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The Long Term Care residents share their wishes & resolutions for the New Year. Have you made yours yet?  
(All photos courtesy of SCHC Activities - Facebook page)



**Al Rietcheck:**  
"Me and my 11 boys start an NFL team."



**Elery Aumiller:**  
"Find an ole' lady with lots of Cash. \$\$\$"



**Rose Heier:**  
"Teach my grandchildren & great grandchildren to be more ornery."



**Florence Vahling:**  
"Drink 99 bottles of beer on the wall for my 99th birthday."



**Ralph Brooks:**  
"GOOD HEALTH!"



**JoAnn Mauck:**  
"Request a trip to Orlando, FL, with the Activity girls!! \*hint, hint\* Mike O'Dell C."





# Community News

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

The American Red Cross Blood Drive at Jennings will be Friday January 3, at the United Methodist church. Call Marge for appointments 785-678-3010.

Gwen Anderson, Goodland; Russell and Mary Cressler, rural Jennings came Christmas Day to share dinner with me. It was a beautiful day.

### Strength Training Program Offered

By Karen Shepard, Twin Creeks Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

An eight-week, strength training program - "Stay Strong, Stay Healthy" - will soon be available again in Sheridan County. The inexpensive K-State Research and Extension and University of Missouri Extension program is open to older adults (60 +). If you are younger than 60, you could benefit from this class if you are leading a sedentary life.

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The program includes 16 one-hour classes that meet two times each week.

This program was introduced in 2016 for Kansans. The program's goal is to improve health and quality of life. This class will incorporate warm-up exercise, simple strengthening exercise, with or without weights, and cool

down stretches. Over the course of the program you will learn exercises to improve strength and balance.

After the eight weeks are over you can continue the simple strength training program in the comfort of your own home or with a group.

The Sheridan County "Stay Strong, Stay Healthy" program will begin January 14, with the pre-evaluations. We will be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the IMPACT Community Center, 820 Main Street, Hoxie, Kansas, starting at 10:00 a.m. Cost to participate in the eight-week program is \$20.00. Registrations will be accepted until January 10, or until the class is full, whichever comes first. Don't delay in registering; space is limited!

For registration or more information, interested persons are asked to call Karen Shepard at the Twin Creeks Extension District-Hill City office during regular business hours Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (785)421-3411.

### Cormier to Help Open Big Blue Barn

After much anticipation, Colby Community College will open the Big Blue Barn athletics training facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 16.

Former Trojan All-American wrestler, two-time Olympian, and world champion mixed martial arts fighter Daniel Cormier will be the featured speaker. Also taking the podium will be current head baseball coach Ryan Carter, who has more wins than any coach in school history with 628.

The 18,000 square-foot facility features a wrestling room, weight room, locker room, a track around the perimeter, and a multi-purpose turf area with drop-down batting cages. Until now, CCC was the only community college in Kansas without on-campus athletic training facilities.

Grants and private donations funded the \$1.692 million project.

### Subscription Rates Increasing

We have been avoiding this for sometime, but have reached a point where it has become a necessity. Due to the increased costs of printing a newspaper (paper, inks, fuel, web fees, etc.), we will be raising the subscription rates to accommodate these cost expenditures.

Print subscription, which includes the complimentary online edition, will raise to \$52 per year - \$1 per week.

Online-only subscriptions are now \$20 per year.

We apologize for this, but it is time...the last increase was September 5, 2002, when Bill Gaspar increased the price from 50c to 75c. No increases in 18 years is pretty good!

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## Area Calendar

**Every Monday:**  
5:30pm Health & Wellness Classes for Body & Mind - Free! Midwest Energy Bldg Meeting Room. Topics rotate each month. For more information call 785-675-3018.

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

**Every Wednesday:**  
Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478.

9am Commissioners' Meeting at the Courthouse. To be placed on the Agenda, call the Clerk's Office 785-675-3361.

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

**Every Thursday:**  
1:30pm Bible Study at Ridgewood Manner.

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

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

**Last Thursday:**

7pm Jennings Book Club Meeting-Jennings City Library

**Hoxie Tuesday, February 4:**  
7pm Strategic Doing, location TBD Doors open at 6:30pm. Please arrive early for a prompt start at 7pm. For more information: www.facebook.com/sheridanccl

**Tuesday, April 1:**  
7pm Strategic Doing, location TBD Doors open at 6:30pm. Please arrive early for a prompt start at 7pm. For more information: www.facebook.com/sheridanccl

**Oakley Sunday, January 19:**  
3pm WPAA presents *Shades of Buble* - 3-man tribute to Michael Buble - at Oakley HS Auditorium.

**Sunday, January 26:**  
3pm WPA presents *Acoustic Eidolon* duo perform their signature acoustic Celtic, folk & classic genre music at Sharon Springs HS Auditorium.

## Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020  
Sheridan County Courthouse

Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Invited

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Mahanna PHARMACY**



would like to wish everyone a  
**Happy New Year!**

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**Non-print-ready ads** MUST be in by 3 pm Monday.  
Due to time constraints, all ad & content submissions must be emailed in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format; photos in .jpg or .png format. *All non-print-ready ad submissions are subject to a design fee (starting at \$10).*

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We confirm receipt of all emailed submissions within 24-hours. If you have not received confirmation, or if it is a time-sensitive submission, please call us at 785-675-3321.  
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785-675-3773

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785-675-3364

EMERGENCY MGMT.  
785-386-8051

COUNTY CLERK  
785-675-3451

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.  
785-675-3621

PUBLIC LIBRARY  
785-675-3102

### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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

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

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

Closed for Lunch 12:30-1

WIC Clinic  
M-Th 9-4:30

### Bainter Chiropractic



Dr. Raquelle  
Bainter

Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00  
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# Community & SCHC News



## Mealsite Menu

January 6 ~ January 10

**Monday:** Pork Cutlet, Hashbrown Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Emerald Pears  
**Tuesday:** Ground Beef Vegetable Soup, Orange Pineapple Salad w/cottage cheese, Crackers, Cookie  
**Wednesday:** Chicken Alfredo w/pasta, Spinach Salad, Breadstick, Rosy Applesauce  
**Thursday:** Soft Taco w/lettuce, cheese & tomato, Rice, Tortilla, Tropical Fruit  
**Friday:** Baked Fish, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Pina Colada Fluff

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

## Area Churches

Christ Community Church  
454 W Hwy 24  
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church  
1000 Valley  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ  
1541 Oak  
Hoxie

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1400 Locust St  
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship  
454 Hwy 24  
Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
14988 E Rd 70 S  
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
202 S Missouri  
Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church  
924 17th  
Hoxie

Selden United Methodist  
Church  
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church  
Seguin

## Preacher's Point

By  
Pastor Timothy Johnson



### A New Decade Dawns

As I type these words, there are only three days left in the decade of 2010. Most everyone will read this column after the start of the 2020s.

United States presidents are in the news all the time, but President Trump has been in the news every time. Either he has said or done something, or someone is talking about him. Because of this endless barrage of news coverage, the 2016 Presidential Election is the news story of the decade. His election was a surprise to all the pundits, politicians, and most of the public. Many over-thought the Trump victory. It boils down to this - he said a lot of things voters were already thinking, but no one else was saying. Example: Since Nixon and Watergate, many people believe all politicians are crooks in some way. What phrase did Trump repeat throughout the cam-

## Give One Last Gift – The Gift of Life – This Holiday Season

Free Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt for those who come to give Dec. 19-Jan. 5

During this season of giving, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give the gift of life to help ensure patients don't have to worry about the availability of blood this winter. Blood and platelet donations of all types are needed, especially type O.

Holiday travel and severe winter weather often lead to a decline in blood donations. However, a patient's need for lifesaving treatment doesn't take a vacation or stop for nasty weather. Blood and platelets are needed every day for those receiving treatment for cancer and leukemia, accident and burn

victims and surgical patients, among others.

As a special thank you for being the lifeline for patients this holiday season, those who come out to give blood with the Red Cross Dec. 19-Jan. 5 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Hays Blood Donation Center  
208 E. 8th  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Fridays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Decatur**  
Jennings  
1/3/2020: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.,  
United Methodist Church,  
202 S Topeka Ave  
Oberlin  
1/15/2020: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Decatur Health, 810 W Columbia St

**Gove**  
Grainfield  
1/17/2020: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.,  
Opera House, 296 Main St.

**Sheridan**  
Hoxie  
12/18/2019: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.,  
4-H Building, 1308 Main,  
Sheridan County Fairgrounds  
Selden  
1/6/2020: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.,  
Selden Community Building,  
110 N. Kansas

### How to Donate Blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

### About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

*a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."*

Scoffers will say these things have been happening since the beginning of time. Yes, they have, but the emphasis in the passage is, "in the last days." Therefore, these heart conditions will intensify throughout society as we approach the rapture, becoming more frequent and commonplace.

Watch for weird things in outer space, nations getting into problems that seem unsolvable, and the weather to get more extreme. The Bible prophesies all of these things in one verse; Luke 21:25, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;"

Will Christ rapture out the believers within the next decade? I hope so. Christ said that only God the Father knows when it will happen (Matthew 24:36).

I leave you with the words of Jesus Christ, Mark 13:37, "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

Preacher Johnson is Pastor of Countryside Baptist Church in northern Parke County Indiana. Webpage: [www.preacherspoint.wordpress.com](http://www.preacherspoint.wordpress.com); email: [preacherpoint@gmail.com](mailto:preacherpoint@gmail.com); mail: 410 S. Jefferson St. Rockville IN 47872.



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Call for Appointment: 785-675-3018

## Selden Community Clinic

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## Sheridan County Health Complex

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

## Congratulations!



In December the following Sheridan County Health employees were honored for their years of service to the facility by two of our Board Members. Pictured left to right: (front) Molly Dumler, 5 years; Jodi Weimer, 5 years; Patricia Nelson, 20 years; Michelle Dorenkamp, 20 years; Janna Colson, 5 years; Miranda Mosier, 20 years; (back) Leanna Sloan, Board Member; Amber Vaughn, 5 years; Jackie Baldwin, 20 years; Dalene Babcock, 20 years; Renee Mader, 20 years; Lucille Heim, Board Member. Not pictured: Becky Vickers, 30 years; LaDena Jones, 20 years; Deborah Cooper, 15 years; Meghan Brown, 10 years; Teresa Foster, 10 years; Toyann Buckland, 5 years; Carla Britton, 5 years; Hannah Schoendaler, 5 years; Therese Cook, 5 years; Cindy Salmans, 5 years; and Flo Ozaneaux, 5 years. We want to thank each and every one of you for everything you continue to do for SCHC! (SCHC photo)

### PAYMENT DROPBOX

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- Full-Time Day Shift CNA
- Full-Time Night Shift RN (2 positions)

#### Long Term Care

- PRN Shift Nurse - Shift TBD

#### Radiology

- Full-Time Day Shift Technologist
- PRN Technologist - Shift TBD

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You can apply for any positions by filling out our application or you can contact Shelby Moss, HR Director, by phone at (785) 677-4148 or by email [smoss@schcmcd.com](mailto:smoss@schcmcd.com).





# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

**The Kenneth Democrat  
Friday, January 1, 1886**  
J. S. Turner led the singing last Sabbath night.

County commissioner Morgan was in town Saturday.

Jerry Gunsolly arrived from Iowa, Tuesday evening.

The Nimrods got a few ducks and jack rabbits this week.

G. W. Crane was at Oberlin last week, on land business.

The boys caught a swift last Monday morning in a steel trap.

Caswell has started a hack line from Kenneth to Loveland, fare round trip 15cts.

J. H. Huff and the civil engineer of the new town are spending a few days at Colby.

The new well project, an account of which will be seen in another column, will be a success.

Miss Maggie Hausafus was visiting in the north part of the county the latter part of last week.

W. D. Harding was one of our callers on Christmas day and didn't forget to leave a little present for us. He is a Jim dandy.

\$550.00 was raised by our citizens on last Saturday, for the purpose of digging another well and putting in a good wind mill.

Mulhollandolf is the latest sensation on new towns in our county, this place with its classic name, lies just as far north of Kenneth as McCrackford is south, and its chances for materializing are even.

The town of McCrackford received a boom last week by the arrival of a well auger, surveyor, and other accoutrements necessary to the laying out of a new town.

**Lucerne Leaflets**

Well, Mr. Editor, here we are too full for utterance. It is a good thing Christmas comes but once a year of we have done nothing but feast and rejoice over the downfall of many of the noble birds called Turkeys. First, after a long and tiresome ride of some forty odd miles the day before Christmas I arrived at the Chicago school house where we found everything near completion for a Christmas tree, and I must say, it was hard to beat. It was literally covered with presents and good things, both for old and young; some as fine as we would see were with the nabobs of the east I also found a long program of speeches and dialogues interspersed with music, given by the school of Wm. Whitson. Chicago; the school of RS Cogan, of Alcyone; the citizens and glee club of Lucerne and Mr. C Beckman, organist.

The entertainment was then interrupted by "Old Santa" coming in, to the delight of the little ones, and, well, I might say, the big ones too. The distribution of the presents then commenced and Santa found something for nearly every one.

**125 Years Ago  
January 3, 1895**

Miss Cox, Mrs. Bardwell's sister, returned home last week.

Fred C. Turtle, Mrs. Halliday and Miss Lizzie Mosier, of the Solomon, were visitors in the city Monday.

Mrs. A. Russell and son, Irwin, were in the city Monday.

There was not a large crowd at the Masonic Banquet Thursday night, but a good time was had all the same.

Bill Waite was down from Selden last week helping invoice the home store. Homer Patterson was looking after the business at Selden.

