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## TAXPAYERS' REPORT

This week I find it necessary to correct some inaccurate information that we are hearing.

First of all, about the McGraw Church being moved into Hoxie. The church was moved into Hoxie and became part of the Sheridan County Historical Society and the Mickey Museum, which is all property of Sheridan County. This project DID NOT require any money from the Sheridan County Taxpayers. This project was funded privately.

Following is the list of my Commissioner checks and who I donated them to. You will notice that I have donated 18 checks to the Historical Society to enable them to pay for the new concrete foundation where the church is now located. Also, the Historical Society received some grant money from our Community Foundation. The concrete foundation cost was \$14,800, which the Historical Society has paid with these two donations.

The actual cost to the movers was \$20,000, to move the church to Hoxie and place on the foundation. This was paid from the McGraw Preservation Fund, which was the memorial monies we received from Gayle and Ruth Bainter, George and Carolyn Launchbaugh, John and Vivian Herrmann, Duane and Norma Tice, to name a few, but also money we received from a long list of people who had family and relatives from the McGraw area. It was the long-held hope of many that attended this church, and others remotely connected to this church by family and friends that the McGraw Church could be preserved for future generations.

Other costs include: Prairie Land Electric-\$600, which I personally paid; Midwest Energy-\$2,500, to be paid by the Historical Society through future donations. The demolition of the foundation and removal of the entryway out at the church site, getting the church loaded and ready to hit the road was also paid by myself, my sister Judy Gaumer, and my brother Warren Bainter. The entry way will soon be reconstructed by Bernie Koerperich and will also be paid for by my family.

This is a wonderful addition to the Mickey Museum, and I want to thank all the people who worked together to relocate this church to Hoxie. This is what a successful community looks like...people coming together to donate their time, efforts, resources, work, and MONEY for the betterment of our community.

Since I herein listed where and who received my Commissioner checks, I should also explain what other costs I receive as your Commissioner. Health insurance would cost Sheridan County at least \$2,000.00 per month for myself and family, which I DO NOT receive as I declined the medical insurance from Sheridan County because I don't think it is fair to the taxpayers. If you add up what this Commissioner costs Sheridan County, I receive \$613 every two weeks, which I always give to a worthy cause. If you add up what I could cost Sheridan County in medical insurance, it would be about \$96,000 during my 4-year term as Commissioner.

If you know of a worthy cause that could benefit from one of my Commissioner checks, please let me know and I'll try to help. This Commissioner works for NO personal benefit. I only became a Commissioner to serve the people of Sheridan County.

Please stay safe and healthy during this difficult time in trying to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Thanks for reading and GOD bless.

WES BANTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Wes Bainter Commissioner Checks			
Check	Check Date	Organization	Amount
1	1/25/19	Grade School	\$612.93
2	2/6/19	All Stars for Jesus	\$612.93
3	2/22/19	Hoxie CYO	\$612.93
4	3/8/19	Sheridan County Foundation Young Entrepreneur	\$612.93
5	3/22/19	Methodist Church Youth Group	\$612.93
6	4/5/19	City of Selden Rec Center	\$612.93
7	4/19/19	Sheridan County Benefit Walk	\$612.93
8	5/3/19	Hoxie Rec	\$612.93
9	5/17/19	Solomon Valley 4-H Club	\$612.93
10	5/31/19	Scouts	\$612.93
11	6/14/19	Sheridan County Amusement	\$612.93
12	6/28/19	Sheridan County 4-H Council	\$612.93
13	7/17/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
14	7/31/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
15	8/14/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
16	8/23/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
17	9/6/20	Historical Society	\$612.93
18	9/20/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
19	10/4/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
20	10/18/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
21	11/1/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
22	11/15/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
23	11/27/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
24	12/13/19	Historical Society	\$612.93
25	12/27/19	Historical Society	\$613.31
26	1/17/20	Historical Society	\$613.31
27	1/31/20	Historical Society	\$613.70
28	2/14/20	Historical Society	\$613.70
29	2/28/20	Historical Society	\$613.70
30	3/13/20	Historical Society	\$613.70
Total:			\$18,391.74



The McGraw Church newly set on the foundation at its new location at the Sheridan County Historical Society and Mickey Museum property. (Sentinel Staff photo)



## Recognizing Hoxie's Physicians for National Physician's Day



Dr. Victor Nemecek, MD  
Family Medicine  
Hoxie Medical Clinic



Dr. Kelly Gabel, DO  
Osteopathy  
& General Surgeon  
Colby, KS



Dr. Dallas Walz, MD  
Family Medicine  
at Hoxie Medical Clinic  
(September 2020)



Dr. Richard Markiewicz, MD  
Cardiologist  
& Endovascular Specialist  
North Platte, NE



Dr. Michael Machen, MD  
Family Medicine  
at Bluestem &  
Hoxie Medical Clinic



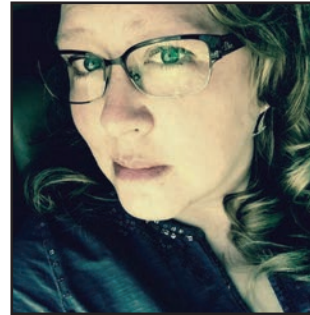
Dr. Rachel McArthur,  
Au-D, F-AAA  
Audiologist  
Burlington, CO



Dr. Dusty Christensen,  
DPM, MHA  
Podiatrist at Great Plains  
Foot & Ankle Specialists  
North Platte, NE



Dr. Charles Schultz, MD  
Surgeon at HaysMed



Dr. Jill Stewart, MD  
Family Medicine  
Hoxie Medical Clinic



## USD #412 Weekly Updates



Lacy Dillehay, Donata Zahn, Nancy Colson, and Tammy Schamberger prepare lunches for pick-up each morning for the students. (HHS photo)



Cody Eller picks up lunch from Darla Zerr, Hannah Franklin, and Shayla Tremblay. (HHS photo)

### Beginning March 30 Free Breakfast and Lunch for all Students ages 1-18

- Grab-and-Go meals served Monday through Friday. Just pull up and grab a meal.
- Pick-up location will be at the north side of the high school by the lunchroom freezer.
- Breakfast times will be 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
- Lunch time 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- The more students the better!

## Harshberger ~ Meyer Engagement Announced



Kenneth and Lisa Harshberger of Meade, KS are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebekah Harshberger to Zachary Meyer. Zachary is the son of Tony and Carolyn Meyer of Hoxie, KS.

Grandmothers of the bride-to-be are Barbara Norton of Mead and Margaret Douglas of Minneola.

Rebekah graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University and is currently teaching preschool at Cimarron Elementary School. Zachary graduated from Fort Hays State University and NCK Tech. He is currently employed as an electrician at Meyer Electric in Hoxie.

The couple plan to be married June 6, 2020 in Meade, KS and look forward to making their home in Hoxie.

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### Words of Faith

*No one is useless  
in this world  
who lightens  
the burdens  
of another.*

~ Charles Dickens

### Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Mar. 31

Wheat	4.28
Corn	2.97
Milo	2.79
Beans	7.73

### Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
3/22	56	34	--
3/23	66	39	--
3/24	74	44	--
3/25	80	38	--
3/26	n/a	n/a	--
3/27	n/a	n/a	--
3/28	n/a	n/a	.53"

office available by phone  
785-675-3353 ext 3

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### Words of Wisdom

*Other things may  
change,  
but we start  
and end with  
Family.*



# Community News

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

After much thought and discussion, due to concerns regarding the Corona virus, Jennings has decided to cancel the upcoming blood drive scheduled for April 10, 2020. The Jennings community has always been supportive of the blood drives. But, in an effort to avoid bringing the virus to our community, we have decided it is prudent for an aged community such as ours, to cancel this drive. There are blood drives being held in the Hoxie and Selden and Oberlin communities very soon. All donors who would be willing to donate are urged to contact those sites.

I want to thank the thoughtful people who call and ask if I need anything when they are going to the grocery store. Stay home and stay safe.

## Think Outside the Box ~ Isolation Activity Ideas

### Have Scavenger Hunts:

Backyard & Nature  
5 Senses  
Spring  
Rainbows of Color  
Find It in a Book  
These and many more fun ideas can be found at [www.PrimaryPlayground.net](http://www.PrimaryPlayground.net)

### Fun Ag Related Activities and Lessons from the Ag Foundation

Free at Home Educational Activities About Agriculture  
Kids are at home and need fun activities that are also educational. We're making it easy for parents to keep your kids learning during this difficult time. Share with a parent or teacher you know and check back each week for more! (Want a weekly reminder? Sign up for our email above to get the most up-to-date FREE resources for you and your kids.)

Looking for more at home lessons for K-12? Search online [Ag Lit Catalog](http://AgLitCatalog.com).

### Fun Things to Do Alone or With Family

- Complete a puzzle, the more pieces the better!
- Dust off that old instrument and practice.
- Start journaling, write poetry, a book, a story, a

blog, whatever you want.

- Download Duolingo, or a similar app, and learn a foreign language.
- Treat yourself to a 10-step skin care routine you don't normally have time for.
- Clear out your closets and dressers - throw out the never-more-worn!
- Watch old movies.
- Binge watch a few tv series.
- Use Skype, FaceTime, Google Hangouts or Marco Polo to video chat with your long-distance friends.
- Try out at-home aerobics or yoga videos.
- Download a fitness app with workout playlists.
- Download game apps that actually stimulate the brain and require skill.
- Find a Pinterest project...see if you can Pinterest Win or Pinterest Fail!
- Play board games.
- Go for a walk and get some fresh air!
- Start seeds for a garden.
- Research native Kansas plants.

