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75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor: Return to Hickam



Bette James, Shirley Popp, Cindy Schnelle and Joanne Emerick, all of Hoxie, pose during their tour of Kualoa Ranch, Hawaii. (Courtesy photo)

By Joanne Emerick

It was an incredibly emotional journey for six Sheridan County residents as they traveled to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii December 5-9 for ceremonies that commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Hickam Field/Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941.

Joanne Emerick of Hoxie received an invitation to take part in the commemorative events at Hickam Field because she is the Historian of the 31st Bomb Squadron (H), her late father's unit that was stationed at Hickam Field the morning of the attack. Accompanying Joanne to Hawaii were Bette James, Shirley Popp, Cindy Schnelle, and Kevin and Joyce Tremblay, all of Hoxie. There are no words to adequately describe their experiences!

The group flew from Denver International Airport non-stop to Honolulu on December 5. "At DIA we were getting ready to board the plane and we met a group from an Elks Club in Florida," Shirley Popp said. "They had quite a group of veterans and survivors along with their escorts. They all were very excited to be going on this trip. One in particular that I had the pleasure of shaking hands with could hardly contain himself. He was trembling because he was so happy to be going!"

The first event on the group's schedule upon arrival in Hawaii was a Tuesday morning, December 6 trolley tour of Hickam Air Force Base. Many were in awe, with some not realizing Hickam

was so large and still an active base! The highlight of the tour was a visit to the former Consolidated Barracks, now the Headquarters of the Air Force of the Pacific. They visited with several Hickam Field survivors who were in the building, saw the flag that flew over the base that fateful morning 75 years earlier, and were taken into I Wing where the 31st Bomb Squadron's men were quartered at the time of the attack.

"It was an honor to shake the surviving Hickam veterans' hands and say 'Thank you for your service,'" said Kevin and Joyce Tremblay. "We kept trying to picture them as young men of 19-21 years of age. In visiting with them, you can see they still feel the emotions of December 7, 1941. They remember that day in full color, as if it happened yesterday. They talk about the friends that didn't make it home, the terrific noise, and the terror surrounding them. One had the honor of taking Old Glory down at the end of the day. Another was on a B-17 coming from California and survived the plane crashing on the runway. Even now they show their pride, in a humble way, for what was accomplished and the part they played in history." Hickam Field survivor Armando "Chick" Galella told the group, "I'm not a hero. I'm just a survivor of war."

Several of the Hoxie group were introduced to the 4-star Commander of PACAF (Air Force of the Pacific), Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, which resulted in a private

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From Seed Catalogs to Victory Gardens



By Viktorija Briggs

After the Christmas holidays are gone, and January settles in, we begin to see seed catalogs arrive. This in turn sets our minds moving toward the coming spring, and with it our gardens. Long before I ever even *had* a garden, I had seed catalogs. I lived in Florida for 27 years, wishing each year that I could have a garden. But, I honestly had *no* idea how to even get started. There was no one around me that had gardens, so I just left it to my dreams that someday I would have one. My first garden was in Kentucky, seven years ago. I ordered a catalog from just about every seed company I could find, found a garden planner online through *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, and started planning.

Did you know that the first seed catalogs began around 1830? That is 187 years of advertising to the consumer for numerous types of vegetables to grow in their garden. They would have sold what we now refer to as "heirloom seeds."



And without getting into the hot topic of "organic vs GMO" etc., it's safe to say that the types, quantity, and quality of seeds has grown, as well as the methods of growing them, has benefitted greatly from research on both sides of the aisle.

Gardens have been a vital part of life from the moment our ancestors first realized that the seed they saw fall on the ground a few weeks before was suddenly sprouting into a plant like the one next to it...and it was edible, which meant planning for food, not just foraging for it. Basically, without that learned skillset, we would not exist today.

From those first simple plantings to the incredible level of crop production we have today, crops and gardens have provided the family and the world with every kind of plant food you can imagine. But it is

the small home gardens that were promoted as extremely vital during perilous times in history.

During the Civil War much of the crops grown in the south were destroyed. Those in the north were left untended due to all of the men being in the war. Then, when the world wars came, new efforts were made to assure fresh foods for the family. Much of that which was grown by the larger farms was sent overseas to feed the troops. To keep up morale at home, there was considerable national pride propaganda promoted; movie reels in theaters before the main movie started; posters promoting 'doing your part for the war effort'; and of course, the "Victory Gardens."

It took World War II to give those gardens a name!

When World War II landed on our doorstep everyone had to 'step it up' to 'do their part' for the war effort. Women not only had to work outside the home, since their men were on the war front, but they also had to still maintain the home, and this included keeping a garden of fresh fruits and vegetables. These gardens became known as Victory Gardens.

The following is from the National WW2 Museum website:

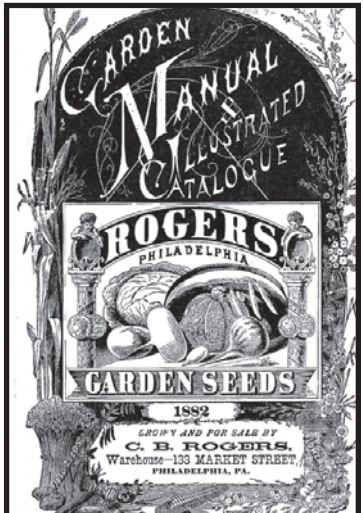
Fun Facts About Victory Gardens

- During World War II, Victory Gardens were planted by families in the United States (the Home Front) to help prevent a food shortage.
- In 1941, a five-foot Christmas tree could be purchased for 75 cents.



Planting Victory Gardens helped make sure that there was enough food for our soldiers fighting around the world. Because canned vegetables were rationed, Victory Gardens also helped people stretch their ration coupons (the amount of certain foods they were allowed to buy at the store).

- Because trains and trucks had to be used to transport soldiers, vehicles, and weapons, most Americans ate local produce grown in their own communities.
- Many different types of vegetables were grown—such as tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, beets, and peas. Victory Gardens were responsible for bringing Swiss chard and kohlrabi onto the American dinner table because they were easy to grow.
- At their peak, there were more than 20,000,000 Victory Gardens planted across the United States.
- By 1944 Victory Gardens were responsible for producing 40% of all vegetables



grown in the United States. More than one million tons of vegetables were grown in Victory Gardens during the war.

- People with no yards planted small Victory Gardens in window boxes and watered them through their windows. Some city dwellers who lived in tall apartment buildings planted rooftop gardens and the whole building pitched in and helped.
- Many schools across the country planted Victory Gardens on their school grounds and used their produce in their school lunches.
- The U.S. government printed recipe books describing how to prepare home grown vegetables to make nutritional



and tasty meals. Agricultural companies gave tips on how to make seedlings flourish in different climates.

- Excess food grown in Victory Gardens was canned and used during the winter months to help supplement the amount of food available.
- Growing Victory Gardens gave Americans on the Home Front a feeling that they were doing something helpful to win the war (and they were!)

While we don't really need a 'Victory Garden' in its original sense any longer, it is still such a victory to see the work you've done in planting your garden begin to sprout and grow. It is a miracle I never cease getting excited over every time I plant my own garden. *How about you?*



Birth Announcement



Lucas John Rarick is the new co-pilot to Matthew Rarick & Katie Beal. Born on December 20, 2016 at 3:08 pm in Arvada Hospital, he weighed 7# 11 oz, and was 20" long. Proud grandparents are John & Margie Beal, and Ronda Rarick, all of Arvada, CO. Proud Great-grandparents are John & Judy (Stegeman Rarick) Franklin and the late Dick Rarick.

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Words of Faith
<i>Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others</i>
Proverbs 12:15

Grain Report
Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 24
Wheat 3.17
Corn 2.92
Milo 2.48
Beans 8.89

Last Week's Weather
Cold & Windy

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Words of Wisdom
<i>Success comes in cans; failure in can'ts</i>
Where's Sheridan?

Faith & Lifestyle

Health Highlights

An Exercise in Self-Help

By Viktorija Briggs, Certified Health Coach
The title of “Coach” today can have so many meanings and applications. Some of the types of coaches include: sports coaches, health coaches, management coaches, organizational coaches, spiritual coaches. Basically, if there is a life situation, there are people who are trained in “coaching” others on how to work through the skills needed to bring that part of their life in-line.
I am a Certified Health Coach. A health coach works with the body, mind, and spirit, because it is all-inclusive – one cannot be affected without it impacting the others. Basically, working “from the inside out.” We cannot improve ourselves physically if we do not have the will spiritually. I am not referring to the religious aspect of spirituality. I am referring to our own spiritual relationship with *ourselves*. This may be a new concept to some, and once explained, an “aha!” realization by others who already do this, but hadn’t conceptualized these actions as something real, tangible, and very beneficial.
The series of articles for this column will actually build one upon another. Jumping

around, piece-meal, from topic to topic won’t work here. For this first article, I will begin with the concept of “self-evaluation.” By this, I mean, when we perform an action and we receive feedback from others, or the re-action (i.e. consequences), to those actions are repeated time and again, do you “self-evaluate” the *why* of it? *Why* do people, who don’t know each other, keep telling you the same thing regarding your actions? *Why* do the results of your actions always end up the same – non-beneficial, or at the least, not as intended?
“*Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over, and expecting different results.*” *Albert Einstein*
Sound familiar?!
How about these:
“*Life will keep bringing you the same test, over and over again, until you pass it.*” *~Unknown*
“*Failures are part of life. If you don’t fail, you don’t learn. If you don’t learn, you’ll never change.*” *~Unknown*
Am I perfect and without any of these flaws? Definitely not! But I *do* self-evaluate daily, and have for the better part of the last 30+ years of my 56 years on this planet. So, aside from life-experience qualifications, I have also studied formally so that I may have that certificate on the wall which makes people more

comfortable.
Begin today to look at yourself and your actions as others would see and hear you. What do you see and hear? Are you positive or negative? Are your actions beneficial or detrimental? Are there things you say and/or do that are a constant? If so, are they good actions or bad? What are the re-actions or consequences of those actions? Should or could they be improved or removed?
Think about these actions and how to make them better. Even the good ones. We will never be without flaws, but we can lessen their severity if we concentrate consciously on making them always positive in their result, whether intentional or actual.
This exercise is enough to start with. I will expand on it further, but for now, this will be quite a challenge. Trust me, *consciously* paying attention to *all* your words and actions is going to be a challenge!
So, with these articles I have endeavored to begin writing and sharing thoughts, teachings, ideas, tips & tricks for how to improve yourself to “BE the ME you are meant to BE!” I hope some of you will find use of it and learn something every now and then that becomes a benefit to you.
BEComing the ME You Are Meant to BE: *Mind, Body & Spirit Healing through Lifestyle Change.*
Next: *That Inner Voice*

Fresh Pasta Sauce

Ingredients:
1 lb ground beef
2 T olive oil
4 small onions, chopped fine
1 green bell pepper, chopped
16 c tomatoes, chop & puree
5-6 cloves garlic, minced
¼ c sugar
2 T dried oregano
2 T dried thyme
2 T dried basil
¼ c dried parsley
1 bay leaf
¾ t pepper
2 T salt
1 t onion powder
1 t garlic powder
1 c white or red wine

Directions:
Saute garlic until soft & fragrant in 2 T olive oil.
Throw meat & onions into garlic, season with salt & pepper, and brown until meat is thoroughly cooked.
Pour in tomato puree, and all seasonings; mix well.
Add ¾ c water.
Simmer, uncovered 2 or more hours, stirring occasionally.
Serve hot over fresh pasta.

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JOKES & QUOTES

Bird Brain

One day a man strolled into the paint section of a hardware store and walked up to the assistant. “I’d like a pint of canary-colored paint,” he says.
“Sure,” the clerk replies, “Mind if I ask what it’s for?”
“My parakeet,” the man said. “See, I want to enter him in a canary contest. He sings so beautifully, he is sure to win.”
“Well, you can’t do that!” the assistant says. “The chemicals in the paint will surely kill the poor thing!”
“No, they won’t,” says the customer.
“Listen, buddy, I’ll bet you \$20 you’re parakeet dies if you try to pain him.”
“You’re on,” said the customer.
Two days later the man walks back in the store and very sheepishly lays \$20 on the counter.
“So, the paint killed him?” asked the clerk.
“Indirectly,” the man said

“He seemed to handle the paint ok, but I think the sanding between coats did him in.”

For the Queasy

A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. “Mommy,” she said, “can we leave now?”
“No,” her mother replied.
“Well, I think I’m gonna be sick, Momma!”
“Then, go out the front door and around the back of the church and then behind a bush.”
After about 60 seconds the little girl returned to her seat.
“Were you sick?” her mom asked.
“Yes.”
“How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?”
“I didn’t have to go out of the church, Mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, ‘For the Sick.’”

Do you wish the world were better?

Then, remember day by day
Just to sow the seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way.
~Unknown

~B.B.

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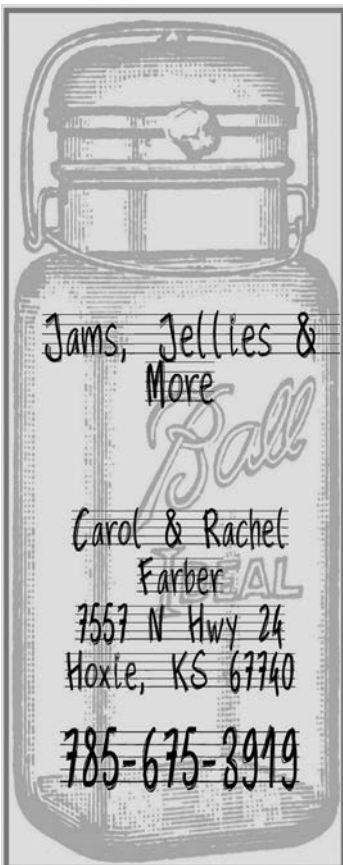
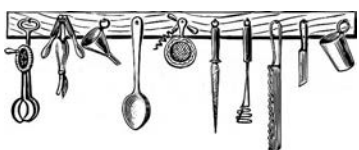
Work With One Recipe

A good reliable cake recipe has countless ways of appearing in such a variety of forms that it is never suspected of having the same foundation. By long practice and carefully eliminating every waste motion, one may become so proficient in the making and that the results are always reliable.
A good standby quickly made and easily juggled so that it covers many emergencies is the following: Sift two teaspoonfuls of baking powder with a pinch of salt and a cupful and a half of flour. Cream two tablespoonfuls of butter (softened, not melted) with a cupful of granulated sugar. This is quickly done by warming both sugar and butter; add a half cupful of milk and two well-beaten eggs. The eggs are added to

the sugar and butter, and the milk (after rinsing out the egg bowl) is added alternately with the flour. Beat vigorously and bake, with the addition of flavoring, in a sheet. Cover with icing, also flavored, and we have a good regulation cake. Nuts may be placed on top, and then the cake is served in squares. By adding orange peel, grated to the batter, and orange juice to confectioner’s sugar, a change of cake is made by change of flavor.
Bake this same cake in a sheet without flavoring, cut it in slices and each slice then cut in two and put together sandwich fashion, with raspberry jam and the sandwich frosted all over, makes most delicious little company cakes. Any filling desired may be used.
Bake this recipe in two

layers, flavoring as desired, and the remainder of the batter flavor with spices; add nuts and raisins and bake in small patty pans. For the layer cake use whipped cream as a filling and for the top, sweetening and flavoring the cream.
Cup cakes may be baked of the plain batter, then the tops removed and the centers filled with whipped cream, mixed with any fresh fruit, like crushed strawberries. Ice cream may be served in these small cakes, making a most dainty dessert.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
March 1, 1917



Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber

*From the Sheridan Sentinel
February 1, 1895*

We actually think that it would be a good plan for the county commissioners to have some of the draws on the highways filled up in such a manner as to hold the water after a large rain and give the work to those who are drawing sustenance from the county. The cost to keep the poor for the past three months amounts to \$821.20. If they could get work to do, they would rather do it than have the county support them.

