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## TAXPAYERS' REPORT

This week at the Commissioners' Meeting, we had mostly normal business items that included paying the Counties' on-going expenses. The most important item we had before us was opening the bids for the mowing of the road ditches throughout Sheridan County.

This year, we put the mowing out for bids to anyone interested. The bids we received reflected lower prices than last year, and the Commissioners awarded the mowing for all 11 sections to the low bidders. Last year demonstrated the overwhelming success of contracting the mowing to private individuals. The results were not perfect, but a huge improvement over any time in the past. We have made the requirements more stringent and now we have a mowing program that will be done even better than last year.

The best thing about our contract mowing program is that it costs less than trying to do the mowing within the Sheridan County Road Department. This is also true with hauling sand onto the roads and installing culverts in sections of the roads that need them. Our top priority within the Road Department must be re-elevating and reconstructing the roads, as well as getting them sanded. This, we are doing, and making great progress, provided our people can concentrate on the roads and not be bothered by those work items that can best be done with private contractors at lower overall cost to Sheridan County Taxpayers.

As your Commissioner, I will always be looking for ways to operate more efficiently and more effectively.

Thanks for reading and GOD Bless!

WES BAINTER, County Commissioner



## SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX

## Acute Wing Remodel Begins



On Monday, February 22, the ground breaking ceremony took place to begin the Acute Wing remodel at Sheridan County Health Complex. On hand for the occasion were SCHC Board Members Mike Mullins, Leanna Sloan, and Ken Eland, Sheridan County Commissioner Wes Bainter, SCHC CEO Niceta Farber, CFO Mike O'Dell, and COO Kevin Johnson, and Architect Grant Creager with CGID and Contractor Jesse Bauman with QMC, and many other Health Complex staff. (Sentinel Staff Photo)

## GPNS Sweetheart Royalty!



Golden Plains High School crowned senior Brooke Stoll as Sweetheart Queen and senior Wade Rush as Sweetheart King at half time of the basketball game against Northern Valley in Rexford on February 19. The students celebrated with a dance at the school on Saturday night. Stoll is the daughter of Lance and Lisa Stoll of Selden. Rush is the son of Steve and Laura Fellhoefer of Menlo and the late Lane Rush of Colby. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

## Senior Spotlight: Jailey Gallentine



Emma Thompson, Staff Reporter

Jailey Gallentine is the daughter of Jarrold and Amanda Gallentine. She has grown up in Gove and Grainfield. They moved to Grainfield during her childhood to be closer to her grandparents, Fredrick and Melinda Howard.

Throughout high school, she has been involved in Forensics, Scholars Bowl, STUCO, Manager for Volleyball, Football, and Basketball. Jailey enjoys Science because of the

scientific answers to questions. Outside of school, her hobbies include video games, reading, and drawing. Her favorite food is pizza, and her favorite colors are dark green and blue.

Her favorite memories of high school are going to football, basketball, and volleyball games as well as cheering and sitting with friends at the games. After graduation she plans to go to FHSU and major in Computer Science or Paleontology.

A short-term goal for Jailey is to finish high school. A long-term goal for her is to own a house of her own with a full kitchen and multiple bedrooms and bathrooms. Her words of advice for high school students is to participate but don't let yourself become like everyone else and don't let people take advantage of your kindness. Her favorite quote is "Respect yourself enough to walk away from what no longer serves you, grows you, or makes you happy." -Unknown

## HOXIE INDIAN WRESTLING

STATE BOUND Undeclared as a team, Hoxie sends 10 wrestlers to State Tournament - Full coverage on Page 8-9 - Go Indians!



The Hoxie Wrestling Team excelled at Sub-State on Saturday, February 20 in Minneapolis. The team took first, with six individual champions, two runners-up, and one third place. The team heads to State on Saturday, and the matches begin at noon, and can be watched on Open Spaces Sports for a \$10.99 pay per view cost paid for on the Open Spaces Sports website. They will provide the viewer with video and audio commentary throughout the tournament. Contact them for full information. (Photo by Coleen Shepard)

## COACH OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Coach Mike Porsch, who was awarded KSHSAA 3-2-1A 2021 Substate 1 Coach of the Year. (Photo by Alayna Shepard)

## FIRE CAUTION NEEDED IN DRY WEATHER



Sheridan County Fire Department was called out before noon Tuesday, February 23, for a grass fire south of Hoxie. Firefighters quickly responded and extinguished a small portion of pasture, with the exception of a few cow patties, that continued to smolder on the charred ground. The Sheriff's Office also responded to aide in traffic control near Schamberger Feedlot on Highway 23. With weather warming up, fire conditions are expected to worsen as ground materials dry and winds continue to blow. (SCFD courtesy photo)

## WHS Snowball Royalty



On Friday, February 12, seniors, Wendell Mong and Kirsten Schroeder, were crowned as 2021 Snowball King and Queen. STUCO Vice President Livia Schultz and STUCO Public Relations Jailey Gallentine presented Wendell and Kirsten with their gifts. Wendell was presented with a signed basketball and a bag of beef jerky, and Kirsten was presented with a flower and a crown. Snowball Queen, Kirsten states, "I feel very honored considering it is my senior year, and we haven't had the chance for a normal senior year due to COVID." (WHS photo)

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### Words of Faith

No matter how long it takes, when God works, it's always worth the wait.

### Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Feb. 23

Corn	5.52
Milo	6.78
Beans	13.21
Wheat	6.00

### Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
2/14	-1	-25	--
2/15	4	-15	--
2/16	18	2	--
2/17	23	3	--
2/18	43	8	--
2/19	57	20	--
2/20	59	30	--7

February temperatures!

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### Words of Wisdom

Everything you've ever wanted is one step outside your comfort zone.



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## Local Students Earn Distinction at Wichita State University

Devin J. Carter and Trey M. Schwarz, both from Rexford were among the 3,500 students Wichita State University named who were on the WSU Dean's Honor Roll for fall 2020. To be included on the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

WSU enrolls about 15,500 students and offers more than 50 undergraduate degree programs in more than 150 areas of study in six undergraduate colleges.

The Graduate School offers an extensive program including more than 40 master's degrees that offer study in more than 100 areas; a specialist in education degree; and doctoral degrees in applied mathematics; audiology; chemistry; communication sciences and disorders; human factors and community/clinical psychology; educational leadership; nursing practice; physical therapy; and aerospace, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering.

## Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) is accepting applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults, and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In 2020, about 34,000 households received an average benefit of \$960.

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct payment of their heating bills, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor. Income eligibility requirements are set at 130% of the federal poverty level. The level of benefit varies according to the household income, number of people living in the home, type of resident, type of heating fuel and utility rates.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have made payments on their heating bill two out of the last three months.

Applications will be accepted until March 31.

For individuals needing assistance filling out or submitting an application, call Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-432-7422 or 785-628-8204 to schedule an appointment.

## College Hosts Art on the Oasis



The annual Art on the Oasis art show is returning to Colby Community College March 5 through 7. The event, held in the Bedker Memorial Complex and the Cultural Arts Center gallery, features works by high school, amateur and professional artists from around the region.

The opening gala is from 6 to 9 p.m. at both venues on Friday, March 5, and continues Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

"We'll have food, music, awards, and opportunities to purchase art," said organizer Rebel Mahieu. "We had more than 400 entries and five high schools participate last year and expect as many this year."

In addition to local entries, participating artists are from eastern Colorado, southern Nebraska, Hays, Great Bend, Phillipsburg, and Garden City.

The judge will be Fort Hays State University sculpture professor Tobias Flores.

"There will be a variety of pieces that include abstract and non-representational, paintings, drawings, sculpture, weaving, metal work, ceramics, photography, and mixed media," Mahieu said.

Admission is free. Masks are required but will also be available for those who do not have one. For more information, contact Mahieu at (785) 269-7065.

## Public Service Announcement

The scheduled power outage set for Friday February 19, 2021 has been postponed till  
**Friday, February 26, midnight till 3am.**  
This is for the entire  
**City of Hoxie.**  
Thank you Midwest Energy, Inc. for the update.

## NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liester

Hello folks! I'm back and sorry for the last two weeks. Life sure has a way of getting in the way of things. But I am here again!

Let's start with fishing. I know there are people out there fishing on the ice. Right now, I'm not doing it. It just hasn't been cold enough, long enough for me to feel safe out there. I would love to try ice fishing someday. I went once in the seventies and it got shut down due to geese. Imagine that, huh.

Now, not too many years back we decoyed out on the ice. Did it at two lakes and the results were amazing. I don't think they expected people out there and boy did they decoy well. Glad it's not that easy every time!

It seems crappie and some walleye are being caught by ice fishermen. Also picking up a few in rivers, along with some white bass. Good luck to everyone and when the ice is gone, it's catfish time!!

Hunting has been frustrating for me. Using my new shotgun, I cannot kill a goose to save my life. Go back to the old one and easy as pie! I'll either figure it out or get rid of a gun. I don't want to because on everything but waterfowl I do great. I am confused to say the least. After much discussion I will try shooting with different shims in place and see if I can cure the problem. I hope.

Let's see, where do I begin. A.O.C. is only of the biggest liars in D.C. After all the crying about how close to death she was and sheer evil of those attacking her, we find out the capital rioters were nowhere near her. So, tell me local democrats, how many more lies are we going to hear from your party. Oh wait, most everything from the Democrats and Liberals are lies, and I defy you to prove me wrong. But then again, I don't believe any political hacks anymore. I'm learning that there are too few honest politicians anymore. It's sickening.

My trust in the medical field has hit rock bottom. I have been trying to get fixed the essential tremors I suffer with for over a year. I went to the first consultation with a neurologist back in November. I was promised treatment for this to happen in late March or April. Had a CT scan done last week. Only to have the doctor who has seen me for a grand total of maybe fifteen minutes tell me that he thinks there's been improvement. Thing is, he doesn't have to watch me try to eat or do anything else I do daily. Now, in spite of this jerk I have my psychological evaluation here shortly. After which my family doctor is going to go around the doctor get more money from me and contact the neurosurgeon, and hopefully get this treated so my life gets back to normal. Well ok, as normal as I will ever be! I just hate how they stretch it out, so they get even more money from you.

I hear Biden and company spewing gun control horse crap. Not in my lifetime, and if fighting for that right shortens it, it's for a just cause. Let's see how many will stand with me.

Be safe my friends and as always, enjoy the outside. Until next time.

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



### ITEMS ACCEPTED

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

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NO OTHER TYPES OF METAL  
NO CLOTHES  
NO BOOKS

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WEEK of FEB 26 ~ MAR 4

**Thursday:** Meatloaf  
**Friday:** BBQ Chicken & Catfish

**Saturday:** Menu Only  
**Sunday:** 7-Meat Buffet, Sides & Dessert

**Monday:** Pork Tenderloin & Sloppy Joes  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti

**Wednesday:** Ham & Scallop Potatoes  
BBQ Ribs

**FRIDAY NIGHT SEAFOOD LENTEN BUFFET & SIDES**  
Cod, Catfish, Tilapia, Pollock, Shrimp, Clam Strips,  
Fish Sticks & More  
5:30pm ~ 7:30pm

## Upcoming Area EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

### Every Sunday:

9am First Presbyterian Church Service

### Every Tuesday:

12pm Rotary  
7pm Fire Dept Mtg

### Every Wednesday:

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

### Monthly:

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

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

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

### Scheduled Power Outage:

Friday, February 26, 2021 from midnight till 3am.  
This is for the entire City of Hoxie  
- Midwest Energy

Wheatland FFA Fun Day  
February 28, 2-6pm @ HS  
Hotdog/Hamburger Feed & Worker Auction



Farmers to Families Community Food Boxes  
Every Tuesday through February  
3:30pm Hoxie Christian Church  
& Selden Mainstreet



**Blood Drive!**  
April 7  
Register online



Customer Appreciation Days  
March 9 - 11







## ***The Hoxie Democrat Friday, February 25, 1887***

The *Sentinel* through the failure of the arrival of it's patent came out this week on the half shell.

Born - To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hornthorne last Sabbath, a seven pound boy. Dr. Freeman attended. Mother and all are doing well.

A party of homesteaders stopped in Hoxie over Sunday. They were on their way to Leoti, Wichita county, where they have claims. They have come west to stay, as they had good teams and a nice bunch of cattle.

Ere long new side walks will be laid on the east side of Main street from the corner north of Winkelmans to John Jackley's. The Council ordered it at their last meeting and contracts are let for building it.

Thad Armstrong was in town this week.

W. H. Yates reports a rick of hay blown over for him by last week's storm.

J. C. Beach and John E. Harper, of Hillsboro, Iowa, have returned to Sheridan county and will hereafter make this their homes.

E. R. Robinson has laid a narrow side walk from his office on the south side of the drug store out to the side walk on Main street.

Mrs. John Jackley has been very ill for the past two or three days. But has so far recovered now as to be able to oversee things in the kitchen.

Batchelder and Hausafus had to carry props and brace the cooler last week in the storm. Cole says it raised about a foot every time the wind stuck it.

B. F. Champlain was in town last Friday and was trying to buy a team of horses from W. A. Berkley. Champ says that he is going to farm on an extensive scale this year.