And sooo many more things! Think outside the box - literally - and enjoy this family home-time together!

## Smoky Hills PBS Airs Weekly At-Home Learning Schedule

In response to area school closings due to the coronavirus, Smoky Hills PBS will begin broadcasting an "At-Home Learning" schedule in support of families, educators, and students. This weekly daytime schedule will begin airing on Monday, March 30th on Smoky Hills PBS.

"Our viewers may see some programming changes in our daytime children's educational programs due to Kansas school buildings being closed," said Larry Calvery, Smoky Hills PBS general manager. "With students at home, we know it's a trying time for teachers, parents, and caregivers to keep everyone learning so we are very excited to be able to provide educational programming for ALL ages of children in central and western Kansas. Education is at the heart of our mission, and we're here to serve

Kansans during this crucial time."

Smoky Hills PBS' mission is to provide learning opportunities for every child, especially those at risk, whenever and wherever they access media. Smoky Hills PBS will dedicate specific blocks of airtime for pre-K through 12th grade as follows:

7:30 am-Pre-K-2nd  
9:00 am-Grades 3rd-5th  
11:00 am-Grades 6th-8th  
1:00 pm-Grades 9th-12th

A weekly "At-Home Learning" schedule of programs and past episodes are available at [www.SmokyHillsPBS.org](http://www.SmokyHillsPBS.org). The Smoky Hills PBS Kids 24/7 channel will remain the same with PBS KIDS favorites for our youngest viewers. You can livestream this channel at [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org) or access it on the PBS Video app available to download for FREE, wherever you watch!

## Area Calendar

UNTIL COVID-19 (Coronavirus) RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES.

## Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

Sheridan County Courthouse

Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Attendance Restricted

9am Joe Pratt, County Attorney

9:15am Old Business

9:30am Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge

## The Sheridan Sentinel

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## CLOSED

for

Good Friday

Friday, April 10

Courthouse \* Public Health Office  
Road & Bridge Department \* Landfill

### EMERGENCY - 911

SHERIFF'S DEPT.  
785-675-3481

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

EMS  
785-675-3364

EMERGENCY MGMT.  
785-386-8051

COUNTY CLERK  
785-675-3361

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.  
785-675-3621

PUBLIC LIBRARY  
785-675-3102

## Bainter Chiropractic



Dr. Raquelle Bainter

Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00

Thursday 2:00 - 5:30

Saturday by Appointment  
800 Main St., Hoxie  
785-677-3077

### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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

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

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

Closed for Lunch 12:30-1

WIC Clinic  
M-Th 9-4:30

Preserving the written history of Sheridan County and surrounding areas.

## KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM

(a non-profit 501(c)3 company)

716 Main Street  
Hoxie, KS 67740  
785-677-3994



## RESTAURANT

744 Main Street, Hoxie  
785-675-3302

Curbside ~ To-Go ~ Take Out ~ Delivery

In light of everything going on, there is NO Dine-In. However, we want to assist you, the consumer, as much as possible.

JD's will be offering:  
Home Delivery  
Curbside Service  
Orders To-Go  
Take-Out Options

Get a 5% discount on your order if you choose to carry out!

Call us for more information or to place your order.

Let's help do our part to keep everyone out of harm's way and keep our loved ones safe!  
Hopefully this too shall pass in a timely manner.  
Stay healthy!

## THANK YOU!

The members of the Hoxie Masonic Lodge #348 would like to thank all of you who purchased tickets for the 1968 Camaro. Unfortunately, a gentleman from Lewis, KS was the luck one!

## \$2,500 REWARD

For information leading to the discovery or recovery of two wedding ring sets.

Call Larry Cressler 785-675-8354

It's the perfect crop to promote 'social distancing'.



## Business & Organization Updates

RE: COVID-19 Precautionary Actions

### SCHC

Selden Clinic - Closed  
LTC - Closed  
Hoxie Clinic & ER,  
Call Before Coming In  
785- 675-3018

### SC Courthouse

All Offices Closed to the Public  
Clerk 785- 675-3361  
Treas. 785- 675-3622  
Dist. Court 785- 675-3451

### City of Hoxie

Office & Shop Closed Temp.  
Payments - Use Dropbox  
785- 675-3291

### SC Library

Closed to the Public through  
Wednesday, April 8.  
Curbside pickup of any items  
available in library.  
785-675-3102

### HAMA

Volunteers to Run Errands,  
Food Delivery, Prayer Services

### JD's

5% Off Curbside Pick-up  
or Take Out.  
785-675-3302

### Elephant Bistro & Bar

11am-8pm  
Take Out, Curbside, Delivery  
within Hoxie limits.  
785- 677-3977

### Hoxie Elks Lodge

Carry-out Only  
785- 675-3161

### Equity Bank

Normal Hours -Call for App't or  
use dropbox  
785-675-3261

### Peoples State Bank

Lobby - Closed  
Drive-up - Open  
New Acc'ts & Loan Customers  
by appointment.  
785-675-2224

The Sheridan Sentinel  
will be open for your news and  
updates.

Hello! If you are self-isolating, we can help!

My name is .....

I live locally at .....

My phone number is .....

If you are self-isolating due to Covid-19, we can help you with....

- ☐ picking up shopping ☐ posting mail  
☐ a friendly phone call ☐ urgent supplies

Just call me and I will do my best to help you (for free of course!)  
Coronavirus is contagious. We are taking care to only sharing kindness, avoiding personal contact within 3m and washing sanitising as much as possible. We will leave anything you require on your doorstep. We are here for you!



If you need assistance, contact:  
Carl Dumler (785-657-7515) or Jake Schadel (620-381-4721)



# Community & SCHC News



## Mealsite Menu

**April 6 ~ April 10**

**Monday:** Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy, Italian Blend Vegetables, Bread, Emerald Pears

**Tuesday:** Goulash, Coleslaw, Bread, Peaches

**Wednesday:** Pulled Pork, Tater Tots or Triangles, Green Beans, Bun, Pineapple

**Thursday:** Liver & Onions in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Apricots

**Friday:** Baked Fish, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Strawberries & Bananas

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



News from the Outside with John Liester

Hi Everyone! Are you crazy yet? Tired of all this doom and gloom? Go fishing! The fish are biting and getting exercise outside is highly recommended! We were at the lake Sunday evening and had a great time. Caught a few fish, had a cookout, and got to watch the wildlife. This sure is the time of year to watch waterfowl! The males are all in courtship plumage and are so colorful. Geese are already starting to nest so don't get too close. They can get mean in a hurry! And they don't mind chasing for a long way either!

for service.

Nex-Tech would also like to assure its customers that its network is strong and ready for increased usage. Said Dustin Schlaefli, Director of Customer Engagement, "Our network was built to scale. While we have observed increased usage during the day, we can easily absorb significantly more. Our network was designed with the future in mind - telemedicine, telecommuting, remote education, 4K streaming

Speaking of the lake, we all know everyone is getting grumbly, but please keep the noise down so others across the lake don't have to hear. Especially every foul word ever invented! Some folks must think it's a contest to see who can curse the most. Ugh.

Fishing at area lakes is really picking up. I'm seeing good catches of walleye, crappie, white bass, and catfish. I tried out a new catfish rig and I do like it! It's so off-the-wall that people will laugh, but the results are awesome! I'm watching the area lakes to see crappie moving shallow, then it's fun time! I haven't fished for crappie in years. It's time to get some for the freezer and the tummy!

Is everyone ok? With all the insanity going on I worry about our town here. Here's a thought that ran through my head. If this virus caused diarrhea, what would people be hoarding? Tennis balls? Probably cough syrup. Think about it, would you want to have a coughing fit during that? It just amazes me that folks are still hoarding toilet paper. Now they've resorted to stealing it from public restrooms!! Good gravy folks, really? Stealing Duke brand toilet paper. Duke brand, it's

rough, tough, and won't take crap off of anyone. Get yours today!

The Democrats are still unbelievable. Pelosi of all people is blaming Trump for how long it's taking to deal with the virus. You know, the creature that tried to hijack the stimulus package for her special interest groups that had absolutely nothing to do with the virus response, and still wanting to give herself a raise, even though she lives in a mansion and is worth millions. She actually claimed that it would only help the working class. Funny thing is that's exactly how it's supposed to work. Not to prop up your freeloading junkies in California. And, of course, good old sleepy Joe Biden. Quote "People are going to die who have never died before." Yes folks, this joker wants to be president!! But Democrats will vote for him, so they don't have to work hard or actually fend for themselves. Socialism is basically giving up, saying you just can't care for yourself. I call that being a lazy jack wagon.

I posted a joke on Facebook about the illegals, and of all people, an atheist told me it wasn't very Christian-like. Funny thing is a true

Christian will do everything possible to live by the law; and yes, I will tell jokes about them, and anyone or everyone else that's not trying to better themselves and be of value. Let's face it folks, if you come to this country looking for a free ride or try to change it into the crap hole you left, you deserve to be made fun of. Here's the deal. My dad taught me that a joke is a joke. He didn't hate anyone yet told the most off-colored jokes ever. I feel I'm the same way, and just don't care much what others think. All of my life, every time I worried about what others thought of me, I got crapped on and put down. The jerks from high school know who they are.

