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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Last week, I reported on Senate Bill 13 that is referred to as "Truth in Taxation" and had passed the Senate 34 to 1. This week Bill 13 is in the House for hearings and a vote...hopefully fairly soon. This legislation should be easy to support and easy to pass as it is quite simple. If city councils and county commissions want to raise your property taxes, it has to go to a public vote for approval. As I wrote last week, the person who writes the check gets to say how much and what it's going to be spent on. The voters should have the final say on how much property taxes they are willing to pay.

Here is a link that you can contact our legislative members to voice your opinion about this legislation. *This link - <https://bit.ly/2Y8BmSx> - is to the list of House members and their contact information. This link - <https://bit.ly/35Y71Kv> - is to the Senate list if you'd like to thank them for supporting truth in taxation.*

At the Tuesday, January 26, Commissioner Meeting, we reviewed the bid documents for individuals interested in mowing the right of way ditches throughout Sheridan County. If you are interested in mowing road ditches for Sheridan County, you can pick up the documents from our County Clerk. This work will be done by private contractors who will be required to have liability insurance and provide their own tractors and mowers and all costs associated with doing the mowing. This program was very successful last year and we are continuing this program again this year. You will see this notice in *The Sheridan Sentinel* as well.

Thanks for reading and GOD Bless!!!
WES BAINTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Auditorium Strategic Doing Committee Begins Project

"Strategic Doing" is a term and practice that brings community members together to proactively work through the steps and processes of a specific project, for the betterment of the community.

Sheridan County is no stranger to the Strategic Doing concept since its introduction by the Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) and Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, several years ago and has subsequently seen several project successes thanks in part to its community-driven focus, definition of action-items, milestones, and follow-up/accountability elements.

Past Strategic Doing projects in the county have included the Hoxie Grade School playground renovation, Hoxie Recreation Community Center, a community garden, and various upgrades to the hospital.

A Strategic Doing committee focused on the "Hoxie High School Auditorium Upgrades" was developed in 2019 to address the outdated sound, video, and lighting equipment; aging stage and electrical infrastructures; and discussion of current, potential, and increased uses of the auditorium in general.

At this time, the committee is pleased to announce they have reached two exciting milestones in this project, which is being broken into several key phases, through the securement of funding

Hoxie Baby Crowned GCMC's 2021 New Year's Baby



By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Gove County Medical Center has announced its first baby of 2021: Lincoln Jane Rose born to Spencer and Mary Rose of Hoxie. Lincoln made her entrance into the world January 5 at 8:18am, weighing 9lb 9.8oz, measuring 21 inches long. Dr. Shelley Gruenbacher delivered the healthy baby girl. Grandparents are Mark & Barbara Olson, Hoxie, Jim & Jackie Baldwin, Hoxie, and Donnell Rose of Brady, NE. Mary Lou Olson of Herdon, KS is baby Lincoln's great-grandmother.

SCHOLARS PLACE SECOND AT BREWSTER



The Golden Plains varsity scholars bowl team placed second at Brewster on January 18. Team members competing were (l-r) Ethan Shea, Lauren Patmon, Alisha Brantley, Wyatt McDonald, Ethan Weiner, and Joshua Yanez. (Photo by Coach Steiner Scott)

By Mia Rogers

The Golden Plains High School scholars bowl team competed in Brewster on January 18. The team placed second with 6 wins and one loss. Team members competing included Alisha Brantley, Wyatt McDonald, Joshua Yanez, Ethan Weiner, Ethan Shea, and Lauren Patmon.

They started off with a close loss to Wallace County 30-40. They went on to win the rest of the rounds over Heartland Christian 40-20, Cheylin 50-15, Tri-plains 40-30, Weskan 50-30, Brewster 30-20, and Healy 30-0.

"We competed well," said Ethan Weiner, "other than the Wallace County round." They will compete at the WKLL Tournament in Winona on January 20.

for two crucial upgrade components.

First, with a \$70,000 funding commitment from USD 412 Community Schools and a \$10,000 Dane G. Hansen Community Fund grant facilitated by SCCF for the 'Phase 1' Video/Sound upgrades, which include a complete overhaul of the sound and video projection equipment in the auditorium, and secondly, with full school funding for the reconstruction of the stage surface and transformation of the stage area to a 'black box theater' design.

McClelland Sound, Wichita, was selected as the vendor that will complete the installment of the video/sound equipment to include new speakers throughout the auditorium space designed to provide for the optimal listening experience from onstage to back of house, ensuring sound carries appropriately and effectively whether one is experiencing live theater, music concerts, film screenings, public meetings, trainings, or other such activities. Equipment will also include several over-ear 'body' and hanging mics for live performances and handheld mics for general usage.

A brand new, electrically controlled video projection screen will be installed along with a high powered, high-definition projector capable of providing for high quality digital movie, conference, and other screenings as scheduled in the venue.

The committee is very excited to announce that installation of this first phase in the upgrades to the auditorium is scheduled to occur over Spring Break in mid-March 2021.

This video and sound installation will be immediately followed by the stage floor reconstruction and black box transformation to be completed by Von Lintel Refinishing & Flooring, Hays.

A black box theater design will create a visually clean performance space, increasing the vividness of lighting, costumes, sets and props, as well as offering the ability for flexible staging. It lends itself nicely to Phase 2 of the upgrades project, which will focus on obtaining funding for an overhaul of the lighting system that, at present, is extremely outdated, contains obsolete technology, and is severely insufficient for contemporary needs.

It is the desire and intent of the committee, in partnership with the school district, to purchase a modern LED stage lighting system specifically designed for the stage space. This configuration allows for high quality lighting designs and uses during performances, concerts, etc., with the added benefits of energy efficiency and sustainability afforded from the use of LED technology.

The committee is currently reviewing lighting system bids and will be securing bids for the electrical infrastructure upgrade prior to determining a final project cost. Once decided, an official fundraising campaign will commence with funding efforts to include grant applications, fundraising events and other activities, and the solicitation of private donations.

With pandemic safety precautions in mind, the committee and school district hope to schedule open house-type events featuring complimentary film screenings for the community to experience and enjoy the fruits of the Phase 1 video and sound upgrades and announce the Phase 2 fundraising goals, timeline, and steps for the lighting renovation aspect of this project.

Additional project components under consideration include the purchase and installation of new seating and carpeting throughout the venue, as well as house lighting, ceiling decor, and lobby design and amenities.

The auditorium committee is co-chaired by Karl Pratt, Main Street Arts Council Executive Director, and Mark Wildeman, Hoxie High School Principal, and has included community members Ed Rucker, Lucas Burmeister, Harry Joe Pratt, Renae Kersenbrock,

Indians Dominate MCL Tournament



Hoxie Indians take Mid-Continent League Championship. (Photo by Leisha Spillman Jones)

Ranked #1 coming in, and standing their ground, the Hoxie Indians were able to come out on top as champions in the Mid-Continent League Tournament. Remaining undefeated, the Indians squeaked out a two-point victory over Hill City in the opening round of the tournament, 53-51. To claim the title, the Indians overcame TMP, 68-59 in the semi-final round and then went on to toss Trego Community 70-54. Trego Community found their way to the finals by eliminating Ellis, the #2 seed in the semi-finals. The future looks bright as the Indians remain undefeated, and *Sports in Kansas* has them ranked at #4 statewide.

Varsity Wrestlers Win Big in Beloit



Team wins title at 51st Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament, Saturday, January 23. (Photo by Coleen Shepard)

By Coleen Shepard

The Hoxie Varsity Wrestlers traveled to Beloit last week for the 51st Beloit Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Due to COVID restrictions this year's tournament was wrestled as two separate one day tournaments, with half the teams wrestling Friday and the remaining teams wrestling Saturday. As a result of the format change the Indian wrestlers were not going to compete against Beloit. Fortunately, Coach Porsch was able to arrange a dual against Beloit Thursday night, where the varsity wrestlers picked up nine wins by fall and two by major decision, defeating the Trojans 62.0 to 18.0.

The following morning the Indian wrestlers weighed in and stepped onto the mats ready to compete. Competing against 321A and 4A teams, as well as several ranked wrestlers, the Indians squared off against their opponents at center mat...their wrestling exciting fans from the first to the last matches of the day.

Having not won the Beloit Invitational since 2004 the Indians were ready to claim the title. Earning 28 pins, one technical fall, nine major decisions, five decisions, one sudden victory win, and two injury default wins the team tallied 215.0 team points, the Indian's domination of the tournament was absolute.

In addition to claiming the team title the Indians' would have individual success. Hoxie had seven Champions, Tate Weimer (106 lb), Drew Bell (132 lb), Drew Bretz (138 lb), Derek Johnson (145 lb), Aidan Baalman (160 lb), Donovan Balluch (195 lb), and Brandon Baker (285 lb); Carson Ochs (120 lb), Dayton Bell (126 lb), and Ryan Shaw (152 lb) claimed second place medals; Wayne Shepard (113 lb) won fourth place; and Kaden Sekavec (220 lb) brought home fifth.

Hoxie Varsity Wrestling will continue this Thursday at home with a dual against Goodland, followed by the MCL tournament on Friday in Norton. On Saturday, the JV and Girls will travel to the Larned Tournament to compete.

Paulette Wildeman, Allison Nondorf, Darlene Schaffer.

If you have interest in assisting with the fundraising aspects of Phase 2 of this project or any of the other ongoing Strategic Doing projects, which include 1) Wayfinder Signage around Hoxie, 2) Pocket Park between First State Bank and Hirsch Law Firm, 3) Park Improvements, 4) Hotel/Motel and 5) Childcare research committees, please contact Karl Pratt, SCCF Board Liaison.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The Foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-675-1240, karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com, visit <http://bit.ly/2xidSVe>. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancsf.

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Words of Faith

Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains.

Matthew 17:20

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 26

Corn	5.36
Milo	6.59
Beans	12.97
Wheat	6.02

Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
1/17	48	31	--
1/18	55	19	--
1/19	59	19	--
1/20	52	17	--
1/21	38	16	--
1/22	38	24	--
1/23	28	21	--

TREE SALES COMING UP!

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Words of Wisdom

"On matters of style, swim with the current, on matters of Principle, Stand Like A ROCK."

~Thomas Jefferson

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format. **All non-print-ready ad submissions are subject to a
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The Heritage Associates of Jennings, Inc will hold both their
annual and regular meetings Thursday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m.
at the Czech Museum in Jennings. everyone is invited to attend.

The water was off at Jennings for several hours, late afternoon
into the early evening on Saturday. There was an electrical problem
at the well. Midwest Energy was called out to help repair it.

A small crowd attended church in Jennings Sunday. There were
two visitors who we welcome anytime.

We woke this morning to snow on the ground and still coming
down. We can certainly use the moisture.

Mark and Shelley Shaw, rural Logan, are happy to announce the
birth of their first grandchild, Ayla Mae McKennon. She was born
at the Gove County Medical Center on January 19, 2021, weighing
8 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 inches long. Proud parents are Bryce and Erin
McKennon, Hoxie. Maternal great-grandparents are Wilma and
the late Jim Mader, Hoxie, and Ramona and the late Stanley Shaw,
Jennings. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Heidi McKennon,
Pratt; great-grandparents are John and Vicki Steffen and the
late Barb Steffen, Cunningham, KS; and Terry and the late Rick
McKennon of Nashville, KS.

Zimmerman is Washburn University Dean's List Honoree

Washburn University has announced its fall 2020 Dean's List
honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled
in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point
average of 3.4 to 3.99.

Dean's List honorees include Carlie Zimmerman of Grainfield.
More than 900 students qualified for the Dean's List.
Congratulations to all of these students, Washburn University is
proud of their hard work and commitment to their education.

Area Students Earn K-State Semester Honors

Nearly 5,000 Kansas State University students have earned
semester honors for their academic performance in the fall 2020
semester.

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of
3.75 or above on at least 12 graded credit hours receive semester
honors along with commendations from their deans. The honors
also are recorded on their permanent academic records.

The following local area students earned honors from Kansas
State University:

Sheridan County:
Grinnell: Sean Robben
Hoxie: Samuel Bretz, Maiah Castle, Rebekah Castle, Nicole
Heim, Latham Schwarz, Dylan Weimer
Gove
Grainfield: Jennifer Hughes
Grinnell: Kirsten Zerr
Oakley: Jonathan Stevenson
Park: Tanner Elias, Lanae Goetz
Quinter: Tanya Brooks, Abria Fisher, Kayla Thummel

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2 BR / 2 BA Apartment Available Soon

Call Casey 785-675-1160 for more information



RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

November – March 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
April – October 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Paper: shredded, magazines, newspaper, office paper
- Chipboard: cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, beverage boxes, etc.
- Cardboard: corrugated only
- Clear Plastic: #1 clear pop bottles, juice bottles
- Colored Plastic: #2 laundry detergent bottles, coffee containers, etc.
- #2 Natural Plastic: Milk jugs, rinsed chemical containers
- Glass: beer/liquor bottles, pickle jars, etc.
- Aluminum Cans: pop, beer
- Tin Cans: soup cans, tuna cans, cat food cans, etc.
- Grocery Sacks: plastic grocery sacks

NO OTHER TYPES OF PLASTIC
NO OTHER TYPES OF METAL
NO CLOTHES
NO BOOKS

Thank You

Thank you, friends, for the many Blessings you have
showered us with. We especially want to thank the
Doctors, hospital and Long Term Care staff, Christ
Community Church and Mickey Funeral Home for
their help.