The band turned out last Friday evening to serenade Mr. J. F. Coleman and wife after a few well executed tunes they were invited into the office when cigars were set up and an enjoyable time spent. The boys departed wishing long life and happiness to the new couple.

E. E. Brimmer returned last Sunday from a trip to Iowa. He says they have had a very severe winter there and that this spring will see a large emigration from his section of country to Sheridan county, and, that as for him, he never wants to leave here again.

Last week as Chas. Taylor was going home from town his team started to run off. A line broke and for a while Charlie had a little circus all to himself, playing the part of ring master, clown and audience. He kept the horse turning in a circle until they became exhausted and stopped. No damage was done and Charlie arrived at home safe but badly scared.

## ***125 Years Ago February 27, 1896***

Mrs. Force who has been sick for some time is much better.

Tom L. Pratt baled and sold within the past week at a good price thirty tons of hay.

Geo H. Pratt, of Museum, appeared before Judge Smith last Tuesday and was naturalized.

Otis L. Organ has been very sick the past month, but so far recovered as to be in town Saturday.

J. S. Turner attended the Republican Congressional and Senatorial committee meeting at Colby, Tuesday.

Ed Crum and Porter Walker returned Saturday from Colorado. They seemed very much enthused over that country.

Judge Smith came in on Monday night's train; got through with this term of court Tuesday and returned home Wednesday.

Frank Brandram, who left this county a little more than three years ago to go to his old home in England to stay, has returned and will make this his future home.

A. B. Montgomery, of Goodland, has quit the rain making business and gone to mining, we see by the Denver papers that he is one of a company just organized with a capital of \$1,200,000.

Mrs. Judge Smith visited our city this week as her husbands court stenographer, the first time. She is a very pleasant appearing lady and while here trade the acquaintance of several Hoxie ladies.

Last Monday morning after Mrs. Bardwell had hitched up and was all ready to get into the buggy to go to her school in Logan township, her horse took fright at Oltmans engine and left instanter, making a mile or two run before being stopped. No damage was done.

### **Seguin Squibs**

Mr. Hopwood from Decatur county who has been visiting the Anderson boys, returned home Thursday.

Roy Davis who has been working in this vicinity since last fall, returned to his home in Plainville, last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Thomas our merchant went to Atwood last Tuesday to see about renting his farm near that place, he will be gone about a week.

Joe Cooper and Mr. Farber have been hauling their wheat to Seguin lately. There is not very much fall wheat left in these parts.

### **Selden Department**

Edith Monteith is sick with sore throat.

Rev. Langley has returned to his home near Morland.

C. F. Monteith received a large invoice of farm implements this week.

J. A. Sprague brought his scales over from Menlo last week. He will put them up opposite his store room on the east side of Main Street.

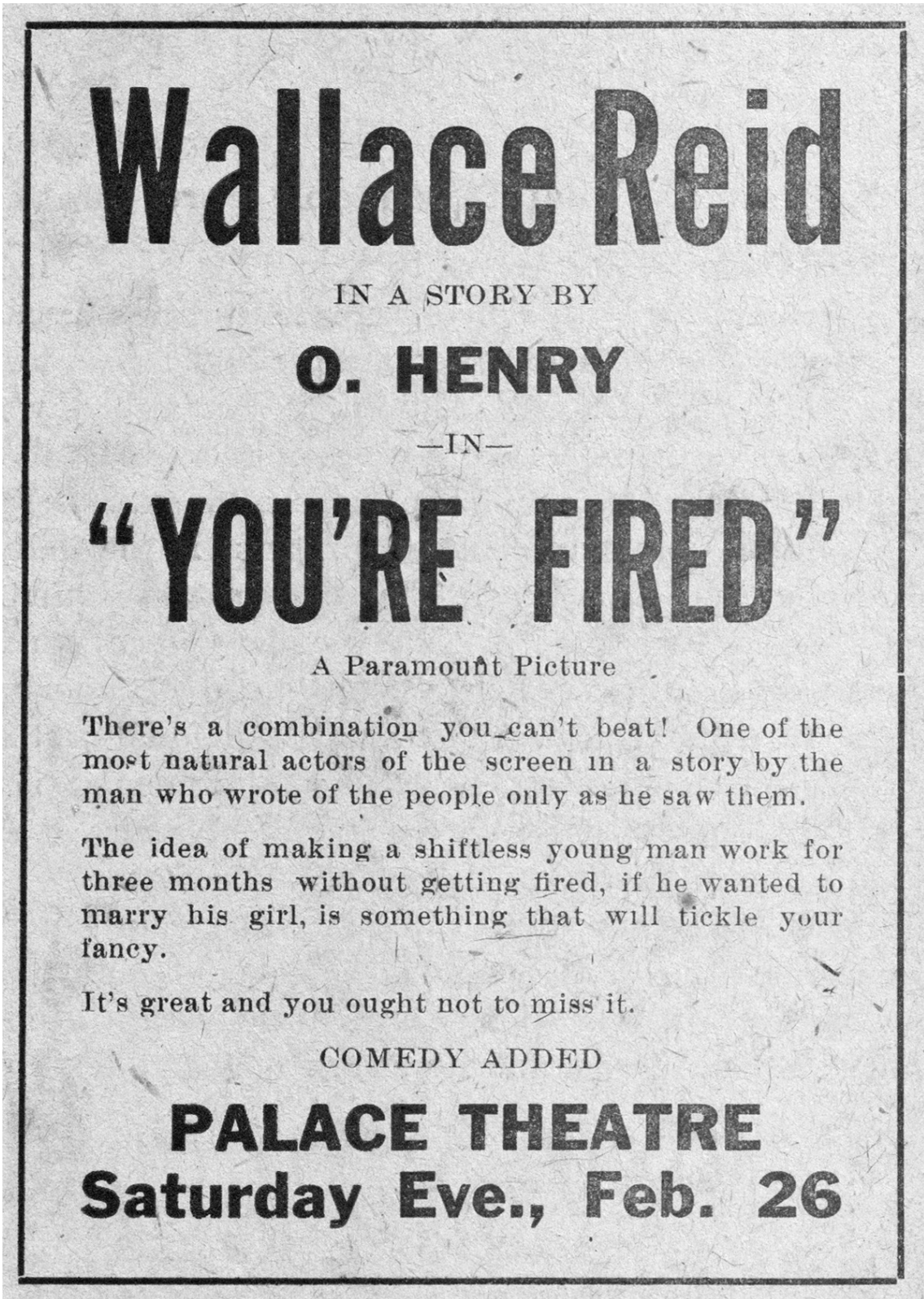
S. G. Hopkins and family, Mrs. McCallum and baby and Frank McIvor came from Hoxie last Friday evening to visit friends. Some of them tripped the light fantastic at the dance given at the Bank building. Hop and Mc returned Saturday morning leading the ladies to complete their visit.

## ***100 Years Ago February 24, 1921***

### **Fire at Lipton Hotel**

Wednesday night at about 11 o'clock the fire alarm was turned on to arouse the populace to the fact that the Lipton Hotel was on fire.

The City Fire Department boys quickly came



From *The Hoxie Sentinel*, 1921. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

to the rescue and as soon as they could chop off some siding and gain entrance to the blaze, they turned on their chemical engines which made quick work of extinguishing the flames.

An electric iron was accidently left turned on and became so hot that it set fire to the table and then spread to the south wall of the kitchen and then extended to the room on the second story directly above the kitchen, doing considerable damage to it and the sleeping room directly above.

It was mighty fortunate for Mr. and Mrs. Lipton and the town that the fire was discovered in time to control it, as it might have consumed the entire hotel and several of the adjacent buildings.

### **Local News**

D. J. Barnett and Miss Luzetta Edwards, both of Penokee, Kansas, were married at the courthouse in Hoxie, Monday, by Probate Judge Beattie.

Mrs. Reno, of Norton, accompanied by her son, John, spent a day or so here the first of the week visiting her brother, Dan Hedge, and family.

Miss Mae Cooper was forced to give up her school last week, and has gone to Kansas City where she was operated on for appendicitis. Reports are that she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart returned last week from an extended trip to the Pacific Coast. They visited in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, while gone.

Lambert Kraft and Joe Goetz, of Saline township, were here Tuesday. Mr. Kraft was interested in the most important case, to him, in district court, that of securing his naturalization papers, and Joe came along as a witness to Mr. Kraft's good behavior and general uprightness as a citizen.

Misses Ruth and Oda Badgley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. Badgley, of Selden, who are attending the Fort Hays Normal School, have each won a gold trophy as champion players on the Normal basket ball team.

### **Houck's Landing**

By Remus Spaulding

Mace Baird is tractor-grading a mile of the mail route.

G. A. Heisz family spent Sunday at the B. W. Walters home.

Miss Mildred Montgomery, of Hoxie, who is teaching at Cresent, visited home folks Sunday.

### **Pleasant Ridge Items**

By Topsy

Mrs. George Phelps will leave for the hospital in Kansas City Sunday night.

Walter Simon and family were guests of R. D. Fore and family, Sunday.

Last Thursday a big fire started from a burning straw stack at Ben Richards'. His feed and cobs were burned.

### **East Saline**

By X. Y. Z.

W. L. Transue visited at V. P. Borger's Sunday. Rev. D. J. Miller and family visited at Fred Simon's, Sunday.

Most of the pupils in the Square Top district are being vaccinated as there is small pox in the neighborhood.

## ***75 Years Ago February 28, 1946***

### **Hoxie Tire Shop Changes**

L. L. and Ronald William, old time Hoxie

residents, purchased the Hoxie Tire Shop Saturday from C. H. McCauley. They plan to add new equipment when available to do all types of tire service. At this time, Mr. McCauley's future plans are unknown. Read their announcing add elsewhere in this issue.

### **Society News**

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Simonton had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Channell of Menlo and Miss Hazel Vaughn of Hoxie. Mr. and Mrs. Connie Cramer and Merlin called in the afternoon.

The Mary and Martha's of the Presbyterian Church met February 20 with Mrs. Mildred Smith, for their monthly pot-luck supper and business meeting. Thirty ladies enjoyed this get-together. Several ladies received mystery pal packages some did bazaar sewing. All reported an enjoyable time.

Cultus Club met Tuesday at the A. M. Shatzell home. President, Mrs. W. W. Cooper presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Ad Smith gave the lesson on John Greenleaf Whittier. She told of his austere New England life and its influence upon his poetry. Several of his poems were read to the interested group.

W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church met last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Jennie Eaton had charge of the devotionals. Mrs. C. S. Percival presented the lesson on the Missionary work in Africa. This also included a short history of the dark continent. After a short business meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Sylvan Percival and Mrs. Mex Cooper.

### **Studley Items**

Bernard and Gerald Campbell of near Hoxie, called at the Earl Stout home last Friday on business.

Albert Pratt of Hill City was in Studley Sunday, looking after business and having his cattle moved to a pasture north of Studley.

The Harris Brothers of Penokee are the new managers of the Studley Co-op Oil Company at Studley.

### **Tasco Notes**

Tasco Community Club met February 10th with Mrs. Virgil Simonton with eleven members and one visitor in attendance. The hostess' sister, Mrs. Berenice Channell, was the visitor. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Inez Haynes in Hoxie March 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Benny and Mary and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Taylor and family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Getz visited with a sister at Phillipsburg, Kansas, Wednesday.

### **Morland News**

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Critchfield of Oakland, California, spent a few days last week visiting relatives in the Leland neighborhood.

James Boyd, a pioneer resident of Graham County, passed away at the home of relatives in Oregon. The body was brought to Morland and burial was in Morland Cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Findley who spent the winter in Wichita, has returned to her home in Morland.

## ***50 Years Ago February 25, 1971***

### **Hoxie Wrestlers Are No. 1**

Class 1A-2A wrestlers and fans from all over Kansas swarmed into Oakley Friday and

Saturday for the State Wrestling tournament. The gymnasium was filled to overflowing for all sessions, which found the Hoxie Indians winning the crown with 96 points. Their closest competition was Oakley with 58, followed by Atwood with 56.

### **Indians to District Basketball Tourney**

The Hoxie Indians basketball squad will travel to Palco Thursday for the Class AA district tourney there. Other teams entered are Hill City, Ellis and Palco.

Pairings for Thursday night will find Hill City and Palco squaring off at 6:30 and Hoxie meeting Ellis at 8 p.m.

### **Hospital Will Get Sprinkler System**

The Sheridan County Hospital will receive the necessary funds to install the sprinkler system for fire protection. No petitions were filed to protest to bond issue.

The county commissioners and the hospital board of trustees have asked the United Sprinkler System to submit their preliminary plans to the fire rating bureau before making any final decisions on the project.

### **Tasco Notes**

Tasco Community Club met on Friday, Feb. 19 with Ida Schropp. Eight members were present to enjoy the day with the usual good dinner and quilting was done during the afternoon. Mrs. Lena Morgan won the hostess gift. There was a Valentine exchange. The next meeting will be on March 5 with Ilene Nyfeler. Members are asked to please bring their own work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and Lesley of Emporia spent the weekend visiting relatives at Tasco and Hoxie. They left for their home Sunday.