If you want a square meal you can get it at Mrs. Gregg's restaurant after February 4th.

Probate Judge Hedge is a boy again, in company with Sam Wiggins attended a dance at Skelton last Monday night, they danced all night till broad day light, and came rolling home in the "Marnin".

Frank McIvor, of the *Sentinel* returned home from Topeka on Monday morning after attending the Editorial convention. Frank was elected Vice-President, an honor which he deserves as he is one of the brightest editors in the northwest.

Parnell News

Henry Oelke shot a badger lately.

Mr. Ed Farber is still tickling the jack rabbits with lead.

Albert H. Saathoff caught a two legged mouse in his house Sunday evening.

Albert Saathoff reports that his house has been broken into three times and last Sunday night he watched for the parties and discovered the boy who worked for Emery's. When the boy was caught he confessed that he and two of Eply's boys has been doing the devilment. The boys had taken some groceries and other things. Mr. Saathoff kindly let the boys go but with the understanding that if they repeated the trick again in that neighborhood they would all be sent to the reform school or jail.

Tip Top

Lucerne Items

Not put in last week for want of space.

Zephyr was certainly a little bit wrathly Sunday night from the way the dust flew.

There was a seed grain meeting at Lucerne schoolhouse Saturday night. The scribbler did not attend but my dreams were of Indians, war paint and feathers.

I see that Zephyr in last weeks Palladium thinks of starting a paper at Lucerne, and will call it the Breeze. Now Mr. Zephyr I am considerably interested in you and my advice is, don't do it, and I will tell you why, of course I will admit you can get plenty of devils in your party that would be willing to work for their board, but in last weeks Palladium, your nonsensical items, and the commissioners proceedings, filled the paper, so you almost have a paper as it is, and I believe it much cheaper to pay a little postage than to feed a hungry pop devil. However if you conclude to go ahead I think that I can capture one, of you report, before it is to late.

Dumy

**100 Years Ago
February 1, 1917**

Miss Etta Clear is assisting the *Sentinel* force again.

Through the kindness of Tom Sloan, a well-to-do farmer of Selden, we are sending the *Sentinel* for a year to his brother, S. W. Sloan, at Flagler, Colorado.

Peter Reinert, the Sequin general merchant, was a Hoxie business visitor Monday. He and J. F. Barnhart got to dickering last week and as a result the former is now owner of the north half of 23-8-30 and the latter has \$6,400 added to his bank account.

"Slim," the lineman foreman of electric light gang, was in Plainville over Sunday.

Monday and Tuesday were exceptionally nice days but we'd rather not express our opinion of a part of Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Emerald Grove

The meetings at Mount Pleasant will continue another week. Sickness has interfered greatly with the meetings and greatly lessened the number who would have attended.

George and Bert Phelps attended the Irwin and Sinnemaugh sale in Rooks county last week. Quite a large sale, but only two notes were given, the balance all cash.

Mr. Carder, an old resident of Western Kansas but now living in Southern Texas, is visiting friends and relatives in Quinter and our neighborhood. He is accompanied by his five-year-old daughter who has a half-sister here that has been a grandmother many a year.

High School Notes

A Junior boy was awakened from slumber last week in Mr. Conard's study room.

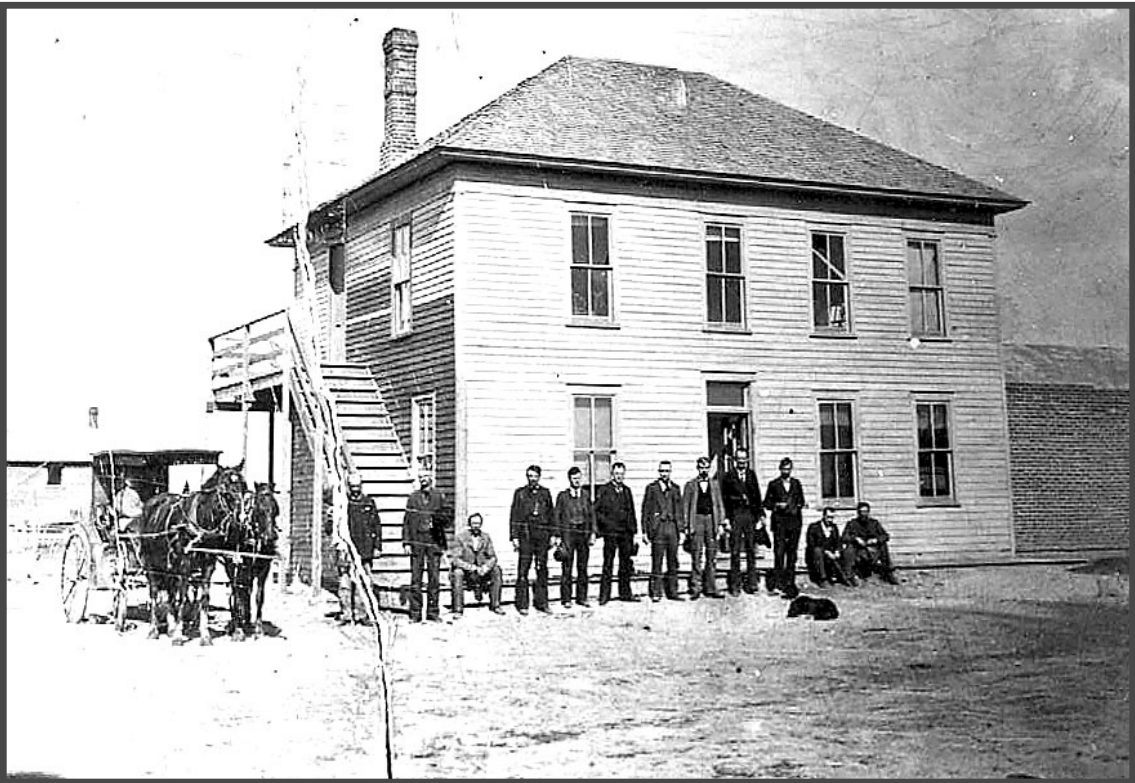
The Physics class is busy now with experiments, making up lost time due to the inconveniences of the program.

Wednesday evening, the two debating teams went to Colby for the final debate which decided who should constitute the first team. Five of the citizens of Colby acted as judges. The first team according to the percentages of the three debates consists of Lloyd McClenney, Marie McKinney and Raymond Williams. We believe we have a team that will work and finally win the state championship for S. C. H. S. once more.

**75 Years Ago
January 29, 1942
Society News**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones were given a surprise farewell party Friday evening at the Otis Carper home. Three tables of guests played pinochle at which Mrs. Ola Miller and Al Turner were high, Mrs. Viola Cressler and Willis Cressler were low. Refreshments were served at the end of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Davis and children had dinner Wednesday evening, January 21st with the E. W. Beach family. It has been customary for several years now for these two families to have dinner together on January 21st as it is Irene Beach's birthday



The second courthouse of Sheridan County. (Photo courtesy of the Sheridan County Historical Society)

anniversary. She was seven years old this 1942.

The Legion Auxiliary had a fine benefit card party Monday evening. There were eighteen tables of players. Mrs. A. T. Andregg, Mrs. Jay Steinshouer and Mrs. George Wilson were the hostesses who prepared and served the refreshments.

Mickey's Want Ads

Aladin kerosene lamps make a wonderfully white light. We have lamps and repairs for same.

Minnie: You look all out of sorts. What's the matter?

Nellie: Plenty. On account of my rheumatism the doctor told me to avoid all dampness - and you've no idea how silly I feel sitting in an empty bathtub and going over myself with a vacuum cleaner.

We have bicycle tires and tubes for 26-2.125.

'Tixt optimist and pessimist the difference is droll;

The optimist see the doughnut, and the pessimist sees the hole.

Studley Items

Glen Owen Moore was seriously hurt at school last week and may lose the sight of one eye by being hit with a rock. He is in the Goodland hospital at this time.

T. F. Stout and Earl Stout and family made a business trip to Nebraska Tuesday, and purchased a very good Shorthorn calf.

Charles Davis attended the Hoxie Sale Wednesday.

Bow Creek

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Husted in the loss of their infant son, which was borne early Saturday morning at the Colby hospital and only lived a few hours.

Mrs. O. L. Babcock had the misfortune of getting badly burned on her feet and legs with hot lard, while rendering out lard on Wednesday. Dr. Hardesty was called out to see her and to dress the burns.

**50 Years Ago
February 2, 1967**

Selective Service Calls One Man For February

Only one man will report for induction from local Board No. 72, Sheridan, Decatur and Gove Counties, according to Mary O. Fairchild, clerk of the board.

Allan J. Hunziker will report on February 6 for induction. No men were called for physicals this month.

Registrants who have enlisted are: Stephen H. Wolf, Albert Lee Barr, Elden V. Adams, Joseph J. Kaus and Thomas E. Sprinkel.

Reports of Separation have been received for Norman R. Beachel Jr., Harry E. DeBold Jr., Larry F. Loftus and Phillip G. Miller.

Discharged to re-enlist was Delmar D. Karnes.

Schrock Grocery To Hold Quitting Business Sale

Mr. and Mrs. Mirl Schrock are announcing a public auction of their grocery store in Hoxie. The Schrocks are quitting business and will sell the stock and store equipment at auction on Feb. 16. The grocery stock will be sold at the 4-H building here beginning at 12:30 p.m. and the store fixtures will be sold at the store building at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Tom Tom Tribune

Freshman Win From Norton

The Hoxie Freshmen basketball team won from the Norton freshmen Monday night at Norton by a score of 53-39. Hoxie led all the way and the scoring by quarters was 13-11, 25-25, 41-29.

Graders Win Two From Goodland

The grade school basketball teams chalked up two more victories for the season Friday night when they won their games at Goodland. The Seventh Grade Tigers won by a score of 42-39. The Eighth Grade Tigers rolled to a 51-32 victory over the Goodland boys.

Cager of the Week is Don Libhart. Don transferred from Morland to Hoxie his freshman year. He played "B" team basketball his first two years. He is experienced at guard and forward. This year he is the number one guard of the reserves.

Grappler of the Week is Wesley Bainter. Wesley is planning on going to K-State where he will major in Vocational Agriculture.

Taylor on C. of E. Honor Roll

Keith Taylor, a senior at the College of Emporia, was one of 46 students listed on the Dean's honor roll for the first semester. Taylor had a record of 15 hours of "A" grades. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Taylor, Hoxie, and is majoring in History and Political Science and is a candidate for a B. A. degree.

Hoxie Grade School News

Miss Welter's Fourth Grade - From a list of rhyming words in the geography workbook the following poems were written by the students"

They eat meat

And good wheat.

They have tents

And a bad scent.

-Fred Niermeier

There is a hot sun

So the children run.

They jump in a pool

And come out cool.

-Kanda Adams

Mrs. Whitmer's First Grade - LaDonna Gallagher celebrated her January 28 birthday by passing treats to her classmates.

The class is making a booklet of pictures and facts for Kansas Day. The children also made sunflowers for a bulletin board about Kansas.

**25 Years Ago
January 30, 1992**

Miss Kansas Troupe Here

The Miss Kansas Traveling Troupe will be performing at the Hoxie High School auditorium Sunday, Feb. 9. Hoxie's own Lesley Moss (Miss Northwest Kansas) is one of the girls in the troupe.

The troupe is non-profit and its purpose is to promote the Miss Kansas Pageant.

The Hoxie performance is to raise money for the Hoxie Christian Church Building Fund.

Parnell Progressive Unit

Nine members of the Parnell Progressive Unit met Jan. 22 at 1:30 p.m. with Vera Morgan. This was an organizational meeting and the program books were filled in for the year.

The Unit voted to send \$3 for State and National dues; \$10 for the Adult Education Grant, \$10 for the KEHC Scholarship Fund and \$10 for Kansas Citizens for Extension Service.

The unit also voted to pay the Hospital Auxiliary dues of \$1 per member and to help the auxiliary when they serve the pheasant hunter's dinner and to help when the Bloodmobile comes to Hoxie.

Edith Wasserman gave a report on the Council meeting. Spring luncheon will be April 28 at 11:30 with Polly Ferrell as guest speaker. Thursday, Oct. 29 will be the Christmas Fair with Nov. 12 as a storm date. Wayne Lofton will be the speaker at Book and Bread on Feb. 5 at the library.

Mystery pals were drawn

for the new year. Vera served delicious angel food cake and sherbet for refreshments.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. with Edith Wasserman. Joan Best will give the lesson "The Role of Kansas Women." - Reporter

Christian Church Children's Bible Class

A nice group of children met at the Christian Church on Wednesday to attend the Children's Bible Class. For snacks we had apples, cookies, cheese and crackers and it was good. After snacks, the six eighth graders went upstairs and sang chorus songs, while the rest of us watched a video show called "New Year's Promise." It was about a boy named Davy who made a really good resolution and we liked it a lot. Then we talked about the story and what we learned from it, then we all drew a picture of our resolution we made or could have made. We had fun today. - Reporters for the day, Shane Beckman and Taylor Scott

**10 Years Ago
February 1, 2007**

Chamber of Commerce elects new officers

Leanna Sloan was elected president of the Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce at the group's annual meeting. Jessica Spresser was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Glenn Fondoble will serve as vice-president and executive director.

Kirk Baker selected as 2006 Coach of The Year

Kirk Baker has been selected to receive the 2006 Coach of the Year award for Kansas in the sport of Wrestling by the NFHS Coaches Association. The NFHS Coaches Associations is the official national coaches association of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Jennings News

Tuesday Study Club met for lunch at the Barbeau House Bed and Breakfast in Lenora for their January meeting. Lelia Wheeler, innkeeper welcomed the club and gave a tour showing features such as the hand worked staircase, elegant light fixtures and exquisite etched glass exterior doors. The house was built in 1899 and has been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places. Roll call was answered by Rachel Carter, Wilma Mader, Helen Muirhead, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Neoma Tacha, Kathy Nauer and Vendla Tacha. Guests were Joan Metz and Violet Foster.

A new roof was installed on the Community Hall a few months ago. On Sunday we discovered a mess in the Senior Center, basement of the Community Hall, where ceiling tiles, insulation and old plaster had fallen due to a big leak. Roofing Company will be notified.

Lady Indians give up game to Quinter in Oberlin Tournament

The Hoxie Lady Indians finished the Oberlin Tournament with a final game against the Quinter Bulldogs. On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Indians gave Quinter a run, but came up a little short, falling 48-54.

