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## 321A STATE CHAMPIONS

18 Years  
in the  
Making!



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Undefeated  
Wrestlers!

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Lexi and Lance Wright are happy to announce the birth of their daughter



Laynie Danielle Wright

Born February 8th at 2:034 pm.

Laynie weighed 8 lbs 7 oz and was 20.5 inches long. She is welcomed by brothers J.L. and Jeremiah Wright, sister Laramie Wright, grandparents Rhonda Phillips of Gypsum, Joe Wright of Brookville, and Steve and Annette Wingerson of Smith Center and Great Grandparents, Mary Reitchcheck of Hoxie, Ona Wright of Ellsworth, and Gene and Lois Phillips of Hutchinson.

### Hoxie Out-Performs The Plainsmen

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday night, the Indians travelled into Plainsmen territory to take on Oakley in the last regular season game of the year. The Lady Indians played strong defense and did not give up any easy shots to the offense. They won 48-21 and will play their next game against Leoti-Wichita County in the first round Sub-State play.

The Indian men started off with a bang in their game with a huge dunk from Harlan Obioha. The Plainsmen were quick to answer and went on a run coming out ahead in the first quarter. The Indians pushed back and began to close out the Plainsmen, winning 53-36. The Indians will play Monday evening against Smith Center in the first round of Sub-State.

Hoxie's 7-foot-tall Harlan Obioha breaks open the bank, literally, with a slam dunk, in Tuesday night's game against the Oakley Plainsmen. The message is clear, the 21-0 Indians are here to make an impression. (Sentinel Staff Photo)



Freshman, Kinley Rogers puts up a floater in the lane in Plainsman territory, Tuesday, February 23. (Sentinel Staff Photo)

### A-Team Girls Win Sixth Straight Title

League Champions! Team members included: (front) Braylee Knowles, Jaqueline Manriquez, Anette Hernandez, Hayden Wark, Mariah Barnett, Siena Vargas; (back) Coach Travis Smith, Emma Carter, McKinzie Horobik, Madilyn Green, Myah Ritter, Anais Cepeda, Coach Parker Christensen. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School A-Team girls basketball team won their sixth straight league championship on February 13 in Rexford. The girls posted an 11-2 season on their way to the title.

The tournament started on Tuesday, February 8, as the Lady Bulldogs defeated Heartland Christian 40-8 in Rexford. The Bulldogs jumped to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. They kept their pace as they led 24-2 at the half. The Crusaders put in 4 in the third quarter and 2 in the fourth as the Bulldogs posted 13 in the third and finished with 3 in the fourth for the 40-8 W. Points were scored by Hayden Wark 18, Anette Hernandez 14, McKinzie Horobik 6, and Mariah Barnett 2.

The Bulldogs advanced to the semi-final game on Thursday against Weskan. They again jumped to a first quarter lead of 8-0. Adding 10 in the second quarter, the Dogs held an 18-2 lead at the half. Weskan made a three-point shot in the third quarter as the Bulldogs pushed forward for 12 more. The Coyotes played hard and added another 6 in the fourth, but the Dogs added 9 for the 39-11 win and a shot at the Championship. Scoring for Golden Plains was Wark 15, Hernandez 14, Horobik 6, Madi Green 2, and Braylee Knowles 2.

The Championship game was held on Saturday afternoon

against Grinnell/Wheatland. It was a challenging game for the Lady Bulldogs as both teams worked hard. The Lady Bulldogs put in four points in the first as did the Thunderhawks to be tied up at the end of the quarter. The Dogs added another 6 in the second holding the Hawks to 4 for a slight 10-8 lead at the half.

The intensity stayed high in the second half as both teams kept up the defensive pressure. The Bulldogs managed to outscore the Hawks 5-2 in the third to maintain their lead. Both teams played with determination to the very end as the Bulldogs won their sixth straight league championship 22-18.

"It was our goal to win the league championship," said Anette Hernandez. "We won it all three years of middle school."

"I felt like we played very well in the tournament," said Jaqueline Manriquez.

"I'm happy with how our girls played in the tournament," said Emma Carter.

"We stayed united as a team and won the whole thing," said McKinzie Horobik.

The A-Team girls finished their season with an 11-2 record. "We had to work on ball control," continued Hernandez. "We hustled and got better throughout the season."

"We moved the ball well in the tournament," added

Hayden Wark.

"We stayed united as a team and won the whole thing," continued Horobik.

The girls faced some challenges this season. "The girls didn't get along all the time," said Hernandez. "We talked to each other about working on teamwork. We all had to learn what our role was as a member of the team."

"We had to work on getting over ourselves and being more of a whole team," added Madilyn Green.

"We had to learn to stick together as a team," continued Wark.

"Our greatest challenge was mentally preparing ourselves before our games and having the mind-set that we were going to do good," added Vargas.

Most of the girls plan to continue playing basketball in high school next year. They plan to work in the off-season, stay in shape, and stay healthy. They feel they need to work on dribbling and their shots. "We need to know that we will have to hustle on everything we do and will have to work hard," added Hernandez.

"The coaches really helped us a lot," said Hernandez. "They made it fun for us."

"I would like to thank all the families, the coaches, and all my friends for their support throughout the season," said Horobik. "I can't wait for high school and even more success."

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#### Words of Faith

He who returns from a journey is not the same as he who left.

~Chinese Proverb~

#### Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Mar. 2

Corn 5.46

Milo 6.72

Beans 13.30

Wheat 5.97

#### Weather Report

Date High Low Moisture

2/21 60 27 --

2/22 70 28 --

2/23 74 22 --

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2/27 64 25 --

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#### Words of Wisdom

Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment, full effort is full victory.

~Mahatma Gandhi



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By Louise Cressler

Eleven people attended the meeting Thursday evening at the Sunflower Senior Center to make plans for picking up the food boxes at Oakley. Some volunteers with pickups and trailers will be asking people to help with the loading. We appreciate all who make such an effort to make this delivery and for handing out the boxes and those who make the deliveries to shut-in residents.

Ramona Shaw attended a baby shower at the Community Center in Hoxie on Saturday honoring her great-granddaughter, Ayla Mae McKennon. Others attending included Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Cindy Black, Gem; Shelley Shaw, rural Logan; and Wilma Mader, Hoxie.

Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Goodland, came to Jennings on Tuesday to take me to get my second COVID shot at Oberlin. They then took me out to lunch.

On Sunday, Russell Cressler, rural Jennings came in to visit and to do some handyman jobs for me. What would we do without our children?!

Enjoyed attending church at Jennings on Sunday. There were eleven of us attending.

Condolences are extended to the family of Eugene Mrstik, former Jennings resident, who passed away February 23, at the Andbe Home in Norton. He was a graduate of Jennings High School with the Class of 1945.

## March 9 - National Meatball Day

These meatball subs are great for a weeknight dinner. Do all the prep work on the weekend or ahead of time, letting the meatballs and sauce simmer all day in the slow cooker. Then, when you're ready to eat, build your subs and dinner is on the table in less than 30 minutes!

Recipe Info  
Prep Time: 15 min  
Baking Time: 8 hr  
Servings: 6  
Baking Temp: Low  
Equipment: Crockpot,  
Baking sheet

Recipe Notes: Depending on the size of your family or if you want to take these subs to a party, you can easily cut the sandwiches into a variety of different sizes.

Contributed by Michelle Rager to <https://eatwheat.org/recipes/meatball-subs/>

Ingredient List  
FOR THE MEATBALLS:  
1 (20 oz) bag frozen meatballs (regular or Italian style)  
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning  
1 (24 oz) jar spaghetti sauce  
FOR THE SUBS:  
1 cup softened butter  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
2 loaves Italian or baguette bread

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

### Instructions COOKING

Place meatballs, 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning and spaghetti sauce in the slow cooker. Cook on low for 8 hours.

About 30 minutes before serving, combine butter, garlic powder, and 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Slice loaves of bread lengthwise and spread garlic butter on the inside of each loaf.

Put loaves back together and cut each loaf into thirds crosswise to create 6 sandwiches.

Place garlic bread cut side up on a baking sheet. Heat under the broiler until toasted.

Top toasted bread with meatballs, sauce, and a sprinkle of mozzarella cheese for a hot and melty meatball sub.

### RECIPE NOTES

For a freezer meal, place meatballs, Italian seasoning, and spaghetti sauce in a gallon-sized freezer bag. Place mozzarella cheese in a sandwich freezer bag. Lay both flat to freeze. Freeze the garlic bread in two, gallon-sized freezer bags. To serve, thaw ingredients and follow cooking directions in the recipe.

## Queen City Jazz Band Coming to Colby

Back to Western Plains Arts Association is Queen City Jazz Band. The traditional jazz band was founded in Denver more than 60 years ago and is recognized across the nation for playing outstanding traditional, Dixieland, gospel and spiritual music. The group has also toured widely across Europe.

Colby High School will host Queen City Jazz Band, at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14. Admission is by season ticket or adults \$20, students \$10 at the door.

Ball in the House, and R&B group originally scheduled

this date, cancelled their 2021 spring season because the ongoing pandemic. The WPAA board appreciates QCJB for agreeing to perform at the same

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By Jacque Boultinghouse

During Senior Citizens on Thursday, the group enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinocle. Alfred J. Albers won high, Bob Wessel took second and Boyd Wilson had the most kings. Others enjoying the day include: Pat Wessel, Don Quackenbush, Don Juenemann and Shirley Emigh.

Birthdays and Anniversaries include: March 1: Austin Spresser; March 2: Caleb Koerperich, Rachael Ritter, Todd Jacobs; March 3: Sheri Jacobs; March 4: Rodney Johnson; March 5: Nina Soriano, Bernadine Spresser; March 6: Jennifer Eatherly; March 8: Vala Albers, Amy Seegmiller; March 10: Mark Miller, Lindsey Carman Oakley, Joe Zodrow, Debbie Koerperich, Cole & Tara Ingram, Raymond Zodrow; March 11: Jacob Mosier, Lois Neff, Clay Bruggeman; March 13: Elaine Koerperich, Jami Shaw; March 14: Cole Wachendorfer, Connor Stanton.



## Calling of the Coyotes

~Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter



Pictured are Kyle Edgett and Justin Hogan who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Coyote Calling Contest hosted by the Norton Archery Club earlier in February. Kyle and Justin came in with 3 crow, 1 bobcat, and 3 coyotes, totaling 45 points. First place went to Gary and Austin Niblock from Phillipsburg, with 7 coyotes totaling 70 points. Over the day of calling, 23 teams competed, bringing in 4 crow, 2 bobcats, and 20 coyotes. (Norton Archery Club photo)

### Thank You ~

The family of Mary Schamberger wish to thank you for the prayers, food, flowers, memorials, and kind words expressed to us.

A special thanks to the doctors, hospital, and Long Term Care staff for their loving care of our Mom.

Thank you, Father Vincent, for the beautiful Mass, and the Sodality for the wonderful meal. Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home for the caring help with the arrangements.

Thanks & blessings to you all,  
The Mary Schamberger Family

March 14 time. Colby High School is an alternate venue than originally scheduled.



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<b>Every Tuesday:</b> 12pm Rotary 7pm Fire Dept Mtg	
<b>Every Wednesday:</b> 9am Commissioner Mtg 7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church Community Worship	Hospital Board of Trustees - 4th Monday, 12pm FQHC the following Wednesday, 8am

What do you have happening soon?  
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**BTI** Customer Appreciation Days  
March 9 - 11,  
Open House, Refreshments  
& Giveaways

**KSFFA Fire School - March 6 - 7**  
Gove, KS All firefighters welcome!

**3rd Annual Pi Day Sale**  
Sheridan Co. Historical Society  
Friday, March 12 - Methodist Church

**Thomas County Speedway**  
First Race of Season - April 9

**Farmers to Families Community Food Boxes**  
Every Tuesday through March  
3:30pm Hoxie Christian Church & Selden Mainstreet







Mr. and Mrs. S. Shafer are visiting in Colorado this week with their daughter, Mrs. Adolph

The Indians shot 38 percent from the free throw line, while Dighton shot 58 percent for the night. The Indians also shot 38 percent from the field.



