

Mrs. D. C. Fuller returned Sunday morning from a visit with relatives in the East.

Mrs. F. C. Turtle and Miss Alice Turtle are in Kansas City, the guests of Mrs. McFarland.

J. H. McConchie, of Salina, spent a few days in Hoxie the first of the week. Mr. McConchie formerly was engaged in business here but is now a traveling salesman for a hardware firm.

Rose Field Roses

By Annexed (Crowded out last week.) Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Williams and Miles Earley spent Sunday afternoon at the Len Teel home in Bloomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doubleday autoed to Hoxie, Friday. Miss Edith came home with them in the evening to stay over Sunday.

Valley

By Gleaner Charley White, of Natoma, shipped a carload of mules from Tasco last week.

Mrs. Phoebe Conard and daughter stayed last week with Mrs. George Pratt while Mr. Pratt was in Kansas City.

Mr. Ralph Getz and Miss Lillian Schropp attended the entertainment at Menlo Thursday evening.

There was a surprise birthday dinner Sunday for Mrs. Roy English at their home in Tasco. Quite a number of relatives helped to celebrate the day and wished her many happy returns of the day.

Saline Pick-ups

By X. Y. Z.

G. T. McWilliams and family motored over to

the North Fork and spent Saturday and Sunday.

Guy Mace and Roscoe Transue returned from the Nebraska corn fields last week and Willie Brown also came later.

Spring Brook

By Occasional Visitor Doctoring Fords is the order of the day.

C. W. Popp's are building an addition to their dwelling. Jack rabbits are ten cents each here but they are from twelve to fifteen cents from the cold storage.

Old Sheridan

By Mrs. B.

The last week's items were not written by Pioneer, but by your old scribe. We were in such a hurry to catch the mail that we forgot to sign up.

LaVate Aumiller was the guest of Dewey Brelsford Friday.

The dance at John Schlichers' was well attended and a good time reported.

Rose Field Roses

By Annexed

Guess the frost must have nipped the "Roses" in the bud last week. (No, Annexed, you will find them all here without the loss of a single petal on the insert of this issue. - Ed.)

C. J. Williams and M. E. Earrley helped H. Doubleday put up feed a couple of days last week.

Ross Menefee spent last Saturday night and Sunday with the Hopkins boys.

75 Years Ago

December 10, 1942

Morland Here Friday Night

The strong Morland basketeers will usher in the new cage season when they battle the Hoxie team here on Friday night, Dec. 11. The game will start at 7:30 sharp. You will like this game. Don't miss it.

New Member Joins Here

Lawrence Becker, changed his membership from the Smith Center Club to the Hoxie Club this week.

Rotarian Reed told of his recent trip to the World Series at St. Louis. President Ray Mahanna is arranging for the annual Christmas party two weeks hence.

City School Notes

First Grade - We are busy making Christmas decorations in our room.

In social studies we are studying about fruit.

Second Grade - In English we wrote letters to Ronald Spillman, who is now attending school at Hutchinson.

Fourth Grade - We received our new library books. We are enjoying them very much.

Selden Items

Mr. Merriweather is very ill at his home in Morland. He is the father of E. E. Merriweather of Selden and we hope for his speedy recovery.

A shower on the new bride, Mrs. Charles Wilcox, was given Tuesday afternoon at the Wellington Wilcox home. Many lovely and useful presents were showered upon this happy bride and all join ye scribe in wishing them a long happy wedded life.

Mrs. Silas Phelps is in Rexford at the Mosher home.

Local News

Mrs. L. A. Wade and Mrs. Wallace Cooper returned a week ago yesterday, from a week spent in Lydon, Kansas, with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wade and infant son. The two grandmothers enjoyed caring for mother and babe for this week together.

Mrs. Rudy Rumback has an infant son, born Dec. 2. Mrs. Rumback is at the Lawrence Thummel home. The father of this fine eight and a half pound boy is overseas with Uncle Sam's army. Mrs. Rumback and Mrs. Thummel are sisters.

Mrs. Melvin Wheeler and little son Mickey, are visiting at the parental Walt Peterson home. They came Sunday and will return the last of the week to their home in Oakley.

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pratt and sons had a family dinner Sunday. This was especially in honor of Phil's 12th birthday anniversary, Dec. 7. The guests included the A. M. Shatzell family, Mr. and Mrs. Clif Crum, George Pratt and two children, Mrs. Fred Pratt and Roberta Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fromme and David had guests with them for dinner Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fromme, Modesta and Ensign Joseph Fromme.

50 Years Ago

December 14, 1967

7th Graders Win From Atwood

Coach Richard Whitmer's 7th grade basketball squad won 37 to 31 over Atwood in a game played here Friday night.

The next action for the grade school roundballers will be Monday at Oberlin beginning at 4:30 with 7th, 8th, and freshman games.

McGraw News

Mrs. Sadie Smith visited Stella and Oren Smith Sunday evening.

Mrs. Earl Hartzog returned home from the Hoxie hospital Wednesday and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo McKenna spent Saturday with the Hartzogs. Mrs. Hartzog's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chambers spent Sunday evening with them.

News is scarce this week. Guess everyone is busy getting ready for Christmas.

Studley Items

Miss Hilda Pratt fell in her home Monday, Dec. 4. Fortunately no bones were broken. She had bruises and sprained her knee.

Gene Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bell arrived home Saturday on leave from the Navy to spend the holidays. Gene is on crutches due to a car accident he was in last August but he is getting around pretty well considering his injury.

Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Don Koster and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Stephens and family were Sunday morning coffee guests of Mrs. Margaret Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rietcheck and Joe Bange returned from Kansas City last Friday where they attended the annual Co-op convention. The Rietcheck children stayed with the Dempewolfs.

Mrs. Shatzell Hostess to Cultus Club Meeting

Mrs. Arthur Shatzell was hostess to the Cultus Club on Dec. 12. Fourteen members were present to enjoy the Christmas gift exchange. The members enjoyed the reading of a Christmas story by Mrs. Don James.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. Next Cultus meeting will be Jan. 9, 1968 at the home of Mrs. Ad Smith. - Reporter

Mickey's Want Ads

"Country Inn" starter group, 1 1/2 qt. Saucette, 3 1.2 qt. Sauce Pot Server, 8-in. covered Skillet for \$29.95.

"He's been sitting there for an hour doing nothing but wasting his time."

"How do you know?"

"I've been watching him."

Lady Sunbeam electric razor for the Lady of the House.

Broadway News

George Simon called on Howard Shafer at the Quinter hospital Monday. Howard was moved to Hays for further tests. He has had infection in his hand.

The Mr. Pleasant Women served dinner to the Simon families on Saturday. Breakfast was served to the Popp family Wednesday morning at the church.

WMS meet Wednesday at the church with Betty Corke as hostess.

25 Years Ago

December 10, 1992

Free Movie Saturday

Do something special with your family on Saturday. Take them to the matinee showing of "The Last Unicorn" this Christmas season. The free movie is rated G and may be seen at the Hoxie Theatre on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. The animated story is about a magical unicorn who goes on a quest to find and rescue the rest of her kind. And kids, be sure and bring Mom and Dad too!

Selden Happenings

Margaret Sloan was hostess to the senior citizens Thursday. Irene Kaus and Mabel gave their financial reports. Gus announced there is an information day coming up in Grainfield Dec. 11, and anyone who wants to go is to sign up. There were three tables of pinochle.

The Selden United Methodist women met Wednesday afternoon. The meeting opened with Carol Hill giving the devotions. She read the scripture of the birth of Christ from Luke and Matthew. Roll call was answered by each one telling ways to put Christ back in Christmas. Carol read the minutes of the last meeting and Theda McKee gave the treasurer's report. Theda gave the lesson on the birth of Christ and his journey to Egypt. We then filled 17 plates for the shut-ins with fruit, cookies and other treats.

Girls win, In Castle Rock Classic

The HHS varsity basketball girls won their season opener with Hill City Dec. 4. Hoxie led the entire game and finished with the score of 71-41.

Starting for Hoxie in the season opener at center was Sheri Schippers, guards Stephanie Schaffer, Jessica Tice and Jennifer Campbell, and Amanda Meier at forward.

The Hoxie squads travel to Atwood Friday, Dec. 18 for their last games before Christmas break beginning at 6:30 p.m.

McGraw News

Mrs. Gayle Bainter and Lisa Shipley attended the High Plains Harmony Chapter of the Sweet Adelines International program hosted by the UMW in Hoxie Thursday evening.

Brent, Darren and Troy Oelke spent Sunday afternoon with G. G. and Karl Launchbaugh.

In Other News

News from the Outside



By John Liester

Here we are again. Firearms deer season is here! I have seen a few big bucks so far. I still have two tags to fill, but I'm not worried about it.

Funny thing last Thursday evening; while hunting a cornfield I saw a small buck feeding. Shifted a bit and he saw me. Then, he came trotting right to me! I don't know what he thought I was, but he wouldn't leave. That crazy deer followed me to my truck. It wasn't until I opened the door that he decided that he shouldn't be there! I kid you not, he followed like a puppy. I must attract the strange and bazaar!

Congrats to those who got big bucks! I will have to say that this season has been the most civilized I have seen in a long time. Good manners on the public land was inspiring!

Snow geese are here! Big numbers and still fresh. Good hunting even with the "super moon!"

Fishing reports are good at the area lakes still. Catfish in December. Hmmm.

Other species are being caught as well. Most are going into their winter patterns. I find it interesting that the lakes are still ice free. Sunday, I counted five boats fishing at Sebelius Reservoir.