Now that that rant is over all I can say is don't socialize, stay six feet apart, wash your hands, and as always, enjoy the outside. Until next time.

## Western Co-op Electric Temporary Office Closing

**Effective Immediately** at Western Cooperative Electric, our goal is to keep our members, the public, and our employees safe. To help contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Western Cooperative Electric is closing the WaKeeney business office at 635 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street to walk-in traffic through May 1, 2020, or until the threat of the virus is diminished.

During this period, we are still available by phone at 785-743-5561 during regular business hours to make payments or payment arrangements, start/stop service, report outages, request service, and answer questions.

Payments can be made by phone 24/7, mailed, placed in our drop box (no cash), or paid online with eBiz at [www.westerncoop.com](http://www.westerncoop.com). Cash may be converted to a money order at the Post Office and mailed or placed in our drop box.

COVID-19 is not expected to have a significant effect on Western's operations or the reliability of power.

Updates are available online at [www.westerncoop.com](http://www.westerncoop.com) and [www.facebook.com/westerncoopelectric](http://www.facebook.com/westerncoopelectric).

## Farm Credit of Western Kansas Business Operations Change Due to Covid-19

We continue to conduct business to meet the needs of our customers, however, our office lobby is now closed as we seek to comply with the Governor's Stay-At-Home order. A minimum number of staff will be taking care of critical services in the office and others will be working from home. We have a drop box for payments and documents at the end of the sidewalk just North of the building. A slot for wide documents is on the back side of the pedestal. Voice, email, and electronic communications are welcome alternatives to office visits. If you call our office number at 785-462-6714 or 800-657-6048, we will redirect your call to those working at home.

## Area Churches

Christ Community Church  
454 W Hwy 24  
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church  
1000 Valley  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ  
1541 Oak  
Hoxie

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1400 Locust St  
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship  
454 Hwy 24  
Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
14988 E Rd 70 S  
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
202 S Missouri  
Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church  
924 17th  
Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church  
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church  
Seguin

## Nex-Tech Announces Continuous Learning Initiative

In response to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on area schools and understanding that Internet connectivity is critically important to the success of students, Nex-Tech is announcing its Continuous Learning Initiative. Schools districts have been gathering data to confirm the impact of student households that don't currently have internet service and have shared these addresses with Nex-Tech for verification of eligibility. Nex-Tech will begin providing service to eligible locations effective March 30, 2020.

Area schools will distribute additional information from Nex-Tech to eligible families regarding the steps to sign-up

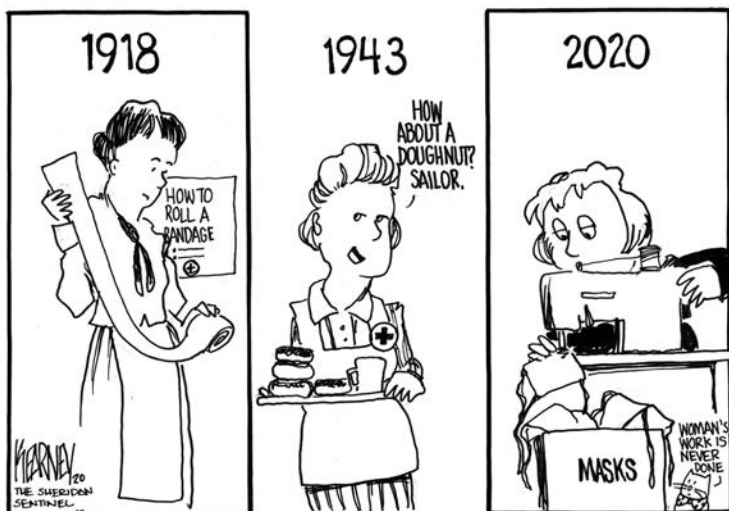
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**HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC**

Dr. Victor Nemechek \* Dr. Michael Machen \* Dr. Jill Stewart  
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Chris Hansen, PA \* Bhavini Gopaldas, PA-C  
Jodi Dumler, LCSW \* Taylor Bainter, LMSW  
Community Resources: Peggy Ritter

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Walk-Ins:** Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Call for Appointment: 785-675-3018**

**Selden Community Clinic**

**Hours:**

Monday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Call for Appointment: 785-386-4380**



**SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX**

**PHYSICAL THERAPY:**

Direct Access to PT  
Speech & Occupational Therapy  
Women's Health/Pelvic Floor Rehab

**CARDIOLOGY \* LABORATORY \*  
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AUDIOLOGY \* PAIN MANAGEMENT  
INJECTIONS \* HEALTH COACH**

**RADIOLOGY:**

X-Ray \* CT Scan \* MRI  
Ultrasound \* 3D Mammography  
Bone Density (DEXA) \* Nuclear Medicine

**Call for Appointment: 785-675-3281**

**Don't Have Insurance? We Can Help!**

*Hoxie Medical Clinic now employs a Case Manager and Navigator to assist with insurance enrollment on the healthcare marketplace, other needed services, and we also accept VA Choice. Free mammograms and Pap tests are available to women with no insurance.*

**What do you do when you want to see a Doctor but are trying to keep a "social distance"?**

*Call the Hoxie Medical Clinic at 785-675-3018 and ask about our telehealth options.*

**Video visits available right from your phone, tablet or computer!**



**HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC**

For the protection of our patients and staff, Sheridan County Health Complex has enacted a **NO VISITOR** policy across our facility, effective immediately, with the exception of patients under the age of 18 years old. Pediatric patients must have a parent/guardian with them at all times. That person must be free of any respiratory systems and will not be allowed to move throughout the facility, they must remain in the patient's room at all times. The Emergency department doors will remain open. Other access points will be locked. All exits will be accessible. Patients will be screened by staff on-hand at entrances.



# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

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**The Hoxie Democrat**  
**Friday, April 2, 1886**

W. A. Shellabrger has commenced his two story building in Hoxie.

H. Flessner made some valuable improvements in this office this week.

E. P. Jay wants a reduction on stamps, because of low prices in lumber.

W. A. Brace was in town yesterday, and reports his stock as all right.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moser, of Hoxie, were visiting in Kenneth this week.

J. Jones lost about one hundred fifty head of sheep in the last storm.

House moving is not the order of the day, and everyone ready to go.

Wild ducks are very plentiful on the streams in the south part of the county.

A watch maker will occupy one of the front windows in John Winkelman's store when he moves to Hoxie.

A Massingill, of Ill., has arrived and taken up his residence on his claim North-west of Hoxie, and will stay and help improve the country.

The Kenneth well company have dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by the Hoxie town company at the old stand.

A slight fire broke out at the residence of G. W. Duncan, Wednesday Morning, the roof catching from the stove-pipe, fortunately it was discovered before it had gained any headway.

A. D. Urquhart went to Grainfield yesterday to meet his son John who arrived today with his family and will try to build up a home for himself in Sheridan county. This is Jon's second trial in Sheridan county and we hope the elements will be more kind to him this time than they were before.

B. F. Miller returned last Thursday from a trip to Phillips county.

Charles Wolf will open an agricultural store in Buffalo Park immediately.

As a Quattette, Cowser, Scott, Jay and Morris are hard to beat.

The Twins, report says, laid out the addition to Hoxie yesterday.

Isaac Ziegler will drive the mail for G. W. Duncan, for a while and see how he likes it.

Wm. Gesford is building an office in Hoxie 16x30 ft. which he will occupy as a land and loan office.

J. A. Davis, who is assisting E. P. Jay in Howell Bro's lumber yard, had the misfortune to loose \$10 between Kenneth and Hoxie last Friday.

E. L. Gregg has become a full fledged citizen of Hoxie, having moved his blacksmith shop down last Friday and will build an addition to it in the shape of a nice new front.

Jas. Hartford arrived Saturday from Oberlin and will immediately commence the erection of a building to be occupied as a harness shop, he intends building a large commodious building and putting in a fine stock of Harness and Saddles.

And still the boom continues so many people coming to Hoxie the stage lines can not haul them. Last Tuesday night the Lenora stage had so many passengers they sprung an ax and the passengers took turns in walking.

The new towns are not springing up as fast as they were a few weeks ago. We rather think that the people want one good town, and are all going to support Hoxie and make it a good town.

**125 Years Ago**  
**April 4, 1895**

Pearl Toothacre is back from Bogue, and is putting in a large crop on his fathers farm east of town.

Mrs. M. G. Shafer is visiting with her parents at McGraw, this week.

John Maxwell and E. H. Lupton are assisting Judge Hedge to examine Treasurer Deckers books.

John Forster brought his wife to town Thursday evening and sent her east on Friday morning's train to visit relatives.

After repairing all the broken farm machinery that could be

found in Sheridan township, Alva Freeman returned from Selden yesterday.

J. W. McHenry, of Little Rock, Ark., and Wm. Owens, of Boone, Iowa, are registered at the Palmer House. These gentlemen are buying cattle, or trying to buy at least.

Little Tom Pratt had occasion to come to the county seat Saturday. While here he told a very pleasant meeting of the citizens of the neighborhood at Dan Hedge's on the Sunday before.