Letter from Rep. Jim Minnix

Hello from Topeka. It's been a much warmer week in the legislature. We have been working on many bills. We have passed:

HB 2237 which will extend the Rural Opportunity Zone Provisions for two years.

HB 2191 which increases the penalty for inciting a riot in correctional facilities.

HB 2007 to update Motor carrier regulations and certificates.

HB 2078 to extend statutory deadline for a speedy trial.

The following House Concurrent Resolution has been proposed:

HCR 5014 A Constitutional Amendment to provide the Legislature with oversight of State Executive Branch agencies. If approved by 2/3 of both the House and Senate members, the public would vote on the following question in the 2022 General Election. "A vote for this proposition would allow the Legislature to establish procedures to revoke or suspend rules and regulations that are adopted by State Executive Branch agencies and officials that have the force and effect of Law."

This is a step toward addressing emergency management and is a vote the people get to take.

If you have any comments or questions you can reach me at jim.minnix@house.ks.gov or call my state house office at 785-296-7384.

Yours in service,  
Rep. Jim Minnix  
District 118

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

March 1, 2021

Last week was the final week for the standing committees and subcommittees to report their budget proposals to the full Senate Ways & Means committee for work on the 2021 & 2022 budgets. A few of the reports the committee is considering are social services, higher education, and judicial budgets.

Social service agencies were given additional funds last year only to have the Governor line item veto the funding. One particular group that was targeted by Governor Kelly was a very modest raise in salaries for the people that work at the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) community. Our committee heard last year about the challenges that the IDD community faces in retaining their very good and hardworking staff, when they are only able to pay an hourly wage that is less than fast food restaurants. We heard testimony that they were losing good people to Chick-Fil-A because they were paying \$12 an hour. The subcommittee recommended that we find a way to adjust these salaries for the IDD community. I do have a bill in the Ways & Means committee that would address these salary issues, so the Governor will not be able to continue balancing the state budget on the backs of our most vulnerable citizens.

There are many concerns for the Ways and Means Committee including higher education. Governor Kelly has made huge cuts to the higher education budget. The Kansas courts are also one of the budgets struggling to keep pace with their salaries, especially in the clerical type of positions. With the COVID virus limiting the work in the courts, their docket fees have fallen and reduced their revenues by approximately \$5 million. The subcommittees have recommended we try to find funds for both areas when we work our Omnibus bill later this session.

On Monday, the Senate was closed for the funeral of one of our colleagues, Bud Estes, from the 38<sup>th</sup> District in Southwest Kansas. Bud grew up in Bucklin, Kansas and lived in Dodge City. Bud was a strong advocate for Western Kansas and will be greatly missed.

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

State Announces  
Suicide Prevention Theme  
Art Contest

The state of Kansas announces the launch of a new art contest geared towards Kansas youth. The Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest is for artists, musicians, painters, writers, sculptors, poets, singers and photographers in grades 6 to 12. The contest, hosted by Kansas Partners in Empowering Youth for Suicide Prevention, will help state agencies shape suicide prevention messages and health promotion campaigns.

In 2019, 521 Kansans died by suicide including six under the age of 15 and 83 individuals between the ages of 15 and 24.

The Kansas Partners for Empowering Youth for Suicide Prevention is comprised of the following agencies: KDHE, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), Kansas State Department of Education, the Kansas Suicide Prevention Headquarters along with the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

This group believes that every young person deserves to be safe from suicide and that the best way to reach youth in Kansas is to provide opportunities for youth to reach out to their peers, thus creation of the Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest.

The goals of the contest are to raise awareness of the possibility of hope and healing while working to provide enough support to Kansas youth so that no one ever walks alone in crisis. The submissions will reach other youth to reduce stigma around mental health and experiencing thoughts of suicide. Preventing suicide is a community effort and youth are extremely important. So, the partners ask eligible Kansas youth to pull out your pen and paper, reach for your guitar and mic, or grab your favorite art supplies to let your voices be heard!

All submissions to the Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest are due by April 4, 2021, 10 p.m. For more information and to submit a project, please visit <https://www.ksphq.org/artcontest/>.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health or thoughts of suicide, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 (or 800-273-TALK).

And ignore offers for vaccinations and miracle treatments or cures. Hang up on robocalls. Scammers are using these calls to pitch a variety of products, including work-from-home schemes. If you don't recognize the number, don't answer the phone.

Social Security Administration. This one is a twist on the government imposter scam involving a robocall claiming to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) informing you that your benefits are about to end if you don't take action. Rest assured, the real SSA will never call you to cut off your benefits and will never ask you to wire money, make payments via gift card, or send cash payments in order to continue your benefits. If you receive one of these calls, hang up. Do not "press 1," or any other number it asks you to press. Like with all robocall scams, these scammers are after information. If you press anything on your phone, that lets the scammer know they have reached a working number and you'll get more calls. Our best advice on this or any other robocall scam is to not answer calls from numbers you do not know. If you do answer, once you know it's not someone you know, just hang up.

Car Warranty. Another robocall, this scammer lets you think they are from your auto manufacturer or dealer letting you know that your car warranty is about to expire. They will then try to sell you an extended warranty from a third-party company. Usually this is a way to gather information about you that can then be sold to other scammers. And again, the best way to deal with these scammers is to just hang up.

Computer Repairs. In this scam, the caller claims to be from a well-known computer company telling you they've detected a virus on your computer and offers to help you remove it by connecting remotely to your computer. But instead of trying to fix it, the scam artist is actually trying to install a virus to give them access to all your files and your personal information saved on the computer. The scammer may also be trying to hack into your machine to use it to send out spam emails from your account, or even to take over the camera and microphone to spy on you and try

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Front: Connor Diercks, Drew Bretz - treasurer, Marissa Porsch - reporter, Molly Foote - vice president, Tyler Niblock - president, Samantha Robben - secretary, Wayne Shepard - sentinel, Jen Bultena - adviser, Tucker Baalman. Row 2: Laura Rietcheck, Imagen Tremblay, Emily Diercks, Lauren Spillman, Paiton Rogers, Morgan Keith, Ashlyn Slipke, Miles Baalman, Tate Weimer, Ashton Dowell. Row 3: Carter Beckman, Kaden Sekavec, Brandon Baker, Alyssa Popp, Drew Bell, Donovan Balluch, Haley Heskett, Aidan Baalman. Row 4: Jaylei Sloan, Hayley Jacobs, Hailee Scheetz, Reilly Mauck, Karlee Geisinger, Derek Johnson, Dayton Bell, Willow Washington, Grayce Schieferecke, Dallas Sheley. Back: Macon Sekavec, Gabe Coronado, Nash Geisinger, Josey Kennedy, Ella Zerr, Kinley Rogers, Gavin Schippers, and Gavin Tremblay. (Not pictured: Ayleen Dimas, Thomas Goetz, Zoe Gregory, Andrew Haffner, Ivan Kaus, Harlan Obioha, Carson Ochs, Ryan Shaw, and Alayna Shepard.)



### Golden Plains FFA

Front: Will Bruggeman - Secretary, BJ Rogers - Treasurer, Garrett Carter - President; Middle: Jorja Juenemann-Sentinel, Mia Rogers, Lauren Patmon - Vice-President; Back: Mason Green-Reporter, Rojelio Loya, Collin Mumm (Photo by Judy Rogers)



### Wheatland FFA

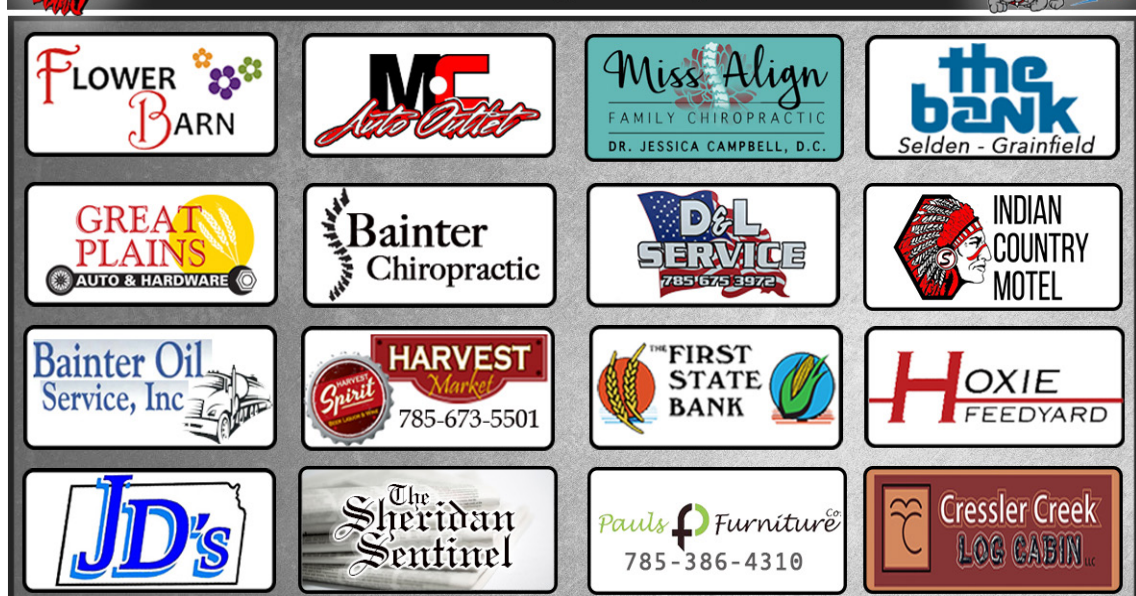
(l-r): Sophomore, Landon Hudson, Junior, Tyrell Chapin, Junior, Livia Schultz, Senior, Luke Bixenman, freshman, Madison Zerr, Senior, Wendell Mong, Junior Isabella Ostmeier, Sophomore, Kaleb Dohm, Sophomore, Emma Thompson, Sophomore, Nathan Vollbracht, freshman, Patrick Johnson, Junior, Neveah Nelson, freshman, Deagon Herl, Junior, Laredo Allemang, Mrs. Thoe, FFA Advisor. Not pictured: Junior, Ryan Heier, Senior Evelyn Resendez, Senior, Johnny Phillips. (WHS photo)

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## Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The K-State Office of Student Financial Assistance has started the process of mailing Financial Offer Notification letters to admitted students for fall 2021. This letter includes information about offered grant, loan and scholarship opportunities, as well as cost of attendance estimate and projections.

If students have questions about their notification letter, they are encouraged to reach out to the Office of Student Financial Assistance via phone at 785-532-6420 or via e-mail at [finaid@k-state.edu](mailto:finaid@k-state.edu) to be connected to their financial aid advisor.

The University of Kansas has started "to package" as well, and North Central Technical College plans to start soon. Look for these Awards Letters in the mail. This will let you know how close you are to affording school, and how much you may need to take out in loans.

American Implement and Western State Bank are excited to partner together to help support the future of the agricultural industry in our areas of service by providing the AG Future Scholarship Program to eligible high school seniors pursuing further education (degree or program) in an agricultural field.

Ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded! A completed application will contain: a completed application; 2 letters of reference - preferably speaking to the applicant's interest and passion for agriculture; official high school transcript; a picture of applicant (to be used if selected as a scholarship recipient); and either a written essay (500 - 700 words) OR a video submission (3 - 4 minutes) focused on the applicant's top three reasons they are passionate and excited about agriculture and how they see themselves impacting agriculture's future with their career of choice.