Well, that's all I have for this week. Stay safe and enjoy the outside!!



Roots and Chutes

By: Alyssa Rippe, Twin Creeks Extension District Agent - Livestock and Horticulture

The Root... "Keeping the Mums"

Let's not keep mum about keeping your garden mums healthy and productive. Your garden chrysanthemums have been done flowering for a while now, so you have the option of cutting them back or leaving them be for the winter. Mums need some protection in our area, so if you do decide to cut back your mums, leave 2 to 3 inches of growth above the ground. Then, give them a nice layer of mulch to help decrease their exposure to soil temperature drops. Mums also require some water and shouldn't be left to dry out during the winter. If we experience multiple weeks without rain or snow, it's a good idea to water them to keep them healthy.

The Chute... "Grazing Stalks"

I don't know about you all, but didn't it seem like harvest stole away the entire fall? We were either picking for half a day at a time or waiting to get out there and pick. Now that it's finished or about to come to an end for most of us, it's time to get the cows turned out on the stalks and let them put on some condition before they reach calving. So, what should you be thinking about as you turn your cows out?

Calculating stocking rate or grazing days is probably not at the forefront of your mind when turning your cows out on stalks, but it's definitely worth thinking about in the long haul. For both milo and corn, cows will seek out any remaining grain left on the ground first. Then, they'll start consuming husks and leaves, followed by cobs and stalks. Don't force cows to start consuming cobs and stalks as the quality is extremely low and you probably want to leave sufficient cover on your field.

In most situations, you can assume between 65 and 110 grazing days for crop residue in our area, but that's an awfully large range. To get a better estimate, you can simply use grain yield. Research has shown that you can plan on about 16 pounds of husks and leaves on a dry matter basis for every bushel of corn you harvested. You'll want to plan on utilizing only 50% though, as you'll lose some due to trampling, fouling, and weather. For example, if your field had an average of 120 bushels per acre this year, you can assume you'll have around 1920 pounds of total dry matter in husks and leaves per acre. That means your cows will have 960 pounds of dry matter available for consumption. A 1200 pound cow consumes on average 842 pounds of forage dry matter per month, so one acre of your field can sustain a little more than one cow for a month. If you want to skip the hand calculations, University of Nebraska Extension has a handy calculator available for

download on their UNL Beef Website.

Deciding on a grazing strategy probably boils down to what works for your operation. There are positives and negatives to both strip grazing and whole field grazing. If you're thinking about strip grazing, your cattle will have the opportunity to maintain a more even diet throughout the grazing period as opposed to grazing the entire field. They will have grain to eat every time they're moved into a new paddock, instead of eating all the grain at the beginning of grazing. Because of this, research has shown gains on strip grazing are better than whole field grazing. However, nutrient quality of residue decreases with time and weathering, particularly in leaves and husks. Strip grazing can increase the risk of losing your most nutritious feed due to not grazing it in time.

Supplementation is another topic that should enter your mind as you turn the cattle out on stalks. Data has shown that in most cases, dry, gestating cows when stocked as explained above can meet their needs and potentially gain .5 to 1 pound per day without supplementation when grazing corn stalks. The same is largely true for grazing milo, however keep an eye on cow body condition, as some protein supplementation may be necessary. If you're grazing bred heifers or fall calving cows, you'll need to supplement both protein and energy to meet their requirements and maintain condition. When providing a protein supplement, make sure it comes from an all-natural protein source like alfalfa hay or distiller's grains.

Finally, health issues are probably the most important

topic to consider before you turn your cows out in a field of stalks. Notice how I stuck in that word "before"? Scouting your fields for piles of grain or excessive grain drop can prevent a disaster from acidosis and founder issues. For corn, an 8-inch ear contains approximately 1/2 pound of corn grain, so you would need 112 ears to get a bushel. If you estimate that you have over 8-10 bushels of corn per acre, you'll need to implement some type of grazing management strategy to prevent potential issues. For milo, one head is about .12 pound of grain, so you would need 466 milo heads to equal 1 bushel. If you're approaching 10 bushels per acre on the ground, you should start worrying about founder or acidosis issues and make a plan to prevent it. Though sorghum grain isn't nearly as digestible as corn grain due to its hard, outer shell, it can still cause issues if consumed in large amounts.

Poisoning and toxicity can also become an issue when grazing stalks. Prussic acid poisoning is largely a concern with milo. If you have some green, sucker growth, be sure to wait at least 7 days following a hard freeze before you graze due to prussic acid build up in the plant. Nitrate toxicity can also become an issue with corn, but because nitrates are accumulated in the lower portion of the stalk, we can usually get by without too much concern.

Whether your cows are already out on stalks or you're just getting them ready to head there, give these topics a couple minutes of thought. A few simple calculations and thinking ahead can put your cows in great body condition to calve and rebreed next year.

Source: Grazing Crop Residues with Beef Cattle, UNL, EC278.

REINKE RECOGNIZES HOXIE IMPLEMENT & COLBY AG CENTER

Reinke has recognized Hoxie Implement Company in Hoxie and Colby Ag Center in Colby as one of its top five highest selling dealers in the West Central Territory, in acknowledgement of the company's marketing year success.

Each company location also received a Diamond Reinke Pride award. The dealership was honored during Reinke's recent annual convention held in Omaha, Neb.

"Congratulations to Hoxie Implement Company and Colby Ag Center on receiving this recognition," said Reinke Vice President of North American Irrigation Sales Mark Mesloh. "We appreciate the dedication that they show to their agricultural community and are happy to have them representing the Reinke brand."

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

The Reinke Pride awards



Pictured left to right: Reinke President Chris Roth; Kevin Schoendaler of Hoxie Implement Company and Chris Haefner of Colby Ag Center; and Reinke West Central Territory Manager Scott Yakel (Courtesy photo)

are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions and event participation, and market share.

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Kansas Crop Production Report

Cotton production in Kansas is forecast at a record 185,000 bales, up 161 percent from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics. Harvested acres, at 91,000 acres, are up 194% from 2016. Yield is forecast at 976 pounds per acre, down 123 pounds from last year.



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Hoxie Wrestlers Compete at Clay Center

By Lilly Schamberger
On December 9, 2017 the Hoxie Wrestling team travelled to Clay Center to compete at their Invitational Tournament. The teams competing were Salina South, Perry-Lecompton, Alma-Wabaunsee, Smoky Valley, Hoxie, Clay Center, Riley County, Beloit, El Dorado, Holton, and Marysville. Senior Zack Sherman (113) and junior Dayton Porsch (145) both placed first. Porsch was also named Outstanding Wrestler of the invitational. Chris Cox (220) placed second. Dylan Weimer (120) and Sam Bretz (160) placed fifth. Aiden Baalman (132) placed sixth. Andrew Foote (138) and Wylie Weems (152) placed seventh. Bryan Gomez lost his constellation match. Also the team placed seventh overall with a total of 65.0 points.

Clay Center High School Invitational Results for Hoxie High School

113 - Zack Sherman (6-2) placed 1st and scored 20.00 team points.
Round 1 - Zack Sherman (Hoxie High School) 6-2 won by fall over Elise Rose (Marysville High School) 3-6 (Fall 1:35)
Round 2 - Zack Sherman (Hoxie High School) 6-2 won by fall over Brydon Shoemaker (Clay Center Community High School) 3-6 (Fall 0:34)
Round 3 - Zack Sherman (Hoxie High School) 6-2 won by fall over Devon VanFosson (Smoky Valley High School) 7-2 (Fall 3:12)
1st Place Match - Zack Sherman (Hoxie High School) 8-2 won by the ultimate tie breaker over Caleb Copeland (Salina South High School) 5-3 (UTB 3-2)
120 - Dylan Weimer (8-2) placed 5th and scored 2.50 team points.
Round 1 - Wyatt Pringle (Perry-Lecompton High School) 7-4 won by fall over Dylan Weimer (Hoxie High School) 8-2 (Fall 4:27)
Round 2 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie High School) 8-2 won by fall over Logan Burr (Salina South High School) 1-4 (Fall 0:44)
Round 3 - Blayne Harris (Beloit High School) 6-0 won by fall over Dylan Weimer (Hoxie High School) 8-2 (Fall 4:45)
5th Place Match - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie High School) 8-2 won by decision over Taygen Fletcher (Holton High School) 4-5 (Dec 3-0)
126 - Braylan Gomez (1-6) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.
Round 1 - Ethan Crownover (Marysville High School) 7-1 won by fall over Braylan Gomez (Hoxie High School) 1-6 (Fall 0:27)
Round 2 - Caden Emmot (Beloit High School) 5-2 won by fall over Braylan Gomez (Hoxie High School) 1-6 (Fall 0:33)
Round 3 - Thad Metcalfe (Perry-Lecompton High School) 6-6 won by fall over Braylan Gomez (Hoxie High School) 1-6 (Fall 1:25)
Round 4 - Sean Dugger (Alma-Wabaunsee High School) 1-4 won by fall over Braylan Gomez (Hoxie High School) 1-6 (Fall 2:58)
132 - Aiden Baalman (5-6) placed 6th and scored 0.00 team points.
Round 1 - Riley Tubbs (Alma-Wabaunsee High School) 5-0 won by fall over Aiden Baalman (Hoxie High School) 5-6 (Fall 2:00)
Round 2 - Hunter Prochaska (Beloit High School) 3-4 won by fall over Aiden Baalman (Hoxie High School) 5-6 (Fall 5:15)
Round 3 - Jonny Crome (Marysville High School) 7-1 won