The barber at WaKeeney offers to take eggs in exchange for work but that doesn't make it any easier on brothers Givler and Crooks, of the World, unless they can get some hens on subscription.

Hans Christensen, that straight forward republican of Solomon township, was in the city one day last week, but failed to comply with all the rules and regulations - he did not register at headquarters. Hans you must not let such a thing happen again.

Fred Burr, who went from here to Jewell county where he has rented a farm, about two months ago, writes his sister, Mrs. John Thompson that he met with quite a loss by fire last week. His barn, one team and all of his harness was consumed. The loss falls heavily on Fred as he is a young man, just starting out for himself, however, he is a rustler and will make a winning yet.

R. M. Herron left Monday for Houston Texas, it is said to engage in the real estate business.

We are glad to report that the Hoxie Sunday School is progressing in fine shape and that new interest is being developed each Sunday.

Many are inclined to censure County Treasurer Decker, for paying jury fees before they were allowed by the board of county commissioners, but we think they are wrong in their censure. Mr. Decker, during his whole time in office has simply followed after the pattern set by his predecessors, consequently he is no more deserving of censure than officers before him.

**Guy Items**

Mrs. Frank Houseworth has been on the sick list.

F. M. Ewers and family have moved into the Perkins house.

The Key boys are rooming with Jim Fields in the Grant house and are breaking prairie.

**Reporter**

**Buffalo Park Items**

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place is gaining ground with a new addition of members.

A party of young folks gathered at the residence of J. B. McClanahans and enjoyed a very pleasant time last Saturday evening.

School closed last Friday after a successful term of seven months taught by Prof. John Norton. He was well liked by his pupils.

**Pill**

**Lucerne Items**

M. Stuart has 300 acres of spring wheat sowed.

W. Coffee has moved back to his father-in-law B. Cooper's and will farm the place this summer.

Elias Taylor, wife and youngest son were seen going southwest Sunday. Drifting with the wind as it were.

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**100 Years Ago**  
**April 1, 1920**

**Shooting Affair Near Rexford**

One Man Loses Life in an Altercation Over Some Feed

Just over the edge in the southeast part of Rawlins county the first of last week occurred a tragedy not often staged in a small rural community when, it is alleged, a man by the name of Durham shot his neighbor, Bruce Stradley, twice with a .32 caliber revolver, both bullets striking vital parts of the unfortunate man's body, which in a few hours caused his death.

The quarrel began over the division of some feed and the amount involved in the controversy was only a few dollars according to fairly confirmed reports and it seems too bad that a life had to be sacrificed over so insignificant

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¶ I give my personal attention to all testing and guarantee satisfaction. I buy hides and furs in season. The door is always open. Drop in when in town.

Yours for better service,

**Vance Cream Station**

Ads from *The Hoxie Sentinel* for The Crum Mill & Elevator Company from 100 years ago. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

a sum.

Mr. Durham is now in hands of the sheriff of Rawlins county and will no doubt be given a speedy hearing to ascertain whether or not he was justified in committing this set.

**Local News**

Ed Patterson, one of the old-time boys of the Rexford vicinity, was attending to business matters in the county hub Monday.

Several local republicans in addition to the delegates attended the state convention at Salina this week.

A clever farce and good music FREE at the Senior Box Supper Saturday night, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30.

County Attorney Clark was called away last week to attend the funeral of one of his brothers. He has the sympathy of all his numerous friends in his bereavement.

H. A. Teach is a new subscriber to this moral guide. Mr. Teach is busily engaged in improving a farm which he recently purchased in Saline township.

Oscar Hansen, the Studley carpenter, was mingling with his many Hoxie friends last Saturday. Oscar says he has been busy all winter and spring taking care of the building business in his territory.

Len Teel, of Rexford, while in town last Friday called around to look over our new quarters. Len is one of the hustling farmers up his way and always keeps a cheery face regardless of weather conditions.

Mrs. E. G. Currier gave a party at her home last Tuesday evening in honor of her son, Howard's ninth birthday. About twenty little guests were present. Delightful refreshments were served. All report a merry time.

Charley Johnson closed a very successful term of school in the Davidson district last Friday. Charley wielded the birch before joining the army and when he returned home last summer the temptation to again join the teaching ranks was too great for him, so he again volunteered his services in helping out his country.

**Bow Creek**

By The Twins

Harry Bloomfield is working for Walter Lewis.

Blanche Gilmore and Alice Mowry have been attending the Chicago school.

Mr. Ponath has been quite sick the past week.

**West Bow Creek**

By Sunshine

T. E. Kiem's sale was well attended. He was more than pleased the way things sold.

Seth Williams is working for Walt Lewis while the latter is assessing.

Mrs. George Fairchild and sister, Miss Ream, were callers at the C. H. Davis home Monday.

**75 Years Ago**  
**March 29, 1945**

**Masonic Meeting Here**

Nearly fifty men attended the turkey dinner at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening. This Masonic meeting was the official meeting of the District Deputy Grandmaster, Sancer Amack of Selden.

The piece de resistance, turkey was given by some of the lodge members especially for the occasion. After the six o'clock dinner the men retired to the Masonic Hall where they attended to their official business. There were visitors at the dinner and meeting from Selden, Morland, Grainfield, Colby, Hill City and Lenora.

**Prairie Fire**

The Fire Whistle rang Tuesday afternoon. Help was wanted to put out a prairie fire southwest of town. The wind was extra strong between two and four o'clock coming from the northwest. The fire started about six miles north of Jim Pratt's home. A great portion of his pasture feed and corrals were burned. The house was saved by valiant work. The fire continued on south for a way. We are sorry that this loss in pasture and feed had to be, and are glad the home was saved.

**Socials**

The Cultus Club met Tuesday with Mrs. Howard Briery. Roll call was responded to with an answer to "Shall India Be Given Her Independence?" Mrs. Ad Smith presented a paper on new Frontiers in India. This was from the viewpoint of the present and future political aspects.

The Jay Weavers were Sunday dinner guests of the Floyd Hunters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mickey and Mrs. Lipton had guests with them for dinner on Sunday. J. H. Bradbury and Nick Wagoner were the special guests. Mrs. Vernon Mickey, Ann and John, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leopold and David completed the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, Darlene and Charles had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Miller.

**Midway Items**

Club met with Mrs. Bruce Duncanson Thursday, March 15 for an afternoon meeting. Roll call was answered with eight members present. There were two visitors, Mrs. Keith Bell and Mrs. S. Schaffer. There were no reading of the minutes as our secretary was unable to be there.

There was a review lesson given on first aid. Mrs. Claude Adams stated many interesting facts about the state of Kansas.

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. J. G. May April 5. We will have an April fool exchange at this meeting.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

New Furniture arriving every week. We read in the Progressive Farmer that the latest thing in mens clothing is women.

Just about time to plant your garden and be sure and get the Bulk seed at Mickeys.

The nice old lady smiled at the little girl who had been left in charge of the cake shop.

"Don't you sometimes feel tempted to eat one of the cream puffs, my dear?" she said.

The little girl was quite shocked. "Of course not. That would be stealing. I only lick them."

**Kenneth Homemakers**

Mrs. Frank Martin was hostess to the Kenneth Homemakers on Mar. 23. Seven members were present. Mrs. Fern Hedge acted as President in the absence of Mrs. Bert Shafer. Roll call was answered by giving a suggestion on what to do in Mar. in regard to garden work.

The lesson was given by Mrs. Awsten's from Manhattan on Feb. 13 was on garden vegetable varieties, fruit tree and bushes which are best adapted to this locality also planting and care suggestions was presented by Mrs. Mary Davis garden leader and Mrs. John Launchbaugh as alternate.

The next meeting will be April 13 with Mrs. Edith Beckman.

**50 Years Ago**  
**April 2, 1970**

**Taylor's Place Now Open**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and family announced this week that Taylor's Place, located on Highway 24 in Hoxie is now open for business.

They will again be offering a wide selection of foods, soft drinks, ice cream, sundaes, etc. Hours will be 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. They plan to remain open longer, later in the season.

**Gun Club to Hold Fun Night and Trap Shoot**

The Hoxie Gun Club will hold a handicap trap shoot at the "all electric" trap located at the golf course on Sunday, April 12. Shooting time is scheduled for 1 p.m. About 20 entries have been received to date, officials said.

**Leoville News**

Mr. and Mrs. August Karls visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ochs Jr. and family of Hoxie.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bollig and children of Denver returned Gene Fortin to his home here Thursday. Mr. Fortin had surgery in Denver three weeks ago and is now recuperating at his home. The Bolligs returned to Denver Sunday. Teresa Fortin and Don Fortin also spent Easter here.

Mrs. Mary Meitl is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kruse and children and other relatives in Denver.

**Seguin Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephens and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roesch of Colby, Mrs. Margaret Stephens, Gary Robinson, Debbie and Galen, and Larry Peterson of Norton were Sunday dinner guests of the Don Koster family.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rietcheck and boys were Joe Bange, Vincent, Sylvester and Mildred Bange and Dennis Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bange and family were afternoon callers.

**Broadway News**

Forty-six persons attended the Easter Sunrise Service at Mt. Pleasant. The church was well filled at the morning service, disregarding the stormy weather.

Alberta Popp and Vicki

Transue of Manhattan came home Friday for Easter vacation. Glen McClelland of Hays is home.