Deadline to apply is April 15th, 2021. There are four ways the application can be submitted. Get all the info at <http://bit.ly/3swOq2J>.

Citizens Health (Colby Hospital) and Citizens Foundation have scholarships available to our area and your students may qualify for application. Applications are available on our site at <http://bit.ly/3dQOmVN>. The application deadline is April 1st, 2021. Applicants must be a resident of the nine county area of northwest Kansas (Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Wallace, Gove and Logan) and look to pursue a career in a medically related field with strong preference given to those wanting to return to a rural setting to practice their chosen profession.

The Schmidt Foundation Scholars scholarship includes 30 hours of tuition and fees for fall and spring courses, books, room and board. The purpose of this scholarship is to support FHSU students, with preference given to students from Kansas and first-generation college students. Recipients have the opportunity to renew their scholarship for up to three additional years, if eligibility requirements continue to be met. Each year, five future FHSU students from the incoming freshman class will have the opportunity to receive this prestigious scholarship and join the respected community of Schmidt Foundation Scholars. Applications for this scholarship are due April 1, 2021. Go to <http://bit.ly/2ZSKVpc> to apply.

The Barton Performing Arts Department would like to invite high school seniors with an interest in dance, instrumental music, theatre and vocal music to apply and audition for 2021-2022 Performance Awards, Major Scholarships and performance ensembles via virtual auditions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. February 13, March 6 and April 10. Registration for future dates will be opened closer to the respective dates.

Awards range from \$250 to \$1500 per year. Scholarships for majors are \$2,000 and can be combined with other academic and activity awards. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/3aV95G7>.

The deadline to apply for the Kansas Future Teacher's Academy is March 1. We need good people in education. Find out more about this program at [emporia.edu/kfta](http://emporia.edu/kfta).

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 1: Deadline to apply for Pete Henry Scholarship and deadline to apply for Nex-Gen Internships

March 12: Registration deadline for April 17 ACT test

March 15: Masonic Foundation Scholarships due; KSU extended deadline scholarships

May 1: Registration deadline for KBOR scholarships (<https://bit.ly/3p8KDpu>)

May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test

June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test

## Sub-State Basketball Update

### Hoxie Indians:

The first rounds of Sub-State were played Monday and Tuesday evening. The Hoxie Indian men, seeded #1, snuffed out the #8 seed Smith Center 80-48 in their home gym. They will play Thursday evening at WaKeeney-Trego HS at 5:30pm against Hill City in the semi-final round. Hill City, #4, beat out #5 Leoti-Wichita, 66-48 in the first round.

Tuesday evening the Lady Indians, #5 faced off against the #4 seed, Leoti-Wichita County. Hoxie defeated the opposing Indians 45-30 and will play in the second round of sub-state Friday night at 8pm against #1 seed WaKeeney-Trego Community. The Lady Indians have previously beaten the Eagles earlier this season.

Championship games will be played Saturday, March 6; boys at 2p.m., girls at 5p.m.

### Golden Plains Bulldogs:

Rexford-Golden Plains is hosting their own sub-state tournament this year. The men went in ranked #6, and fell last Friday in the first round to #3, Logan/Palco with a score of 53-35.

The Lady Bulldogs ranked #1 in sub-state, KBCA ranked #2 in the state (behind Central Plains), received a bye their first round. Will play Thursday night at 8pm against #4 seed, Bird City-Cheylin with a record of 9-10. The Lady Bulldogs are undefeated, 18-0. Sub-State championship will be played at 2pm on Saturday, March 6 in Rexford

### Wheatland Thunderhawks:

The Thunderhawk men are seeded #1 in the Dighton site sub-state tournament. They received a bye the first round and will play Weskan on Friday night at 5:30pm. Weskan, #4, conquered Dighton, #5 in the first round.

The Lady Thunderhawks played their first round February 25 in their home gym against Western Plains/Healy and won 53-20. Wheatland-Grinnell is ranked #3 in their sub-state tournament and will play Dighton, #2, in the semi-finals, Thursday evening at 8p.m.

All brackets can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2PuQvww>.

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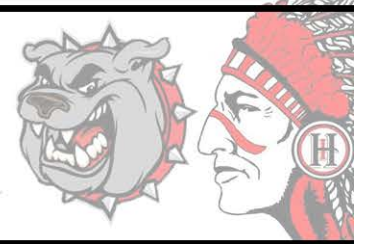






# Area School Academics & Sports

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## JV Girls Defeat Wichita County

By Jordyn Fleckenstein

The Golden Plains JV Girls continued their season with a 22-11 win over Wichita County in Leoti on February 22 to keep their undefeated record 8-0.

The Lady Bulldogs opened up the two-quarter game with six points. Their strong defense held the Indians to 2 points in the first quarter. The Dogs scored 16 points in the second while holding the Indians to only scoring 9. Emma Weiner dominated with 8 followed by Rayna Taylor 5, and Jordyn Fleckenstein with 4. Sidney Taylor and Amie Cheney each had 2 points followed by Carli Neiman with 1.

"We struggled to get our offense to work," said Emma Weiner, "but we worked and competed hard. We had fun and will continue to play our hardest." The JV will return to the court to play their last JV game on February 23 as they host Wallace County in Rexford.

## JV GIRLS DEFEAT THE BUFFALOES

By Jordyn Fleckenstein

The JV girls' basketball team added another win to their undefeated 7-0 record with a 21-13 victory over Rawlins County on February 18 in Atwood.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 13 points in the first of a two-quarter game while holding the Buffaloes to 8. In the second quarter, the JV girls put up 8 and played a strong defense holding Atwood to 5. Rayna Taylor dominated with 9 points followed by Sidney Taylor with 5, Carli Nieman 4, and Amie Cheney 3.

"We struggled on offense going into the second quarter," said Rayna Taylor, "but then picked it up and played better as a team. It was fun to get another JV game and continue our undefeated season." The JV will return to the court in Leoti against Wichita County on February 22.

## JV Boys Fall to Buffaloes

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys' basketball team played a half game against the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Atwood on February 18. The boys struggled to make their shots as they fell to the Buffaloes 9-22 in this game that was postponed from earlier in the week due to weather.

The Bulldogs made two shots in the first quarter—one each by Jovanny Infante and Tayten Barnett as the Buffaloes pulled ahead 10-4. Ethan Weiner hit a three and Roberto Loya added a basket in the second quarter as the Buffaloes added 12 for the 22-9 win.

The boys continued their season with a three-quarter game against Northern Valley on February 19 in Rexford.

## Lady Bulldogs Win Over Ringnecks



Defense! Carli Nieman plays defense against Hill City on February 9 in Rexford. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Valeria Ortiz

The Golden Plains JV Lady Bulldogs played Hill City on February 9 in Rexford. The Bulldogs won the 2-quarter game 24-10 as they remain undefeated at 6-0.

In the first quarter, the Ringnecks opened the game with a 3 and pulled ahead 5-1. The Bulldogs went on a 10-point run to pull ahead 12-5 maintaining a 15-7 lead at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs held on to their lead as they added 9 in the second quarter holding Hill City to 3 for the 24-10 win. Scoring for the Bulldogs were Sidney Taylor, Rayna Taylor, and Carli Nieman with 7 apiece along with 2 from Lauren Patmon and 1 from Emma Weiner. "It was an aggressive game," said Weiner, "but it was a fun." The Bulldogs will continue their season in Atwood on February 18.

## B-Team Girls Play in Tournament



Kailee Wessel (12) dribbles the ball down the court during the Golden Plains B-Team girls' final game of the season. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School B-Team Girls finished their season in the WKLL Basketball Tournament in Rexford on February 13. The team, made up of mostly sixth graders, played Northern Valley in the Semi-Final round losing 4-39. The Lady Bulldogs points came from a basket by Estella Vargas in the first quarter and Kailee Wessel in the second quarter.

They played Grinnell/Wheatland in the consolation game again losing 4-39 to place fourth. All four points were made in the third quarter with a basket each by Katie Carter and Jordyn Bange.

The B-Team girls finished the season with a single win over Triplains/Brewster in December. Several of their contests were not full games. "It was a good, competitive season," said Addy Wessel.

"We all learned that sports are for everyone."

"We could have hustled more," said Estella Vargas, "but got to play together and have fun playing."

"We played hard," continued Kailee Wessel. "We got better from our first game. We got better at getting up and down the floor and weren't as timid."

"We are happy with how we played," added Jordyn Bange. "We improved on becoming more aggressive and less scared."

"Winning the game was a highlight for us," said Kailee Wessel.

"We improved on shooting," said Vargas. "We got better and had more fun as the season went on."

"We all got along," said Bange. "It was fun to get to win and to be there to support the A-Team," added Addy Wessel. "We all got better at teamwork and communication."

"Some of the teams were really hard to play," continued Vargas. "They were taller and better than we were."

"We were scared of the older girls at the beginning of the season," said Bange. "Once we got together more in practice, they were helpful, and we became more confident."

"I was afraid to miss shots and turn the ball over," said Kailee Wessel, "but I just took more shots."

"I really liked the coaches," continued Bange. "They were really nice!" "Coach pushed us pretty hard," added Vargas, "but we got better. They are both very good coaches." All the girls intend to work hard over the summer to prepare for next season. "Our goal is to hustle more and make more shots," added Vargas.

## First Semester Honors 2020-2021



First semester honors for the 2020-2021 school year were recently announced and students were recognized during the last home basketball game. Students available for the pictured who earned Superior Academic Achievement 4.0 honors included, front row: Isabella Ostmeyer (Jr), Jordyn Beckman (Fr), Ryan Heier (Jr), Anna Godek (Jr). Back row: Madison Zerr (Fr), Tyrell Chapin (Jr), Elliot Godek (Sr), Jett Vincent (So), Livia Schultz (Jr), and Mary McDonald (So). (WHS photo)

Wheatland High School students earning academic honors for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year were:

Superior Academic Achievement 4.0: Freshman: Jordyn Beckman & Madison Zerr; Sophomores: Mary McDonald and Jett Vincent; Juniors: Tyrell Chapin, Anna Godek, Ryan Heier and Isabella Ostmeyer; Seniors: Luke Bixenman, Elliot Godek and Aubri Iverson.

Freshman: Marsha McDonald; Sophomores: Kerri Heier and Emma Thompson; Juniors: Laredo Allemang, Braden Gormley, Isaac Mendez, Tyra Schultz, and Trey Vincent; Seniors: Isaiah Dickman, Jailey Gallentine, Wendell Mong, Kristen Schroeder, and Trevor Zarybnicky.

Honor Roll 3.50 - 3.74: Freshman: Jordan Perez & Isiah Rebarck; Sophomores: Halley Habiger, Treven Humphries and Nathan Vollbracht.

High Honors 3.75 - 3.99:

## NHS Brings the Fun to WHS!



By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, February 23, Wheatland High School National Honors Society invited ThinkFast Interactive to give an informative presentation about how important it is to practice safe driving. The presentation was interactive, with every student getting a handheld remote to answer trivia questions, a dance competition between four students, Junior Isaac Mendez, Sophomore Treven Humphries, and Freshmen Jordyn Beckman and Patrick Johnson, and an impromptu yelling session between the host, Senior Isaiah Dickman, and Junior Tyrell Chapin. Some of the questions for trivia were about some of the fines for texting

## Business Breakfast

By Emma Thompson, Staff Reporter

On February 26, 2021, the WHS business class sold cinnamon rolls, donuts, and juice from 7:55 AM to 8:15 AM as a fundraiser for the business account. Everyone enrolled in a class helped on that Friday. All the WHS students and staff had an opportunity to buy them.

The 1st hour group is selling the homemade cinnamon rolls as their part of the fundraiser and the 4th hour group is selling donuts, juice, and chocolate milk. The business classes are currently learning about marketing a product. This project acts as a fundraiser for them as well as a great business opportunity for them to learn about marketing. Mrs. Zerr planned and organized the event along with the students.