NWKS ALL LEAGUE HONORS



Hoxie High School football players who earned NWKS All League honors are (front) senior Troyal Burris - 1st team punter, 2nd team defensive back and honorable mention split end; senior Luke Schippers - 2nd team linebacker and honorable mention tight end; senior Latham Schwarz 1st team running back and 1st team defensive back; senior Christopher Cox - 2nd team running back and 2nd team defensive line; senior Taylor Burris - 1st team tight end and 1st team linebacker. (Back) sophomore Wylie Weems - honorable mention defensive back; junior Colton Heskett - 1st team offensive line and 1st team defensive end; junior Taye Washington - 1st team kicker, 2nd team center and 2nd team defensive line; junior Jarrod Dible - 2nd team offensive line and 2nd team defensive end; junior Jared Kennedy - honorable mention quarterback. (HHS courtesy photo)

by fall over Aiden Baalman (Hoxie High School) 5-6 (Fall 0:25)
Round 4 - Conner Gilliland (Holton High School) 5-5 won by fall over Aiden Baalman (Hoxie High School) 5-6 (Fall 5:44)
Round 5 - Jake Knowles (El Dorado High School) 4-2 won by fall over Aiden Baalman (Hoxie High School) 5-6 (Fall 2:32)
138 - Andrew Foote (4-5) placed 7th and scored 0.50 team points.
Round 1 - Grant Roush (Perry-Lecompton High School) 6-5 won by decision over Andrew Foote (Hoxie High School) 4-5 (Dec 13-6)
Round 3 - Andrew Foote (Hoxie High School) 4-5 received a bye () (Bye)
Round 4 - Reed Knitter (Clay Center Community High School) 7-3 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie High School) 4-5 (Fall 1:31)
Round 5 - Jaxson Roberts (El Dorado High School) 5-3 won by major decision over Andrew Foote (Hoxie High School) 4-5 (MD 11-3)
7th Place Match - Andrew Foote (Hoxie High School) 4-5 won by decision over Denton Jacobson (Smoky Valley High School) 1-4 (Dec 7-1)
145 - Dayton Porsch (9-0) placed 1st and scored 21.00 team points.
Round 1 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie High School) 9-0 won by fall over Chase Pywell (Smoky Valley High School) 2-7 (Fall 1:38)
Round 2 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie High School) 9-0 won by fall over Keegan Brownell (Clay Center Community High School) 4-6 (Fall 0:16)
Round 3 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie High School) 9-0 won by fall over Jackson Schell (El Dorado High School) 6-2 (Fall 1:01)
1st Place Match - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie High School) 9-0 won by major decision over Kolby Droegeimeier (Alma-Wabaunsee High School) 3-1 (MD 10-1)
152 - Wylie Weems (7-4) placed 7th and scored 2.50 team points.
Round 2 - Zane Colson (Beloit High School) 7-0 won by fall over Wylie Weems (Hoxie High School) 7-4 (Fall 0:46)
Round 3 - Cameron Osborne (Clay Center Community High School) 8-3 won by fall over Wylie Weems (Hoxie High School) 7-4 (Fall 4:20)
Round 4 - Wylie Weems (Hoxie High School) 7-4 won by tech fall over Sam Watts (Perry-Lecompton High School) 2-6 (TF-1.5 3:51 (17-2))
Round 5 - Kai Wernli (El Dorado High School) 3-2 won by major decision over Wylie Weems (Hoxie High School) 7-4 (MD 14-6)
7th Place Match - Wylie Weems (Hoxie High School) 7-4 won by major decision over Derrick Zwigart (Salina South High School) 1-5 (MD 16-5)
160 - Sam Bretz (4-6) placed 5th and scored 2.50 team points.
Round 1 - Ace Eisenbarth (Holton High School) 6-3 won by fall over Sam Bretz (Hoxie High School) 4-6 (Fall 3:09)
Round 3 - Sam Bretz (Hoxie High School) 4-6 won by fall over Tyson Tipsword (Clay Center Community High School) 2-8 (Fall 2:23)
Round 4 - Dax Hopp (Smoky Valley High School) 7-2 won by fall over Sam Bretz (Hoxie High School) 4-6 (Fall 3:07)
Round 5 - Sam Bretz (Hoxie High School) 4-6 received a bye () (Bye)
5th Place Match - Sam Bretz (Hoxie High School) 4-6 won by decision over Ethan Jeffries (Salina South High School) 2-3 (Dec 6-4)
220 - Chris Cox (7-1) placed 2nd and scored 16.00 team points.
Round 1 - Chris Cox (Hoxie High School) 7-1 won by fall over Christian Davison (Salina South High School) 0-9 (Fall 1:10)
Round 2 - Chris Cox (Hoxie High School) 7-1 won by fall over Nathan Rignell (Riley County High School) 7-3 (Fall 3:29)
Round 3 - Chris Cox (Hoxie High School) 7-1 won by fall over Austin Rollett (Holton High School) 7-2 (Fall 1:52)
1st Place Match - Cameron Hunt (El Dorado High School) 8-0 won in sudden victory - 1 over Chris Cox (Hoxie High School) 7-1 (SV-1 3-1)

The Indians Repeat as Castle Rock Champions

By Luke Schippers

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Hoxie traveled to Quinter for their first game the Castle Rock Championship. Hoxie defeated Quinter 83-50, in what was a close game for most of the first half.

Game Stats: senior Easton Slipke had 13 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals, and 2 turnovers; senior Latham Schwarz had 20 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal, 2 turnovers, and 4 fouls; senior Taylor Burris had 4 points, 2 steals, 1 turnover, and 1 foul; senior Troyal Burris had 0 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, and 2 turnovers; senior Luke Schippers had 2 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, and 2 fouls; junior Logan Weimer had 11 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, and 1 foul; junior Kaden Tremblay had 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 turnover, and 4 fouls; junior Jarrod Dible had 11 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 2 turnovers, and 2 fouls; junior Jake Geisinger had 2 points, and 3 rebounds; junior Jared Kennedy had 1 rebound; junior Sean Robbin had 15 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block, 1 turnover, and 4 fouls; sophomore Parker Jones had 1 point.

On Friday, Dec. 8, Hoxie defeated Wheatland-Grinnell 58-40. The Indians led for about half of the first quarter, with Wheatland and Hoxie trading buckets, but Hoxie led for the rest of the game after making a few key stops at the beginning of the second quarter.

Game Stats: senior Troyal Burris had 1 steal, and 1 turnover; junior Kaden Tremblay had 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block, and 3 fouls; junior Jarrod Dible had 11 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, and 2 fouls; Jake Geisinger had 1 steal, and 1 block; junior Jared Kennedy had 2 points; senior Easton Slipke had 21 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals, 1 turnover, and 1 foul; freshman Gavin Tremblay had 1 steal, and 1 turnover; senior Latham Schwarz had 5 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals, 4 turnovers, and 4 fouls; senior Taylor Burris had 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, and 3 steals; senior Luke Schippers had 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block, and 1 foul; junior Sean Robbin had 12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block, 4 turnovers, and 2 fouls.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Hoxie defeated the Ellis Railroaders 65-62 in an overtime thriller. Hoxie was down 11 in the middle of the fourth quarter but made stops and hit shots to tie the game up on a jump-shot from senior Latham Schwarz as regulation ended. Hoxie then led for almost all of overtime to win their second Castle Rock Classic championship in two years.

Game Stats: senior Troyal Burris had 2 points; junior Kaden Tremblay had 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 turnover, and 1 foul; junior Jarrod Dible had 8 points, 6 rebounds, 1 turnover, and 5 fouls; junior Jared Kennedy had 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 turnover, and 3 fouls; senior Easton Slipke had 15 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 turnovers, and 1 foul; senior Latham Schwarz had 21 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 6 turnovers, and 3 fouls; senior Taylor Burris had 1 point, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists; senior Luke Schippers had 3 points, 6 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 turnover, and 1 foul; junior Sean Robbin had 10 points, 14 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 turnovers, and 1 foul.

Lady Indians Win Castle Rock Classic

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the Hornets with a winning score of 47 to 28. Team stats for the Indians: 15 offensive rebounds and 22 defensive rebounds.

Individual stats: Macy Schamberger #3- 1 point and 3 assists. Lilly Schamberger #4- 5 points, 3 assists, 1 steal and 1 block. Macalee White #5- 9 points and 2 assists. Addi Campbell #10- 7 points, 2 steals and 6 assists. Brooke Dorenkamp #11- 4 points, 3 steals and 2 assists. Lexi Torluemke #14- 1 point, 2 steals and 1 block. Maiah Castle #22- 5 points, 1 assist, 1 steal and 1 block. Ashlyn Dorenkamp #23- 1 assist. Rebekah Castle #33- 10 points, 1 steal and 4 blocks. Trinity Balluch #54- 5 points.

Friday Dec. 8, the Lady Indians added another win to their record over the Atwood Buffaloes in the second round of the Castle Rock Classic. This game proved to be a bit tougher as the Indians started out. But soon after tip-off, the Lady Indians regained control and took the win their second round. The Lady Indians ended the night with 8 offensive rebounds, 17 defensive rebounds and a winning score of 54-18. Individual Stats: M. Schamberger- 6 points, 2 assists, 2 steals and 1 block. L. Schamberger- 8 points, 2 assists, 2 deflections and 1 block. White- 7 points, 1 deflection and 2 steals. Campbell- 13 points, 5 assists, 3 deflections, 7 steals and 2 blocks. B. Dorenkamp- 8 points, 3 assists, 1 deflection, 5 steals and 1 block. M. Castle- 2 points, 1 steal and 2 blocks. A. Dorenkamp- 1 deflection and 1 block. R. Castle- 6 points, 1 assist, 1 deflection, 1 steal and 3 blocks. Balluch- 4 points.