NWKS News

Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance Meets



By Rachel Farber

The Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance held their seventeenth annual meeting on January 28, 2017 in Osborne, KS. After a lunch and brief business meeting, they presented two awards, recognized the Call for Voices winners, and then had a program about the book, *Nicodemus: Post-Reconstruction Politics and Racial Justice in Western Kansas*.

The awards given out were the Faye Minium Spirit Award, presented to Angela Bates of Nicodemus, and the Award of Merit presented to Charlotte Hinger of Fort Collins, CO, formerly of Hoxie.

The Call for Voices contest has several categories for youth and adults. Two of the winners were present and read their short stories. Janice McIntosh of Lawrence received first place in the Adult Autobiography category for her story "A Unique Gift from Czar Alexander of Russia," about a family connection to Russian royalty. Keith Schlaegel of Stockton received first place for his Adult Fiction titled "The Birdhouse."

The final event of the day was the program presented by Charlotte Hinger on the writing of her book *Nicodemus: Post-Reconstruction Politics and Racial Justice in Western Kansas*. She spoke of the three men she researched for the book and what their views were on founding a town such as Nicodemus, as well as her view on those men. An excerpt from the book jacket describes: "At the time

Nicodemus was founded, politicians underestimated the power of African American voters. But three of the town's black homesteaders—Abram Thompson Hall, Jr., Edward Preston McCabe, and John W. Niles—exerted extraordinary influence over county, state, and national politics." Charlotte "would give anything to have coffee with Hall and McCabe, but would certainly watch my pocketbook around Niles!" When she began her research 20 years ago, she decided to return to school to get her bachelors and then masters degree in history, to better understand the things she was researching.

Angela Bates spoke of working with Charlotte on this project, and was honored by the level of detail and research provided. Angela also spoke of growing up as a black woman in Pasadena, CA during the civil rights movement and the comparisons of the eras; equating Hall and McCabe to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Niles to Malcom X in their ideals. She did not understand the rioting happening in Los Angeles at the time. She came from a group of people that knew their roots, who they were and the hardships their ancestors had faced and overcame.

Charlotte Hinger has also written a historical novel and is now working on the fourth in a mystery series, which should be available in March. You can find Charlotte online at charlottehinger.com and on Facebook.

Encore Series Presents "Barefoot in the Park"

Continuing the tradition of telling great American stories, the Montana Repertory Theatre returns to the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center with the Neil Simon classic "Barefoot in the Park" as part of the 2016-2017 Encore Series at Fort Hays State University.

The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13.

This performance is sponsored by ABC Seamless Siding.

Tickets are available at the Memorial Union Student Service Center, by calling 785-628-5306, or by visiting www.fhsu.edu/encore. Tickets for the public are \$30 reserved and \$26 unreserved; for seniors and children ages 5-17, tickets are \$28 reserved and \$24 unreserved; and for FHSU students, tickets are \$21 reserved and \$17 unreserved with a Tiger Card.

For more information, contact Jacob Ternes, jaternes@fhsu.edu, 785-628-4664.

FHSU Students Selected in Vocal Competition Finals

Three Fort Hays State University students have been selected to compete in the final round of the 2017 Barbara Rondelli Kansas Statewide Classical Voice Competition.

Clayton Capra, baritone, is a Dighton senior.

Estella Schumacher, soprano, is a Great Bend senior.

Hayley Shoemaker, mezzo-soprano, is a Quinter sophomore. They are students of Dr. Joseph Perniciaro, associate professor of music and theatre. Pianists Leann Hillmer and Pam McGowne will accompany the students.

Sixteen contenders will perform in the finals on March 11 at Pittsburg State University.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Drink Coffee, Live Longer

Coffee, specifically the caffeine in it, helps reduce the chronic inflammation that occurs in our bodies as we age, according to a recent study out of Stanford University. Chronic inflammation can cause any number of problems, such as cardiovascular issues, Alzheimer's disease, osteoarthritis and cancer, according to more than 1,000 research papers.

Chronic inflammation starts with the breakdown of molecules in the blood, called metabolites. Coffee apparently has its own set of metabolites that work against those breakdown metabolites. But again, it's the caffeine that does it, and researchers are confident that there's a link between caffeine intake and living longer.

Not everyone has a problem with inflammation, say the researchers, and those who don't are generally people who drink beverages containing caffeine.

For this study, researchers paired a large group of participants ages 20 to 30 with a group that's been part of a long-term Stanford study, those who are over 60 years of age and have been monitored and tested for 10 years. They compared portions of the blood in both group, and here is what they found:

—In the high-inflammation group, more people had high blood pressure, more free radicals running around the blood stream, and fewer relatives who'd live past the age of 90.

—In the low-inflammation group, they found an abundance of the metabolites found in coffee, tea and chocolate.

If you search online for sources of caffeine, you'll be surprised at how many foods and drinks contain at least some of it. Ask your doctor how much caffeine is appropriate for you. Some prescription and over-the-counter drugs contain caffeine, and it can act as a diuretic and might have an effect on bone density.

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Facebook Marketing Workshop at FHSU

A workshop on Facebook marketing will be offered in February as part of the spring workshop series from the Management Development Center at Fort Hays State University.

"Facebook Marketing for Business" will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Memorial Union's Trails Room on the FHSU campus.

The workshop is for anyone who wants to excel at driving traffic to and increasing engagements on their Facebook pages. Participants will learn how to curate content, get followers to their pages and how to use Facebook Insights and Ad Reports. Dr. Mary Martin, associate professor of applied business studies, will facilitate. Each person who completes the workshop will receive a completion certificate. The cost is \$119.

Registrations received prior to Feb. 9 are appreciated. Hays Area Chamber of Commerce members are eligible for a 15-percent discount.

Registration is available online at <http://www.fhsu.edu/cob/mdc/Facebook-Marketing-for-Business/>. To learn more about this workshop or receive discount codes, contact Conni Dreher by phone at (785) 628-4121 or by email at cdreher@fhsu.edu.

Crossroads Performing At Grainfield Opera House

The Crossroads from the Hays area will be performing their rich Southern Gospel style tradition music. They will be performing their relaxed gospel style music at the Grainfield Opera House on February 5 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for the performance are \$10.00.

Members of the Crossroads come from all walks of life and faith denominations. The group has been together about 18 years now and their relaxed gospel style is sung around a piano, and guitars which adds to the fullness of the sound and producing not only a full musical experience, but also a harmony that rings in your very soul. The style of music ranges from soft and tender ballads to rousing excitement producing selections.

Many selections performed by Crossroads are inspired, written and arranged by outstanding musical composers. Be prepared for a lively, spirit-raising experience.

Tickets sold at the door \$10.00 or for more information call Diana Kaiser 785-938-4416. Elevator access available.

Come early and eat at the American Legion at the annual Grainfield Lions Club pancake feed Sunday, February 5 serving from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free will donation and Everyone welcome



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Food, Farm and Community Greet-Eat-Meet

The Food, Farm and Community Greet-Eat-Meet (GEM) will be held on Saturday, February 18, from 10am to 4pm at the American Legion in Bird City, KS. Registration fee is \$5.

The GEM program will begin with a Revenue Enhancement and Training Session for area farmers, feature a locally grown lunch, provide updates on "Healthy" community initiatives and conclude with guest speaker Dan Kuhn owner and operator of The Depot Market in Courtland, KS.

With commodity prices lower than they have been in decades; many family farms are looking for ways to increase their income. You are invited to join us for an informational meeting to learn about options available to address the decreasing revenue produced from your farm.

Our guest speaker will be Dan Kuhn who owns and operates The Depot Market which grows vegetables for wholesale as well as for retail sales in Courtland's 120-year-old Santa Fe Depot. Dan's family has been farming in the Courtland/Scandia, KS area since 1979 where they grow and sell tomatoes, zucchini, yellow squash, peppers, cucumbers, cantaloupe, honeydew melons and

watermelon. They also specialize in specialty pumpkins and winter squash, growing 40 kinds of pumpkins ranging from mini pumpkins to those big enough to make a doghouse out of.

According to Dan "You can't buy a ticket to Denver in our train station but you can buy the freshest produce in the Republican River Valley." Dan will be presenting ideas on how you, too can create opportunities for adding value to your farm.

We will also be offering an informational meeting prior to Dan's presentation to inform you about options available through High Plains Food Coop in conjunction with Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities.

Please join us on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Bird City Legion Hall, Bird City, Kansas. We will be meeting for fellowship and learning beginning at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at noon followed by the Presentation by Dan Kuhn; 1:30-3:30 pm. Dan has indicated he will stay "as long as someone has questions for me to answer".

Please RSVP to: Info@highplainsfood.org or call 785 626 6082 so we can be sure to have enough food for all to enjoy. A registration fee of \$5 is requested and payable at check-in.

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Business

~ Business of the Week ~ Fresh Pick Farm



By Rachel Farber
Fresh Pick Farm is owned by Michael and Vickie Egner of Angelus. They have been in business for about ten years. Michael has always liked working with animals. He decided to invest in a small cow/calf operation for a little extra income.
About four years ago, the Egner’s decided they would like fresh eggs, so they added a few hens to the operation because they thought “there was less chance of getting hurt in a stampede of chickens than angry momma cows.” Two years later, unhappy with the quality of chickens from the hatcheries, Michael and Vickie started hatching out their own chickens from their favorite hens. At this point, they also started selling baby chicks to locals because of the difficulties some places were having with Avian

Influenza. Last year, they hatched about 300 chicks and were very pleased with the response they received. Their eggs are sold locally through Home Town Grocery in Grinnell. They have also joined a local food co-op, High Plains Food, to provide farm fresh eggs to customers in the Denver and Front Range areas. They sell eggs, meat, and fresh vegetables through highplainsfood.org. After joining the High Plains Food Co-op, the Egner’s discovered the demand for local farm fresh food is bigger than they expected. It is a challenge to expand fast enough to meet demand.
Michael studied horticulture, but the rest of his training in growing fresh food comes from hard work on farms and ranches. He thought his father was “working me to death,” but

soon realized he was getting an education no money could buy. The Egner’s are licensed egg producers in the state of Kansas, though they sell most of the eggs in Colorado through the food co-op.
Michael says his hobby is chickens. They have also started breeding and raising rare and endangered chickens. He said, “We don’t make much money from them but they are a lot of fun!” He also stated that they want to help their community enjoy the world of chickens again. “We hope we can help others get the enjoyment of producing local farm fresh food for customers who have forgotten what farm fresh means.”
Pictures of the chickens and other animals can be found on the Fresh Pick Farm Facebook page and his website microfoxx.angelfire.com.

NB Health Coaching Guides Kansans To Improved Health



NB Health Coaching is officially opened for business under the direction of Nikki Bjurstrom, Certified Health Coach. Through one-on-one coaching programs, NB Health Coaching helps people redesign their health through habit change. With new habits, they can take on their lives with more energy, more confidence in their bodies, and less stress. In a time when health quality is a genuine concern for many adults, a personal coach is the

difference between *wanting* better health and *having* better health. Thanks to modern technology, Bjurstrom has worked with clients around the globe via phone and the internet.
Bjurstrom says “I have always had a desire to help people, a strong interest in health, and a firm belief that we should make the most out of the life we are given. I use this same passion to help my clients make themselves a priority within the context of their busy lives.”
Three simple, powerful components are required for true habit change to occur. These components are the right strategy, support, and accountability. At NB Health Coaching, they believe that everyone has the strength within to change their health for the better, and they offer the programs and tools to

help make that happen. Health consists of more than just weight, food, and activity. Other components contributing to our overall health include: stress, sleep quality, career, home environment, and spirituality. Each client’s program is individualized to that person’s needs and goals as set by themselves or a medical professional. The current offers are a courtesy Redesign Your Health Strategy Session, a 14-day Reset Cleanse, and Your Health Redesigned: The 90-Day Intensive. If interested in redesigning your health, contact NB Health Coaching today. For more information, go to their website www.nbhealthcoaching.com and the NB Health Coaching Facebook page.
(Nikki is the daughter of Rob and Laurie Farber of Hoxie.)

Look Ahead

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau
High yields and low prices characterize Kansas commodities. Discouraged, pure and simple. The family farm: Withering on the vine. There will be a moment of truth.
The current economic headlines proclaiming our farmer’s plight are as numerous as the extra bushels of corn, beans, wheat and other crops that have helped depress prices.
Today’s farmer is faced with major hurdles. Trade competition is fierce. Continuing consolidations and mergers loom as a major concern. Operating expenses continue to escalate and outstrip the margin of profit. Dry conditions loom just over the horizon and threaten a vulnerable corn, bean and milo crop.

These are challenging times for farmers and ranchers.
While there are Kansas farmers facing foreclosure on a farm that has been in the family for two, three, four or maybe even five generations, there are also others who have tightened their belts one more time and continue to plan and point to next year.
One thing is certain, farmers across our state are all individuals – all have different operations and different challenges. All of them have a determination to succeed.
A farmer I visited with recently summed up his situation this way: “Times are tough, but I keep my perspective and look ahead – my farm, family and entire livelihood are at stake.”
Although this farmer understood better than most the struggle production agriculture is facing today, his major concern continues to be how in the world he will be able to weather the current economic storm. As I listened, and we visited back and forth, he talked about several things that might be of help to others.
Don’t spend time and energy seeking to shun your responsibilities, he said. “No one forced me to choose this occupation and try to make a living. It was my decision then, and it is today.”
Keep in touch with your creditors, he offered. Farmers and lenders are in this predicament together. If enough farmers go under, then banks will be in trouble, too.
If you find yourself in trouble, don’t wait too long to do something about it. Don’t let fear and ego blind you. If your operation does not have cash flow, there is not much to work with. Look for alternatives. You can’t make something out of nothing.
The majority of present situations are not a lost cause. Many can be saved with a creative plan but this depends on how

quickly you do something about it. Seek outside help. Others can sometimes see a solution that may not have occurred to you. Remember to consider all the alternatives. You may not have to implement them, but at least consider them.
Take a look at your own operation and see what can be done to streamline it and make it work so as much debt can be paid as possible.
Never sell assets if sales will hurt cash flow and the ability to reorganize. Never sign or agree to something under pressure. Take time to reflect.
Never blame others, and never give up. Don’t curse your neighbors, creditors or anyone else for these hard times – if matters seem as bad as they can be, chances are they will improve.
Keep your faith in God and fellow man. Times have been difficult in agriculture before.
There are no simple solutions to the problems facing agriculture. Farmers must find strength in one another and those concerned about farming. Keep open the lines of communication between family, friends and those you do business with.
Remember that when your back is against the wall you can do almost anything. Look for positive solutions to problems now facing your farming operation.
In spite of all these challenges, most farmers are still talking, smiling and willing to address their situation. These farmers still have a burning desire to succeed. They are by no means ready to give up. They continue to plan for the upcoming fall planting and harvest and another year on the farm.
John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Treasurer Estes Launches ABLE Savings Program

People with disabilities will now be able to save for their future without losing benefits or paying taxes on the money they invest.
After a long journey through the federal and state legislative process, the Kansas ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) program is now enrolling members at www.KS.savewithABLE.com. Currently, enrollees can choose between six different

investment options. A banking product with a debit card will be available in the spring.
“This program has the ability to transform the lives of people with disabilities from dependence to independence,” said State Treasurer Ron Estes. “The possibilities to save and plan for the future through this program are truly limitless.”
People who have a

disability that occurred before they were 26 years old can use the program to save for costs like education, housing, healthcare, job training, and many other qualified expenses.
“The launch today is the product of the hard work of many people on many different levels,” Treasurer Estes said. “I’m grateful to the entire Kansas congressional delegation, including Congressman Yoder and Senator Moran, State Representative Erin Davis, former State Senator Greg Smith, State Senator Molly Baumgardner, and others like Jawanda and Rachel Mast, and the entire National Down Syndrome Society, among many others,

who made enacting ABLE a true priority.”
Previously, people with disabilities could only save \$2000 in assets in order to remain eligible for many federal means-tested benefits programs. Because of the Kansas ABLE program, eligible individuals and families can establish ABLE savings accounts that will not jeopardize their eligibility for those programs if the balance is less than \$100,000.
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Hoxie Schools



Hoxie Beat the Bulldogs

By Matthew Diercks

On Jan. 27, the Hoxie Indians stayed home to play the Quinter Bulldogs. Hoxie came into the matchup coming off a win against the Hill City Ringnecks.

