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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

At this week's Commissioners' Meeting, we discussed various topics. We made an addition to the Sheridan County Employee Manual that requires a physical and drug testing as a requirement for employment.

Our County Road Supervisor, Joe Herskowitz, presented the Commissioners with road maps that show roads and bridges throughout the county. We are continually analyzing these to decide the work schedule for working in a prioritized manner for getting our county roads fixed and repaired. We have a long way to go, but we are now all working together to get this accomplished.

Penco Engineering presented the Commissioners with the specification and plans for paving the feedyard road from Highway 24 going 2.4 miles north to the north feedyard entrance. We gave Penco the go-ahead to put the plans out for bids from road contractors. We will see where the bids come in and from there decide the way forward to do this road improvement project. There are three contributors in this endeavor: State of Kansas, Hoxie Feedyard, and Sheridan County.

On the state level, there is good news that the Truth in Taxation has made it through the House Tax Committee and headed to the House floor for a vote. There is great hope that this passes the House with a veto proof majority and can become law. This would require cities and counties to present any tax increases to the voters for their approval. This makes a lot of sense since the people who pay the taxes should also be the ones who get to say how much taxes they are willing to pay and what the tax money is going to be spent on.

This is terrible, cold weather. I hope you all are able to stay warm. Keep the faith...spring is coming!! Thanks for reading and GOD Bless!

WES BAINTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Sheriff Carver Appointed to KSA Audit Committee

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Department has big news. It's not a big surprise to hear 'big things' are happening at the Sheriff's Office. They're determination and willingness to Serve and Protect does not go unnoticed by many near nor far.

On January 29, 2021, Kansas Sheriffs' Association announced that Sheridan County Sheriff Brandon Carver was appointed as one of the newest members for the KSA (Kansas Sheriffs' Association) Audit Committee. Sheriff Carver along with Johnson County Sheriff, Cal Hayden, and Marshall County Sheriff, Tim Ackerman. The Audit Committee responsibility is to oversee all accounts payable and receivable. They also review and approve any major purchases.

Sheriff Carver said, "It is an honor to be appointed for this position and I look forward to serving at this capacity for the KSA. It is also an honor to represent Sheridan County."

It is also believed that Sheriff Carver is the very first Sheriff of Sheridan County, Kansas to serve at any capacity with the Kansas Sheriffs' Association.

DONATION TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPDATES KITCHEN



The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office and Communications has received many grants and a generous donation in 2020. With the donation we received and the help of our Sheriff's Office personnel, they installed new kitchen cabinets, counter tops, and a sink. We operate 24/7 and are able to offer a better workspace for our personnel.

We received over \$25,000 in grant money to help us fund projects. We received \$1975 to pay for the purchase of the grill and installation for our newest patrol vehicle. The patrol vehicle will be a 2021 Chevy Tahoe and will be received by the sheriff's office sometime this year. The Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring an ATV safety course, date pending. We were approved for a grant of \$3,960 to put on this safety course.

The biggest grant we received was the Spark Grant. With this we were able to purchase Digiticket, 3 phone adapters and five headsets, one signature pad, one smart board, a door buzzer system, and a disinfecting fogger.

Digiticket is a digital or electronic ticket system that allows our officers to quickly and efficiently conduct traffic stops. The phone adapters and headsets are for hands free dispatching. It makes dispatchers more efficient, as they are now able to be free to move throughout the office researching information for the officers or public.

The signature pad allows us to be able to digitally sign forms for our inmate intakes. The smart board offers adequate training for emergency preparedness. It can also be used during an emergency to help process safety information. The Door buzzer system has added safety to our office. This allows dispatch to let the public into the lobby while they are busy with calls, or radio traffic, without having to leave the protection of their office. The disinfecting fogger has been utilized by our office and the Police Department. We use it in our jail, offices, and vehicles as a preventative measure to keep our staff and the inmates in our care from getting sick.

In 2021 we received a donation for \$619.00 to put towards our garage remodel project. This project will allow us to utilize our small space and build a file and electronics room. We have radio and 911 towers as well as multiple servers that are sitting on floors and/or around a water heater. We hope to complete this project this year.

Due to the limits and financial restrictions, we are facing as a county. We will continue to seek sources that can help us to complete our goals to continue to grow and offer better resources to our staff. Thank you to everyone who continues to support us, we appreciate you.



LTC Valentine's Royalty



The Sheridan County Long Term Care has a Valentine's Day party each year, complete with royalty for the day. This year, the party was held on Friday, February 12.

The 2021 King was Jim Rogers. Jim was born in Reno, NV in 1944. Attending Rexford consolidated schools throughout his growing up years, study hall was quickly his favorite as he was named "Study Hall Rogers," due to his ornery side. He served in the Army from 1965-1967, as a vehicle mechanic. In Vietnam, he served as a helicopter gunner and was honorably discharged. Jim has two daughters and four grandchildren. He enjoys tinkering with small metal earth projects and has more patience to do so than most people.

The 2021 Queen was Arvilla Taylor. Arvilla was born in Graham County in 1934, the youngest of ten children. She spent the majority of her life on the farm in Sheridan County farming, cattle ranching and tending to her children. She is a joy to be around and is always caring for others before herself.



Renee Spresser and the furniture store crew, Shawn Spresser and Darnelle Keith, pose with the My Pillow products. (Sentinel Staff photo)

Pauls Furniture store in Selden has just received their first truck order of My Pillow inventory, both pillows and mattresses. My Pillow's statement of 'guaranteed the most comfortable pillow you will ever own,' resonates with many customers in our area who have jumped at the chance to purchase Lindell's products off his website. Owner of Pauls Furniture, Renee Spresser saw that the big box stores were outting My Pillow and thought it was wrong. Lindell is a "good guy with good Christian values," stated Spresser. Her own personal philosophy of, "following God's lead and those who do that I want to do business with them," has led her to now carry the product. My Pillow is not just pillows, the line carries other products on their website such as towels, sheets, mattress toppers, blankets, robes, mattresses and more.

Small Town Carries Big Brand

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Big box stores such as Kohl's and Bed, Bath and Beyond have stated that the move to discontinue 'My Pillow' has more to do with market research and low product demand. However, it does seem that the timeline fits to discontinue selling the brand as a politically opinionated move versus a consumer move. But to insinuate that the major stores would make a move to castrate a known top-seller because of his outspoken political views would be absurd. Right? I will let you all form your own opinions about that.

Since being banned from Twitter and outed by those chains, Mike Lindell, owner/CEO, My Pillow company has seen a huge uptick in private sales and smaller stores wanting to carry his product. When Bed, Bath and Beyond announced the discontinuing of My Pillow, huge amounts of people came to buy out those products before the shelves no longer had them. Lindell has shown great philanthropy over the years in such ways as donating 60,000 pillows to victims of Hurricane Harvey and starting a Christian based organization to give resources to those struggling with drug addictions and recovery.

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Senior Spotlight: Kirsten Schroeder

By Emma Thompson, Staff Reporter

Kirsten Schroeder is the daughter of Brad and Cindy Schroeder. She is also the granddaughter of Ray, Ralph, and Kay Ostmeier. She has grown up on a farm near Grinnell. Throughout high school, she has been involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Cheerleading, FCCLA, STUCO, Art, and Shop. She enjoys being in Mrs. Dohm's classes because she is her favorite teacher. Outside of school, her hobbies include hanging out with family and friends and going to Cedar Bluff.

Kirsten's favorite food is fried chicken, breadsticks, and Peace Tea. Her favorite color is green. Her favorite memories of high school are going to State Volleyball in Emporia her Senior year with her sister, Karoline Schroeder, and participating in State Track in Wichita for Shot Put her sophomore year.

After graduation, she plans to attend NCK Tech in Hays and get her nursing degree. A short-term goal for Kirsten is to get her bachelor's in nursing and start working in a large hospital. A long-term goal is to have a family and live in the suburbs.

Her words of advice for high school students are to try to stay organized and to live every day like it's your last. Her favorite quote is "When you open your eyes the past is gone. The world is a good place, and it's all going to be okay." Michael Oher *The Blind Side*



Blood Drive Update

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Another successful blood drive was held February 10. Forty-eight units of donated blood was collected by the Red Cross phlebotomists. Marty Cressler stated the goal was 47, which they surpassed by 1. John Kaus, Sequin, (pictured) has given over 10 gallons of blood in his donor career, along with his son. "It helps people, and it don't hurt, well don't hurt much," John joked as Abby, the blood tech, prepped him for donation.

Sheridan Benefit Walk sponsors the drive and a different church each drive supplies the complimentary meal. This drive's meal was supplied by the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Marty Cressler, SCBW Board



Member, said this drive was uncharacteristically short-staffed, which led to a few donors not being able to be taken in their appointed time.