Saturday, Dec. 9 was Championship Saturday for the Lady Indians. Playing against the Indians in the championship were the Quinter Lady Bulldogs. The game was a back and forth battle for the lead. Both teams showed up to play and it was apparent during the whole game. Getting up by 5 points, the Indians had just enough on the Bulldogs to keep from going into overtime after Quinter's buzzer beater 3-pointer. The Indians ended the night with another win, making them the Castle Rock Classic Champions and setting their record at 4-0. The team accumulated statistics of 10 offensive rebounds, 21 defensive rebounds, and final score of 52-49. Individual Stats: M. Schamberger- 9 points, 2 assists, 1 steal and 1 block. L. Schamberger- 9 points, 3 assists, 4 deflections and 3 steals. White- 1 assist, 1 deflection and 1 steal. Campbell- 9 points, 9 assists, 1 deflection, 3 steals and 2 blocks. B. Dorenkamp- 6 points, 1 assist, 1 deflection and 5 steals. M. Castle- 2 points, 1 assist and 1 deflection. R. Castle- 13 points, 1 assist, 2 deflections and 4 steals. Balluch- 4 points, 1 assist, 1 deflection, 1 steal, and 1 block.

Lady Indians Kickoff with a Win

By Rebekah Castle

Friday, Dec. 1 was the first game of the season for the Lady Indians of Hoxie. The JV team started out the day for the Lady Indians. They played two quarters of a game against Victoria who only brought eleven players to the competition. The starters for the JV team were Trinity Balluch #54, Macalee White #5, Maiah Castle #22, Ashlyn Dorenkamp #23, and Lexi Torluemke #14. The JV team started out their season with a win against Victoria. The final score of the game was 31-15.

The varsity girls also came out strong against the Lady Knights of Victoria. The first quarter started out a bit slow for the

Indians but soon progressed into the fast-paced game many have seen before. The Indians battled through four straight quarters and came out with their first win of the season making their record 1-0. The final score for the varsity game was 51-19.
Stats for the varsity game are as follows: 40 total rebounds, and 21 steals. Individual points: Macalee White #5- 17 points; Rebekah Castle #33- 16 points; Lilly Schamberger #4- 6 points; Brooke Dorenkamp #11- 6 points; Addi Campbell #10- 6 points; Macy Schamberger #3- 3 points; Trinity Balluch #54- 2 points; and Maiah Castle #22- 1 point.

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Golden Plains Bulldogs



Science Classes Open New Worlds



Josh Spresser and Analexia Gomez study their rat during a lab dissection in Advanced Biology at Golden Plains High School. (Photo by Malilah Green)



The eighth-grade science class at Golden Plains Middle School conducts an electricity experiment last week in Rexford. Class members include (clockwise from left) Instructor Russ Aumiller, Kassie Miller, Carli Nieman, Amie Cheney, Rayna Taylor, and Melissa Leyva. (Photo by Rileigh Korte)

MS Boys Host Triplains/Brewster



Roberto goes up to the basket to make a point for the Bulldogs during the Golden Plains Middle School's only home game before Christmas Break. The Bulldogs fought hard but fell to Triplains/Brewster. (Photo courtesy GPHS)

By Analexia Gomez

The Golden Plains Middle school A-team boys hosted Triplains/Brewster in Rexford on November 21.

Both the teams scored 7 points on the first quarter. In the second quarter the Bulldogs scored 5 points and the Titans scored 13 to make a half time score of 12-20 in favor of the Titans.

The Bulldogs only scored a single free throw from Ashton Schiltz. In the fourth quarter they had 2 by Ashton

Schiltz in the third while the Titans added 11. Two more free throws from Schiltz in the fourth finished the Bulldogs scoring with a 15-37 loss to the Titans. end the game with 15-37.

Roberto Loya finished the game with 7 points. Ashton Schiltz had 5 and Jovanny Infante had 3 points. "We need to remember our plays and work more on our free throws and shooting," said Loya. The boys will play again in Palco on November 30.

A-Team Boys Play in Palco

By Miguel Monge

The A-team boys played an intensely close game against Palco at Palco on November 30, 2017. The Bulldogs didn't have a great start at the first quarter with only scoring 4 points compared to the 8 points Palco scored.

They fought back in the second quarter and reined in the lead with 14-10 scored at the

half. Palco got everything together and fought back in the third regaining their lead by only one point 20-19. On the final quarter both teams scored 4 points with Palco gaining a final basket with 12 seconds to play to win the game 24-23.

Points were scored by Fabian Cepeda 7, Roberto

Loya 6, Ashton Schiltz 7, and Joshua Yanez-Perez 3. "It was a good game," said Fabian Cepeda. "We worked hard." We did better than all the other games," added Jovanny Infante. The Bulldogs will go to Northern Valley at Almena on December 14, 2017 for their final game before Christmas Break.

Home Game Half-Time Cheers



The Golden Plains Cheerleaders perform at half time of the Bulldogs first home game of the season on December 1 in Rexford. Cheerleaders include (l-r) Jaiden Koerperich, Charlotte McCurdy, Mabel Lugo, Amanda Cheney, and Hannah Bange. (Photo by Maggi Nieman)

GP Wins First Game at Home



KayCee Miller looks over the defense for an opening during Golden Plains' first basketball game of the season on December 1 in Rexford. KayCee led the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points, leading the girls to a win against Wheatland/Grinnell. (Photo by Miguel Monge)

By Amanda Cheney

The GPHS Lady Bulldogs opened their season at home against Wheatland/Grinnell on December 1. "We had a pretty good first game," said senior Kaylie Schaben. "We know what we need to work on now, particularly valuing the ball more."

Senior starters Maggi Nieman and Kaylie Schaben led the girls on the floor to start the game. The 'Dogs won the tip and jumped to a first quarter lead 12-3. KayCee Miller continued to lead the Bulldogs in scoring to head into halftime with a score of 21-10.

The Lady Bulldogs played tough defense against the Thunderhawks in the third quarter, maintaining a lead of

33-16. The girls struggled on the defensive end but stayed in the game with free throws from Nieman and Miller. The Lady Bulldogs would go on to win 40-31. Points came from KayCee Miller-16, Maggi Nieman-11, Brooke Stoll-5, Noel Ritter-4, Kaylie Schaben-2, and Mabel Lugo-2.

"I think we displayed good teamwork for our first game out," said Maggi Nieman. "We lost good scorers last year, so it was good we had a lot of people stepping up to fill their shoes. And it's always good to beat a really good rival team." The Bulldogs will travel to Brewster to compete in the Sagebrush Shootout on December 4 and face the Wray, CO Eagles JV team.

Lady Bulldogs Sweep at Sagebrush



KayCee Miller jumps for a shot over an army of Logan Trojans. KayCee competed in the tournament 3-point competition, made the girls all-tournament team, and was the leading scorer with 42 points throughout the tournament. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Amanda Cheney

The GPHS Lady Bulldogs competed in the Sagebrush Shootout tournament in Brewster the week of December 4. The girls defeated Wray, Colorado's JV team on Monday, Logan on Friday, and St. Francis on Saturday, earning the girls a back-to-back championship win. "We played together as a team for the entirety of the tournament," said junior Noel Ritter. "I'm proud of how everyone played and did their part to contribute."

The girls played Wray first on Monday. The Bulldogs won the tip and jumped to a quick lead of 10-2. They would continue their lead with a shot at the buzzer from Noel Ritter, making the score 20-2 at the end of the quarter. The Dogs continued to play great defense and get shots to fall into halftime 32-11. The girls kept their fire going to end the third quarter 47-15 and finally win the game 54-19. Girls contributing points in the first game included KayCee Miller-10, Maggi Nieman-9, Noel Ritter-8, Ashley Stoll-8, Mabel Lugo-7, Kaylie Schaben-5, Taryn Fleckenstein-4, and Brooke Stoll-3.

The girls moved on in the tournament to play Logan in the semifinals on Friday. They once again won the tip and quickly scored



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the first points of the game. The 'Dogs continued to score, ending the first quarter 13-5. The girls kept up the hustle in the second quarter with good ball movement and great rebounds from Kaylie Schaben. The girls would head into halftime with a lead of 23-10.

The Lady Bulldogs came into the third quarter hot on their 3-point shots. The girls rallied in the third and kept great defense, making the score 40-15. They kept the intensity in the fourth, ending the game with a win 48-22. Points in this game came from Miller-18, Nieman-12, Lugo-8, Schaben-4, Stoll-4, and Ritter-2.

The 'Dogs competed in the championship game against St. Francis on Saturday. "I was very confident going into the championship game," said KayCee Miller. "We were very excited to redeem our championship win." It started out close in the first, but the Bulldogs pulled ahead 12-8 in the first quarter. The girls continued to outscore the Indians, heading into halftime with a lead of 24-11.