Junior Anna Godek said, "I'm excited to make the cinnamon rolls to learn about marketing and to also eat them!" Godek is in the first hour.

## SUB-STATE COMPETITION



Lady Thunderhawk Isabella Ostmeyer fights to secure an offensive rebound against the Bobcats in the first-round sub-state game. (Sentinel Staff Photo)

and driving, or what are the hours that you can drive with a certain license.

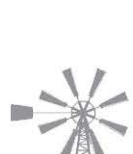
The ThinkFast program also had many questions that kept the students entertained, like questions about famous singers and videogames. There was a prize for the winner, Tyrell Chapin.

NHS sponsor, Ms. Diane Wetter, states, "The presentation was a fun way for students to be reminded of safe driving practices as well as learn information about driving laws and facts. It was great to see students participating in the trivia questions and competitions. I want to thank the ThinkFast Interactive team and Trooper Tod for coming to Wheatland High School as a part of the SAFE program!"

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# HOXIE INDIAN

## STATE CHAMPIONS

1st Team Title in 18years



### MARISSA PORSCH

132 Marissa Porsch (43-2) placed 3rd and scored 14.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Marissa Porsch 43-2 won by decision over Emily Welch (Columbus) 26-7 (Dec 8-1) Semifinal - Hope Blake (Eskridge-Mission Valley) 19-2 won by fall over Marissa Porsch 43-2 (Fall 2:52) Cons. Semi - Marissa Porsch 43-2 won by decision over Jill High (Augusta) 21-5 (Dec 3-0) 3rd Place Match - Marissa Porsch 43-2 won by fall over Ellington Hogle (Silver Lake) 36-6 (Fall 2:33)



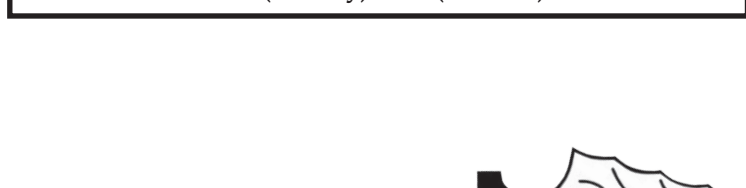
### CARSON OCHS

120 Carson Ochs (36-10) placed 6th and scored 7.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 36-10 won by fall over Nate Wilburn (Easton-Pleasant Ridge) 21-5 (Fall 2:46)  
Semifinal - Wyatt Wright (Whitewater-Remington) 26-1 won by fall over Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 36-10 (Fall 4:48)  
Cons. Semi - Connor Hughes (Eureka) 26-7 won by fall over Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 36-10 (Fall 3:37)  
5th Place Match - Nate Wilburn (Easton-Pleasant Ridge) 21-5 won by decision over Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 36-10 (Dec 5-4)



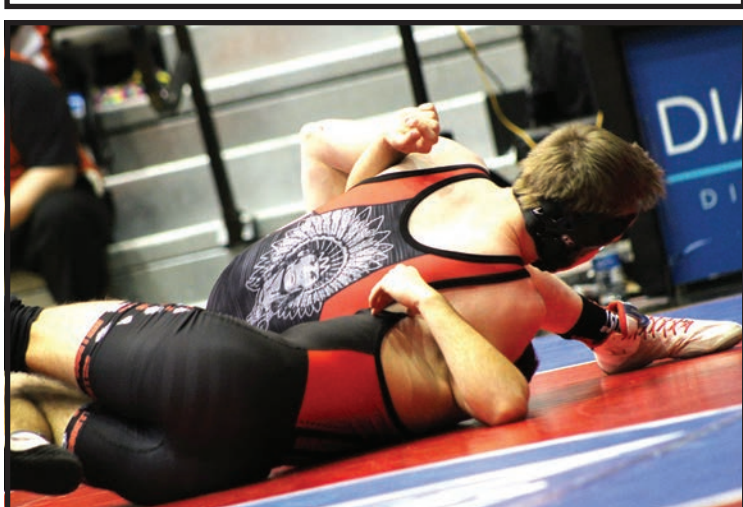
### DREW BRETZ

138 Drew Bretz (43-3) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 43-3 won by fall over Ethan Elliott (Wellsville) 23-9 (Fall 1:56)  
Semifinal - Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 43-3 won by decision over Kai Allen (Silver Lake) 40-4 (Dec 3-1)  
1st Place Match - Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 43-3 won by decision over Eric Cain (Oakley) 34-4 (Dec 6-4)



### TATE WEIMER

106 Tate Weimer (36-10) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 36-10 won by fall over Andrew Peters (Whitewater-Remington) 13-15 (Fall 5:38)  
Semifinal - Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 36-10 won by decision over Drayton Kennedy (Erie) 22-7 (Dec 5-4)  
1st Place Match - Corbin White (Mound City-Jayhawk Linn) 31-1 won by major decision over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 36-10 (MD 12-3)



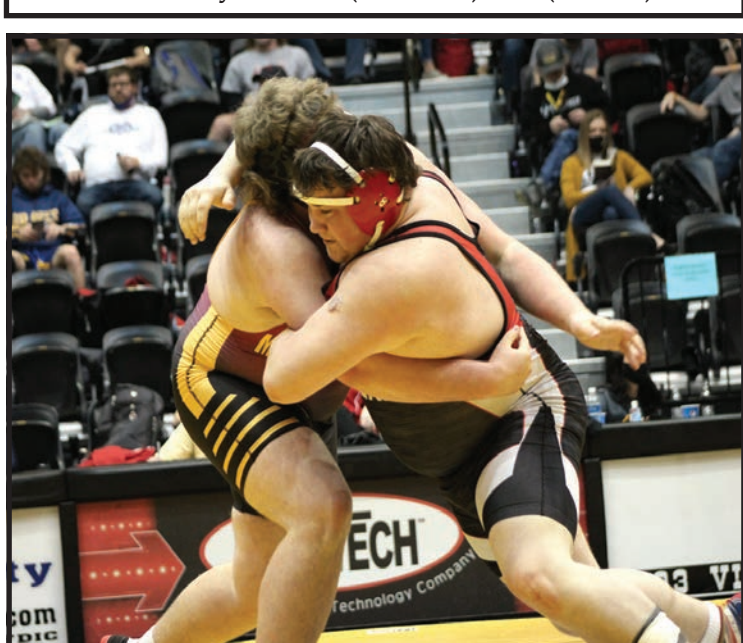
### DAYTON BELL

126 Dayton Bell (39-5) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 39-5 won by fall over Trint Rogers (Cottonwood Falls-Chase County) 25-9 (Fall 2:42)  
Semifinal - Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 39-5 won by fall over Connor Collins (Osage City) 33-3 (Fall 3:01)  
1st Place Match - Kolton Field (Norton Community) 34-2 won by fall over Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 39-5 (Fall 4:48)



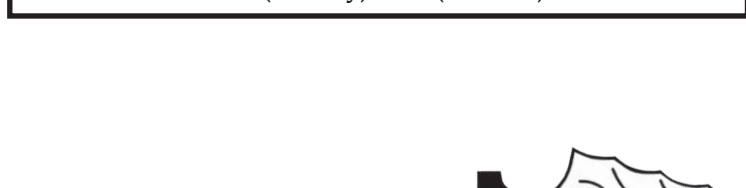
### DEREK JOHNSON

145 Derek Johnson (43-0) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 43-0 won by fall over Grayden Jackson (Riley County) 26-10 (Fall 0:38)  
Semifinal - Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 43-0 won by decision over Brody Harrison (Eureka) 27-4 (Dec 13-11)  
1st Place Match - Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 43-0 won by decision over Layne Hurla (Rossville) 29-4 (Dec 3-1)



### BRANDON BAKER

285 Brandon Baker (30-8) placed 6th and scored 6.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Nolan Parker (Eskridge-Mission Valley) 15-4 won by fall over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 30-8 (Fall 4:45)  
Cons. Round 1 - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 30-8 won by forfeit over Tra Barrientes (Sylvan-Lucas Unified) 27-2 (For.)  
Cons. Semi - Colby Stephens (Wellsville) 21-3 won by fall over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 30-8 (Fall 2:00)  
5th Place Match - Thayn Walt (Hill City) 25-14 won by fall over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 30-8 (Fall 2:55)



### WAYNE SHEPARD

113 Wayne Shepard (38-10) placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 38-10 won by fall over John Langill (Seneca-Nemaha Central) 16-16 (Fall 5:12)  
Semifinal - Jake Stanton (Caney Valley) 19-3 won in sudden victory - 1 over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 38-10 (SV-1 6-4)  
Cons. Semi - Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 38-10 won by fall over AJ Polansky (Belleville-Republic County) 34-13 (Fall 4:58)  
3rd Place Match - Kaleb Atkins (Hill City) 38-10 won by decision over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 38-10 (Dec 9-4)



### DREW BELL

132 Drew Bell (44-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 44-0 won by fall over Colby Hurla (Rossville) 23-14 (Fall 0:33)  
Semifinal - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 44-0 won by fall over Tarrant Young (Stafford) 22-6 (Fall 0:39)  
1st Place Match - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 44-0 won by fall over Mason Scholz (Effingham-Atchison County Community) 25-5 (Fall 0:05)



### AIDAN BAALMAN

160 Aidan Baalman (45-1) placed 2nd and scored 19.0 team points.  
Quarterfinal - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 45-1 won by fall over Mitch Budke (Cottonwood Falls-Chase County) 26-13 (Fall 1:47)  
Semifinal - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 45-1 won by major decision over Andrew Hubert (Belleville-Republic County) 34-7 (MD 10-1)  
1st Place Match - Brennan Lowe (Eureka) 32-1 won by decision over Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 45-1 (Dec 5-3)





# WRESTLING

## STATE RESULTS

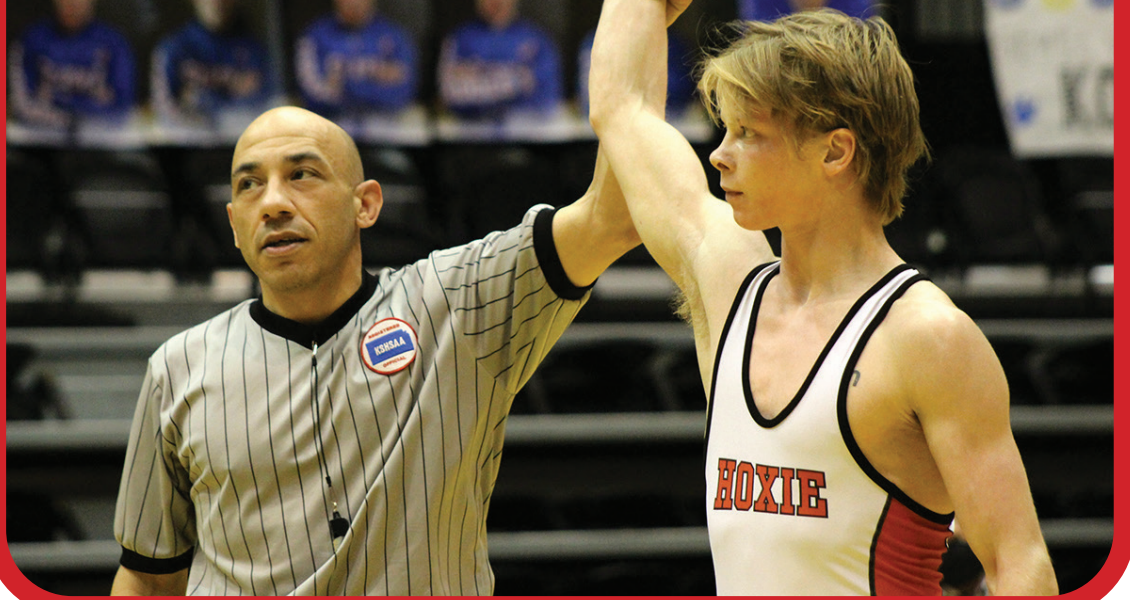
3 State Champions - 3 Runner Ups - 2 Undefeated Wrestlers

Undefeated!