The Lord is Good!
The Family of Doren Follis

Thank You

The family of Paul Babcock wish to thank you
for the kind words, food, flowers, memorials, and
gifts.

God Bless You ~

Vicki Babcock
Greg Babcock & Family
Amy McMahon & Family

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who helped me
when I had my aneurysm in October. Starting
with the skilled and talented providers, nursing
staff, and emergency personnel in Sheridan County
to the trained Lifecare Team, and then to the specialized
personnel at Swedish Memorial in Colorado.

How do you express Thank You for saving my life in
everyday words?

Thank you, Sheridan County Health Complex, for keep-
ing everything running smoothly and for being my sec-
ond family. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, food,
gifts, cards, and prayers. Thank you to my family for
supporting me, especially to my husband, Randy, for
being my greatest coach and caregiver. The encouraging
words from everyone mean so much.

The prayers are amazing, God does hear each one of
them.

Therapy is going well and I continue to get
stronger everyday. I want to wish you all a
wonderful 2021 and God Bless each
and every one of you.

~Niceta Farber

Thank You!

The family of Florence Vahling wishes to thank all the many
friends who cared for and loved our Mother.

We truly appreciated all the prayers, wonderful food, flowers/
gifts, paper goods, drinks, phone calls, cards, and gifts to the
memorials for Sheridan County Benefit Walk and Christ Victory
Centre Refugee School in Africa.

Special thanks to Pastor Ben Rhodes for spiritual attention,
listening with love, the "telling" of Mom and including a salvation
message. And to Father Thomas for the touching words of
comfort at Mom's mass and graveside service. Thank you also
to St Francis Church for preparing and serving the meal.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Nemecheck for 30
years of caring (even taking extra time for hugs) for our Mother.
A Big thank you to the Long Term Care staff, doctor's office
and hospital. The entire staff of each has also become Mom's
family through your care, giving, and humor—all shared with
the greatest love.

Thank you to Mickey Funeral Home for the patient loving care
of our large family—all through the arrangements and burial.

Our entire Vahling family has been so blessed through this
transition. The love shown was touching and humbling. We love
this close community of friends!

God Bless You All!

The Family of Florence (Foxy) Vahling



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What do you have happening soon?
Share Your Event Here - FREE

Farmers to Families Community Food Boxes
February 9th Time TBA
Hoxie Christian Church
& Selden Mainstreet

Main Street Art Council Fundraiser: Last day to
order calendars is Jan. 21. Link to order:
ehttps://wearemainstreet.itemorder.com/

Grinnell Stag-Stagette Feb. 3
6-8pm Carryout available - 785-824-3225

WPAA
Upcoming Programs:
Tentative Schedule
Nashville Legacy
Sunday, Feb. 14
TBA



Blood Drive!
February 10th
Hoxie 4-H Building
Noon-6pm

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PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT

940 8th St. Hoxie, KS
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Office Hours:
M-Th 8a-6p
F 8a-4:30p

Nurse Hours:
M-Th 8:30a-6pm
Closed for Lunch
12:30-1p

WIC Clinic
M-Th 9a-4:30pm

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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

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785-675-3302
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WEEK of JANUARY 21 ~ JANUARY 27

Thursday:
Hot Bar: Fried Chicken
Sandwich: Double Bacon Cheeseburger
Friday:
Hot Bar: Pulled Pork & Pork Tenders
Sandwich: Patty Melt
Saturday: NO HOT BAR
Sunday:
7-Meat Hot Bar
Monday:
Hot Bar: Chili & Grilled Cheese
Sandwich: Mushroom Swiss Burger
Tuesday:
Hot Bar: Chicken Strips & Steak Fingers
Sandwich: Double Pepperjack Burger
Wednesday:
Hot Bar: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Sandwich: Chili Burgers

**Upcoming Area
EVENTS**

Mark Your Calendars!

Every Sunday:

9am First Presbyterian
Church Service

Every Tuesday:

12pm Rotary
7pm Fire Dept Mtg

Every Wednesday:

9am Commissioner Mtg
7:30pm Hoxie United
Methodist Church
Community Worship

Monthly:

2nd Monday - City of Hoxie
1st Tuesday - HAMA
1st Wednesday - Chamber
of Commerce
2nd Monday - BOE Mtg

Hospital Board of
Trustees - 4th Monday,
12pm
FQHC the following
Wednesday, 8am

Mealsite Menu

Reservations Call 675-2154

Feb 1 ~ Feb 5

Monday:

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices

Tuesday:

Ground Beef, Vegetable Soup, Orange Pineapple Salad, Crackers, Cookie

Wednesday:

Pork Roast in gravy, Parslied Potatoes, On-ions/Cabbage/Carrots, Bread, Emerald Pears

Thursday:

Taco Burger w/lettuce, cheese, tomato, 3-Bean Salad, Bun, Tropical Fruit

Friday:

Waikiki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread, Mixed Fruit

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-2154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liester

Let's start this off with another episode of, "Well, That Sucked". For two weeks, I have been watching a field being used by approximately four to five hundred Canada geese. They were arriving like clockwork every afternoon around 4:15. You could set your watch by them. Last Thursday they were there, so the plan was set in motion. I work until noon on Fridays, so after work I went after them. It was about a half mile hike into the spot. I carried seven dozen decoys in on my back, which at my age is no easy task. I got decoys set out looking all pretty good. Got settled into the blind and waited. And waited four thirty comes and no geese. Five comes and goes, no geese. About three minutes after sundown, I hear geese. About a mile south of me. How in the world did they know? But it gets better. After carrying everything all the way back out to my truck, I get it loaded up and head for home. Totally defeated. Got home and decided to go get supper at JDs. Walked out to the truck and low and behold, no bed cover! Somewhere between the lake and home it had decided to leave. The next morning saw Linda and I up bright and early heading out to see if we could find it. Lucky for me it had come loose just about a mile after I got onto the highway. And the good news is other than two broken plastic clips, it was unharmed. We got it reattached and came back home. I'll bet the folks driving thought we were weirdos for having several dozen decoys set out on the shoulder of the highway! But we got it done.

The geese are really moving in now. The snow goose flights out to feed are taking anywhere from an hour and a half to two hours! It's just a continuous mass of moving birds. It's definitely something everyone should see at least once in their life. I consider myself blessed that I can see it two to three times a week! I'm doubly blessed that I have a job that allows me to pursue game frequently, and a very understanding wife who knows this is my passion. I'll admit it, I'm a goose-a-holic. And don't anyone dare find a cure!

I was setting up a fishing trip with a cousin we had recently reconnected with and bam, snow and cold. I sure wish I had been hunting Saturday afternoon before the storm hit. It could have been epic. Or sucked, one of the two! Either way it would have been fun.

I can't even begin to convey at just how utterly disgusted I am at the President. A week in office and already killed thousands of jobs and put businesses under. Killing the Keystone Pipeline Project was the single dumbest thing I have heard of any person doing! And then this douche bag has the audacity to say, "Buy American". On what god-forsaken planet did you idiot Democrats find this fool? Absolute stupidity. Look at pictures of lithium mines that fuel your stupid electric cars. See the irreversible damage done to the land, and then for the fun of it, look at where pipelines have been run. Nice smooth ground with natural growth coming right back. If it went under farm ground in less than a year, you'll never see where it went in. But no. we have to 'save' the environment by digging huge craters for a small amount of product. And don't even get me started on the stupidity of wind turbines. Seeing that eyesore over by Colby is sickening. If you drive by them closely, you'll see oil leaking from damned near every one of them. You know, the very thing they are supposed to replace. To me the two best resources other than fossil fuels are ethanol, and nuclear energy. But thanks to the Democrats' war on common sense these seem to be ignored. You retards can keep your 'progress'.

Oh, and for those that don't like me using that word, buckle up buttercups because I'm just getting started. Democrats, the gift that just keeps giving to the conservative writer. Your foolishness knows no boundaries, and you just love to show it off for the world to see. Already other countries are stepping up their desire for nuclear weapons because you idiots just gave them everything they could have asked for. A president with no morals and absolutely no love for his country. No matter how much he or you lie about it. You hate this country. If you think it's so bad, get your butts out. We'll help you pack. I'll even take you to the airport, or dock. Happy to oblige. Oh yes, Epstein still didn't kill himself, Hillary is a criminal, as are the democratic congress folks, and you are darn right they cheated in this election!

I don't give two poops what your mainstream media says. You cheated. Just that simple. But as I have stated before, this crap-show is on your backs not mine. I will say this, if you even dream of taking away my way of life, Satan will enjoy your company. I won't let that happen. Not to me, my family, or my friends. Good luck.

Back to the outside, I'm more than ready to fish again. They're catching some huge crappies at Melvern, Milford, and even up the road here at Kirwin. Good luck to all going outside this weekend. Maybe we'll meet up and share lies! Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the outside.

Area Churches

Christ Community Church

2008 Sheridan Ave

Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church

1101 Sheridan Ave

Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church

1025 Queen

Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ

1541 Oak

Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church

1325 15th St

Hoxie

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Hwy 223

Leoville

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

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MOWING BIDS

Sheridan County is Accepting Bids for Mowing County right-of-way ditches.

If you are interested, please contact the Sheridan County Clerk at 785-675-3361 and a Right-of-Way Mowing Agreement with the bid form and map will be mailed to you for completion.

Bids accepted until NOON Monday, February 22, 2021

Elks

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Hoxie Elks Lodge

Elks

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OPEN

Dining Room/Bar Hours:

Wednesdays

Dining: 6-8pm

Saturdays

Dining: 6-9pm

The facility is available for private and/or public gatherings for a nominal fee.

To make reservations, contact: Karla Olson at 785-675-8742.

Decatur Health

810 W Columbia

Oberlin, KS 67749

1.785.475.2208

Office Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY HEALTHCARE

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**The Hoxie Democrat
Friday, January 28, 1887**

Dr. Robinson has a new wind mill at his place. Wm Doom, of Oberlin, was in the city last Friday.

C. E. Newbanks is doing some fine work in painting. Call on him and get prices.

J. E. R. Ewing is getting strong again and will soon be able to fill a man's place at the table.

The oldest daughter of B. F. Miller has been very sick during the past week, but is now on the improve.

The Nimrods have gone into the sporting business systematically, and will file a charter in a few days.

George Crane received an indefinite leave of absence from the legislature on account of sickness in his family.

Fred Boller having sold his farm will move to town and live in the Harris house. His sister will keep house for him.

Mr. R. J. Finch, of Arapahoe, and Mr. A. B. Hawkins, of Burlington, Iowa, are in the city visiting Mr. Isaac Mulholland.

G. M. Taylor gave us a pleasant call last Tuesday. George is one of the old settlers and is good authority on bonds and thinks our county too young yet for bending.

Mr. Dutt, of Dakota, is spending a few days with his friend A. L. Burns, west of town. Mr. Dutt thinks that Kansas does Dakota for good weather and fine land.

D. W. Fee has sold his barbering outfit to a gentleman from the east who will immediately fix up and from this time on we will have a No. 1 barber in town.

Hon. E. J. Turner will start for Washington, D. C., on next Monday, and on the 4th of March will assume the duties of congressman from the sixth district of Kansas.

John White, a farmer from Washington county is visiting in Hoxie. That urbane and genteel insurance agent, G. W. Shepherd, has him in charge showing him the sights.

Johnny Jones was in town Tuesday and he thinks that from present prospects that there will be some money in the sheep business next year. He will also want to buy about 100 cows about the 1st of March. The Democrat will notify the people when he is ready to buy.

The Hoxie band gave the citizens of Hoxie a fine treat in the way of music last week, and in their rounds the Democrat was not forgotten. Our boys show great improvement and we think that in a band contest in the northwest that our boys would wear the blue ribbon. Call again, boys, and we will try and have Weida do something or you.

L. M. Grant received a car load of implements this week and will be ready for the spring trade.

**125 Years Ago
January 30, 1896**

Mrs. S. R. Pratt, of Museum, was a Hoxie visitor Saturday.

Jimmie Foster and wife are expected home from England the first of next week.

J. F. Jones, or "Nosy" as he is familiarly known, of Gove City, and John Hopkins of Grainfield, were in Hoxie on business yesterday.

To gain admittance free at the dance to be given at the Opera Hall on the evening of the 14 of February it will be necessary to bring a lady.

The little girls of this city gave a leap-year party at the residence of A. L. McCallum one night last week at which an enjoyable time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schropp, of Valley township, are the happy parents of an eight pound boy, who took up his residence at their home on the 17, inst.

The editor of the Democrat has adopted a novel scheme to ensnare some of the young men of this county in the meshes of matrimony, by giving them a write-up and telling the girls just who of them are the most susceptible. If the scheme doesn't work and several unions are not the result we will lose some faith in printers ink.

J. S. Easton of the South part of the county was in to mill the first of the week.

Uncle Jimmy Grinnell was taken suddenly ill last Thursday evening but at this writing is recovering rapidly.