The Dogs continued to draw fouls and put away free throws in the third quarter, making the score 38-21. Great offensive possessions and defensive stops led the Lady Bulldogs to win the game 51-29. Team members contributing points in the final game included Noel Ritter-17, KayCee Miller-16, Kaylie Schaben 6, Maggi Nieman-5, Amanda Cheney-2, Ashley Stoll-2, Brooke Stoll-2, and Mabel Lugo-1.

"I think we played exceptionally well, and our defense was impressive in every game," added Miller, who scored a total of 42 points in the tournament and made the all-tournament team. "We need to practice control heading into the rest of the season," added Ritter. The Bulldogs will play next at Stockton on Tuesday December 19 before Christmas break.

GPHS GOES 4-1 AT WALLACE COUNTY

By KayCee Miller

The Golden Plains High School Scholar's Bowl team traveled to the Wallace County Invitational on November 20. They finished 4-1 on the evening, but did not make it out of pool play. There were three teams in their pool with the same record, so they went to points by the rules.

The team played 5 rounds of pool play. They won the first round 30-10 against St. Francis. The next round was against Greeley County, where GP won the close one 50-40.

In the third round of play, the Bulldogs went against

Winona-Triplains. Again, the 'Dogs won 30-0. In round 4 the GP bulldogs had a ghost round. They answered a total of 2 questions right in the round both coming from Angel Sanchez. The last round was against Colby for their only loss 50-70 thus keeping them out of bracket play. This was the first tournament that the Bulldogs hadn't placed in the top two.

"We tried our best," said sophomore, Joseph Yanez, "We could have answered more questions." The Bulldog's next competition is January 15 in Brewster.



The team takes a group picture after pool play in Wallace County. Team members competing included (l-r) Joseph Yanez, Charlotte McCurdy, Jennifer Esparza, Jeron Schutte, Angel Sanchez, and Larry Radovich. They finished 4-1 and will compete in Brewster on January 15 at 4:00. (GPHS courtesy photo)

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NWKS & Farm News

Why a City-Slicker Joined the Kansas Farm Bureau

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By Rick McNary

I grew up to be the kind of adult I made fun of when I was a kid: a city-slicker.

I grew up in the country and learned my work ethic as a kid working for local farmers and ranchers. In the summer, I'd fry like an egg on a John Deere 2050 plowing a Kansas field or sweat every drop of water out of my body bucking hay bales into dilapidated barns. During the school year, I'd get up at 5 AM and milk cows at the local dairy then chop holes in the ice-covered pond with an ax.

I made fun of people who lived in the city; also known as city-slickers. A city-slicker was anyone who lived inside the city limits of a town any size, whether in New York City or Smallville.

But for the last three decades, I've become a city-slicker. Granted, I live in rural Kansas and am surrounded by pastures and cropland so I'm not too far away from a farm, but I haven't planted wheat or milked a cow in years. I'm sure the cows are grateful.

However, the more I've been engaged in the fight against hunger, the more I realize the importance of farmers and ranchers. Experts say that agricultural production has to increase by 75% in the next 35 years in order to feed the estimated 9 billion people by the year 2050. In the next 35 years, we have to produce more food than in the entire history of mankind.

A good friend of mine, Steve Baccus, just retired as President of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB)- a position he held since 1999. In a recent conversation, Steve made a comment about me being a member of KFB (like he assumed I had been forever). I stammered, then admitted I never joined. Steve was very polite and encouraged me to join. Then he threatened to drag me behind a JD 2050 in the hot sun and make me buck hay bales in the 110-degree Kansas heat.

Joking aside, I was disappointed that I hadn't thought of that earlier. When I speak about hunger, I often spend a great deal of time talking about the importance of agricultural development and the Farm Bill. Therefore, it was a no-brainer to me to become a Kansas Farm Bureau member.

Life goes full circle because I'm now working for a farmer again. Floyd Hammer is the founder of Outreach, Inc. and refers to himself as just a farmer from Iowa. It is true, he has a lovely farm in the middle of some of the richest soil on earth, but Floyd saying he is just a farmer from Iowa is like Peyton Manning saying he plays a little football on Sunday afternoons. Floyd also started the first plastics recycling plant in the U.S.A. and is an entrepreneur at heart.

Floyd and his wife, Kathy, founded the Outreach, Inc. in their retirement and have grown it into an amazing international nonprofit that feeds hundreds of thousands of hungry people. A couple of years ago, Outreach acquired an 8,000-acre farm in Tanzania, East Africa.

I'm now working on a farm again. No, I'm not bouncing on a tractor in the hot sun; most of the work I do is with words and numbers writing business plans, proposals, and etc. I get the privilege of watching a vision unfold that is so grand in scale it staggers the imagination; starting from scratch with 8,000 acres of African soil and creating a holistic agricultural system. You can read more about Shallom Farm.

I'm now a member of the Kansas Farm Bureau. After

Steve's comment (he really didn't threaten me, but if I didn't join, he might have), it made perfect sense for me to become a KFB member. And here are my reasons why:

1. Agricultural development is the key to ending hunger. If we have to increase agriculture production by 75% in the next 35 years, then we need to support farmers in every way imaginable.
2. Farmers grow what we eat. That seems like a no-brainer, but there is a surprising lack of knowledge about where our food comes from. A friend of mine who is a teacher told a class that spaghetti grew in a field and every once in a while, a spaghetti farmer would cut it down. 1/2 the class believed her. USDA has a great program called Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food.
3. The Farm Bill is the single largest mechanism in the U.S. that helps feed the hungry. Did you know that 80% of the Farm Bill is about food and nutrition programs? I used to think the Farm Bill only concerned farmers, but then I discovered that the Farm Bill is the number one tool that our government uses to fight hunger.
4. Farmer are facing increased regulation by the government and need our support. President Ronald Regan was quoted as saying, "The 9 most dangerous words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help." Like most small businesses, increasing regulation and taxation makes it difficult to be a farmer. While the government touts small businesses as key to our economic future, they make it harder for small businesses to succeed.
5. Farmers are the most courageous people I know. When you consider all the risks involved in farming, it's a wonder any of them sleep at night. For them to make any money, they make huge cash infusions up front on fuel, seeds, labor, and fertilizer, then wait for Mother Nature to take her own-sweet-little-cherry-pickin'-time to grow the crop. Along the way, a variety of things from pests to storms can obliterate a crop in a matter of hours or minutes. It takes a lot of courage to be a farmer.

One of the most inspirational times in my recent history was attending the FFA convention in Louisville where I wrote, Meet 56,000 of my New Heroes. FFA (at one time stood for Future Farmers of America, but now it's just FFA) has nearly 600,000 young people who are members. It is encouraging to know so many bright young minds care about the future of agriculture. And not all of them live in the country; urban agriculture is increasing in size and impact. No one pays greater homage to the American Farmer than Paul Harvey in his essay, So God Made A Farmer.

I'm proof you don't have to live on a farm to support farmers. Join a local farm group in your state like the Kansas Farm Bureau; they are part of the American Farm Bureau which has Farm Bureaus in every state in the nation.

Before you take that next bite of food, say a little prayer and thank a farmer. Because somewhere, some farmer/rancher got out of bed this morning at 5 AM and will work until sundown to grow the food you eat. If you know a farmer, thank him or her for what they do (did you know the majority of farmers in the world are women?). If you don't know a farmer, find one. They're easy to spot; they are the people working harder than everyone else.

City Commission Minutes 11/6/2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.

Present were: Roger Aumiller, Mayor, Darrick Zerr, Water Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Fred Washburn, City Superintendent and Ken Eland, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roger Aumiller at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2017 were read and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Darrick Zerr and second by Mayor Aumiller. Motion carried 2-0.

Mayor Aumiller made a motion to pass Ordinance 700 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 2017 edition. Zerr seconded the motion. (2-0) Said Ordinance was signed by Mayor Aumiller and the City Clerk.

Mayor Aumiller made a motion to pass Ordinance 701 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 2017 edition. Zerr seconded the motion. (2-0) Said Ordinance was signed by Mayor Aumiller and the City Clerk.

Applications for Trash Exemption at 1200 Trail Ave. and 144016th St. were presented to the Commissioners. Mayor Aumiller made the motion to approve both exemptions. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Mayor Aumiller signed a letter of support addressed to DSNWK.

Mayor Aumiller made a motion to pay \$125.00 to all employees and Commissioners as a holiday bonus. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. It was also decided that the City would have a Christmas party for all employees at a date to be determined.

Information regarding the Sheridan County Match Day was discussed with the Commissioners. The Commissioners expressed their support of the fundraiser, but decided not to ask for any funding for the City or for the swimming pool at this time.

The Commission discussed a letter received from David Bieker with Sparky's Fireworks requesting permission to set up his fireworks stand in the 4-H building for the July 4, 2018 holiday. Mr. Bieker informed the Commissioners that he made an agreement with the Sheridan County Fair Board to use the building, however, pursuant to Ordinance 615, Section 3 prohibits the sale of fireworks within 500 feet of "any existing building or home not owned by the proprietor of the seller of said fireworks". Therefore, the request was denied.

Mayor Aumiller made a motion to approve the renewal with Advance Life Insurance for employee life insurance for 2017. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Fred Washburn discussed a complaint regarding junk behind a business. Fred will discuss the matter with the business owner. Fred updated the Commissioners on the work being done on all the dirt streets within the city limits. Due to the amount of dirt needed, Fred estimated the project would cost approximately \$20,000.00 instead of \$10,000.00 as previously estimated. Mayor Aumiller made a motion to continue with the project until all the dirt streets in town were done. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

With no further business, Mayor Aumiller made a motion to adjourn. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Janet Bainter, City Clerk

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Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm in the Conference Room. Members in attendance were Lucille Heim, Leanna Sloan, Ken Eland, and Michael Mullins. Also present were Niceta Farber, Michael O'Dell and Rebecca Bird.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with no additions. 5-0

Teresa Poage presented the QAPI and Risk Management reports.