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Thursday:
 Hot Bar: Hamburger Casserole & Tater Tot Casserole
 Sandwich: Patty Melt
Friday:
 Hot Bar: Tuna Casserole & Chicken Casserole
 Sandwich: Fish Basket
Saturday: NO HOT BAR
Sunday:
 7-Meat Hot Bar
Monday:
 Hot Bar: Fried Chicken & Steak Fingers
 Sandwich: Chili Burgers
Tuesday:
 Hot Bar: Enchiladas
 Sandwich: Rib Eye Steak Sandwich
Wednesday:
 Hot Bar: Burgers & Brats
 Sandwich: Reuben
LENT FISH BUFFET BEGINS FEBRUARY 26

How It Went ~ Cake for the Carders

By Levi Gleason
 As you all know, last week FCCLA and the Class of 2026 sponsored a community-wide cake raffle. The proceeds of which went to Mrs. Carder and her family.
 Before the drawing, I went up to the booth where they were selling and sorting tickets. They were doing this up until the very last minute to make sure everyone had ample time to enter the drawing.
 While visiting the booth I was able to speak with high school senior, Hannah Eller, and oh my, she had an amazing story for me! She said



By Jacquie Boultinghouse
 On February 11, during Senior Citizens the group enjoyed a fine meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Café, followed by an afternoon of Pinochle. Alfred J. Albers won high, Bob Wessel took second, and Boyd Wilson had the most kings. Others enjoying the day included Pat Wessel, Don Quackenbush, Don Juenemann, and Shirley Emigh.
 Birthdays & anniversaries for February include: 1st: Jerry Rall, Aaron Emigh; 3rd: Rachael Ritter; 4th: Mary Galden; 5th: Grant Shaw; 6th: Chris Bainter, Tom Stacy, Paul Bruggeman; 8th: Monica Aumiller Svoboda, Wanda Spresser; 9th: Joe Wessel, Dana Geisinger, Shirley M. Emigh, Anden Merkle; 10th: Danica Ritter, Carlene Bruggeman, Kailee Wessel; 11th: Constance Hunter; 13th: Robert Ritter, Olga Vargas, Ethan Stickle; 14th: Steve & Leah Sewell, Marge Miller, Dan & Miriam Shaw; 15th: Myrna Aumiller Lecount; 17th: Samantha Juenemann; 20th: Bella Sauvage; 21st: Kari Schaben, Lyn Cheney, Jan Heck; 22nd: Shane Ryburn, Theresa Wessel Weber, Ian Koerperich; 24th: Ryan Brantley; 26th: Betty Schieferecke, Klint Wessel; 27th: Judy Rogers, Brittany Ritter; 28th: Pat Stevenson.
 I think we need a shout out to all the First Responders of Selden. Fire guys include Steve Rogers, JR Albers, Micah Goscha, Dusty Spresser, Tyler Stevenson, Zach Michaelis, Ryan Stevenson, Jim Kruse, Pat Koerperich. The Selden Fire Department is always looking for interested people.
 EMT's include Tammy Shaw, Sara Brantley, Bernie Koerperich, Don Koerperich, Katie Koerperich.

St. Paul's Daughters of Isabella #400

Jeanne Struckoff, Scribe
 An audit meeting and rosary preceded our regular meeting on February 3, 2021. Millie Baalman opened the meeting with Prayer, Opening Ode and Pledge to the Flag. She read the Spiritual Message from our Chaplain Andrew Rockers who spoke of love. God's love for us, the many good deeds we can do for others out of love, alms giving, and helping others who need help.
 Roll call was answered by four elected and three appointed members. Secretary

What a Week of Weather!

This past week has been one for the record books! We've had sub-zero arctic temperatures for days now, but it looks like we're about to get a break. Many in the southern states aren't used to cold, let alone snow, which even landed on Galveston Beach, TX!
 The worst seems to be over, so be grateful for that, and send a prayer or two for those in climates that aren't used to or equipped for this kind of weather.

PRESS PASSES

By Viktorija Briggs, Editor
 The Sheridan Sentinel's Press Passes were shared when KSH-SAA changed the rules regarding how many could attend students' sports events. The stipulation was that if you borrowed a Press Pass you must write articles for the sporting event(s) you attended. *That is what a Press Pass is for.*
 There is still one Press Pass out that has been used but no articles submitted. Please return the Press Pass immediately. This is the second time we've asked (the first time was privately). If it is not returned, we may choose to not share them again with anyone. Please don't ruin it for others.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
 10am - 11am Courthouse Main Floor
 1pm - 1:30pm Selden Community Center
 canned corn, canned mixed fruit, canned garbanzo beans, canned boned chicken, dry split peas, whole frozen chicken, frozen chicken leg quarters, pecan pieces, dried fruit & nut mix, raisins, orange juice
 Foods subject to change at last minute.
Arrive early or there may not be anything left!

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February 21, 2021
 Sunday
 Serving from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
ALASKAN HALIBUT FISH FRY FUNDRAISER
Grainfield American Legion
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 Proceeds going toward building improvement.
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
Menu: Alaskan Halibut, Cod, Chicken Strips, Hush Puppies, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Variety of Salads, Special Desserts, Coffee, Tea and Water
 15 yrs. and above - \$15.00
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Thank you for your support!!
 There will be NO STAG/ STAGETTE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

MOWING BIDS
 Sheridan County is Accepting Bids for Mowing County right-of-way ditches.
 If you are interested, please contact the Sheridan County Clerk at 785-675-3361 and a Right-of-Way Mowing Agreement with the bid form and map will be mailed to you for completion.
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Every Sunday:
 9am First Presbyterian Church Service
Monthly:
 2nd Monday - City of Hoxie
 1st Tuesday - HAMA
Every Tuesday:
 12pm Rotary
 7pm Fire Dept Mtg
 1st Wednesday - Chamber of Commerce
 2nd Monday - BOE Mtg
Every Wednesday:
 9am Commissioner Mtg
 7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church Community Worship
 Hospital Board of Trustees - 4th Monday, 12pm
 FOHC the following Wednesday, 8am

What do you have happening soon? Share Your Event Here - FREE
Farmers to Families Community Food Boxes
 Every Tuesday through February 3:30pm Hoxie Christian Church & Selden Mainstreet
Grainfield Legion Fish Fry
 Sunday, February 21 11am - 1pm
Sub-State Wrestling
 Girls: Friday, February 19 - Ellis HS - 3pm start
 Boys: Saturday, February 20 - Minneapolis HS - Noon
Blood Drive
 April 7
 To register: 785-675-8765
Stay Warm!



Mealsite Menu

Feb 22 ~ Feb 26

Monday: Pork Cutlet, Hashbrown Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Applesauce

Tuesday: Chili, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Oven-Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Peaches

Thursday: Turkey Tetrastini, Sweet Potatoes, Bread, Fruit Cobbler

Friday: Chef Salad (meat on the side), Tropical Fruit, Crackers, Pudding

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

Blood Drive

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Hemoglobin levels for each donor are taken before you can donate blood. Taking an iron supplement before donating will help your levels, along with eating iron rich foods such as bananas, red meat, and some leafy green vegetables.

The next drive is set for April 7. Online registration is available, or you can call Marty Cressler at 785-675-8765.

Marty Cressler, Blood Drive Organizer, states: "The Blood Drive on February 10 proved to be very challenging, to say the least! We had a full schedule, with 62 people signed up to donate blood, however, the Red Cross was short-staffed due to having a couple of their normal workers under quarantine. They also had a couple of newbies working therefore they weren't as efficient as more seasoned workers. This led to a major backup of donors, which was frustrating to all involved. At times, there were as many as ten donors waiting to be processed. We ended up with wait times of up to an hour just to be screened. Several people had to leave without giving blood due to other commitments. Amazingly, many donors stuck it out and we were able to go over our goal by one! Last month, with a better Red Cross staff, we were 16 units over our goal! The Red Cross has been made aware of the problems we encountered at the February drive and they assure us it will not happen again. I certainly hope they are right. We have a very good blood drive going here in Hoxie with lots of willing participants. I am hopeful that the wait times that people experienced in February will not keep them from coming back to give blood in April."

The next Hoxie Blood Drive will be Wednesday, April 16, at the 4-H Building. Appointment times are still available at www.redcrossblood.org.

COVID-19 Vaccine: It is Our Turn to Roll Up Our Sleeves and Get Vaccinated!

It is hard to imagine a time when we did not know COVID-19 existed. Now when people say "virus," we know what they mean. The impact of COVID-19 on our lives, our community, our work, our activities, and our freedom has affected us all.

The responsibility is ours, as a community, to help stop this virus. Now we have a new, safe, and effective tool to help us do that—COVID-19 vaccines.

It takes everyone. We all need to step up to beat COVID-19. We ask you to join us in protecting your community by getting vaccinated.

"COVID-19 vaccination is one of the strongest tools we can use to fight this pandemic together. I know understand there are concerns about the vaccine, but it is safe. I wouldn't stand behind this vaccine if it weren't," says Renee Wagoner, RN/Administrator of the Sheridan County Public Health Office.

Getting vaccinated adds one more layer of protection for you, your coworkers, your family, and your loved ones. Here are

Nearly \$15,000 in Chamber Scrip Added to Local Economy

By Karl Pratt, Vice President, Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce

The Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce has once again added nearly \$15,000 to the local economy benefitting member businesses through its Chamber Scrip program.

The bulk of the scrip sold occurred during the 2020 holiday season as it makes great gifts for employees. Additionally, the chamber gave away more than \$3,500 in scrip during the annual Winterfest festivities which were modified this past year with prizes given out virtually across four Fridays from November 27 to December 18.

Studies show that for every \$100 spent locally, nearly \$70 stays local trickling through the local economy.

"We know how incredibly generous our business community is in the Hoxie area," said Chamber Vice President Karl Pratt. "Utilizing Chamber Scrip in your purchases is a wonderful way to acknowledge that generosity and return the favor to our local businesses."

Chamber Scrip can be purchased in increments of \$5, \$10 and \$20. Scrip can be used for payment at active Chamber Member businesses only. View the member directly online for an up-to-date list.

Effective February 16, 2021, Chamber Scrip can be purchased at the City of Hoxie Office, 829 Main St in Hoxie during regular business hours.

Questions, please contact City Clerk Janet Bainter at 785-675-3291 or hoxieclerk@ruraltel.net.

The Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer-led organization focused on furthering the business, economic and community advancements of its members and the community at large. For more information and to get involved, visit www.hoxieareachamber.com, email hoxieareachamber@gmail.com or attend an upcoming monthly meeting.

some things you should know about COVID-19 vaccination:

- All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are very effective at preventing the disease.

- The most common side effects are pain in the arm where you got the shot, feeling tired, headache, body aches, chills, and fever. This is a response that you may get from any vaccine, not just the CO-

VID-19 vaccine.

- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available—wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands frequently, and getting vaccinated.

We all want the pandemic to be over. Our health department team wants you all to feel safe at work and in your community and to be able to shake hands again without the awkward uncertainty feeling that you feel today.

We all play a part in this effort, and you are key. Please sign up to get your COVID-19 vaccination on our Facebook Page: Sheridan County Public Health

If you have questions, please call us at the Health Department: 785 675 2101.

Also, if you have questions about COVID-19 vaccine, visit CDC's FAQs web page: <http://bit.ly/3q73sKb>.