A work day is planned for Saturday at Mt. Pleasant. Dinner will be served by the women of the church.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

Looks like you are still going to need snow shovels and we still have them.

A man passing a nudist colony noticed a nudist with an extremely long beard coming out the front gate.

"Excuse me, sir," said the passerby, "but isn't that unusual for a nudist to have such a long beard?"

"Well," came the reply, "somebody has to go for coffee."

We have 4 or 5 new breakfast sets in the economy price range. "Very nice" and in different sizes.

**McGraw News**

Mrs. David Leopold, Brett and Brian called at the Wade Smith home Thursday morning. Orin and Stella Smith were afternoon visitors and supper guests.

The George Launchbaughs were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaspar.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Rolley Smith.

**Saline Valley 4-H Club**

The Saline Valley 4-H Club had three entries in the county 4-H Day held at the Hoxie High School on March 21. They were a demonstration, given by Janet Transue; an instrumental ensemble given by Patty White, Sally Chestnut, Melanie Simon and Shirley White, and an instrumental solo, given by Patty White. Red ribbons were awarded to these participants. - Reporter, Raymond Minium

**25 Years Ago**  
**March 30, 1995**

**Sheriff's Report**

On March 19, a vandalism report was taken stating that damage had been done to a farm home in the northwest part of Sheridan County. A juvenile report was taken. Underage drinking was also involved.

On March 20, the sheriff's department received a report of a break-in involving a rental house in Selden.

**Studley Items**

Bill Moore visited Roy and Beryl Covalt one evening this week. Bill has been a resident of Studley for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Riedel accompanied Roy and Beryl Covalt to Hays on Wednesday. They ate dinner at a restaurant. Our surprise to see Duane and Helen Hedge, accompanied by Helen's dad, Bud Jones, come in and have lunch at the same time. We had a nice visit.

**Rexford News**

Dale and Virginia Mustoe returned home Monday afternoon after spending the winter in Arizona.

The Rebekah lodge members held a meeting at the community hall Tuesday afternoon and adjourned to the Café for supper together.

**Jennings Allison News**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob White met June and Harley Pottorff for lunch at Goodland on St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Graham, Tommy, Brent, Marc and Kayleigh Brooks, Norton were Friday evening supper guests of the Elwood Bailyes.

**Gladys Brockwell**

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**“Thieves”**

One reel Crescent Comedy in connection with above.

**PALACE THEATRE**

**Saturday Evening**

**April 3**

**Shows at 7 and 8:15 p.m**

After this week show will start at 8:15 p. m.

Ads from *The Hoxie Sentinel* for The Crum Mill & Elevator Company from 100 years ago. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)



# NWKS News

## Congress Contemplates Fourth COVID-19 Response Package

Last week, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) indicated a phase four bill would be forthcoming and focus on infrastructure. The Highway Bill and the Water Resources Development Act must be reauthorized this year and, thus, a phase four bill could envelope both. Thursday night, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) also expressed her interest in beginning the crafting of a fourth COVID-19 response package. "The bill that was passed in the Senate last night and that we will take up tomorrow is about mitigation," Pelosi told reporters. "Our next bill will lean toward recovery, how we can create good-paying jobs as we go forward, perhaps building the infrastructure of America," Pelosi added. In addition to infrastructure, the Speaker specifically listed increasing benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as one of her priorities. Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Republican Greg Walden (R-OR) this morning stated his agreement that a fourth bill will be needed.

## Be Prepared for Tornado Season During COVID-19 Outbreak

As we head into the spring months, the risk of severe thunderstorms increases across Kansas, including the risk for tornadoes. Unfortunately, with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, people who rely on public sheltering from tornadoes could be faced with the difficult choice of sheltering from the tornado in a community shelter or refraining from going to the shelter in order to limit potential exposure to COVID-19.

At this time, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management recommends that your first priority should be to protect yourself from a potential tornado. However, the decision to open a community shelter will ultimately be at the discretion of local officials. Before you decide to go to a community shelter, first check with local officials to ensure they will be open. This should be done ahead of any thunderstorm, well before any warnings are issued. If you rely on community shelters, now is a good time to explore other

options that will help keep you safe from a tornado while also limiting your potential exposure to COVID-19.

"We should not let fear of the coronavirus blind us to the danger of an imminent tornado," Governor Laura Kelly said. "If you have to seek refuge in a community shelter, try to practice social distancing and other precautions as much as possible to minimize your risk."

"The onset of tornado season is also a good time to take stock of your family's emergency supplies and review your emergency plan," Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, said. "Above all, don't let the threat of potential virus exposure outweigh the real threat of an approaching tornado."

For current information on COVID-19 in Kansas, and to sign up for updates, go to the KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center at [kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus](http://kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus).

## Consumer Corner: Watch Out for Stimulus Package Scammers

By Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

On Friday, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2 trillion stimulus package providing emergency assistance to the American people, businesses and health care providers amid the response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The package includes a one-time direct cash payment to individuals and families across the country to help them financially weather this crisis. Unfortunately, the bill's passage has opened up a brand-new opportunity for scammers to take advantage of vulnerable people during an emergency situation.

To be clear, the Internal Revenue Service will not ask you to pay anything up front to get this money. There are no fees or charges associated with receiving the payment. No one from the federal government will call, email or text message you and ask for your Social Security number, bank account information or credit card number. Anyone who does this is a scammer. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has said the checks will take about three weeks to be sent out for people who have been

working and paying taxes since 2018. Anyone calling and telling you they can get the check to you today is a scammer. Our best advice is to not answer calls, emails or text messages from phone numbers or email addresses you do not know. If you do answer a phone call, once you realize it's not someone you know, just hang up.

The Treasury Department plans to run a public awareness campaign for those who have not filed a tax return for either 2018 or 2019. Information will be posted as it becomes available online on [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus).

If you've been contacted by a scammer impersonating the federal government asking for information relating to the stimulus payment or any other COVID-19 scam, file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division online on our newly designed form specifically covering COVID-19-related scams and price gouging at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov). You can also call (800) 432-2310 to request a paper complaint form be sent by mail.

More information on how to protect yourself from these and other scams is available on our consumer protection website at [www.InYourCornerKansas.org](http://www.InYourCornerKansas.org).

## Sen. Moran: Passage of Phase III COVID-19 Relief Package

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) issued the following statement after the Senate's passage of the 'Phase III' relief bill, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act: "Our country is facing a pandemic, and we must act now to make certain Kansans have the support they need to weather this storm. The CARES Act is far from perfect and includes many provisions I would not support in ordinary circumstances, but hospitals need supplies, small businesses need loans, farmers and ranchers need certainty and folks who are out of work, through no fault of their own, need relief. Through direct payments to families, assistance to hurting industries and strategic solutions to meet health care demands, Phase III will provide relief and resources to help make certain small businesses can keep employees on the payroll and reopen their doors when this pandemic has passed.

"Despite the bill's many imperfections, I'm pleased a number of provisions I advocated for are included in this legislation, such as providing aid to the aviation industry and community banks and providing additional resources to the FCC as we utilize more broadband and telecommunications services to meet the economic and educational needs of families in this uncertain time."

Sen. Moran Priorities included in the CARES Act:

- Resources for SBA Loans: Improves the utility of the SBA's 7(a) loan program by temporarily increasing the types of businesses, nonprofits, and lenders eligible to participate in the program, providing flexibility in the use of such loans, and instituting loan forgiveness measures to keep employees on the payroll.

- Support for Health Care Providers: Supplies \$100 billion in direct assistance to health care providers treating COVID-19 patients. Also increases payments to Critical Access Hospitals during this pandemic.

- Resources for Critical Medical Supplies: Addresses medical supply shortages by providing \$16 billion to procure personal protective equipment, ventilators, and other medical supplies.

- Resources for Vaccines, Therapeutics, Diagnostics, and other Medical Needs: Provides \$11 billion for producing a vaccine and other medical supplies to prevent the virus and help treat it.

- Support for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC): Provides \$4.3 billion to the CDC for public health preparedness and response.

- Support for Critical Research on COVID-19: Provides resources for research and development efforts of the National Science Foundation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Increase to Food Access: Provides \$450 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to help food banks purchase, store and distribute food to people in need.

- Support for Veterans: Provides \$19 billion for the Department of Veteran Affairs to treat COVID-19, purchase test kits and Personal Protective Equipment and support veterans during this pandemic.

- Support for Farmers and Ranchers: Includes \$9.5 billion for the Secretary of Agriculture to provide support to farmers and ranchers impacted by COVID-19, including livestock producers; and includes \$14 billion to replenish the Commodity Credit Corporation to address challenges in the agricultural

economy.

- Support for Manufacturers: Includes \$50 million of additional funds to NIST's Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program, which provides direct support to the nation's small and mid-sized manufacturers, and none of the funds provided under this legislation would be subject to the cost share requirement that is a normal requirement for this program.

- Relief for Community Banks: Lowers the Community Bank Leverage Ratio, allowing banks to dip further into their capital reserves for increased lending during these times of stress. This will help banks quickly provide loans to those who need them.

- Relief for Aviation Industry: Provides \$10 billion in relief for airports, including \$100 million for general aviation airports.

- Support for Kansas Airports: Includes \$56 million for essential air service (EAS), providing aid to the five EAS airports in Kansas.