The game didn't start well for Hoxie. They allowed Quinter to score some easy buckets and gain an early lead. Hoxie tried to catch up but ended the first quarter with Quinter on top 14-10.

In the second quarter Hoxie came right at Quinter, and Quinter's lead quickly diminished. Hoxie outscored Quinter 26-7, which gave Hoxie a comfortable lead. Hoxie ended the second quarter winning with a score of 36-28.

During the third quarter, Hoxie continued to give it to Quinter. They played good defense and scored on offense. Hoxie did not allow Quinter to

catch up and only added on to the lead. By the end of the third quarter Hoxie was still ahead 55-37.

In the final quarter of the game, Hoxie continued to play very well. Although they allowed 22 points over their 16 points, they still pulled it off the win. Quinter could not catch up and Hoxie won. The final score of the game was 71-52.

Game Stats: sophomore, Logan Weimer-11 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals; sophomore, Jarrod Dible-16 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal, 2 blocks; junior, Easton Slipke-18 points, 5 rebounds, 8 assists, 4 steals; junior, Latham Schwarz-10 points, 3 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 steal; junior, Taylor Burris-4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; junior, Luke Schippers-1 point, 2 blocks; sophomore, Sean Robben-11 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block.

Lady Indians Add Another Win at Home

By Nicole Heim

The Hoxie Lady Indian Basketball team hosted the Quinter Bulldogs at home on Friday, Jan. 27. The Indians played without their freshman point guard Addi Campbell due to an injury.

Quinter came out with a lot of intensity, but not enough to match the Lady Indians for the night. Juniors Rebekah Castle and Brooke Dorenkamp both scored layups to start the night for the Indians. Rebekah also scored a three to bring the lead up to 7-0 for the Indians until Quinter scored their first points. Hoxie once had a 15-6 lead until Quinter added four points to make the score 15-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The Indians put pressure defense on the Bulldogs throughout the whole game, causing them to turn the ball over many times. One turnover

cost them a three by senior Brynn Niblock in the beginning of the second quarter. Coming out of a time-out, Quinter scored a three-point shot, but senior, Nicole Heim answered right back with another three bringing the lead up to 21-13 for the Indians. While Hoxie was struggling to score on offense, the Bulldogs went on a 5-0 run until freshman, Macy Schamberger added two free-throws to bring the score back up to 23-18 heading into the locker room for halftime.

Coming out in the second half, the Indians knew they had to pick up the pace. Brooke did just that for the Indians, committing two steals right off the bat. Junior, Lilly Schamberger added to Hoxie's momentum with a three-point bucket to bring the lead up to 33-22. The Bulldogs couldn't overcome the Indians' pressure, which caused them to be down 38-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Brooke scored a three and Nicole picked up a steal. With two more layups from Brynn and a free-throw from Lilly, the Indians ended the game with a final score of 46-29 win over the Bulldogs.

Leading the Indians in scoring was junior, Lilly Schamberger with 13 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 5 steals. Following right behind her was senior, Brynn Niblock with 11 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Junior, Rebekah Castle finished with 9 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals. Junior, Brooke Dorenkamp added 5 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, and 8 steals. Freshman, Macy Schamberger also had 5 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Senior, Nicole Heim finished with 3 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal.

Winning Away From Home

By Matthew Diercks

On Jan. 24, the Hoxie Indians traveled to compete against the Hill City Ringnecks. Hoxie came in to this matchup coming off their first loss of the season against Saint Francis. So, Hoxie was looking to come on strong after the loss, which they did with a 60-48 win.

In the first quarter Hoxie won the tip. Hoxie missed the first two shots but scored quickly after that. They played good defense and played good offense. They ended the first quarter ahead with a score of 11-8.

During the second quarter, Hoxie continued to outplay Hill City. They also continued to increase their score more and more. The second quarter ended with a score of 29-19 with Hoxie in the lead.

The third quarter was similar to the second quarter, with Hoxie continuing to shut down Hill City. The Ringnecks could not seem to find a way around Hoxie's defense. Hoxie ended the third quarter winning with a score of 51-25.

In the fourth quarter, Hill City finally started to get something going. They outscored Hoxie 23-9. Even though Hoxie allowed this to happen, they did not allow Hill City to win. Hoxie won with a score of 60-48.

Game Stats: sophomore, Logan Weimer-6 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists; junior, Troyal Burris-4 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal; sophomore, Jarrod Dible-7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 block; junior, Easton Slipke-27 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assists, 1 steal, 1 block; junior, Latham Schwarz-9 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists; junior, Taylor Burris-5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals; junior, Luke Schippers-4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block; sophomore, Sean Robben-3 points, 1 assists.

HOXIE WRESTLERS COMPETE IN WESTERN KANSAS TOC

By Cami Schamberger

On Friday, Jan. 27, the HHS wrestling team traveled to Ellis for the Western Kansas Tournament of Champions. Placing first in their weight classes were freshman Dylan Weimer, and sophomores Dayton Porsch and Taye Washington. Junior Zack Sherman placed fifth and Andrew Foote, freshman, took sixth also. Overall the team earned 83.5 points giving them seventh place out of 15 teams.

"I thought the team wrestled better in the bottom position and are getting more aggressive in our leg attacks. The three guys that won their brackets had dominant performances. The Panther classic (in Phillipsburg on Feb. 4) is always a good tournament with five out of the top six ranked teams in 321A and the top ranked 4A team," said Head Coach Mike Porsch.

Western Kansas Tournament of Champions Results for Hoxie

106 - Dylan Weimer (11-7) placed 1st and scored 18.00 team points.

Round 1 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Aaron White (St. Francis) 3-16 (Fall 0:52)

Round 2 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Camdyn Unterseher (Norton) 8-10 (Fall 1:43)

Round 3 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Aaron Lenker (Phillipsburg) 17-9 (Fall 1:17)

Round 5 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 11-7 won by fall over Wes Phillips (Oakley) 6-5 (Fall 0:10)

113 - Zach Sherman (4-12) placed 5th and scored 1.00 team points.

Round 1 - Austin Niblock (Phillipsburg) 8-10 won by fall over Zach Sherman (Hoxie) 4-12 (Fall 2:59)

Round 2 - John Kuhn (Trego County Community High School) 23-3 won by fall over Zach Sherman (Hoxie) 4-12 (Fall 0:55)

Round 3 - Colton Ketterl (Oberlin) 15-11 won by decision over Zach Sherman (Hoxie) 4-12 (Dec 7-6)

Round 4 - Zach Sherman (Hoxie) 4-12 won by major decision over Reece Kroeger (Ellis) 8-4 (MD 10-2) 132 - Dayton Porsch (23-0) placed 1st and scored 27.50 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 23-0 received a bye (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 23-0 won by fall over Nick Mandl (Norton) 4-14 (Fall 3:20)

Semifinal - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 23-0 won by fall over Isaiah Mason (Oberlin) 9-8 (Fall 1:48)

1st Place Match - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 23-0 won by tech fall over Josh Lenker (Phillipsburg) 26-4 (TF-1.5 5:56 (26-11))

138 - Ben Aumiller (1-14) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Nate Normandin (Plainville High School) 24-9 won by fall over Ben Aumiller (Hoxie) -14 (Fall 4:23)

Cons. Round 1 - Nathan Minkler (Phillipsburg) 7-19 won by fall over Ben Aumiller (Hoxie) 1-14 (Fall 2:48) 145 - Sam Bretz (6-14) place is unknown and scored 5.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Sam Bretz (Hoxie) 6-14 won by decision over Blaine Russell (Phillipsburg) 5-20 (Dec 9-2)

Quarterfinal - Cole Sramek (Rawlins County) 29-4 won by fall over Sam Bretz (Hoxie) 6-14 (Fall 1:14)

Cons. Round 2 - Sam Bretz (Hoxie) 6-14 won by fall over JW Staples (Thomas More Prep-Marian) 6-11 (Fall 4:23)

Cons. Round 3 - Cole Amlong (Norton) 11-11 won by fall over Sam Bretz (Hoxie) 6-14 (Fall 2:02)

152 - Andrew Foote (4-16) placed 6th and scored 3.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Trenton Wright (Norton) 20-4 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-16 (Fall 3:06)

Cons. Round 1 - Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-16 received a bye (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Wyatt Murphy (Oakley) 16-8 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-16 (Fall 2:42)

5th Place Match - Noah Leon (Greeley County High School) 10-11 won by decision over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-16 (Dec 7-2)

182 - Colton Heskett (9-12) place is unknown and scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 9-12 received a bye (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Tanner Lowry (Trego County Community High School) 19-7 won by fall over Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 9-12 (Fall 4:12)

Cons. Round 2 - Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 9-12 won by fall over Noah Ochsner (Greeley County High School) 2-10 (Fall 0:44)

Cons. Round 3 - Cauby Hayes (Rawlins County) 15-10 won by fall over Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 9-12 (Fall 3:36)

285 - Taye Washington (13-2) placed 1st and scored 26.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Taye Washington (Hoxie) 13-2 received a bye (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Taye Washington (Hoxie) 13-2 won by fall over Alex Patel (Thomas More Prep-Marian) 3-5 (Fall 1:01)

Semifinal - Taye Washington (Hoxie) 13-2 won by fall over Brady Matke (Trego County Community High School) 17-10 (Fall 5:04)

1st Place Match - Taye Washington (Hoxie) 13-2 won by decision over Collyn Auken (Norton) 16-6 (Dec 4-2)

Hoxie Kids Wrestling Club Tournament of Champions Results

By Kelsey Epp, Secretary/Treasurer, Hoxie Kids Wrestling Club
The Hoxie Kids Wrestling Club competed in Salina's Tournament of Champions on Saturday January 28. The team came away with the following results:
6&Under, 46lbs: Simon Watkins, DNP 2-2
10&Under, 85lbs: Sam

Watkins, DNP 3-2
10&Under, HWT: Gavin Schippers, 3rd Place, 3-1
12&Under, 80lbs: Carson Ochs, DNP, 0-2
12&Under, 84lbs: Drew Bretz, DNP, 3-2



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THURSDAY 2/12:
1:00 pm Jr High Girls BB-NWKL Tournament

FRIDAY 2/13:
Registration Deadline for February ACT Test
4:30 pm Varsity & JV Basketball vs Decatur

SATURDAY 2/14:
9:00 am Jr High Girls BB-NWKL Tournament
9:30 am Varsity Wrestling-Scott City Invitational
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MONDAY 2/6:
Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Fruit Cocktail, Juice, Milk

TUESDAY 2/7:
French Toast, Cereal, Apricots, Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY 2/8:
Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk

THURSDAY 2/9:
Strawberry Bagel, Cereal, Fruit Cocktail, Juice, Milk

FRIDAY 2/10:
Mini Breakfast Sliders, Cereal, Bananas, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY 2/6:
Mac & Cheese w/ Smokies, Peas, Garden Salad, Carrots, Breadstick, Applesauce, Frozen Fruit Balls, Milk

TUESDAY 2/7:
Stromboli, Cheesy Shredded Potatoes, Corn, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Apple, Milk

WEDNESDAY 2/8:
Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Bun, Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Cucumbers, Pineapple Tidbits, Strawberry & Kiwi Swirl Sorbet, Milk

THURSDAY 2/9:
Frito Pie, Corn, Garden Salad, Carrots, Soft Pretzel, Fruit Cocktail, Half Banana, Milk

FRIDAY 2/10:
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6th Grade Class Art Project



Freshman Ethan Wilson and the entire sixth grade class did an art project based on a well-known American artist, Dale Chihuly. Chihuly is known for his unique glass sculptures that are displayed throughout the United States and other parts of the world. This group project is on display in the high school library. (Hoxie Schools courtesy photo)

Lady Indians Win 46-29 Against Quinter



Junior Lilly Schamberger #4 races up the court after getting the rebound. The Lady Indians played Quinter at home Friday and won 46-29. Brooke Dorenkamp #11, junior, also heads up the court. (Photo by Erin Carter)

CHEERLEADER SOUP FUNDRAISER



Senior Kaylyn Weems, sophomore Abby Depenbusch and freshman Victoria Rucker serve soup before the basketball games with Quinter last Friday. They were raising funds for cheer expenses throughout the year. (Photo by Hannah Franklin)

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This car, along with miscellaneous office and home furniture will be sold on the Boxler Auction.

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Spelling Bee participants: front (l-r): Maddy Snyder, Chelidey Pridey, Ivan Kaus, Emma Weiner, Luis Torres; back (l-r): Heath Roberson (1st place), Derek Johnson (2nd place), Adam Heim, Samantha Robben, Hannah Jones.



Spelling Bee winners: Heath Roberson (1st place), Derek Johnson (2nd place).



Sophomore, Zayetsy Gomez leads the crowd in a cheer during a time out at Friday's basketball game with Quinter. (Photo by Rebekah Castle)

Hoxie Beats Quinter Bulldogs 71-52



Putting in a layup is #35 sophomore Sean Robben in Friday's game with the Quinter Bulldogs. The Indians won 71-52. Logan Weimer #2, sophomore, is ready rebound. (Photo by Rebekah Castle)

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| Wood ladder | Wire |
| Many extension cords | Trash cans |
| Socket sets | Misc. hand tools |
| Short pieces of lumber | |
| Pieces of steel rod and pipe | |

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| Many record players and speakers | |
| 8-Track players | Cassette players |
| Head phones | Microphone |
| VCR players | DVD players |
| 100's of record albums | |
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| 8-Tracks | |

Household & Lawn Items

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| Gas powered lawn thatcher/aerator | |
| Chairs | Fan |
| Pots and pans | Coolers |
| Magnifying lamp | |
| Christmas decorations | |
| Many paper back books | |
| Lawn sprinklers and sprayers | |
| Garden hose | Seeder |
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Golden Plains Schools



Sweetheart Crowning February 7



Golden Plains High School will hold their Sweetheart Crowning on Tuesday, February 7, at half time of the varsity boys game. Sweetheart candidates are (l-r): Sem Flores, Kellee Snyder, Nick Brown, Courtney Heinrich, Brett Gerbitz, and Morgan Ritter. (GPHS courtesy photo)

Cheerleader Dance Camp Fun!