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675-2022
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Hoxie Christian Church
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Hoxie

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1325 15th St
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Hwy 223
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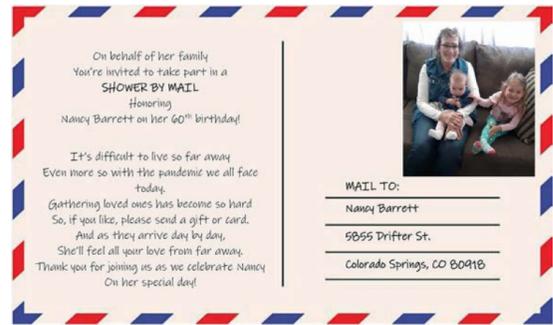
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for the check I received.
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~Briggs

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Thank you for the cards, phone calls or visits for my 100th birthday. I am truly blessed and thankful for all the kind words and remembrances. The mass said for me by Father Luke, the Knights of Columbus standing guard and the parishioners singing happy birthday to me was wonderful. It was a special birthday for me.
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The Hoxie Democrat Friday, February 18, 1887

Boys, some one had better look a "leetle out" or they will get into trouble as these sensations that are stirred up may cause the use of a revolver and conspiracies must stop.

Johnny Jones bought a horse colt from Thos. Baird, and we say without fear of contradiction that it is the best yearling colt in Sheridan county. Mr. Baird has the finest line of horses there is in this county and he extends an invitation to all to call and see them.

There will be a horse race next Saturday week between the roan horse of H. H. Wright and the roan horse of L. Willett. Amount of stake money, \$20. Distance six hundred yards.

The *Sentinel* office is now adorned with one of the finest awnings in town; curtains are up to the windows and everything fixed in the office which are required to make things comfortable.

Howard Carpenter gave us a pleasant call last week.

W. D. Harding gave us a pleasant call last Monday.

L. M. Grant is in Kanas City this week on business.

A. Snowberger was a caller this week and says that although he is a republican he will read the *Democrat*.

Oliver and C. J. Price made proof on their land before the clerk of the district court in Hoxie last Tuesday.

Mr. Mulholland goes to Downs this week and in company with Mr. Huff will proceed to Atchison and interview the railroad company in the interest of Sheridan county.

Pony Alloway spent last Sabbath with his family at Fremont. He says that the bond question will carry in that township and that ere long the whistle of the locomotive will be heard in the land.

C. W. Johnson was in town Thursday and says that his cattle have commenced to travel and stray a good deal hunting for green grass, and that on Tuesday and Wednesday the heel flies were very bad.

A traveling artist is in town taking some views and photographs of the different buildings. Our friends Wright and Ewing have accepted an engagement from him and pose before the various buildings.

H. Patterson is taking in Kansas City this week. We intended to go with him but he said we would have to take along one hundred dollars if we expected to trot a heat with him, so, owing to the state of our finances, we had to stay at home.

Last Saturday evening the two Thornsbrue brothers came to town hunting for E. E. Brown, the well borer. It seems a lady friend of his was sick at Edmond and desired that he be brought to her bedside immediately. Mr. Brown was boring a well west of town and as it was very dark it was impossible to get any further that night than here. Next morning they got started at daylight and found Brown, and we sincerely hope that they made their destination safely and found the lady better.

125 Years Ago February 20, 1896

Tom Herrington and Attorney Pat Person, of Selden, were in town on legal business Tuesday.

County Attorney Hopkins reports that fifty per cent or more of the seed grain notes have been paid.

Bill Waite spent last Sunday with his friends at Selden.

Fred Turtle and daughter, of Studley took in the dance Friday and visited with friends in this vicinity Saturday.

An entertainment was given at Rexford last week for the benefit of the church and about eight dollars was cleared.

We are told of a certain Logan township boy who drove fifty miles last Friday to take his girl to a party - and yet this is Leap year.

Little Tom Pratt took in the dance Friday night and stayed over for a visit with the boys Saturday. He returned home Saturday evening.

L. D. Speenburg and wife, J. L. Sharp and wife, E. L. Cummings and wife, Herb Trimble and Lady and Len Miller and Lady of Selden attended the dance Friday night.

The dance Friday evening given by Eck Haines and Dan Hedge was a success to the fullest meaning of the work - there being nearly fifty numbers out and all present enjoyed themselves immensely.

Last Thursday at our busiest hour making up our mail we were aroused by a hand being laid on our shoulder and hearing a gruff voice say "Young man I guess we have a little difference to settle". On looking around we beheld the smiling countenance of Ike Purcell. County Attorney of Gove county and at once we repeated of all we had said about him, but kept a stiff upper lip and told him we wished we had said more so that we could apologize for that too. Whereupon we shook hands and made up. Before leaving Ike requested us to speak a good word for him to any mature maidens with whom we might be acquainted.

Lucerne Items

E. Taylor has been bothered some with the rheumatism lately.

O. Fultz is going to plowing soon if it keeps on being nice.

No. 7

Guy Items

Mr. Pyman started for Kansas City last Monday morning.

Miss Katie Hastedt has been visiting at Joe Conards two weeks.

Lyman Conard had a narrow escape from serious injury last week a horse squeezed him against the side of the stable door and bruised his head and took off some hair.

Reporter

Selden Department

Mrs. E. P. Bain received quite a fall by being thrown out of a spring wagon on Saturday last.

Albert Vanderver returned from Missouri recently, where he has been visiting friends and relatives.

Fred A. Patten arrived from Victor, Colorado, on Friday evening of last week. He is confined to his

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room at this time with a very bad cough, the result of a heavy cold contracted at the above named place. He is improving since his arrival.

100 Years Ago February 17, 1921

Mrs. Beers Entertains

Mrs. C. H. Beers entertained the Guild Club at a two-course luncheon Saturday afternoon. The rooms and tables were lavishly decorated with hearts and valentines.

After luncheon had been served and the ladies had returned to the living rooms, each guest was presented with a mysterious package tied with red ribbon, which when opened was found to a delicious heart shaped delicacy. The remainder of the time was spent in needlework and a social time in general.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and the children, of Oberlin, spent Sunday in this city the guests of Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beers.

Mrs. Caroline Steiger, of Menlo, is visiting at the home of her brother, U. Andregg, and is taking osteopathic treatments of Dr. L. H. McCartney.

C. C. Croffoot, of Studley, was here Friday interviewing the revenue officer. Carl owns a world of land and other property and therefore, is naturally a good customer of the income tax collector.

John Wilkin and sister, Miss Mary Wilkin, left the first of the week for Phillipsburg and other points in that section of the state to visit relatives for a few weeks, after which they will start for the Pacific coast with a view of locating if they find something they like.

Ben Smith, the Studley banker, was transacting business here on Friday. Mr. Smith is building up a nice business at Studley.

Mrs. Cora Bouts and four children, of Billings, Montana, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke P. Miley.

Fred Burr, Nelson Long and Will Moore are in Wichita this week attending the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Houck's Landing

By Remus Spaulding

H. D. Woods spent Sunday at the Guy Mick home.

Miss Nellie Shea who is teaching west of Menlo spent the week end with home folks.

East Saline

By X. Y. Z.

Charley Johnson is shucking corn for C. P. Breeden.

Mrs. George Phelps and Harold visited with Mrs. Bert Phelps the past week.

Pleasant Ridge

By Topsy

Ross Transue butchered hogs, Monday.

Fred Mills is shelling corn for Elmer McGinnis. Several from this neighborhood went to Hoxie Saturday to see the income tax man.

Valley

By Gleaner

Mrs. Clifford Crum was very ill at her home a few days last week, but is now very much improved.

Mr. Smith, from Bogue, was in this part of the country buying furs. He bought a coyote skin from T. A. Conard.

Emerald Grove

By Lucile

Miss Minnie Simon spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pratt and daughter, Minnie, visited home folks last week.

We were in Hoxie last week, the first time in many months. Would have called at the *Sentinel* office but our stay was short and we had no time to spare.

75 Years Ago February 21, 1946

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pratt, Miss Nina Fair and Mr. George Pratt were dinner guests at the Geo. Schuricht home Sunday.

Cultus Club met on Tuesday of last week at the Ad Smith home. Mrs. Smith presided in the absence of president, Mrs. Wallace Cooper. Mrs. A. M. Shatzell presented the lesson on the life and works of Longfellow. The group enjoyed a social-visiting time following the program proper.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Selbe and Jimmy had as dinner guests Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Percival and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Percival and Harold Dean.

Local Happenings

According to the Commissioner's proceedings last week, the war on coyotes seems to have been good of late.

E. A. Monteith of Hoxie, and Mr. and Mrs. Lew Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Flery Shea and Mrs. Frank Hill, all of Selden, drove to Clayton, New Mexico, last Friday to attend the funeral of a brother, Albert E. Monteith, who passed away suddenly from a heart attack. A. E. Monteith was born in Sheridan County and lived here until a young man. He was manager of the Star Lumber Co. of Clayton for many years, and until his death. He leaves a wife and a married daughter. The relatives went from Sheridan County returned Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Fred Andregg accompanied Ward Andregg to Colby Sunday, to see his great nephew and namesake. Ward has made almost daily trips to see his wife and baby and others of the family and friends have shared this pleasure and interest also. Ward plans to bring his family home soon.

Selden Happenings

Mr. Chester Nelms of Minden, Nebraska, died following an operation at McCook, Nebraska, Saturday morning. He is a cousin of Mrs. Ross Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Urbie Barnhart, Fern Kay and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hays went to McCook, Nebraska, Monday, called there by the death of her cousin, Mr. Nelms.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Monteith and Mr. T. W. Monteith returned Sunday from Denver, Colorado, where they attended the Lumberman's convention for several days. Mrs. T. Power and daughter, Sandra, returned with them to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Monteith and other relatives.

Lucerne News

Miss Doris Rodgers spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Miley.

The Sunflower Club met with Sylvia Wentz on Friday with eleven members present. Mrs. Dale St. John and children were guests. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Miss Phylis Wentz finished her beauty course at Topeka. She came home last Tuesday and is spending a few days with her parents.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs.

Clyde Hoffman of Littleton, Colorado, spent the week-end with relatives at Selden and Leoville and also attended the wedding of Mildred Karls and Paul Welter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kruse, Max and David, were visitors at the John Meitl home Sunday afternoon.