Leisha Jones presented the Pharmacy report. Leisha now attends LTC rounds with providers and see two or three residents every Monday. A pharmacy waste and infectious waste vendor is being researched.

Hannah Schoendaler presented the Acute report. Updates were distributed. The Assisted Living will have 10 residents beginning next week. Processes for re-admissions are being implemented or reviewed. We are participating in a "Stop Sepsis" project and receive \$2,500 for submitting data. We have also agreed to participate in the Redivus pilot program and receive \$500 for providing input regarding the pros and cons of the program.

Niceta Farber presented the Corporate Compliance report. Corporate Compliance minutes were reviewed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 25, 2017 regular meeting as presented. 5-0

The financial statements and analysis were reviewed.

Budget discussion will be postponed until November Board meeting to allow for review. Any questions should be sent to Administration. Budgets will be re-projected after October month end close.

The bad debt write-offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debt write-offs for September 2017 in the amount of \$12,466.60 for the Hospital and \$728.55 for the Clinic and pursue in small claims for those within Sheridan and surrounding counties. 5-0

Susan Bieker entered the meeting to discuss a Long Term Care resident Medicaid denial. The Financial Agreement was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the addition of a co-signer line on the LTC Financial Agreement. 5-0

A motion was made to approve September Accounts Payable in the amount of \$541,014.73. 5-0

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

The FQHC report was reviewed.

Shelby Moss entered the meeting to discuss employee updates and BlueCross BlueShield renewals. Health premiums decreased and dental increased slightly. Sheridan County Health Complex was second in employee utilization of own facility, with the first being Hays Med. The utilization of Comtrix Healthcare for lab contract services was discussed. A motion was made to approve the Comtrix agreement. 5-0

Hannah and Shelby volunteered to help transport high school students interested in attending Camp Med at Hays.

Provider recruitment was discussed. A motion was made to approve the contract with Amanda Volchko with the discussed changes. 5-0

A letter of intent for Dr. Jill Stewart will be prepared and sent to the Board.

The building project was discussed. There will be special meeting on November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm with Grant to provide priorities on the Building project.

The 340b program was discussed. Matt Morris is reviewing the data and hoping to have done by the end of this week/beginning of next.

Christmas gifts for employees were discussed. Choice samples including a stadium blanket with cup, jackets, overnight bag, and polo shirt were viewed. A motion was made to approve the choices for employee Christmas gifts as presented. (Eland/Mullins) 5-0

Upfront payer discounts were discussed. A policy will be drafted for Board review. Other facilities will be contacted for policies and how it affects daily operations.

Misty Stewart entered the meeting to discuss LTC staff restructure. It is proposed to have Tim Reynolds transition to a full-time ward clerk position throughout the week versus regular department shifts. PRN staff would help cover this change.

The facility's call system was discussed. Fire Alarm Specialists are unable to replace the parts to the old system. A system update would require replacement of the whole facility's call system. Three quotes were distributed. Service availability should be researched. The option of splitting call system will be researched to meet the needs specific to LTC, Assisted Living and Hospital. A decision will be due by the November 6, 2017 building meeting.

A motion was made to approve the submission of the Capital Improvement Grant requesting \$22,724.50 with a cash match for a project total of \$45,448.90. 5-0

An Activities' Facebook profile was discussed and can be implemented.

A motion was made to approve Deanna Sulzman, APRN-C, for appointment to Allied Health Staff and Jaret Copeman, DO; Timothy Nydman, MD; and Andrea Pham, DO for telemedicine privileges (Avera Emergency Telemedicine Practitioners). 5-0

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, November 27, 2017 at 11:30 am

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm. 5-0

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2015 Ford Fusion SE, 1.5L Ecoboost
Bronze Fire w/Charcoal Black Leather
22K Miles

#14505 \$18,500



22008 Ford Escape XLT 4X4, 3.0L
V-6
Red w/Light Brown Cloth

#38227 \$4,995



2010 Chrysler Town & Country
Touring Minivan, 3.8L
Silver w/Gray Cloth
85K Miles
#43645 \$8,995



2014 Chevrolet Traverse LTZ, V-6,
Navigation, AWD
Silver w/Tan Leather
49K Miles
#48013 \$29,850



2014 Chevrolet Silverado Z71 LT,
5.3L V-8
Black w/Black Cloth
28K Miles
#76390 \$31,500



2016 Ford F150 Supercrew Platinum
4X4, 3.5L Ecoboost
Shadow Black w/Black Leather
23K Miles
#98897 \$49,850

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IN THE 15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

WARK PROPERTIES, LLC) Plaintiff
vs.) 2017 CV 10

CCCM PROPERTIES, LLC, JOHN H. ZOLLER,)
MARY F. GRUSH, JEANNE Z. NICHOLSON)
TRUST, THE EMIL L. O'ROSKY LIVING TRUST,)
WHITE STAR ENERGY, INC., PECOS BEND)
ROYALTIES, INC., PECOS BEND ROYALTIES, LP,)
HUNTER ZOLLER HERITAGE, LLC, MARK)
ZOLLER, BIDWELL MINERALS, LLC, MICA)
RESOURCES, LLC, SARAH ZOLLER SEPARATE)
PROPERTY TRUST, MARY LOUISE CROMMETT,)
SUSAN ZOLLER HUNTER, SARAH ZOLLER)
A/K/A SARAH ZOLLER BROWN, CATHERINE Z.)
JAMISON, JEANNE ZOLLER NICHOLSON,)
SANDRA M. O'ROSKY, DONALD M. BAIRD,)
JULIA ZOLLER EDWARDS, FRANCIS R. BAIRD,)
MARTHA PARRISH, ROBERT F. EATON,)
CHARLES WARD HALL, and the unknown heirs,)
executors, administrators, devisees, trustees,)
creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants;)
the unknown spouses of any defendants; the)
unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors,)
and assigns of any defendants that are existing,)
dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown)
executors, administrators, devisees, trustees,)
creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants)
that are or were partners or in partnerships; the)
unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of)
any defendants that are minors or are under any)
legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors,)
administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and)
assigns of any person alleged to be deceased.)

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 60.)

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER
CONCERNED PERSONS:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in District Court of Sheridan County, Kansas, by
Wark Properties, LLC, seeking an order Partitioning and Quieting Title in and to the following described
property located in Sheridan County, Kansas:

Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Seven (7)
South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the 6th p.m.

And you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before **Wednesday, January 10, 2018** in the
District Court of Sheridan County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due
course upon the Petition.

Tyler K. Turner #25483
Christopher W. Sook #20737
JETER LAW FIRM, LLP
Chestnut Building
P.O. Box 128
Hays, KS 67601
785-628-8226
Attorney for Petitioner

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NOTICE -Taxpayers- December 20, 2017 Is The Deadline For The First Half 2017 Taxes

Reminder - Please bring your copy of receipt off your statement

The first half of the 2017 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before December 20, 2017 your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes will be published by name, last known address and tax amount as per K.S.A. 19-547

Shirley Niermeier
Sheridan County Treasurer

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1030, the board of directors of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will conduct on January 11, 2018, beginning at 11:30 a.m., in the groundwater management district offices, 1290 West 4th, Colby, Kansas, a public hearing to hear testimony regarding revisions to the 2018 operating budget. Said revisions consist of incorporating all 2017 unexpended funds into the previously approved 2018 operating budget. Copies of the proposed revised 2018 budget will be made available at the hearing.

Attest: Roger Zweygardt,
GMD 4 Treasurer



BOE Minutes 12/11/2017

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 412

SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

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

CLERK: Mandy Shipley
TREASURER: Diane Stithem
PRINCIPALS: Gary Johnson
GUESTS: Tom Feldt, Casey Johnson, Erika Chandler, Joel Kuchera, Rachel Farber, Viktorija Briggs, Jeremy Messner, Dave Perry
ABSENT:

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

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

Lola Baalman and Jim Howard presented Stacey Heim with plaque's commemorating 12 years of service on the USD #412 Board of Education. The district's new board member will take her seat the second Monday of January 2018.

Brad Weese entered the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Viktorija Briggs, Rachel Farber, and Brad Weese left the meeting at 7:03 PM.

The Transportation/Maintenance report was moved to Communications to the Board and item G, a discussion about lighting at the High School, was added to New Business.

The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as amended (Haas/Beckman 7-0).

The Board recognized the visitors present.

Tom Feldt introduced Dave Perry with Kansas Truck and Jeremy Messner with Midwest Bus sales.

Both men gave a presentation on their companies and went over the activity bus bids provided to the Board prior to the meeting. They also answered questions pertaining to the specifications of the buses and the purchasing process.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:28 PM to discuss the potential purchase of an activity bus pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Gary Johnson present, returning to open session at 7:43 PM in the BOE room (Heim/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss the potential purchase of an activity bus pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Gary Johnson, Tom Feldt, Jeremy Messner, and Dave Perry present, returning to open session at 8:00 PM in the BOE room (Heim/Weber

7-0).

Jeremy Messner and Dave Perry exited the executive session and left the meeting at 7:55 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:01 PM to discuss the potential purchase of an activity bus pursuant to the exception for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA for 10 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, Gary Johnson and Tom Feldt present, returning to open session at 8:11 PM in the BOE room (Heim/Weber 7-0).