The Golden Plains 3rd, 4th, 5th grade girls that participated in the Dance Camp performed at the high school basketball games in Rexford on January 17. Performers include (l-r) Mia Rogers, Mariah Barnett, Allie Lammey, Jaqueline Manriquez, Ava Brantley, Hayden Wark, and Jordyn Fleckenstein. They are led by sophomore Noel Ritter (forefront). (Photo by Maggi Nieman)

JV BOYS WIN FIRST GAME



Golden Plains Sophomore Nicolai Schuellner (40) boxes out during the JV game in Weskan on January 20. The Bulldogs won their first game of the season over the Coyotes. (Photo by Noel Ritter) See story on next page.

Bulldogs Fall to Weskan



Golden Plains sophomore point guard Jacob Ritter (10) hustled the ball down the floor in Weskan. The Bulldogs fell to the Coyotes in this league contest. (Photo by Noel Ritter) See story on next page.

Lady Bulldogs Beat Coyotes



Junior Maggi Nieman (#21) passes the ball to her teammate, sophomore KayCee Miller, in the basketball game at Weskan on January 20. The Bulldogs beat the Coyotes 42-29. (Photo by Noel Ritter) See story on next page.

MS Girls Defeat Bobcats at Home



Seventh grader Carli Nieman shoots a free throw on an and one for Golden Plains against Western Plains/Healy on January 19 in Rexford. Nieman has helped both the A-team and B-team girls to undefeated seasons so far this year. (Photo by Amanda Cheney) See story on next page.

MS Boys Get Another Win



Wade Rush goes up for another basket against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats in Rexford on January 19. Rush scored 36 points of the Bulldogs 39 points with a last second shot to give the Bulldogs a 39-37 win over the Bobcats. (Photo by Beth Luna) See story on next page.



BULLDOGS' CALENDAR

- MONDAY 2/6:**
10:00 am HS Instrumental Clinic @ Northern Valley
2:00 pm MS Scholar's Bowl @ Grinnell
- TUESDAY 2/7:**
4:00 pm Freshman Bake Sale
7:30 pm HS BB vs Hill City
7:30 pm Sweetheart Crowning
- THURSDAY 2/9:**
10:00 pm MS BB-WKLL Tournament @ Brewster
- FRIDAY 2/10:**
6:00 pm HS BB @ Cheylin
- SATURDAY 2/11:**
ACT Test Date
8:00 am HS Scholars Bowl @ State
8:00 am Forensics @ Trego
10:00 am MS BB-WKLL Tournament @ Brewster
8:00 pm Sweetheart Dance

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- MONDAY 2/6:**
B: Pancake Wrap
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- TUESDAY 2/7:**
B: Grilled Cheese
L: Lasagna
- WEDNESDAY 2/8:**
B: Little Smokies
L: Chicken Noodles
- THURSDAY 2/9:**
B: Long Johns
L: Corn Dogs
- FRIDAY 2/10:**
B: Turnovers
L: Turkey & Cheese Subs

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- MONDAY 2/6:**
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- TUESDAY 2/7:**
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L: Sloppy Joe
- WEDNESDAY 2/8:**
B: Biscuits & Gravy
L: Hot Dog
- THURSDAY 2/8:**
B: Long Johns
L: Roast Beef
- FRIDAY 2/8:**
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School Sports



JV BOYS WIN FIRST GAME

JV Boys Win First Game
By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains' JV boys won their first game of the season with a 42-28 victory over the Weskan Coyotes on January 20 in Weskan. "It was refreshing to get a win," said junior Devin Carter. "We were in a hole for a while. We practiced really hard all week and it was nice to see our hard work pay off."

The game got off to a slow start in the first as both teams adjusted to each other. The Bulldogs pulled ahead 6-2 by the end of the quarter. The 'Dogs were able to add another 7 in the second as the Coyotes put in 8 to give the Bulldogs a 13-10 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs were on fire in the second half as they pushed hard to more than double their score with 16 points including

a couple of threes from Jacob Ritter and Austin Patmon. By distributing the ball, several players were able to score for the 'Dogs. The Coyotes added 7, all from a single player as the 'Dogs held a 29-17 lead going into the fourth.

The Coyotes fought back in the fourth to put in 11 points, but the Bulldogs held on to add 13 for the 42-28 win. "I think we played really well," said Nicolai Schuellner who led the team with nine points. "We still need to work on rebounding."

Dylan Spresser put in 8 points for the Bulldogs along with Jaime Infante 7, Austin Patmon 5, Devin Carter 5, Jacob Ritter 3, Clayton Bange 2, Sem Flores 2, and Nolan Ritter 1. The Bulldogs will play another full game in Quinter on January 24.

Lady Bulldogs Beat Coyotes

By Morgan Ritter
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs took on the Lady Coyotes in Weskan on January 20. Taking the beginning tip, the Lady Bulldogs pushed to outscore the Coyotes 11-2 by the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter of play, the 'Dogs continued to build on their lead and went into halftime with a 23-17 lead.

Coming back into the third quarter, the Lady 'Dogs worked hard to keep the Coyotes from cutting the lead. The Bulldogs were able to outscore the Coyotes in the final two quarters and hold Weskan to only 12 points in the second half. Golden Plains added the 42-29 win to their season record, making it 8-2.

"It felt good to get this win on the road after having three home games in a row," said junior Kaylie Schaben. "It helped to boost our confidence as we get further into the season."

The Lady Bulldogs were led in scoring by seniors Gabrielle Schiltz with 13 and Morgan Ritter with 11. Other scoring for the Bulldogs were juniors Maggi Nieman-8 and Kaylie Schaben-4, and sophomore KayCee Miller-6. The Bulldogs out-rebounded the Coyotes 36-23. Ritter pulled down 9, Miller-8, Schaben-8, Schiltz-7, Nieman-3, and freshman Mabel Lugo-1.

The Bulldogs travel to Quinter to take on the opposing Bulldogs on January 24. On January 27, Golden Plains will host the Triplains/Brewster Titans and hold Senior Night to honor the Class of 2017.

MS Girls Defeat Bobcats at Home

By Amanda Cheney
The GPMS girls continued their undefeated record by defeating the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats 53-16 in Rexford on January 19.

The B team girls started off the night with a full game. The girls worked well together to jump to a lead of 18-2 in the first quarter. The second quarter was a great defensive effort for the Bulldogs heading into halftime with a score of 24-4.

The girls allowed the Bobcats to score 4 points and answered with 4 for themselves in the third. The Bulldogs continued to work to finish the game 33-14. "I think we did very well for playing some of their A team girls," said Rayna Taylor, 7th grade. Points were from Carli Nieman 10, Morgan Wark 8, Breanna Rath 7, Berenice Villa 4, Rayna Taylor 2, and Lauren Patmon 2.

The girls jumped to a quick 7-0 lead at the start of the A team game. The Bulldogs worked hard on defense and only allowed three points for the Bobcats. Another quick basket from Ashley Stoll would end the first quarter for the Dogs. They continued their scoring run and held Western Plains/Healy to 7 points heading into halftime with a 22-10 lead.

The Bulldogs controlled the scoreboard with a total of 21 points in the third quarter alone, holding the Bobcats to their half time score of 10. The girls fought to the very end to win 53-16.

"It's great to be undefeated so far this season," added Taylor. "They were very physical games, but I'm happy with both wins." Points came from Kassie Miller 20, Ashley Stoll 16, Tylor Todd 6, Carli Nieman 5, Brooke Stoll 4, and Danica Ritter 2. The girls will travel to Grinnell/Wheatland on January 26.

MS Boys Get Another Win

By KayCee Miller
The Bulldogs of Golden Plains Middle School won a close A-team game at home with a last second shot against the Western Plains/Healy Bobcats 39-37 on January 19 in Rexford. The Bobcats jump to a 0-9 lead in a fast-paced first quarter before Wade Rush answered with a bucket.

The Bulldogs then add another 14 points—all from Rush, while WP/H added 8 going into half time with the Bobcats holding a slight lead 17-16. With the Bulldogs down by one starting the third quarter, the boys worked to add 11 points while they held WP/H to scoring 10 to tie the game up at 27.

The boys came out strong in fourth quarter with solid defense and moved the ball on offense. The Bobcats tied the game with 30.6 seconds left on the clock as their coach called a timeout to set up his game plan. The 'Dogs work the ball around but with just 7.2 seconds remaining, the game remained tied.

Just as it looked like the game was headed to overtime, the Bulldogs found Rush who added a final basket to win the game 39-37. Wade Rush finished the game with 36 of the Bulldogs 39 points. "It was very exciting hitting the last shot to give us the win," said eighth grader Rush "This is also a new scoring personal record for me." Kole Butts made the other 3 with a third quarter shot.

The B team boys fell short against the Bobcats earlier in the day. In the first quarter the 'Dogs came out strong and put up 6 points while the Bobcats could only score 4. They kept working hard and added 4 for the second quarter going into halftime down by one. "We moved the ball well against their good defense," said seventh grader Fabian Cepeda.

The boys got fired up coming out of halftime scoring 6 more points while holding the Bobcats to 2. In the fourth quarter the 'Dogs found it harder to stop the Bobcats, giving up 14 points to lose the game 16-27. Scoring came from Alex Gonzalez 10, Fabian Cepeda 4, and Wyatt McDonald 2. The Golden Plains Bulldogs' next game will be on January 26 in Grinnell.

Lady Indians Win on the Road

By Nicole Heim
On Tuesday Jan. 24, 2017, the Hoxie Lady Indian Basketball Team traveled to Hill City to take their shot at the Ringnecks. Hoxie knew Hill City would be a tough matchup and were a strong three-point scoring team. Losing to Hill City last year, the Indians were ready to bring it right back at them. Hoxie won the game 54-42.

Early off in the game, junior Rebekah Castle scored three layups off post moves, getting fouled on one and adding a free throw. Senior Nicole Heim also knocked down a three to move the lead 10-2 for the Indians, forcing Hill City to take an early timeout. Hoxie continued to move the ball around and outscored Hill City 12-6 in the first quarter. The second quarter was much like the first, with the Indians outscoring the Ringnecks making the score 27-15 going into halftime.

Coming out in the third quarter Hill City went on a 9-0 run making the score 27-24 before senior Brynn Niblock made a two-point basket for the Indians. It was a tough battle for both teams, but Hoxie kept the lead the entire game. Both Hoxie and Hill City had 11 points in the third quarter, making the score 38-26 heading into the fourth. Hill City came out and scored six points in the fourth quarter making the score 38-32, until junior Lilly Schamberger responded with a three to bump up the Indians' lead to nine. The Indians were able to finish the game out strong with great ball movement despite the quickness of Hill City. The final score of the game was 54-42.

Senior Brynn Niblock and junior Lilly Schamberger both had a great scoring night with 15 points each. Brynn also added 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 1 deflection. Lilly added 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 deflections. Junior Rebekah Castle and freshman Macy Schamberger both scored 9 points. Rebekah finished with 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Along with her 9 points, Macy added 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 deflection. Tallying 5 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists was senior Nicole Heim. Freshman Addi Campbell came up with 1 point, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 deflection and 2 steals. Junior Brooke Dorenkamp contributed 1 rebound and 1 steal.

Bulldogs Fall to Weskan

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains boys basketball team dropped another game to Weskan on January 20 with a 24-73 loss to the Coyotes.

The Bulldogs were no match for the Coyotes' speed on the court as the Coyotes jumped to a 22-7 lead in the first quarter. The Bulldogs just couldn't get in a rhythm as they added another 7 in the second. The Coyotes kept up the press to lead 48-14 by half time.

The second half continued

to be controlled by the Coyotes as they added another 18 to the Bulldogs 8. The final quarter slowed down a bit as the Coyotes continued to outscore the 'Dogs 8-2 for the final score of 73-24.

Dawson Spresser led the Bulldogs with 12 points along with Nolan Ritter-4, Devin Carter 3, Nick Brown 3, and Brett Gerbitz 2. The Bulldogs will be on the road again in Quinter on Tuesday but will host Triplains/Brewster at home on January 27.

Hoxie Comes Up Short

By Matthew Diercks
The Hoxie Indians traveled to Oberlin to compete in the Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tournament on Jan. 17, Jan. 20, and Jan. 21. Hoxie was undefeated so far in this season and they wanted to bring home the league championship trophy, but they ended up in second place.

On Jan. 17 Hoxie played Oberlin in the first round. Hoxie had played Oberlin a week before and beat them. In this game, Hoxie did the same. They played in this game with confidence and intensity. Hoxie beat Oberlin in the first round with a score of 59-31.

Game Stats: Sophomore Logan Weimer-5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block; junior Troyal Burris- 9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals, 1 block; sophomore Jarrod Dible-5 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 1block; junior Easton Slipke-17 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block; junior Latham Schwarz- 16 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals; junior Taylor Burris- 3 points, 1 assist; junior Luke Schippers-6 rebounds, 2 blocks; sophomore Sean Robben-4 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assists, 4 blocks.

On Jan. 20 Hoxie played Sharon Springs in the second round. Hoxie knew Sharon Springs would be tough to beat. But Hoxie overestimated them and shut them down. Hoxie played strong the whole game, always keeping a comfortable lead. Hoxie beat the Wildcats 80-59. Hoxie headed on to the

championship game against Saint Francis on Saturday.

Game Stats: Sophomore Logan Weimer-13 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists; junior Troyal Burris- 6 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist; sophomore Jarrod Dible-12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; junior Easton Slipke-26 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 steal; junior Latham Schwarz- 8 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal; junior Luke Schippers-3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal; sophomore Sean Robben-12 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 7 blocks.

On Jan. 21, the championship game was Hoxie versus Saint Francis. Hoxie knew this game would be one of the hardest games of their season. Throughout the game the lead went back and forth. Hoxie would score then Saint Francis would come back scoring their points. Hoxie tried hard to win, but Saint Francis tied it at the end of regulation and the game went in to overtime. Saint Francis pulled away to win 66-58. Hoxie placed second in the NWKL Tournament.

Game Stats: sophomore, Logan Weimer-6 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal; junior, Troyal Burris- 2 points, 1 rebound; sophomore, Jarrod Dible-7 points, 13 rebounds, 3 assists; junior, Easton Slipke-21 points, 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 3 steals; junior, Latham Schwarz-15 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists; junior ,Taylor Burris- 1 rebound; junior, Luke Schippers-2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist; sophomore, Sean Robben-8 points, 3 rebounds.

High School Debate Topic for 2017-2018 Selected

By Jeannine Taylor

Every fall, high school debate coaches are presented with five possible debate topics for the next school year. The coaches vote for the topic they prefer, and in January, the topic for the following school year is chosen. This year's topics were renewable energy, income inequality, education, agriculture, and Russia. After the votes were counted, the education topic was chosen. The debate team will be arguing the following resolution next fall: **Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.**

This will certainly be an interesting topic for the team to argue. With the uncertain state of school funding in Kansas, and with the increase in enrollment that we are seeing in the Hoxie Schools, this topic is one which will be timely and relevant for our debaters.