50 Years Ago February 18, 1971

Hill Receives Sugarbeet Award

John Hill of Hoxie was honored at the fifth annual Great Western Sugar Company dinner which was held at Goodland Tuesday evening for high producing sugarbeet growers in the Kemp Factory District.

Hill received recognition for being among the top ten station growers in the district. Hill had 152.6 acres of harvested beets which yielded 15,600 ton per acre, and 4,716 pounds of sugar per acre. Hill delivered his beets to the Menlo station.

Studley Items

Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Thressa Madden Wednesday afternoon. Ten ladies and our pastor, Rev. Rollin Dillinger were present.

G and G Club met with Mrs. Amelia Ploeger Thursday. All fourteen members, three visitors Mrs. Mary Stillwell, Mrs. Joan Martin and Mrs. Jeannie Stillwell were present. Each one present presented Jeannie with a gift for the new little one Jeannie and Mike are expecting soon.

Broadway News

Russell Hall spent the weekend with us. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader and children, Mrs. June Simon and Galen, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simon and Timmie and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley joined us Saturday evening for a pot luck supper. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hall left Sunday morning for home and stopped to see Jerry Simon at the rest home enroute. We enjoyed phone calls from the McCulloughs at Biloxi and Vergil Simons at Topeka recently.

4-H meets this Monday night at Royce Chestnuts.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have some real nice bedroom sets in Mediterranean, and modern styles. Nice heavy built good sets.

A pious and venerable man, having lived a long and useful life, died and went to his reward. Years later, his old friend also died and upon arriving on the other side went searching for his old friend. To his delight, he found him sitting on a large fluffy cloud with a beautiful blonde on his lap.

"Wow!" shouted the friend, "you sure have been given your reward!"

"Reward nothing," replied the old man, "I'm HER punishment!"

Packaged garden seed and bulk on hand in tomatoes, cabbage and peppers if you want them now.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice and Avis were Sunday after visitors of Mrs. Helen Tice. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter were Wednesday dinner guests of Mrs. Ruth Bainter of Oberlin and also visited Mrs. Nellie Bainter in the rest home.

Leoville Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jacobs and family of Goodland were overnight visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs Saturday. They attended the wrestling tournament in Hoxie that evening.

Teresa Fortin of Denver spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fortin, returning to Denver Sunday.

25 Years Ago February 15, 1996

Leibold Selected to Compete for Position on Olympic Racewalk Team

Atlanta '96! Catchy slogans and colorful graphics remind the American public of this southern city's new role as host to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

Victory came for 38 year-old Albert Leibold, Hoxie High School foreign language instructor. Last week Monday, Albert received official notice from the U.S. Team Trials Olympic Committee, indicating he had been selected to compete for a position on the U.S. team in the 50 kilometer racewalk on April 20 in LaGrange, GA.

Rexford

Mark and Dana Boggs and their infant son Dalton of Kansas City, Mo. were guests of their grandparents Luman and Lucile Boggs last weekend.

Jean Hawkins hosted the Social Hour Club Wednesday afternoon at the Café with 10 present. Hulda Wark received a birthday gift from her mystery pal. A donation was made to the Cancer Society by buying daffodils. Zula Horinek received the hostess gift. Valentines were used in the decorations and a heart-shaped strawberry salad with snack crackers, coffee, or iced tea were served for refreshments. Lula Thieler will be the hostess on Feb. 21 at the Café.

Jennings-Allison

Curt and Joan Norris traveled to Ingalls on Saturday to visit with their daughter and family Angie, John, Chantelle and John Michael Darrow.

Carol and Jason Topliff of Goodland came to pick up Meme Carper on Tuesday. Jason had an interview at Logan for the Dane Hansen Scholarship. He is a senior at Goodland High School. Galen and Meme went to Sharon Springs Friday to watch Jennings play basketball. They met some of their family there. Cecil and Annette Bailey, Katherine of Leoti, Dan and Charlene Mangus and boys of Kanorado, and Carol, Joslin and Joshua Topliff of Goodland.

McGraw

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter visited Russel Bainter Tuesday. Mrs. Jim Bainter called on Russel Saturday. Bill Bainter visited Sunday morning. Mrs. Bill Bainter visited Russel Monday. Brenda Bainter and Mrs. Jerome Mazanec were Wednesday night callers.

Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G.G. and Karl were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Schuhs, Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, and Edith Wasserman. Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh were Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann. The Steve Launchbaughs were Sunday dinner guests of Edith Wasserman.

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

February 15, 2021

This year I chair the Senate Ways and Means Committee which produces the Senate budget for the next fiscal year. This week the Senate Ways and Means Committee had Dr. Lee Norman, head of the state health department give a report to our committee on vaccinations in Kansas. The committee questioned Dr. Norman as to when nursing homes and long term care facilities might start easing visitor restrictions. Dr. Norman reported 83% of the residents have received a first dose and 53% a second dose, with some turning down the vaccination, at least for now. He also reported that 56% of staff have agreed to take the vaccine. Dr. Norman reported that all 650 nursing homes under CMS oversight had received vaccinations and others not under CMS were called orphan facilities and all known orphan facilities had received the vaccinations. He did say they had found one facility that they did not know about and had plans to get these people vaccinated. He said the push to vaccinate has led a lot of hospitals and some nursing homes to begin easing the visitor restrictions, with some allowing one visitor. Dr. Norman reported during the peak of the pandemic visitors were often limited to those who were dying. Quoting Dr. Norman, "We are working a

strategy with what is called rapid antigen testing where the unvaccinated person can have a rapid antigen test at the time that they come in to visit a loved one."

We also had an update from the Kansas Department of Labor. They reported on the special 11 week extension to pandemic unemployment insurance benefits built into December's federal stimulus act is weeks away from implementation in Kansas. This means many workers will go 2 months or longer without unemployment payments. Many Kansans are waiting on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program. Kansas Department of Labor is working to get the payments out. I continue to work daily to get unemployed Kansans their unemployment benefits. As I have stated in the past the Kansas Department of Labor must do a better job taking care of unemployed Kansans.

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

Faulkner Challenge Set for March 13

The Center for Entrepreneurship at Fort Hays State University and Grow Hays will host and broadcast the Faulkner Challenge on Saturday, March 13, through a Zoom virtual platform at the W.R. and Yvonne Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Students across the state of Kansas are eligible to compete for \$10,000 in prizes. Students eligible to compete at the free event include those at universities, community colleges, trade schools, vocational schools and high schools. The live-streamed event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to watch the event on multiple platforms: Facebook Live, Linked In and YouTube.

"These pitch events are impressive because they reflect the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of our students and the Kansans across the state," said Dr. Jane Talkington, interim director of The Center for Entrepreneurship. "This is meant not only to be an enjoyable event for all involved, but these kinds of exercises have potential to contribute to the economic development. The experience is a real boost for those early-stage entrepreneurs on campus and in the community."

The Faulkner Challenge is made possible by the generosity of FHSU alum Kevin Faulkner. It is a business plan competition for new ventures in the conceptual stage, the seed stage or the startup stage. Grow Hays - a nonprofit organization aimed at advancing economic health in Ellis County - will assist the Faulkner Challenge finalists in practicing their final oral presentations. Doug Williams, executive director of Grow Hays, is committed to helping those with great ideas articulate them clearly and convincingly.

Entry deadline via email is midnight Friday, March 5. The eight best business plans will be selected as finalists who will present virtually via Zoom. Entry information rules and judging criteria can be found at www.fhsu.edu/cob/faulkner-challenge. Finalists will be notified on Monday, March 8, and invited to deliver their 10-minute presentations to a panel of judges on the 13th. The top three business projects will split the \$10,000 in prize money into awards of \$6,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third place.

Following the live-streamed business plan presentations, the judges will deliberate privately on the merits of each presentation until the start of the public awards presentation at 1 p.m. Following the awards presentation, the judges will give each team private feedback. For more information, email FaulknerChallenge@FHSU.edu.

Fort Hays State One of Only Six USDLA-Certified Institutions Worldwide

The distance education arm of Fort Hays State University - continues to meet the strict requirements of membership in the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA). The association recently announced that Fort Hays State had earned certification for a period to run through 2021.

The USDLA is a nonprofit distance learning association whose work focuses on supporting distance learning research, development, and praxis across the complete arena of education, training, and communications.

In the fall of 2019, FHSU met the exhaustive, 120-standard assessment process for membership in USDLA and became one of only six USDLA-certified institutions in the world during 2020. Qualities that make USDLA membership so exclusive are a thorough annual review that requires extensive reporting on all areas of online education at the university.

"Membership in the USDLA shows that FHSU's online programs go beyond their many accreditations to satisfy more than 100 additional standards and benchmarks," said Dr. Greg Atkins, interim assistant director of FHSU Online. "Only a few dozen institutions in the world meet such stringent requirements. What a testimony to the caliber of dedication and skill of FHSU's Online faculty, students, staff and alumni."

About FHSU Online

Fort Hays State, founded in 1902, entered into distance education in 1911 when faculty voted to offer courses free by mail so that one-room schoolteachers across western Kansas could afford to pursue the continuing education required to teach. The distance education department created then evolved continuously with changing technology and culture. In 1997, the Department of Continuing Education and Instructional Technology became the FHSU Virtual College, which was renamed FHSU Online in 2020.

\$200 Million In Statewide Rental Assistance

- Funding provides housing support to prevent evictions and homelessness -

On Tuesday, February 16, Governor Kelly and the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation announced \$200 million in statewide rental assistance. The initiative, funded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, provides the state of Kansas with \$200 million to support housing stability and prevent evictions and homelessness.

Kansans struggling to cover rent and utility payments due to COVID may qualify for up to 12 months of emergency assistance thanks to new federal relief. Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) and the City of Wichita will administer the funds.

Tenants may qualify for assistance if they earn no more than 80 percent of their area's median income, are experiencing documented financial hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic and may be at risk of housing instability or homelessness without assistance.

Kansans living outside the Wichita city limits may apply through the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program administered by KHRC. The online KERA application will open on Monday, March 15, 2021.