E. E. Mercer, of Selden, visited with his daughter Mrs. A. E. Freeman of this city, the first of the week.

Nearly everyone we meet is talking of going to the mining district in Colorady. Better stay at home and irrigate the returns will be greater.

"Ike" Purcell, of Gove county, writes us asking if when we said he had seen ten leap years, we meant it as an insult. Not at all Isaac and if you have seen more than ten, we will gladly correct the error. Kindly let us hear from you at once, because it is not our intention to misrepresent or wrong anyone.

Guy Items
Howard Turtle has gone to Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Mrs. Sherwood was visiting in the neighborhood last week.

Frank Houseworth is building a sod house on section 11, North of Guy.

Mr. Bird is getting out rock to wall his well. He will irrigate five or six acres.

Selden Department
Len Miller has gone to the fair fields of fortune in Colorado.

The township board met to transact the business of the township, Monday last.

L. T. Herrington sold the place he bought of Wm. Pickens to Park E. Drake last week. Consideration \$400.

Agnes, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Robinson, has been quite sick recently but is recovering at this time.

**100 Years Ago
January 27, 1921**

Local News

Miss Agnes Rouse, of Oberlin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bear, and family, this week.

C. E. Carman and family of Selden spent Sunday in this city the guests of Mrs. Carman's sister, Mrs. Bear, and family.

NEEDA TRUCK TIRE?

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Mrs. M. G. Feely, who was an old and highly esteemed resident of Jennings, Kansas, died at her home last week after a short illness.

Lorenzo William is in Kansas City attending the Sweeney Automobile and Tractor School. He will complete the course in about two months.

Mrs. W. W. Humes, of Colby, sent us the wherewithal the first of the week to secure the Sentinel for another year. She says, "We can't get along without the Sentinel."

Dr. and Mrs. Korb entertained at dinner Saturday evening, the following: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pratt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andregg and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gorrell.

Senator McIvor and Representative Hall have landed on several of the important committees of the senate and house respectively, which means that they will have plenty to do to give thought and attention to all matters that come before them.

Mrs. M. Meyer and Mr. Julian Meyer, of Webster City, Iowa, arrived here recently and will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ring. Mrs. Meyer is Mrs. Ring's mother, and Mr. Meyer is her nephew.

John Wilkin is advertising a public sale which will be held at his place, one mile west of town, on February 2. Mr. Wilkin and his sister intend to leave soon for the Pacific coast to look over that country before they buy a place.

Harry Moore, one of Logan township's successful farmers, was here on business Friday. He informed us that his son, Elmer, who was operated on for appendicitis a few days ago, is doing nicely. Elmer hadn't been well since having the "flu" while in the army, and he now has hopes of fully regaining his former vigor.

Emerald Grove
By Lucile
Miss Minnie Simmon and Murry Corke who spent Sunday with home folks returned to Hoxie Sunday evening.

O. R. Phelps is building a double garage for his truck and car. We hear that lumber is coming down so it is a good time to put up a few buildings. And it adds much to the appearance of the country.

Valley
By Gleaner
Mrs. Stella Pratt and little sons, Donald and Harry, Jr., spent Friday with Mrs. Vera Conard and family.

Mr. Turner, the man who was taking charge of the garage for Ralph Getz, took a sudden departure for Ash Grove one night last week.

Northwest Prairie Dog
By Hooting Owl
Pete Gosha's visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Slaven Sunday.

Miss Carrie Duesburg visited Sunday at the Wachendorfer home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fringer went to Kansas City last week where Cal is taking treatment.

**75 Years Ago
January 24, 1946**

Local Happenings

Gilbert Bachman has been discharged from the Army. He arrived at his home in Juniata, Nebraska, December 31st, and visited relatives and friends here January 3rd. He was a sergeant in the European theater, overseas 32 months in England, France and Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and family and Archie Hughs spent Sunday at John's mother's Mrs. L. O. Brown and Raymond.

Betty Alice Cooper and Doris Nyfeler spent the weekend as a guest of Virginia "Toots" Pope at the C. L. Pope home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beckman, Cletus and Harold were dinner guests Monday evening at the Ray Beckman home. This was in honor of Ray's birthday anniversary. The same group plus Mr. and Mrs. Vince Dickman and children were at the parental George Beckman home Sunday. This family dinner was also in honor of Ray's birthday anniversary.

The Vernon Day family were Saturday evening dinner guests at the Alex Fromme home.

Myrna Kay Steinshouer was 5 years old on January 11th. Sixteen little friends came to the Dorrence Steinshouer home to help her celebrate. Mrs. Mex Cooper assisted Mrs. Steinshouer with the games and birthday refreshments.

Mt. Pleasant
Cleo Morgans had several helping with the butchering Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Critchfield, Betty Marie and Mrs. Loaf took dinner Sunday with the Geo Simon's, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Martin and Morris, Nelda, and Isabelle White called in the afternoon.

Rodney Martin is attending the stock show at Denver.

East Saline News
The losing side in the Attendance Contest of the Helping Hand Club entertained the winning side Monday night at the High School Banquet Room. A very pleasant evening of visiting and pinochle was enjoyed by all. A delicious lunch of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee was served.

Mrs. Wayne Martin spent Friday with Mrs. Lloyd McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schlick and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ulrich and children were dinner guests at Ray Rhoades Sunday.

Lucerne World
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mowry and baby spent Friday in Hoxie shopping and visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miriam Randolph.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Kemper and Larry and Reta Kemper spent last Wednesday evening at Don Kemper's.

Mrs. Francis Teel and sons spent last Wednesday at the Artie Teel home.

Leoville
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berls, Jimmy, Mary and Joyce spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kruse and family.

Freddie Reichert spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Reichert.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones spent Sunday at the John McCoy home.

Menlo Items
Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Houston and Clarence and Margie Iles are visiting friends and relatives in east-Kansas this week.

The district elimination tournament all be held at Rexford from Thursday until Saturday of this week. The teams competing will be Rexford, Herndon, Gem, Levant, Selden, Jennings, Grinnell and Menlo.

Mrs. Mary Channell is visiting her son Bruce and family at Burlington Colorado this week.

**50 Years Ago
January 28, 1971**

Mike McNally Wins Pine Wood Derby
Cub Scout Pack No. 160 held their annual Pine Wood Derby Monday night, Jan. 25. The Pine Wood Derby car consists of a wooden block, axles

and plastic wheels. The Cub Scout forms the block into a car through carving, sanding and weighting the car not exceeding 5 total ounces.

Mike McNally won the derby. He was followed by Bart Lillybridge who placed second, and Don E. Hutton who placed third.

Broadway News
The Baptist Dorcas Circle meets with Vicki Richards Wednesday morning. Lois Simon is leader.

Mrs. Albert Smith called on Mrs. Henry Fleming, Mrs. Dave Popp and Mrs. Bill Minium Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simon spent Tuesday in Hoxie and were dinner guests at Lonnie Carders. George spent the afternoon there after a check up with the doctor.

The Leigh Baptist Circle meets Wednesday with Mrs. Dave Paintin. Margie Minium is leader.

Thimble Circle Club
Thimble Circle Club met Jan. 21 with Hazel Schroeder. Grace Williams, Lucille Mowry and Florence Mauck were unable to attend. Ethel won the raffle gift. We embroidered dish towels and pillow cases for the hostess. Next meeting will be Feb. 4 with Doris Trueblood.

Harmony Club
Harmony Club met at the home of Arleda Gaede on Jan. 20. Seven members and two visitors were present. Reba drew the hostess gift. We will meet with Jennie Campbell on Feb. 10. This will be our Valentine party so remember your mystery pal. - Reporter

Tasco Notes
The Tasco Community Club met on Friday, Jan. 22 with Irma Getz. Thirteen members were present to enjoy the good dinner and quilting for the hostess. Mrs. Lena Morgan won the hostess gift. The next meeting will be Feb. 5 with Mrs. Nettie Ackerman.

Seguin Items
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wiley were Tuesday guests at the John Geerdes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heim and Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes were in Angelus Sunday evening to attend the D of I smorgasbord at the Catholic church. They enjoyed the rest of the evening at the Bud Lager home playing cards.

Not much news of a social interest it seems. There's lots of basketball, wrestling, bowling, meetings, workshops and the like to keep one on the go, and too, there is the housewife hipsters trying to ignore those new muscles they didn't know were there. For those too busy to look up hipster in the dictionary it says a hipster is a person who is unusually aware of and interested in new and unconventional patterns and other stimulants.

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**25 Years Ago
January 25, 1996**

Junior High Set Music Festival
The Junior High Music Festival has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Colby Community College.

A pre-festival concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 at the Hoxie High School auditorium.

Hoxie Elks to Host 'Fifth Quarters'

The Hoxie Elks Lodge, No. 2415, will be hosting and sponsoring two "fifth quarters" for students from Hoxie Junior High and Hoxie High School in the coming weeks.

Elkdom stresses the importance of holding activities for our young people where the activity is drug and alcohol free and students still have fun relaxing with their peers at the same time.

McGraw
Saturday noon Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter attended the Rotary College of Governors meeting which was held at the Hays Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter and Brenda Bainter visited Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Loughry Monday evening.

Reverend and Mrs. Russell Helbig and Alex visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl Friday evening. Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl were dinner guests of Edith Wasserman.

Rexford
Mary Townsend of Great Bend visited her brother and wife, Loren and Joyce Turner from Jan. 12-15. On Sunday they went to Burlington, Colo., to visit other relatives, Ethel Teel, Louise Barnhart and Esther Rhodes. While they were there they toured "Old Town."

Frances McIntyre hosted the Happy Hour Unit at the Red Barn on Tuesday afternoon. Dues were paid for the coming year. Edna Colson presented the lesson on "Am I Next" with many ideas on crime prevention. Grace Cheney will be the hostess on Feb. 20.

Jennings-Allison
Thursday afternoon the Quilters had cake and ice cream at the Senior Center along with a pot of soup brought by Lucill Stackhouse to celebrate Rosa Brock's and Vendla Tacha's birthdays.

The Kansas Day program will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at the Senior Center. Linda Davis Stephens will be the guest speaker. The Boy Scouts will be presenting the flags. Refreshments will be served by the Pride and Heritage Association.

Selden
There was no Senior Citizens this past week due to 50 mph winds we had on Wednesday and Thursday.

Visitors this past week at the home of Mabel Andrews were Margaret Rogers and Neil and Evelyn Wahl and their daughter Lindsey of Rhome, N.D.

KSHSAA BOD Approves Four Spectators Per Participant

The KSHSAA Board of Directors met Wednesday at the request of the KSHSAA Executive Board to discuss spectator limits for the winter activity season. During the meeting the following action took place:

Motion by M. Kastle, seconded by B. Sutherlin to implement the following rule change for member schools during the 2020-21 school year only:

Beginning January 29 until the end of winter activities regular season this school year, a maximum of four spectators per participant will be permitted to attend with appropriate social distancing required. Local school districts may choose to have stricter limitations based on seating and local health department guidelines.


The proposal was approved by a vote of 46 in favor, 27 opposed.

Senator Marshall’s Statement on President Biden’s Inaugural Address

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. issued the following statement regarding President Joe Biden's inaugural address. The Senator attended the Inauguration with his wife Laina.

“Today, my wife Laina and I joined all Americans to witness the Constitutional transition of power to President Joe Biden,” said Senator Marshall. “It is important that both sides of the political spectrum continue to lower the national temperature and recognize opportunities for common good. I have hope that we can work with the new Administration on behalf of Kansas as we tackle extremely pressing issues facing our nation including: getting the COVID-19 vaccine into the arms of everyone who wants and needs it, boosting job recovery, and opening businesses and our economy back up to the historic levels we saw before the pandemic.”






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Bill Introduced to Keep Keystone XL Pipeline Construction Moving Forward

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D., and several western senators will introduce legislation to authorize the continued construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline following President Biden's decision to revoke the cross-border operation permit. Senator Marshall will introduce the legislation with Senators Steve Daines (MT), Mike Crapo (ID), James Risch (ID), John Barrasso (WY), Jerry Moran (KS), Jim Inhofe (OK), and John Hoeven (ND). Several other western senators are expected to sign on.

“The focus of the new administration must be on restoring our economy to pre-COVID levels and ensuring Americans can put food on the table. Instead, President Biden has revoked the Keystone XL pipeline, a move that will drive up the price of gas at the pump, cost thousands of jobs, crush our energy industry and put our country back on a path to dependence on foreign oil. Over the years, the Keystone XL pipeline has undergone extensive environmental and safety studies that have been verified, tested, and approved by both the courts and independent groups. Instead of firing American workers through government decree, the Biden Administration should take steps to grow our economy and continue down the path of American energy independence and economic recovery,” Senator Marshall said.

“It’s only day one, and with the stroke of a pen, Biden has already taken steps to kill American energy projects like the Keystone XL Pipeline which is critical to energy producing states like Montana,” Senator Daines said. “This project will create thousands of jobs, generate tax revenue for local communities, promote North American energy security and independence, and it is the safest and most environmentally friendly way to transport oil. We must do all that we can to ensure construction moves forward.”