- Support for Tribes: Dedicates \$8 billion in economic support to tribal governments, plus \$1 billion for Indian Health Services.

- Support for FCC COVID-19 Response: Helps the FCC prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus.

- Removal of Regulatory Burdens: Fixes regulations in the paid leave mandate for small businesses.

- Support for Economic Recovery: Provides additional funding support to the Economic Development Administration to address national economic injury impacts resulting from COVID-19.

- Support for Rural Development: Provides additional resources for USDA's Business & Industry Loan Program, USDA's Distance, Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program and the USDA's ReConnect Program to expand broadband connectivity to unserved and underserved areas.

## Sen. Moran, Colleagues Call on HHS to Help Rural Health Providers

This week, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) joined 40 of his Senate colleagues to urge Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar to provide immediate assistance to rural hospitals and clinics by using resources included in the recently passed Phase III relief effort to sustain rural health providers.

The vast majority of rural hospitals have ceased performing elective procedures and seeing non-urgent patients. The COVID-19 crisis must take precedence, but these actions threaten rural hospitals' financial viability. The members call for immediate steps to provide financial relief for rural providers.

"We are hearing from rural hospitals from across the country that have only days left of cash on hand - money needed for payroll and supplies," the members wrote. "Mr. Secretary, our rural providers need your immediate assistance. Congress has provided you with the funding and flexibility. Now it is up to the administration to respond with rapid action to sustain rural providers. Any unnecessary delay will only worsen this situation. Therefore, we request you make the financial relief of rural hospitals a priority. Rural hospitals need access to financial resources immediately and in the most streamlined manner."

## AG Derek Schmidt: New Rules to Keep Government Meetings Transparent

New rules for state and local governments to comply with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) during 'social distancing' emergency restrictions have been approved by the State Rules and Regulations Board and are now legally binding, Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

Schmidt proposed the new regulation last week amid the proliferation of federal, state and local public-health restrictions that may prevent people from gathering in-person for public meetings. The State Rules and Regulations Board this morning met and voted to approve the temporary regulation. Schmidt said he will propose the regulation be permanently adopted, which will start a process allowing more public input and comment on the regulation.

Overall, the new regulation advises public bodies to keep the need for transparency prominently in mind if stay-home orders or other pandemic-response requirements prevent the public from attending meetings or cause members of public bodies to meet without physically gathering in person. Public bodies subject to the KOMA should "take any actions as may be necessary and reasonable under the circumstances of the emergency declaration to advance the state policy that 'meetings for the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business be open to the public.'"

A copy of the regulation, K.A.R. 16-20-1, and an accompanying Best Practices document are available on the attorney general's website at [www.ag.ks.gov/open-government](http://www.ag.ks.gov/open-government).

## Prairie Doc® Perspectives: Lessons from Pandemics Past

By Andrew Ellsworth, MD

When I come home from a day at the clinic and hospital, there is no better feeling than my children running up to give me a big hug. For the past couple of weeks, I have had to remind them to stop, and just do an air hug until I have had a chance to change clothes and shower. The idea is to wash away any germs and decrease the risk of getting my family sick after working with several patients and sick people during the day. Maybe these efforts are too much, or maybe they are not enough.

The Covid-19 virus spreads through respiratory droplets, from talking, coughing, or sneezing, and appears to also spread via a fecal-oral route. The fecal-oral route is how the stomach flu often spreads, and many of us know how easily that circulates through families and daycares. Someone who has been to the bathroom may touch a doorknob or a serving spoon, which someone else touches before eating, and they may become infected. That's why we need to wash our hands well and avoid touching our face and our food.

Unfortunately, the virus can spread from people that do not have symptoms, or before they have symptoms which is why, I worry, I may not be doing enough to protect my family from the one person who puts them at the biggest risk: me. Some doctors and nurses are deciding to avoid their families altogether and live in the garage or the basement when they come home. I haven't decided to do that yet, but maybe I should, or maybe I will.

Pandemics and disease have separated families for longer than the history books can tell us. Before they knew the cause, our ancestors knew that if someone had smallpox, quarantine and fire were the only ways to help prevent the spread. People, houses, and entire cities were quarantined. Disease has arguably decided more wars than the battles themselves. During the 1918 influenza pandemic, soldiers from Fort Riley carried the disease to other American military bases and from there, to the battlefield in Europe.

These lessons of history helped us learn about how to control disease. Advancements in infection control, medicines, and vaccinations have turned the tide and made many diseases a distant memory. For Covid-19, we do not yet have proven medications or a vaccine. However, we are learning more every day how to help those who are sick and how to better prevent the spread. In the meantime, my family and I will continue to practice social distancing and similar efforts to do our part to flatten the curve and slow the spread, to give us time to find treatments to combat this current scourge on humanity.

Andrew Ellsworth, MD is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook, featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streamed most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

## U.S. Census Bureau Suspends Field Operations

Based on continuing assessments of guidance from federal, state and local health authorities, the U.S. Census Bureau is suspending 2020 Census field operations for two additional weeks to April 15. The Census Bureau is taking this step to help protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees, and everyone who will go through the hiring process for temporary census taker positions.

The Census Bureau continues to evaluate all 2020 Census field operations and will communicate any further updates as soon as possible.

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# Farm News

## Congress Passes \$2 Trillion Aid Package

By a vote of 96-0 margin, the Senate passed the CARES Act, a \$2 trillion COVID-19 response bill on Thursday. The House passed the bill by a voice vote today, after lawmakers defeated Rep. Thomas Massie's (R-KY) attempt to demand a recorded vote. President Trump has indicated he will immediately sign the bill into law. Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Hoeven (R-ND) spearheaded relief provisions for agriculture. "Our farmers and ranchers have continued to supply our nation with the highest-quality, lowest cost food supply in the world, despite the challenges they face," said Hoeven. "This legislation injects \$14 billion into the CCC to provide USDA with resources to assist producers. At the same time, we secured an additional

\$9.5 billion in emergency funding support for farmers and ranchers, including our livestock and specialty crop producers, impacted by COVID-19. We'll continue working with USDA Secretary Perdue to get this assistance out to our producers and help them during these challenging times." With an estimated \$7.9 billion in existing CCC authority, the \$14 billion infusion, plus the \$9.5 billion additional funding for livestock and specialty crops, the Secretary will have the resources at his disposal to provide significant aid in these difficult times. View the agriculture-related text of bill here and the Senate Appropriations Committee section-by-section break down of the bill here. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

## Sorghum Export Report

Export sales commitments were strong again this week with China, Japan and Mexico committing to purchase 4.2 million bushels. This brings total commitments for the marketing year to 97 million bushels or 72 percent of the USDA export target (which is now likely to be raised significantly in coming reports). Shipments for the week totaled 1.1 million bushels, so actual delivery continues to lag purchases somewhat. However, we are aware of a significant number of imminent shipments which will be included in reports in the weeks to come. Given these volumes, basis has strengthened considerably across the Sorghum Belt, including in historically weak basis areas of the High Plains. This situation is changing daily, so farmers who still have physical ownership of sorghum should be diligent in monitoring basis opportunities.

## Kansas Corn STEM Brings Science Home with Continuous Learning Lessons

Kansas Corn STEM's continuous learning resources provide at-home learning resources to be used by teachers and students while schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These free resources can be found in the [kansascornstem.com](http://kansascornstem.com) lesson library and can be used online or printed for use in packets for off-line learning. The Kansas Corn STEM continuous learning lessons help students learn about science and agriculture using tools like virtual breakout box activities, videos and at-home experiments that can be done with household items. Several resources are already available at [kansascornstem.com](http://kansascornstem.com), and more will be added through the end of the school year. "Our team of Kansas teachers were excited to build new lessons for continuous learning, and we are adding more lessons as we go through this period of at-home learning. These lessons are tailored specifically for at-home use, and are a great resource for teachers, parents and students who are continuing their education efforts at home during the COVID-19 pandemic," Kansas Corn Director of Education Sharon Thielen, PhD said. Kansas Corn STEM is the award-winning education program of the Kansas Corn Commission. It encompasses educational programs that provide lessons for teachers from the elementary level to the high

school level. The materials can be used to help K-12 educators teach science using the topics of corn, biotechnology, ethanol, soil and water. "Our education team continues to innovate with these new offerings," Kansas Corn CEO Greg Krissek said. "Teachers, parents and students are looking for engaging STEM lessons that can be used at home, and we have the resources they need." Kansas Corn STEM contracts with lead teachers, inquiry ambassadors, agriculture education science trainers, curriculum writers, designers and education experts to provide lessons designed to meet Next Generation Science Standards. "Going forward, these new resources enhance our current on-line educational lessons and labs and will have continued value both in conventional classrooms, as well as home-school settings," Thielen said. In the last year, Kansas Corn STEM's curriculum, training and materials reached over 51,000 Kansas students and teachers. In the current school year, the program is predicted to double its reach in Kansas schools. As the STEM program has continued to grow, the vision to continue expanding the program has continued to develop. Kansas Corn STEM lessons are available at [kansascornstem.com](http://kansascornstem.com). Lessons are also highlighted on the Kansas Corn STEM page on Facebook: [@kansascornstem](https://www.facebook.com/kansascornstem).