A Decatur county young man was recently married and the boys in the neighborhood "chipped" and sent him and his fair one away on a wedding trip.

Charlie Evans was down

from Allison Tuesday and attended Masonic Lodge. He can now travel in foreign countries and is entitled to all the courtesies of a full fledged stone cutter.

After spending a week with M. A. Chambers and family, R. L., and his family returned to their home in Colby Saturday evening. While here, R. L. handed us the price of two sacks of flour to apply on his subscription.

Sam Richardson left last week for Mount Clare, Nebraska where he will work in his brother-in-law's store. Sam is a good boy and made many friends during his stay of eight months in our city. Our best wishes go with him for success.

Bennedict Schlicher is perhaps the happiest man in Parnell township. A young man appeared at his house Friday morning and demanded board and lodging. Ben took him to his arms and will keep him till he grows up to manhood. Dr. Freeman reports all doing well and that the youngster is above the average weight.

A preacher at Gove City let his tongue get away with him in a sermon the other Sunday and he denounced some of the city's citizens in a manner that prompted the editor of the Gazette to remark as follows: "We believe his days of usefulness are over here and the sooner the church gets another preacher the better it will be for them."

We don't like to be inquisitive, but would like for brother Vedder to give us a hint as to who the fortunate young man was, whose intended, "Skun'er back," after the wedding trousseau was completed. Of course we are not allowed to pass our judgment, but will risk this much: This young man should feel that he was in great luck that she didn't put it off longer.

**Guy Currents**

Miss May Hedge is spending the holidays in the east.

The Sand Creek lyceum is in its infancy but is cutting teeth fast.

Jack rabbits can not be caught by using salt, in these parts any more.

Soberly

**100 Years Ago  
January 1, 1920**

**Hoxie Fittingly Observes Christmas**

Last Thursday was indeed an ideal day, the weather was as warm and pleasant as the May day, and while it was very acceptable to all, it didn't resemble the usual Christmas weather for this climate.

Appropriate programs were given at the Presbyterian and the M. E. churches and both were enjoyed by a large crowd. While the grown-ups entered fully into the Christmas spirit as their names were called as receivers of presents, yet it took the kiddies to manifest the genuine Christmas sentiment and never was there a merrier, happier bunch of youngsters than those who assembled in Hoxie's churches this Christmas and received their presents and performed their parts in the programs.

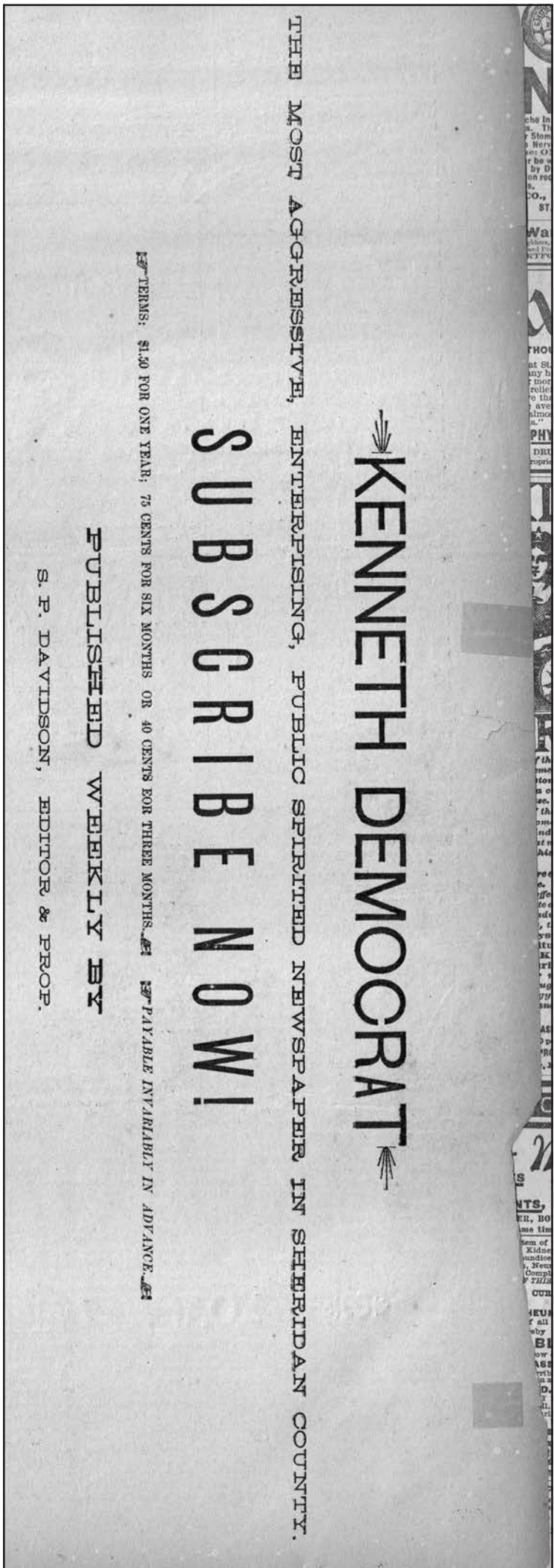
**Local News**

Mr. Cox, a nephew of John Pulliam, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Pulliam.

Miss Elnora Stevenson, a former principal of the Hoxie city schools, spent her Christmas vacation here with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Hall.

Will Goscha was down from the Selden country, Tuesday on business and while here came in and had us place his name on our growing list of subscribers.

County Attorney Clark returned this week from his regular annual Christmas visit with his mother who resides in Oklahoma. Also with his brothers, one who resides in Oklahoma and



The Kenneth Democrat front page masthead, Friday, January 1, 1886. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

the other across the line in Arkansas.

Tom McWilliams was a Hoxie visitor early Monday morning, having brought his children up to begin their high school work after the holiday vacation. Tom will take the census in Raker township, including the city of Quinter in Gove county.

Representative F. A. McIvor spent Christmas at home. He left the first of the week for the eastern part of the state on business as deputy state fire marshal, and next week he will go to Topeka to represent Sheridan county in the special session of the legislature.

R. N. Thomas, assistant auditor for the Foster Lumber company, spent a few days here the last of the week checking Mr. Hartell out and Jay Steinshouer is as manager of the Hoxie yard. Mr. Thomas has many friends here who are always ready to extend him the glad hand when he comes this way.

**Prairie Flower**

By Uncle Josh

Everett Turner is shucking corn for J. H. McGinnis.

J. O. Morrow went to Iowa to spend Christmas and New Years.

Ward Kirby and family, Mrs. "Bob" White and children and Mrs. Frank Turner and daughters visited at F. L. Kirby's Sunday.

Frank Turner's gave a big party Christmas eve. There were between 40 and 50 guests. All had a jolly time

sure was a happy meeting. They plan a weekend together soon.

Little Miss Simone Sue Leydig of Denver is staying with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wachendorfer this winter. Her mother is working and her daddy overseas.

**Local Happenings**

Dean Walsh of Wichita spent the weekend in Hoxie, the guest of Edwin Pratt at the home of his mother, Mrs. Violet Pratt. Dean is working in a defense plant at Wichita.

Chester Miner is to undergo a major operation at St. Anthony's hospital at Hays this Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Miner went to Hays last Sunday and have been there since that time. All hope a speedy recovery for Mr. Miner and hope he can soon take up his new duties as Register of Deeds.

Mrs. Ruth Monteith is expected Friday for a very short visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Monteith. She will have just a couple of days here from her work at the Belle Memorial Hospital in Kansas City.

**Society News**

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Steinshouer and two sons were in the country Christmas Day at the parental O. W. Steinshouer home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andregg and Kyle and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Andregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Barr had the family dinner on Christmas. This group opened their many gifts before the noon dinner hour. With Mr. and Mrs. Jay Barr and Miss Theo Barr were Albert Barr family, Jim White family, Matt Mowry, Mrs. Cora Largent and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rowilson.

Mrs. Lizzie Farber had a part of her children with her on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. John Farber, Jack and Kay spent Sunday and Monday here from their home in Cheyenne Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Farber, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hedge, Donna and Wilda Rae, Harl Farber of the home and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Farber and six children completed the group. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farber joined the group in the evening after having Christmas dinner in Studley with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis.

**Leoville News**

Sgt. Jo Kruse is here on a furlough which he is spending with relatives.

Misses Caroline and Edna Dempewolf and sailors Victor and Richard Dempewolf are spending their Christmas vacations and furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dempewolf.

Helen Schmitt visited with the Ben Kruse family and Sgt. Joe Kruse on Sunday.

**50 Years Ago  
January 1, 1970**

**Hoxie Masons to Host District Meeting**

The Hoxie Masonic Lodge, No. 348 will be host to the 1970 District No. 70 meeting on Saturday, Jan. 3.

The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall with Nigel Walden, of Hoxie, District Deputy Grand Master presiding.

**Leoville News**

Christmas dinner guests at the Don Sulzman home were Mrs. Blanche Skubal and Annette and Larry Riley of Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kruse and baby ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kline and family in Hays. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kruse and Max were at the Marvin Glotzbach home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Moellering and children of Hoxie ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schroer and family.

**Broadway News**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Samples of Wood River, Ill. called

on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Corke Wednesday.

Mrs. Dennis Simon was quite ill with the flu the past week and was under the doctor's care. Here sister of Almena came and helped out a few days in the Simon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Epler spent the holidays visiting here at the Epler home and with other relatives.

**Studley Items**

Mrs. Beryl Covalt, and Bob and Carla Chadwick visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hinderliter and son Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ploeger were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Scott and Andy at Hill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Harris and Mrs. Henry Niblock visited Harris' daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crumb and family at Dodge City Sunday.

**Tasco Notes**

Mrs. Ina Hill spent Christmas in Liberal where she was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Schultz, Joyce and Charles. She returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Pfeifer and children had as guests on Christmas Day, Mrs. Dan Deines of Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bell of Goodland and Bill Spillman.

**Seguin Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Geerdes were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Curtin of Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dempewolf were among the group who spent Christmas Day with Frank Dempewolf in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Meitl and family were Friday evening visitors of Alfred Rietchecks.

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**25 Years Ago  
December 29, 1994**

**Indians Have Tough Game**

The Hoxie Indians traveled to Hill City Tuesday, Dec. 20 to play their last game before the winter break. Hoxie lost to the Hill City Ringnecks by a score of 60-72. The Indians shot 49 percent from the field. Scoring for the Indians was led by Jared Olson with 21.

**Indians Defeat Hill City, 6-0**

The Lady Indians will head into the winter break with a perfect record of 6-0. Hoxie defeated the Hill City Ringnecks last Tuesday, Dec. 20 by a score of 60-50. Hill City was ranked third in 2A by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association.

**Rexford News**

On Saturday, Dec. 17, one hundred twenty-two people gathered at the Rexford community park to help clean it up - remove dead trees, scrape blistered paint off restrooms, and have a wonderful time visiting, eating and working together.

The Golden Plains vocal group put on a Christmas carol program sitting on a picnic bench under the warm sun. It was wonderful to hear their young voices after they had worked so hard helping pick up limbs and raking.

**Broadway News**

Kathrine Simon, Cheri and baby John Renner, Deloris Paintin, and Mary Stillwell went to Colby on Wednesday for shopping. Mrs. Paintin had an appointment there also.

There was a large group of carolers from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church who sang to people in the area and in Quinter on Sunday, Dec. 18.



# NWKS News

## AG Schmidt to SCOTUS: CFPB is Unconstitutional

The peculiar structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) violates the U.S. Constitution, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has told the U.S. Supreme Court.

Schmidt, along with 12 other state attorneys general, filed a brief this month arguing that Congress lacked authority to declare the CFPB an "independent" federal agency led by a single individual not overseen by the president because the Constitution vests the executive power in the president.

"The CFPB's structure is virtually unprecedented," the states wrote in their brief. "To date, this Court has never ruled upon the legality of an 'independent agency exercising substantial executive authority' that 'has . . . been headed by a single person.'"

The CFPB was created in 2010 under Dodd Frank's Title X, which transferred to the CFPB much of the authority to regulate consumer financial products and services that had been vested in other federal agencies. Unlike those agencies, which are headed by a group of commissioners or by an individual who is removable at will by the president, Dodd Frank structured CFPB to be headed by a single director to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate to a five-year term, subject to removal by the president only for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

"The Constitution forbids concentrating such unchecked authority in a sole, unaccountable administrator charged with overseeing an agency that wields executive power," the attorneys general wrote. They argue that CFPB's unaccountable structure threatens the ability of the states to enforce robust consumer protections.

Schmidt noted he has argued CFPB's structure is unconstitutional since the agency was created in 2010 but only now has a case addressing that question reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

The case is Seila Law LLC v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, No. 19-7. A copy of the brief is available at <https://bit.ly/2SvInbj>. The Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the case in March.

## Prairie Doc® Perspectives: Why Are Rural Nursing Homes Closing?

By Richard P. Holm, MD  
During one of our weekly hospice meetings, the discussion turned to the burden of finding an opening in a facility for one of our patients. Mr. A belongs to the working-poor segment of our society, just above official levels of poverty and yet he cannot afford health insurance and primary care, let alone the private cost of an assisted living center or nursing home.

Our patient is still living at home, has no family support and is in trouble. His progressive cancer has caused an inability even to do activities of daily living such as bowel and bladder care. He now only has Medicaid and his hospice nurse and social worker is not able to find an assisted living center or a nursing home that will take him in.

It's no surprise that care facilities in states which have no Medicaid expansion find it financially difficult to accept Medicaid patients like Mr. A. Without Medicaid expansion, facilities lose money when caring for them. If a nursing home has too many Medicaid patients, it simply can't stay afloat. This explains why nursing homes, especially in rural areas, are closing.