“President Biden’s executive order will rob both American and Canadian workers of good-paying jobs,” said Senator Barrasso. “Currently, one thousand union workers are busy constructing the Keystone XL pipeline. When completed, the pipeline will ship oil from the Canadian and Bakken oil fields to American refineries along the Gulf Coast and across the Midwest. President Biden’s actions will not end our need for oil from our strongest ally, Canada. Instead, it will cost jobs, result in more shipments of oil by rail and make America even more vulnerable to OPEC and foreign adversaries, like Russia.”

“We came so far during the last administration – from prioritizing American energy development to ending the far-left’s war on fossil fuels. The Keystone XL pipeline would create thousands of jobs in Oklahoma and throughout the nation and President Biden’s disappointing choice today to revoke this permit will harm the nation’s tremendous progress toward energy independence. I am sad to see this decision to continue the failed Obama-era legacy of denying tens of thousands of Americans good, well-paying jobs at the expense of satisfying liberal, “Green New Deal” inspired interest groups. It is a sad day for the future of American energy independence, but I will not stop fighting for legislation and other policies that keep energy costs down and further our energy and national security,” stated Senator Inhofe.

Background:
This project is expected to provide approximately 11,000 direct high-paying jobs and up to 60,000 indirect and direct jobs, generate tax revenue, increase renewable-energy demand, reduce emissions, and strengthen North American energy independence.

Sen. Marshall Honored by Kansas Farm Bureau

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. received the ‘Friend of Farm Bureau Award’ from the Kansas Farm Bureau for his work in the House of Representatives during the 116th Congress on behalf of Kansas farmers, ranchers, and producers.

“I want to thank the Kansas Farm Bureau for their support and for honoring me with this award. With wins over the past few years on the China Phase One Deal, USMCA, KORUS, and the Japan-Free Trade Agreement combined with efforts to roll back the red tape that was hampering Kansas farmers, ranchers, and producers, we know that the sky is the limit,” said Senator Marshall. “While we accomplished a great deal for Kansas agriculture over the last two years, my hope is that we can build on those efforts in the 117th Congress and deliver even more wins.”

“We appreciate the support from then Rep. Marshall on important issues to Farm Bureau in the 116th Congress. The passage of USMCA will help Kansas producers export more of the agricultural commodities they grow and raise for years to come,” said Rich Felts, President of the Kansas Farm Bureau.

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Senator Billinger’s Newsletter

January 25, 2021

A top priority in the opening week of the legislative session was continuing the protections within the Kansas Emergency Management Act as adopted in the Special Session in June of 2020, which were set to expire on January 26.

SB 14 accomplished this by extending the limitations on the governor's executive powers until March 31, thus maintaining and strengthening the protections for Kansas families and businesses. This provides the Kansas Legislature the time necessary to take a deeper dive into the many statutes surrounding the Kansas Emergency Management Act (KEMA) and craft legislation that will address the myriad of issues within it on a long-term basis.

While KEMA was largely designed to deal with localized disasters such as floods and tornadoes, this time will allow the legislature to ensure our laws envision similar statewide situations, such as pandemics, in the future.

Here are the key aspects of the legislation:

- The bill would amend the statute ratifying and continuing the COVID-19-related state of disaster emergency declared by the Governor on March 12, 2020, to reflect the September 15, 2020, ratification and continuation of the state of disaster emergency by 2020 Special Session HB 2016 and subsequent extensions and continuations by the State Finance Council and would ratify and continue in existence the state of disaster emergency until March 31, 2021. The bill also would amend this statute to extend from 2020 through 2021 a provision prohibiting the Governor from proclaiming any new state of disaster emergency related to the COVID-19 health emergency without approval by at least six legislative members of the State Finance Council.
- The bill extends the expiration date for several provisions to March 31, including:
 - o Removal of alcohol from premises of a licensed club or drinking establishment (Section 1)
 - o Provisions governing declaration of a state of disaster emergency, including when the legislature is not in session and applications to the State Finance Council; the bill includes permitting this procedure when the legislature is adjourned during session for more than three days. (Section 2)
 - o Provisions regarding the powers of the Governor and boards of county commissioners enacted in 2020 Special Session HB 2016 (Section 4)
 - o Telemedicine (Section 7)
 - o Temporary emergency licensure by the State Board of Healing Arts (Section 8);
 - o Temporary licensure measures for additional health care providers (Section 9);
 - o Business immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim (Section 10).
- The bill would amend the KEMA statute limiting the Governor's ability to issue an order that substantially burdens or inhibits the gathering or movement of individuals or operation of any religious, civic business, or commercial activity, whether for-profit or not-for-profit. This is a significantly stronger position than the original HB 2016 language, which allowed the governor to close businesses for up to 15 days before requiring approval from six members of the State Finance Council.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve the 40th Senate District of Kansas Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at 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.

Governor’s Statement on Kansas House Passing Abortion Constitutional Amendment

The following is Governor Laura Kelly's statement in response to the Kansas House of Representatives' passage of an amendment to the Kansas Constitution to reverse the Kansas Supreme Court's decision that abortion is a constitutional right under the state.

“I’ve always believed that every woman’s reproductive decisions should be left to her, her family, and her physician. While I know others do not share my belief, I don’t think those supporting this amendment are aware of the consequences it will have for the state of Kansas and our reputation.

“We already know how this ends – North Carolina’s notorious bathroom bill cost that state nearly \$4 billion in economic development – and this amendment has the same potential to do irreparable damage to our COVID-19 economic recovery efforts and our long-term prospects to recruit businesses and workforce talent.”

LaTurner Joins House Committee on Homeland Security

U.S. Representative Jake LaTurner has been selected to serve on the House Committee on Homeland Security in the 117th Congress:

“I am honored to be chosen by my colleagues to serve on the Homeland Security Committee,” said LaTurner. “The issues before Homeland Security will directly impact the safety of Kansans in the Second District. I look forward to serving on this committee to protect America’s national security interests, secure our borders, reduce illegal immigration, and prevent drug smuggling and human trafficking networks.”

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Indian JV and Girls Wrestling Travel to Phillipsburg-Atwood



By Coleen Shepard

The Hoxie High junior varsity boys wrestling team traveled to Phillipsburg on Friday to compete at the Panthers Classic. Competing against 12 teams, the wrestlers earned five wins by fall, one by major decision and two by decision, compiling 47.0 team points and a fifth-place finish. Individually they brought home two champion brackets, one second and one third place medal.

Wrestling continued the next day in Atwood, where the junior varsity and girls' wrestlers competed against eight teams at the Buffalo Invitational Tournament. The JV wrestlers

had one champion, one second place and two third place finishers, earning 35.0 points and a fourth-place team finish. Hoxie's girl wrestler, Marissa Porsch, went undefeated at Atwood, was named outstanding wrestler for the girls and claimed the 138 lb girls champion bracket.



Ivan Kaus tying up with his opponent at Oakley. (Photo by Alayna Shepard)

Buffalo Invitational Tournament

JV and Girls Results:

113 William Meyer (9-3) placed 1st & scored 12.0 team points.
Round 2 - William Meyer 9-3 won by decision over Angel Bustos Bravo (Garden City) 3-2 (Dec 10-6)
Round 3 - William Meyer 9-3 won by fall over Joel Barrera (Leoti) 7-18 (Fall 3:28)
120 Ivan Kaus (7-5) placed 2nd & scored 7.0 team points.
Round 1 - Sammy Perez (Garden City) 4-1 won by fall over Ivan Kaus 7-5 (Fall 3:13)
Round 2 - Sammy Perez (Garden City) 4-1 won by fall over Ivan Kaus 7-5 (Fall 0:42)
138 Macon Sekavec (4-6) placed 3rd & scored 7.0 team points.
Round 1 - Kenneth Micek (Atwood) 10-7 won by fall over Macon Sekavec 4-6 (Fall 2:42)
Round 2 - Macon Sekavec 4-6 won by decision over Jason Colby (Goodland) 6-9 (Dec 12-8)
Round 3 - Tommy McClure (Liberal) 9-8 won by fall over Macon Sekavec 4-6 (Fall 1:16)
285 Gavin Schippers (11-7) placed 3rd & scored 9.0 team pts.
Round 1 - Gavin Schippers 11-7 won by fall over Omar Sanchez (Atwood) 10-10 (Fall 3:57)
Round 2 - Gavin Schippers 11-7 won by decision over Landon Kreutzer (Colby High School) 11-8 (Dec 4-1)
Round 4 - Juan Mancillas (Leoti) 9-7 won by fall over Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 11-7 (Fall 1:30)
Round 5 - Logan Haggard (Colby High School) 18-1 won by decision over Gavin Schippers 11-7 (Dec 4-2)
1 Atwood-Rawlins Co 136.5
2 Leoti-Wichita Co 99.0
3 Garden City 87.0
4 Hoxie 35.0
5 Goodland 32.0
6 WaKeeney-Trego Community 30.0
7 St. Francis 27.0
8 Colby High School 8.0
138-Girls Marissa Porsch (26-1) placed 1st & scored 11.0 team points.
Round 2 - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie Girls) 26-1 won by major decision over Kaileigh Morrison (Atwood-Women) 5-3 (MD 11-1)
Round 3 - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie Girls) 26-1 won in tie breaker - 1 over Anjelina Serrano (Garden City Women) 7-3 (TB-1 8-7)



Mid-Continent League Tournament



Ashton Dowell brings the ball up the court, passing many Hill City defenders. (Photo by Jennifer Dowell)



4th Place Finish in MCL League for Lady Indians

Going in as the #7 seed in the MCL tournament, the Lady Indians were pitted against the #10 Hill City, which they defeated the first night. They went on to have a huge upset against #2 seed Trego Community Schools where they came out on top 32-36. In the semi-final round, the Lady Indians fell to Smith Center, #6, with a score of 27-40. Smith Center then went on to defeat Norton in the Championship round. In the consolation game against Phillipsburg, originally seated #1, they fell 61-33 landing them a solid 4th place finish.

Harlan Obioha, senior, grabs an offensive rebound and puts it back up for 2 points. (Photo by Jennifer Dowell)

Mid-Continent League Tournament Results:

- GIRLS:**
1st - Smith Center (#6)
2nd - Norton (#5)
3rd - Phillipsburg (#3)
4th - Hoxie (#7)
5th - TMP (#3)
6th - Ellis (#4)
7th - Trego (#2)
8th - Oakley (#8)
9th - Russell (#9)
10th - Hill City (#10)
11th - Stockton (#12)
12th - Plainville (#11)
- BOYS:**
1st - Hoxie (#1)
2nd - Trego (#3)
3rd - TMP (#5)
4th - Ellis (#2)
5th - Norton (#4)
6th - Phillipsburg (#6)
7th - Hill City (#9)
8th - Oakley (#7)
9th - Stockton (#10)
10th - Russell (#8)
11th - Plainville (#11)
12th - Smith Center (#12)



Panther Classic in Phillipsburg

2021 JV/Girls Panther Classic Results for Hoxie
113 William Meyer (9-3) placed 1st and scored 8.0 team points.
Round 2 - William Meyer 9-3 won by fall over Joel Abell (Minneapolis) 0-2 (Fall 1:49)
Round 3 - William Meyer 9-3 won by major decision over Ayden Loomis (Beloit) 3-2 (MD 11-3)
120 Ivan Kaus (9-4) placed 2nd and scored 10.0 team points.
Round 1 - Ivan Kaus 9-4 won by decision over Heath Simmons (Norton) 7-14 (Dec 4-3)
Round 2 - Seamus Holmes (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian) 9-10 won by fall over Ivan Kaus 9-4 (Fall 3:13)
Round 3 - Ivan Kaus 9-4 won by decision over Preston Beckman (Phillipsburg) 3-20 (Dec 5-0)
138 Macon Sekavec (4-6) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 - Macon Sekavec 4-6 won by fall over Matthew Vahling (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian) 2-5 (Fall 3:09)
Round 2 - Jacob Barry (Beloit) 4-1 won by fall over Macon Sekavec 4-6 (Fall 3:08)
Round 3 - Colby Menagh (Norton) 8-12 won by fall over Macon Sekavec 4-6 (Fall 2:44)
285 Gavin Schippers (12-5) placed 1st & scored 20.0 team pts.
Round 1 - Gavin Schippers 12-5 won by fall over David Snider (Minneapolis) 2-1 (Fall 3:55)
Round 2 - Gavin Schippers 12-5 won by fall over Alex Brown (Norton) 0-20 (Fall 1:22)
Round 3 - Gavin Schippers 12-5 won by fall over Jake MacCroy (Beloit) 3-6 (Fall 4:48)

JV Girls Control Titans



Get it! Golden Plains sophomore Sidney Taylor (0) scrambles under the basket to keep control of the rebound and pass it off to teammates Jordyn Fleckenstein (5) and Emma Weiner (11) during the JV girls' game against Tri-plains/Brewster in Rexford on January 19. The Bulldogs controlled the 2-quarter game from start to finish for a 37-6 win. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV Girls basketball team controlled the game against the Tri-plains/Brewster Titans on January 19 in Rexford. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Titans 37-6 in a two-quarter game to remain undefeated at 3-0.

The Lady Bulldogs opened with a 5-0 lead before the Titans scored their first basket. The Dogs then went on a 12-point run to finish the first quarter with a 17-2 lead. The Bulldogs continued to control the game in the second quarter adding another 14 before the Titans added another two baskets. The Bulldogs finished the game with the win 37-6.