The KERA and WERAP programs follow the 2020 Kansas Eviction Prevention Program (KEPP), a \$20 million assistance initiative administered by KHRC with federal CARES Act funding. In the roughly 60 days that the program was in statewide operation, KHRC received 10,138 applications for more than \$25 million requested in assistance, representing 27,200 Kansans financially impacted by COVID.

About the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC)

The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) is a public corporation committed to helping Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve. KHRC serves as the state's housing finance agency (HFA), administering housing and community programs to serve Kansans. This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA0032 awarded to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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New James L. Bass Legal Scholarship for Students

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) today announced the James L. Bass Legal Scholarship, a new scholarship for students with an interest in rural communities entering their first year of law school. FRS is the philanthropic arm of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, of which Nex-Tech is a member.

With an active law career that spanned more than 70 years, James Bass helped secure funds for rural telephone systems to bring modern telephone service to rural areas. He was pivotal in the creation of NTCA, where he served as one of the organization's earliest presidents. Bass continued his leadership with service for more than 50 years as legal counsel.

Recognizing Bass's impact to the industry and his passion for the legal profession, the NTCA Board of Directors established a scholarship for students with an interest in rural communities to attend law school. The first James L. Bass Legal Scholarship will be awarded in spring 2021 and will be at least \$5,000.

"Jim was not only a founding member of NTCA; he was a guiding light for our association through much of his lifetime," said Shirley Bloomfield, chief executive officer of NTCA. "He spent his last years in service to the association as our general counsel where he helped guide our national board through growth and transformation. How fitting it is to honor him with a law school scholarship recognizing not only his passion for rural America but for the legal profession as well. My sincere thanks to all the NTCA members who so generously donated in Jim's memory."

Jacque Beckman, Nex-Tech Youth Services/Training Specialist said, "What an amazing opportunity for those entering as first-year law students this fall. It is our privilege to help share this opportunity with students in the rural communities we serve."

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132 Marissa Porsch (37-1) placed 1st and scored 23.5 team points.

Quarterfinal - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 37-1 received a bye
Semifinal - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 37-1 won by fall over Alexa Guzman (Lyons) 3-2 (Fall 3:08)

1st Place Match - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 37-1 won by tech fall over Madison Gottchalk (Ellis) 16-5 (TF-1.5 4:25 (18-3))

HHS Scholars Bowl Team Second at League



By Jackie Campbell

The Hoxie High School Scholars Bowl team traveled to Russell for the MCL League Scholars Bowl Tournament on February 11, 2021. The team consists of three juniors Troy Swint, Adam Heim, and Avery Reube; one sophomore Maddy Snyder; and two freshmen Elyssa Rucker and Levi Gleason.

The competition was pool play with twelve teams. Pool A: Ellis, Hoxie, Oakley, Plainville, Smith Center, and TMP-Marian. Pool B: Hill City, Norton, Phillipsburg, Russell, Stockton, and Trego. Hoxie ended the rounds of competition in their pool with three wins and two losses to Oakley and TMP-Marian placing them second in the pool. They advanced to finals against pool B first place team Norton. Hoxie won the round 50-40 and advanced once again to play first place team TMP-Marian. TMP-Marian was undefeated and ended up winning the tournament; Hoxie placed second with Russell placing third, and Norton placing fourth.

"I'm glad I have had the opportunity to work with this group of students. I couldn't have asked for a better bunch. Placing second was a great achievement; it's nothing to complain about. I'm proud of them for giving it their all," said Scholars Bowl Coach, Jackie Campbell. "I'm looking forward to next year working with this young group of students and participating in many more Scholars Bowl tournaments."



Friday night the Hoxie Indians hosted the Plainville Cardinals. The Lady Indians came out with a 4-0 lead in the first quarter and never let Plainville regain the lead, winning 48-26. Freshman, Josey Kennedy led in scoring with 22 points. The Indian men, who are remaining undefeated on the season, defeated Plainville 74-51. Gavin Tremblay opened up the game with a 3-point shot. Tremblay led in scoring with 18 points total. Overall, the Indian energy from both teams is high getting ready to face Ellis Tuesday night.

KSHSAA 3-2-1A Regional 1 Results



106 Tate Weimer (31-9) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Tate Weimer 31-9 won by fall over Mason Alderdice (Hoisington) 8-11 (Fall 3:43)
Semifinal - Tate Weimer 31-9 won by decision over Mason Younger (Ellis) 30-2 (Dec 6-4)
1st Place Match - Carter Underhill (Hill City) 28-2 won by fall over Tate Weimer 31-9 (Fall 1:30)

113 Wayne Shepard (33-8) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wayne Shepard 33-8 received a bye
Semifinal - Wayne Shepard 33-8 won by fall over Aaron Garcia (Cimarron) 12-17 (Fall 2:54)
1st Place Match - Josiah Ball (Hoisington) 23-3 won by decision over Wayne Shepard 33-8 (Dec 3-2)

120 Carson Ochs (32-7) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Carson Ochs 32-7 received a bye
Semifinal - Carson Ochs 32-7 won by fall over Seamus Holmes (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian) 15-17 (Fall 1:07)
1st Place Match - Carson Ochs 32-7 won by decision over Logan Normandin (Plainville) 25-10 (Dec 2-0)

126 Dayton Bell (35-3) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Dayton Bell 35-3 won by fall over Braydon Binder (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian) 20-16 (Fall 1:56)
Semifinal - Dayton Bell 35-3 won by fall over Wyatt Gardner (Leoti) 20-4 (Fall 5:29)
1st Place Match - Dayton Bell 35-3 won by forfeit over Kolton Field (Norton) 28-2 (For)

132 Drew Bell (38-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Drew Bell 38-0 won by fall over Jacob Ney (Russell) 9-16 (Fall 0:59)
Semifinal - Drew Bell 38-0 won by fall over Deryk Yott (Hoisington) 21-11 (Fall 0:44)
1st Place Match - Drew Bell 38-0 won by fall over Leighton Colburn (Stockton) 23-9 (Fall 0:55)

138 Drew Bretz (38-2) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Drew Bretz 38-2 won by fall over Bly Gosch (Lakin) 14-15 (Fall 1:27)
Semifinal - Drew Bretz 38-2 won by decision over Reece Grafel (Oberlin) 28-8 (Dec 7-0)
1st Place Match - Drew Bretz 38-2 won by decision over Eric Cain (Oakley) 29-3 (Dec 6-5)

145 Derek Johnson (37-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson 37-0 won by fall over Zachery Harmon (Cimarron) 11-17 (Fall 0:47)
Semifinal - Derek Johnson 37-0 won by fall over Gabe Kerns (Plainville) 26-14 (Fall 5:14)
1st Place Match - Derek Johnson 37-0 won by decision over Tanner Sells (WaKeeney) 15-5 (Dec 7-0)

160 Aidan Baalman (40-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Aidan Baalman 40-0 won by fall over Tathen Lovewell (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian) 19-16 (Fall 3:25)
Semifinal - Aidan Baalman 40-0 won by fall over Kade Lovelady (Lakin) 19-18 (Fall 1:09)
1st Place Match - Aidan Baalman 40-0 won by fall over Ayden Nickelson (Hill City) 20-9 (Fall 2:11)

285 Brandon Baker (26-4) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandon Baker 26-4 won by fall over Dravin Chavira (Lakin) 6-23 (Fall 0:37)
Semifinal - Brandon Baker 26-4 won by fall over Ivan Jirak (Oakley) 24-12 (Fall 1:00)
1st Place Match - Brandon Baker 26-4 won by fall over Thayne Walt (Hill City) 21-10 (Fall 0:50)

Team Scores

- Hoxie 208.0
- Hill City 145.5
- Ellis 103.0
- Hoisington 93.0
- Atwood-Rawlins County 77.5
- Oakley 75.0
- Norton Community 70.0
- Plainville 67.0
- Stockton 52.0
- Russell 47.0
- Oberlin-Decatur Community 46.0
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- Leoti-Wichita County 42.0
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- Stafford 13.0
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Hoxie Wrestling Wins Regional Title, Wrestler and Coach of the Year

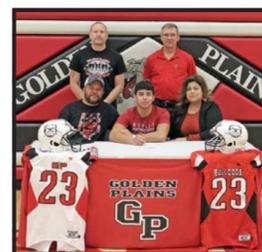
By Coleen Shepard

The Indian wrestlers' domination at the KSHSAA 3-2-1A Regional 1 tournament last Friday left no doubt as to why they are the number one ranked team in 3-2-1A Wrestling. After a strong performance at the previous week's District I Tournament, Hoxie had nine wrestlers, all ranked, traveling to compete at the Regional Tournament. Placing second at the Regional 1 tournament were sophomores Tate Weimer (ranked 3rd) and Wayne Shepard (ranked 4th), at 106 lb and 113 lb respectively. Regional 1 Champions for Hoxie were freshman Carson Ochs (120 lb ranked 4th), sophomores Dayton Bell (126lb ranked 2nd), Drew Bretz (138 lb ranked 1st) and Derek Johnson (145lb ranked 1st), juniors Drew Bell (132 lb ranked 1st) and Brandon Baker (285 lb ranked 6th), and senior Aidan Baalman (160 lb ranked 2nd). Earning 17 wins by fall, five by decision and two by forfeit the wrestlers compiled 208.0 team points, easily claiming the KSHSAA 3-2-1A Regional 1 team title by 62.5 points. Following their regional win Hoxie remains undefeated as a team and has three undefeated wrestlers, Derek Johnson (37-0), Drew Bell (38-0) and Aidan Baalman (40-0). Aidan Baalman was named Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament and Head Coach Mike Porsch was named the Regional coach of the year.

Hoxie's Girls wrestler, Marissa Porsch (37-1), who is ranked second at 132 pounds in the Girls Division II claimed the Champion bracket at the KSHSAA Girls Division II Region 1 tournament.

These ten wrestlers will move on to compete in the sub-state tournaments this coming weekend. Marissa will travel to Ellis on Friday and the boys will travel to Minneapolis on Saturday. Marissa's matches will be streamed live on HHS Wrestling Facebook page and Openspacesports.com will be covering the Minneapolis Tournament. Start times are 3:00pm and noon, respectively.