The national solution was to expand Medicaid coverage to increase payments for services using federal dollars. Some states initially elected not to expand Medicaid, for fear they would become dependent on this money. However, many states have changed their position, and to date, 36 states now accept the national funding from expanded Medicaid, including North Dakota as of 2014, and Nebraska in 2018. So far, 14 states have not expanded Medicaid, including, South Dakota, Kansas and Wyoming.

Medicaid expansion passed last year in some majority Republican states indicating that this is a bipartisan issue. In my opinion, fearing dependence on federal money does not justify letting our rural nursing homes close or letting the working-poor go without care.

Bottom Line: It is time for those within the political arena to expand Medicaid.

Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook, featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streamed most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

## AG Schmidt, SOS Scott Schwab Propose Consolidation of Charities Regulation

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and Secretary of State Scott Schwab will ask the Kansas Legislature to approve legislation reorganizing the state's regulation of charitable organizations.

Under current law, the Secretary of State is responsible for administering the registration of charitable organizations, solicitors and fund raisers, while the Attorney General's Office enforces violations of the charities statutes and prosecutes fraudulent solicitations. When the Legislature convenes next month, Schmidt and Schwab will recommend legislation consolidating registration and enforcement required by the Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

"We think this is a basic good-government proposal," Schmidt said. "It makes more sense to have a single agency responsible for both the registration of charities and enforcement of violations of the charities law. The current divided responsibility seems to be a case of 'we've always done it that way,' but we think we can do better and have a more-efficient system and that would benefit all Kansans."

"We're pleased our agencies collaborated to achieve this efficiency," Schwab said. "Combining regulatory and enforcement responsibilities in a single agency is a commonsense and long overdue step. Donors and charitable organizations will benefit from streamlining charitable organization oversight."

The two offices have long coordinated the regulation of charities, including maintaining the Kansas Charity Check website, [www.kscharitycheck.org](http://www.kscharitycheck.org), where individuals can search charities registered to solicit in Kansas. During this season of giving, both elected officials encourage Kansans to use the website to assist them in their philanthropic contributions.

## BOT Minutes 11/25/2019

### SCHC Regular Meeting

November 25, 2019

Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 8:18am in the conference room. Members in attendance were Michael Mullins and Lucille Heim. Also present was Michael O'Dell, Hannah Schoendaler, a Patient Family Advisor Committee (PFAC) Representative and Justine Wade.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with one additional item. 3-0

### New Business

Tim Lee entered into the meeting to discuss the heating and cooling in Long Term Care. Tim has been in contact with Marvin Shaffer about possible ways to modify the current system.

Leanna entered the meeting at 8:22am.

Three Neuro Feedback equipment quotes were submitted by Jodi Dumlér. This piece of equipment is written into the awarded HRSA grant and would be funded by it entirely. A motion was made to approve option #1 as presented for the TruScan Neuro Feedback system. 4-0

Kevin entered the meeting at 8:49am.

A donation will be made

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to the Sheridan County Community Foundation again for the upcoming year.

A motion was made to appoint Naven Penmasta, M.D. (Docs Who Care) to courtesy staff, reappoint Victor Nemecheck, M.D. to active staff and reappoint Doug Gruenbacher, M.D. to courtesy staff. 3-0 Stephanie Jones, CRNA is not renewing her privileges.

The chart audits were reviewed.

The HRSA 340B Audit went really well.

The KDADS LTC Audit was reviewing the past three years; 2016, 2017 and 2018. Their focal point was non patient costs incurred.

The CMS Medicare Secondary Payer Audit is complete.

The Toothaker Annex was discussed. The consensus is to remove the existing maintenance storage shed and increase the new Annex space to house both the contents of the shed as well as move the department from its current location into the new space. Tim has sent this to 3 local contractors for bids. Discussion of a snowplow or some sort of snow equipment owned by the facility was mentioned.

Hannah discussed the Acute Wing building project. Warren Edigar came a few weeks ago to review all the blueprints and specs. We have a few tax credits still out, hoping to have all those finalized soon. The goal is to have it out to bid mid-January, hoping to get it started April 1.

Provider updates were discussed.

Break at 10:17am  
Regular session resumed at 10:25am.

Teresa Poage entered the meeting to present the Quality and Risk Management report.

The Quality Assurance report was reviewed. We started our PFAC meetings and currently have two active members. ER stats were reviewed. Risk management data was reviewed. Teresa left the meeting.

Shelly Eberle entered the meeting to provide an update on Physical Therapy. Dry needling was a new service added in August by Becci Baker. The space for PT was discussed. Shelly left the meeting.

Carrie Ashbaugh entered the meeting to present the Long Term Care updates. Carrie left the meeting.

Hannah presented the report for Acute Nursing. Carrie is officially wound certified. Fresenius Dialysis was here last week to do onsite training to allow treatments to be done in the facility. A Bi-Pap machine was discussed.

Nikki entered the meeting to discuss Radiology. Stats from 2018 and 2019 were reviewed and compared. Currently the department is down a full time technician and 2 PRN employees. The next piece of equipment needed will be a new EKG machine to replace the one we currently have. A motion was made to approve the Radiology Policy and Procedure Manual amendments as presented. 4-0 Nikki left the meeting.

Corporate Compliance will be reporting in December rather than November.

The Board minutes from October 28, 2019 and Special Board meeting minutes from November 11, 2019 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the above meeting as presented. 4-0

The financial statements were reviewed and discussed. The BKD cost report estimate

was reviewed. Christmas bonuses were discussed. The third-round draft of the 2020 budget proposal was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Christmas bonus as \$150 for all full-time employees and \$75 for all part time employees. 4-0

The bad debt write-offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debt write-offs for October 2019 in the amount of \$6,943.45 for the Hospital and \$868.48 for the Clinic and pursue in small claims for those within Sheridan and surrounding counties. 4-0

A motion was made to approve the October Accounts Payable in the amount of \$786,390.12 4-0

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

The Grant submissions were discussed.

The FQHC report was discussed. The SAC submission has been sent to TrueLove, the due date is January 7<sup>th</sup>. Clinic areas of risk were addressed. Pre- and post- natal OB services at the clinic were discussed with Dr. Machen. The new PCMH coordinator is Lisa Stoll she is here now fulltime. KDHE slide fee requirements are being worked on to be met. The agenda for FQHC BOT meeting was reviewed.

Shelby Moss entered the meeting to discuss the employee updates. Shelby left the meeting. The Workers' Compensation Policy was reviewed. A motion was made to accept the Workers Compensation policy as presented. 4-0

The Christmas festivities were discussed.

The next regular board meeting will be December 23, 2019 at 12:00pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:19pm. 4-0

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# Area Schools



## BULLDOGS SELECTED FOR ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM



Golden Plains Junior Wade Rush (center) was selected to the Sagebrush All-Tournament team in Brewster last week. Rush contributed 52 points, 12 assists, 34 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 defections during the three games of the tournament. Also selected were Jace Mackley of Weskan (left), Brady Dinkel of St. Francis (right), and (not pictured) Colten McCarty of Cheylin and Cody Seader of Wallace County. (Photo by Laura Fellhoelter)

**By Judy Rogers**  
Golden Plains had two athletes named to the Sagebrush Tournament All-Tournament team at games held in Brewster December 9-14. Sophomore Kassie Miller was named to the tournament team for the first time. "I was surprised but pleased to be selected," said Miller. "It's nice to be recognized with all

the talented girls playing in the tournament." Miller led the Bulldogs with 53 points, 7 assists, and 19 steals during the three games played. Additional players selected included Karly Bandel of St. Francis, Grace Sabatka of Cheylin, Camryn Greving of Logan, and JC Allen of Weskan. Junior Wade Rush was named to the all-tournament



Golden Plains Sophomore Kassie Miller looks for an open teammate during the Championship game against St. Francis in the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster on December 14. Miller was one of five girls selected by coaches at the tournament to be named to the all tournament team. Miller had 53 points, 7 assists, and 19 steals as she led the Bulldogs to their fourth consecutive Sagebrush tournament championship. (Photo by Rojelio Loya)

team for the second year. "It felt great to be selected again this year," said Rush. "Only 5 players out of the eight teams competing were chosen by the coaches." Rush scored 52 points in the three-game tournament and had 12

assists, 34 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 defections. Additional players selected included Brady Dinkel of St. Francis, Jace Mackley of Weskan, Colton McCarty of Cheylin, and Cody Seader of Wallace County.

## Bulldogs Named Student of the Quarter



Golden Plains high school selects one student from each class as student of the quarter based on the students' performance both in and out of the classroom. Students chosen for quarter 2 on the last day of the semester were (l-r) Morgan Durham-freshman, Alisha Brantley-sophomore, Hannah Bange-junior, and Jaiden Koerperich-senior. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

**By Judy Rogers**  
The Golden Plains High School teachers have named students from each grade level as Student of the Quarter. Students are selected based on their efforts and performance both in and out of the classroom. Students selected for the second quarter include Morgan Durham-freshman, Alisha Brantley-sophomore, Hannah Bange-junior, and Jaiden Koerperich-senior.

Morgan Durham enjoys being a freshman at GPHS. She supports all the activities at the school and is an avid baker. "I was so surprised when I heard my name announced," said Morgan. "I was excited to be chosen." She is the daughter of LaDonna Durham of Colby. Alisha Brantley is an excellent student and is involved in music, art, the play, forensics, and scholar's bowl as a sophomore. She consistently expresses school spirit and enthusiasm and goes out of her way to support the Bulldogs in all their activities. Alisha is the daughter of Walter and Sara Brantley of Selden.

Hannah Bange is another outstanding student who is secretary of the junior class and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been a cheerleader for the past three years and supports all the teams and organizations in their activities. She works part time at the Sheridan County Health Complex and is active in her church. "I couldn't believe it when they called my name," said Hannah. "I wasn't sure I heard correctly. It's an honor to be selected." Hannah is the daughter of Chris and Vicky Bange of Rexford.

Jaiden Koerperich was the senior selector for the quarter. Jaiden does an excellent job in the classroom and is a top scholar in her class. She is a four-year cheerleader for the Bulldogs, secretary of the senior class, and vice-president of the National Honor Society. She loves helping people and often volunteers at the elementary school and works part time as a CNA at the Sheridan County Health Complex. "I wasn't there when they made the announcement and couldn't believe it when they told me I was selected," said Jaiden. "I'm glad I was able to represent my class with this honor." She is the daughter of Don and Katie Koerperich of Selden.

### GPMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

Superintendent	Honor Roll	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:
Jordyn Fleckenstein, Emma Weiner		Jordyn Fleckenstein, Emma Weiner
Principal Honor Roll		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:		
Valentina Bermudez, Ava Brantley, Will Bruggeman, Jorja Juenemann, Jerri Koerperich, Landon Meier, Mia Rogers		
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade:		
Madilyn Green, Anette Hernandez-Lopez, McKinzie Horobik, Owen Patmon, Joshua Rath, Dominic Stout, Abraham Taylor, Siena Vargas, Hayden Wark		
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade:		
Tanner Black, Braylee Knowles, Diego Perez, Dylan Wark, Ezekiel Weiner		



### GPHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

Superintendent Honor Roll	Ethan Weiner
Senior:	Freshman:
Taryn Fleckenstein, Zoey Hillis, Mabel Lugo-Martinez, Candace Taylor, Joseph Yanez-Perez	McHaley Carter, Jazline Manriquez, Breanna Rath, Sidney Taylor
Junior:	
Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll	
Sophomore:	
Kassie Miller, Lauren Patmon, Morgan Wark	
Principal Honor Roll	
Senior:	
Malilah Green, Jaime Infante, Jaiden Koerperich, Raleigh Korte, Colby Lathrop, Darrin McCurdy, Austin Patmon, Karrington Schaben, Emily Stoltz, Harley Weese	
Junior:	
Hannah Bange, Kole Butts, Adrian Grontvedt, Danica Ritter, Wade Rush	
Sophomore:	
Alisha Brantley, Fabian Cepeda, Amie Cheney, Alejandro Gonzalez, Britton Knowles, Carli Nieman, Ashton Schiltz, Ethan Shea,	
Principal Honor Roll	
Senior:	
Malilah Green, Karla Hernandez-Lopez, Jaime Infante, Jaiden Koerperich,	

GPMS 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll
Superintendent Honor Roll
Senior:
Taryn Fleckenstein, Zoey Hillis, Mabel Lugo-Martinez, Austin Patmon, Candace Taylor, Joseph Yanez-Perez
Junior:
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Sophomore:
Alisha Brantley, Kassie Miller, Lauren Patmon, Morgan Wark
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# Year in Review

22, 2019. John Winter, age 64, passed away on January 26, 2019.

## February 2/7/2019

The Sheridan County Historical Society and Mickey's Museum held their annual meeting, Sunday, January 27, at the Bowen Scout House. Guest Speaker Don Rowilson presented a program on Cowboys and Cattle Trails through Sheridan County.

The Sheridan County Conservation District awarded the Kansas Bankers Association Award for Soil Conservation to Dan & Deb Ochs and Shane & Donna Ochs and the Kansas Bankers Association Award for Windbreak to Heath & Casey Johnson.

## 2/14/2019

Meeting their opponents at center mat, the Hoxie junior high wrestlers earned 22 pins, 10 decision wins, and 1 tie breaker win, for an overall team record of 33 wins and 9 losses. Their hard work culminated with them bringing home the 2019 Junior Panther Classic tournament team championship, five individual tournament champions, three runners up, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> and one 4<sup>th</sup> place winner.