Rayna Taylor led the Bulldogs with 15 total points included shooting 75% from the free throw line. Jordyn Fleckenstein and Emma Weiner each added 6 while Sidney Taylor and Carli Nieman put in four each. Amie Cheney rounded out the scoring with two.

"So far as a team we are doing well playing with each other," said Amie Cheney. "We are improving every day in practice." The JV girls will face the Titans again on Friday as they travel to Brewster for their second game of the week against the Titans.

GPMS Girls Keep Going Strong



Anette Hernandez scrambles for the ball, on the Heartland floor, as it gets pushed away from one of the Heartland Crusaders players on January 12 in Colby. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Crusaders 32-2 in the four-quarter game. (Photo by Laura Moore)

By Britton Knowles

On Tuesday, January 12, the Golden Plains Middle School girls started their 2021 basketball season against the Heartland Crusaders in Colby. There was only an A-Team game, which the girls won by 30 points, 32-2.

The girls started out in the game with a 10-point lead, 10-0, by the end of the first quarter. The girls bumped their score to 24 points while Heartland made nothing in the second quarter, ending the first half with a Bulldog lead of 24-0.

The Bulldogs continued to hold the Crusaders scoreless while adding 8 to make the end of the third quarter 32-0 in favor of the Bulldogs. The Heartland Crusaders made their only basket in the fourth quarter while the Dogs failed to score, ending the game with a Bulldog win of 32-2.

Leading off the Bulldogs was Anette Hernandez with 24 total points. Hayden Wark and Braylee Knowles each added 4. "We all worked hard as a team," stated Hernandez. "I feel like we have all improved so much since the beginning of the year." The girls will now get ready to play against Western Plains/Healy on Thursday, January 21 on their home floor in Rexford.



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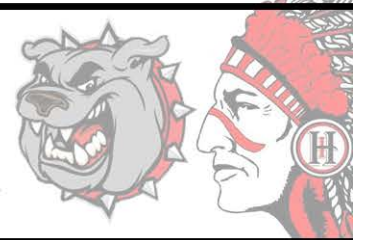
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Bulldogs Host Logan/Palco



Rebound! Golden Plains senior Wade Rush (21) jumps up for the rebound in the varsity game against Logan/Palco on January 15 as Ashton Schiltz (12) and Jovanny Infante (13) watch for a possible tip. Rush led the team with 16 points and 10 rebounds in their 32-59 loss to the Trojans. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The priority deadline for scholarships has just passed at North Central Kansas Technical College, so if you are planning to attend the Beloit or Hays campus, submit your application ASAP at <http://bit.ly/39TQpVn>.

The second update is that the housing application (<http://bit.ly/3sRnvxK>) for the Beloit campus opens up on February 15th. Students can then apply to live in our residence halls and the earlier they submit that application, the better. And NCKTC is still welcoming in-person on campus visits. You can schedule a visit at <https://ncktc.edu/visit/>.

The Kansas Crimestoppers offer a \$1000 scholarship to a student that will be starting any post-secondary school in Kansas in the fall of 2021. Your counselor should have a PDF copy, or email Jacquelyn Ashcraft at kansascrimestoppersassociation@gmail.com. The application must be submitted to her at this email address by March 15.

There are a number of scholarships for students entering the field of Cyber Security, especially females. See the list at <http://bit.ly/39U7AGy>.

The Hoxie Elks Lodge will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from one of the high schools in the membership area of the Lodge. The scholarship will be based on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The attached must be completed and mailed or e-mailed to Hoxie Elks Lodge #2415 at P.O. Box 586, Hoxie, KS 67740 or hoxielks@ruraltel.net no later than March 1, 2021. Ask your school counselor for a PDF copy or email the lodge.

The Kansas Crimestoppers is offering scholarships to seniors with 12 hours minimum at an accredited Kansas institution of post-secondary education for the fall semester of 2021. Your completed application form and required attachments must be received by March 15, 2021 and submitted by email to: Jacquelyn Ashcraft, kansascrimestoppersassociation@gmail.com. See your counselor or email Jacquelyn for an application.

The Kansas Future Teacher Academy Winter 2021 Mini-Academy provides a professional learning opportunity for high school students interested in being a teacher and KFTA Alumni. This mini-academy will be held virtually via Sched on February 1. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/2MgBaOl>.

High school juniors, seniors, and college transfers are invited to join us for Black & Yellow Day on February 15 at Wichita State! This virtual event will consist of a Shocker experience fair, interactive sessions, academic sessions, a campus tour, and a free t-shirt! Details and registration can be found at wichita.edu/visit. There is also a Shocker Saturday program on February 13 if you are a looking for another day to connect with WSU.

Bethany College joins the list of students offering Esports. This will be an opportunity to earn a scholarship for playing competitive video games. This school in Lindsborg will have an informational meeting on March 23 at 6:00 PM. Find out more by contacting Melissa at blakemr@bethanylb.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 1: Deadline for Nex-Tech Break the Rules Scholarship
February 15: Final deadline for scholarships at FHSU and CCC
March 12: Registration deadline for April 17 ACT test
March 15: Masonic Foundation Scholarships due
May 1: Registration deadline for KBOR scholarships (<http://bit.ly/3p8KDPu>)
May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test
June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted Logan/Palco on January 15 in Rexford. The boys fought hard under the basket but fell to the Trojans 32-59. "It's always good to play at home," said junior Fabian Cepeda. "We appreciate the crowd support on our own court."

The Trojans jumped to a 10-0 lead before Cepeda put in a basket for the Bulldogs. Roberto Loya added another basket and Wade Rush a free throw by the end of the first as the Trojans maintained control of the game to hold a 20-5 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs continued to have trouble getting the ball to fall in the second quarter adding only two baskets—one from Rush and one from Jovanny Infante. The Trojans hit several three's as they extended their lead to 35-9 by the half.

The Dogs regrouped during the break and came back out in the third ready to play. Rush hit for 9 while Ethan Weiner added a three and Alex Gonzalez a basket as the Dogs outscored the Trojans 15-11. The Bulldogs finished the game with an additional 8, allowing the Trojans 13 for the 59-32 win.

Rush led the Bulldogs with 16 points, 10 rebounds, an assist, 2 deflections, and a block. Gonzalez added 4 points, 5 rebounds, a deflection, a block and a steal. Loya contributed 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. Weiner scored 3 points and had 2 rebounds, Infante put in 3 points and claimed 3 rebounds along with 1 deflection and 1 block. Cepeda scored the first two points of the game and had 3 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 deflection. Ashton Schiltz had 1 rebound and 1 deflection.

The Bulldogs will host their third consecutive home game on January 19 when they host Tri-Plains/Brewster in Rexford. "We need to play better defense than we did when we played them in the Sagebrush," added Cepeda. "We have three players back that were out during the tournament. That should help."



JV Wins First Game of Season

By Ethan Weiner

The Golden Plains High School boys' JV basketball team kicked their season off on the road at Heartland Christian on January 12 in Colby. They were able to work together and pick up the 39-33 win.

The Bulldogs started off the game a little slow. They fell behind quickly 0-8 but were able to get some shots to fall before the quarter ended. Ashton Schiltz had a free throw and Fabian Cepeda had two. Ethan Weiner hit a three at the buzzer to make it a two-point game, 6-8.

The Bulldogs were unable

By Livia Schultz, Co-Editor

January 15, the Thunderhawks traveled west to Weskan for a double header. The Lady Hawks came away with a huge win! The final score was 47-40. Junior Anna Godek led the team with four assists, Jr. Livia Schultz headed with 16 points and ten rebounds, and both Godek and Schultz led the Hawks with two steals each. As a team they shot 36% from the field and forced 17 turnovers on the Coyotes.



Drive and a kick out pass being made by Jr. Anna Godek to Jr. Livia Schultz on the perimeter. (WHS photo)



Jr. Tyrell Chapin shows off his vertical as he goes up to try and block the ball. (WHS photo)

Hawks Battle

Friday, the Hawks headed home with two wins as the boys came out on top 57-41. Junior Trey Vincent led the team with 15 points and in steals with four. Senior Trevor Zarybnicky hit the boards hard with a total eight rebounds against the Coyotes. As a team, they shot 38% from the field and 63% from the free throw line.

A turnaround game on Tuesday, January 19, against the Cheylin Cougars left the Hawks coming out of the night with two wins. The JV boys started at 5:15 with a final score of 30-18! The Lady Hawks cleaned the floor 70-41 against the Coyotes. Godek led the girls with 18 points, followed close by Schultz with 17. The steals category was locked up by Godek with six, and the boards were hit by Schultz with 12 total rebounds. The Lady Hawks shot 46% from the field and had 18 total assists. The boys fell short to the Cougars 60-51. As a group, the boys were 75% from the free throw line, had 14 assists, eight blocks, and 35 rebounds. Overall, the boys are 5-4 and the Lady Hawks are 3-5.

Junior Isabella Ostmeier said, "I feel we are really starting to come together as a team and work as one."

State Scholastics Art

By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

Every year, the USD 291 and 292 art teacher, Mrs. Schultz, enters artwork into the State Scholastic Art program for her eighth through 12th-grade art students. Due to Covid-19 there were fewer awards given out across the board. Out of approximately five hundred art pieces entered from the western part of Kansas, the judges only gave out one hundred and twenty-three awards.

From Wheatland Middle School, there were three Honorable Mention awards given. Abigail Cheney got two, one in printmaking and one in charcoal, and Jocelyn Perez got one in printmaking.

From Grinnell Middle School, there were three Honorable Mention awards, two Silver Key awards, and one Gold Key award. The three Honorable Mention awards went to Junior Nevaeh Nelson in clay, Sophomore Miguel Galeana in clay, and Freshman Lake Nelson in printmaking. The two Silver Key awards went to Junior Tyra Schultz for a painting and Freshman Karoline Schroeder in mixed media.

Schroeder states, "It is really rewarding to see my hard work pay off! This pushes me to keep doing my best!"

The Gold Key award went to Sophomore Mary McDonald in photography. Since Mary got a Gold Key, her photography piece will go to Nationals!

Tyra Schultz states, "Never give up because if you do, you wouldn't know if you'll succeed!"



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This event will be February 24-25, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (CST). Through panels and facilitated workshops, participants will discuss and identify actionable activities and priorities that could benefit producers, communities, and this critical groundwater resource.

At 8 a.m. (CST) on February 24 and 25, producers and other water management leaders will grab their coffee cups, fire up their devices, and wade into a series of highly interactive conversations designed to tackle several tough questions faced by communities that rely on the declining Ogallala aquifer resource. For example, what on-farm, district, or state-level decisions and policies could support shifts in water management to ensure future generations will be able to continue to farm and live in the Ogallala region? What can be done so that rural communities remain vital in parts of the region where aquifer depletion means irrigated agriculture will no longer serve as much of an economic backbone in coming years or decades?

This event is being led by the USDA-NIFA Ogallala Water Coordinated Agriculture Project (OWCAP) team, along with the Kansas Water Office, Texas A&M AgriLife, and the USDA-ARS supported Ogallala Aquifer Program, and support from individuals in all eight Ogallala states. Between the pandemic, an extended period of drought, and lower commodity prices, summit organizers wondered if producers and other water management leaders would be inclined to meet virtually. Together, they assessed that the value of this event, which encourages people to meet one another and exchange a wealth of practical and technical expertise, would not be diminished if held online. In fact, more than ever, having an opportunity to help people connect and hear from one another and from producers in particular on many important dimensions of the water-dependent future of this region, seemed right and necessary. This event will serve as the capstone outreach event for OWCAP, an interdisciplinary, collaborative research and outreach project underway since 2016 involving researchers from 9 institutions based in 6 of the 8 Ogallala states.

Topics covered during the summit will include updates on projects, new programs, activities and policies that were inspired at least in part due to an earlier 8-state Ogallala summit event held in Garden City, Kansas in April of 2018. Together, participants will share their expertise and identify opportunities and gaps requiring attention, resources, and expanded collaboration within and across state lines to benefit agriculture and the region's communities.

"The increasing depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer is one of the most daunting water problems in America. Extending and restoring the life of this resource, and, in turn, the economies and livelihoods that depend on it, will require collaboration across a diverse range of water-focused stakeholders and entities," said Connie Owen, Director of the Kansas Water Office. "This summit will provide a unique opportunity to foster and strengthen that collaboration. It will cover emerging innovations, research, and policies as well as help identify opportunities for working together across state lines to address the water-related challenges facing this region and its communities."

Registration for the summit costs \$40; the fee for producers and students attending the 2-day event is \$20. Participants from each of the eight states overlying the Ogallala aquifer will be represented: South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. A detailed schedule of this event is available at <https://www.ogallalawater.org/>. Members of the media are invited to attend.

Register for the event Ogallala Water Virtual Summit at <http://bit.ly/3a13eNK>

Save the Dates for Alfalfa U 2021 Online

For five years, the team at High Plains Journal has brought its series of Alfalfa U seminars to locations from Kansas to Nebraska to Idaho, and more. This year, however, due to pandemic precautions, the Alfalfa U series is planning to come to a computer screen near you. After all, the unique challenges of growing and marketing alfalfa in the West don't stop because of COVID-19.