### **Mickey's Want Ads**

Scotts now have Iron-S, a straight iron supplement for your grass.

When a taxpayer queried the Internal Revenue Service on how he should treat a lawn that he planted but which didn't come up, IRS advised: "For tax purposes, treat it as a non-deductible expense. Otherwise treat it with fertilizer."

Have you looked through our odd & end wrench sockets. Your choice 49c.

### **McGraw Notes**

Benny Bennett of Jennings is spending a few days with Danny Walker.

Mrs. Lee Walker and Danny were Monday supper guests at the Ray Bennett home in Jennings.

Mrs. Lottie Carstens of Norton was a Wednesday dinner and afternoon guest of Mrs. Helen Tice. Dwane Tice was a Saturday caller.

### **Seguin Items**

The Pitch Club with members from the Seguin-Menlo area entertained another pitch club from the Angelus-Grinnell area Saturday evening. With one eye on the falling snow everyone enjoyed the evening at the John Geerdes home. The guests were Mr.'s and Mrs.'s Fred Bixenman, Martin Dickman, Lawrence Holzmeister, Oliver Lindeman, Fred Robben and Harold Stephens. The hosts were the Francis Beckmans, Jim Beckmans, Gene Dempewolfs, Howard Cox's, John Geerdes, and the Lawrence Thummels.

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### **WIC Program Provides Nutrition Education**

The Sheridan County Health Department is encouraging pregnant and breast feeding women and young children to apply for women, infants and children (WIC) nutrition benefits.

The WIC Program, a federally funded and state operated program is administered county-wide by the Sheridan County Health Department, and provides nutrition education and supplemental foods for pregnant and breast feeding women, as well as infants and children up to five years of age, who are at nutritional risk and live in limited-income households.

### **McGraw**

Saturday Ileen Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wright visited Russel Bainter. Mrs. Jerome Mazanec and Danyelle also called on Russel Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter and Mrs. Jim Bainter visited Sunday. Bill Bainter called on Monday.

Sunday morning church services for members of McGraw Methodist Church were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis spent last Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Al Weeks.

### **Rexford**

A meeting was held at The Red Barn Sunday afternoon to discuss the possibility of organizing a group to preserve Rexford history. Many ideas were expressed but nothing decided.

The High Plains Kansas After 5 Club dinner and program at the Shepherd's Staff Conference Center last Tuesday evening were exceptionally good with a good attendance. The next dinner meeting will be March 12.

The Red Barn Band played at the nursing home in Oakley Thursday afternoon. Those who went were Lydia Weber, who was also celebrating her birthday, Bernice Maris, Josephine Kruse, Zula Horineck, Peg Greenwood, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Betty Nickols, Edna Colson and Lula Thieler. Gene Rogers and Cleda Moeder were unable to go this time.

### **Jennings-Allison**

Mary Votopka and Jason Rowh were guests of Kip and Stephanie Rowh and new baby Luke Thomas of St. Francis.

Elton Jr. and Sonya Gillespie celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday evening at the Coppermill in McCook. Courtney and Kaitlyn attended the basketball game against Brewster with Jessica Wildeman that evening.

### **Selden**

On Feb. 15 Doc Porsch of Home Oil Co. hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinochle Tournament. Mike Neff took first, Reid Rogers took second, Tim "Alabama" took third, Bernie Koeperich took fourth and J. R. Albers won the booby prize.

On Feb. 15, Laura Berls was hostess for the Senior Citizens. Irene Kruse won high, Betty James won second and Leone Porsch took low.





## The Strength to Weather Storms

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Our first beef calves of the season arrived a few days into February. Each day into calving season temperatures grew colder, and our lives transitioned from normal routines to the highly vigilant survival mode required to weather the arctic storm.

My quiet moments during this bitterly cold stretch have been filled with reflections on the farming and ranching lifestyle. Calving through a storm is hard work that takes a kind of deep, character-refining strength.

It takes strong logic to overcome a pull on your heartstrings that comes when you take a brand-new calf away from a momma cow minutes after it is born. Farmers do this because they know that no matter how hard the cow tries to clean up her baby, she will never get it dry enough by herself in frigid temperatures. Spending a few hours under a heat lamp keeps the baby warm until she is dry enough to survive in the cold.

It takes strong purpose to put the needs of the herd before your own comfort. During the run-on days of the storm, farmers miss meals, delay bathroom breaks, ditch their gloves and lose the feeling their hands while milking a cow to teach a calf to nurse. They ruin clothing, end up with soiled vehicles, and may even sacrifice their bathtubs to the needs of the newborns.

It takes physical strength to chop through the layers of ice in water tanks or safely wrestle a 50-pound calf into the passenger seat of your pickup to move it to the warming shed. Farmers don't give a second thought to the bruise forming on their leg from a baby calves' flailing legs or the soreness in their muscles after long physical days because aches and pains seem like a small price to pay to protect the herd.

It takes mental strength to wake at all hours of the night after a scarce 30-minute nap and reach a state of alertness to identify signs of distress during a frequent pen checks. Farmers make constant rounds day and night in the cold because they know that a cow may have a quick or a difficult labor. Being vigilant helps farmers to provide needed assistance as quickly as possible.

It takes emotional strength not to feel weighed down with guilt when a calf is born in subzero temperatures and you just did not get there quick enough to save it. Farmers do not have the luxury of dwelling on what went wrong. They have to get back to helping their remaining animals and trying their best not to lose another one.

Calving through a storm is hard, but it is the kind of hard that's worthwhile.

My most surprising reflection is that this storm has made me better. I feel a little bit like leaving the gym after a strength training session. My mind and body are exhausted, but I feel joy, peace, and contentment. What looked so daunting at the beginning was overcome through perseverance and exercising logic, selflessness, compassion, wisdom and humility.

You may never have the chance to help a farm or ranch survive a calving season storm, but we all have storms in our lives. Opportunity to exercise our character by putting the needs of others before our own comfort; taking the uncomfortable steps to help others who cannot help themselves; and forgiving ourselves or letting go of things beyond our control. And we all have the strength to weather these storms.

## Illegal Alien Sex Offenders Deportation Program Must be Reinstated

"The Biden Administration should reconsider its reported decision to cancel a nationwide law enforcement operation targeting convicted sex offenders illegally present in the United States for removal from the country," stated Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

"The cancellation of this program effectively broadcasts to the world that the United States is now a sanctuary jurisdiction for sexual predators," Schmidt and 17 other attorneys general wrote late last week in a letter to President Biden and senior administration officials. "If the United States will not remove even convicted sex offenders, whom will it remove?"

The attorneys general wrote in response to a published report that the Biden Administration plans to cancel the program known as Operation Talon as part of immigration policy changes ordered by President Biden. The February 18 letter cited a Syracuse University study that found between October 2014 and May 2018, U.S. immigration enforcement arrested 19,752 illegal aliens with criminal convictions with a sex-related offense as the most serious crime of conviction. A separate source reported that in fiscal year 2018 alone, U.S. immigration enforcement arrested at least 3,716 criminal aliens in the United States who had a prior conviction for a sexual offense.

Schmidt noted that legal immigration is important to the United States but that criminal aliens eligible for removal, particularly those convicted of sex crimes, should be removed from the country.

"We urge you to immediately reinstate Operation Talon, adopt an aggressive enforcement policy against illegal aliens convicted of sex crimes, and send a message to sexual predators that they are not welcome in the United States of America," the attorneys general wrote.

A copy of the letter to President Biden is available at <https://bit.ly/3s6BWNr>.

## Private School Aid

There are many bills tied to private school aid working their way through the legislature. SB 61 and HB 2068 would increase the number of students eligible for an existing private school scholarship program. This is done by qualifying any free and reduced-price-meal eligible students from any Kansas public school for the scholarship. Neither bill changes the cap of \$10 million currently placed on the programs.

The House K12 Education Budget Committee voted to recommend HB 2119, which would mark a much more significant shift in state education policy and funding mechanisms. The bill would allow families of eligible children to have funding equal to the base state aid per pupil for the prior year deposited into an account to pay for private school tuition and other expenses or attend public school part-time and have a proportional amount of base aid transferred.

As amended by the committee, the bill would be open to any students who are enrolled in public schools and qualify for free or reduced-price-meals or are designated by a local school district to receive at-risk services, or who have been required to attend a minimum of amount of time in a hybrid or remote learning.

KASB opposes all of these bills for several reasons, each tied to our belief that public funds should be invested in public schools that serve all students all the time. Private schools, funded with or without public dollars, are not subject to the same oversight, accountability measures, or admission requirements as public schools. This gives private schools the freedom to pick and choose which students they educate. At KASB, we believe schools should serve all students all the time.

With the legislative "turnaround" deadline approaching, we'll be watching closely for HB 2068 or HB 2119 to be scheduled for floor votes in the House. If one or both are scheduled, we'll likely have very little time to react (possibly, only overnight), so please continue to follow our KASB communications efforts for the latest information.

### Who to Contact:

Here is the vote in the Kansas Senate on SB 61, the tax credit bill. You can thank Senators who voted for your position and express your concerns to those who did not. It is important to keep lines of communication open because the Senate may vote on these issues again.

Both HB 2068, tax credits, and HB 2119, education savings accounts, could be debated in the House any time. You can contact all House members with your concerns.

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## Remote Learning Grant Program Extended

Governor Laura Kelly today announced that programs that received funding for remote learning are eligible to apply for extensions to support the continuation of online education through Spring 2021. The Remote Learning Grant program will continue to help address learning and supervision needs of school-age children who are not able to attend in-person school due to the pandemic.

During the Fall 2020 school term, 77 organizations across Kansas supported the remote learning needs of school-age children, funded with more than \$8,493,000 from the Remote Learning Grants program. In-home childcare providers, day care programs, child and youth serving organizations, and even community attractions such as a museum and a zoo, came forward to help.

New applications for funding are also available to:

- All KDHE-licensed early care and youth programs/facilities serving school-aged children
- Local programs with demonstrated experience and success developing and delivering quality, safe, out-of-home care and education services/programs for school-age children, such as schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Parks and Recreation, 21st CCLCs, and faith-based organizations
- Other community programs that demonstrate the capacity and ability to establish or expand programs for school-age children

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund will continue to be responsible for administering the funds, and applications will be evaluated on a weekly basis. All funding must be awarded, and spent by grantees, by May 28, 2021.

Applications are available at <http://bit.ly/2ZA2lGY>.

## Mars Exploration Discussed at Lecture

Colby native and former Mars Curiosity Rover team member Sarah Lamm will be the featured speaker for the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, in Frahm Theatre.

She will talk about Curiosity, as well as the newest rover, Perseverance.

Lamm was a team member on NASA's Curiosity Rover for three years and worked for the United States Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory over three summers. She was selected as a 2019 Mars Generation 24 Under 24 Leader in STEAM and Space, a group of young people from around the world who are breaking barriers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) fields and bringing the sciences to the public through multidisciplinary interests.

A 2018 graduate of Kansas State University, Lamm holds bachelor's degrees in chemistry, geology, and geography. She also graduated from Colby Community College, and Colby High School in 2014. Today, she is continuing her education pursuing a master's degree at Kansas State.

Masks are required. The presentation can also be viewed at [www.colbycc.edu/lectures](http://www.colbycc.edu/lectures).

There is no charge to attend. The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by anonymous donors. For more information, contact Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at (785) 460-5528.

## Push Back Continues on Job-Killing Paris Climate Agreement

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. joined Senators Marsha Blackburn and Steve Daines to introduce legislation to prohibit U.S. taxpayer dollars from being used to rejoin the job-killing Paris Climate Agreement. He also joined them to introduce a Senate resolution calling on President Joe Biden to submit the Paris Agreement to the Senate for review as required under the Constitution.

"The Paris Agreement is a bad deal for America and a bad deal for Kansas. The deal will kill jobs and raise the price of energy, hurting Americans when many are struggling to stay on their feet. It will punish American energy providers with expensive regulations, dole out U.S. taxpayer money to foreign countries, and let China off the hook for their role as the world's largest polluter," said Senator Marshall. "This bill and resolution will ensure not a single dime of American's hard-earned money goes toward the Paris Climate Agreement."

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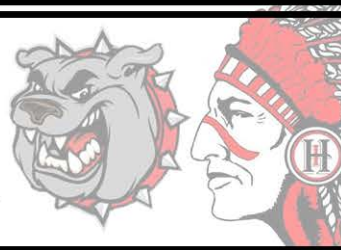
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## Golden Plains Competes in Modified Forensics Meet



State Qualified--Golden Plains junior Alisha Brantley qualified for State Champs by placing 2nd in poetry at the first meet of the season in Norton on February 6. She also qualified for state in poetry her freshman year. (Photo by Robynn Wessel)

By Valeria Ortiz

Three Golden Plains students competed in their first Forensics meet of the season in the Norton Invitational on February 6. This year's meets are being held in a virtual hybrid format. Preliminary rounds were held online with finals in person.

Competing virtually were Alisha Brantley, Danica Ritter, and Britton Knowles. All three of the girls competed in Poetry. Ritter and Knowles came close to making finals but fell a little short. Brantley qualified for finals and traveled to Norton on February 6. She placed second which qualified her for State Champs.