FCCLA started a pop tab collection competition to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Wheatland High School started the competition, and then the middle school joined. First place went to the junior class. The high school collected 39 pounds of pop tabs and the junior high collected 15 pounds.

## 2/21/2019

Saturday, February 16, 2019, Carol Rietcheck and Roxie Nelson, of the Wheatland VFW Auxiliary Post 2864 in Grinnell, presented Harm Briery with a Quilt of Valor. This Quilt of Valor was made by Janie Lowry, of the Stockton VFW Auxiliary Post 8873, especially for Harm upon the request of his nephew, Harry Joe Pratt.

The Sheridan County Community Foundation, in association with the Network Kansas E-Community Partnership, announces the Sheridan County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge to take place in Hoxie this March, as part of the 2018-2019 Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Series. The competition will be held on March 12 in the lobby of the Hoxie High School Auditorium. The goal of the competition is to expose Kansas middle school and high school student to entrepreneurship.

## 2/28/2019

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs kept their perfect season alive as they won the Regional Championship in Rexford on Sunday afternoon. The games were rescheduled from Saturday due to the winter storm that blanketed the area. The girls received a bye for the first round then defeated Cheylin 52-23 in the semi-finals for a spot in the championship game. On Sunday, they won a nailbiter 39-35 over Rawlins County for the championship.

Congratulations to the Hoxie Indian Wrestling Team who placed 3rd this weekend at the 321A State Tournament in Hays. With only four wrestlers, the team scored 86 points and brought home two Champions and two 4th Place medalists. Dayton Porsch won his 4th straight title.

**Obituaries:** Mary Braden, age 67, passed away on February 3, 2019. W. Wayne Cressler, Jennings, age 86, passed away February 7, 2019. Clifford Martin, Castle Rock, CO, passed away February 7, 2019, at age 71. Vincent Ritter, Phillipsburg, passed away February 10, 2019, at age 94. Richard O. Kratzer, Scarborough, ME, passed away February 16, 2019, at age 83.

## March 3/7/2019

Polished. Salon. has outgrown its previous location

and has moved to 639 Main Street, Suite 105.

Tuesday, March 5, State Senator Rick Billinger addressed several issues at a Town Hall Meeting. His concerns over the State's roads was a popular topic.

Reinke has recognized Clarence Becker with Hoxie Implement in Hoxie with a 10-year PLUS Program Longevity Award. Becker received the award in recognition of his dedication to maintaining a PLUS Program certification for 10 years.

## 3/14/2019

Hoxie senior Dayton Porsch is the 3,2,1A Wrestler of the Year and Coach Michael Porsch is the 3,2,1A Coach of the Year. Dayton is a four-time state champion and his father Michael has coached at Hoxie High School for 13 years as Head Coach and 11 years as Assistant Coach.

On Friday, March 1, some WHS art students went to the Oasis on the Plains Art Competition in Colby. Every student in Art had a project that went to this competition.

## 3/21/2019

The Culture Improvement Committee challenged the SCHC staff to collect 1000 items of food. The first load of food that was taken to the Food Bank from SCHC on Friday, March 15. The final group of boxes were delivered on Tuesday, March 19. The Food Bank received donations totaling 1004 items.

The City of Selden and the Selden Public Library had a good turnout for the open house held on March 11. Visitors Selden Hosts Open House toured the newly remodeled city office at 107 Kansas Avenue. Funds to purchase the building came from the Sheridan County Community Foundation with the city providing the remodel work. "I was pleased with the number of people who came out to see what we've been doing to improve the city," added Mayor Bernard Koerperich.

## 3/28/2019

On Tuesday, March 12, the first-ever Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) was held in Sheridan County. Six students from the Hoxie Community Schools USD 412 competed for \$1,000 in prizes. Receiving first place and \$500 were business partners and siblings Molly and Andrew Foote for their business "Contained," a mobile escape room providing a fun and challenging entertainment option for residents in Northwest Kansas. Contained also received an additional \$50 each for best Executive Summary and best 4-minute presentation.

Wheatland High School students have once again undertaken the STEAM project. Wheatland has been doing an annual STEAM project for four years. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. The STEAM projects are assigned at the start of the second semester and consist of building projects.

**Birthdays:** Edna Niermeier celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 13, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Jesse Farber, age 36, passed away on February 25, 2019. Annunciata Weber, Park, passed away February 26, 2019, at age 88. Nick Zerr, age 49, passed away February 26, 2019. Sharon Thummel passed away March 15, 2019, at age 73.

## April 4/4/2019

The Grinnell VFW and VFW Auxiliary hosted its 3rd Benefit Soup Supper Fundraiser for the Kansas Honor Flight. Rosemary Corbett was on hand and gave an awesome presentation on the history of the Kansas Honor Flight; dates they are going again, and what you have to do to get signed up. The VFW Auxiliary presented more Quilts of Valor. At this

time, they have made and presented 80+ Quilts of Valor to our Veterans. A big thank you to everyone that made this a big success.

Sunday, April 7, is the Jennings American Legion and Sons of the American Legion Pancake and Sausage Meal at the former Masonic Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rosie the Riveter will speak after the meal.

## 4/11/2019

The Hoxie High School varsity golf team began the season on March 29 at the Oberlin meet with a second-place team finish with 366 points. Senior Jarrod Dible placed first with a score of 79 and freshman Ashton Dowell placed 5th with a score of 92. Other team members' scores were senior Colton Heskett - 97, junior Parker Jones - 98, junior Dylan Weimer - 99, and Andrew Foote - 99.

On Saturday, March 30, the Applied Technology class went to the state competition for their Kid Wind Challenge. The students that attended the state competition were Senior Andrew Taylor and Juniors Colter Allemang, Jordan Katt, and Harrison Stephens along with sponsors, Industrial Arts teacher Mark Heier, Math teacher Diane Wetter, and Science teacher Steve Reed. Junior Kyler Haffner is part of the team but didn't attend state.

## 4/18/2019

The world was in shock as they watched the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France burn. Unbelievably, the damage was not as bad as it could have been. The central spire was lost, but the original stone roof remains.

Golden Plains Elementary recently was notified that they were the recipients of a Midwest Energy Grant. The grant, which was written by Justine Tuttle, will be used to purchase wobble chairs for the classroom.

## 4/25/2019

The Indian Pride Booster Club is sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hoxie Athletic Banquet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm to honor all of the Hoxie High School athletes, and their families for the 2018-2019 sport season.

Nicole Heim of Hoxie, Kansas, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Heim is pursuing a degree in Life Sciences at Kansas State University.

**Anniversaries:** Gregg and Carol Cooper celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 23, 2019. Harold and Eileen Murphy celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 3, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Sam Harold Wright, 67, Salina, passed away March 4, 2019. Ralph Mowry, age 65, passed away on March 24, 2019. Paulie Neff, age 89, passed away on March 27, 2019. Elsie Mowry, age 96, passed away March 25, 2019. Roberta Christie, age 86, passed away on April 5, 2019. Barry Walker, Northglenn, CO, passed away on April 5, 2019 at age 47. Julie N Pope, 66, Grinnell, passed away April 10, 2019. Wilma Yoke, Goodland, passed away on April 13, 2019 at age 81. Jerome N. Heim, age 88, passed away on April 14, 2019. Alice Pratt, age 92, passed away on April 17, 2019. Mary Morgan, La Crosse, passed away on April 18, 2019 at age 93.

## May 5/2/2019

Steve Hirsch, Oberlin, was elected on April 27, as Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council at its annual meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. Hirsch has served as Secretary of the KSFFA since 2000. He currently serves as Training Officer of the Sheridan County Volunteer Fire Department at Hoxie and provides training for Grinnell and Thomas County Volunteer

Fire District #4 at Rexford.

The Jennings Lions Club will host their annual Mother's Day dinner on May 12th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center.

## 5/9/2019

Construction is almost complete by Stewart Construction, of Hoxie, to replace the windows in the resident's rooms in the Long Term Care's west wing. A total of 14 windows are being replaced, along with the trim and casings.

Area youth ages 5-12 are invited to join K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks on May 24th to learn about fishing, land stewardship, and wildlife. The fishing clinic will take place from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Sheridan Lake.

## 5/16/2019

During the NASA downlink, on Friday, May 10, Bev Hague gave the official sign-on from the CosmoSphere in Hutchinson, KS. This introduced the students to Astronaut Nick Hague, who is aboard the International Space Station.

Hoxie High School will send two golfers to the State Golf Tournament in Hesston on May 20. Senior Jarrod Dible placed 6th with a 79 at the Regional Tournament in Ellis on May 13. Junior Dylan Weimer had an 84, which was good enough to send him to the state tournament also.

## 5/23/2019

Sheridan County Sheriff's Office K9 Dak will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Dak's vest is sponsored by Katrina Owens of Cockeysville, MD and will be embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of Heidi Owens". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Golden Plains Eighth Grader clears the hurdles at the Northern Valley Invitational earlier this season. Breanna Rath set a new school record for Golden Plains Middle School of 31.91 second in the 200m hurdles at the WKLL meet in Logan on May 9. Rath placed first in the 200m hurdles with her record setting run, tied the school record in triple jump at 32'3" for first place and claimed the league championship in the 100m hurdles and in long jump.

## 5/30/2019

Madison Focke was recognized at Golden Plains School for placing second in the Farm Bureau Safety Poster Contest by Farm Bureau Board Member Amy Seegmiller. Madison is a third grader at GPES and is the daughter of Chad and Mandy Focke of Rexford.

The Hoxie High School Track Team brought home six medals from the Kansas State High School Activities Association State Track Meet held in Wichita May 24- 26. The competition, which normally takes place on Friday and Saturday, did not finish until Sunday due to numerous heavy rain and lightning delays

**Birthdays:** Ann Ostmeyer celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 5, 2019.

**Engagements:** Pat and Jacqui Haffner of Hoxie announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn Marie to Tate James Tremblay, son of Troy and Dana Tremblay of Penokee, KS. A June 15 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, KS.

**Anniversaries:** Jake and Rosie Heier celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 3, 2019. Harold and Arvilla Taylor celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 11, 2019. Jack and Ann Ostmeyer celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 25, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Hannah Lager, age 24, and unborn child Matthias passed away April 24, 2019. Michael Brown, Lenora,

passed away May 4, 2019 at age 71. France Bange, age 75, passed away on May 13, 2019. Gerald Rogers, Newton, passed away May 13, 2019 at age 94. Elmer Rall, age 84, passed away on May 14, 2019. Robert Pearson, Manhattan, passed away on May 21, 2019, at age 82. Glenva Coburn, age 75, passes away on May 26, 2019. Larry Lane Lewis, Colby, passed away on May 26, 2019, at age 77.

## June 6/6/2019

Wednesday, May 29, the Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to kick-off Red's 30th Anniversary Celebration. Many employees and guests were in attendance to begin the festivities. They celebrated by giving out free ice-cream and fountain beverages at half price. Red's also had many prizes to give away in drawings held on Facebook Live, Friday, May 31.

Andrew Foote and Molly Foote, from the Hoxie FFA chapter, competed in events at the 91st Kansas FFA Convention, May 29-31, 2019, on the Kansas State University campus. Andrew was the winner of the Kansas FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event (LDE), and Molly Foote, earned first place in the FFA Creed Public Speaking Career Development Event (CDE).

## 6/13/2019

Case IH is pleased to recognize Hoxie Implement Co. Inc., Hoxie, Kansas for achieving Pinnacle Excellence status in all six areas of their business - Parts, Operations, Service, Marketing, Sales and AFS. This is a very prestigious award and is very difficult to obtain. Only 36 dealers in all of the United States and Canada were presented the Pinnacle award in all six categories.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16. Remember the Historic Building Preservation Committee will be serving dinner at the former Masonic Hall/Opera House. Program to follow by Bette James, Hoxie, author of "Angels Flying Out of Hell."

## 6/20/2019

The Main Street Arts Council (MSAC) announces the 2019 Main Street Summer Theater Festival. Area youth ages 5-18 from Northwest Kansas are rehearsing throughout June and early July as they prepare to perform shows based off musical movie classics.

The Scrappy Quilter's Quilt Guild met Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Methodist Church. Members attending were Judy Cressler, Kay Weber, Marilyn Meier, Marge Haas, Judy Watkins, Candy Becker, Reba White, Ronda Johnson, Mary Adams, and Peggy Eland from Hoxie. Carolyn Tuttle and Barb Popp from Quinter. Gail Sams from Park, Deloris Steinike, Bonnie Wilson, and Ferol Powers from Gove. Alice Mizer and Kari Vanover from Jennings.

## 6/27/2019

On Sunday, June 23, the Fire Department was called out to the Recycling Center. The fire damaged the building, collapsing a portion of the roof. No one was injured. No reports regarding how the recycling will be handled in the immediate future.

At approximately 3:50 a.m. Saturday, June 23, an earthquake struck northwest Plainville, just north of Zurich, in northwest Kansas. The U.S. Geological Survey is calling it a 4.5 magnitude quake, while the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has it listed at 5.4 magnitude. A second earthquake of 2.3 magnitude struck in the same area less than three hours later, according to KGS.

**Birthdays:** Louella Zerr celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 7, 2019. Tom Haffner celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 11, 2019. Louella Heier celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on

June 17, 2019. Mary Ann Oelke celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 28, 2019.

**Engagements:** Blair Ann Nickelson, daughter of Don and Kim Nickelson of Penokee, KS and Donovan Lee Schamberger, son of Don and Tammy Schamberger of Hoxie, KS are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. A September 28, 2019 wedding is planned at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie, Kansas.