High Plains Journal, along with Alforex Seeds and John Deere, have chosen to offer Alfalfa U virtually, across 4 separate dates. And this year, because all of the education will be available online, alfalfa growers finally have a chance to learn from speakers outside of their immediate region that they otherwise might have missed in-person.

Each day's session will have general topics pertaining to three different alfalfa production regions, but

there's plenty to learn from outside your area. They include:

—Feb. 16, Colorado region, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mountain time

—Feb. 18, Kansas region, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Central time

—March 4, Washington region, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Pacific time

—And, for the first time ever, this year we'll be offering a separate session just for our **Farmer Panel, March 11, from 10-11:50 a.m. Central time**, with farmers representing all three regions sharing their knowledge and expertise in raising quality alfalfa for their particular markets. We'll also be featuring a segment with valuable information from our sponsors, Alforex Seeds and John Deere during this webinar.

Each day we'll have four different speakers talking about topics such as: Soil potassium deficiencies; limited irrigation strategies; fall army cutworm and alfalfa weevil control; budgeting for alfalfa steamers; and more. The nation's alfalfa experts like Marisol Berti, of North Dakota State University, Joe Brummer of Colorado State University, Steve Norberg of Washington State University Extension Service; and Dan Undersander, professor emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, will not only share their knowledge with attendees, but will also be available for questions from the audience live online.

The full schedule for all 4 Alfalfa U Webinars will be posted at www.hpj.com/alfalfau. Alfalfa U registration is free and is also at www.hpj.com/alfalfau. Registered attendees will receive an email with log-in information for all four webinars, and email reminders before each day's program kicks off. Registrants will also receive an 8-week subscription to High Plains Journal. Alfalfa U is sponsored by High Plains Journal, Alforex Seeds and John Deere.

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State Conservation Commission Meeting Scheduled

The State Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. using a virtual attendance format. The agenda will include a discussion of long-term planning objectives as well as updates on funding and technical assistance opportunities.

The SCC consists of five elected commissioners; two ex officio members representing the Kansas State University Agriculture Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service; and two appointed members representing the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. The December election resulted in the re-election of two commissioners: John Wunder from Area IV and Andy Larson from Area II.

The KDA Division of Conservation consults with the SCC to protect and enhance Kansas' natural resources through the development, implementation and maintenance of policies, guidelines and programs designed to assist local governments and individuals in conserving the state's renewable resources.

To request a copy of the agenda or directions on how to participate in the online meeting, please contact the KDA-DOC at 785-564-6620 or kda.doc@ks.gov.

National Sorghum Foundation and BASF Announce 2020 Scholarship Winner

The National Sorghum Foundation (NSF) and BASF are pleased to announce the NSF/BASF joint scholarship was awarded to Zoe Schultz from Kansas State University. Schultz, a junior studying agricultural communications, will receive \$5,000 to be applied during the 2021-2022 academic year.

"The National Sorghum Foundation congratulates Zoe on this accomplishment and is thankful for the opportunity to partner with BASF to award this scholarship to an exceptional student," National Sorghum Foundation Chairman Larry Lambright said. "We look forward to continuing this partnership and helping hard working, academic leaders succeed."

In her application, Schultz said she believes sorghum plays an important role for sustainability in the 21st century because of its water conserving abilities and potential for economic profitability. Originally from Grainfield, Kansas, Schultz has been surrounded by grain crops her entire life, which she said gives her the desire to influence consumers and impact producers in a positive way. After graduating, she plans to return to her family operation and begin a career in seed sales and marketing.

For more information about the National Sorghum Foundation, additional scholarships and criteria, visit <http://bit.ly/2KDLzTO>.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the foyer of the Sheridan County Courthouse located at 925 9th, Hoxie, KS. The purpose of the public hearing is to amend the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The proposed change is to the second paragraph on page 4 of 13 and reads as follows:

Current: Improvements to existing or construction of new residential accessory structures such as garages, gazebos, storage buildings, workshops, swimming pools, sprinkling systems, fences, landscaping, garden type structures, hot tubs, patios, irrigation wells, etc., shall not be eligible.

Proposed: Improvements to existing or construction of new residential accessory structures shall fall within the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as long as they comply with criteria for eligibility outlined in Section 7 (a)(ii)(A) of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2021.

Heather Bracht
Sheridan County Clerk

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 15

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF SELDEN, KANSAS, FROM K.S.A. 12-4112 AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT RELATING TO COURT COSTS ASSESSED IN THE SELDEN MUNICIPAL COURT AND AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 14.

Be It Ordained By the Governing Body of the City of Selden, Kansas

Section 1. The City of Selden, Kansas, a third class city, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas hereby elects to exempt itself from and making applicable to it the provisions K.S.A. 12-4112 insofar as the same relates to the assessment of court costs in Municipal Court cases in the City of Selden, Kansas. The following substitute and additional provisions as hereinafter set forth in this Ordinance shall be applicable to the City of Selden, Kansas. This Charter Ordinance is pursuant to the home rule power of the City of Selden, Kansas, in the above statute is part of a uniform enactment nor applicable uniformly to all cities in the State of Kansas.

Section 2. The Municipal Judge of the City of Selden, Kansas, is hereby authorized and empowered to assess the following amounts as court costs, said amounts to be due and payable upon a finding of guilty, or a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, forfeiture of bond or diversion for any crime in the Municipal Court for the City of Selden, Kansas. Said sum shall be assessed over and above any amount of fine. The assessment for court costs hall be as follows:

- (1) A sum of \$108.00 shall be assessed or every traffic infraction committed in the City of Selden.
- (2) The sum of \$108.00 shall be assessed or every non-traffic infraction and misdemeanor crime in the City of Selden, Kansas.

Section 3. The Municipal Judge in any Municipal Court case may waive the court costs as the Judge shall deem fit.

Section 4. Charter Ordinance No. 14 of the City of Selden, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in *The Sheridan Sentinel*, the official City newspaper.

Section 6. This is a Charter Ordinance and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed as provided in Article 12, Section 5, Subdivision (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case the Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by a majority of electors voting at an election held on the Ordinance.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Selden, Kansas, and approved by the Mayor on the 11th day of January, 2021.



ATTEST:

Jaqueline A. Neff
Jaqueline A. Neff, City Clerk

Bernard J. Koepferich
Bernard J. Koepferich, Mayor

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Commission Minutes
1/19/21

Now on this 19th day of January 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, Renee Wagoner, Carolyn Meyer and *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator, entered the meeting. Wagoner stated that she and Miranda Mosier have a lot of ideas, things they want to start up. They plan to start going back to places and doing blood pressure checks, which had been stopped due to COVID, as well as go out and visit with the public, let them know Public Health is here for them. Public Health will be getting the

COVID vaccine and have a list started of individuals wanting the vaccine.

Pratt discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the computer. Pratt stated there needed to be a 10-year tickler so that the program does not expire but stays in place.

Pratt discussed with the Board the land at Bridge #57 they are trying to get permission to use when they do the bridge replacement. He is waiting for information from Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering.

Pratt received the Lease Agreement from First State Bank for the new grader purchased. The Board discussed how to pay for the grader. Wes Bainter stated he would like to pay \$100,000 down and then proceed with the Lease Agreement for the remaining amount. Wes Bainter feels it makes more sense to lease the grader instead of depleting the fund. Mader stated he would like to see it paid for now in full. Mader made a motion to pay for the grader in full out of the

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Legal Notice

Pursuant to 1.101, ch. 279.2

Results of the market study analysis for Sheridan County for assessment year 2021.

A study of the residential real estate market indicated that there is an overall inflationary trend of approximately 2% to 3% per year.

A study of the commercial and vacant lot real estate market indicated that the market is stable with no definitive trend.

Values on specific properties may not follow the general trend because of changes in the property, correction of descriptive information or adjustment of values based on sales of similar properties. In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to annually furnish each county the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the use value of agricultural land. Changes can and do occur as a result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs.

For any questions concerning the market study call the Sheridan County Appraiser at (785) 675-3932.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
WILLIAM HEITH SAUVAGE, Deceased. Case No.: 2021-PR-000001

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated January 20, 2021, has been filed in this court by Bodie Sauvage, as a surviving son and heir of William Heith Sauvage, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Bodie Sauvage as administrator of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the administrator 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 Bodie Sauvage as administrator of the estate on or before February 22, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. in this court in the city of Hoxie, 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.

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/ Bodie Sauvage
Bodie Sauvage, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
Steven W. Hirsch #12789
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Attorney for Petitioner

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CITY OF HOXIE SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND UNENCUMBERED CASH For the year ended December 31, 2020										
FUND	BEGINNING		CASH		CASH		ENDING		OUTSTANDING	
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	CASH BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CASH BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CASH BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCES & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	
GENERAL	\$ 102,500.67	\$ 646,175.55	\$ 665,746.38	\$ 92,929.84		\$ 25,124.19		\$ 67,805.65		
LIBRARY	\$ 4,420.56	\$ 34,986.30	\$ 37,449.36	\$ 1,557.46				\$ 1,557.46		
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 64,418.94	\$ 188,766.56	\$ 207,876.46	\$ 65,309.04		\$ 6,019.39		\$ 59,289.65		
STREET RESURFACING	\$ 93,779.23	\$ 64,539.31		\$ 158,318.54				\$ 158,318.54		
AIRPORT	\$ 38,178.12	\$ 5,115.54	\$ 984.44	\$ 42,307.32		\$ 111.11		\$ 42,196.21		
BOND & INTEREST	\$ 88,162.62	\$ 2,242,548.03	\$ 2,323,587.88	\$ 44,722.77		\$ 24,522.75		\$ 20,100.02		
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 6,543.03	\$ 31,105.15	\$ 33,508.37	\$ 4,639.81		\$ 118.59		\$ 4,521.22		
FULLER CEMETERY	\$ 16,483.16	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 10,772.69	\$ 13,360.47				\$ 13,360.47		
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 9,525.65	\$ 3,982.14		\$ 9,507.79				\$ 9,507.79		
WATER & SEWER UTILITY	\$ 60,859.14	\$ 303,628.56	\$ 262,183.76	\$ 76,503.25		\$ 13,674.20		\$ 62,829.05		
REFUSE UTILITY	\$ 74,375.16	\$ 188,300.61	\$ 161,884.60	\$ 90,911.87		\$ 4,364.94		\$ 86,546.93		
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 491,803.36	\$ 116,520.31	\$ 26,856.41	\$ 373,106.56				\$ 373,106.56		
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$ 150,701.19		\$ 8,463.03	\$ 142,238.16				\$ 142,238.16		
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$ 1,897.84	\$ 3,720.40		\$ 5,618.04				\$ 5,618.04		
Utility Deposit	\$ 9,489.13	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 3,169.13	\$ 12,350.00		\$ 663.96		\$ 11,686.04		
POOL PROJECT	\$ 9,455.62			\$ 9,455.62				\$ 9,455.62		
SEWER MAINTENANCE	\$ 217,457.33	\$ 168,787.41	\$ 41,863.71	\$ 284,717.85		\$ 28.75		\$ 284,689.10		
Capital Project - Sewer 2019	\$ 62,544.85	\$ 4,818,880.85	\$ 4,914,111.77	\$ 66,819.54				\$ 66,819.54		
Modest Income Housing Fund		\$ 233,360.70	\$ 16,675.85	\$ 216,684.85				\$ 216,684.85		
TOTAL	\$ 1,478,983.35	\$ 9,173,217.44	\$ 8,124,938.20	\$ 1,711,358.89		\$ 74,627.88		\$ 1,636,731.01		
COMPOSITION OF CASH:										
Checking Account, First State Bank				\$ 1,143,952.72						
Money Market Account, Equity Bank				\$ 250,586.54						
Certificate of Deposit, First State Bank				\$ 50,000.00						
Certificate of Deposit, Equity Bank				\$ 100,000.00						
Certificate of Deposit, Peoples State Bank				\$ 100,000.00						
Sewer Project 2019, First State Bank				\$ 66,819.54						
TOTAL				\$ 1,711,358.89						
Petty Cash Account				\$ 500.00						
Cash on Hand				\$ 120.00						
TOTAL				\$ 1,711,358.89						
OUTSTANDING DEBTS:										
General Obligation Bonds (Principal Amounts):										
East Sheridan Street	\$ 40,000.00									
Water	\$ 110,000.00									
Rogers Ave. Extension (Series 2014-C)	\$ 95,000.00									
BTI Sewer Project (Series 2016)	\$ 77,000.00									
Sewer Project (Series 2020)	\$ 2,850,000.00									
Sunrise Addition Series 2020-A	\$ 1,765,000.00									
Sunrise Addition Series 2020-B	\$ 210,000.00									
GO Bond Total	\$ 5,147,000.00									
TRF Loan - Main Street	\$ 91,557.00									
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBTS	\$ 5,238,557.00									
I, Kandis Washburn, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.										
Signed <i>Kandis Washburn</i> City Treasurer										

equipment fund. Joe Bainter seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Wes Bainter opposing.