"I was excited for the first meet," said Brantley. "I was ready to start forensics. I was excited I got qualified for state. Even though it was different I'm glad that I could still participate in it."

## Golden Plains Places First in League Academics

By Judy Rogers

Last December, Golden Plains High School participated in the 2020 WKLL Academic Contest. Four students from each grade level were selected to compete against league schools. Students competed in the following five categories: Science, Social Studies, Writing, Mathematic and Reading.

The freshman class placed first, the sophomores fourth, the juniors first, and the seniors second giving Golden Plains first place overall among all 11 schools in the league.

Taking the test for the freshman class were Jordyn Fleckenstein, Landon Meier, Mia Rogers, and Emma Weiner. They placed first overall. Rogers placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics. Weiner placed first overall among all the freshmen testing. She placed first in Science, Reading and Writing. She placed second in Mathematics and 4<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies.

Testing for the fourth-place

sophomores were Memo Aragon, McHaley Carter, Breanna Rath, and Sidney Taylor. Rath placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the sophomore classes. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Writing, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Science, Social Studies, and Reading. Taylor placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall by placing 6<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies and 8<sup>th</sup> in Science.

The Junior Class placed first as a team. They had also placed first as freshman and second as sophomores. Testers included Wyatt McDonald, Kassie Miller, Lauren Patmon, and Morgan Wark. McDonald placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall by placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Science, 4<sup>th</sup> in Reading, 7<sup>th</sup> in Math, and 8<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies. Miller placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Math and 7<sup>th</sup> in Writing. Patmon placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. She was 1<sup>st</sup> in Social Studies, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Writing, 5<sup>th</sup> in Science, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Reading. "This shows all the hard work I put in towards my grades," said Patmon. Wark placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall with 1<sup>st</sup> place in Writing, 7<sup>th</sup> in Science, and 8<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies.

The senior class placed second overall with Hannah Bange, Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll, and Danica Ritter testing. They had also placed second as sophomores and Hannah Bange placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Writing and 8<sup>th</sup> in both Science and Mathematics. Ashley Stoll placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Social Studies and 8<sup>th</sup> in Writing. Brooke Stoll was 7<sup>th</sup> overall with 4<sup>th</sup> place Writing and 8<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies.

"As a school and as a class, this shows how good our education is at Golden Plains," added Patmon.

## JV BOYS FALL TO HILL CITY RINGNECKS



GPBS Junior Ethan Shea dribbles down the court in their 3-quarter game against the Hill City Ringnecks on February 2. The boys played hard but fell 9-33. (Photo by Ashley Stoll)

By Emma Weiner

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted the Hill City Ringnecks on February 9 in Rexford. They played a 3-quarter game and gave it their all but fell to the Ringnecks 9-33. "It was nice to play on our home court, said junior Garrett Carter, "but we need to work on our offense."

To start out their shortened game, the Ringnecks quickly jumped to a 10-0 lead, but a basket from Garrett Carter gave the Dogs 2 points. The boys went into halftime down by 8 with a score of 2-10.

After the break, the Dogs continued to have trouble getting their shots to fall. The Ringnecks maintained control of the game on offense by adding 13. Going into the 4th quarter, the Dogs were trailing 2-23. During the final quarter, the Dogs were able to get some offense going. They were able to put up 7 more points, but they couldn't keep the Ringnecks from scoring 10 more of their own for the 9-33 win.

Points for the Bulldogs came from Alex Gonzalez with 3, and Garret Carter, Ethan Weiner, and Landon Meier each added 2 of their own. The Bulldogs will continue their season on February 12, against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.

## Bulldogs Play Hill City at Home



Golden Plains senior Kole Butts puts up the ball against the Hill City Ringnecks in Rexford on February 9. Butts has been a four-year player for the Bulldogs. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team hosted the Hill City Ringnecks in Rexford on February 9. The Bulldogs gave it their all but fell to the Ringnecks 40-62.

Senior Wade Rush opened the game along with a basket from junior Ashton Schiltz. Hill City went on a 15-point run before the Dogs could score again with a free throw from junior Alex Gonzalez. The Ringnecks held a 19-5 lead at the end of the first.

Rush again opened the second with a basket. Fabian Cepeda hit

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## INDIAN BASKETBALL RE-CAP

Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

### Hoxie Indians Victorious Over Ellis

The Hoxie Indian men were victorious in a nail-biting game on the road against Ellis last Tuesday night. The Railroaders are currently ranked in KS Division 2A as #5, the Indians #1. Caden White broke the bucket open with a 2-pointer underneath the goal. The Railroaders kept a fast pace going and led the Indians throughout the first quarter. The Indians fought bucket to bucket and trailed all the way into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with 45 seconds to go before they took a 1-point lead, 31-32. The Railroaders put up another 2 points, but Harlan Obioha answered with a huge, comeback 3-pointer at the buzzer assisted by Ashton Dowell. Halftime score, 33-35 Hoxie.

Coming out of the half, Dowell hit the first bucket, a 3-pointer giving the Indians a 5-point cushion. That cushion was short-lived. Ellis took over the lead and led 47-43 going into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The Indians were not ready to let their undefeated season out of sight and continued to put in the hard work fundamentally. With 45 seconds in the game remaining, Gavin Tremblay hit a 3-pointer to tie 60-60. Five seconds remaining, Ellis scores a bucket off a backdoor cut. Coach Moss was quick to call timeout on the remaining Indian possession. Tremblay put up a shot off a dish from Obioha, sinking the 3-point bucket to WIN at the buzzer. What a game from both teams; I strongly suggest logging on to Openspaceports.com to watch the archived video if you haven't seen it.

Earlier in the night, the Lady Indians fell to the Lady Railroaders. At the start of the game, the railroaders pushed the ball very aggressively on offense to start the first quarter, jumping out to a quick unanswered 7 points. Peyton Rogers opened up the bucket for the Lady Indians, cutting backdoor with an assist from Jose Kennedy. Hoxie trailed 32-17 at the half. The second half, the Hoxie girls couldn't seem to keep the momentum to close the point gap even though they were rebounding and defending very well. The final score read Ellis 48 - Hoxie 33. Haley Jacobs led in scoring with 16 points.

Hoxie had away games February 18 against the Russell Broncos. The girls won 33-47; boys 49-74. Hoxie then hosted the Phillipsburg Panthers Friday evening in their home gym. The girls were defeated 28-59. The boys found themselves trailing in the first quarter but quickly regained the lead, shutting the Panthers out the second quarter, with a final score was 62-34.

Boys head coach Jake Moss' words on how the boys are shaping up for post-season play. "I feel like we are starting to become a really tough team as multiple guys are getting going offensively. You never know who's night it is going to be so it is tough for opponents to game plan for us. They play really well as a team. This is an experienced bunch and never feel like that they are out of the game. We have been down in several games the past couple of years and have found ways to win those. We really pride ourselves as being a second half team and look to win every second half."

## JV Boys Play Half Game at Wheatland

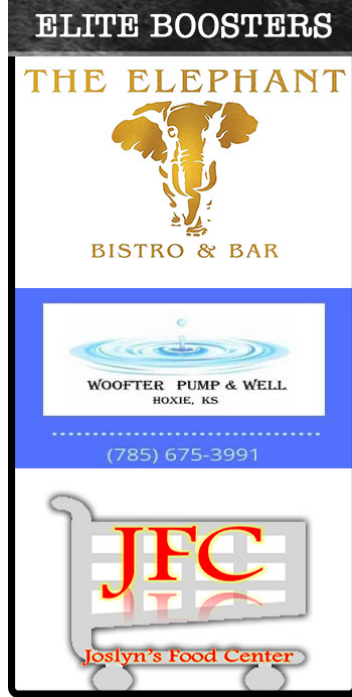
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys played a 2-quarter basketball game against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks on February 12 in Grainfield. The Bulldogs fell to the Hawks 12-21 as they continue to look for a second win this season.

Ethan Shea and Ethan Weiner each scored two points in the first quarter as the Hawks pulled ahead 11-4. Ashton Schiltz added a basket in the second quarter as Weiner added another free throw. The Hawks gained a 21-7 lead, but a basket from Mason Green and three more free shots from Weiner ended the game with a 12-21 loss for the Bulldogs.

Weiner led the team with six points--all from free throws as he made six of eight attempts from the line. Shea, Schiltz, and Green each added 2. "It was good we made our free throws," said Weiner. "They can determine the outcome of a game."

The JV boys will play another half game in Atwood on February 16 as they play the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

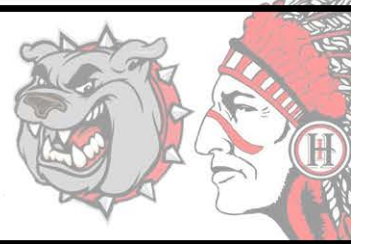






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## Bulldogs Play Hill City

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a three along with baskets from Jovanny Infante along with Rush and Gonzalez as the Dogs added 13. The Ringnecks stayed strong adding 15 for a 34-18 half time lead.

The Dogs added another 9 in the third quarter as the Ringnecks kept up their rapid pace to add 21 extending their lead to 55-27. The Dogs never gave up and kept working the ball into the lane as they finished the game with 13 in the fourth. The Ringnecks added 7 in the final quarter for the 62-40 win.

"I feel we are still heading in the right direction," said Roberto Loya, "but we need to push for the whole game and keep our shoulders up. Then I am sure we can get some wins under our belts."

Wade Rush led the Bulldogs with 17 points. Alex Gonzalez and Fabian Cepeda each added 5. Roberto Loya and Ashton Schiltz contributed 4 apiece. Kole Butts put in 3 and Jovanny Infante 2.

Gonzalez, Schiltz, Infante, Rush and Butts each had 4 rebounds, Loya 3, and Ethan Weiner 1. Gonzalez, Cepeda, and Rush each had 2 assists with 1 apiece from Loya and Infante. Loya had 2 steals along with Infante and Butts with 1 each. Loya also had a block and 5 deflections. Additional deflections came from Cepeda 3, Infante 2, Schiltz 1, and Butts 1.

The Bulldogs continue their season on February 12 as they travel to Grainfield to play the Thunderhawks.

## Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The O'Brate Foundation Traditional College Scholarship Application for the 2021-2022 school year is now open at <https://obrate.smapply.org/>. The deadline for completing the application is **May 1, 2021**. Awards range from \$500 to \$5000 and are renewable. One must have financial need, so be sure you meet that criteria before applying. A family of four with an income of more than \$71,550 will not qualify. Your counselor will have the income guidelines. PDF Application Guides and in-depth information about our Traditional College Scholarship, Dual-Credit Scholarship and Immediate Needs Assistance Program are available at <https://obratefoundation.org/Programs>.

Colby Community College, like many other small schools, is looking for students interested in staying involved in music even if you aren't going to major in it. This allows you to get into different social groups and earn stipends, which are payments for participation. At CCC contact Michelle Meyer at 785-460-5519 or [michelle.meyer@colbycc.edu](mailto:michelle.meyer@colbycc.edu) if you are interested in Band.

The Kansas Contractors Association is offering scholarships ranging from \$500 up to \$2,500 for any student enrolled or intending to enroll for the 2021/2022 school year, in a construction management, construction science, engineering technology or related field of study at an accredited Kansas university, community college or technical college. For application forms email Michael White, KCA Executive Director, [mwhite@webuildkans.com](mailto:mwhite@webuildkans.com)

[Prepscholar.com](http://Prepscholar.com) has free resources to help you prepare for the ACT. It recently featured an article "The Complete Guide to ACT Grammar Rules." If this sounds like something you need go to [Prepscholar.com](http://Prepscholar.com) and search for that article. There are services you have to pay for on this site, but there is an abundance of free ones as well.

Ottawa University hosting an in-person visit day experience for students on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Any attendees will receive a \$500 scholarship to be applied if they attend in the Fall! If you have students interested, they can use the link below and click on JR/SR Visit Days to register: <http://bit.ly/3qDb1bB>. We are also hosting in person visits on other days. If a student is interested in visiting campus, they can use this link: <http://bit.ly/3kgAoiR>.

Mid-Plains Community College is composed of three campuses: McCook and two North Platte campuses. The latter two are technical schools, while McCook is a traditional community college. You can find out more about this complex at <http://www.mpcc.edu/>. If you want to apply for scholarships there, to <https://mpcc.awardspring.com/>. MPCC allows Kansas kids to attend for in-state prices.

University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis will host a Health Care Summer Immersion Program for high school for 24

high school school students entering their junior or senior year in the fall. Session I is June 6-11, 2021, while Session II: July 25 - 31, 2021. The cost is \$850 usually, but it is \$800 if paid before March 1 and \$750 for returning participants.

Students who participate in the program will explore opportunities in health care, including pharmacy and research; engage in hands-on, college-level academic and lab experiences, such as anatomy labs, DNA sampling, case studies and pharmacy compounding; experience an exclusive unique learning opportunity with our biology faculty at the St. Louis Zoo, one of the nation's top zoo; interact with faculty and health care professionals at the top of their field; participate in group leadership activities; develop lasting relationships with peers who have diverse academic and social interests.