**Anniversaries:** Nick and Kathy Otter celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 7, 2019. Ray and Ann Heim celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 10, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Robert Beckman, Longmont, CO, passed away on June 6, 2018 at age 86. James Carswell, age 92, passed away on May 29, 2019. Myrtle Prussner, Clifton, IL, passed away on May 31, 2019 at age 92. Leroy Scott, Hill City, passed away on June 3, 2019 at age 83. Phyllis Hensley, Colorado Springs, CO, passed away on June 6, 2019 at age 94. Dolly Lovin-Shackelford, age 68, passed away on June 11, 2019. Pete Aumiller, age 76, passed away on June 11, 2019.

## July 7/4/2019

On Sunday, June 30, 2019, the United States President, Donald J. Trump stepped across the Demilitarized Zone into North Korea to shake hands and speak with North Korean Leader, Kim Jong Un. President Trump is the first sitting U.S. president to do so.

Tuesday, July 2, Senator Jerry Moran made a scheduled stop in Hoxie during his Kansas Listening Tour, visiting with the Rotary Club during lunch at Oscar's, and then speaking with the public afterward. There was a total of 18 guests who listened to Senator Moran speak on and answer questions, most of which centered around agriculture. Afterward he was taken on a tour of the Sheridan County Health Complex to see many of the new and upcoming renovations.

## 7/11/2019

The Hoxie Medical Clinic came under new management a few months ago. Kevin Johnson, originally from Julesburg, CO, is enjoying his new position and loves working at the facility.

The new Rotary District 5680's first Governor, Kurt Harper spoke to the Hoxie Rotary Club at Oscar's on Tuesday, July 9. The new district in a combining of Kansas Districts 5670 and 5690.

## 7/18/2019

A \$279,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and a \$50,000 grant from the Robert E. and Patricia Schmidt Foundation will help Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas make needed repairs and improvements, the costliest being the renovation and expansion of an Ellis County group home.

The 3rd Annual Sheridan County Farm Bureau Photo Contest has some exciting results. We received 27 entries this year, over double from last year. The categories were Legacy of Agriculture, Community Pride and anything ag related. Divisions were youth 13 and under, 14-18 and adult, over 19. Sponsors this year for the youth division Red's LLC and Sheridan Amusement Company. Adult division The Elephant (Emily Campbell) and Red's LLC. People's Choice Award \$30 Visa gift card donated by the Sheridan County Farm Bureau Association.

## 7/25/2019

The Golden Star was back at the carnival this year. Anyone 18 & under could find it and turn it into the prize booth for an envelope full of \$100 worth of carnival tickets. The kids were looking sharp and having

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## JANUARY



Sheridan County graduates from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center Officer Eggert-Hoxie Police Department (right), and Deputy Cousins (center)- Sheridan County Sheriff's Office, stand with Deputy Estrada-Thomas County Sheriff's Office (left) after graduation on December 21, 2018. (SCSD photo)

## FEBRUARY



As part of the recent renovation at St Frances Catholic Church of Hoxie, this beautiful new cross has finally arrived and taken its place. If you are in the area stop by and see it in person! (Photo from Margery Haas' Facebook post)

## MARCH



If at First You Don't Succeed, Fly, Fly Again!  
Upon his arrival, Nick Hague said, "Feels good to finally be home on the International Space Station." Astronaut Nick Hague and other crew members, Christina Koch, and Cosmonaut Alexey Ovchinin launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at 2:14pm (CDT) on Thursday, March 14, 2019. After a six-hour flight they arrived at the International Space Station to join NASA's Anne McClain, David Saint-Jacques of the Canadian Space Agency, and the Expedition 59 Commander, Oleg Kononenko of Roscosmos. They will spend six months conducting 250 science experiments and investigations in various scientific fields. Local Hoxie residents watched with pride as their Hometown Hero finally fulfilled his dream and made it into space! (NASA photo-NASA Astronaut Nick Hague Facebook page)

## APRIL



Flames and smoke rise from Notre Dame Cathedral as it burns in Paris on Monday, April 15, 2019. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus - foxnews.com)

## MAY



Alex Gonzalez throws some sand as he lands in the triple jump pit at the Colby Invitational Track meet on May 3. Gonzalez, a freshman at Golden Plains High School, also competed in long jump and ran the 4 x 400m relay at Colby. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

## JUNE

2019 Hoxie Classic Car Pin-Up Runner Up, Amanda Snyder (l) and Queen, Kelsi Burns (r).





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## JULY



A backdrop from the Hoxie production of "Madagascar Jr", which showed on July 12 and 14 at the Hoxie High School Auditorium. (Courtesy photo)

## AUGUST



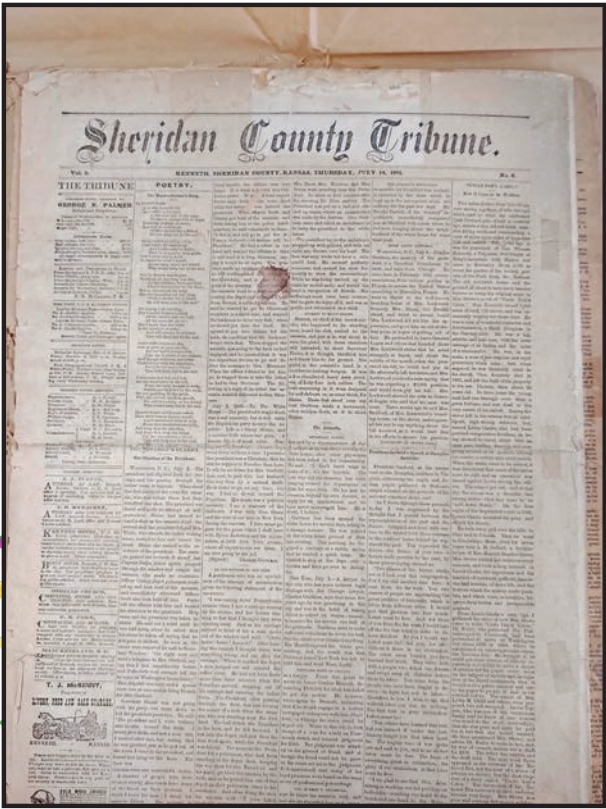
The beautiful Red Hat Ladies from Long Term Care had an enjoyable morning at Oscars. Who says getting old is a bunch of "bull?!" Props to the beautiful 96-year old Doreen Kennedy for braving the 8-second ride on Oscar the Bull! (LTC Activities photo)

## SEPTEMBER



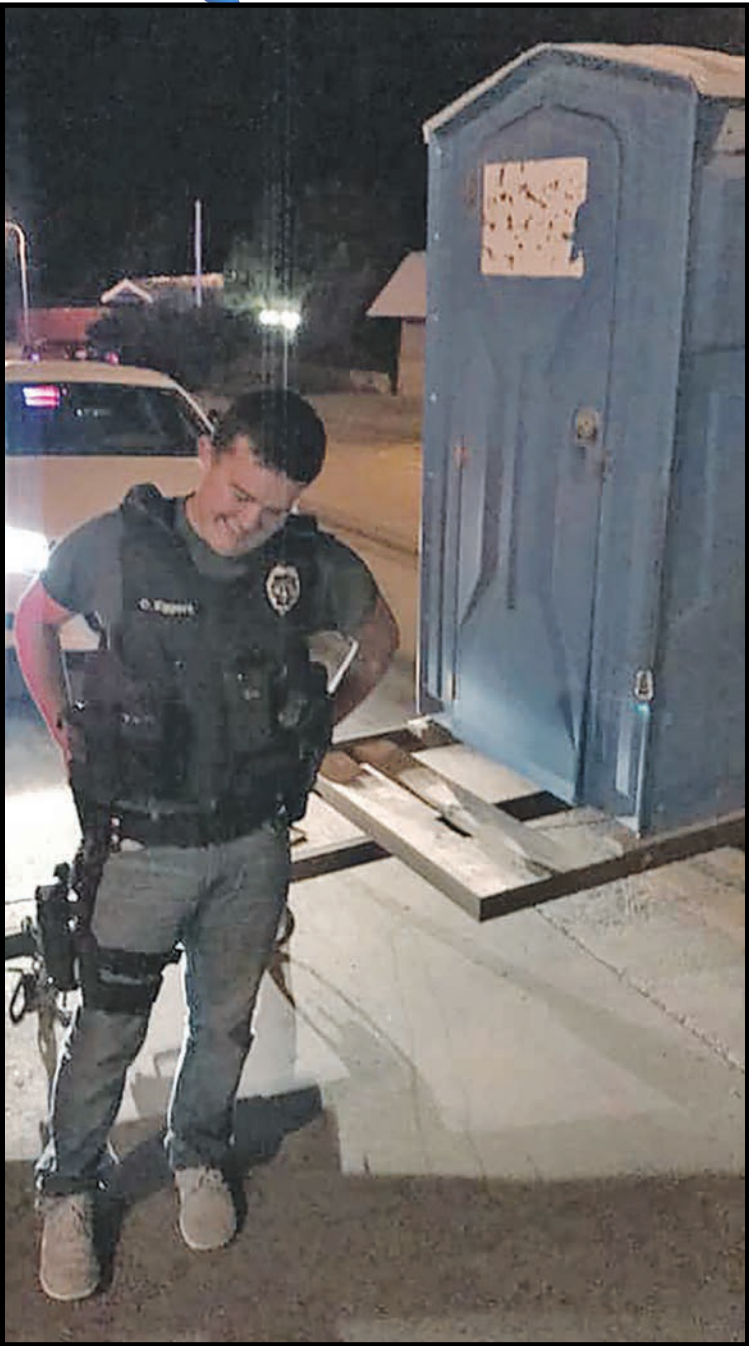
Danielle Pratt, Sophia Hampton and Emily Campbell participated in and won the Culinary Fightclub Competition in Kansas City, MO on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. (The Elephant courtesy photo)

December was a good month for the Kenoxie Archives & Museum. We received two donations: one from Kendra Salyers-Barnes who was clearing out things abandoned in the building she purchased to move her insurance agency into. She found neatly packaged newspapers, many of them from the late 1800's. We were called about adding them to our collection, which we gladly accepted! The second donation was from Jack Jones, Hill City. He donated a linotype and job press, which will be added to the other equipment for the future interactive museum. (Sentinel Staff photo)



## OCTOBER

At approximately 10:05 pm on September 26, 2019 Hoxie Police Department was dispatched to "hazardous materials incident" at Main and Trail Avenue in Hoxie. Upon arrival.... well you can tell by the photo how this call went. Officer Eggert had plenty of fellow officers there for moral support and good laughs. Luckily no accidents occurred as a result of a Porta potty being left on Main Street and fire department was not needed for hazmat cleanup. (SCSD photo)



## NOVEMBER



"Big Boy", the world's largest steam locomotive took a central and western US trek. He made several stops in northwest Kansas on Friday, November 22. Many from Hoxie were in Quinter to have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this American icon. (Sentinel Staff photo)

## DECEMBER





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fun. On Friday, July 19, it was found by Duncan Bell & Crew, then on Saturday night Tucker Baalman worked hard to find the star. Tucker says he will save his tickets for next year.

The Sheridan County Amusement Company gave a huge THANK YOU to the “Shark Heads” for helping to clean up after the Carnival was over on Saturday night.

**Birthdays:** Miriam Slipke celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 13, 2019. Bonnie Lager celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 14.

**Anniversaries:** Fred and Kris Moss celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 11, 2019. Doren and Irene Folis celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 20, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Donna Kolste, Hays, passed away on June 1, 2019, at age 77. Charlene Anderson, Salida, CO, passed away on June 24, 2019, at age 87. Richard Lovin, Ellis, passed away on June 25, 2019, at age 69. Kory Taylor, age 47, passed away on June 26, 2019. John Geisinger, age 85, passed away on June 29, 2019. Michael Metro, age 71, passed away on July 9, 2019. Rosa Lee Jones passed away Thursday, July 11, 2019 at age 90. Garry Roberts, age 78, passed away on July 12, 2019. Mary Ann Oelke passed away on July 13, 2019, at age 90. Jon Thummel, age 65, passed away July 17, 2019. Ralph Albers, Oakley, passed away on July 19, 2019, at age 90.

**August 8/1/2019**

Plans are underway for the replacement of the Sheridan County Recycling Center that was destroyed by fire on June 23, 2019. Pfeifer Salvage of Stockton, KS had the old building deconstructed, compacted into bales, and loaded out on a semi-trailer in two days. Their expedience and expertise were greatly appreciated. The county will now be taking bids for construction of the new building.

The middle of August, Sheridan County Health Care will be adding another Physician Assistant with Chris Hansen.

**8/8/2019**

The Hoxie Medical Clinic remodel is currently in phase 3 of the construction process. The anticipated completion date is scheduled for September 30, 2019. SCHC is planning to have a grand opening and ribbon cutting sometime shortly after everything is complete, we would love for the public to come out and look at all the changes we’ve made at that time. We very much appreciate everyone’s cooperation and patience as we continue to make these modifications and improvements to our facility. The project is being funded by a grant we received from HRSA in the amount of \$135,000 to add additional exam rooms and provider offices to our existing space.

On Wednesday morning, July 31, Midwest Energy crews were called to the Hwy 23 - 24 junction to repair a high-line pole that was hit by an oversized load. It took most of the day to replace the pole. The SC Sheriff’s Department was called for traffic control.

**8/12/2019**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced nearly \$400 million in funding to help combat the nation’s ongoing opioid epidemic. This funding will help community health centers work at the local level to assist individuals suffering from substance use and mental health disorders.