Pratt discussed the social media policy. Pratt had contacted Jay Hall, Attorney with KAC, who said employees have the right to free speech. Pratt distributed examples of how it could be changed in our employee handbook for the Board to review. Wes Bainter stated bottom line is you don't trash talk your employer.

Pratt stated that Wes Bainter had contacted him about the AS400. Pratt contacted Corbin Kuntzsch with CK Technologies Inc. who is the company Eland & Pratt use. Kuntzsch stated that no matter who the County uses, there will be a fee. Kuntzsch went on to say that there are a lot of counties who still use the AS400. Bracht stated this is not something that the County attorney needs involved in. Wes Bainter should have contacted her.

Bracht then presented bid information from Nex-Tech and GH Computer Services for IT support for the County. Wes Bainter made a motion to go with Nex-Tech for IT support for the County, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz had tire bids for a single loader tire and grader tires. Joe Bainter made a motion to purchase the Firestone single loader tire from Weis Tire at a cost of \$1,893.03. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Weis Tire had the low bid.

The grader tire bids were opened, and Allie Repair had low bid of \$1,550/per tire. Six will be purchased and they are Bridgestone. Wes Bainter made a motion to go with Allie Repair for the six grader tires. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Herskowitz stated that Penco Engineering will get back with him on the county line bridge, as well as the bridge by Rogers. The bridge at Rogers appears to be in worse shape than the one on the county line. Mader asked if he could get a dry erase map that would show where things are they are discussing. Herskowitz stated yes.

Joe Bainter distributed information prepared for mowing the county. There was a discussion on the mowing. Herskowitz stated the mowing

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Agnes Richmeier

September 26, 1937 ~ January 22, 2021



Agnes Armilda (Flax) Richmeier, age 83, of St. Peter, KS, passed away on January 22, 2021 at Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, in WaKeeney, KS.

Agnes was born on September 26, 1937, to Frank I. and Catherine (Flax) Flax. Her mother, Catherine, passed away in 1942, and Frank then married Clara Weber. She attended school in Ransom, KS for three years before moving to Ellis, KS. She graduated

from Ellis High School with a diploma. Agnes worked as a waitress, and on February 6, 1956, she married the love of her life, Edwin Richmeier, at St. Mary's Church in Ellis. They were married for 64 years. To this union were born six children: Judith, Shirley, Catherine, Jeanette, Kenneth, and James.

On June 1, 1970, Edwin and Agnes moved to St. Peter to take over the Richmeier family farm. Agnes was a devoted homemaker and mother and loved the farm life. She took great pride in working alongside her husband. Agnes enjoyed sewing, playing cards, dancing, walking, and cooking/baking for family holiday gatherings. She was a woman of strong faith and would always have a blessed candle burning on the dining room table. She was a member of St. Anthony Church and Christian Mothers.

Agnes is survived by her husband Edwin; children Judi (Chuck) Feldt, of Hoxie, KS; Shirley (Randy) Eichman, of Fort Myers, FL; Cathy Conrady, of Lakin, KS; Kenneth (Vera) Richmeier, of WaKeeney; and James (Anna) Richmeier, of WaKeeney; eleven grandchildren, Brad (Melanie) Feldt, Kevin Feldt, Jason (Haley) Feldt, Cory Feldt, Nicole (Mitch) Percival, Eric (Megan) Ginn, Elicia Ginn, Taylor (Melissa) Conrady, Timothy (Paige) Wideman, Samantha (Tyrone) Evans, James (Kaitlyn) Richmeier, and Joey Richmeier; sixteen great-grandchildren; brother Alfred Flax; and stepbrother George Weber.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Catherine; stepmother, Clara; daughter, Jeanette Wideman; son-in-law, Mark Conrady; great-grandson, Garret; infant sister, Catherine Flax; sisters, Minnie Flax, Rosie Hicks, and Albertina Fehrenbach; brothers, Gilbert Flax and Paul Flax; stepbrother, Leonard Weber; and stepsister, Virginia Robinette.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 27, 2021, with a parish vigil service immediately following, all at Schmitt Funeral Home, WaKeeney.

A Mass of Christian burial was Thursday, January 28, 2021, at Christ the King Catholic Church, WaKeeney. Burial will be at St. Anthony Cemetery in St. Peter, KS.

Memorials are suggested to St. Anthony Cemetery Fund or Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital Long Term Care. Contributions made to these organizations may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 North 12th, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.schmittfuneral.com.

Bob Weis

January 29, 1948 ~ January 15, 2021



Robert "Bob" Joseph Weis, 72, of Hoxie, Kansas passed away surrounded by his loved ones Friday, January 15, 2021, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care in Hoxie after a brave battle with cancer. He was born in Colby, Kansas, January 29, 1948 to Raymond and Germaine (Kruse) Weis the third of nine children. He grew up on the farm and attended Leoville Grade and High School graduating with

the class of 1965. After high school, he attended Northwest Kansas Technical School where he earned a certificate as a Diesel Mechanic. Following his graduation from Technical School, he entered the United States Army. After serving his country, Bob met the love of his life Verna "Jane" Hake. They were married May 20, 1972, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, Kansas. They moved to Hoxie where they have made their home for forty-nine years and raised their three children Chris, Melissa and Dennis.

Bob worked for Tebo Implement for a short while before going to Taylor Implement where he spent most of his career as a Diesel Mechanic retiring seven years ago. He did work for Archie Moss helping with farming as well as helping his brother with harvest. Bob worked hard, but when he could he enjoyed hunting, fishing and tinkering in his garage. He especially liked pheasant hunting with his son, Dennis. Camping and traveling with his Jane and the family was one of his most favorite activities. Bob and Jane had the opportunity to travel and visit many interesting places. Top of the list for Bob was to be with and spend time with his loving wife and soulmate, Jane.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jane of Hoxie, Kansas; son, Dennis Weis (Tami) of Parker, Colorado; daughters, Chris Breinig (Steve) of Hays, Kansas and Melissa Weis (Cindy) of DeLeon, Texas; mother, Germaine Weis of Colby, Kansas; brothers, Norbert Weis of Hoxie, Kansas and Frank Weis (Ester) of Akron, Colorado; sisters, Dolores Mauck (Roger) of Hoxie, Kansas, Jane Fleming (Jim) of Lindsborg, Kansas, Joan Long (Carl) of Missouri, Jean Cech (Joe) of Goodland, Kansas, and Rose Weis of Round Rock, Texas; and grandchildren, Jordan Breinig and Riley Weis.


He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Weis, brother, Steve Weis; and granddaughter, Alyssa Haddock.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned for Saturday, February 6, 2021, 10:30 A.M. at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas. A Visitation and Vigil/Rosary Service will be held on Friday, February 5, 2021, with the visitation from 1:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., and Vigil/Rosary starting at 7:00 P.M. all at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas. Memorials are suggested to the Robert J. Weis Memorial and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of care and comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Bob was a quiet, caring, and loving man. He leaves a family who dearly loved him as he did them. The cherished memories of Bob will never fade. He will never be more than a thought apart, living in the hearts of those who share memories and love him.

A RHYMING RIDDLE!

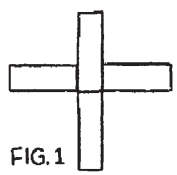
Four jolly men sat down to play,
And played all night till the break
of day;
They played for cash and not for fun,
With separate scores for everyone.
Yet when they came to square
accounts,
They all had made quite fair amounts.
Can you this paradox explain?
If no one lost, how could all gain?



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CAN YOU FIGURE OUT how all four made money?

Answer: The four "players" were musicians in a dance band, not "card players." Did the picture throw you off?



A "SQUARE WAGER!"
Bet your friends that you can form a square by moving only one of the sticks in Fig. 1. The answer is to move the middle stick "up," thus forming a small square in the middle (Fig. 2).

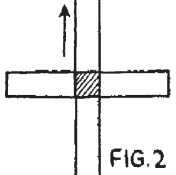


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

Illustrated by David Coulson

ATTENTION ALL WORD FANS! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with FAN. Some hints:

1. Keeps you cool.

2. Type of tooth.

3. To like.

4. Type of airplane.

5. Loud trumpet flourish.

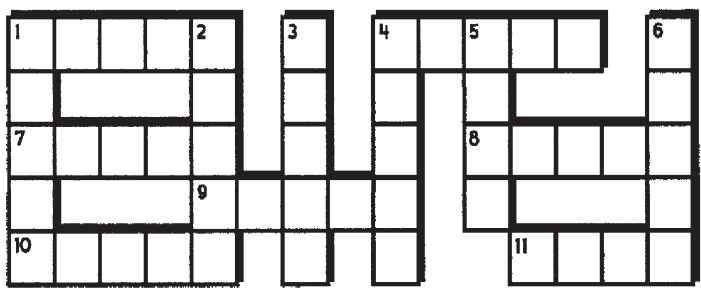
6. Animated Spanish dance.

Answers: 1. Fan. 2. Fan. 3. Fang. 4. Fanjet. 5. Fantare. 6. Fandango.



Junior Whirl

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HERE'S A "TAME" PUZZLE!

To the left is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the names

of 13 tame and not-so-tame animals that you'll need to complete the puzzle grid. Use the trial-and-error method.

- 4-Letter Words

Fawn
Puma
- 5-Letter Words

Bison
Camel
Chimp
Crabs
Hippo
Horse
- 5-Letter Words

Lambs
Lions
Mamba
Mules
Seals

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – HA!

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

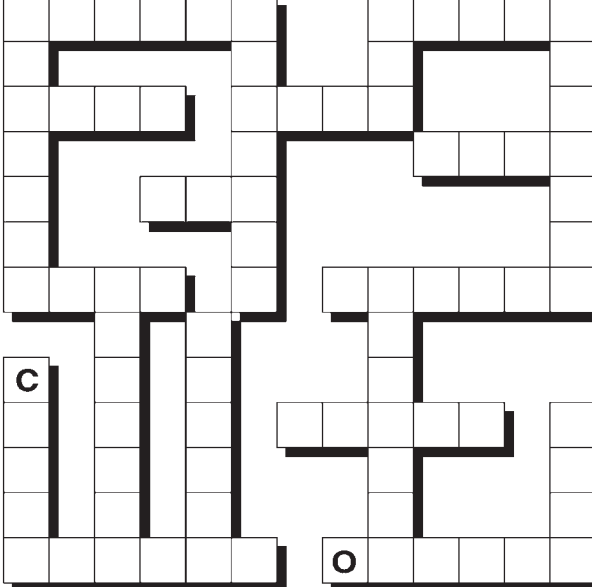
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HAT

4 Letters
CHAT
HAIR
HAZY
THAN
THAT

5 Letters
CHAIN
HARPS
SASHA

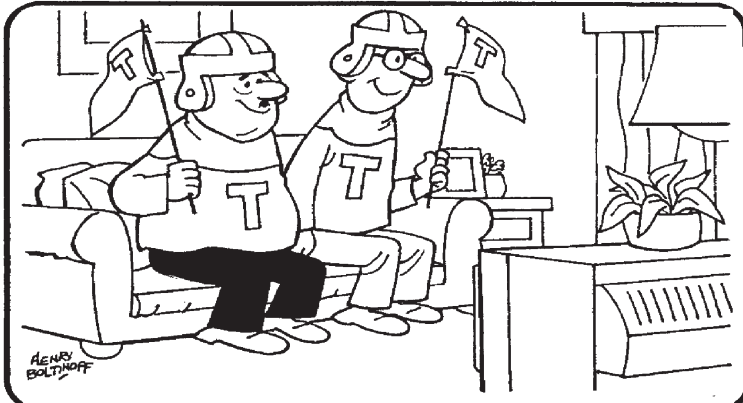
6 Letters
EXHALE
MARTHA
NATHAN
ORPHAN
SHAGGY

7 Letters
ASPHALT
ENCHANT
EXHAUST
HAMSTER
SHARPLY



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Letter on flag is missing. 2. Mustache is gone. 3. Vase is missing. 4. Drawer knob has been added. 5. Letter on shirt is different. 6. Plant has fewer leaves.

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: H equals D

DR TWZ VIIS HXDCDQF ICIQ BLWZFL

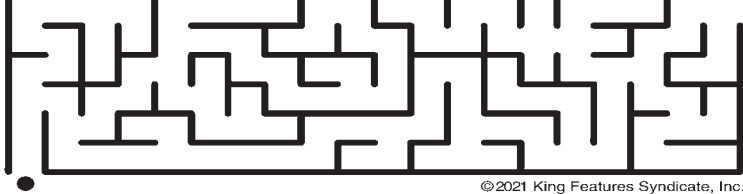
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IPSBT, D'H MET BLEB'M E RZIKDML


PDMBEVI.

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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 gap!