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Students can learn more about the program and apply by visiting [uhsp.edu/summer/immersion](http://uhsp.edu/summer/immersion).

If you have not completed the Pete Henry Scholarship application, you are risking losing the best scholarship opportunity for the 9 counties of Northwest Kansas. Go to <https://www.petehenryfoundation.com/> now.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 1: Deadline to apply for Pete Henry Scholarship and deadline to apply for Nex-Gen Internships

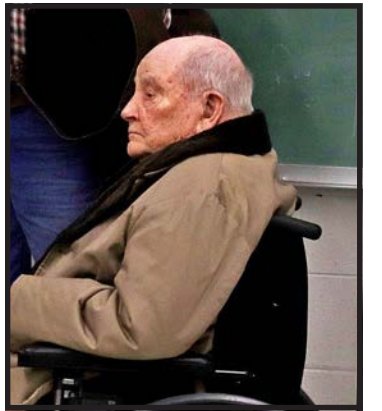
March 12: Registration deadline for April 17 ACT test

March 15: Masonic Foundation Scholarships due; KSU extended deadline scholarships; May 1: Registration deadline for KBOR scholarships ([www.kansasregents.org/scholarships\\_and\\_grants](http://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants))

May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test

June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test

## A Century of Perspective



Guest speaker Fred Bixenman, World War II Veteran, prepares to share his experiences during the war. (WHS photo)

By Carolyn Nelson, Advisor

Sometimes students reading about World War II wonder what it was really like during those days. Research can provide some insight, and movies or other books can add additional dimension, but what about talking to someone who was there - in person?

This is what happened for the freshman class at Wheatland High School on Thursday, February 18. Studying the holocaust classic Night by Elie Wiesel, the era may sometimes seem like another world. And in many respects, numerous changes in science and technology have dramatically altered everyday life. However, guest speaker, Mr. Fred Bixenman (grandfather of Senior Luke Bixenman) assured students that people have not changed.

Mr. Bixenman celebrated his 100th birthday on February 5, 2021. He served as a supply sergeant in World War II, primarily in England and Norway. His firsthand account included details such as the boat ride from the U.S. to Europe took 14 days. One of the highlights of his time in England comprised visiting Morris Campbell, a friend from Hoxie, who had been sent to the hospital in London to recover from a war injury.

Mr. Bixenman told about buzz bombs the Germans sent to England, and how devastating they were. On a humorous note, he mentioned a building where butter was stored which got bombed. Butter ran down the streets! Another light note was when he arrived in Norway and introduced himself with his first name, Fred, people would hug him. He learned that "Fred" means "peace" in Norwegian. The people were yearning for peace after five years of war.

Much of his time was spent in Oslo, Norway, where he headed a department purchasing and managing supplies. He said, "The Germans had taken everything from the people. There was nothing to buy in the stores. There was very little food."

Students listened intently to Mr. Bixenman's presentation and appreciated his time and effort and willingness to share his experiences. Hearing a firsthand account of the time gives new perspective to a time in history.

Thank you for your visit, Mr. Bixenman, and thank you for your service!

## GP Girls Triumph Over Hill City

By Ashley Stoll

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs hosted the Hill City Ringnecks on Tuesday, February 9. The GP girls played a hard-fought battle, defeating the Ringnecks 47-40.

The Varsity Girls took the floor at 6:00 P.M. The Dogs had a rough start allowing the Ringnecks to get two easy baskets to begin the game. GP answered with a three from Senior Brooke Stoll. Baskets from Ashley Stoll, Morgan Wark, Breanna Rath, and Brooke Stoll gave the Bulldogs a 16-12 lead after the first quarter. The Dogs continued to push the ball during the second

quarter adding 15 more while holding the Ringnecks to only 7. The Bulldogs entered half-time ahead 31-19.

Hill City began the half with three quick unanswered threes. Sophomore Breanna Rath answered back with a three of her own. The intensity increased as the Bulldogs fought to keep their lead with the following baskets from Kassie Miller and Ashley Stoll. The Dogs ended the quarter with a slight lead 38-35.

The Bulldogs added a free throw from Miller to start the 4th, but the Ringnecks immediately hit a three. A steal and another bucket by Miller

increased the lead to 41-38. Hill City added another basket to cut the deficit to 1. The Dogs were able to get a steal and layup from Rath, along with free throws from Miller and Wark. The Dogs secured the win over the Ringnecks 47-40.

Leading on the scoreboard was Senior Brooke Stoll with 17, followed by Junior Kassie Miller with 12. Senior Ashley Stoll added 8, Sophomore Breanna Rath with 7, and Junior Morgan Wark with 3 more for the Bulldogs.

"I was proud that we stepped up to the line and knocked down our free throws when it mattered," said Brooke Stoll. "It was a good test for us," she added.

"It was beneficial for us to be put in the position and have to stay calm," continued Breanna Rath, "which will help us later in the season,"

The girls will continue their season as they travel to Grainfield to take on the Thunderhawks on February 12.

## WHS Basketball

By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, February 9, the Wheatland-Grinnell basketball teams traveled to Quinter to take on the Bulldogs. The Varsity Girls played first and lost 50-24. Junior Isabella Ostmeier led the girls in scoring with nine points. Freshman Karoline Schroeder led in rebounds having ten total: four on offense and six on defense. Our girls had a total of four assists and five steals!

The Varsity Boys played after the girls and won 62-55. Junior Isaac Mendez dominated the scoreboard with twenty-one total points. Senior Trevor Zarybnicky rebounded ten total: six on offense and

four on defense. Our boys totaled sixteen assists and seven steals.

On Friday, February 12, the Thunderhawks stayed at our home gym to play against the Golden Plains Bulldogs. The Varsity girls played first and lost 57-29. Junior Livia Schultz guided our Lady Thunderhawks with most points of eight. Freshman Karoline Schroeder led our girls once again in rebounds having ten total: four on offense and six on defense. As a team our ladies had seven total assists and five total

steals.

The Varsity Boys played following the girls and won 71-44. Junior Trey Vincent scored seventeen. Sophomore Jett Vincent led in rebounds having eight total: two on offense and six on defense. As a team our boys had seventeen steals and rebounds!



Golden Plains Senior Brooke Stoll jumps above the defenders to get an offensive rebound. The Lady Bulldogs went on to defeat Hill City Ringnecks, 47-40. The Dogs are now 15-0 on the season. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

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## STATE BOUND

10 Wrestlers - 10 Ranked Competitors - Undefeated Team



**Marissa PORSCH** 132#  
Record: 40-1  
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Class of 2022



**Tate WEIMER** 106#  
Record: 34-9  
Sub-State Champion  
Class of 2023



**Wayne SHEPARD** 113#  
Record: 36-8  
Sub-State Champion  
Class of 2023



**Carson OCHS** 120#  
Record: 35-7  
Sub-State Champion  
Class of 2024



**Dayton BELL** 126#  
Record: 37-4  
Sub-State Runner-Up  
Class of 2023



**Drew BELL** 132#  
Record: 41-0  
Sub-State Champion  
Class of 2022



**Drew BRETZ** 138#  
Record: 40-3  
Sub-State Runner-Up  
Class of 2023



**Derek JOHNSON** 143#  
Record: 40-0  
Sub-State Champion  
Class of 2023



**Aidan BAALMAN** 160#  
Record: 43-0  
Sub-State Champion  
Class of 2021




**Brandon BAKER** 285#  
Record: 29-5  
3rd Place Sub-State  
Class of 2022

## Hoxie Wrestling Wins Substate 1, Sends Nine to State

**By Coleen Shepard**  
The Hoxie Wrestling Team claimed six individual titles, two runners-up and one third place at the KSHSAA 3-2-1A Sub State 1 Wrestling Tournament in Minneapolis last Saturday, as the Indians finished with 193.0 team points and a 65-point lead over their opponents to win the tournament title. With this win the Indians capped off a perfect pre-state season, heading into Saturday's State Tournament as the undefeated number one ranked team and bringing nine ranked wrestlers hungry for both individual and

team titles.  
Hoxie's individual Sub-State 1 champions include Tate Weimer (106 pounds), Wayne Shepard (113), Carson Ochs (120), Drew Bell (132), Derek Johnson (145), and Aidan Baalman (160). Runners-Up for Hoxie were Dayton Bell (126) and Drew Bretz (138), and Brandon Baker (285) won third.  
The Indians now turn their attention to the KSHSAA 3-2-1A State Championships this Saturday at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. Number one ranked wrestlers competing for Hoxie this Saturday will be 113-pound Wayne Shepard (36-8), 132-pound Drew Bell (41-0), 145-pound Derek Johnson (40-0), and 160-pound Aidan Baalman (43-0). Coming in at the number two ranked positions are 106-pound Tate Weimer (34-9), 126-pound Dayton Bell (37-4) and 138-pound Drew Bretz (40-3). Carson Ochs (25-7) holds the fourth place ranking at 120-pounds, and 285-pound Brandon Baker (29-5) is ranked sixth. There are several ways fans can watch the action.

**Smoky Hills PBS, Saturday 2/27:** Starts at 12 noon and runs through completion, Sunday 2/28: Rebroadcast of Championship matches Starts at 9am.  
**Open Spaces Sports Saturday 2/27:** Starts at 12 noon with live streaming until completion. (<https://www.openspacesports.com>)  
NFHS network using track casting features from track wrestling Saturday 2/27: Starts at 12 noon with live streaming until completion. (<http://bit.ly/2ZIIvtl>)  
Open Spaces Sports and NFHS will have a fee for viewing.



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**Do your best at State.**


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"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.  
Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

**Marissa Porsch Punches Ticket to State**

**By Coleen Shepard**  
Hoxie's Girls Wrestler Marissa Porsch will travel to Salina this Friday to compete at this year's KSHSAA 4-3-2-1A Girls State Tournament. Climbing atop the podium to claim the 132-pound Girls Division II Sub-State 1 Champion Bracket Marissa punched her ticket to the State Tournament and finished her pre-state season with a 40-1 record and a second place Girls Division II ranking.  
The tournament will be streamed on the NFHS network, using Track Casting features from TrackWrestling. The link for access is <http://bit.ly/3uonCl>.





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# WRESTLING

## SUB STATE RESULTS

7 Sub-State Champions - 3 Undefeated Wrestlers

**132 Marissa Porsch** (40-1) placed 1st and scored 23.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Marissa Porsch 40-1 won by fall over Arriana Gross (McPherson) 5-9 (Fall 1:14)

Semifinal - Marissa Porsch 40-1 won by decision over Kaitlyn Hain (Wellington) 32-4 (Dec 4-2)

1st Place Match - Marissa Porsch 40-1 won by major decision over Jill High (Augusta) 19-3 (MD 10-0)



**113 Wayne Shepard** (36-8) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Wayne Shepard 36-8 won by fall over Ayden Loomis (Beloit) 13-15 (Fall 1:09)

Semifinal - Wayne Shepard 36-8 won by decision over AJ Polansky (Belleville-Republic County) 33-10 (Dec 9-5)

1st Place Match - Wayne Shepard 36-8 won by decision over Josiah Ball (Hoisington) 25-4 (Dec 6-3)



**106 Tate Weimer** (34-9) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Tate Weimer 34-9 won in sudden victory - 1 over Teagon Nienke (Ellsworth) 19-4 (SV-1 8-6)

Semifinal - Tate Weimer 34-9 won by decision over Chase Johnson (Minneapolis) 22-14 (Dec 7-2)

1st Place Match - Tate Weimer 34-9 won by decision over Mason Younger (Ellis) 32-3 (Dec 4-3)



**120 Carson Ochs** (35-7) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Carson Ochs 35-7 won by fall over Pake Green (Anthony/Harper-Chaparral) 17-6 (Fall 0:25)

Semifinal - Carson Ochs 35-7 won in sudden victory - 1 over Lukas Zodrow (Oberlin) 22-18 (SV-1 6-4)

1st Place Match - Carson Ochs 35-7 won by decision over Logan Normandin (Plainville) 27-11 (Dec 6-2)



**132 Drew Bell** (41-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Drew Bell 41-0 won by fall over Jackson Pinckney (Smith Center) 16-17 (Fall 0:24)

Semifinal - Drew Bell 41-0 won by fall over Tarrant Young (Stafford) 20-4 (Fall 1:01)

1st Place Match - Drew Bell 41-0 won by fall over Aidan Hockman (Hill City) 21-11 (Fall 0:26)



**126 Dayton Bell** (37-4) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Dayton Bell 37-4 won by fall over Ahsten Danner (Lyons) 25-10 (Fall 2:26)

Semifinal - Dayton Bell 37-4 won by fall over Wyatt Gardner (Leoti) 22-6 (Fall 2:51)

1st Place Match - Kolton Field (Norton) 31-2 won by decision over Dayton Bell 37-4 (Dec 7-1)



**138 Drew Bretz** (40-3) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Drew Bretz 40-3 won by fall over Skyler Geer (Halstead) 20-17 (Fall 0:49)

Semifinal - Drew Bretz 40-3 won by decision over Jacob Windholz (Russell) 26-6 (Dec 7-5)