Jeanette Gawith Bosch, native of Dresden, KS, attended the Honeywell Educators Space Academy in Huntsville, AL and created a program using the newly awarded Giant Mars Map from the Buzz Aldrin Share Space Foundation. This program allows participants to complete activities on the Giant Mars Map and to learn

about Mars. By being a Solar System Ambassador volunteer with NASA, Jeanette has been able to share her knowledge with over 500 participants this year. Jeanette has also worked with the CosmoSphere to write educational material on the Conservation of the F1 Engines from the Apollo Missions.

**8/22/2109**

The Main Street Arts Council, based in Hoxie, invites all area art enthusiasts to the annual “Main Street Art Walk” scheduled for Friday, August 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Hoxie.

The McGraw Church located 12 miles north, 4 miles east, and another ½ mile north, will be holding a Final Worship Celebration on Sunday, August 25, 2019. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. with a potluck to follow at the Hoxie United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us for our last worship service before the church closes.

**8/29/2019**

Roughly 220 people attended the August 24th Cruise Night and Barbecue in an effort to raise funds to help renovate the DSNWK Hoxie office. The delicious meal consisted of burgers, hot dogs, brats, potato salad, potato chips, and a drink. Our guests were also treated to the presence of our lovely 2019 Hoxie Classic Car Queen, Kelsi Burns, who greeted them with her captivating smile and pleasant personality while serving them delicious barbecue.

For the last 28 years, on the 4th Saturday in August, the Jennings Fire Department has hosted the Firemen’s Fun Day. August 24 was no different as the Jennings community came together with the fire department to provide a day of fun and social gathering for current and former residents of the surrounding area. The theme of this year’s event was “Honoring Those Who Served” and overall attendance was impressive.

**Births:** Laramie Rose Wright was born on August 7, 2019 to Lexi and Lance Wright of Leonardville, KS.

**Birthdays:** LeAnn Simon celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 11, 2019.

**Anniversaries:** Joe and Cathy Broeckelman celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 1, 2019. Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 25, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Molly Brin, Hays, passed away on July 20, 2019, at age 80. Sheila Ritter, age 51, passed away on August 15, 2019.

**September 9/5/2019**

The Golden Plains National Honor Society sold personalized bricks last spring to raise money for the NHS and to help bring the community together. The NHS members got together a few weekends of the year to take out the rocks in front of the gym and install the bricks.

On Wednesday, August 27, the WHS cheer squad attended a cheer camp at Dodge City. The WHS cheerleaders that attended were Senior Eidree Chapin, Senior Jett Schmidtberger, Junior Kirsten Schroeder, Junior Leonor Mergenschroder, Sophomore Jaidlyn Harvey, Sophomore Laredo Allemang, Freshman Emma Thompson, and Freshman Jillian Gallentine. At the camp, the cheerleaders learned new cheers and a dance. The Universal Cheerleaders Association and the Universal Dance Association staff members also attended the clinic to teach and assist the cheerleaders. At the clinic, the cheerleaders also learned how to do stunts.

**9/12/2019**

The Sheridan County Community Foundation recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,888 to the Hoxie Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc. office

for the construction of a new concrete parking lot next to their building. This new lot will replace the existing loose gravel lot and help improve accessibility for those in wheelchairs, walkers, canes, those unsteady with walking and the general public.

**9/19/2019**

The Hoxie CC team was up bright and early for their season opener at TMP in Hays. With a 6:45 departure time and races to begin at 9:00, the team was glad that they had the experience of early morning practices on Mondays and Fridays under their belts.

On September 6, 2019, the football team travelled to Langdon Fairfield. The football team started the season out right by winning 52 to 6. This year looks good for the football boys because they have a lot of talented freshmen and new students to help out the team. On September 20, they will play Northern Valley at Almaena.

**9/26/2019**

The Hoxie Medical Clinic has expanded walk-in hours to Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 7:00pm, to help accommodate almost any work schedule or busy home life. Now you can come in and schedule an appointment on site when you arrive anytime between 7am to 7pm. Our reception staff will work you in with the next available provider as soon as possible.

The Indians hosted the Quinter Bulldogs for Homecoming on Friday, September 20. After a slow start, the Indians turned it on to win 46-6.

**Birthdays:** Jan Andregg Pyle celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. Peggy Allen celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 23, 2019. Margaret Zerr celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 27, 2019.

**Engagements:** Colton Corwin and Shannon Toll announce their engagement with a September 1, 2019, wedding planned.

**Obituaries:** Adam Winter, age 35, passed away on August 24, 2019. Larry Taylor, Olathe, passed away on September 5, 2019 at age 80. Dr. Stanley Mosier, Wichita, passed away on September 6, 2019 at age 76. Ralph Weis, age 95, passed away on September 8, 2019. Veryl Mills, age 84, passed away on September 11, 2019. Teresa Ashbaugh, age 97, passed away on September 12, 2019. Dale Redmond, age 87, passed away on September 14, 2019. Barbara Rietcheck, age 86, passed away on September 17, 2019.

**October 10/3/2019**

The Golden Plains Bulldogs football team advanced to a 2-1 record with a 74-26 Homecoming win over the Rolla Pirates on September 20 in Rexford. “It’s always fun to win during Homecoming. We needed this win after the loss to Moscow last week. “We added some new plays that worked pretty good.”

Bhavini Gopaldas (Hagedorn) arrived in Hoxie in September to begin working at the Hoxie Medical Clinic. She will begin seeing patients on Monday, October 14.

**10/10/2019**

For the past fourteen years, Jessica and Clint Milliman, Milliman Quarter Horses, have hosted the Hoxie Barrel Racing Buckle Series at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds Arena. Several dates were cancelled this year due to weather, but this Sunday, October 6, the weather was perfect for their final event of 2019.

USD #412 received a \$400 donation from the First State Bank on Friday, October 4, as part of the Mascot Debit Card program.

**10/17/2019**

On Thursday, October 9, Wheatland High School Human Anatomy class traveled to Colby to compete in the Night @ The Lab contest.

The Night @ The Lab contest features groups of three students who research a topic, create an informative poster, and present the results of their research in front of judges.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hit the road for their fifth game of the season on October 4 as they played the 3-1 Natoma Tigers in a cold, misty game. The Dogs, who were 2-2 entering the contest, had been preparing for this game all week and were ready to play. Despite getting down early on, the Bulldogs held on to claim the 40-33 win over the Tigers.

**10/24/2019**

This year has brought many exciting changes to our Hoxie Medical Clinic. With the help of a government funded grant from HRSA (Health Resources & Services Administration) in the amount of \$144,000, we are able to expand and make necessary modifications to our existing facility. The new floor plan has created two additional exam rooms, four new provider offices, and one business office.

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs JV volleyball team played 3 matches at Rexford on Tuesday, October 15, to finish up their season. They won one game against Dighton, and lost two, against Wheatland/Grinnell and Trego.

**10/31/2019**

Election Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 5, so that means it is also Soup Supper time at the Hoxie United Methodist Church. Once again, for a free-will offering you will be served Vegetable Beef, Chili, and/or Chicken Noodle Soup, along with crackers, fresh vegetables and desserts from 5-7 p.m. The UMW uses the proceeds from this event to help send kids to church camp and many other local and worldwide missions.

On October 10, the Golden Plains Middle School football team played Cheylin in Rexford. It was the Bulldog’s final tackle game of the season. They fell by a score of 12-70.

**Births:** Lucy Faith Watkins was born September 10, 2019, to Steve and Kaylee Watkins. Sterling Michael Mader was born on September 6, 2019, to Jesse and Samantha Mader.

**Birthdays:** Mary Stillwell celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 1, 2019.

**Obituaries:** Dorothy Ostmeyer, age 85, passed away on October 1, 2019. Marylyn Rogers, age 68, passed away on October 4, 2019. Marjorie Abell, Grinnell, passed away on October 19, 2019, at age 91. Ila “Dusty” Jones, Denton, passed away on October 18, 2019, at age 94. Charles Bieker, Salina, passed away October 19, 2019 at age 70. Lynn Popp, age 77, passed away on October 21, 2019.

**November 11/7/2019**

Renee Spresser and Pauls Furniture Co., in Selden, KS has been awarded one of the 10 members of the “Pillars Project 2019” by Synchrony and Inc. Magazine. Putting northwest Kansas on the map, Renee is on the flip cover of the November issue of Inc. magazine and from the back cover there are 15+ pages of content on the Pillars Project. You can see a small feature article on each winner and quotes from the winners throughout those pages. Synchrony and Inc. are in agreement that small business is the backbone of our country and they want to celebrate that by supporting them and giving them tools to aid in doing business today.

On Saturday, November 26, Senior Eidree Chapin traveled to Tribune to compete in her last ever high school cross-country meet. Chapin ran 5 kilometers, or 3.1 miles in 26 minutes and 36 seconds. This was her personal best for the 2019 season.

**11/14/2019**

The American Legion Geo. M. Post #301 in Grainfield received a \$1000.00 donation

from the Midwest Energy Community Fund Fall disbursement. These funds were used to install LED lights in the building. The lighting was still the original when the building was built in 1976. The Legion building has been rented out in this community for weddings, graduation receptions, seed meetings, Annual Soil Conservation meeting and their own fund raisers each month having a Stag & Stagette the last Wednesday of each month and many other community activities like Boy Scouts, etc. Over 160 organizations submitted applications for the awards.

We travelled to Wamego on Saturday, Nov. 2 for the State Cross Country Meet where senior Emily Diercks and freshman Drew Bretz looked to put an exclamation point on what was already a very successful season. Both had survived the elimination race at a very competitive regional and now had the opportunity to run the hilly course at the Wamego Country Club. Emily placed 10<sup>th</sup> and Drew took 15<sup>th</sup> place.

**11/21/2019**

The Golden Plains football team will play in the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City on November 16. The Bulldogs will play in the third/fourth place game after falling to Cheylin 36-52 in the Sub-State game in Bird City on November 8.

Saturday, December 7, the Lions will serve soup and dessert at the Jennings Community Hall starting at 11:30. Santa will arrive at 1:00. There will be a drawing of Christmas gifts for the children after Santa’s visit. There will not be wrapped gift drawing for adults.

**11/28/2019**

The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team placed third in the Wild West Bowl—six-man playoffs—with a 90-52 win over the Weskan Coyotes on November 16 in Dodge City. This is the fourth year of six-man football for the Bulldogs and their fourth year to play in the Wild West Bowl.

Vivid colors and striking contrasts in a sea of agricultural scenes await you at the Dane G. Hansen Museum. The magnificent photographs of our newest exhibit, The Farmin Artist on display until February 2, 2020, has visitors awestruck from the moment they step through the door.

**Birthdays:** Ron Neff celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 11, 2019. Paul Oelke celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 10, 2019. Bill Schieferecke celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 24, 2019.

**Obituaries:** David Gallagher, Oakley, passed away on November 4, 2109, at age 66. Mark Roberts, age 60, passed away on November 10, 2019. Jarrold “Tex” Shaw, age 86, passed away on November 19, 2019. Lorraine Coulter, 87, passed away on November 19, 2019. Susan L. Milton of Hoxie, KS, passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the age of 67.

**December 12/5/2019**

The Hoxie United Methodist Women will be having their Annual Cookie Walk Sale on Monday, December 16. The sale will be held from 10am to 2pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Hoxie United Methodist Church.

The Golden Plains National Honor Society is starting a Food/Essentials Pantry at Golden Plains Schools. Items will be distributed locally to students enrolled in GP schools. “Our students have always been generous in donating to area food pantries,” said Steiner Scott, NHS sponsor. “However, we felt that these donations could better serve our students if we hosted the pantry within our district where needed items

would be more accessible to those who would benefit.”

**12/12/2019**

Hoxie High School hosted the Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, December 7. Hoxie placed second as a team behind Colby. Four wrestlers placed first: junior, Aidan Baalman 152; freshman, Derek Johnson 132; sophomore, Drew Bell 126; and freshman, Dayton Bell 113. Two wrestlers placed second: sophomore, Brandon Baker 285, and freshman, Drew Bretz 120. Senior, Andrew Foote 160 and freshman, Tate Weimer 106 placed third, and freshman Ryan Shaw 138 and freshman Wayne Shepard 113 placed fourth. This year there was an addition of a girls’ division in the tournament format. Hoxie has two female wrestlers, sophomore Marissa Porsch and senior Ashlyn Kaus who both placed first.

Saturday dawned a beautiful crisp winter morning. Several people gathered at a little before 10:00 to go to the Jennings City Cemetery and on to the Big Timber Cemetery to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremonies. Then, coming back to join the others for soup (hot, spicy chili and vegetable) and desserts of all kinds served by the Lions Club. The walls of the Hall were vibrating from the lively talking of all the people.

**12/19/2019**

Elder Richard West, Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints in Aurora, CO helps to coordinate the food donation that is sent to five food pantries in northwest Kansas each year. This year’s total food weight was in excess of 15,000 pounds! The Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance’s Food Pantry is one of those recipients. This year’s delivery came on Friday, December 13. It was unloaded at Hoxie Implement around 10 am and taken to the Food Pantry for distribution.

Every year the United States Air Force Academy and the Association of Graduates present the Jabara Award to Academy graduates whose airmanship contributions are of considerable importance and set them apart from their colleagues. This year’s recipients of this award will be Colonel Nick Hague ‘98 and Major Caitlin Reilly ‘07.

**12/26/2019**

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster for the fourth straight year on December 14 with wins over Triplains/Brewster, Logan and St. Francis. “I enjoyed getting to start the year off with a tournament win!” said Ashley Stoll. “I think these games strengthened our team as a whole and I am excited to see how the rest of the season goes!”