Heave
CRUHL

Shake
MORTER

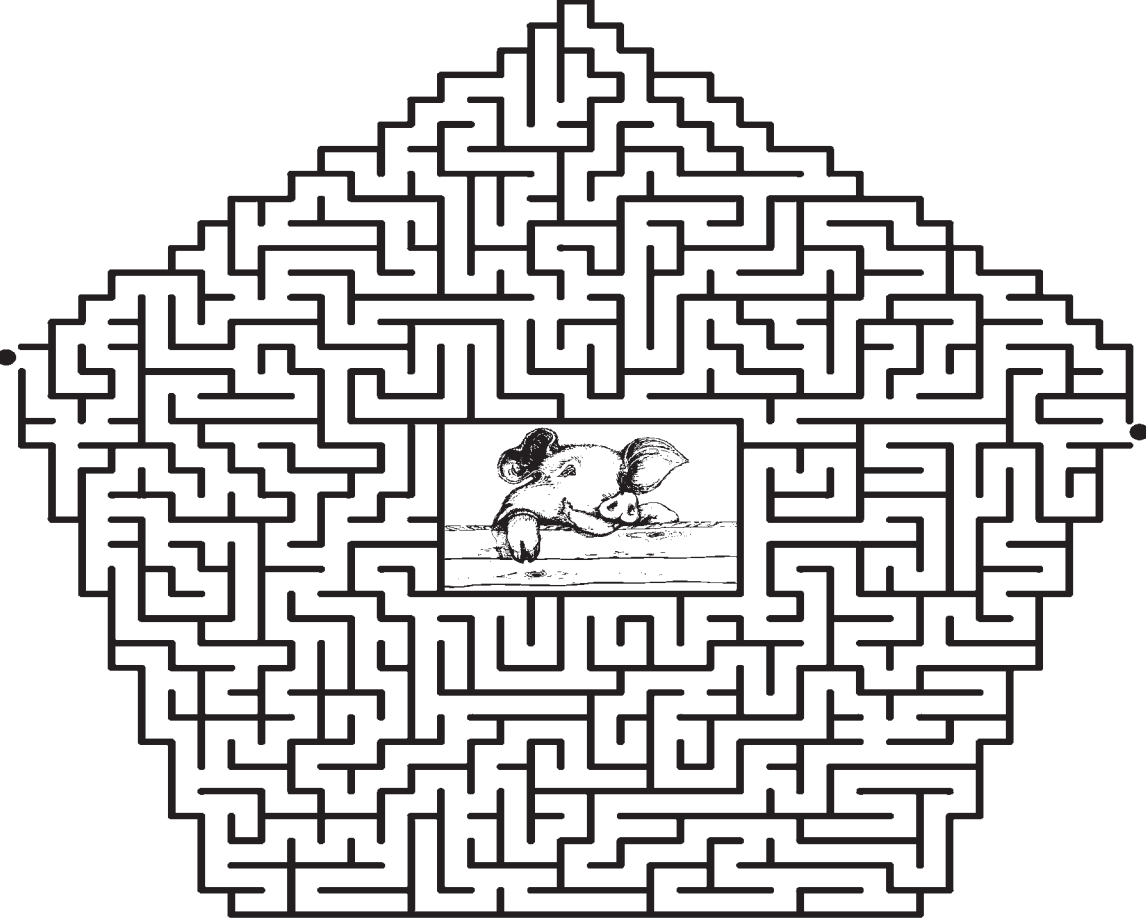
Hitch
RECUSE

Mild
MELIGN

TODAY'S WORD

Mega Maze

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Super Crossword

TECH BUZZ

- ACROSS**

1 TV ET from Melmac
4 Puncturing tool
7 Restrained like Rover
15 "To a ..." poems
19 Road gunk
20 Zodiac beast
21 Course taker, e.g.
22 Actress Carter
23 Start of a riddle
26 Singer Fitzgerald
27 Grove sight
28 Certain boxing stat
29 Mil. bigwig
30 Pale-looking
31 Riddle, part 2
38 Kilmer of film
40 Alley —
41 Lion's foot
42 Fellow's wig
43 Actor Estevez
45 Sega's hedgehog
47 Look up to
51 Riddle, part 3
55 Lyric-writing Gershwin
56 Globes
57 "Ixnay"
58 "Take this"

DOWN

1 Element statistic: Abbr.
2 Oz lion player Bert
3 Ascend a rock face without aids for support
4 Done in the style of
5 Vanished as if by magic
6 Tilt the head skyward
7 Big Brit. lexicon
8 Houston-to-Dallas dir.
9 Actress Nicole — Parker
113 Hair removal brand
114 Riddle's answer
120 Deli sandwiches, for short
121 Grow pale
122 Oct. follower
123 O'Hare approx.
124 Anatomical sac
125 Slammer
126 Porker's place
127 Water barrier
- ACROSS**

59 Brainstorms
61 Parsley bit
64 Riddle, part 4
67 Kay Thompson title girl
70 Native Kiwi
71 Fluctuated greatly
72 Riddle, part 5
75 Odor
77 French port in Brittany
78 Outing ruiner
79 Afflicted
80 Poses
84 Inflated self
85 Riddle, part 6
90 TV talker Phil
93 Slipknot loop
94 Address of "Dr. No"
95 Highest volcano in Eur.
98 Mil. bigwig
99 Mumbai "Mr."
100 Cotillion girl
101 End of the riddle
107 Throat affliction, for short
108 To the — degree
109 Western Hemisphere gp.
110 McEntire of song

DOWN

10 Vowel sound in "game"
11 Born first
12 Alicia of ballet
13 Use stitches
14 "— a Rebel"
15 Like a single-part process
16 City of India
17 Barkin of "The Fan"
18 Street talk
24 Prefix with colonialism
25 Auction unit
30 Mars, to the Greeks
32 Move around in confusion
33 Pleistocene, for one
34 Spout off
35 Axis-vs.-Allies event
36 Singer Tina
37 Copycatted
38 Bill blocker
39 Eros, to the Romans
44 Young girls
45 Hang-up
46 Be logically connected
48 Letters after "had a farm"
49 Ache for
50 Subdued with a shock
- ACROSS**

52 Lead-in to lateral
53 Classic soda brand
54 Coach Parseghian
59 Very hot star
60 Anti-alcohol measures
62 Oct. exam for many juniors
63 Home: Abbr.
64 Compound in wine
65 Greedy type
66 Indigo, e.g.
67 Fix firmly
68 One of the Florida Keys
69 Cineplex — (former theater chain)
70 Hurt severely
73 Following loyally
74 Zodiac beast
75 Plum used to flavor gin
76 Roman 1,051
79 Commercial lead-in to -gram or -matic
81 Shivered in fear or revulsion
82 Frilly veggie
83 Wild guess
85 Lewis of rock

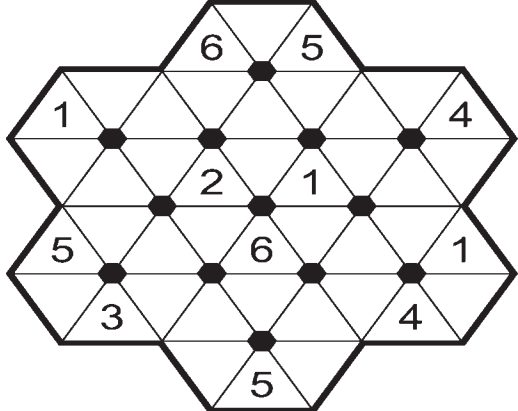
DOWN

86 Apt to pry
87 Artist Vincent van —
88 Master marksman
89 Actress Moran
91 Calvin Coolidge's college
92 Beginning of a web address
96 Papal envoy
97 2017 World Series winners
99 Gives rise to
101 Rachel Maddow's channel
102 Rome's land
103 Ground corn dish
104 Burn — in one's pocket
105 Chili holder
106 Foul up
111 Version being tested
112 Eden evictee
114 "I'm less than impressed"
115 "Who am — argue?"
116 Cave in
117 Siouan people
118 A small number of
119 Trellis plant

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
♦ Easy ♦ ♦ Medium ♦ ♦ ♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

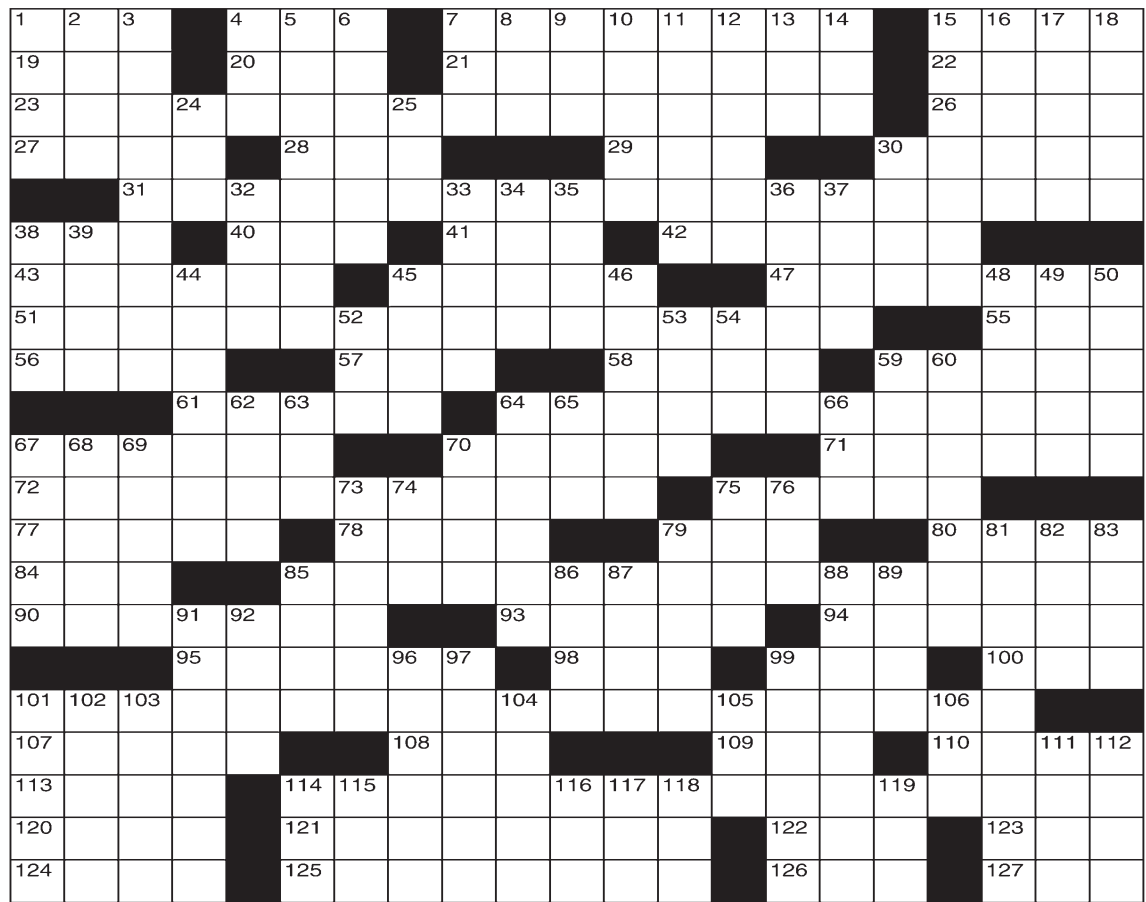
by Linda Thistle

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

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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---21/TFN---

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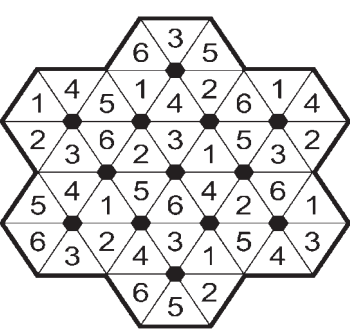
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---49/TFN

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---41/TFN---

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---40/TFN---

Commission Minutes

1/19/21

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is based on the weather. If we go with Agreements, they need cleaned up a bit. Wes Bainter stated that the only time the county has been mowed is when we have had the contractors doing it. The discussion will continue.

At 90E and 150N there is a spur to the west that used to be maintained annually. It hasn't been done for several years. Herskowitz will check it out.

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, entered the meeting. Harting discussed the McGraw Church and the exempt status.

Someone had come in to file an application for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program who is not the owner of the property. Harting clarified with the Board that it has to be the owner of the property, not the person buying contract for deed, etc.

Harting then discussed the paragraph in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program document, which stated that garages, storage buildings and workshops are not eligible. This will be amended to reflect as long as the "appraised" value increases by at least \$10,000, garages, storage buildings and workshops are eligible. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve this change, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. This change will be published in The Sheridan Sentinel for two weeks and a public hearing date set. Harting stated they will be interviewing three individuals for the Appraisal Clerk job next week.

Bracht presented the annual billing for Western Prairie RC & D in the amount of \$500. Joe Bainter made a motion to remain in the group and pay the annual dues, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. All elected officials signed the Secretary of State document. Additional Resolutions which had been approved the previous week were signed by the Board.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter moved to approve the January 15, 2021 payroll as presented, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

The following payroll and warrants were approved:
General \$51,466.01
Road & Bridge \$715.18
Tech Fund \$472.40
SPARKS \$4,210.85
Nox. Weed \$202.99
Public Health \$1,031.79

Publ. Trnsp. \$442.83

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:00 in the Courthouse foyer.

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

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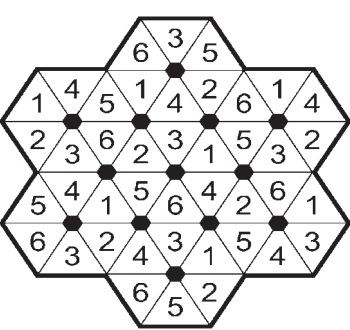
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