The following information on the topic is taken from *The Rostrum*, the publication of the National Speech and Debate Association's publication. "United States students do not rank well compared to their peers from other countries. Achievement gaps also exist between ethnic children from different ethnic groups and between affluent and low-income students. Are the schools at fault, or are other issues to blame? What changes in funding, regulations, standards, or support for our schools will bring better results? Do we

need more teachers, higher teacher pay, uniform teacher standards, and/or smaller class sizes? Will more money for technology improve teaching? Do we need more flexibility to employ and develop different types of schools? Do we need more flexibility within our public schools? What will bring up graduation rates and help United States students compete internationally? How can we prepare and train the future United States workforce? This resolution will provide a balanced field to discuss these important education issues. The affirmative teams will have the ability to critically examine everything from charter schools to online programs to for-profit schools. There is flexibility to argue for or against K-12 in traditional schools versus more specialized schools. Each area of the country has substantially different standards and rules. This topic allows students to examine those differences and how the federal government can improve education across the board. Negative ground includes arguments from traditional policy options such as federalism, States or other agent counterplans, solvency deficits as to whether the affirmative is affecting a large enough scope to solve, spending disadvantages, politics scenarios, etc. Critical literature is also applicable to the wide variety of presumptions within our government and education systems."



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Farm News

Area Farmers Receive Awards



Neff Seeds would like to congratulate Roger Johnson (bottom picture, right) and Harold Koster (top picture, right), both of Hoxie, for their awards in the Kansas Soybean Yield Contest. Roger placed 3rd in the statewide Conventional-Tillage Irrigated competition with 83.41 bushels per acre. Harold also placed 3rd in the statewide No-Till Irrigated with 81.16 bushels per acre. Roger and Harold received their awards at the Kansas Soybean Expo that was held in Topeka January 11. Neff Seeds would like to thank all of their customers that participated in the contest. (Courtesy photo)

High Plains Food Co-Op

By Rachel Farber

Knowing where food comes from has become important to many people. The High Plains Food Cooperative is a way to buy farm fresh foods, or to sell the extra produce a person may have from their own garden. The High Plains Food Coop has been operating in the Denver area longer than any other. It is their belief that in order to succeed, all cooperatives must work together to grow the demand for local and sustainable food to directly support families and communities. The High Plains Food Coop has been operating in the Denver area longer than any other. It is their belief that in order to succeed, all cooperatives must work together to grow the demand for local and sustainable food to directly support families and communities. The High Plains Food Coop has been operating in the Denver area longer than any other. It is their belief that in order to succeed, all cooperatives must work together to grow the demand for local and sustainable food to directly support families and communities.

During the summer, deliveries are made to Denver twice a month, on a Thursday. Those taking the deliveries will then bring back orders to Atwood for pick up on Friday. During the winter, deliveries are made once a month. These details can be found on their website highplainsfood.org. Winter foods available are fresh eggs, frozen poultry and meats, and a variety of root vegetables, winter squash, and greenhouse-grown lettuces. Much, much more is available in the summer months. Wool products, candles, pet supplies, and other non-food items are also available. These items are also produced by small farmers and businesses. The High Plains Food Cooperative contributes to building and supporting our communities, preserving our precious agricultural land for future use, and helping support small, local family farms. These farmers benefit from the marketing, selling, and delivering of their produce and prepared foods so they can focus on what they do best - preserving the land and growing nutrient-dense, quality food.

Kansas Cattle On Feed Up

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.17 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 4 percent from last year.

Placements during December totaled 395,000 head, up 18 percent from 2015.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 430,000 head, up 16 percent from last year.

Other disappearance during December totaled 15,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Export Report

The pace of exports continued to increase with China, Indonesia, Japan and Mexico together committing to purchase just over 3 million bushels this week. Shipments were also very strong with China, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico and Nigeria taking delivery of 4.9 million bushels. With this week's purchases, U.S. sorghum producers have now sold 50 percent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture export target for the year.

Upcoming Sorghum Events

Feb. 3 2017 K-State Sorghum School, *Iola, Kansas*
Feb. 8 Kansas Commodity Classic, *Manhattan, Kansas*
Feb. 23-24 Agricultural Outlook Forum, *Arlington, Virginia*



Why Do We Need Trees



By Drew Bretz

Do you want to know why we need trees? We need trees for oxygen. Trees provide and stop water evaporation. Trees are a good way to make money. Finally we need trees to tell what season you are in. Read on to learn more about trees.

Trees produce oxygen. Trees take in the CO₂ left behind from human and animal exhalation and car exhaust and turn it into oxygen.

Trees provide shade and stop water evaporation. When you're out on a hot summer day and want to cool down, a tall bushy tree with a big trunk is your best friend. It provides a lot of shade and that tree can also block the sun's rays which keeps water in the ground and raises

atmospheric pressure.

Trees are some of the oldest living things on Earth. If I have not convinced you yet, listen to this. Why would you want to destroy something that came before the dinosaurs. America has been using wood to make houses since 1776 the start of the country, and before that wagons were made of wood.

Trees can make you money. If you were to transplant that perfect shade tree in your yard, it could get you 10,000 dollars. Wood carvers can make a lot of money plus it seems like fun to carve wood.

Trees mark the seasons. If it is winter, the tree (unless it is an evergreen), will be bare, without leaves. In the Spring, the tree will be starting to bud and by the end should be at full bloom. In the summer, the tree will be at full bloom for the whole season. When fall comes around the tree will start to turn shades of red, orange, yellow, purple, and even pink.

I hope you learned how trees give us oxygen, provide shade and stop water evaporation, make us money, and mark the seasons.

Sheridan County Conservation District Meets



By Rachel Farber

The Sheridan County Conservation District held their 72nd annual meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017, at the Sheridan County 4-H Building.

On display, were all the Sheridan County poster winners. Hannah Franklin, junior at Hoxie High School, placed first in the state with her poster and it was sent to the national competition. They will be voting on those in the next few weeks. Devin Carter, junior at Golden Plains High School, received an honorable mention in the State Speech Contest. Drew Bretz, a sixth grader at Hoxie Grade School, received first place with his essay for Sheridan County. Drew was present to read his essay to the meeting's attendees.

Next on the agenda, was the election of two new district supervisors. Darrin Herl and Rick Johnson were elected to replace Shane Beckman and Brett Oelke.

Lisa Steerman and Leslea Oelke of People's State Bank presented Pat and Avis Herl with the 2016 Wind Break Award. The Herl's planted their tree row in 1979. After receiving damage during a snow storm recently, they plan to replant lost trees, and add more to the existing wind break.

Several door prizes were given out before the meeting was adjourned.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

By Rachel Farber

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs to low-income seniors. It helps increase the domestic consumption of produce by expanding or aiding in the expansion of farmers' markets and roadside stands. It also helps in the development of new farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities Coalition coordinates distribution of fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and raw honey bundles from High Plains Food Co-op Farms to northwest Kansas seniors at NO COST who meet age and income requirements.

To be eligible seniors must meet the following criteria:

- 1) 60 years old or older
- 2) Income level: A senior's annual gross household income (before taxes are withheld) must be at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. For example, a household of one must have an annual gross income at or below \$21,978 or a monthly gross income at or below \$1,832.

Eligible foods from High Plains Food Co-op Farms are defined as "fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, locally produced honey and herbs for human consumption that are produced in Kansas under normal growing conditions."

The Kansas Senior Farmer's Market Program is a project of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program is coordinated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), which is collaborating with the High Plains Food Co-op and the Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities Initiative to identify and distribute the food bundles to eligible seniors.

Sign up for the 2017 season will be in April.



Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the month of January 2017, temperatures averaged two to four degrees below normal for much of western Kansas, while the remainder of the State experienced temperatures from two to six degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. All of Kansas received some measurable precipitation, with heaviest amounts falling along the southern border. Topsoil moisture rated 15 percent very short, 22 short, 60 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 14 percent very short, 27 short, 58 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 13 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 67 good and 5 excellent. Calving progress was 9 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 46 average, and 54 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 78 good and 5 excellent. Lambing progress was 8 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 57 average, and 43 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 89 adequate, 9 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 7 short, 90 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

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Hickam

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tour of the second floor of I Wing for them. They were delighted to see the Bible belonging to the 31st Squadron’s Max Baker (it survived the attack on the barracks) still on display in a glass case near the General’s office, and were teary-eyed when meeting the PACAF Chaplain Col. Steven McCain who told them that each week when he holds a prayer service, (wearing white gloves) he holds Max’s Bible and reads from it. Max, who passed away June 11, 2016 had been the first member of her father’s WWII bomb squadron that Joanne met, and in the following 26 years he not only became an important part of Joanne’s life, but was a valued friend to Shirley Popp, as well.

Another moment that touched everyone’s heart was a visit to Hickam Hospital, the 3-story medical clinic to which Hickam Field wounded and dying were taken on that fateful December morning 75 years prior. Their tour didn’t call for entry to the hospital, but Joanne took a small group into the building, the very first visit there for everyone in the group. Clinic personnel directed them to the second floor where Joanne asked an officer if they could do a bit of touring. That officer just happened to be Col. Christopher Paige, Commander, 15th Medical Group! He gave them a personal tour of the hospital’s second floor where displays still honor those who were patients and the medical personnel on hand that terrible morning in 1941. They all remembered the eye-witness testimony they had heard that during the attack, “blood ran ankle deep in the halls of Hickam Hospital” and bodies were placed on the back lawn, then the porch and front lawn of the hospital while Father Maurice Mullan knelt over each body, administering The Last Rites. It was a sobering time for all.

“As we walked through the base hospital, our hearts ached for the newly trained nurses and doctors who immediately turned it into a triage unit,” Shirley recalled. “They had no time to ponder on one, they just did the best they could with all. It is such a quiet and beautiful place now. It is hard to imagine what it was turned into in just minutes. So many husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers, and many who would never get the chance to be husbands or fathers were gone now. And the unborn children of those men died that day!”

Tuesday evening saw the group back at Hickam for a banquet on the lanai of the Officers’ Club. The cuisine was excellent and the entertainment by the USO was awesome. Again, it was ironic to be in the exact place where the officers of various military units celebrated the upcoming Christmas season 75 years before. Sunset over the Pearl Harbor channel was spectacular and the peace of the evening was only broken by music of the 1940s, and the chatting and laughter of those present. Surely, it was the same on December 6, 1941!

Everyone was awake in the wee hours of December 7, and by 6 am they were headed back to Hickam to gather around the base flagpole for

the official commemoration ceremony. Joanne mentioned that at 6 am 75 years earlier, the Japanese were just launching their first wave of attack planes headed to Hickam Field, Pearl Harbor and other targets on Oahu.

At 7:55 am, the moment the first bombs fell on Hickam Field, F-22 Raptors began the ceremony with a flyover, an event that always startles the Hickam survivors in attendance and often reduces them to tears, and as many have said, momentarily takes them back to that terrible morning in 1941. Col. Kevin Gordon, Hickam AFB’s 15th Wing Commander, conducted the ceremony in which he recognized each of the ten Hickam Field survivors who were present, including Col. Andrew Kowalski from Joanne’s father’s bomb group, still bright-eyed at 102!

“During the flagpole ceremony, I was fortunate to stand where I could see all the survivors as they were being honored,” Shirley explained. “As one struggled with his bent back to stand, he turned around and took pictures of the crowd that had assembled in their honor. They are so proud and happy to be alive! It was very solemn as we remembered those young and brave souls America lost. The survivors do wonder why they were spared when so many were lost.”

Following the ceremony, over 350 guests gathered at the Hickam Officers’ Club for brunch. Most were Hickam Field survivors, child survivors, and children of the survivors. Joanne was the featured speaker at the brunch, and was humbled to have been asked to honor the men and women who had been present on Hickam at the time of the attack. She shared stories from the survivors (many of whom she had come to know so well), and emotionally told of those who died in the attack. She then told the audience, “I want to leave you with a challenge this morning: to collect and preserve the stories of YOUR loved ones – we can learn so much from them. Pattern yourselves after the men and women who served here, and those who left this island to wage a war for freedom. The highest honor we can pay our loved ones is to learn from their example – to study their courage that was never boastful, to study their quiet determination and their unselfish love for their comrades and their families and most of all, for their country. I challenge you to always keep their memories alive and in their honor, become the best citizens of the best country on earth!”

A highlight of the brunch was the presentation of birthday cakes to Blitz and Blackout - Col. David Burpee (Ret.) and Stan Loer, both born at Hickam Field December 7, 1941. Loer was born during the attack and was nicknamed Blitz. Col. Burpee was born at the end of the day when a “lights out” order was put into effect; therefore, he was nicknamed Blackout.

When hearing of the attack on Hickam Field/Pearl Harbor, one’s thoughts immediately go to the military personnel involved that day. However, it is important to understand that families were also present during the attack, especially at Hickam Field. Wives and children **also**

fought to survive that day.

“We got on the bus that would take us to the brunch,” Shirley remembered, “and a man took a seat beside me. Of course, we started visiting to see what our connection was with Hickam. He was one of the children of Hickam Field who were gathered up and taken up into the hills to a safer place that awful day. All he remembers is that he was four years old, his father was a mechanic, his mother was in the hospital, and that he and his father were just getting in the car when the Japanese attacked. He desperately wanted to find out more information as there are no records. I introduced him to a woman from the 5th Bomb Group that was also taken up in the hills. She was four years old and riding her tricycle when the Japanese planes came. She told him what she knew of that time, and filled the void a bit. Her father was a pilot who flew in the early Pacific Theatre battles. He is Missing in Action. The effects of that day are lifelong for all involved and their families.”

Wednesday night saw the Hoxie group sitting along Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki as they viewed the Pearl Harbor Day Parade. For 2½ hours, Pearl Harbor survivors (many riding in classic cars owned by the Corvette Club of Hawaii) passed by, accompanied by Hawaii Governor and Mrs. David Ige, the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, dancers from the Polynesian Cultural Center, numerous military groups, marching bands, the NYPD Pipes and Drums, beauty queens and several entertainers including Hawaii Five-O star Taylor Wily. “At Hickam Field, most of the veterans were in wheelchairs,” commented Kevin and Joyce, “but during the parade, one veteran walked the entire parade route!”

Some special moments occurred in hotel lobbies and shopping centers! Joanne and Shirley met two Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipients in their hotel lobby, including Lt. Gary Littrell. “We looked their names up to learn more about them - they definitely earned their medals!” Shirley commented. “They kept going and going when all was but lost, and they pulled their men through.” Joanne and Cindy had a special visit with 94-year-old Staff Sergeant Tom Rice in the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center. S/Sgt. Rice and others from the US’ 101st Airborne Division parachuted into France behind the German lines six hours before the D-Day landing began. What a gripping tale he had to impart!

