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HOXIE INDIANS BRING HOME THE GOLD

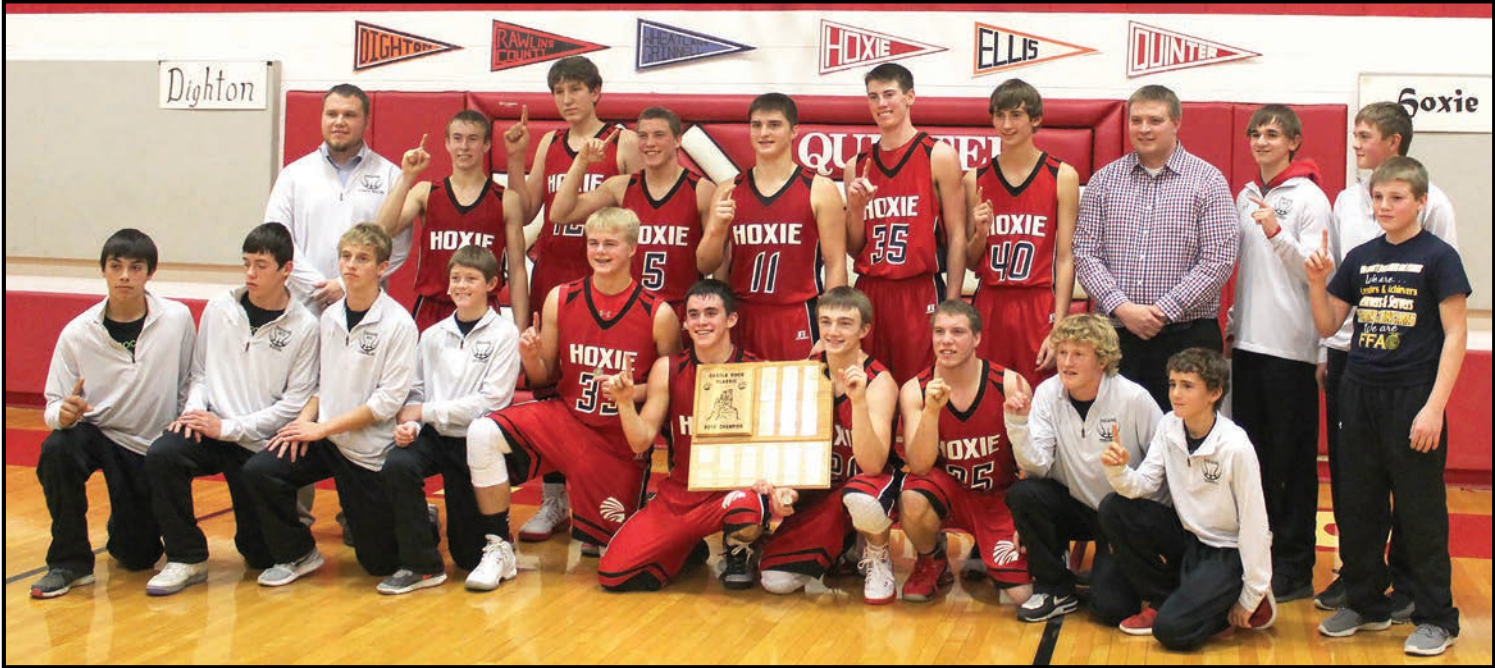


By Matthew Diercks

The Hoxie Indians traveled to Quinter to compete in the Castle Rock Classic Tournament Dec. 5, Dec. 9, and Dec. 10. Hoxie was looking to win the championship this year after not being able to pull it off last year in the same tournament. The Indians won the championship game in overtime to take home the trophy.

The Indians played Atwood in the first round of the tournament on Dec. 5. By the end of the first quarter Hoxie was leading 10-7. By halftime they increased their lead to 24-12. Hoxie ended the third quarter with a 33-24. In the fourth Atwood caught up with Hoxie and the game ended with a score of 39-39. In overtime Hoxie came out on top, ending the game with a score of 50-47.

Game Stats: Logan



Castle Rock Champs! (Front) Harley Weese, Justin Weese, Kaden Tremblay, Cade Gourley, Luke Schippers, Easton Slipke, Latham Schwarz, Taylor Burris, Gavin Tremblay, Aston Dowell. (Back) Assistant Coach B.J. Beiker, Logan Weimer, Jake Geisinger, Troyal Burris, Jarrod Dible, Sean Robben, Parker Jones, Head Coach Jake Moss, Jared Kennedy, Kyler Niblock, Matthew Diercks. (Photo by Devynn Snider)

Wiemer-10 points, 13 rebounds, 3 assists, 6 steals; Troyal Burris-1 rebound, 2 steals; Jarrod Dible-9 points, 14 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block; Easton Slipke-10 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals; Latham Schwarz-5 points, 2

rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals; Sean Robben-16 points, 6 rebounds.