1st Place Match - Eric Cain (Oakley) 32-3 won by decision over Drew Bretz 40-3 (Dec 1-0)



**160 Aidan Baalman** (43-0) placed 1st and scored 25.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Aidan Baalman 43-0 won by fall over Nathan Hrabe (Smith Center) 29-16 (Fall 4:28)

Semifinal - Aidan Baalman 43-0 won by major decision over Tate Kadel (Beloit) 20-10 (MD 17-5)

1st Place Match - Aidan Baalman 43-0 won by fall over Ayden Nickelson (Hill City) 22-10 (Fall 2:32)



**145 Derek Johnson** (40-0) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson 40-0 won by fall over Austin Wolff (Minneapolis) 28-11 (Fall 1:17)

Semifinal - Derek Johnson 40-0 won by decision over Jordan Bachman (Hillsboro) 27-6 (Dec 7-0)

1st Place Match - Derek Johnson 40-0 won by decision over Colby Schreiner (Kingman) 24-1 (Dec 7-1)



**285 Brandon Baker** (29-5) placed 3rd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandon Baker 29-5 won by forfeit over Colton Haresnape (Smith Center) 13-15 (For)

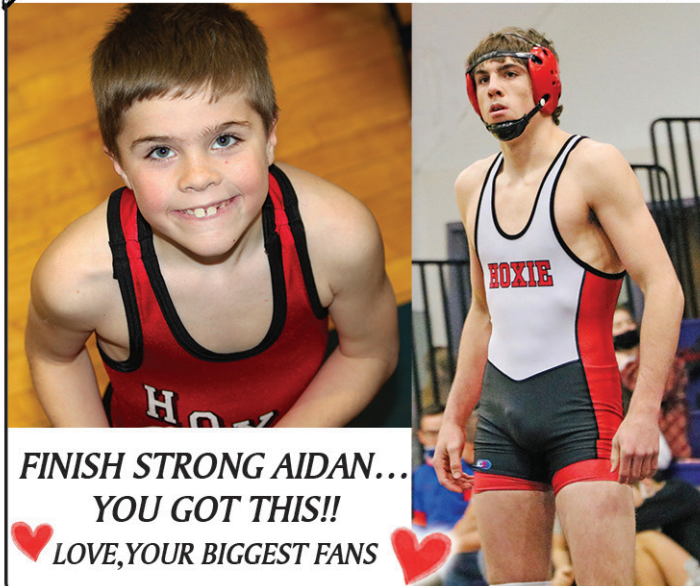
Semifinal - Ivan Jirak (Oakley) 26-13 won by fall over Brandon Baker 29-5 (Fall 3:29)

Cons. Semi - Brandon Baker 29-5 won by fall over Nate Johnson (Ellis) 9-5 (Fall 0:46)

3rd Place Match - Brandon Baker 29-5 won by fall over Thayn Walt (Hill City) 23-12 (Fall 1:48)



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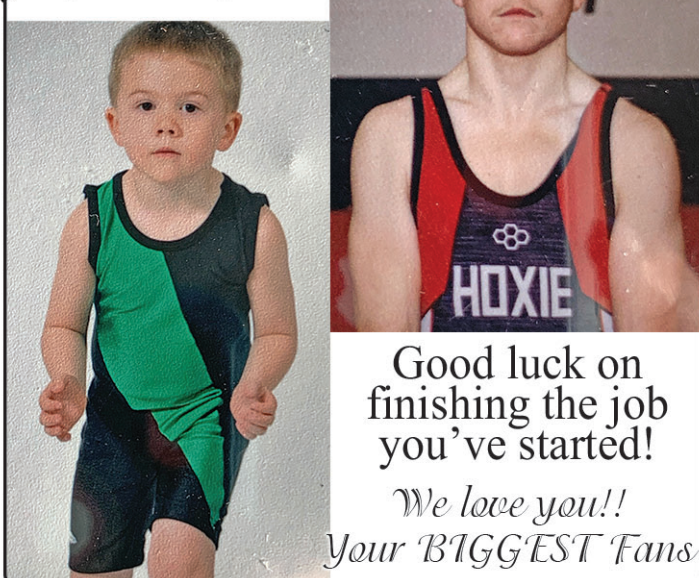
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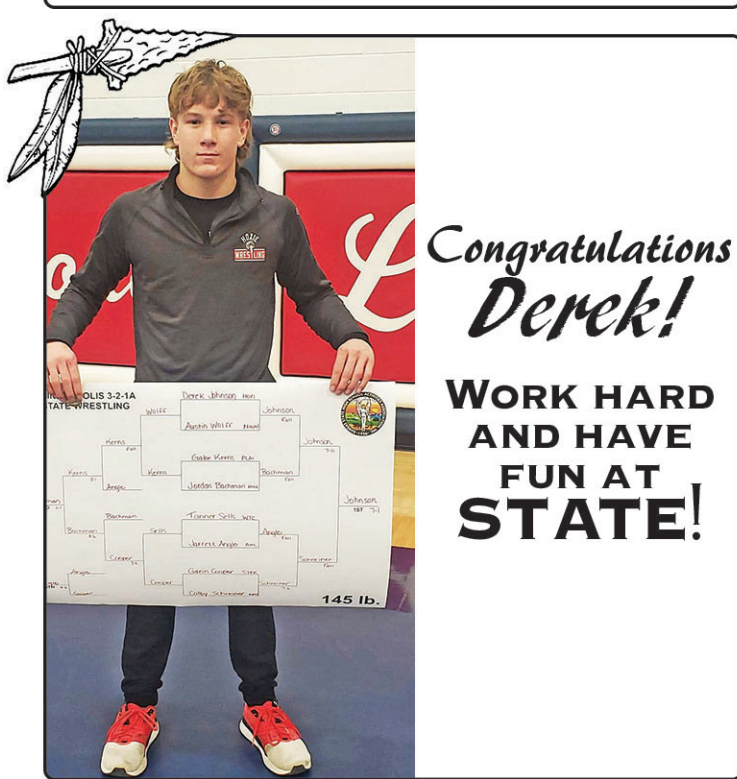
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## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending February 21, 2021, topsoil moisture supplies rated 15% very short, 27% short, 51% adequate, and 7% surplus, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 15% very short, 29% short, 52% adequate and 4% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 8% very poor, 18% poor, 34% fair, 37% good, and 3% excellent.

Weekly reports will begin March 1 for the 2021 season.

## Kansas Cattle on Feed Up 5 Percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more

head, contained 2.52 million cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 5% from last year.

Placements during January totaled 480,000 head, up 8% from 2020.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 450,000 head, down 1% from last year.

Other disappearance during January totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

## Wheat and More...or Less

By Vance Ehmke

The Wheat Is OK...Probably

We haven't seen bone-crushing sub-zero temperatures like those of Valentine's Day week in decades. But is the wheat OK? Or do we have a serious problem with winterkill?

Years ago, I came across some research that said if you had just an inch of snow down in the bottom of the furrow, it would insulate and protect the wheat plant down to temperatures of 20 below zero. Well, that's exactly how low we went.

And we did have the inch of snow covering the wheat. Plus, we had gotten some earlier snowfall which had melted and wetted the soil which provided even more protection for the crown and growing point. In addition, the wheat had ample time to slowly move into dormancy prior to onset of the big freeze. Also, we were fortunate in getting good stands last fall so even our latest-planted wheat had very respectable top growth and root development.

But while I felt pretty confident about our wheat, I talked to former KSU Extension wheat specialist Jim Shroyer and asked what he thought. Jim advised me to take a soil thermometer out to the field and get a temperature reading at the

2-inch depth. "If it's in the single digits, you've got a problem."

So, the next morning, I sailed out to the field with a soil thermometer and a cordless drill to drill through the frozen soil. After placing the thermometer at the 2-inch depth, I and the farm dog waited as fast as we could for the next 5 minutes. Then I pulled it out and read the dial. It was 19 degrees—well beyond the dangerous single digits. Louise later informed me that soil temps at Dodge City were 21 degrees.

So, the wheat is OK...probably.

As you start stripping away some of the mitigating factors mentioned above, the wheat becomes more and more vulnerable. For instance, if you didn't have the snow covering, that hurts. And if the soil were dry, that's not good either. Scott County farmer Bo Parkinson says unlike us, a lot of topsoil west of here and on into eastern Colorado is nothing more than dry dust which allows the bitter cold temps to penetrate deeper and deeper into the ground.

Plus, a lot of the wheat stands going that direction are not good. In some cases, the seedbed had turned hard and dry because of the dry fall. Thus, seed was placed shallow resulting in poor germination and high crown set. Neither are the root systems very well developed. Late-planted wheat is even more vulnerable. The length of the cold snap is another factor. Jim said the longer it stays cold, the quicker the soil temps can drop.

So, at the end of the day, there's a lot of wheat out there that is just fine. But there's also a lot that is worth worrying about. We'll just have to wait until spring to find out which is which.

## Wheat Scoop: Women Managing the Farm Conference

By Julia Debes, Kansas Wheat

From homesteading the Kansas prairie to developing new ways to market products to today's consumers, women have played a critical role in the success of Kansas agriculture. The annual Women Managing the Farm Conference provides a supportive setting for women to develop the skills, resources and knowledge needed for success in a competitive agricultural environment.

"From day-to-day decisions to record-keeping and financial management, women are heavily engaged in American agriculture," said Marsha Boswell, a past conference chair and vice president of communications for Kansas Wheat. "The ultimate goal of the Women Managing the Farm Conference is to provide women with the tools they need to manage their farm investment and thrive in rural communities."

Kansas is home to nearly 32,700 women agricultural producers, according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Nationwide, 36 percent of U.S. farmers are women and more than half (56 percent) of all farms have at least one female decision-maker.

The Women Managing the Farm Conference, started in 2005, gathers these women farmers with rural business leaders and landowners for learning sessions and networking — this year in a virtual setting. Kansas Wheat was a gold sponsor for the event.

Over the three-day event from February 10-12, 2021, sessions discussed personal motivation, tractor and equipment maintenance, urban agriculture and inner-city food desserts, handling stress, entrepreneurship, grain and livestock marketing, family communication, financial management, healthcare, family dynamics, farm succession planning, livestock fencing, direct marketing and more.

The conference kicked off with Matt Rush, an inspirational speaker and author, providing motivation to continue connecting and innovating with others in agriculture. Naomi Blohm, a specialist in helping farmers understand their cash marketing needs, broke down how farmers can better understand and manage their cash flow. LaVell Winsor, K-State farm analyst, and Robin Reid, K-State Extension farm economist, discussed how to determine the cost of production and strategies for developing and implementing a marketing plan. Mary Kay Thatcher, a former lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation who is now on the government relations team for Syngenta, provided insights on how the 2020 election will impact the agricultural industry.

New this year, the conference added a digital resource library of videos and materials to help put the ideas in these sessions into action in their operations and daily lives. Combined, these resources will provide support throughout the year for the women who work to continually advance American agriculture.

Keep up to date with Women Managing the Farm at [www.facebook.com/WomenManagingtheFarm](https://www.facebook.com/WomenManagingtheFarm).

## Calling All Innovators in the World of Aquaculture!

USSEC Staff Writer, U.S. Soybean Export Council

Feb 17, 2021

Aquaculture is the fastest growing segment of the food industry. Globally, there is a need for technology and data-driven solutions to improve production, the environment and supply chains.

Created by The Yield Lab Institute and The Yield Lab Asia Pacific, The Global Aquaculture Challenge invites innovators from across the globe and all aspects of the supply chain to share their ideas, whether it be lab, technology or policy-based, to ultimately improve the circular aquaculture approach. Its designed to increase collaboration among established industry, experts and the selected innovators.

"Our goal for the future of aquaculture is to produce more food, at a higher quality and a better return, to the producer," said Larry Taylor, co-founder of The Yield Lab Asia Pacific.

This accelerator program will identify innovative aquaculture solutions, ultimately choosing eight applicants and pairing the selected inventors with mentors experienced in these markets. At the final investor conference, the teams will pitch their technologies to the market, with the grand-prize winner receiving \$100,000. Applicants will also have opportunities to win other prizes. Details on other prizes will be released shortly.

Innovators from industry, academia and public institutions are encouraged to apply. These include: Early-stage to late early-stage startups.

Innovators in research organizations, public and private, NGOs.

Innovators in seafood farming companies or seafood industry.

Innovators in supply chain, compliance, and public policy.

Technologists who have an application relevant to aquaculture.

The challenge welcomes more innovation in areas such as, but not limited to:

Water management solutions and resource usage in farming systems.

Supply chain, cold chain and traceability systems.

Smallholder farms' economically viable systems.

Tropical species diversity and efficiency.

Regenerative systems, seaweed, microalgae, integrated multi-trophic aquaculture.

Environmental footprint metrics.

Recirculating aquaculture systems, sensors, monitoring and other systems (IoT, AI, ML).

Zootechnics, animal health, disease management, feed and nutrition.

Public policies including compliance, certification, traceability.

For more information on the challenge and to see a list of the strategic advisors, visit The Aquaculture Challenge website.

Apply for The Aqua Challenge here. Applications are due Feb. 28, 2021.