On Friday, December 9, Bette, Cindy, Joanne & Shirley joined children and grandchildren of veterans of the 31st Bomb Squadron (H) to journey through the rainforest to Kualoa Ranch on Oahu’s northeast shore. They were met by David Morgan, Kualoa Ranch owner who gave them a private tour. For the five 31st Squadron veterans’ children (Joanne included), it was a poignant journey because their fathers were stationed at Kualoa Airfield from September 9 – November 9, 1942, before the squadron moved to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. An open-air bus took them over a portion of the

old airstrip and into the hills where they glimpsed the remains of the revetments where 31st Squadron bombers once took shelter, and saw the spot on the hillside where their fathers camped in 1942. The connection to their fathers (who are all now deceased) was strong and brought about many tender moments. David Morgan and his brother are the 6th generation of their family to own Kualoa, now a working cattle and guest ranch, a nature preserve and the site on which many movies and television shows are filmed (Jurassic Park, Pearl Harbor, Windtalkers, Godzilla and Hawaii Five-O, to name a few). The group viewed bunkers and toured a large tunnel in the mountainside – all built in defense of a potential invasion of the island during the war. What a wonderful visit!

There were other sites of interest. At the Pacific Air Museum on Ford Island they viewed a Japanese Zero, a B-25 Mitchell bomber, and a Stearman N2S-3 once piloted by former American President George H. W. Bush. *The USS Bowfin* was a WWII submarine that patrolled the Pacific, and the Hoxie residents learned firsthand what special courage it must have taken to have served underwater in such an incredibly confining space! *The USS Missouri* was the battleship on which the Japanese signed the surrender documents ending WWII. The Hoxie folks had been to Hickam Field and Pearl Harbor – where the war began, and now, standing at the place where the war ended gave everyone much to ponder. Shirley echoed everyone’s thoughts when she said, “So many lives lost on both sides! But Japan had not considered the tenacity of the American people!”

No visit to Honolulu is complete without viewing the monuments to those who perished that December day in 1941. One hundred eighty-nine men died at Hickam Field, a 10% casualty rate. A stop at *The USS Oklahoma* Memorial relayed the fact that 429 perished when *The Oklahoma* capsized. When *The USS Arizona* went down, she took 1,177 men with her, including the 21-man award-winning *Arizona* Band, considered to the best in the US Navy. (The odor of oil was overpowering at *The Arizona* Memorial; there is still enough oil in *The Arizona*’s tanks that guarantee seepage for the next 80-100 years). A total of 2,403 lives were lost on Oahu.

Listening to veterans’ stories of survival, and hearing the tales about the many who did not survive touched the Hoxie residents to the very depths of their hearts and they found themselves wondering the same thing that WWII Navy Chaplain Lt. Commander Howell M. Forgy did after returning from wartime service. He wrote:

Dear Lord,
Lest I continue
My complacent way;
Help me to remember
**Somewhere out there
A man died for me today.**

As long as there be war,
I then must
Ask and answer
Am I worth dying for?

MORAN’S MEMO Upholding the Kansas Way

By U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.)

The Kansas Territory was admitted to the Union as its 34th state 156 years ago. We emerged from a period of violence and political struggle – Bleeding Kansas. Within months, the Civil War erupted, pitching the nation against itself and testing the mettle of the Kansas Free-Staters fresh off their battle for individual liberty. Conflicts again broke out as Kansans took up arms to defend our state and the Union.

Today, some claim our nation has never been more divided. I will be the first to admit: America faces many serious problems and there is significant disagreement about the solutions. But I’m hopeful, because our current problems are not inherently more polarizing than those we have faced in the past – and our solutions shouldn’t be either. As we reflect on our state’s beginning, we Kansans should seize the opportunity to lead the way and refuse to let divisiveness overwhelm our vision for a better future. Kansans have historically carried on the pioneering tradition of our state’s founders. We value community-mindedness, hard work and self-determination. It is the outlook that guided the millions of homesteaders and railroad workers who came from different regions to join together and build up a new place to call home. These traits and that desire to be independent live on today and empower us to set an example for the rest of the country that, despite our disagreements, we can work together to rise above disputes and come together to make positive improvements to our communities. In our pursuit of a better tomorrow, we must not allow ourselves to grow pessimistic about setbacks. This idea is underscored by our state’s motto, “To the Stars through difficulty.” We set our sights high and work doggedly to meet the challenge. It is the Kansas way.

Even the highest of aspirations, though, take root at the local level when people forge relationships and develop friendships person-to-person centered on a common interest.

Understanding the value of friendship with our neighbors is the kind of thing I believe Kansans are best at. And it is not something we can afford to let fall by the wayside. As we seek to serve one another, a good first step is to redouble our commitments to our communities. We can get involved with a local service organization or nonprofit; cook for those in need; volunteer at church, an after-school program or a senior center; and engage with folks whose paths we might not routinely cross.

One of the most essential aspects of my job is traveling around the state and building relationships with the people I represent. Those conversations help keep me grounded, give me a better understanding of the specific issues facing our state, and help me focus my efforts in Washington. The time I spend listening to Kansans also adds weight to my perspective in Congress because my colleagues know that I am giving voice to the Kansas point of view and its many facets. My aim is to bring your perspective directly to the halls of the Senate based on what I hear from Johnson County to Johnson City and all the communities in between. This is how we make certain the people’s government answers to you, the people. Despite the fractures in Washington, there still is common ground to be found, but not without open dialogue and mutual understanding. The same is true for our communities in Kansas.

Let’s guide the way of our nation. Let’s be the example and always look for the best in each other. Our state’s 157th year holds tremendous promise, and I hope we realize that promise by carrying on our founders’ values and working together for the good of the state and nation. I’m grateful to again have the opportunity to serve in the United States Senate on your behalf. I take the blessing of being a Kansan to heart – each day, I hope to bring our home state’s sense of hard work, dedication to service and innate respect for our neighbors to my work in Washington, D.C. May God continue to bless the great state of Kansas.

KDA to Host Agribusiness Development Workshop

The Kansas Department of Agriculture will host an Agribusiness Development Workshop on Feb. 16, 2017, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in room SW229 of the Seward County Community College Student Union, at 1801 N. Kansas Ave. in Liberal. This workshop will provide Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses with resources, current business development and organizational contacts to assist with start-ups or expansions.

Featured speakers at the event will represent KDA; Seward County Economic Development; USDA Rural Development; Kansas Department of Commerce; Network Kansas; Kansas

Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Kansas Small Business Development Center; a local ag business; and a local financial institution.

KDA is also holding five additional workshops in the following areas: January 19 in Russell, February 2 in Emporia, February 9 in Winfield, February 23 in Norton and March 2 in Hutchinson.

A light meal will be available for those who register prior to February 13. To RSVP, email your name and workshop location to kda.events@ks.gov. Contact Lynne Hinrichsen at Lynne.Hinrichsen@ks.gov or (785) 564-6757 with any questions.



City, County, Legals & Obits

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CITY OF HOXIE

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND UNENCUMBERED CASH

For the year ended December 31, 2016

BEGINNING	CASH	CASH	CASH	ENDING	OUTSTANDING	UNENCUMBERED
FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	CASH BALANCE	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CASH BALANCE
GENERAL	25,332.43	476,803.51	464,854.16	37,281.78	16,931.07	20,350.71
LIBRARY	230.29	37,804.89	37,832.53	262.65	0.00	262.65
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	20,708.40	198,489.68	175,125.45	44,072.63	0.00	44,072.63
STREET RESURFACING	89,951.46	66,937.03	0.00	156,888.49	0.00	156,888.49
AIRPORT	24,849.78	4,427.14	643.51	28,633.41	63.64	28,569.77
BOND & INTEREST	15,289.27	349,421.32	289,683.93	75,026.66	0.00	75,026.66
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	4,040.93	31,371.82	32,762.44	2,650.31	0.00	2,650.31
FULLER CEMETERY	36,622.32	21,795.00	27,515.84	30,901.48	0.00	30,901.48
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	64.14	0.00	0.00	64.14	0.00	64.14
WATER & SEWER UTILITY	122,131.40	228,813.97	263,134.71	87,810.66	6,199.13	81,611.53
REFUSE UTILITY	37,215.25	171,719.77	131,198.33	77,736.69	5,657.91	72,078.78
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	82,109.07	176,135.00	189,293.64	68,950.43	0.00	68,950.43
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	86,104.89	35,000.00	22,650.00	98,454.89	0.00	98,454.89
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	844.29	3,181.66	1,500.00	2,525.95	1,500.00	1,025.95
125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	3,958.78	0.00	0.00	3,958.78	0.00	3,958.78
POOL PROJECT	31,712.49	5,100.00	4,401.81	32,410.68	0.00	32,410.68
SEWER MAINTENANCE	10,469.29	94,221.05	6.50	104,683.84	0.00	104,683.84
TOTAL	591,694.48	1,901,221.84	1,640,602.85	852,313.47	30,351.75	821,961.72

COMPOSITION OF CASH:

Checking Account, First State Bank	596,846.93
Money Market Account, State Bank	4,866.54
Certificate of Deposit, First State Bank	150,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, State Bank	100,000.00
Petty Cash Account	500.00
Cash on Hand	100.00
TOTAL	852,313.47

OUTSTANDING DEBTS:

General Obligation Bonds Principal Amounts:

East Sheridan Street - \$80,000.00
Water - \$205,000.00
Sunrise Addition 1 (Series 2014-A) \$1,985,000.00
Sunrise Addition 1 (Series 2015-A) \$65,000.00
Sunrise Addition 2 (Series 2014-B) \$200,000.00
Sunrise Addition 2 (Series 2015-B) \$30,000.00
Royal Ave. Extension (Series 2014-B) \$115,000.00
BTI Sewer Project (Series 2016) \$126,000.00

TRF Loan - Main Street - \$133,802.25

I, Kylie Nye, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signed *Kylie Nye* City Treasurer

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Signed Kylie Nye, City Treasurer

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Jan. 16, 2017 to Jan. 29, 2017

911 Calls: 22
Accidents Worked: 1
Arrests: 1
Citations Issued: 1
Civil Process: 11
Civil Standby: 0
Complaints: 10
Conceal Carry: 0
Domestic Calls: 1
Inmates Incarcerated: 3
Livestock Calls: 4



Motorist Assist: 1
Prisoner Transports: 1
Traffic Stops: 9
Vandalism Calls: 0
VIN Inspections: 4
Welfare Checks: 2
Warrants Served: 0

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LEGAL NOTICE Pursuant to L. 1991, Chp 279, 2

Results of the Market Study Analysis for Sheridan County for the Assessment Year 2017.

A study of the residential real estate market in Sheridan County indicated that there was an overall inflationary trend during 2016.

A study of the commercial real estate market in Sheridan County indicates that the market was relatively stable with no general upward or downward trend during 2016.

A study of the real estate market for vacant lots in Sheridan County indicates that the market was relatively stable with no general upward or downward trend during 2016.

Values on specific properties may not follow the general trend due to changes in the property, corrections of descriptive information, or adjustment of values based on sales of similar properties.

In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required annually to furnish each county with the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the Use Value of agricultural land. Changes can and do occur as a result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices, and production costs.

Commission Minutes 1/23/2017

Now on this 23rd day of January, 2017, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Vice-Chairman Vic Bielser presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter and

County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests in attendance were Doren Follis, Agnes Winter, John Winter and Larry Cressler.

Bielser made a motion to pay \$550.00 to the Sheridan County Fairboard for rental of the 4H Building for the August and November elections as well as rental for the day before each election day. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

A letter of support was written to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for the purchase of 800 MHz radios for EMS. Bielser made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0.

Bielser made a motion to approve the warrants paid on January 16, 2017 (the courthouse was closed that day due to weather). Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Bielser made a motion, seconded by Bainter, to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes as presented. Carried 2-0. The Micro Loan Committee minutes of January 12, 2017 were read and accepted by the board.

County Attorney Joe Pratt entered the meeting. Discussion was held on the current commissioner's districts and the need for redistricting. Bracht will research and find out how many registered voters reside in Wheatridge Addition. Micro loan documents were discussed.

Bainter brought up a budgeting class that will be held in Newton on Feb. 22. He and possibly Dewey will plan on attending. It will be discussed next week with Dewey present.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Nick Roudybush, Road & Bridge Mechanic entered the meeting. Roudybush presented pictures of problems with the blue Kenworth truck purchased last year from Money Chevrolet. The pictures are just "visual" without even gutting it and looking close at the transmission. Bielser

made a motion, seconded by Bainter to purchase a remanufactured transmission for the Kenworth at a cost of \$3,600, which includes a one year warranty. Carried 2-0. A salesman has been coming by with information on Clean Fire, an additive for diesel. They are not interested. KDOT and Penco Engineering Services sent Feldt the results of the inspection of Sheridan County bridges. 10 bridges were inspected with no big problems. One bridge needs a new sign and another one needs the overburden taken off. Feldt will start obtaining bids for a 15' mower deck. Currently looking for just one. Bainter asked if the plug going into a yard could be inspected at 150N and 40-50W. There has been a complaint of the blade operators cutting through the drive. The ditch is full of dirt. Feldt will let Sulzman, Road & Bridge Supervisor, know and it will be checked. Guests Agnes Winter and John Winter discussed the area where the culvert had been removed. It had been decided that no culvert would be put back in place until some dirt work was done. They would like this done before irrigating begins, otherwise the trucks will not be able to enter the field. They do not mind if the dirt is put back on their property. The curve sign is also missing. Feldt will have a new one put up.

Register of Deeds Mary Weimer and Shirley Niermeier, Sheridan County Treasurer entered the meeting. At 9:20, Bielser made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Present were the board, Weimer, Niermeier and Bracht. The board exited with no decision being made.

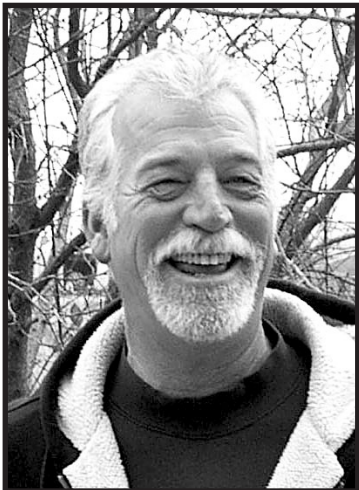
Agnes Winter re-entered the meeting and discussed the area where the culvert was removed on their property. Bainter and Bielser will go and review the road after the meeting. It will be discussed next week with Dewey about the commissioners reviewing county roads weekly.

The following bills were audited and allowed:
General Fund \$10,689.06
Road & Bridge \$190.15
Public Transp. \$60.61

No further business, Bielser made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 30, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Vic Bielser, Vice-Chairman

Curtis James



Curtis Jake James of Selden, KS, passed away at his home on January 20, 2017 at the age of 62. He was born in Hoxie, Kansas, November 4, 1954, to Jake Junior and Betty Nadine (Staubus) James. Curt attended Hoxie Grade School and graduated from Hoxie High School with the class of 1973. After high school, he attended Missouri Auction School and earned his diploma in 1979, Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, KS and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Telecommunications in 1994, and in 2001 he earned his Colorado Real Estate License. On April 15, 1984, Curt married Vicki Nelson in Marysville, KS. They lived in Colorado for 30-years, sixteen of those years in Brighton, CO before moving back to Selden. In the most recent years, Curt was a salesman, selling "treasurers". He loved buying and selling them. He loved to visit with people and did not know a stranger. He was always very interested in and supportive of The VA and American Legion.