**DEREK JOHNSON**

Undefeated!



**DREW BELL**

### Hoxie Wrestling Finishes Season on Top

*By Coleen Shepard*

The undefeated Hoxie Wrestling team capped off their perfect season last Saturday with a final win at the KSHSAA 3-2-1 A State Tournament in Hays. Earning 154.0 team points, the wrestlers claimed the State Championship Trophy and brought it home to a fan lined Main Street under police and fire escort. Although Hoxie has always had a competitive wrestling program, with three second and three third place finishes over the last 10 years, the first-place team championship trophy has remained elusive. The last time Hoxie won the team championships was in 2003.

This year has been an exceptional one for the Indians. With two returning State Champions, several returning state placers and qualifiers, incoming freshman talent and extraordinary leadership under their coaches the Indian wrestlers have been a force to be reckoned with from their first season dual to their last pre state tournament. Their domination was in full force from the moment they took the mat last Saturday at the KSHA 3-2-1A State tournament in Hays. Tate Weimer, Hoxie's 106 pounder, was the first wrestler to take the mat for Hoxie and set the tone for the day with a fall over White Water-Remington's 106-pound wrestler. Wayne Shepard (113-pound), Carson Ochs (120-pound) Dayton (126-pound) and Drew (132-pound) Bell, Drew Bretz (138-pound), Derek Johnson (145-pound), and Aidan Baalman (160-pound) all followed suit with first round pins, racking up 56.0 team points by the end of round one.

At the completion of the second (semi-final) round Hoxie had six wrestlers slated to compete in the finals. Tate Weimer, Dayton Bell, Drew Bell, Drew Bretz, Derek Johnson and Aidan Baalman would meet their opponents in the finals to battle for first. At the conclusion of the finals round, Hoxie had three Individual State Champions, Drew Bell (132-pound), Drew Bretz (138-pound) and Derek Johnson (145-pound), and three Runners-up, Tate Weimer (106-pound), Dayton Bell (126-pound) and Aidan Baalman (160-pound).

Falling a bit short in the semi-final round, Wayne Shepard and Carson Ochs continued their tournament wrestling through the back side of the bracket. Wayne claimed the fourth-place medal in the 113-pound weight class and Carson brought home the 120-pound sixth place medal. Brandon Baker moved to the back side of the bracket after a first-round loss and wrestled his way to a 285-pound sixth place finish.

With Hoxie losing only one graduating senior and having eight returning state placers, alongside incoming talent, the Indian wrestling program will remain strong, and the fans will eagerly await the moment when they can once again cheer on their wrestlers as they return to the mat looking to defend their State Title.



**DREW BRETZ**



### Hoxie Girls Wrestler Places Third at State

*By Coleen Shepard*

Hoxie's girl wrestler, Marissa Porsch, competed last Friday at the KSHSAA Girls Division II State Championships in Salina. Defeating Columbus' Emily Welch by decision in the quarter finals Marissa moved into the semifinal round where she met Hope Blake from Eskridge-Mission Valley. Falling short in this round, Marissa moved to the back side of the bracket where she met and defeated Jill High from Augusta. This win moved Marissa into the match to wrestle for third place. Meeting Silver Lake's Ellington Hogle at center mat, Marissa pinned her opponent at 2:33 to claim the KSHAA Girls Division II 132-pound third place medal.

## TEAM SCORES

1 Hoxie 154.0	26 Atwood-Rawlins County 16.0
2 Hill City 84.0	26 Caney Valley 16.0
3 Eureka 61.0	26 Marion 16.0
4 Norton Community 54.5	29 Humboldt 14.0
5 Silver Lake 52.0	29 Kingman 14.0
6 Beloit 50.0	31 Riley County 12.0
7 Belleville-Republic County 47.0	32 Howard-West Elk 11.0
8 Osage City 46.0	32 Wabaunsee 11.0
9 Marysville 40.0	34 Douglass 10.0
10 Hoisington 35.0	35 Ellis 9.0
11 Oakley 32.5	35 Rosalia-Flint Hills 9.0
12 Rossville 30.0	35 Stafford 9.0
12 Wellsville 30.0	38 Easton-Pleasant Ridge 7.0
14 Plainville 26.5	39 Cottonwood Falls-Chase County 6.0
15 Whitewater-Remington 26.0	39 Fredonia 6.0
16 Mound City-Jayhawk Linn 25.0	39 Sabetha 6.0
17 Uniontown 24.0	42 Phillipsburg 5.0
18 Cimarron 22.0	43 Hillsboro 4.0
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## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending February 28, 2021, topsoil moisture supplies rated 19% very short, 23% short, 53% adequate and 5% surplus, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 19% very short, 27% short, 53% adequate and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 8% very poor, 20% poor, 35% fair, 34% good, and 3% excellent.

## KSRE Sheep and Goat Events

K-State Research and Extension is hosting two sheep and goat events. The Sheep and Goat Management Workshop is this evening at 5 p.m. at the Haskell County Commercial Building in Sublette, but also available via Zoom. Register at <https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form>.

The Sheep and Goat Symposium will be March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler County Community Building in El Dorado. Call 316-321-9660 to RSVP by March 9.

## Kansas Crop Values

The value of Kansas's 2020 field and miscellaneous crops is forecast at \$8.56 billion, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up 17% from 2019.

The value of corn production is expected to total \$3.30 billion, up 16% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's corn price is projected to average \$4.30 per bushel, up \$0.74 from the last marketing year.

The value of soybean production is expected to total \$2.07 billion, up 34% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's soybean price is projected to average \$10.90 per bushel, up \$2.62 from the last marketing year.

The value of winter wheat production is expected to total \$1.27 billion, down 11% from the previous marketing year. Kansas's winter wheat price is projected to average \$4.50 per bushel, up \$0.42 from the last marketing year.

## Winter Storm Disaster Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides technical and financial assistance to help Kansas farmers and livestock producers recover from damages brought on by winter storms Uri and Viola. Agricultural producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center to learn about the programs available to help them recover from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses.

"These recent winter storms have taken their toll on farmers and ranchers in Kansas," said Charles Pettijohn, acting state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Kansas. "We stand with our producers who have worked tirelessly in these severe conditions to keep livestock fed and to protect crops from Mother Nature's wrath. We know these storms have left damage in their wake, and I'm glad that USDA offers as strong portfolio of disaster assistance programs available to help."

### Disaster Assistance

USDA encourages farmers and ranchers to contact the FSA county office at the local USDA Service Center to apply for eligible programs and to learn which documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses should be provided to help expedite assistance.

Producers who experience livestock deaths due to the winter storms may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program. Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses. For LIP and ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost during the winter storms. This complements Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days.

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed loans, including operating and emergency loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

### Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's NAP should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

"Crop insurance and other USDA risk management options are there to help producers manage risk because we never know what nature has in store for the future," said Collin Olsen, director of RMA's Regional Office that covers Kansas. "The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well trained in handling these types of events."

### Conservation

The Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore damaged farmland or forests.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also offers programs to help in the recovery process. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters.

### More Information

On [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov), the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with NRCS, FSA, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

## Kansas County-Level Commodity Estimates

County-level estimates for 2020 row crops are now available, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The estimates, based primarily on surveys conducted with farmers and ranchers last fall, can be accessed using the QuickStats online database, found here: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick\\_Stats/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/)

County-level row crop estimates are not published if any of the following conditions exist:

-Estimated harvested acres are less than 100.

-Insufficient number of producer reports were received to establish statistically defensible estimates.

-Estimate would not guarantee confidentiality of reported data from an individual producer.

The commodity estimates released today include corn, sorghum, and soybeans. County-level estimates for cotton will be published in May 2021.

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## Simple Signs

By **Kim Baldwin**,  
McPherson County farmer and rancher

In recent days I've been catching up on chores I decided to put

on hold during our recent weather, which caused temperatures to plummet, the sky to appear gray and gloomy, and left many in the middle of the country to adjust energy consumption in the hopes of keeping the power on.

Many of my chores that I've been tackling have been household related. I've spent a lot of time moving laundry from the washer to the dryer. It always amazes me how much dirty laundry a family of four can create. It also amazes me how quickly it can all pile up when you pause. As I've been chipping away at these piles, more and more of my laundry room floor, once covered by multiple hampers and piles of sorted dirty clothes, is beginning to reappear. This simple sign of progress truly makes me happy.

During the recent cold days, which kept our kids home from school because of extreme temperatures, I routinely bundled up in my layers and walked around our yard checking on things. I made sure to check on my beehives to ensure the insulation I had remained intact during the cold. I didn't know if I had done enough to protect them and was concerned, I would find my hives full of frozen, dead bees once everything began to thaw out. As the temperatures have risen and the warm sun has returned, I have noticed the bees are venturing out and flying in the warmth of the afternoons now. It's a sight many may take for granted — let alone notice — but for me it is a simple sign promising sweet treats later this summer.

While driving throughout our area, I have also noticed that the wheat fields we planted in the fall are showing hints of green. While I've learned over the years, wheat is tough and can survive the cold — especially if there's a layer of snow to insulate it — I worried that it might have been too cold for too long this year. Needless to say, the hints of green that I am viewing through the windshield as I drive past are a welcome color to see. The plants still have many months to go, but this simple sign provides me with some assurance we will have a crop to harvest this summer.

The farm ponds in our area that recently froze over are slowly melting as well. The thick ice that covered the ponds and remained for an impressive number of days is now slowly dripping away, allowing the geese to return to swimming in the water instead of huddling on the ice.

The one pond in our neighborhood, which became a community meeting place for hockey and skating enthusiasts, has almost completely melted showing only a few thin floating sheets of ice serving as receipts for the recent brutal cold. The homemade hockey rink that offered many freezing days and nights full of men and boys burning off energy during some serious games while others huddled near a fire to watch the events unfold has now been deconstructed and put away.

The view of the pond now is that of hundreds, if not thousands, of geese floating on the water and enjoying the warmth of the sunlight. The image of the congregation of people on the ice during the recent freezing, dark days I have etched in my mind along with the views of these birds returning to the water in the sunlight is a simple sign of community gatherings throughout a variety of degrees.

It's strange to think that simple signs are all around us daily. May we all occasionally notice these signs and allow them to energize and power us as we move forward and return to our normal routines following the brutal cold.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF SHERIDAN COUNTY,  
KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Mary Schamberger, Deceased

Case No.: 2021-PR-000008

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS  
TO ALL PERSONS  
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified  
that a petition dated February  
22, 2021, has been filed  
in this court by Raymond  
Schamberger, as executor of  
Mary Schamberger, deceased,  
praying for administration  
of said estate and for the  
appointment of Raymond  
Schamberger as executor of  
the estate.

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

You are hereby required to  
file your written defenses to  
the appointment of Raymond  
Schamberger as executor of  
the estate on or before **March  
22, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.** in this  
court in the city of Hoxie in  
Sheridan County, Kansas, at  
which time and place the cause  
will be heard. Should you fail  
therein, judgment and decree  
will be entered in due course  
upon the petition.

/s/ Raymond Schamberger  
Raymond Schamberger,  
Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
Steven W. Hirsch #12789  
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124 So Penn, PO Box 296  
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Attorney for Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
EARL MOSS, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-09

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated March 1, 2021, has been filed in this court by  
Opal Moss, as the executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Earl Moss, deceased,  
praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Opal Moss as executor of the estate.