USSEC is a proud sponsor of The Aquaculture Challenge. Click here to learn more about the organization's work in aquaculture.

"Innovation challenges are a great way to bring new ideas and technologies to the table," said USSEC Senior Director - Organizational Collaboration and Innovation Karey Claghorn. "The Soy Nutrition Value Calculator that we are now sharing with customers around the world is the direct result of an innovation challenge. We want to be able to harness the power of disruption and transform the aquaculture industry into a space that's not only environmentally friendly but one that's also efficient, helping to provide a good source of protein in diets around the world."

Source: U.S. Soybean Export Council <https://bit.ly/3aOip8u>

## Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during January 2021 totaled 352 million pounds, up 2% from January 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 172,000 head, 3,000 head more than January 2020. Milk production per cow averaged 2,045 pounds.



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GENERAL	\$ 198,569.00	\$ 132,371.11	\$ 130,528.52	\$ 200,411.59
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 1,020.22	\$ 6,016.61	\$ 5,477.95	\$ 1,558.88
WATER	\$ 55,132.79	\$ 48,189.88	\$ 37,030.46	\$ 67,292.21
TRASH PICK UP	\$ 52,009.88	\$ 37,243.11	\$ 37,318.30	\$ 51,934.69
SEWER	\$ 10,743.50	\$ 10,308.00	\$ 4,072.29	\$ 16,979.31
CAPITAL IMPROVEMEN	\$ 28,214.71	\$ 14,348.50	\$ 27,248.00	\$ 15,315.21
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 5,203.91	\$ 4,440.00	\$ 4,829.38	\$ 4,814.53
LIBRARY	\$ -	\$ 3,293.48	\$ 3,293.48	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 351,894.11	\$ 256,210.69	\$ 249,798.38	\$ 358,306.42

OUTSTANDING DEBT:  
None

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT.

 Selden City Clerk

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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 noat 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  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF SHERIDAN COUNTY,  
KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
MARK HILL, Deceased

**Case No. 2021-PR-5**

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 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 December 26, 2019 and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Sueanne Hill 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 19, 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.

Sueanne Hill  
Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054  
Attorney for Petitioner  
ELAND & PRATT, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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**Commission Minutes  
2/2/2021**

Now on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney, and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Carolyn Meyer, and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Pratt reported that the Easement with Arthur Hirdler had been signed and delivered.

Bracht stated that Fred Washburn, City of Hoxie Superintendent, had asked her about the Spring Clean-Up and if the City would still be able to dump for free during the three-day period. By consensus, the Board agreed there would be no charge to the City.

Bracht advised the Board that Sheriff Carver had been nominated/recommended to serve on the Kansas Sheriff's Association Board as an auditor. This is a nomination from Sheriff Carver's peers. the Board agreed this is quite an honor.

Bracht distributed the Employee Handbook and Work Regulations for review. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the handbook with changes, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the various abatements for the Treasurer. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Bracht clarified that Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/ Administrator will now be a salaried employee. The Board agreed.

Mader made a motion to approve the February 2, 2021 Minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Mader stated he had been approached about overtime and wanted clarification. When an employee has overtime during a week but takes a day of vacation, personal, sick or holiday time, there is no overtime.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the mid-month warrants as presented, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

February 12, 2021 payroll was approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the

table. By consensus, all the tanks will be filled with fuel, regular and diesel from Bainter Oil.

A Sand and Gravel Lease Contract was distributed for the SW4 35-10-27. This land had been owned by Mick Zerr, but he swapped it with his father, Leonard Zerr, so a new contract was entered in to. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the Gravel Lease Contract, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

Herskowitz stated the Road and Bridge employees have kept busy cleaning up the shop, servicing equipment, going through parts, etc.

By the end of the week the Road and Bridge crew will be putting gravel on the Park road, as well as the redline.

The grader was returned from Vic's LLC.

Renee Wagoner, Public Health Nurse/Administrator, came to the table. Wagoner stated they would be visiting businesses soon and letting people know they are open every day, the services they provide, etc. They would be doing this in Selden as well.

Wagoner discussed with the Board the excess supplies located in the garage that need to be moved. Wagoner stated law enforcement has needed the garage for vehicles, etc.

Wagoner stated that COVID vaccinations are going well and she estimates around 300 vaccinations have been given. The State has supplied syringes, etc. and the only supplies that have had to be purchased are bandages.

The hospital sent a couple of nurses to help schedule and give immunizations, as well as a volunteer from the community.

Wagoner stated that grant submissions are behind, and someone is coming today to help complete the affidavits, so no grant money is lost. Wagoner and Mosier are not WIC certified yet so Karen Mann, RN is scheduling WIC clients on the day she is in the office to help ensure this program is kept going. Wagoner stated that Mann would like additional money to stay and help keep the WIC program. Once Wagoner and Mosier are WIC certified, Mann would not continue except "as needed" for immunization clinics, etc.

Wagoner continued by stating that she would like to hire another person to do the filing, billing, and scheduling. Wagoner stated that there are grants available to provide more services, pay wages, etc.

Wagoner reminded the Board that there are webinars available on YouTube that are quite informational.

At 9:20 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 the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Pratt, and Wagoner. At 9:32, the door opened, and Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 9:41. Joe Bainter made a motion to advertise for receptionist/clerical help at the Public Health Office and to allow Wagoner to offer Mann additional pay to help with WIC until they are certified. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Jerold DeBoer from Penco Engineering came to the table. Prior to the meeting Bracht had distributed the bidding documents and specifications for the road surfacing of 70W from US24 north 2.4 miles. The Board discussed with DeBoer some wording they would like added to the document as it pertains to information for the bidders. DeBoer will get these changes made and will have it out to advertise by the end of the week. Scott Foote joined the conversation by telephone and there was discussion about moving up the date for construction and the turn off area going in to the feedlot.

Joe Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include Sheriff Carver. Wes Bainter

**Denise Meyer**

December 13, 1958 – February 12, 2021



Denise K. Meyer, 62, said goodbye to her earthly family and joined the heavenly chorus in the presence of her Savior on February 12, 2021, in Salina, KS.

Denise was born on Dec. 13, 1958, in Okarche, OK, to Arthur F. and Ruth J. (Brueggen) Annuschat. She married her high school sweetheart Michael (Mike) A. Meyer on March 31, 1979, in Okarche. The couple was blessed with

four sons, each born in Okarche, between 1979-86. The family moved to Winfield, KS, in 1991, then Hoxie, KS, in 1992. Denise and Mike raised their sons and became heavily involved in the community of Hoxie and Immanuel Lutheran Church until they moved to Colby, in 2010, then to Salina, in 2013.

Throughout her life, Denise worked as a registered medical assistant, para-educator, and as an administrative assistant at several medical practices and businesses. She had various interests and hobbies to which she devoted her free time, including avidly watching the Jayhawks, Chiefs, Royals, and Auburn, as well as baking and cooking, and meticulously maintaining her lawn and garden. However, her most cherished roles were being a loving, servant-hearted, and devoted wife, mother, aunt, and, most recently, grandmother. "Niece," "Mom," or "NeeNee," as she was affectionately referred to, loved, and cared for her husband, sons, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and four grandchildren with a selfless, sacrificial, and strong-willed love that each will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Denise is survived by Mike, her husband of 42 years; four sons: Scott (Mandy) of Overland Park, Greg (Emilie) of Tulsa, OK, Clay (Liz) of Overland Park, and Danny of Tulsa, OK; four grandchildren: Branch, Ruthie, Lily, and Owen; three siblings: Sandy (Richard) Raupe of Okarche, OK, Jackie (Chris) Walta of Kingfisher, OK, and Larry Annuschat of Okarche, OK; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Paul, Stan, Vicki, David, Nick, and Ron.

A socially distanced public visitation will be held on February 26, 2021 at Sanders Funeral Home in Kingfisher, OK, followed by a private family graveside service at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Okarche. A private family memorial service to honor and celebrate Denise's life will be live-streamed at 2 p.m. on March 6, 2021 at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/ctksalina>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Denise Meyer to any of the Lutheran churches in which she and her family were involved:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1400 Locust, Hoxie, KS 67740; Christ the King Lutheran Church, 111 W Magnolia Road, Salina, KS 67401, St. John's Lutheran Church, 408 Colorado Avenue, Okarche, OK 73762.

seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Carver distributed photos of the kitchen update he and Undersheriff Diercks did in the kitchen area of the office. They had received a \$2,500 donation and that is what it was used for. There is \$774 remaining.

Carver advised the Board that Hoxie is hosting the KS Intelligence Association meeting on February 24. This is a regional meeting involving KBI, KHP, MOCIC and other agencies and law enforcement in the region. Bids for the meal were received from The Elephant and Stella Blue and Stella Blue had the low bid serving a meat and two sides. They anticipate 55 guests, and it will be held at the EMS building.

Carver stated that a bid will be received on the closing of the garage door on the north side of the building and a portion of this will be paid for from another donation received specifically for it.

The following payroll was approved:

General \$58,185.00  
Road & Bridge \$21,559.42  
Sparks \$909.75  
Conceal Carry \$77.98  
Nox. Weed \$1,590.49  
Public Health \$6,410.47

Publ. Trnsp. \$1,043.83  
Landfill \$1,595.71

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 8:00 in the Courthouse foyer.

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

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Riddle Card

1. What did the big rose say to the little rose?
2. What has five eyes but cannot see?
3. What is the biggest jewel in the world?
4. What is the best name for a lady engineer?
5. Why are playing cards like wolves?



Answers: 1. Hiya, bud. 2. The "Mississippi River." 3. A base-ball diamond. 4. Bridge. 5. Because they come in packs.

ODD MAN OUT!

To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

Answer: Danger. The other words all contain the name of some part of your body. (1. Eye. 2. Ear. 4. Rib. 5. Skin.)

Junior Whirl  
by Charles Barry Townsend

ARE YOU IN SHAPE FOR THIS PUZZLE?



Illustrated by David Coulson

You're a winner if you can finish this puzzle in under five minutes. In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MILE to POST in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. COWS to BARN
2. GALA to FETE
3. DARE to RISK
4. SINE to MATH
5. NAIL to BOLT

Answers: 1. COWS, CAWS, CARS, BARS, BARN. 2. GALA, GALE, GATE, FATE, FETE. 3. DARE, RARE, RASE, RISE, RISK. 4. SINE, MINE, MITE, MATE, MATH. 5. NAIL, BAIL, BALL, BOLL, BOLT.

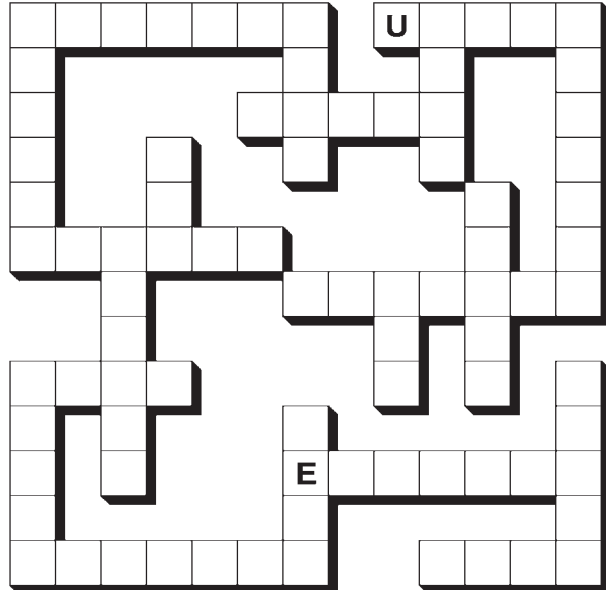
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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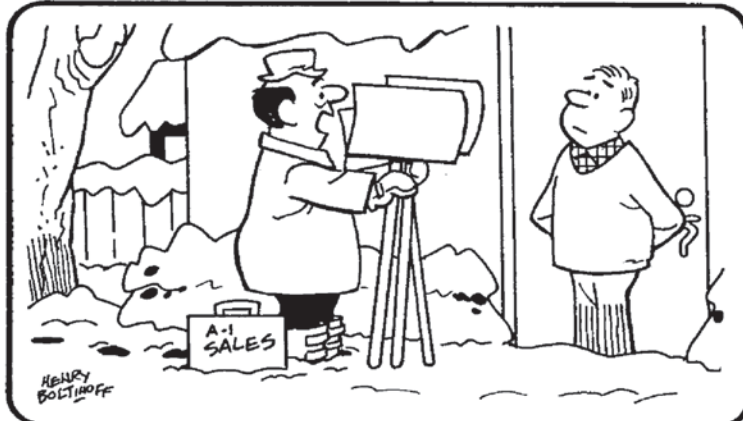
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

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4 Letters  
KENT  
LYNN  
MESA  
OJAI  
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5 Letters  
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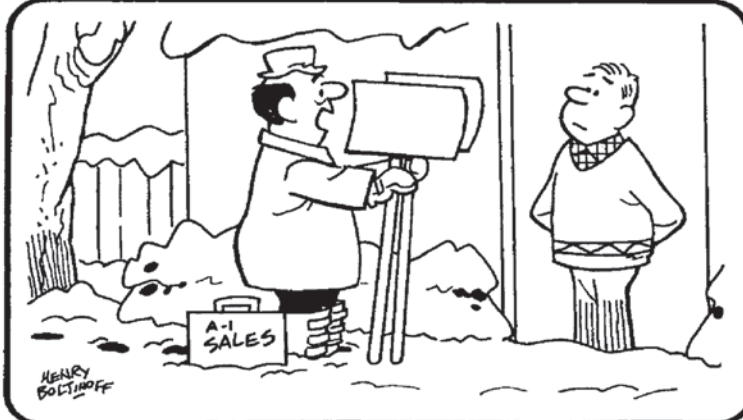


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sweater has decoration. 2. Doorknob is missing. 3. Boots are taller. 4. One shovel is gone. 5. Fence is higher. 6. House is missing.