Loya Signs with McPherson College



By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains senior Rojelio Loya signed a letter of intent to play football at McPherson College next fall. Loya was a standout athlete for Golden Plains High School all four years. Following an injury his freshman year, Loya worked hard to come back

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BULLDOGS PLAY IN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT



Rebound! Golden Plains senior Wade Rush pulls down a rebound in the final game of the WKLL tournament against Triplains/Brewster in Colby on February 6. Rush led the Bulldogs with 46 points in the three games of the tournament. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs basketball team played three games in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament February 2-6. They took on Cheylin in Grainfield on Tuesday, then played Wheatland/Grinnell in Grinnell on Thursday. They finished the tournament on Friday with a game against Triplains/Brewster at the Community Building in Colby. The first game against Cheylin was a matchup of the team they had played the previous Friday. This game got

Loya

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his sophomore season to be named as one of the top 100 non-senior football players and as an interception leader by Sports in Kansas. As a junior, he was named to the K-Preps.com Six Man All-State Team as honorable mention Linebacker/Defensive back and as a defensive stat leader by Sports in Kansas for tackles in 6/8 man. He had a total of 1159 yards, 18 touchdowns, and 133 tackles for the Bulldogs.

As a senior, Loya was named to the K-Preps Six-Man All-State Team as Honorable Mention Defensive End/Returner and by Kansas Pregame as one of the Top 6 in 6-Man. He finishes his senior season 103 tackles, 10 sacks, and 2 interceptions along with 847 rushing yards, 115 receiving yards, 301 passing yards, and 16 total touchdowns. He has competed in the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City throughout high school where the Bulldogs placed in the top four each season.

Loya chose McPherson College because of their four-year program. He plans to major in Business Marketing. "My goal at McPherson is to contribute to the team and to show that six-man players can compete at the next level," said Loya.

WHS Student Wins Scholarship



By Carolyn Nelson, sponsor
Western Cooperative Electric recently conducted the Youth Tour 2021 Essay Contest. In past years, the Cooperative had awarded two trips to Washington D.C. and two winners to Steamboat Springs for leadership camp, with each of the four receiving a \$250.00

scholarship. The fifth-place winner earned a \$250.00 Darrel Brown Memorial scholarship. However, this year due to Covid-19, generous scholarships replaced all trips.

Results were extremely close, with only five points separating the top five winners. WHS junior Tyra Schultz was awarded third place and will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship for her post-secondary education! She plans to attend NCK Tech to pursue a nursing degree.

Christina Lowry, office manager and youth coordinator for the thirteen counties served by the Western Cooperative, said, "We had a great group of kids this year. Our three-person panel of judges faced a challenging decision to select the winners."

Tyra states, "Keep striving for what you want in life and you will receive good things. I am glad to have this opportunity to help me succeed in college and reach my goals."

Congratulations to Tyra and good luck at NCK Tech.

Thunderhawk Zarybnicky Signs with Conqs



Photo credit: Wheatland DTP

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Wheatland-Grinnell senior Trevor Zarybnicky has signed with Dodge City Community College to play football as a Conquistador. This past football season was very successful for the Thunderhawks, who went 8-3, and placed 2nd in District play. Zarybnicky was one of a few key players who led the Thunderhawks to finish the season ranked #10 in KS 8-man Div. II. Being 6'3", and 235#, the linebacker/fullback is a force to be reckoned with. His senior football season he was the Thunderhawks leading tackler, credited with 161 tackles (solo and assisted) total. He also averaged 15.6 rushing yards per game and have over 40 carries in 11 games. Head coach Jesse Vincent describes Trevor as "an athlete that has just continued to grow and blossom into a great player all through high school. He is a tremendous kid that is willing to work hard and that will lead him to some big things in his college career." Zarybnicky was named the 8 Man DII Defensive Player of the Year (led all classifications in total tackles), All District First Team Linebacker, All State Topeka Capitol, All State Wichita Eagle, and 8 Man DII All Star Game.

By Emma Thompson, Staff Reporter

On Friday, February 5, 2021, the Freshman Earth Science class made volcanoes to finish out their volcano unit. The class is offered by Mrs. Elizabeth Thoe, a new member of the WHS staff this year. They worked on the unit all week and decided to make volcanic models to end the unit. The Freshman class used paper and supplies to create the structure of the volcano. They then got to decorate them how they wanted to.

After making the structure, the students used a mixture of vinegar and baking soda to create the eruption. Once letting the volcanoes explode with the vinegar and baking soda, they switched to Diet Coke and Mentos. The Diet Coke and Mentos proved to be more effective and created a bigger explosion.

Freshman Jordyn Beckman jokingly said, "It was so much fun till Ms. Thoe squirted Coke at me!"

They shot the volcanoes off Friday afternoon with Mrs. Thoe as a group. The Freshman class enjoyed the project and unit as a whole.

Ms. Thoe added, "The kids worked really hard. It was also a lot of fun to shoot them off."

Spirit Week at WHS

By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

February 8 through 12 is a week of fun for all of the students and staff at WHS. FCCLA and the cheerleaders put together activities for the students and staff to enjoy for FCCLA week and Snowball Spirit Week.

For FCCLA week, sponsor Mrs. Kim Dohm and FCCLA members prepared a week full of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. On Monday, everyone was invited to the gym to play kickball to "Kick-off to FCCLA week". On Tuesday, a Trivia and Scavenger hunt was prepared, with prizes for the winners. On Wednesday there was a Teachers and Staff Appreciation Lunch, that Mrs. Dohm's fourth-hour class and a handful of members prepared. On Thursday, FCCLA prepared heart cookies that students or staff could purchase for their special Valentine. And on Friday, an FCCLA Celebration Breakfast ended the festivities.

Sophomore Emma Thompson states, "I think it was fun to incorporate some FCCLA activities into our day to add some excitement!"

For Snowball Spirit week, the cheerleaders choose themes for everyone to dress up. Monday was Jail Break Day, so everybody was supposed to dress up like an inmate. Tuesday was TikTok day, so students were supposed to dress up like a TikTok influencer. Wednesday was Old Person Day. Thursday was Gender Swap Day, to dress up like the opposite gender. And on Friday, it was Fight Night, to show off Thunderhawk Pride!



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The FCCLA hosted a lunch for all members during FCCLA week. (HHS photo)



Senior FCCLA members Baylee McKenna and Zoe Gregory sell Mrs. Frazey suckers to William Meyer and Skylar Tremblay during lunch time for FCCLA week. (HHS photo)



Some of the FCCLA members pose for a picture after the member luncheon. Front: Sponsor Jaclyn Carder, Karlee Geisinger, Ashlyn Slipke, Skylar Tremblay. Back: Hannah Eller, Laura Rietcheck, Ayleen Dimas, Lauren Spillman, Imagen Tremblay, Haley Heskett, and Baylee McKenna. (HHS photo)

FCCLA Week is February 8-12

During this week we always sell Mrs. Frazey suckers to the students. Most of the time we always sell-out within the first 2 hours.

- **Monday, February 8: Grow Beyond Measure**
 - Selling sweetheart suckers during lunch (pay \$1.25 to give a sucker with an anonymous message to a friend)
- **Tuesday, February 9: Influence Beyond Measure**
 - We are going to sell suckers for everyone during lunchtime!
 - Instagram poll about facts about FCCLA (@hhs_fccla2020) the winner gets 3 suckers
- **Wednesday, February 10: Educate Beyond Measure**
 - Sandwich bar with FCCLA members at lunch and group meeting
- **Thursday, February 11: Advocate Beyond Measure**
 - Officer takeover of the FCCLA instagram page
 - This is where officers and willing members can post of picture of themselves and how FCCLA has helped you grow as a person or their favorite memories of FCCLA
- **Friday, February 12: Lead Beyond Measure**
 - Camo theme night in honor of the Carder Family at the home basketball game
 - Cake raffle (and free will donations) all proceeds will go to the Carder family
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The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America at Wheatland High School have been very busy this year. The FCCLA jump-started the year with Tyra Schultz serving as the District President. Tyra and the other district officers planned the virtual Fall Conference that was held on October 28, 2020. Kim Dohm, the FCCLA advisor, also planned activities and service projects for the FCCLA members for the district conference.



Principal Flinn helps the FCCLA students Johnny, Kaleb, Hunter and Trevor build snow fence. (WHS photo)

The FCCLA officers for our club this year are Liv Schultz – President, Nate Vollbracht – Vice President, Mary McDonald – Secretary / Treasurer, and Isaiah Dickman is our STUCO representative. Four of our members – Livia Schultz, Anna Godek, Isaac Mendez, and Treven Humphries, have been elected to serve as a District Officer next year. We have 29 affiliated FCCLA members in our club this year.

Our focus this year for our FCCLA club has been community service. Our first community service activity was creating FCCLA Cares Packages for people in our community that were on quarantine for Covid-19. We delivered over 50 care bags – complete with healthy foods high in Vit C, Vit D, and zinc to help fight the virus. The bags also contained fun items such as sudoku puzzles, play dough, and other items to keep people busy during quarantine.

Another community service project the FCCLA has conducted was a Fall Carnival for the WES students. During the carnival, the elementary students participated in a photo booth, a slime station, monster bean bag toss, crafts, and a pumpkin patch cake walk.

FCCLA members have also volunteered time at the City Library in Grainfield on two separate occasions. During this time, the

students helped prepare for the library for a fall craft event and helped clean up the alley beside the library.

FCCLA members also took time to help the City of Grainfield put up snow fence around town. In addition, FCCLA members spent a morning of their Christmas break to distribute commodities in Grainfield, Grinnell, and Gove.

This week is FCCLA week at Wheatland High School. The National Theme is “Beyond Measure.” Our plan of activities include a Kick-Off to FCCLA week with a competitive game of Kick Ball on Monday. Tuesday we have having FCCLA trivia and a scavenger hunt throughout the day. Wednesday, FCCLA members are preparing an Appreciation Lunch for all teachers and staff. Thursday, FCCLA members are showing off their cookie baking and decorating skills by selling Valentine’s Heart Cookies as a fundraiser for the club. And on Friday, FCCLA members will finish celebrating with a FCCLA members and future members breakfast. To participate in our National Theme, FCCLA members will vote on a teacher, a staff member, and a student to receive a “Beyond Measure” award this week. The award honors those who have gone above and beyond in leadership, kindness and advocacy.