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

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

/s/ Opal Moss  
Opal Moss, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
Steven W. Hirsch #12789  
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475-2296 Attorney for Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF SHERIDAN COUNTY,  
KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
MARK HILL, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-5

NOTICE OF HEARING  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS  
TO ALL PERSONS  
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that  
on February 17, 2021 a Petition  
was filed in this court by the  
undersigned.

The Petition states that the  
undersigned is an heir, devisee  
and legatee, Executor named in  
the Last Will and Testament of  
the decedent dated December  
26, 2019 and the Petition  
requests that the Will be  
admitted to probate and record;  
that Sueanne Hill be appointed  
as Executor and be granted  
Letters Testamentary without  
bond.

You are further advised that  
the Petitioner in this matter  
has requested administration  
pursuant to the Kansas  
Simplified Estates Act, and  
if such request is granted  
the court may not supervise  
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except for notice of final  
settlement of the decedent's  
estate. Should written  
objections to simplified  
administration be filed with  
the court, the court may order  
supervised administration to  
ensue.

You are required to file your  
written defenses thereto on or  
before March 19, 2021 at 9:00  
a.m. of said date, in this court  
in the city of Hoxie at which  
time and place the cause will  
be heard. Should you fail,  
judgment and decree will be  
entered in due course upon the  
Petition.

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

Sueanne Hill  
Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054  
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Lori Kay Winter  
January 2, 1965 - February 13, 2021



Lori Kay (Davis) Winter of  
Midland, Texas died in Dallas,  
TX, on February 13, 2021.  
Lori was born in Midland on  
January 2, 1965, as the youngest  
of four children of James Lee  
and Dorothy Louise Davis.

Lori Winter was most  
associated with Basin Aviation  
within the field of private air  
travel. Always interested in  
flight, she soloed on her 16th  
birthday on the way to her  
private pilots' license, one of  
several licenses she would obtain in her career. Lori started  
working at Basin at the age of 16 climbing to the Presidency.  
At Basin, she met the love of her life, Michael Winter, and they  
married in 1984. Together they took the world by the horns until  
Michael's sudden death at 47, but it was always Mike and Lori.

Lori continued to enjoy various interests in new home  
construction and renovation business, NASCAR, travel to  
tropical places especially Cabo San Lucas, and her beloved  
farm and home outside of the town of Mart, in Central Texas.  
Her dogs were always by her side. Those who knew Lori well  
recognized she lived life her way and according to her terms.  
Fiercely independent she never gave in or up...a true Texan.  
Lori was the favorite of her nieces and nephews. She  
opened her home to many people and a menagerie of  
animals; no one in need was ever turned away. Generous to  
her nephews and nieces and their children, and her close  
friends, Lori will be greatly missed. She is survived by her  
sister Sandra and her husband Jimmy Maddox of Dallas,  
her brother David and his wife Peggy Davis of Midland,  
sister-in-law Rhonda Davis of Midland and ten nieces and  
nephews. Agnes Winter, mother-in-law. Very special in  
her life were Brian and Jeffrey Maddox, two nephews and  
partners in the fun escapades and trying times in Lori's life.  
Always by her side were two furry kids, Maya and Cabo.

Lori was preceded in death by her husband Michael  
Winter, by her parents, Jimmy and Dorothy, brother Michael,  
and Joe Winter, father-in-law. Lori believed in the comfort of  
being reunited after death with these who passed before her.

Graveside service for family and friends was held in Mart,  
Texas, at the Mart Cemetery Sunday, February 21, 2021.  
Afterward, family received guests at the farmhouse at the  
end of CR147A out of Mart. Arrangements are under the  
direction of Sparkman-Hillcrest in Dallas. In lieu of flowers,  
the family requests memorials be made to the Mart ISD  
FFA (Future Farmers). Donations can be mailed to 1100  
JL Davis Ave., Mart, TX 76664 or made online through  
PayPal @Mart-isd or Venmo Mart-isd High-Elementary.

Commission Minutes  
2/23/2021

Now on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
February 2021, the Board of  
Commissioners, Sheridan  
County, Kansas met in regular  
session with Chairman Wes  
Bainter presiding. Others  
present were Joe Bainter,  
Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County  
Attorney and County Clerk  
Heather Bracht. Guests were  
Doyle Kauk, Carolyn Meyer,  
Leroy Reitcheck, and The  
Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the  
meeting to order.

The bid from Erwin  
Construction was opened  
to close off the small garage  
door on the north side of the  
Sheriff's Office. The bid was  
\$1,600. The Board will contact  
Sheriff Carver and see if this  
meets with his approval.

Bracht distributed the  
NWKS Planning and  
Development documents,  
as well as the invoice in the  
amount of \$5,096. This will be  
discussed later.

The mowing bids were  
opened and reviewed. The  
Board discussed, again, hiring  
"seasonal" employees to do  
the mowing and a mechanic to  
work on the equipment. Dustin  
Shaw and Tyler Baker both bid  
the same low bid of \$125 for  
Sections 5 and 6. Wes Bainter  
flipped a coin and Shaw won  
Section 5 and Baker Section  
6. Wes Bainter made a motion  
to accept the low bids as  
presented, seconded by Mader.  
Carried 2-1. Brad Gourley was  
low bid for Sections 1 and 2 at  
\$124, Leroy Reitcheck Section  
3 at \$124.50, Dustin Shaw  
Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 at  
\$125, and Tyler Baker Section 6  
at \$125.

Joe Herskowitz, Road &  
Bridge Supervisor, came to the  
table. Herskowitz had received  
information from KDOT that  
Sheridan County was receiving  
\$26,103.57 as part of a COVID  
relief package due to decrease  
in traffic. Herskowitz stated he  
terminated an employee last  
week.

Information had been  
distributed to the Board about  
NWLEPG. Joe Bainter made  
a motion to remain in this

organization, seconded by  
Mader. Carried 3-0

Wes Bainter made a motion  
to allow Selden to use the  
landfill free of charge during  
their city-wide cleanup. Joe  
Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

Joe Bainter made a motion  
to approve the February 16,  
2021 Minutes as amended. Wes  
Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

Wes Bainter contacted  
Sheriff Carver via the phone  
confirming he was ok with the  
bid from Erwin Construction.  
Carver stated yes, he was.  
Wes Bainter made a motion  
to accept the bid from Erwin  
Construction in the amount  
of \$1,600. Mader seconded the  
motion. Carried 3-0. Carver  
stated they will use the balance  
of the kitchen donation money  
to help pay for the cost.

At 9:06, Wes Bainter made a  
motion to enter in to executive  
session for a period of 10  
minutes for the discussion of  
non-elected personnel. Mader  
seconded. Carried 3-0. Present  
were the board, Bracht and  
Pratt. The door opened at 9:08.  
Approving the statement  
from NWKS Planning and  
Development was tabled until  
a representative is able to come  
and talk with the Board. Karl  
Pratt will also be invited to  
attend.

Wes Bainter made a motion  
to approve the warrants as  
presented. Mader seconded.  
Carried 3-0

The following warrants were  
approved:

General \$28,549.21  
Road & Bridge \$79,810.51  
Spec Tech \$320.00  
Eg11 \$1,583.62  
Sparks \$16,477.33  
Nox. Weed \$341.77  
Public Health \$1,791.56  
Publ. Trnsp. \$2,205.77

No further business, Wes  
Bainter made a motion to  
adjourn, seconded by Joe  
Bainter. Carried 3-0. The  
next regular meeting will be  
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 8:00  
in the courthouse foyer.

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

BOT Minutes  
1/25/2021

Sheridan County  
Health Complex  
Board of Trustees  
January 25, 2021

Michael Mullins called the  
meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Loretta Shaw

August 28, 1926 ~ February 26, 2021



Loretta Maxine (Eisenbise)  
Shaw left us on February 26,  
2021, to be reunited with Dean  
and Jesus Christ, her Lord and  
Savior. Loretta was born six  
miles south of Quinter, KS on  
the farm, August 28, 1926.

There on the farm, she grew  
up with her parents, Ethel and  
Byron, her brother, Marion,  
and sister, Geneva. They left  
the farm and traveled with By-  
ron for his work when the De-  
pression hit, and they weren't  
able to maintain life on the  
farm. During that time, they  
lived in many places in Kansas

and Oklahoma. At the end of the Depression, they returned  
to the area and lived in Grainfield. During her time living in  
Grainfield, she met a young fella named Dean who loved her  
from the first time he saw her. Loretta graduated high school  
in Grainfield in 1944. She and Dean started their 60 years of  
marriage on September 26, 1946. During the early years of  
their marriage, they lived in both Quinter and Grainfield but  
settled permanently in Grainfield in 1949.

Loretta asked for advice from her mom in the early years of  
marriage and Ethel's words stuck with Loretta her entire mar-  
ried life. "If your husband asks you if you want to go with him,  
you always go, or someday he may quit asking." Because this  
stuck with her, she and Dean took many trips together to pick  
up vehicles for the customers, attend Ford meetings, and go  
see family, and even just little cruises out to the farm ground  
to look around. Because of helping Dean pick up all kinds of  
vehicles all over the country, Loretta could drive just about  
anything with four or more wheels. In December of 1947 they  
welcomed their first child, Nancy. In September of 1951 Dona  
na was born and finally, Jim completed their family in 1961.

Loretta was dedicated to family. As her children grew up  
and got involved in activities, she was always there to support  
them. Over the years she drove a bus for field trips, sponsored  
and chaperoned youth group trips. When grandkids and  
great-grandkids came along, she did her best to never miss  
one of their special events. She was a great storyteller and  
loved to share her experiences and family stories over a cup  
of coffee or a glass of tea.

The United Methodist Church in Grainfield was her church  
home since 1958, and she sang in the choir as long as they  
were active. Loretta was also active with the women of the  
church, providing meals and whatever she could do to pitch  
in. She also was a part of the Do What You Want Club, a hobby  
social group that just enjoyed each other's company.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ethel and By-  
ron; husband Dean; brother Marion; sisters Vivian and Gene-  
va; daughter Donna; and other family and friends. Her legacy  
lives on through her daughter Nancy (Vick) of Wichita, KS;  
son Jim of Grainfield; son-in-law Rand Levy of Champion,  
NE; grandkids Cherise (Brock) Moore of Derby, KS, Lori  
(Dusty) Stutzman of Arnold, NE, Amber (Brian) Harvey of  
Wichita, and Carl (Julie) Levy of Champion, NE; great-grand-  
kids William Harvey, Deana Harvey, Aubree Stutzman, Alex-  
sis Stutzman, Abigail Stutzman, and Collins Levy; and many  
nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Schmitt Funeral  
Home, Quinter.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Grain-  
field United Methodist Church, Grainfield, with burial to fol-  
low at Baker Township Cemetery, Quinter. Masks and social  
distancing are recommended.

Memorials are suggested to Grainfield United Methodist  
Church or Alzheimer's Association. Donations to the organi-  
zations may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 901 S. Main St.  
Quinter, Kansas 67752.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting [www.schmittfuneral.com](http://www.schmittfuneral.com).

Members in attendance were  
Lucille Heim and Ken Eland;  
Leanna Sloan and Joy Bretz  
joined via zoom. Others in  
attendance were Michael  
O'Dell, Trisha Hageman, a  
PFAC representative, Justine  
Wade and Kevin Johnson  
joined by Zoom.

A motion was made to  
approve the agenda with one  
additional item. 5-0

**New Business**

The Groundbreaking  
photo was scheduled for  
today at 3pm, however due to  
inclement weather this will be  
rescheduled for a future date.