CryptoQuip

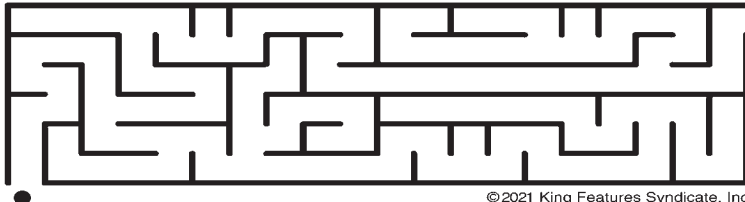
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: J equals R

P XNHPNON PV QLYNLTN  
ANYLHPQENQ S JLLV, EN  
QELFHA BNC PT CJLFXHN  
VLJ NSONQAJLRRPTB.

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Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

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

Strike  
DOCILLE

Affirm  
FORSEPS

Endorse  
TERFYIC

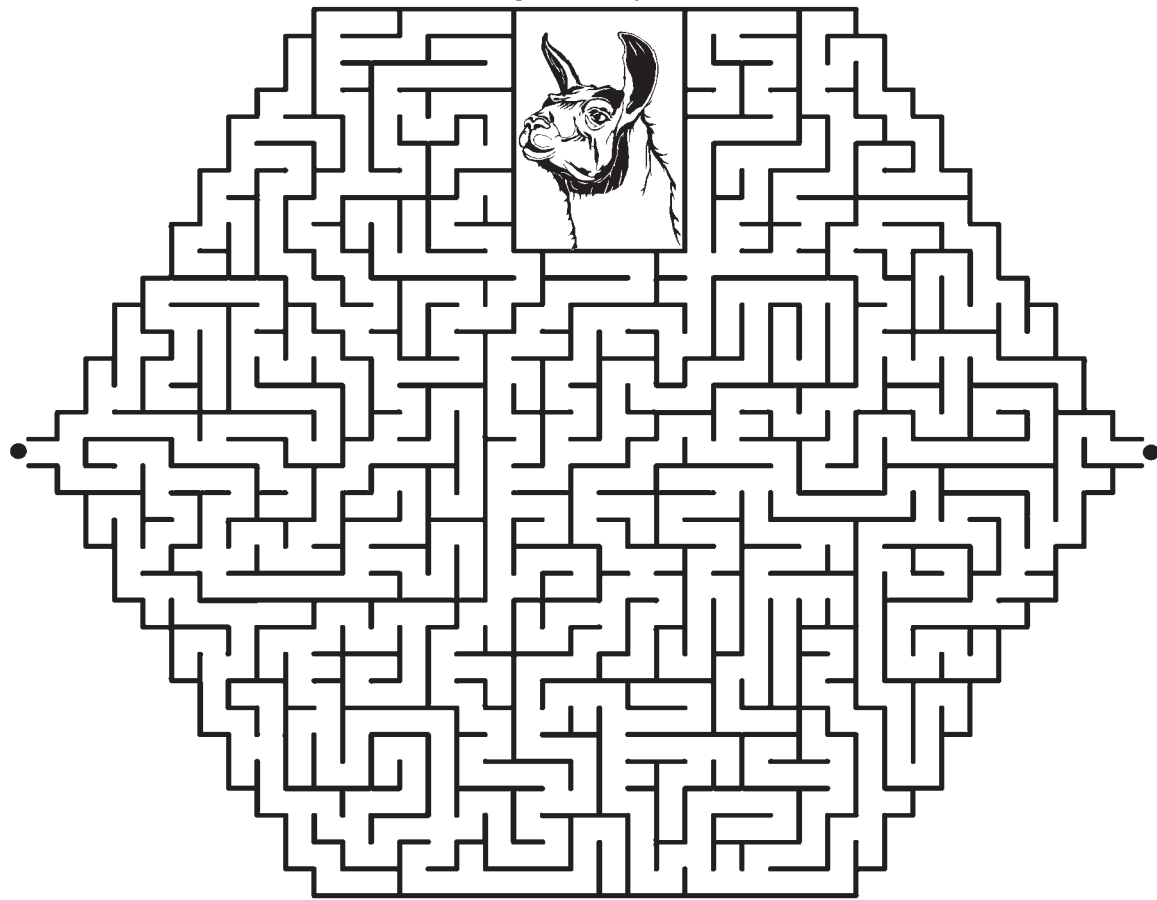
Accurate  
RECIPES

TODAY'S WORD

"Well, that harebrained Jones boy finally prevailed on a get-rich-quick scheme. He \_\_\_\_\_ with our daughter!"

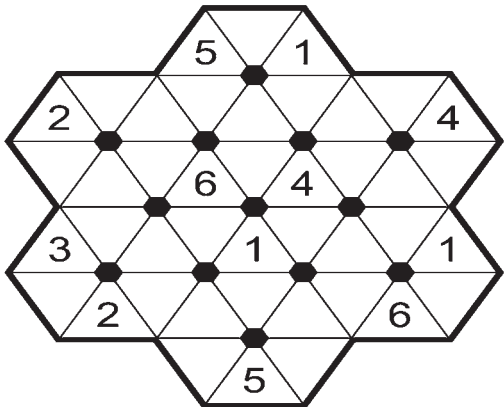
Mega Maze

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SNOWFLAKES  
by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

SUMMONING  
JEKYLL AND SEUSS

ACROSS

1 Stallion, e.g.  
6 Saudi, e.g.  
10 Floats gently  
15 Livens (up)  
19 Optic layers  
20 Female adult  
21 Accustom  
22 Roman 951  
23 Sweet capsicum variety  
25 Bacon piece  
26 Give kudos  
27 Queen, in Spanish  
28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957  
31 Don —  
32 Suddenly become alert  
35 Tetley pouch  
36 Extremely scarce  
41 President pro —  
43 Brainy bunch  
44 Bit of Vail gear  
45 The "sum" of "Cogito, ergo sum"  
46 Bona —  
47 Christmas poem opener  
49 Sinister powers  
54 Wooded with tunes

58 Comic blows  
59 Fragrant  
60 Best Actress nominee for "Breaking the Waves"  
63 Turn aside  
64 Category  
65 Hit, as a gnat  
66 Place  
67 Lure for fish target  
74 Song from "Oklahoma!"  
77 How fast a plane is flying  
80 Govt. agent  
81 Comic Gilda  
82 Deep pessimism  
84 Installed, as brick  
86 Actor Ladd  
87 Soft throw  
88 Chum  
89 Lhasa — (small dogs)  
94 Visibly angry  
95 Highly venomous cephalopod  
101 Filled the fuel tank, with "up"  
103 User of four-letter words  
104 "Smile Be Your Umbrella"

105 "Guys and Dolls" guy  
109 Rockers  
111 Fitzgerald of jazz  
112 Cliffside nest  
113 What you do when you look at the ends of nine long answers in this puzzle  
117 Regal Norse name  
118 Adorn fussily  
119 Morales in movies  
120 Haggard of country  
121 Where AT&T is "T"  
122 Squiggly letters  
123 Breeding  
124 Carne — (Baja dish)

DOWN

1 Central area  
2 Make hackneyed  
3 Brush up on  
4 City near Monterey  
5 Fox Sports alternative  
6 High, rugged peak

7 Drake's music  
8 University in Nassau County  
9 Mechanical way to learn  
10 Prudent  
11 Part of ABM  
12 Animal coats  
13 French for "sad"  
14 Days of the week, e.g.  
15 Campus workstation locale  
16 Tending to radiate something  
17 Provided juice for?  
18 Pro or con  
24 Give relief to  
29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber  
30 Cheer shout  
31 Printer clog  
33 Org. in "The Martian"  
34 With 53-Down, requests  
37 Broken-down  
38 Knights, e.g.  
39 Tic-toe link  
40 Retired professors  
42 Defrost  
46 Was achy or regretful

48 "Holy cow!"  
49 Hoof or paw  
50 Totally dominate  
51 Good craps roll  
52 Keats work  
53 See 34-Down  
54 Place  
55 Novelist Tan  
56 Small bite  
57 Comedic actor Jackie  
58 H.S. junior's exam  
61 It has fluttery leaves  
62 Twirl, as one's thumbs  
63 Naturalist Fossey  
66 Con game  
68 "Anthem" writer Rand  
69 Suffix with hero  
70 The Raptors, on NBA schedules  
72 Engine stat  
73 "— culpa"  
74 "I think," in texts  
75 Half of hexa-  
76 Anwar of Egypt  
77 Culture base  
78 In a criminal way  
79 Book full of street maps

80 Desert in Mongolia  
83 Palme —  
84 Sonny boys  
85 Balm plant  
88 Most cheeky  
90 Maintains order over  
91 Prisms' color bands  
92 Was a better peddler than  
93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs  
95 Youth org. with troops  
96 Delaware Valley tribe  
97 Cows' milk deliverers  
98 Pvt.'s superior  
99 False appearances  
100 Street — (urban acceptance)  
102 Cut off stubble  
105 An inert gas  
106 Certain dwarf planet  
107 Clock info units  
108 Gym lifter's variety  
110 Tomato variety  
114 Water, in Nantes  
115 Give relief to  
116 Irish actor Stephen



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---21/22---

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---15/TFN---

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---49/TFN---

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---41/TFN---

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**Chasing Clovers: 4-Hers Develop Lifeskills Through Presentations**

By Patsy L. Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension District, 4-H Youth Development Agent  
Kansas 4-H members have been learning to speak skillfully before an audience for more than 100 years. It is often one of the things people say they most remember about their 4-H experiences -- before participating in 4-H, they could not speak comfortably in front of an audience. Through 4-H, thousands of youths have learned the skills necessary to clearly organize and present ideas and instructions through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking. Every 4-H member profit in some way from planning and presenting a project talk, demonstration, illustrated talk or public speech. Shy, retiring members will develop the ability to express themselves, become part of the group and develop more interest in 4-H.

Even confident members will learn to organize, to complete a job and to establish a standard of excellence for themselves and others. Good presenters are made, not born. Presenting is a skill that must be learned, just as other skills are.

The real value of a presentation is to the member who prepares and presents it. Poise, confidence and self-assurance grow each time a presentation is given. Members also learn cooperation and appreciation for the work of others.

Giving presentations in 4-H will teach members many skills that have value later in life, including these marketable skills:

- How to organize thoughts in a logical manner
- How to find information and research a subject
- How to express ideas clearly and convincingly
- How to prepare visuals and use them to support the presentation
- How to listen to the opinions of others and accept feedback
- How to teach others
- How to manage time
- How to manage stress

Learning takes place through the five senses: seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling. Research indicates 85 percent of learning comes through the sense of sight, 8 percent through hearing, 3 percent through feeling, 2 percent through tasting and 2 percent through smelling. All presentations include seeing and hearing, but some presentations involve all five senses. Effective presentations involve as many senses as possible.

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improve their performances. All youth need to develop healthy attitudes toward competition. Throughout life, youth will be in situations in and out of school where they will be judged and compared with peers or set project or presentation standards. Competition should be an exciting experience, not something youth dread or fear.

Competition, done the right way, is a way to motivate youth to work hard and to try to do their best. Youth, and adults, often learn more from failures or mistakes because they provide opportunities for improvement and growth. The ultimate goal in any presentation experience is for members to complete the presentation with a good feeling about themselves and what they have done and learned.

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**Puzzles4Kids Answer**

**CryptoQuip answer**  
I believe if someone demolishes a roof, he should get in trouble for eavesdropping.

**SCRAMBLERS solution**  
1. Collide 2. Profess;  
3. Certify; 4. Precise  
Today's Word  
**ELOPED**

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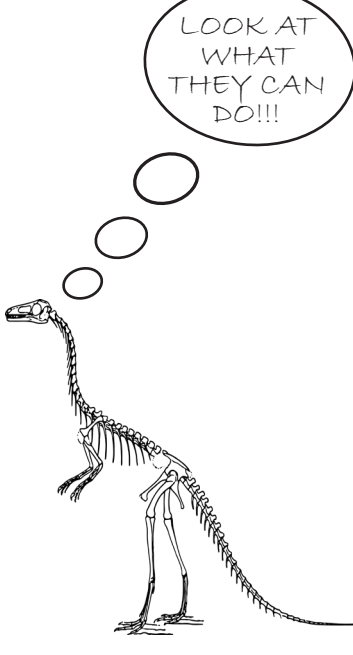
  
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