Tom Feldt provided the Board with an update on the claim for hail damage to the roof and buildings.

Tom Feldt left the meeting at 8:12 PM.

The Board reviewed the remaining communications including a thank you letter from State Board Representative Sally Cauble, and a letter of interest from *The Hoxie Times*.

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

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

Jim Howard and Gary Johnson reviewed the activity funds for the Hoxie Grade School and Hoxie JR/SR High for the month of November.

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

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

The minutes from the November 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved as presented (Weber/Haas 7-0).

Jim Howard recommended that the Board goals be addressed and revitalized at the January Board meeting.

Lola Baalman reviewed the Board goals and then listened to suggestions from the Board about goal setting in January.

The Board moved to approve the bid from Hoxie Ag & Radiator for the purchase of the remaindered 2000 IHC Bluebird Bus for \$1,011 and the bid from Allie Repair for the purchase of the remaindered 1987 Chevrolet Suburban for \$355.50 (Haas/Castle 7-0).

The Board took a break at 8:31 PM and returned to open session at 8:36 PM.

The Superintendent Evaluation was tabled to the end of the meeting, after New Business, so that the remaining visitors could leave the meeting at an earlier time.

Jim Howard shared his principals' report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed enrollment and also gave an overview of various events including the Skate Board Science and Soil Conservation assemblies that had taken place at the Grade School since the last Board meeting.

Gary Johnson shared his principals' report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He discussed winter sports and activities and reported that the JR/SR High students were currently taking the winter MAP tests.

Leonard Weber provided the minutes of the latest NKEsc Board meeting for review.

Margery Haas did not present a legislative update.

Jim Howard shared the technology report. He stated that the technology committee had

selected the device that will be used for one to one at the high school next year, and had the device at the meeting for the Board to physically review. He also discussed various repairs done mainly at the High School and our monthly visit from Denton George.

The Board reviewed the Food Service Report and asked questions about when and how to eat lunch with the students when the Holiday meal is served on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Jim Howard presented his Superintendent's report. He discussed the Council of Superintendents meeting he attended, the KASB Annual Conference, gave an update on the new accreditation model, KESA, and provided the Board with his walkthrough data. He also commended the football team on their state victory and gave his thoughts on the assembly that took place the week after.

The Board moved to approve Board Policy update BCBK (Beckman/Weber 7-0).

Diane Stithem left the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Jim Howard began a discussion concerning the JH/SH principal search. It was decided to enter into executive session to discuss the candidates, so the remaining visitors were given the opportunity to leave the meeting.

Joel Kuchera, Casey Johnson, and Erika Chandler left the meeting at 9:06 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:07 PM to discuss the candidates for JH/SH principal search pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 25 minutes with the Board, Gary Johnson, and Jim Howard present, returning to open session at 9:32 PM in the BOE room (Weber/Beckman 7-0).

The Board moved to approve Jackie Campbell as Junior Class Sponsor and Junior High Scholars Bowl Sponsor for the 2017-2018 school year (Castle/Haas 7-0).

A discussion was held concerning the lighting around the outside of the JH/SH building. The concerns were noted, and the Administration will check with Tom Feldt and report back to the Board at a later date.

Gary Johnson left the meeting at 9:37 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:38 PM to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 9:53 in the BOE room (Weber/Heim 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:54 PM to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board and Jim Howard present, returning to open session at 9:59 in the BOE room (Weber/Heim 7-0).

Stacey Heim shared some final thoughts and words of wisdom with the Board about her vision for both the school and community moving forward.

Lola Baalman adjourned the meeting at 10:01 PM.

LOLA BAALMAN, PRESIDENT
Approved this 8th day of January 2018
MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK

City Commission Minutes 10/9/2017

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
October 9, 2017

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office.

Present were: Roger Aumiller, Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Darrick Zerr, Water Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Fred Washburn, City Superintendent, Brian Diercks, Chief of Police and Ken Eland, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roger Aumiller at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2017 were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Aumiller and a second by Commissioner Zerr. Motion carried 3-0.

Janet Bainter presented the Commissioners with Business Radio Licensing renewals from the FCC. It was decided that the City was no longer required to renew the radio licenses since the police radios were through the County now.

Janet Bainter discussed the First Impressions program through K-State Research and Extension on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The program teams participating communities with a similar community to explore the other community's residential, retail and industrial areas, as well as schools and other points of interest. They will then give feedback and first impressions of the other community. The Commissioners expressed their support of the program.

Juanita Andregg entered the meeting to express her interest in serving on the Hoxie Housing Authority Board. Ms. Andregg exited at 7:20. Mayor Aumiller made a motion to appoint Kori Ary, who had been interviewed previously, as the resident board member for the Hoxie Housing Authority. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jodi Rogers and Michelle Foote with the Sheridan County Community Foundation were present to discuss grant opportunities and other ideas and goals for improvements to our community. They informed the Commissioners that the Sheridan County Community Foundation would be having their "2nd Night of Brainstorming Sheridan County's Future" meeting on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoxie Elks Lodge. Mayor Aumiller made a motion to move the City meeting to Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. so that the City Commission and employees could attend the meeting at the Elks. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Erwin. (3-0). Ms. Rogers and Ms. Foote exited at 8:40.

The Commissioners agreed to submit a grant application for the Sunrise Addition park, provided Wes Bainter agree to pay the fee.

Mayor Aumiller made a motion to accept the bid from Roofmasters for \$55,590.00 to fix the roof at the City office. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fred Washburn informed the Commissioners that 6 light poles at the tennis court park would need replaced. Meyer Electric quoted the price to put up new lights, rewire and trench would be approximately \$5000.00. Fred will get quotes to replace 4 lights at the James L. Johnson Memorial Park also. The City will look into writing grants to help pay for the cost of the lights as well as a clean-up grant to tear out the concrete basketball court at the James L. Johnson Memorial Park.

Fred discussed dirt work on all the dirt streets within the city limits. The dirt will cost approximately \$4.00 - \$5.00 per ton. Brendon Gourley agreed to haul it for \$90.00/hour. Fred estimated the total cost for dirt, sand to put on top and the cost to have the dirt hauled would be approximately \$10,000.00. Mayor Aumiller made a motion to approve the dirt work and to pay for the project out of the Street Resurfacing Fund. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The warrants and overtime for the month of September were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Commissioners.

With no further business, Mayor Aumiller made a motion to adjourn. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Janet Bainter, City Clerk

and calendar and a "Merry Christmas" and "thank you" for using Penco Engineering. Some of the bridges in Sheridan County were discussed.

The following warrants were approved:

General \$12,824.73
Offender Reg \$242.00
Road & Bridge \$25,915.20
VIN Fund \$60.65
Nox Weed \$16,903.60
Public Transp. \$59.59

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 18, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht,
County Clerk, Troy Dewey,
Chairman

again when an Agreement is available to review.

Dewey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-31 pertaining to Meeting dates, payroll and warrant dates and official county holidays. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Treasurer Change Order Nos 2017-1 through 2017-6 were approved on a motion from Dewey and second from Bielser. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the November 27, 2017 minutes as presented. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

On a motion by Bielser and second by Dewey, payroll was approved as presented. Carried 3-0.

County Attorney Joe Pratt entered the meeting. The board requested he comprise an agreement between the Methodist Church and the county pertaining to them being used in an emergency with the county providing the generator. Pratt advised the board he had sent out several collection letters for EMS.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor, entered the meeting. Prior week work maps were distributed for review. Feldt had some information on fork

lifts that were for sale at United Rental in Hays. They were 2011 models and ranged from \$14,000 - \$16,000. Feldt will have Roudybush go to Hays to check them out, and see if there would be a warranty available. Feldt was contacted by Barry Tractor about some belly dump trailers that are in really good shape that Gove County is trading. The road & bridge department has one or two that could be replaced. Feldt will have Roudybush check these out as well. Feldt will be in contact with Barry Tractor about the possibility of a trade-in. Benny Hill with Venture Corporation contacted Feldt and advised they will start working on Highway 24 shortly and will have a plant on the ground at 50E. They stated to Feldt that if they could use some of our millings, they would give us back what they used plus 100 ton. They will also leave us the scrap. The board and Feldt discussed some road conditions in the northwest part of the county.

David Leopold entered the meeting. Leopold advised the board that the Rural Fire Department was closing to running out of money. This was cause by the purchasing of new pagers and a truck. Leopold has discussed the situation with Chief Carder. Leopold will

Fun Page

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...eggnog and to use peppermint in cocoa.

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Do you know where the spices we use come from? How about the nuts and oils?

I've got it...err...almost!

The holidays are full of excitement. People often share their joy with others by decorating their yards, homes and hearths. Colored lights shine from tree branches. Garlands and wreaths grace doors. Plants and flowers are brought inside to brighten and beautify rooms. Delicious smells of baking cookies and breads from the kitchen are created by spices taken from plants and trees. Plants are an important part of holiday time celebrations!

Fill in this puzzle about the parts of plants that we use in our kitchens!

Plants at Christmas Time!