Wheatland FCCLA is planning one more conference this spring, where we will continue to focus on team building skills and community service.

Wheatland High School is proud to be a part of FCCLA!



Marsha, Jordyn and Maddy help assemble the FCCLA care packages. (WHS photo)



FCCLA members 2020-2021 (WHS photo)



Contents of the FCCLA care packages. (WHS photo)

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Northern Plains Farm Labor

In the Northern Plains Region (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota) there were 36,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 2020, down 3% from the July 2019 reference week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Workers numbered 39,000 during the week of October 11-17, 2020, down 9% from the October 2019 reference week.

Farm operators in the Northern Plains Region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$16.68 per hour during the July 2020 reference week, up 7% from the July 2019 reference week.

Field workers received an average of \$16.83 per hour, up \$0.93. Livestock workers earned \$15.57 per hour, up \$1.76. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$16.30, was up \$1.30 from the 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 44.6 hours during the July 2020 reference week, compared with 42.2 hours worked during the July 2019 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$16.83 per hour during the October 2020 reference week, up 6% from the October 2019 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$17.04 per hour, up \$0.63. Livestock workers earned \$15.52 per hour, up \$1.76. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$16.45, was up \$1.05 from the October 2019 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 46.0 hours during the October 2020 reference week, compared with 43.4 hours worked during the October 2019 reference week.

National Sorghum Producers Announces Virtual Industry Forum

National Sorghum Producers will host a virtual industry forum March 1 at 5:30 p.m. central to honor 2020 Sorghum Yield Contest winners and address relative issues and advancements in the sorghum industry. The event will take place in advance of Commodity Classic where it is typically held in person, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, all events will take place virtually this year.

"We look forward to bringing the same level of energy and insight into this condensed virtual program to honor our 2020 sorghum yield contest winners and to address sorghum farmers nationwide," NSP CEO Tim Lust said. "The beauty of having a virtual

event is we are able to open this forum to the entire industry and guests through an efficient, informative and entertaining program."

The event, sponsored by Pioneer Seeds, will feature a keynote with insights from Washington, D.C. Reece Cannady, U.S. Grains Council manager for global trade, and Sorghum Checkoff director Florentino Lopez will overview opportunities relating to current markets and sorghum demand. This will be followed by updates from Sorghum Checkoff Agronomy Director Brent Bean on the No. 1 producer requested advancement in sorghum seed technology—improved grass

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Sheridan County shall complete all work associated with preparing the roadbed for surfacing. The Contractor shall be responsible for road surface preparations specified in the KDOT Specifications for State Road and Bridge Construction (Current Edition).

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Sheridan Road & Bridge Department, 840 4th St., Hoxie, Kansas 67740 or Penco Engineering, P.A., 711 NW 3rd St., Plainville, Kansas 67663.

Electronic copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at no charge by contacting the office of PENCO ENGINEERING, P.A., by phone at (785) 434-4611 or email at trenda@penco-engineering.com. Paper copies may be obtained from the office of PENCO ENGINEERING, P.A., P.O. Box 392, 711 N.W. 3rd Street, Plainville, Kansas 67663 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set.

Sheridan County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any or all technicalities.

February 18, 2021
Date /s/ Jerol J. DeBoer, Consultant

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NSP encourages interested participants to view the event website to learn more about the program agenda and speakers. The first 50 farmers to RSVP to the event at SorghumGrowers.com/yield2020 will receive a Sorghum: The Smart Choice® t-shirt and a pair of NSP cotton gloves.

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: 2014 Case-IH Magnum 380 MFWD tractor, CVT trans., suspended front axle, 2,250 hours, SN ZERF08005; 2005 Case-IH STX325 4wd tractor, PS trans., 1000 PTO, 1,583 hours, SN JEE0108765; 2013 Case-IH 8230 2wd combine, 1,924 eng./1,420 sep. hours, SN YDG220 413; 2010 Case-IH 8120 4wd combine, 2,536 eng./1,781 sep. hours, SN YAG208241; 2017 Case-IH 4412 12 row 30" corn head, SN YHH632778; 2012 Case-IH 2162 35' flex draper head, SN YCZM17554; 2008 Case-IH 3412 12 row 30" corn head, SN Y8S018026; 2017 MacDon FD75-D 40' flex draper head, SN 305206; Dose 37' head cart; Maurer 32' head cart; Patriot Crop Sweeper 12 row 30" down corn reel; 2017 Apache AS1020 self-propelled sprayer, 1,000 gal. tank, 100' boom, 813 hours, SN 9170415; 2005 B-B 47' sprayer trailer, 3,000 gal. tank, outriggers, Batchboy chemical system; Case 521E XR wheel loader, bucket with grapple, 6,677 hours, SN N8F204320; Case-IH 1250 24 row 30" planter, central fill, loaded with Precision Planting equipment, SN Y8S007143; John Deere 1890 CCS 40' air seeder, 10" spacing; Orthman 11R1R 12 row 30" NH3 strip till bar, complete w/ Elk Creek caddy; Kinze 1300 grain cart, duals, scales, roll tarp, SN 100196; (2) Quinstar sweep plows; Quinstar 7-shank ripper; Sunflower 24' disk; 2000 Freightliner FL70 feed truck, Cat 3126 eng., auto trans., Feed Mixer 490-14 bed; Haybuster H-1100 Big Bite tub grinder; Wheatheart High & Heavy Hitter post pounder, Honda GX380 eng., SN 213408; L-H Versa-Tote portable bulk bin; Scott portable cattle tub and alley; ADS 2-box seed tender; Fuel Mate 750 gal. fuel trailer, DEF tank; Handler III chemical mixer; Rhino 15' batwing mower; Hesston 5580 round baler, as-is; 2006 Kenworth T800 day cab semi, Cat C15 eng., 10-spd. trans., 611,828 miles; 2000 Kenworth T800 day cab semi, Cat C12 eng., 10-spd. trans., 1,030,819 miles; 2013 Timpt 40' hopper bottom trailer, ag hoppers, air ride, power tarp; 1997 Jet 34' hopper bottom trailer, spring ride, power tarp; 2014 Ford F-350 4wd pickup, Lariat, 6.7L diesel eng., auto trans., crew cab, short bed, 20" wheels, B&W gooseneck hitch, 57,150 miles, VIN 1FT8W3BT2EEB63074; 2006 Ford F-250 4wd pickup, XLT, 6.0 diesel eng., auto trans., extended cab, aluminum flatbed, 166,986 miles; 2012 Hillsboro 26' aluminum livestock trailer, gooseneck, (2) center divide gates, VIN 1TH2A2HK2C1026099; 2014 Eagle 24' flatbed trailer; 2020 Polaris Ranger 1000 XP 4wd UTV, full cab with heat, power steering, aluminum wheels, 1,123 miles; 1988 Ford bucket truck; Chevrolet 50 flatbed truck; 2015 Fuzion Chrome F2345 camper; 2014 Harley Davidson 110 Screamin Eagle motorcycle, 23,681 miles; 40'x8' shipping container converted to doghouse, 5 pens, heat/AC, insulated; and more!

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA PRATT, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 2, 2021 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated June 21, 1983 and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Michael Pratt be appointed as Executor and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Hoxie at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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

Michael Pratt
Petitioner

Harry Joe Pratt, #11860
Attorney for Petitioner
ELAND & PRATT, LLC
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 565
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Hoxie, KS 67740
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of VICKIE DEINES, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-4

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

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of the above named Decedent on the 5th day of February, 2021, and that Letters of Administration have been duly granted to said Administrator.

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

Brandon Deines
Administrator

Ken Eland, #12054
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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the matter of the Application of John O. Farmer, Inc. for an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the Sutor-Ziegler Waterflood Unit to be located in Sheridan County, Kansas) Docket No. 21-CONS-3175-CUNI)
) CONSERVATION DIVISION)
) License No: 5135)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LANDOWNERS, OVERRIDING ROYALTY INTEREST OWNERS, OTHER OWNERS OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, MORTGAGEES OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You and each of you are hereby notified that John O. Farmer, Inc. (Farmer) has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) pursuant to K.S.A. 55-1301, et seq., seeking an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the Sutor-Ziegler Waterflood Unit (Unit). The area of the proposed Unit which shall be operated by Farmer includes all of Section Thirty (30), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West in Sheridan County, Kansas. Farmer proposes to unitize the oil rights to a pool within the Lansing-Kansas City Formation and all formations above the Lansing-Kansas City Formation beneath the area of the Unit. The stratigraphic equivalent of the Unitized Formations begins at the surface (0') and continues down to the Base Lansing-Kansas City Formation (3,884' TVD) as shown on the logs of the Sutor #6 well (API #15-179-21100). Farmer intends to conduct enhanced oil recovery operations within said pool in order to increase the recovery of oil reserves and will allocate oil production from the Unit across two individual tracts on a fair, reasonable, and equitable basis. The application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object or protest to the granting of the application shall be required to file their objections or protests in writing with the Commission within fifteen (15) days after the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the application may be determined administratively by the Commission and may thereby be granted without hearing or further notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the application will violate correlative rights, cause waste, or pollute water resources. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission Conservation Division, 266 North Main Street, Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, with a copy to Farmer's attorneys listed below. All parties in anyway interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and gather themselves accordingly.

Thompson, Arthur, Davidson & Katz
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Russell, Kansas 67665
(785) 483-3195
Attorneys for John O. Farmer, Inc.

Germaine Weis

September 3, 1920 ~ February 10, 2021



Germaine Mary (Kruse) Weis of Colby, Kansas, formerly of Dresden, Kansas, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at the age of 100. Born September 3, 1920, Germaine was the oldest child of Ben and Barbara (Geisinger) Kruse. She grew up on the family farm south of Leoville, Kansas with her five siblings. Germaine attended Green

Valley Elementary School and graduated from Leoville High School. After receiving her teaching certificate at Marymount College, she returned home and taught in rural elementary schools in the area.