The CD at Peoples State Bank  
matures February 19, 2021.  
Mike reached out to all four  
banks regarding our bonds and  
getting an extension. A motion  
was made to sign a resolution  
to open an account at The  
Bank in Selden using the same  
signers and inquiry allowances  
as the existing banks. 5-0

The motion was made  
to approve the Financial  
Assistance Policy as presented.  
5-0

A motion was made to allow  
the transfer of funds in the  
amount of \$364,392.00 into  
the operating account to cover  
lost revenues and COVID  
expenditures. 5-0

SBA PPP is available again  
to some businesses. Staff at  
Equity Bank reached out to  
SBA and they confirmed that  
SCHC will not qualify due to  
our HHS revenues received.  
Long Term Care Surveyors  
were here all of last week.  
Carrie entered the meeting to  
provide an update.

The first quarter capital  
budget was reviewed. There are  
two items needing addressed  
in the first quarter. The first

is equipment for respiratory  
therapy. The second item is the  
pyxix machine.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
sent over the quality-based  
reimbursement report for the  
last quarter of 2020.

A motion was made to  
approve the reappointment  
of Ward Newcomb, MD to  
Consulting Staff. 5-0

**Old Business**  
Dr. Machen's contract came  
back from Forbes Law.

The Community Health  
Needs Assessment (CHNA)  
is due in June 2021. A motion  
was made to approve moving  
forward with VVV Consultants  
LLC for our Community Health  
Needs Assessment. 5-0

The building project updates  
were discussed. The acute wing  
remodel began the beginning  
of last week. The design for the  
LTC courtyard was reviewed  
by the Board. The LTC also  
recently changed out their  
aviary for a new aquarium.  
Carrie exited the meeting.

The Mahanna's 340B  
contract was noted to have a  
typo on the addendum.

**Department in-Service**  
A narrative from Teresa  
Poage was discussed for  
Quality and Risk Management;  
there were no questions or  
comments regarding the  
material.

Tim Lee provided an up to  
date report for the Maintenance  
Department that was reviewed  
with no questions or concerns.

Acute Nursing was  
presented by Trisha Hageman.  
Hazard pay was discussed. A  
motion was made to continue  
the hazard pay for the month  
of February. 4-0-1 Respiratory

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**SALE!** Cemetery Monuments & Markers  
2019-2020  
Prices (785) 672-3671 for more information.  
Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home PO Box 221, Oakley, KS 67748





Riddle Card

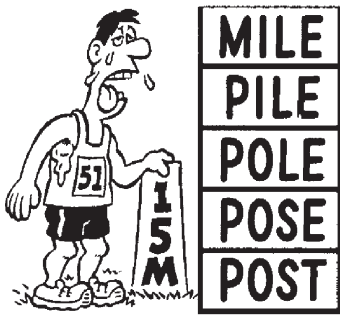
1. What did the big rose say to the little rose?
2. What has five eyes but cannot see?
3. What is the biggest jewel in the world?
4. What is the best name for a lady engineer?
5. Why are playing cards like wolves?



Answers: 1. Hiya, bud. 2. The "Mississippi River." 3. A base-ball diamond. 4. Bridge. 5. Because they come in packs.

Junior Whirl  
by Charles Barry Townsend

ARE YOU IN SHAPE FOR THIS PUZZLE?



Illustrated by David Coulson

You're a winner if you can finish this puzzle in under five minutes. In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MILE to POST in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. COWS to BARN
2. GALA to FETE
3. DARE to RISK
4. SINE to MATH
5. NAIL to BOLT

Answers: 1. COWS, CAWS, CAPS, BARS, BARN. 2. GALA, GALE, GATE, FATE, FETE. 3. DARE, RARE, RASE, RISE, RISK. 4. SINE, NINE, MITE, MATE, MATH. 5. NAIL, BAIL, BALL, BOLL, BOLT.

ODD MAN OUT!

To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?



1. GREYED
2. GEARBOX
3. DANGER
4. CARIBOU
5. RISKING

Answer: Danger. The other words all contain the name of some part of your body. (1. Eye. 2. Ear. 4. Rib. 5. Skin.)

**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DEPART." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

D	L	E	
E			E
		G	
		O	

Answers: (Across): Let, ere, age, pod. (Down): Leap, ergo, feed.

CryptoQuip

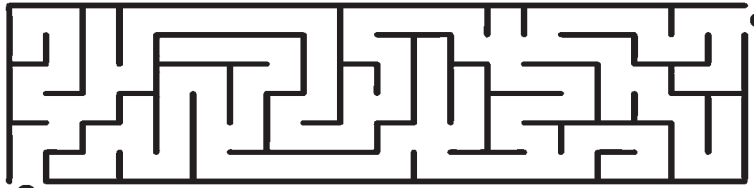
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals O

VS Y GVBAR GWQW BQYKWMVCN  
KWQZ SYEB, OL ZLD EDDFLEW ERW  
HVNRB JW LC Y ELCVA JQLLH?

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Kids' Maze



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**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

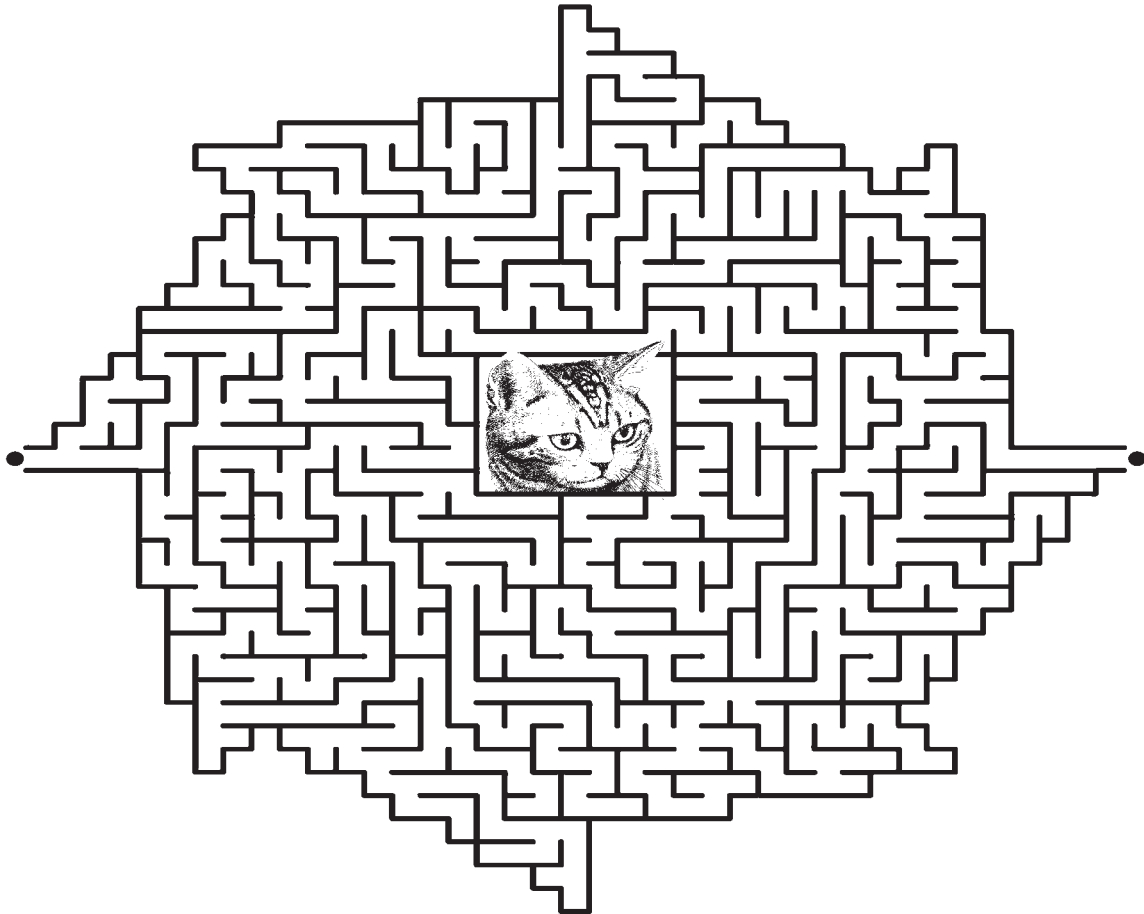
Nimble  
TAPED  
Creak  
ARGON  
Crate  
ASTECK  
Rebound  
BUNCOE

"Quick, Hopkins Maternity Hospital, and don't worry... I'm a \_\_\_\_\_ there."

TODAY'S WORD

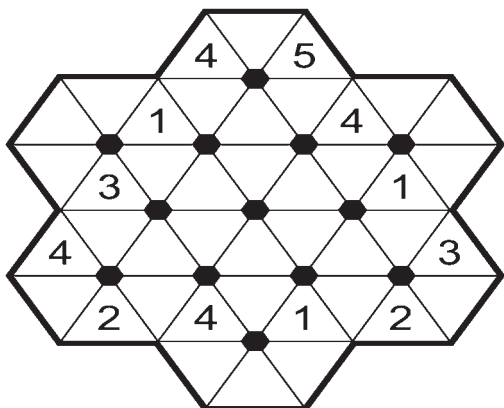
Mega Maze

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SNOWFLAKES  
by Japheth Light

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



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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆ Challenging  
◆ HOO BOY!

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - IT'S RAINING!

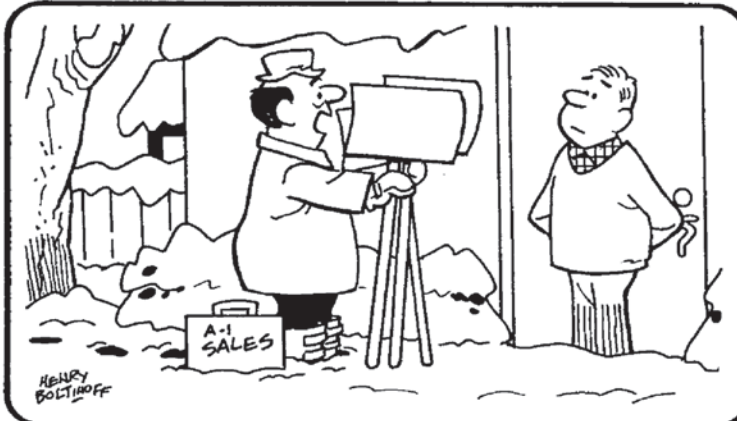
Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What kind of rain do you want at your birthday party?**

CLOUD	F	R	U	O	P	N	W	O	D	S
DAMP	O	L	T	S	I	M	D	P	A	H
DEW	R	I	A	L	L	E	R	B	M	U
DOWNPOUR	E	G	O	S	W	R	I	D	P	M
DRIZZLE	C	H	C	I	H	N	Z	E	O	I
DROP	A	T	N	L	K	F	Z	K	N	D
FLASH FLOOD	S	N	I	L	O	E	L	A	C	I
FOG	T	I	A	G	S	U	E	O	H	T
FORECAST	E	N	R	P	O	R	D	S	O	Y
GALOSHES	W	G	A	L	O	S	H	E	S	D
HUMIDITY										
LIGHTNING										
MIST										
PONCHO										
RAINCOAT										
SOAKED										
UMBRELLA										
WET										

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sweater has decoration. 2. Doorknob is missing. 3. Boots are taller. 4. One shovel is gone. 5. Fence is higher. 6. House is missing.