1. nuts from trees, used in making marzipan candy – a sweet paste that is shaped and colored to look like fruits, vegetables and toys

2. licorice gets its flavoring from this plant

3. buds from a bush; have a spicy taste and scent; hang an orange from a ribbon and push these into it for a nicely scented decoration

4. from a bean in a pod on a vine; used in puddings

5. has a "cool" taste; used in candies; grows in U.S. and Canada

6. ground into flour; used for cookies, cakes, gravies

7. used in candy canes, tea; thought to help settle the stomach

8. comes from cane; used for icing, lollipops

9. in pods hanging on trees; in some places, street vendors roast and sell these to eat while still warm

10. hard little seeds ground into powder - shake on eggnog

11. root with a spicy taste; used for breads, cookies

12. used for scent and taste in stuffing and with meats

13. from the red-brown bark of a tree; ground into powder for drinks, cookies

14. reddish-purple fruits from tree; used in cakes, pudding

15. from the bean of cacao tree

wintergreen
peppermint
cinnamon
chestsnuts
chocolate

Ooooo, these cinnamon sticks smell wonderful!

vanilla
nutmeg
ginger
almonds
cloves

Inside and Outside the House

Someone in India decorated this banana tree for the holidays!

Match the clues below to the plants! Then, fill in the blanks to spell the names.

1. a large one is cut and blessed; it is lighted and kept burning

2. blooms at Christmas; can be red, pink or white

3. green leaves, white berries; custom says people kiss under this

4. round, made from evergreen branches; decorated with red bows, pine cones

5. decorated with lights, ornaments, star

6. placed as bedding in a manger or made into ornaments for the tree

G W E A U R T
A S T
WR _ _ T H
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Y _ L E L O _

M I _ T L E _ O E
S T R _ _
P _ I N S E _ I A

Two Just Alike!

I want to find two matching wreaths to decorate my doors. Can you find and circle two identical wreaths for me?

Is it #3 and #7? Huh? Huh? Is it #6 and #8? Is it...

Whew. The last holiday chore on my list is to decorate my nest. Can you help me find the evergreen branch, then the holly with berries? After that, go to my nest. No backtracking, please!

Decorating for the Holidays 'Naturally!'

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

4. Arm is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Antenna is missing. 7. Tassel is shorter. 8. Cuffs are missing. 9. Baseball bat is missing.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICH!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is Santa's favorite sandwich?

BRISKET	H	S	I	F	T	A	C	X	O	L
CATFISH	O	P	E	T	O	M	A	T	O	P
CHEESE	P	R	E	C	F	N	S	B	A	I
CRAB	A	N	A	U	U	E	S	T	B	M
EMU	S	B	U	T	P	T	T	U	T	E
LETTUCE	T	E	A	R	E	A	T	M	S	N
LOBSTER	R	N	B	R	I	S	K	E	T	T
LOX	A	S	A	U	C	E	E	D	L	O
PASTRAMI	M	J	O	L	S	H	R	I	M	P
PESTO	I	N	I	H	C	C	U	Z	L	Y
PIMENTO										
SAUCE										
SHRIMP										
TARO										
TOFU										
TOMATO										
TUNA										
ZUCCHINI										

Riddle answer: _____

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: A equals T

BKUOB RAI OG DFKEA D ZKEMW

SDOQ WOIT SOAC ACY DFOTOAZ

AK BCDMWY QKIUR: "TOAATY

UKIGCOM' DMMOY".

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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			
—		+		÷				
	+		+		15			
×		÷		+				
	×		+		12			
10		11		10				
1	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9

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Kids' Maze

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Defers (to)

5 Pretenders

11 Animistic religion of northern Asia

20 Adored star

21 How bed linens are often sold

22 Audio product introduced by Bose in 1993

23 CHARM

26 Spending jag

27 "— ed Euridice"

28 "Ben- —"

29 SEE

34 Citi Field MLB team

37 Clothed very shabbily

38 Prefix with color

39 Fleecy beast

42 Lose vigor

43 Not difficult

44 HEIGHTEN

48 Grows older

50 Daisy cousin

51 California's Point

52 Was of use to

56 See 29-Down

58 "Nothing — it seems"

60 FALL

65 Suffix with host

68 Certify

69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer

70 Ghost shout

71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.

74 "Li'l ol' me!"

75 STEAL

79 Donne, e.g.

81 Lead-in to history

82 E.T.'s human friend

83 Ranch rope

86 Fizzy drinks

90 Holiday song

91 SUPPLY

95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short

99 Crux

100 Czar's edict

101 See 103-Down

102 Mint-family herbs

104 Gets more narrow

107 CHANGE

110 "... — mouse?"

111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"

113 Eventual oak

114 ERASE

122 Proper noun in an atlas

123 Ripped thoroughly

124 Huge-scale

125 Person on both sides of an issue

126 Treats with malice

127 Gas brand

DOWN

1 Spill-catching wear

2 Poem of laud

3 "Amazing!"

4 Ramp for accessing a ship

5 Gem sides

6 Ghostly pale

7 Jay-ell linkup

8 Psychic "gift"

9 Stimp's bud

10 Small porch

11 Small bird that builds edible nests

12 Visible air

13 Chevy's Sonic, before 2011

14 Many adults

15 Don Marquis' "— and Mehitabel"

16 Poet Tate

17 "It really seems to me ..."

18 Moral failure

19 Pithy remark

24 Math subj.

25 Cave beings

29 With

56-Across, compete to obtain

30 Suffix with czar

31 LAX info

32 Madras "Mr."

33 Female sib

34 Turner of an insurrection

35 "Tall" story

36 Mil. officers

40 Rd. relative

41 Physicist

Curie

44 Funny Foxx

45 English noble

46 Special time

47 Strikes (out)

48 Heady drinks

49 Docile

52 Actor Driver

53 "No" from a higher-up

54 Italian wine area

55 Luge surface

56 Ariel, e.g.

57 Large elliptical fish

59 Not volatile

61 Flying British mil. branch

62 Ridesharing app

63 Stir

64 Curly's bud

65 Ferrari who founded Ferrari

66 Riverbed deposit

67 "Keep it in"

72 Secluded valley

73 Arm of Israel

76 "Don't worry"

77 — dixit (unproven assertion)

78 Cat cry

79 Chi-omega linkup

80 Alley —

83 Gave temporarily

84 Kind of blue

85 Of the

region just north of the Antarctic Circle

87 Female gametes

88 Catastrophe

89 Antarctic penguin

90 Scale part

92 Toys — (chain for kids)

93 TV "Science Guy"

94 Ruhr article

95 Turnpike toll, e.g.

96 Takes for ransom

97 Wallach of "Nuts"

98 Old aviation inits.

102 What pull-ups work

103 With

111-Across, thus far

105 Actress

106 Evaluated

108 Sends cell messages

109 Unclear

111 Kind of gel

112 Unchanged

114 Photo —

115 Deli staple

116 Cut off

117 Fizzy drink

118 Geller from Israel

119 Bottom-line

120 Prefix with gender

121 Prefix with friendly

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Classifieds

MISSING

MISSING: Straight Yearling Charolais Bull with yellow brisket. Tag #669. If you have any information, call Eugene @ 785-627-6004 or Howard @ 785-743-8104.

---52/TFN---

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Corn-fed Beef for Sale. Whole, Half, or Quarter available. Call Steve at 785-675-8338.

---5/TFN---

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---40/TFN---

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---10/11---

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benefits, EOE Contact Larry Bell 627-3315.

---36/TFN---

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---40/TFN---

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---37/TFN---

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The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is accepting applications for **Low Incidence Paraprofessional** for the 2017-2018 school year for the Hoxie School District.

Qualifications:

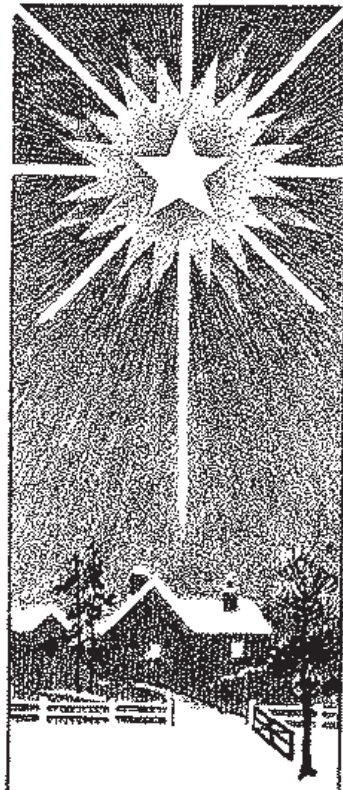
High School diploma or equivalent.

This position requires an individual to provide services to children under the supervision of a certified school staff member.

Applications are available at:

<https://nkesc.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> or 785-672-3125.

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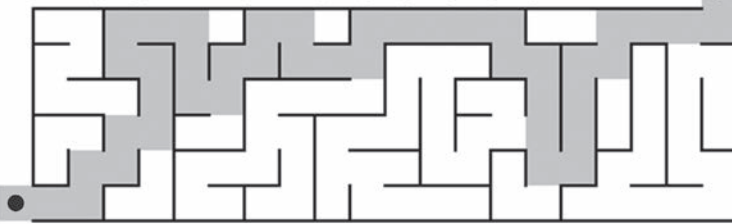
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CryptoQuip

answer

These days I prefer sculpture over painting. I guess you could say I've had a change of art.

Kids' Maze Solution



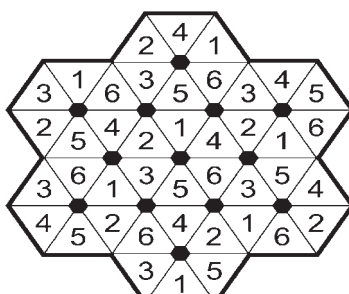
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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

KISSER	S	SKIER
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