One day completely out of the blue, she received a call from Raymond Weis who asked her out on a date. After a short courtship, they were married on October 17, 1944, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, Kansas. They raised nine children on the farm south of Dresden, where they resided all their lives until the death of Raymond, and her health started to fail. They had a dairy farm as well as farming the land. Germaine made a move to the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, Kansas where she lived out the remainder of her life.

Germaine was a hard worker and really enjoyed being outside rather than inside. Luckily, being blessed with five daughters who could take over the inside work, Germaine could be outside working in her garden and tending to her chickens. She canned the produce so the family had delicious homegrown vegetables during the winter. After her children left home, she would sell the extra produce to neighbors and at the farmer's market.

Germaine was a great baker and made delicious cookies, bread, pies, and angel food cakes. She also loved to sew, quilt, do crafts, and woodworking. She made many of her family's clothes and enjoyed making her grandkids Care Bears, dolls, and many other stuffed animals. Germaine also took her handiwork to craft fairs for several years.

Germaine was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville and of the Altar Society. She loved her family very much and enjoyed her grand and great-grandchildren. They were so important in her life.

Germaine is survived by her sons, Norbert Weis of Hoxie, Kansas and Frank Weis (Esther) of Akron, Colorado; daughters,

Joan Long (Carl) of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Jane Fleming (Jim) of Lindsborg, Kansas, Jean Cech (Joe) of Goodland, Kansas, Dolores Mauck (Roger) of Hoxie, Kansas, and Rose Weis (friend Mylinda Mengel) of Round Rock, Texas; daughter-in-law Jane Weis of Hoxie, Kansas; sister-in-law Janice Kruse of Selden, Kansas; twenty grandchildren and thirty-four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond Weis; sons, Steve Weis and Robert Weis; brother, Joe Kruse; and sisters, Florence Zodrow, Mary Ann Zodrow, Loretta Woodall, and Rita Kruse.

A Mass of Christian Burial is planned for Friday, February 19, 2021, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, Kansas at 10:30 A.M. Interment will follow the service in the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leoville, Kansas. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 18, 2021, from Noon to 3:00 PM at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas and 5:00-7:00 PM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville, Kansas. A Vigil and Rosary Service will follow visitation at 7:00 PM at the church. The family will receive friends at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Benefit Walk and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Condolences and words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com. The service will be live-streamed.

Germaine lived a long life. She worked hard, loved her family and the Lord Jesus Christ with all her heart. During her life, her family and friends were able to create many memories that they will now hold in their hearts.

Commission Minutes 2/2/2021

Now on this 2nd day of February 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others

Mary Schamberger

June 21, 1928 ~ February 7, 2021



Mary Agnes (Otter) Schamberger, 92, passed away, Sunday, February 7, 2021 at the Sheridan County Long Term Care surrounded by her loving family. She was born in New Alamo, Kansas on June 21, 1928 the oldest child of Albert and Sophia (Bruggeman) Otter. Mary grew up on the farm with her eight siblings and attending New Alamo School through eighth grade. Mary worked

for families in the area by helping them take care of the children and helping with housework. She also worked in the New Alamo Grocery Store. A young man, Michael "Mike" Schamberger, moved back to the area, and an Aunt and cousin set Mike up with a lovely young lady, Mary Otter. That blind date turned into a life-long love story. Mike and Mary were married in New Alamo, Kansas on September 14, 1954. They made their first home northeast of Hoxie, and in 1957, a neighbor came and asked Mike and Mary if they would like to buy his farm. They bought the farm where they raised their family of six children and farmed until moving to the town of Hoxie.

Mary was a homemaker caring for her family. She always had a big garden and raised chickens. She canned the produce from the garden, butchered the chickens and used the eggs to make sure there was always plenty of good food to feed her family. She was a great cook. She cooked every meal until entering the Long Term Care. During harvest, she prepared big meals for her family working in the fields, something they will always remember. Mary was a great seamstress and made many of her children's clothes. She crocheted afghans and made quilts for her grandchildren. She was a member of the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church and St. Frances Cabrini Sodality. She was very involved with church and taught religion for many years. Mary was a good mother who loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart. Family was the most important to her.

Mary is survived by sons Ray and wife DeeAnn, Ron and wife Sharon, John and wife Gina, and Gerry all of Hoxie; daughters, Jeanne Shipley and husband Rick of Hoxie and Joan Schippers and husband Charlie of Hays; brothers, Conrad Otter of McPherson, Kansas, Alfred Otter and wife Betty of New Alamo, Kansas, Harold Otter of Flagstaff, Arizona; Fran and wife, Phyllis Otter of Hays, Kansas, and sister Jan Richards and husband, Steve of Sandia Park, New Mexico; sisters-in-law, Carol Otter of Norton, Kansas and Julia Otter of Hays, Kansas; grandchildren, Meghann Gourley (Brendon), Arielle Simpson (Jed), Michael Schamberger (Kaitlyn), Nicole Tremblay (Bret), Leslea Oelke (Brett), Brittany Eggleston (Marcus), Taylore Schamberger, Jessica Mishler (Beau), Russell Shipley (Dana), Ryan Shipley (Shanna), Richelle Baldwin (Jake), Kayla Wilhelm (Kellen), Jenna Goldsby (Scott), Brad Schippers, Clayton Schamberger (Marissa), Courtney Schamberger, and Cami Schamberger; and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Mike; her parents, Albert and Sophia Otter; brothers, Gil Otter, Gerard Otter, and Roger Otter; sister, Ursula Otter; and sister-in-law Charlotte Otter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, February 12, 2021, 10:30 AM, at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie, Kansas. Interment will take place following the service in the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM with the Vigil and Rosary Service starting at 7:00 PM all at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas. Family will greet friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Health Complex LTC or St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. The service will be live-streamed. Please go to the mickeyleopoldfuneral.com webpage for the link. Words of condolence and comfort for the family may be left on the webpage.

present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Carolyn Meyer, Reba White, and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Wes Bainter opened the public hearing to hear comments pertaining to the change in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, was on hand for questions. There being no questions or discussion, Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the revised Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Wes Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. At 8:01, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Pratt and Wagoner. The door opened at 8:11 with no decision being made.

Pratt presented changes for the handbook as it pertains to use of the credit card. Bracht had also created a change. The two will be incorporated

for approval next week. There was discussion about drug/alcohol testing and physicals for new hires. Bracht and Pratt both stated that to do these tests prior to hiring could be discrimination. Pratt will do more research and let the board know next week. Pratt sent a letter to Mr. Hirdler about the easement and also tried to contact him by phone but did not get a response. The next step is to file an Eminent Domain Lawsuit. This will take a little bit of time and will incur some expenses that the county will be responsible for.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated that a couple graders had issues last week, but they have been taken care of. Also, the 2008 red Chevy had an oil pump problem which the county is repairing themselves. Herskowitz talked with Vic Winter about the blade he is working on and it should be ready today. The board briefly discussed the mowing contracts. Sealed bids were opened for the pickups being sold from road & bridge. Travis Schaffer submitted the high bid for the 3/4T extended cab at \$800; Travis Schaffer submitted high bid for the 1988 Chevy regular cab at \$1,000 and Joe Herskowitz had high bid for

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Puzzles4Kids Answer

What do you get if you cross a sheep and a porcupine?
An animal that knits its own sweaters.

CryptoQuip answer

If an L.A. baseball pro has a knack for sketching pictures, is he an artful Dodger?

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Wonder 2. Rescue; 3. Rebuke; 4. Dawdle

Today's Word WARDROBE

SNOWFLAKES solution

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

Super Crossword Answers

I	W	A	S	B	I	M	O	D	A	L	B	E	T	H	M	O	B			
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Commission Minutes continued

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the 1985 3/4T orange pickup at \$801.01. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept the high bids for these vehicles seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Wes Bainter contacted Jerol DeBoer at Penco Engineering via phone regarding the feedlot road. DeBoer stated that they have surveyed the road and are working on the plans now. They will hopefully be able to advertise for bids next week. DeBoer will be put on the agenda for the upcoming meeting to present the plan so the board has time to review and discuss. Curtis Higby, Noxious Weed Director, presented the year-end report for noxious weed as well as the 2021 Noxious Weed Plan. By consensus, the board approved and signed the plans. Higby stated that all prairie dog

towns have been treated and he estimates 72% of the prairie dogs have been eliminated. Mike O'Dell, Trisha Hageman and Kevin Johnson from the Sheridan County Health Complex entered the meeting. O'Dell presented the 2020 end-of-year report for the hospital as well as the 2021 budget which had been approved by the hospital board of trustees. Wes Bainter asks that the bond payment schedule be presented next time. Johnson discussed the COVID vaccine that has been received and given. Johnson stated the clinic has worked closely with Public Health on getting the vaccines given and he appreciates how hard Wagoner is working at Public Health. O'Dell stated he would let Bracht know when the groundbreaking was going to be at the hospital, and she will let the board know. Bracht distributed DSNWK

information as well as the Agreement for Services. Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve and sign the Agreement for Services. Carried 3-0. Bracht advised the board that Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, had reached out to Jim Myers about helping Public Health with financial stuff. The board will wait and see what comes in for Mowing Agreements before deciding whether or not to advertise for seasonal help or have the road and bridge employees take care of mowing. Wes Bainter suggested to Mader and Joe Bainter to get out and talk with individuals in the community about becoming an EMT. It is a big commitment but vital in our community. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the January 29, 2021 payroll as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Mader stated that there were at least three individuals with overtime after Herskowitz had stated the overtime would end. Wes Bainter told him he should talk with Herskowitz

about it. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 minutes as presented. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The following payroll was approved:
General \$86,896.30
Road & Bridge \$32,372.49
Nox. Weed \$1,653.05
Public Health \$7,174.52
Publ. Trnsp. \$792.40
Landfill \$1,505.68

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.
Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Chairman



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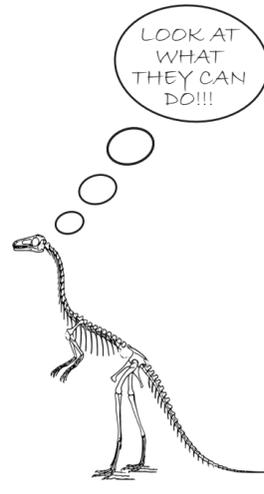
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