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, the House passed two articles of impeachment on a primarily party line vote. The first article, Abuse of Power, passed 230-197, with two Democrats, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (DMN) and House Agriculture Committee Member Rep. Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ) voting with Republicans in opposition of the charge. The second article, Obstruction of Congress, passed 229-198 with Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME) joining Reps. Peterson and Van Drew and the Republicans in opposition to the articles. Rep. Tulsì Gabbard (D-HI) voted present.

**Birthdays:** Gene Bieker will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 8, 2020.

**Obituaries:** Roberta Cupples, Escondido, CA, passed away on December 6, 2019 at age 88. Forrest Frazey passed away on December 9, 2019 at the age of 97. Jacob J. Heier, age 89, passed away December 10, 2019. William Sanders, age 78, passed away December 14, 2019.





# Legals, Obituaries & Minutes

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
**VICKI GAY REKOW,**  
Deceased.

Case No. 2019 PR 25

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Terry Earl Rekow, one of the heirs of Vicki Gay Rekow, deceased, praying:

That descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Sheridan County, Kansas:

**Undivided one-twelfth (1/12) interest in the South Half (S/2) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.**

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of her death.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the **21st day of January, 2020, at Ten (10:00) o'clock A.M.** of said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Terry Earl Rekow  
Petitioner

Thomas H. Sullivan, P.A.  
Thomas H. Sullivan, #08840  
773 Third Street, P.O. Box 571  
Phillipsburg, KS 67661  
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Attorney for Petitioner

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## Commission Minutes 12/27/2019

Now on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Joe Bainter presiding. Others present were Wes Bainter, Troy Dewey, Joe Pratt, County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

Joe Bainter called the meeting to order.

Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the Waiver of Notice for the meeting, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 3:07, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel matters. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 3:35 and Wes Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0. The door opened with no decision being made.

Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase the 2020 Tahoe from Superior Outfitters and pay for the purchase out of the 2020 vehicle replacement budget. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This will replace Sheriff Carver's pickup.

The Board discussed chemical

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
**JON L. THUMMEL**  
Deceased

19-PR-24

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on November 6, 2019 a Petition was filed in this Court by Janice M. Thummel, an heir, devisee and legatee of Jon L. Thummel, deceased, requesting that Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Janice M. Thummel to serve as Administrator without bond.

You are further advised that under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised that if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before January 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Janice M. Thummel  
Petitioner

Craig L. Uhrich  
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Oakley Kansas 67748  
(785) 671-1237  
Attorney for Petitioner

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expiration dates and the possibility of selling back to the chemical company. The Board also discussed roads, recycling, mowing, road volunteers and contractors.

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The last regular meeting of the year will be Monday, December 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room on the main floor in the Courthouse.

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

## Commission Minutes 12/27/2019

Now on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Joe Bainter presiding. Others present were Wes Bainter, Troy Dewey, Joe Pratt, County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Rachel Farber and Doyle Kauk.

Joe Bainter called the meeting to order.

Pratt stated he would like to schedule an auction in the spring for the items that the County is getting rid of that are in the garage. There shouldn't be a concern about the weather at that time.

Joe Bainter discussed the non-employee using county equipment that was damaged. Wes Bainter stated it was done and the County will pay for the damages. There was no further discussion.

The Board discussed the landfill fees. The resolution pertaining to this will be approved in January and then once a scale is purchased and a price per pound is set, an amended resolution will be made. Recycling and the need to educate the citizens about the benefits of recycling was discussed.

Ross Carder, Road & Bridge Supervisor, entered the meeting. Carder passed around an estimate for containers from Global to use for recycling. The cost is \$355.95 per tote and Carder would like 20.

The Sheridan County, Kansas Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan was given to Pratt to review. It will be discussed at the next meeting after Pratt has had a chance to review.

Carder stated they would like to use TSheets through Quick Books with allows employees to clock in on their phone and it tracks where the employee is at all times. Carder feels it will be useful when employees are in areas that cell service is unavailable. The cost is \$1,574.00 annually. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the purchase of this service, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Bracht asked Carder if he had talked with Jerry Spreser about taking care of the EMS Building when it snowed and he said, yes, he had, and Spreser would take care of it.

Carder presented bid information from Foley Equipment for graders. Carder was asked to give a report of all the graders and the hours on them.

Wes Bainter asked about the Gourley Excavating bills totaling \$21,825.25. Bracht stated they were in the bills to be paid at the end of the month since they were not received in our office until the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Bracht advised they could be paid today if need be and it was determined yes, they needed paid now. Wes Bainter will contact Gourley and advise the check will be ready to pick up after lunch.

At 9:15, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel matters. Dewey seconded the motion.

Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Carder and Pratt. The door opened at 9:54 with no further discussion.

Carder distributed information on reflective coats for the Road & Bridge employees totaling \$910.90. Joe Bainter made a motion to purchase the reflective coats, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0. The coats will be County property and if an employee leaves, the coat stays with the County.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, entered the meeting. Kaufman had received notice that the heart monitor that is currently in the Selden ambulance needs replaced by February 2021. A new heart monitor is \$33,620.30. Kaufman is applying for a grant through the KS Board of EMS and requested the Board approve matching 50% of the total dollars or \$16,810.15. The grant will be awarded in April 2020. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the application, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Sheriff Carver. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Carver distributed the vehicle replacement schedule for the Sheriff's Office vehicles, as well as information on what purchases can be made for the Kiosk machine that is being purchased for the inmates.

Dewey made a motion to approve and pay the warrant to Gourley Excavating in the amount of \$21,825.25. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The Board and Bracht discussed how and when warrants are currently being paid. Bracht asked Wes Bainter why he wants to change something that is working fine. Wes Bainter feels instead of paying at the end of the month, the County should wait for the statement to come and then pay the second meeting of the month. After discussion, the warrants will continue to be paid as they currently are.

At 10:30, Wes Bainter made a motion to go in to executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel matters. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 11:00 and Wes Bainter made a motion to continue the executive session for an additional 30 minutes seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The door opened again at 11:30 and Dewey made a motion to continue the executive session for an additional 30 minutes. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 12:00 pm.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the 2020 wage increases as discussed, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-31 seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. This Resolution sets the Commissioner meeting dates, payroll and warrants date, and the official County holidays.

Dewey made a motion to approve the December 13, 2019 payroll as presented. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded the motion.

## Miriam Slipke

July 13, 1929 ~ December 26, 2019



Miriam Louise (Schandler) Slipke was born in New Almelo, Kansas on July 13, 1929 and died on December 26, 2019, in Hoxie, Kansas. Miriam was the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 children born to Joseph and Dolorose (Steichen) Schandler.

As a child Miriam was her father's "right hand man" on the farm helping with the milking, plowing, shucking corn, driving horses, and sawing with a 2-man saw. She often recounted memories of swimming in the Solomon River with her sisters and fun times at Coffin Rock. After graduation from Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison, KS, Miriam took the train to Washington D.C. where she was employed by Crane Co. A year and a half later she moved to Norton, where she worked in the Production & Marketing Admin. County office.

Miriam married Edwin Slipke on September 26, 1950 and moved to a small home in the Lucerne area. Here she cultivated flower and produce gardens, tended fruit trees, raised chickens and maintained the house and yard while Edwin built up the farm and ranch operation. Miriam would often say that she could not even boil water when she got married, but she became an accomplished cook, baker and seamstress. Miriam canned fruit, tomatoes, pickles, and butchered chickens and rendered lard. She recycled and repurposed long before it was popular. She was known for her thin, flaky pie crusts and homemade bread. Children remember the aroma of freshly baked bread greeting them when they got home from school. It was an especially delightful moment when the children discovered that she had made donuts or maple bars! The farmhouse was bursting at the seams so

in 1963 Edwin and Miriam built a home in New Almelo for their growing family. In 2004, as Edwin's health declined, they moved to Hoxie where Miriam continued her quilting. She was an avid quilter having hand-quilted well over 100 quilts, most of which were given to charity.

Miriam was a devout and faithful member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Almelo and currently a member of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie. She was a former St. Ann's Sodality President.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo, president of the Vicariate, Salina Diocese and volunteered for many years at the Swap Shop in Hoxie.

She was preceded in death in 2006 by her husband Edwin, her parents, her sisters, Imogene Ninemire and Beatrice "Tucky" Hickert, infant sister, Jeanette, and infant brother, Urban.

She is survived by three daughters and five sons: Pamela (Dan) David, Pullman, WA; Michael (Kathy) Slipke, Downs, Linda (Ron) Baumberger, Salina; Theresa (Ivan) Sarac, Woodbridge, VA; David Slipke, Bristol, CT; Raymond (Bonita) Slipke, New Almelo; William (Michelle) Slipke, Hoxie; and Alan (Phyllis) Slipke, Netawaka; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020, at the St. Joseph Church in New Almelo, KS. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in New Almelo. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 2, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, KS from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Hoxie. Following visitation, a vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2020, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to masses, St. Francis Cabrini Grotto Fund in Hoxie, St. Joseph's Church in New Almelo, or the memorial of your choice. Memorials may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at [www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com](http://www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com)

Carried 3-0.

Multiple adds and abatements were presented for approval. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the adds and abatements, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The Board had copies of the bid from Selden Lumber for windows for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Courthouse. Bracht will contact Colby Glass and Norton Glass about obtaining estimates.

Dewey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-49 transferring cash in the amount of \$50,000 from General Fund to the Special Ambulance Fund, Resolution No. 19-86 transferring cash in the amount

of \$17,500 from Road & Bridge to Special Highway, Resolution No. 19-112 transferring cash in the amount of \$25,000 from Road & Bridge to Landfill Capital Outlay. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The following warrant was audited and approved: Spec Hwy \$21,825.25

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The last regular meeting of the year will be Monday, December 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room on the main floor in the Courthouse.

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

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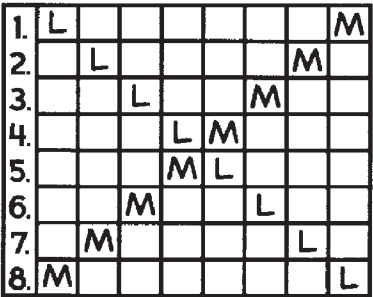


**THE HOT CIDER** was a big hit at the potluck dinner, but look at the mess to be cleaned up afterward. How many cups can you find in the picture?

Answer: We found 43. How about you?

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.



### BIG WORDS

#### DEFINITIONS:

1. Lacking conviction.
2. A cluster of flowers.
3. A lucky charm.
4. A stamp of approval.
5. A bad homeowner.
6. Vests have them.
7. Fixed or motionless
8. Barely within quality limits

#### ANAGRAMS:

- murk + wale  
slob + moss  
slat + main  
mall + hark  
muds + roll  
sole + harm  
boil + mime  
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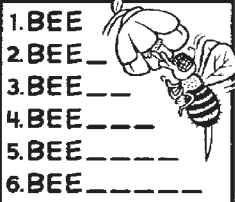
Answers: 1. Lukewarm, 2. Blossoms, 3. Tallisman, 4. Hallmark, 5. Slumlord, 6. Armholes, 7. Immobile, 8. Marginal.

**SWING DANCING IS BACK!** Using an expression from the Swing Era, "jump and jive," we've made a puzzle for you. Replace the letters in the expression with the digits 0 through 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



**"BEE" CAREFUL SOLVING THIS ONE!** In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with BEE. The following hints should help:

1. A busy worker (given).
2. Source of sugar.
3. A gray tree.
4. An electronic device.
5. Used in making crayons.
6. Brand of chewing gum.



Answers: 1. Bee, 2. Beet, 3. Beech, 4. Beeper, 5. Beeswax, 6. Beechnut.

## 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: O equals Y

QP OKL'UW QB EKLGXCWEG

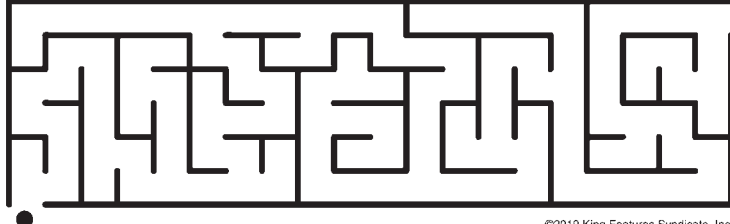
NQRXQAJB JBZ RUJIO JSKLG

CQFZ SWJEJE, ZWPQBQGWFO

RXWRM KLG MJFJNJ-IKK.

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## Kids' Maze



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"That noise you hear is my dad giving my mom a \_\_\_\_\_."