Curtis is survived by his mother, Betty N. James of Hoxie, KS; wife, Vicki of the home, Selden, KS; brothers, Tom E. James and wife Gayle of Lenora, KS, Richard James and wife Elaine of Goessel, KS; sisters, Janice Rae Hoss and husband Von of Parks, NE, Janet Kay Wade and husband Gary of Hoxie, KS, and Jana Lea Herl and husband Bill of Hoxie, KS; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Jake Junior James and infant brother Robert Steven James.

An Informal Celebration of Life for Curt, with Stories, Lies, and Lunch, will be held Friday, January 27, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. at the Christian Fellowship Church in Hoxie, KS. Come and share your memories of Curt at this time. There will be a private family inurnment. Memorials are suggested to Phillipsburg Hospice and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740. On-line condolences may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com

Curt loved life and lived it to the fullest never slowing down or looking back. He enjoyed being a seller of "Treasurers". He loved his family, friends, and neighbors and enjoyed the time he spent visiting with them. His memory will live on in our hearts and thoughts for all time to come.

Gaylen Randolph



Gaylen Lee Randolph, 76, of Jennings, KS died January 26, 2017 at the Sheridan County Health Complex, Hoxie, KS. He was born December 10, 1940, in Decatur County, KS, to Helen Maxine (Rhodes) Randolph and Louis Wesley Randolph. Gaylen was the second of five children and grew up in Allison, KS. He attended grade school at the Allison Country School and then graduated from Jennings High School. He attended Kansas State University for one year, and then married Carolyn Mizell. Two children, Allen and Annette, were born of this marriage. Gaylen worked for Pepsi and the elevator in Reager, KS, then he delivered bread for the Old Home Bakery, first in Miltonvale, KS, then Hebron, NE for many years, before starting his career in irrigation with Reinke Manufacturing in 1970. Gaylen married Beverly Virus on July 22, 1977 and celebrated 39 years of marriage before Beverly's death in August, 2016, after a long battle with cancer. They lived in Hebron until moving to Imperial, NE in 1989. They later moved to Colby, KS and then to rural Decatur County (Allison), living in the Randolph family home that Gaylen grew up in. Gaylen had worked in agriculture for 46 years and enjoyed working and being connected to the farming community. At the time of his death, Gaylen was working for Woofter Construction as Irrigation Sales and Service Manager, in Colby, where he had worked for 22 years.

Gaylen was preceded in death by his parents; wife Beverly; daughter Annette and his brother Dr. Delvin Randolph. He is survived by his son Allen (wife Grace), of Shamong, NJ; grandchildren Sydney and Emily Randolph and Joshua Jensby; sisters, Betty Bailey (husband Bill) and Janis McDill; brother Len Randolph (wife Teresa); sister in law, Barbara Benson; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen. The family will receive friends from 5-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2017, at Baalmann Mortuary, Colby. A memorial service will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2017 also at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Allison Cemetery Fund, in care of Baalmann Mortuary, PO Box 391, Colby, KS 67701. For condolence or information visit www.baalmannmortuary.com.

Frank Deibert



Corwin Franklin Deibert was born in Hoxie, KS on March 24th, 1936 to Julius Deibert and Fairy Faye (Barr) Deibert. He went to be with the man upstairs on January 27, 2017 at the age of 80. Frank married Charlotte Lewis on July 30, 1955 in Hoxie, KS. To this union 4 children were born.

Preceding him in death were his Mother, Father and several siblings. Surviving family members are his brother Kenny and (Darlene) Deibert of North Platte, NE, Almira and (John) Crawford of Kingsville, TX, Sandra and (Bruce) Irwin of Cape Fair, MO, Joyce and (Wayne) Gregory of Olathe, KS and Doris and (Jerry) Helin of Colby, KS. Also left to mourn him were the joys of his life, 16 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild on the way, 1 great-great grandchild and 1 great-great grandchild on the way. Frank was also blessed to have many loving nieces and nephews that he enjoyed spending time with. For over 40 years Frank worked and lived on the farm of Al and Coleen Rall. Al and Coleen, Darci and (Adam) Schamberger and Jeff and (Shayla) Rall and their children have always been considered family.

Frank enjoyed fishing, camping, working with cattle, farming and spending time with family. No matter who came to visit Frank greeted them with a hug, a smile and a cold beverage of their choice. Frank never new a stranger. After retiring Frank enjoyed taking care of his lawn, flowers and especially taking care of his loving wife Charlotte.

Pastor Robert Alexander of Trinity Lutheran Church, Colby, KS will be officiating the services at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel on Friday February 3rd at 2:00 pm. And inurnment will be held at Brewster Cemetery following the service. A memorial fund in Franks name has been established and will be distributed to the Lyons Club of Brewster, KS. Donations in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

~Matthew 5:4

Memoriam

Immortality is really quite simple.

We live forever through our good works, the friends who share our passions, and the multitude who benefit from our service.

~Patrick de Haan

Fun Page

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We're going ice skating now...

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Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

Cool Winter Action!

So, what is your excuse for just sitting there like a lumpy pillow? Whaaaaat?

"It's cold outside"? Yes, of course it is. It is *wintertime*. In areas of the country where it snows a lot or ponds freeze over, kids can get exercise outdoors skiing or ice skating. In areas where it's colder, but there's no snow, kids can still hike, walk, and play a bit of basketball! During the winter we can find many things to do inside to keep physically active. Bowling and dancing are two of my favorite indoor pastimes. I hope my puzzles help you to think of things that will get you up and keep you moving all winter long.

Move It! Move It!

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword:

In the northern parts of our country (and once in a while down south) we have snow to play with, in or on! Sledding and building snow forts and igloos is a blast. Sometimes, there is a thick layer of ice on the ponds and lakes. That can be great for skating and playing hockey.

1. sleigh 2. snowmobiling 3. snowsuit 4. snowshoeing 5. skiing 6. racing saucer 7. snowballs 8. skating 9. snowmen 10. sledding 11. tobogganing

No excuses! Get up and move every day.

1. gliding on ice using metal blades
2. coasting down a snowy hill on a long, flat-bottomed, wooden sled that's curved up in the front
3. cheering and watching trained sled dogs
4. warmly lined child's winter wear
5. pressing snow together to form
6. twirling down a snowy hill on a round
7. putting on special footwear and walking across deep snow without sinking
8. sliding down snowy hills on a small, steerable wooden and metal "coaster"
9. sliding downhill, with a long, narrow board on each foot
10. building and dressing
11. riding a motorized vehicle on snow
12. riding in a horse-drawn

No Snow? Keep on the Go!

If it's cooler where you live, but there is no snow, there are lots of activities to keep you on the go! My friend in North Carolina rides his bike when the roads are dry. My cousin in Texas plays basketball. If the weather is lousy, think about places that have indoor rinks, gyms or rooms for playing sports and exercising. Your local recreation department might have a list of fun activities in which you can take part.

The activities below have 2 of the same letter missing. Can you study the words to fill in the missing letters?

1. basketba _ _ _
2. ex _ _ rse vid _ _ os
3. inli _ _ e skati _ _ g
4. vid _ _ o game danc _ _ mats
5. dance le _ _ _ ons
6. vo _ _ _ eyball

7. swi _ _ _ ing
8. dru _ _ _ ing
9. te _ _ _ is
10. k _ _ r _ _ te
11. so _ _ _ er
12. bowli _ _ g ten pi _ _

Master of Disguise!

Get up and move, move, move!

I'm always dropping in! I'm a master of disguise... with a little help from the temperature. Can you fill in the blanks?

1. When the air cools and I become a "cloud on the ground," I am
O G F _ _ _
I can't see!

2. When I pass through very cold air and fall gently to the earth, I am
_ _ _ S _ _
W O _ _
N _ _ _

3. The air warms and I disappear or
_ _ _ E _ _ A _ _ O _ _ A _ _ E _ _
T P R V _ _

Hot, Hearty Food!

Brrrrr! It's cold outside. After a frosty, fun activity, doesn't a hot, hearty meal sound good? Winter's a time for hot drinks and warm, nourishing foods. Can you find and circle these cold-weather favorites?

chicken broth
cheese fondue
hot chocolate
baked potato
dumplings
pancakes
meat loaf
casserole

muffins
roast
soup
stew

Soup's On!

Find and circle these cold-weather favorites:

chicken broth
cheese fondue
hot chocolate
baked potato
dumplings
pancakes
meat loaf
casserole

muffins
roast
soup
stew

R.F.D.

YOU'VE GOT A VENDING MACHINE IN THE BARN?!

YUP! SUP'N NEW!

AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO FARMERS!

THE OLD FARMER'S ALL-WEATHER SNACKS

by Mike Marland

The Spats

I'M GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN.

THAT'S WHY I'M AN ATHEIST.

by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves

IF I SHOVEL THE WALK, MOM WILL BUY THE NEW VIDEO GAME I WANT.

UHM, WHERE TO BEGIN? THERE'S SURE IS A LOT MORE SNOW THAN I THOUGHT.

A LOT MORE.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, I THINK WE NEED TO RENEGOTIATE THE TERMS.

by Dave T. Phipps

HOCUS-FOCUS

NO SKATING THIN ICE

NO SKATING TODAY

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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 L

X ALKP G QZI PSK MKDFOXDHLGR

SXR BHOOKP MGEFHLCHER TI

JHMOGEXLQ "TKI, IKZ JK DXCHE

BXLH PKEA!"

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

	÷	+		13				
-	x	-	÷	11				
x	+	-	+	9				
÷	+	-	÷	11				
10	12							
1	2	3	4	5	5	7	8	9

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY*

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.

3 Letters: ASH, HEY

4 Letters: HEAT, INNS, TIED, YELP

5 Letters: ADAPT, EVENT, INLET, PEDAL, PHASE, YIELD

6 Letters: ALIENS, DAINTY, INDENT, LEAVES, NEATLY, STYLED

7 Letters: PLAYPEN, SNAPPED

8 Letters: ADHESIVE, ELEPHANT

*All words are formed from the letters in HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Kids' 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

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

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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Super Crossword

PLAYFUL BREEDS

ACROSS

1 Deluding
8 Stiff cat hair
15 Capital of Morocco
20 Of the side
21 Plane for short hops
22 Dog having no bounds?
25 "I repeat..."
26 Gal pal, in Grenoble
27 Parts of lbs.
29 Bring to ruin
30 Dog hanging out with pride members?
39 Gawk rudely
40 Restrained with noise
41 Bit in trail mix
42 British money depicting a dog?
45 Capital of Indonesia
49 Hollywood's Edible
50 Edible mushroom
51 Sack fiber
52 Catering hall receptacle

53 Take eager advantage of
55 Equaling a dog's level of coziness?
60 Plant pore
63 "When I was..."
64 With 32-Down, Lucille Ball's partner
65 Dog carrying a container of high-fat spread?
73 Verdi song
74 Cozy recess
75 Old heads of Iran
76 Dog along with Mrs. Truman?
81 Gunfire noise
86 Pindar work
87 Heavy cart for haulage
88 Ejects
91 — Ato, California
92 Fund for the future
94 Dog's felt-tip pen?
98 — Vicente
99 Drum machine
100 Property claims

101 Dog that doesn't dial long-distance?
107 Latin love
108 Detroit-to-Charlotte dir.
14 "The Godfather" character
15 TV maker
16 Capital of Maine
17 Ranch iron
18 Brief digression
19 Carpentery joint part
24 Harder to grab hold of
28 Haydn work
30 Ripped off
31 St. — Girl (beer brand)
32 See 64-
33 Memo words
34 Nabisco's
35 Prefix with 20-Across
36 Sugar pie
37 F.S. subj.
38 Zaps in the microwave
39 "Out of My League"
43 Whacked, biblically
44 Thus far
45 Wine vessel

46 Indian money
47 Tie up tightly
48 #1 Rolling Stones hit
51 A tribe of Israel
54 Subj. for U.S. aliens
56 Burlap bags
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58 Scottish refusals
59 Gator's tail?
61 Mark's girl
62 First little bit of progress
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66 Wear slowly
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68 Comedy bit
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72 President before DDE
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84 Coeur d'— (Idaho city)

85 Rocky crags
89 Atop
90 Gender determiners
93 Like Russia before 1917
94 Visualize
95 Chance, old-style
96 Pt. of NCAA
97 Sliding (with)
99 Yasmine of "Baywatch"
101 Pine relative
102 Nebraska city
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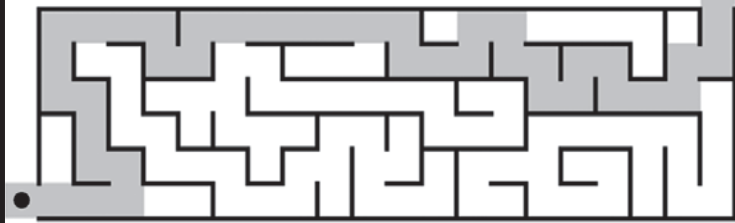
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CryptoQuip

answer

When a person would rule over a significant part of ancient France, did he have a lot of Gaul?

Go Figure!

answers

3	÷	1	+	7	10
x		x		+	
4	x	6	-	9	15
-		+		÷	
5	x	8	÷	4	10
7		14		4	

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

SNOWFLAKES

solution

		6	3	5				
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1	3	6	1	3	5	6	3	1
2	5	4	2	6	4	1	2	6
6	3	1	5	3	2	5	3	4
		6	4	1				

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

PASSER	S	SPEAR
NORMAN	N	ROMAN
ORANGE	O	ANGER
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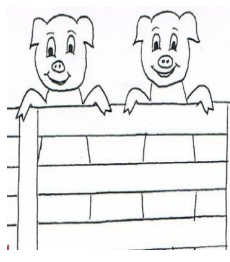
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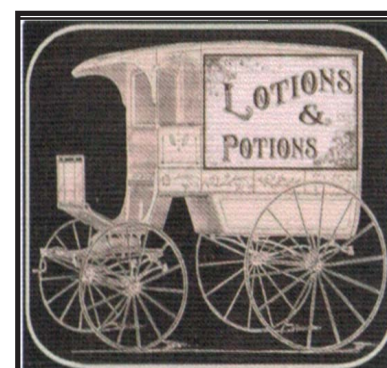
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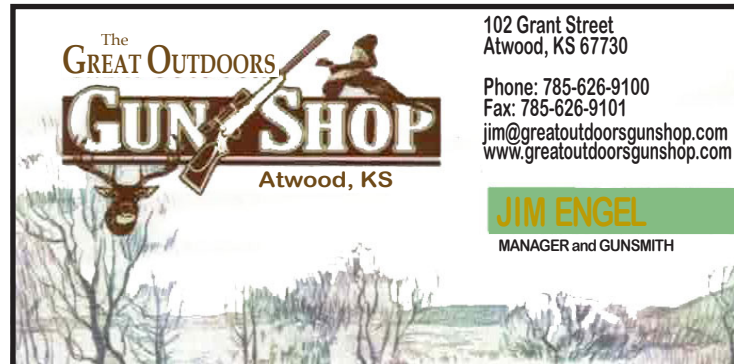
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