## KDHE and KDA Recommend Voluntary Reduction in Burning

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic currently impacting all states, including Kansas, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Agriculture strongly encourage all land owners and managers to voluntarily reduce the number of acres that they intend to burn this spring. "With the potential for this pandemic overwhelming the state's medical facilities, any additional respiratory concerns that could be produced from breathing smoke from prescribed fire need to be mitigated," Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said. Common health problems related to smoke can include burning eyes, runny nose, coughing and illnesses such as bronchitis. Individuals with respiratory issues, including COVID-19, pre-existing heart or lung diseases, children and the elderly may experience worse symptoms. With resources of the county emergency response staff already being taxed with COVID-19 response, it is important to minimize responses that would come with prescribed fire activity. It is critical that land managers in areas included in the Smoke Model available online at [ksfire.org](http://ksfire.org) consult the model if they do choose to burn. The model indicates the level at which a burn would contribute to urban area air quality problems. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam urges land managers to refrain from burning, especially if your area is predicted in the large (red) contribution range. "Prescribed burning is a valuable land management tool in the efforts to fight invasive species and maximize land productivity, and this request should not be interpreted as an indictment of the practice of burning," Beam said. "However, the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic have created a situation that calls for reducing burned acres this spring."

For the latest information related to COVID-19, and to sign up for daily updates sent to your email inbox, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's COVID-19 Resource Center at [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus).

## KFB Provides Agricultural-Relevant Information on COVID-19

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) has launched a webpage to curate the news and resources farmers and ranchers need to navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [www.kfb.org/covid19](http://www.kfb.org/covid19) to see how KFB, government leaders and other agricultural industry groups are responding to the pandemic. "At Kansas Farm Bureau, we are working on legislative issues to help you continue to work, while protecting your community," KFB President Rich Felts says in a letter posted on the


COVID-19 page. "In addition, American Farm Bureau Federation is diligently working with Congress on several agricultural-related issues as it pertains to protecting America's farmers and ranchers through this pandemic." Coverage includes, but is not limited to, the following topics: • Steps to help keep farm employees safe • How industry is meeting grocery demand • Guidance on the Kansas Open Meetings Act

• How families and businesses can access state and federal resources • How COVID-19 is affecting transportation • Access to virtual ag education resources Kansas Farm Bureau staff will provide updates to topics as they happen, in addition to posting new ones as issues arise. Kansas Farm Bureau's mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service


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## U.S. Agriculture Included in Critical Infrastructure During Pandemic

By Lisa Humphreys, U.S. Soybean Export Council  
March 30, 2020, <https://ussoy.org/>

The U.S. government has labeled agriculture a critical industry during the novel coronavirus outbreak, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The designation extends to the entire food and agriculture production system. The global outbreak of COVID-19 has been labeled a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO).

"If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule," the guidance states.

The designation is advisory, rather than a federal directive or standard. The move encourages state and local authorities to allow farms and the entire food supply chain to continue operating as usual amid current and potential restrictions created to stem the spread of COVID-19. And, it reassures U.S. farmers and input suppliers that the 2020 growing season will get underway as planned.

Because the designation covers the entire supply chain, farmers should continue to have access to everything from equipment parts and inputs like seed, fertilizer and pesticides needed to plant crops this spring. And, farmers should be able to continue delivering soybeans and other commodities to the

value chain, for transportation to customers. That ensures a steady supply of soybean meal used in animal feed, as well as soy and soybean oil for human consumption.

State governments within the U.S. are following the federal government's lead, including the food and agriculture systems in their lists of industries exempt from stay-at-home and shelter-in-place orders. For example, state governments in California, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio all affirmed agriculture as an essential industry while they issued orders for residents to stay home.

And other states have taken further steps to support agriculture, even as social distancing practices are implemented to protect health and slow virus spread. In Iowa, pesticide applicator licenses that were renewed last year will remain legal through this season because in-person training and testing meetings have been canceled.

As part of this production system, the U.S. soybean industry will be able to continue business as close to usual as possible. U.S. Soy is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure inspection and logistical support remain in place to support provide high-quality soybeans as needed.

To learn how U.S. farmers continue to prepare for planting and maintain social distancing in the midst of the spread of the coronavirus, follow the #GroundWork2020 series.

## Kansas Food and Ag Industry Continues to Focus on Essential Functions

The Kansas Department of Agriculture continues to support the state's food and agriculture industry as it serves an essential role across the state. With today's announcement that Governor Laura Kelly has issued a statewide "stay home" order ([Executive Order No. 20-16](#)), it is important to emphasize that those food and agriculture businesses must keep a strong focus on their essential functions and follow safety protocols.

The Governor's Kansas Essential Function Framework, outlined in the executive order, clearly identifies food and agriculture businesses as essential functions that are exempt from the stay home order. KDA will continue to provide support and guidance to those businesses as needed, but urges all of those in the food and agriculture industry to scrutinize their activities and staffing and limit them to those which are essential to the food supply chain, public health and safety, and protection of animal health and welfare.

The food and agriculture industry truly serve an essential role in this statewide response, and all those who work within that industry are playing an important part in keeping the state fed, healthy and safe. "Since Kansas is the fifth largest state in regard to value of agricultural production, our state's role in the production of food, fuel and fiber remains critical for consumers everywhere," said Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. "KDA is grateful to these dedicated Kansans who are working every day throughout this crisis and appreciates their commitment."

KDA reminds those food and agriculture businesses that while they continue to operate, they must — to the extent possible without significant disruption to essential functions — use

telework capabilities to avoid meeting in person. Any essential functions being performed onsite or in-person must — to the extent possible without significant disruption to essential functions — follow appropriate safety protocols, including maintaining a six-foot distance between individuals and limiting gatherings to fewer than 10 people. When not performing an essential function or traveling to or from work to perform an essential function, individuals must adhere to the stay home order.

In addition, all food and agriculture businesses should continue to follow all Kansas Department of Health and Environment protocols to protect the health of their employees: regular handwashing; routine cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces; adequate supplies of soap and water, hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, and tissues; promoting proper coughing and sneezing etiquette; and especially sending home any employee who is sick or who has been exposed to COVID-19.

All of these efforts are critical to slowing the spread of the virus and limiting the impact on local healthcare workers and hospitals. Although many rural areas have not seen the effect of the virus thus far, the health care system in those rural areas has a more limited capacity and could feel the impact quickly if precautions are not taken now.

Information about the state's response to this emergency event can be found the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's COVID-19 Resource Center at [www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus), and ag-related support and guidance can be found on the KDA website at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/coronavirus](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/coronavirus).

## Bill Smith

July 13, 1936 ~ March 24, 2020



William "Bill" J. Smith Jr. passed away at the Sheridan County Health Complex, Hoxie, KS on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the age of eighty-three. Bill was born July 13, 1936 in Gorham, KS to Will and Nora (Resley) Smith. He was the youngest of six children. Bill attended Gorham Elementary and High School graduating with the class of 1954. After graduation from high school, he attended Fort Hays State University graduating in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education. Bill and Arlene Hemel were married March 9, 1958 and just recently celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. They were blessed with a daughter, Tonya. After Graduating from college, Bill taught Industrial Arts, Driver's Education, and coached. The first seven years of his career were spent in various schools before Bill and Arlene moved to Hoxie in August of 1966. Hoxie became their home. Bill spent thirty-five years teaching Industrial Arts and Driver's Education for USD 412, Hoxie.

Bill was a man of many talents. He was an excellent teacher, and his students made many beautiful woods projects. Many will remember him not only as a high school teacher, but he also taught adult classes. He always expected his students to do their best. Bill loved sports. He was a baseball player in his youth, and as a teacher, he coached football and basketball. After coaching for several years,

he refereed basketball for twenty-five years and football for thirty-four years. He loved going to his grandchildren's activities, especially, their baseball and softball games. When Tonya was growing up, they always went to at least one major league baseball game. Bill was a St. Louis Cardinals and Royals fan plus a big supporter of KU. When he wasn't watching sports or teaching, he enjoyed music. He sang in the Hoxie United Methodist Church Choir for many years and sang for funerals and weddings.

Most of all, Bill loved his family. They were so important to him. He has been a member of the Hoxie United Methodist Church since moving to Hoxie in 1966. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart and tried to live a life reflecting his love. Bill was a kind and patient person who gave respect to all.

Bill is survived by his wife, Arlene of the home; daughter, Tonya Sager and husband, Alan; grandchildren, Cory Sager and wife, Molly, Braden and wife, Shelby, and Darby Sager; and great-grandchild, Emma Rose Sager with two more on the way; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Will and Nora Smith; sister, Berniece Hoke; brothers, Lawrence Smith, LeRoy Smith, Fred Smith and Dean Smith.

A Graveside Service was held for Saturday, March 28, 2020, 1:00 P.M. at the Hoxie City Cemetery with Pastor Jake Schadel presiding. A visitation was held Friday, March 27, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, KS.

Bill was a man of faith and has been welcomed into Jesus Christ's loving arms. He will be missed by family and friends. We are sad because he had to leave us for a while but look forward to the time when all will be reunited.