Super Crossword

STICKY SITUATIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Plates, e.g.
  - 6 "Star Wars" villain — the Hutt
  - 11 Longtime fashion mag
  - 16 "Got it!"
  - 19 Muslim god
  - 20 Has left the office, say
  - 21 Bilbao locale
  - 22 "Whether ... nobler ..."
  - 23 Sudden-death extra in a golf tournament
  - 25 Supermodel
  - 26 Hi-fi platters
  - 27 Cook gently
  - 28 Behave obsequiously
  - 31 Secretive U.S. org.
  - 32 Redding of song
  - 36 Opp. of horizontal
  - 37 Film preview
  - 38 Sort who's at hand whenever needed
  - 42 Part of a hunting outfit
  - 43 Lucy of "Kung Fu Panda"
  - 44 French painter Rosa
  - 45 Narcissists
  - 48 Bone: Prefix
  - 50 Insult, informally
  - 51 YWCA part
  - 54 Yule, briefly
  - 57 Small Viasec offering
  - 63 Domestic
  - 67 Explorer Ericson
  - 68 Glossy surface
  - 69 "As above," in a footnote
  - 70 Morning joe, maybe
  - 75 Tear to bits
  - 76 Gambols
  - 78 Inventory
  - 79 Board, as a ship
  - 81 One who's distraught with feelings
  - 86 1/16 ounce
  - 87 Perfectly
  - 88 "— aboard!"
  - 90 Baker's unit
  - 94 Pec-building exercises
  - 98 Tilling tools, to Brits
  - 101 King, in Caen
  - 102 Old Peruvian
  - 103 Connections making people feel close
  - 108 Big name in hygiene products
  - 111 "QED" part
  - 112 Beneficiary
  - 113 Certain PC readout
  - 114 Purplish fruit spread
  - 117 Male ducks
  - 120 — Lingus
  - 121 Rivulet
  - 122 What the last word of 23-, 28-, 38-, 57-, 70-, 81-, 103- or 114-Across is a synonym of
  - 126 Hang behind
  - 127 Giant in life insurance
  - 128 Televised
  - 129 "... and vice
  - 130 Hip-hop "Dr."
  - 131 Hide, as loot
  - 132 Old Russian dynasts
  - 133 German city
  - 7 Volcano stuff
  - 8 Startling cry
  - 9 Light source in a socket
  - 10 Had dinner at a friend's house, e.g.
  - 11 Note equivalent to 66-Down
  - 12 Not necessarily against
  - 13 Spoke
  - 14 In the — of (during)
  - 15 In readiness
  - 16 Map-filled references
  - 17 Most with it
  - 18 Alleges
  - 24 Ice-cream alternative, for short
  - 29 "Scream" director Craven
  - 30 Sitarist Shankar
  - 33 Weight unit
  - 34 With a sharp picture, briefly
  - 35 Shrek creator William
  - 38 "Gigli" co-star, familiarly
  - 39 Certain nuclear weapon, for short
  - 40 "Be silent!"
  - 41 Adolescent
  - 46 Country's econ. measure
  - 47 Suffix of medical conditions
  - 49 Free (from)
  - 51 Plump bird
  - 52 "— From Muskogee" (1969 hit)
  - 53 Annoys
  - 55 Circle part
  - 56 Ionian, e.g.
  - 58 Upper crust
  - 59 Purity of a color
  - 60 Razor-sharp
  - 61 Advanced
  - 62 Lead-in to skeleton
  - 63 Give a job to
  - 64 Former Laker Lamar
  - 65 Office letter
  - 66 Note equivalent to 11-Down
  - 71 Do a tax task
  - 72 J.D. Salinger title girl
  - 73 "— be my pleasure"
  - 74 Baby of a boomer
  - 77 In — (as first found)
  - 80 Big name in beer brewing
  - 82 "Alley —"
  - 83 Condé —
  - 84 Mall lure
  - 85 Spill clumsily
  - 89 Guitar's kin
  - 91 Con artists
  - 92 Abridge
  - 93 Took cover
  - 94 Patchy horse
  - 95 Vague
  - 96 Plague
  - 97 Fit as a fiddle
  - 98 Sound of falling hail
  - 99 F-J link
  - 100 One of two in "crocodile"
  - 104 Wading birds
  - 105 R&B singer
  - 106 — Badu
  - 108 — Mahal
  - 107 Accuses
  - 109 PLO head Mahmoud
  - 110 Birmless cap
  - 115 "The Godfather" score composer Nino
  - 116 Some med. scans
  - 118 All-night bash
  - 119 Comic Laurel
  - 123 Eon subunit
  - 124 Bonn article
  - 125 TSA requests

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**WORD AD RATES**  
\$4.25 - first 20 words  
\$0.15 - per word after  
Deadline Noon Tuesday.

**DISPLAY AD RATES**  
\$5.90 per column inch  
Deadline Noon Tuesday.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE: Corn-Fed Beef Quarters & Halves, Hamburger, Steaks.** Processed at American Butcher's. Will deliver. Call Jonny Jones 785-675-8920.

---21/TFN---

## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED: We are growing!** is accepting applications for full-time receptionist, Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30. Applicant must be self-driven, organized, able to multitask, and express excellent customer service skills. Experience with billing and insurance helpful, but willing to train the right candidate. We offer a great work environment: Sheridan County offers competitive wages, retirement, and health insurance. For information and an application, contact Renee Wagoner, Public Health RN/Administrator, 785-675-2101. Applications accepted until position is filled. **EOE**

---23/TFN---

**HELP WANTED: The Sheridan County Road & Bridge Department** is accepting applications for an equipment operator. Experience and CDL preferred. This is a full-time position. Applications may be picked up at the Road & Bridge Office,

Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Sheridan County offers competitive wages, retirement, and health insurance. For questions and to request an application by mail, contact Joe Herskowitz at 785-675-3621. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. **EOE**

---15/TFN---

**HELP WANTED: DSNWK** is hiring **Full-Time, Part-Time, and Substitute positions.** We have position openings for a **Licensed Practical Nurse, an Early Childhood Special Educator, and Norton substitutes!** Submit applications and see benefits at [www.dsnwk.org](http://www.dsnwk.org). Call 785-625-5678 for details.

---49/TFN---

**HELP WANTED: Hoxie Feedyard & PSI** are always interested in visiting with good people about a good job. We offer competitive pay and great benefits. Please call Scott Foote 785-386-4519.

---40/TFN---

## SERVICES


**SERVICES:** Stop by **Hoxie Implement** for your factory direct prices on heavy-duty commercial batteries; Baldwin filters for cars, trucks, tractors, combines, etc.

---40/TFN---




### Help Wanted

The Grinnell Locker Plant is looking for experienced meat cutters, and will train non-experienced. If you know of someone wanting to move back to small town - rural living, give us a call! Excellent wages, bonuses for good production, cafeteria plan, vacation and retirement plan. Work hours would be 8am - 6pm, Monday-Friday, and 8am-Noon Saturday. Please call us at 1-800-272-1411 for more information and an application.



### CONTRACTOR NEEDED

**USD 291 GRINNELL SCHOOLS** is soliciting bids for a contractor to assemble a greenhouse. The frame and materials to construct the greenhouse are located at Grinnell Middle School 402 S. Monroe Street. Those interested may call 785-824-3277 or email [elizabethr@usd291.com](mailto:elizabethr@usd291.com) for the greenhouse plans. Please contact Shelly Vincent if you have questions at 785-824-3277. Contractor will need to have a certificate of liability insurance. USD 291 reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids.



### Licensed Daycare Provider Needed

USD #291, Grinnell Public Schools is taking applications for a licensed daycare provider for the 2021-22 school year. The qualified individual would lease a room at the grade school for the daycare. Interested candidates need to contact Mr. Kraus, Superintendent or Elizabeth Rietcheck at 785-824-3277. Applications may be picked up at the Grinnell Middle School office. You may also email [elizabethr@usd291.com](mailto:elizabethr@usd291.com) for an application. Interested candidates please have your application to Elizabeth by March 15, 2021

### BOT Minutes

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therapy is hoping to kick off March 1.

#### Business Report

The regular Board Minutes from December 28, 2020 along with Special Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2021 and January 13, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 28, 2020, January 5, 2021 and January 13, 2021 as presented. 5-0

The financial statements were reviewed. Our auditing firm, BKD, will be onsite February 8.

The Bad Debts write-offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debts for December 2020 in the amount of \$6,580.67 for the clinic and \$8,623.06 for the hospital and pursue in small claims for those within Sheridan and surrounding counties. 5-0

A motion was made to approve the December Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,076,603.27. 5-0

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Grant submissions were discussed. Patterson Foundation awarded SCHC \$98,829 for Respiratory

Therapy Equipment.

The FQHC Report was given by Kevin. Kevin is working on increasing the advertising for 2021. The agenda for the FQHC BOT meeting was presented. The clinic has currently administered 252 Moderna doses. We are assisting Public Health with vaccinating the public.

Shelby Moss entered the meeting to give an employee update. The Interim HIM Director was discussed. A motion was made to outsource the coding and reach out to Rawlins County for RHIT/RHIA services. 5-0 A motion was made to approve the independent contract with Becky Vickers as presented. 5-0 An update on lab was given. Contracts for our two lab technicians were reviewed. A contract for an upcoming graduate and current employee was discussed. 5-0

The COVID Administration Time was discussed.

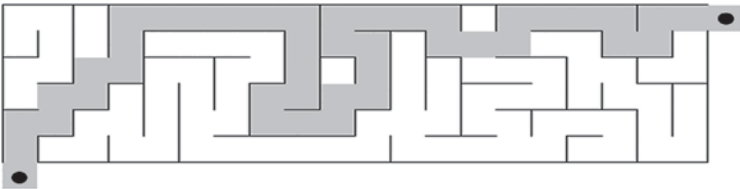
An updated version of the Organizational Chart was reviewed. A motion was made to accept the organizational chart as presented. 5-0

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021 at Hospital Family Room.

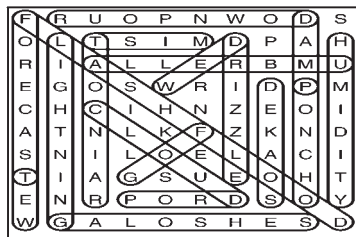
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:04pm. 5-0

## Fun Page Solutions

### Kids' Maze Solution



### Puzzles4Kids Answer



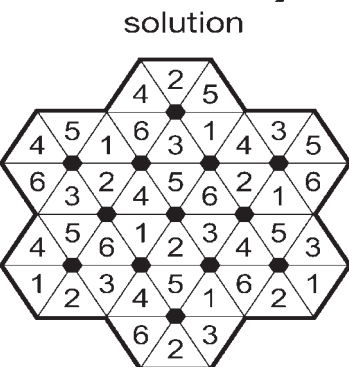
Riddle Answer:

Sprinkles.

### CryptoQuip answer

If a witch were traveling very fast, do you suppose she might be on a sonic broom?

### SNOWFLAKES solution



### SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Adept
2. Groan;
3. Casket;
4. Bounce

Today's Word

**DOCTOR**

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

9	4	8	2	1	5	7	6	3
3	5	1	4	6	7	8	2	9
6	2	7	9	8	3	1	5	4
5	7	9	1	2	4	3	8	6
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### Super Crossword

Answers

D	I	S	C	S	J	A	B	B	A	C	O	S	M	O	A	H	A
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J	O	H	N	N	Y	O	N	T	H	E	S	P	O	T	V	E	S
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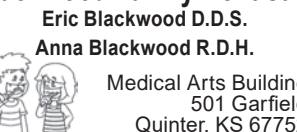


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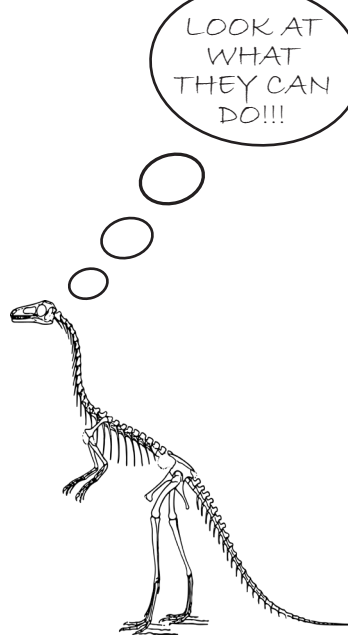
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