### SCRAMBLERS

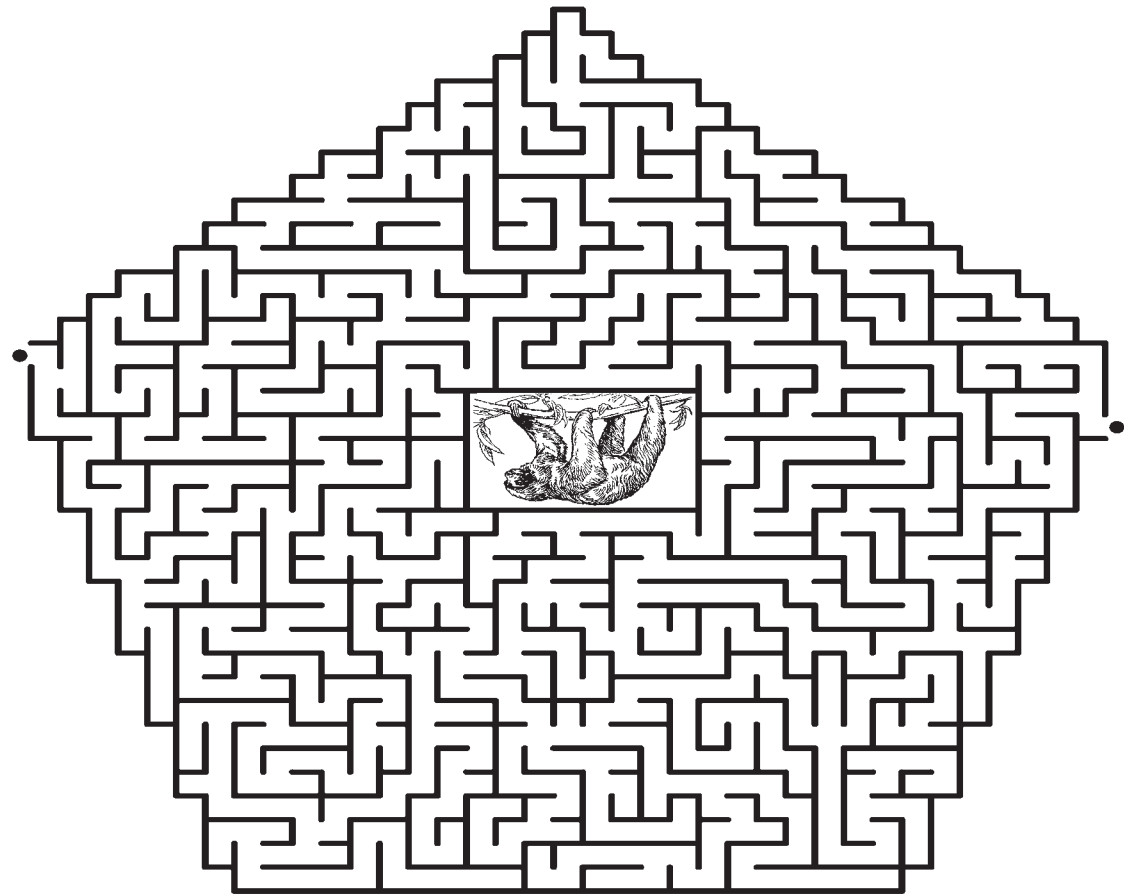
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Rebound	NURTER	
Strong	BUSTOR	
Produce	EYLID	
Contest	STREEC	

TODAY'S WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mega Maze

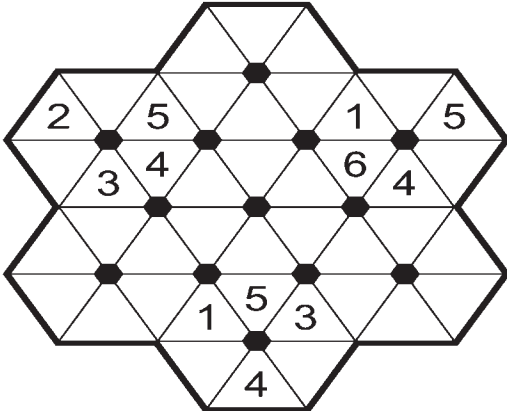
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



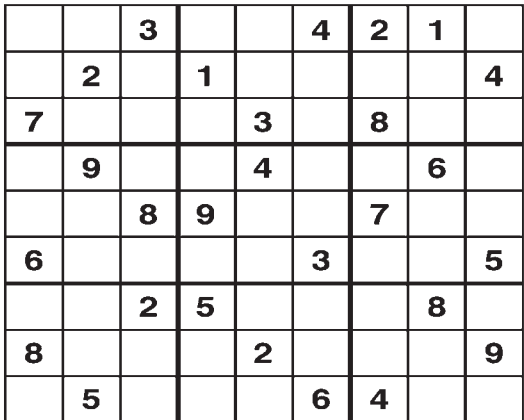
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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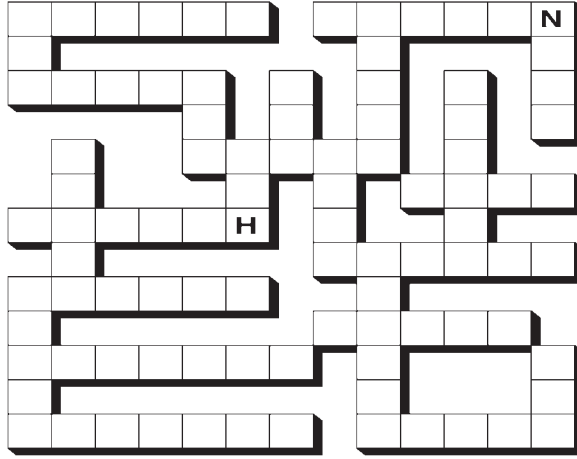
## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### CRISSCROSS - TREE-MENDOUS FUN

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.

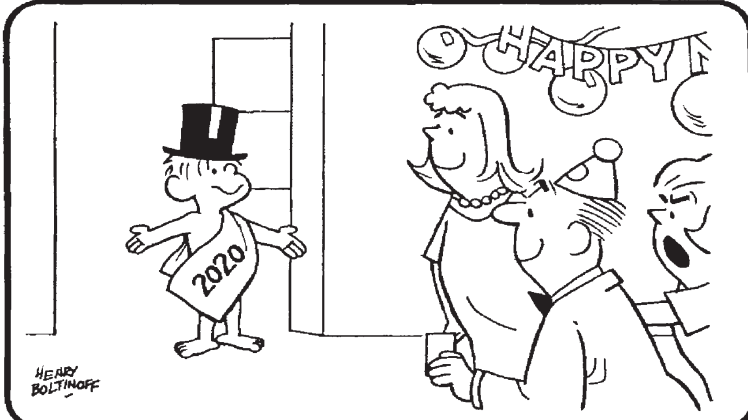
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ELM  
FIG  
OAK  
SAP
- 4 Letters  
LEAF  
NEST  
PLUM
- 5 Letters  
ACORN  
APPLE  
BIRCH  
CEDAR  
GROVE  
MAPLE  
TRUNK
- 6 Letters  
BANYAN  
BRANCH  
CHERRY  
FLOWER  
FOREST  
LOCUST  
WILLOW
- 7 Letters  
DOGWOOD  
REDWOOD



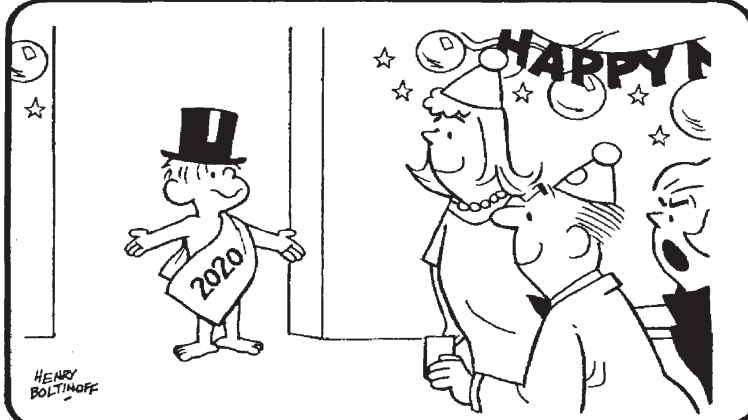
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Woman's shirt is black. 2. Stars added to wall on right. 3. Woman is wearing hat. 4. Letters are black. 5. Window is missing. 6. Decorations added to wall on left.

### COUNTING DOWN

## Super Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Nothin' at all
- 4 Got on board
- 12 — Hill (Theodore Roosevelt's home)
- 20 Altar
- 21 Quiche — promise
- 22 Zealous
- 23 With 39-Down, business for attorneys
- 24 Dreams up
- 25 Enrobing
- 26 Thorax
- 28 Cloister resident
- 29 Native Americans of Oklahoma
- 31 See 69-Across
- 32 Lena of "The Wiz"
- 33 Gal at a ball
- 34 Big fashion inits.
- 35 Blue shade
- 37 Haul to court
- 38 "Time — the essence!"
- 40 Wagged part
- 42 Closest to nil
- 46 Verizon competitor
- 49 Artificial hair

- 51 Skier Tommy
- 52 Ali or Frazier
- 53 Klutzy type
- 54 Radon, e.g.
- 55 Indian "Mr."
- 56 Dangerous way to skate
- 58 Haglike
- 60 Darkened
- 62 Uprightness
- 63 Like radon
- 64 Actress
- 65 Alluring West
- 66 Kanga's son
- 67 Pitched shelter
- 68 "— knew?!"
- 69 With 107
- 70 Snooze site
- 71 Like sexist jokes and such, for short
- 75 Mai — Ring official
- 77 "Piggy"
- 78 River of Grenoble
- 79 Like much hemp fashion
- 83 Actress Cuthbert
- 85 Was deeply agitated
- 86 Air impurity

- 88 Battle (for)
- 89 Favorite
- 90 "— -haw!" ("Wheel")
- 91 Bicolor snacks
- 92 Slender fish
- 93 Polar laborer
- 94 Hit into from behind
- 96 1988 Olympics city
- 97 Is in a hole
- 99 Film scorer
- 101 Sportage or Soul maker
- 102 Clairor products
- 104 Gibbon, e.g.
- 105 —relief
- 107 White wader
- 110 Enthusiasm
- 113 Soup legume
- 115 Dandy fellow
- 116 Full of cheek
- 117 Rift-causing
- 119 Least near
- 122 Sci-fi gift
- 123 Hand-thrown weapons
- 124 Scottish beef animal
- 125 Scrabble 4-pointer
- 126 Right to use another's land
- 127 Opera text

- 128 Scrabble 1-pointers
- DOWN
- 1 Nothin' at all
- 2 Gem State
- 3 \* A thousand and a googol, e.g.
- 4 \* March Madness quarterfinal teams
- 5 Family member
- 6 Slivovitz and kirsch
- 7 Has a debate
- 8 \* 1998 Tom Clancy novel
- 9 Family members
- 10 Adversary
- 11 Cease's partner
- 12 Flimflam
- 13 \* Part of the Constitution establishing the judiciary
- 14 Very nervy
- 15 "... so far — know"
- 16 \* Helicopter of the U.S. president
- 17 Major Norse god
- 18 Sublet, say
- 19 Therefore
- 27 Ignore rudely

- 30 Trendy
- 36 Typical lab rat, e.g.
- 39 See 23-Across
- 41 It has a charge
- 43 Pivotal line
- 44 Split-off group
- 45 Deuce
- 46 Specifically
- 47 Neighbor of Quebec
- 48 Place (down)
- 50 \* Request for a hand slap
- 57 Engine cover
- 59 LCD alternative
- 60 Ski—
- 61 Consume
- 64 \* Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman
- 68 "Hold on!"
- 69 Styling stuff
- 70 Furry scarf
- 71 Consume
- 72 Occasion to shout out the ends of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues (from left to right)
- 73 Dress fussily

- 74 Handed over
- 75 In this way, informally
- 76 Withdrawal
- 77 \* "She Loves You" band's nickname
- 78 \* Tansong truism
- 79 Lofly poetry
- 80 Heart
- 81 Toast topper
- 82 \* A state of bliss
- 84 Window area
- 85 View
- 87 Rustic denial
- 89 View
- 95 Capital of Latvia
- 98 Helical form
- 100 Taoism
- 103 Omit in speech
- 105 Nicholas Gage memoir
- 108 City in Germany
- 109 Styles
- 110 Knife feature
- 111 Old Italian currency
- 112 Bird class
- 114 Bird hangout
- 118 Snead of golf
- 120 Classic British sports car
- 121 Hard drinker



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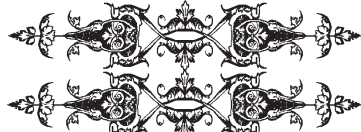
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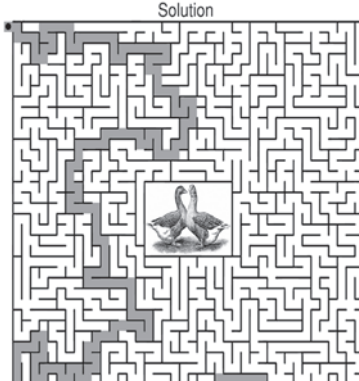
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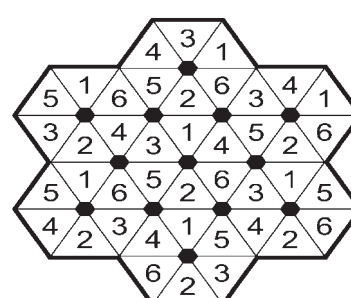
### Mega Maze Solution



### Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

### SNOWFLAKES solution



### CryptoQuip answer

That rock band's new album "Ebb and Flow" includes a tune of the same name. It's the tidal track.

### Puzzles4Kids Answer

Why should you put a January calendar in a refrigerator?

To start the year off in a cool way.



## Super Crossword

### Answers

S	H	A	L	T	T	W	E	E	T	E	D	A	D	J	U	S	T
A	I	D	E	S	H	A	N	D	A	X	E	L	E	A	N	T	O
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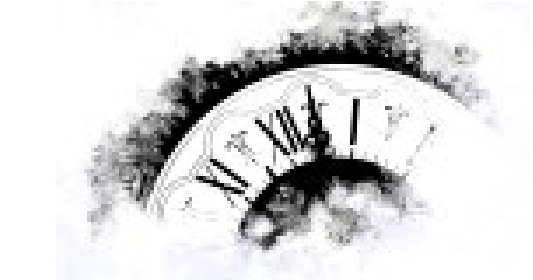
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