## Tricia Haffner

September 21, 1978 ~ March 27, 2020



Patricia "Tricia" Ann Haffner of Topeka, Kansas, formerly of Hoxie, Kansas, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, March 27, 2020. Tricia was born in Colby, Kansas on September 21, 1978 to Patrick "Pat" J. Haffner and Estella (Vahling) Haffner Kirkham. She grew up on a farm near Hoxie, KS with her brothers and sisters. Tricia attended Hoxie Grade and High School graduating with the class of 1996. Following graduation, she attended Colby Community Junior College for a year and a half before enlisting in the United States Army. While serving her country, she worked as a Medical Specialist and Mental Health Specialist. While in the service, Tricia sustained a severe head injury and was honorably discharged August 8, 2003 after serving her country for five years. After her discharge, she continued her education at Washburn University earning her B.S. degree in Nursing. She worked as a Registered Nurse for several years. From the time Tricia moved to Topeka and finished her degree, she worked for Governor Sam Brownback.

Tricia loved helping people and animals. She always had jobs that did just that. She worked with veterans, helping them get their benefits. Tricia was a super-hero to many. She had a prison ministry working with maximum and medium level prisoners in Leavenworth Prison. One mother told Tricia she saved her daughter's life. Most recently she had been given the job of Chief Nursing Supervisor of Soldiers and Family Readiness for Joint Task Forces, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley. It was a job she had worked hard to achieve. Tricia volunteered for many organizations and animal shelters. She was always willing to help others and give them all she could. Her church, Light of the World, in Topeka, KS, was a vital part of her life. She spent many hours helping with church activities

and serving her Lord in any way she could. Tricia's family was so important to her, and she loved them very much. She especially loved her many nieces and nephews.

Tricia is survived by her father, Patrick J. Haffner and wife Jacqui of Hoxie; mother, Estella Ann Kirkham and husband, Phil of Sharon Springs; brothers, Paul Haffner and wife Andrea of Hoxie; James Haffner of Hoxie; sisters, Michelle Wiens and husband Grant of Overland Park; Kathryn Tremblay and husband Tate of Hoxie; Echo Kirkham of Sharon Springs; Step-brother, Justin Alexander and wife Jessica of Tribune; Step-sisters, Laurel Jackson and husband, Clint of Colby; and Lori Wittmayer and husband Brandon of Granville, ND; Grandmother, Florence Vahling; Aunts, Uncles; cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her Grandparents, Ray and Marie Haffner; grandfather, Henry Vahling; infant twin sisters, Marsha and Marisa Haffner; and Uncles, Bill Vahling and David Gallagher.

Private Family and Burial Services will be held, Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 1:00 P.M., at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home with burial in the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Cemetery, at 2:00 P.M., Hoxie, KS. A Mass to celebrate her life will be scheduled for a later date. Military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard, Fort Riley, KS. The service and burial will be live streamed. Please go to [mickyleopoldfuneral.com](http://mickyleopoldfuneral.com) and click on Trisha's picture which will take you to her Tribute Wall where the live streaming link is located. Memorials are suggested to SCARS (Second Chance Animal Refuge Society) or Wounded Warriors Project and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of Comfort may be left at [www.mickyleopoldfuneral.com](http://www.mickyleopoldfuneral.com).

Tricia was a person who cared and helped people in any way she could. She valiantly served her country as a member of the United States Army. She was a Christian who loved her Lord with all her heart, and her death has saddened her family and friends. The joy that comforts the heart is knowing she went to her heavenly home; the Lord was there to greet her with open arms. Tricia is safe at Home.

## AG Derek Schmidt: Kansas COVID-19-Related Price Gouging Complaints Top 100

More than 100 complaints alleging price gouging have been filed since the state's anti-profiteering law was triggered by the governor's declaration of a state of emergency related to COVID-19, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

As of yesterday, the attorney general's office had received 107 price gouging complaints since the law went into effect on March 12. Some of those complaints have been referred to local prosecutors and others have been assigned to investigators within the attorney general's office for follow up.

"The price gouging law is designed to prohibit profiteering from a disaster by unjustifiably raising prices of goods and services needed by the public," Schmidt said. "We are reviewing every complaint and investigating those that show a possible violation of the law."

The anti-profiteering law, which is enforced by the attorney general and county and district attorneys, generally prohibits unjustifiably raising prices for goods and services for which consumer demand is likely to increase because of the virus outbreak. A price increase is presumed unjustified if it exceeds by 25 percent or more the price at which the goods

or services were available on March 11 or the price for which the same goods or services are available from other sellers in the trade area.

Examples of consumer goods and services governed by the anti-profiteering law include, but are not limited to, food items, sanitary and cleaning supplies such as hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, emergency supplies, medical supplies and services, lodging, and any other property or service for which consumer demand may increase in response to the virus outbreak.

The law was enacted in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and is codified at K.S.A. 50-6.106. It carries a penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation. It is only in effect during a disaster declaration.

Anyone with information about price-gouging in violation of the anti-profiteering law should file a complaint with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division online on a newly designed form specifically covering COVID-19-related price gouging, available along with other resources about the state's response to the outbreak, at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov).

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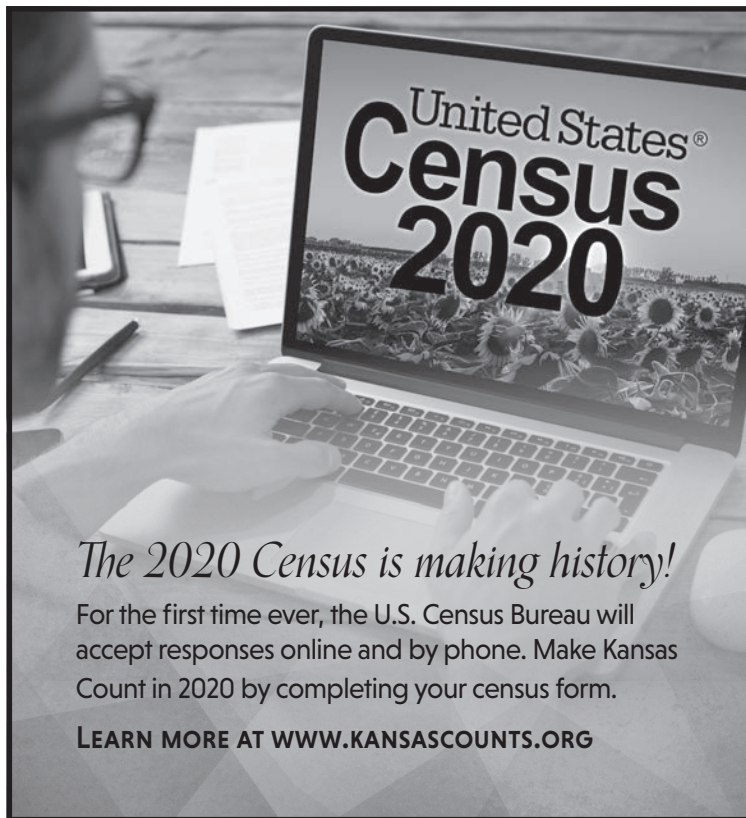
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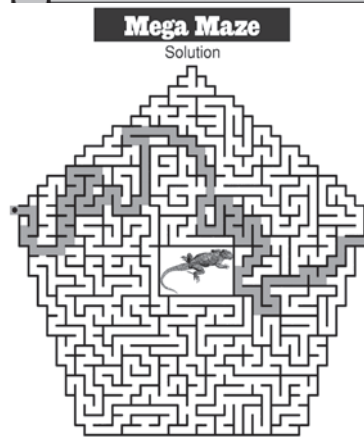
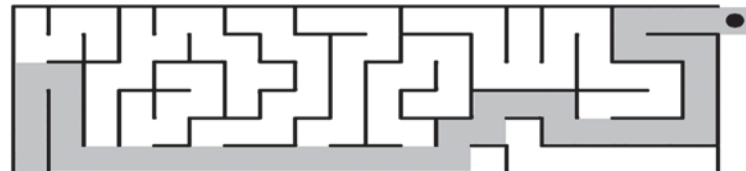
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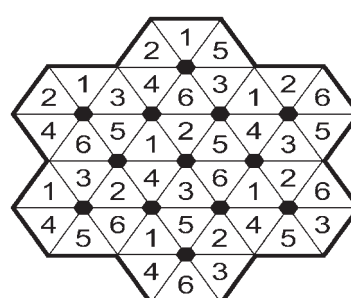
### Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

### Puzzles4Kids Answer

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

### SNOWFLAKES solution



### CryptoQuip answer

To some waggish people, press censorship might be described as writer's clamp.

### SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Layer; 2. Anger; 3. Chagrin; 4. Bugle

Today's Word  
**HARLEY**

## Super Crossword

### Answers

E	P	I	T	A	P	H	A	E	S	O	P	I	C	H	O	S	E	D
C	A	M	I	L	L	E	L	A	H	A	I	N	A	E	R	O	D	E
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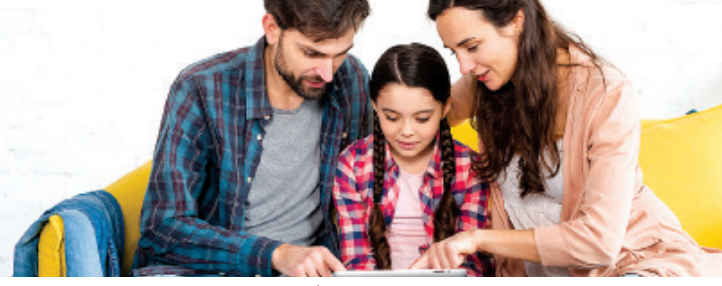
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