In round two of the tournament, Hoxie played Ellis. Hoxie started off strong, ending the first quarter with a 21-14 lead and by halftime

they were leading 30-23. By the end of the third quarter Hoxie had a 50-34 lead. Hoxie ended the game winning, 64-43.

Game Stats: Logan Weimer-6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists; Troyal Burris- 1

rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal; Jarrod Dible-14 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal; Easton Slipke-19 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals; Latham Schwarz- 11 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals; Taylor Burris- 2 points; Luke

Schippers-4 rebounds; Sean Robben-12 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block.

In the championship round of the tournament, Hoxie played Dighton. Hoxie was losing 12-11 at the end of the first quarter and by halftime they winning 22-20. Hoxie was still leading 35-33 at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Hoxie was losing but tied it, 51-51 to go in to overtime. In overtime, Hoxie over came Dighton and won 58-56 to win the Castle Rock Tournament.

Game Stats: Logan Weimer-11 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist; Troyal Burris-1 assist; Jarrod Dible-12 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Easton Slipke-16 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals; Latham Schwarz-9 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists, 4 steals; Sean Robben-10 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals.

NWKS All-League Football Selections



Northwest Kansas All League Football Selections for the Hoxie Indians: Junior Latham Schwarz - 2nd team running back and 2nd team defensive back; junior Troyal Burris - 1st team running back and 1st team punter; junior Luke Schippers - 2nd team tight end; sophomore Taye Washington - honorable mention center/nose guard; sophomore Jarrod Dible - 2nd team defensive end and honorable mention outside linebacker; sophomore Colton Heskett - 2nd team offensive line and honorable mention defensive end; junior Taylor Burris - honorable mention linebacker/tight end. (Photo by Kaylyn Weems)

Birth Announcements



Brittni Smith is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Kayson Jo Smith. Kayson was born October 22, 2016 at 11:51pm. He weighed 6 lbs. 12.8 oz & was 20" long. To welcome him home were grandparents Gary & Cris Smith of Hoxie.

Holiday Yard of the Week



Jayne Moss and Stephen Taaffe, 1401 King St, Hoxie have this week's Holiday Yard of the Week, with their beautiful blue lighted trim! (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Chris and Taylor Heim announce the birth of their son, Gordon Christopher Heim. Gordon was born Thursday November 3, 2016 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Gordon weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and measured 21 inches in length. Grandparents are Sheila and Steve Heim of Hoxie, and Carla and Galen Walker of Utica. Great-grandparents are Pauline and Jerome Heim of Hoxie, Luella and the late Virgil Kinderknecht of Hoxie, Rhonda and Larry Russell of rural Gove County, and Joann and the late Charles Walker, Jr. of Utica. Great-great-grandparents are Della and Ronnie Morgan of Healy.



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Upcoming Area Events

Hoxie
Wednesdays, on-going:
Moms in Prayer Meetings:
Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478

Winter Wednesdays: Hoxie Farmers' Market, 730 Main Street, Hoxie 5pm - 7:30pm
2nd Tuesday - each month (Sept-June):
Scrappy Quilters Guild-Midwest Energy Building Meeting Room 7pm

2nd Wednesday - each month:
United Methodist Church Coffee Club in the Social Hall, 2 pm

Thursday, December 15:
United Methodist Women Annual Cookie Walk - United Methodist church 10am-4pm
The Sheridan Sentinel Holiday Open House 2pm-5pm

Wednesday, December 21:
Blue Christmas - United Methodist Church 6pm

Saturday, December 24:
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service - United Methodist Church, Hoxie

6:30pm
Sunday, December 25:
Christmas Day 11am - United Methodist Church

Oberlin
Tuesday, December 13:
American Legion Riders' Pancake & Sausage Feed; proceeds go towards Local Food Pantry and Ft. Dodge Soldiers Home - American Legion 5-7pm

Grainfield
Saturday, December 17:
Movie at the Opera House 1:30pm
Santa Clause at the Opera House 2:00pm

Selden
Saturday, December 24:
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services - United Methodist Church, Selden 6:30pm

Colby
Sunday, December 18:
CCC's Cultural Arts Center presents "New Odyssey Christmas Show," 3pm, Adults \$20, Students \$10

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

As I went out our back door this Sunday morning it was snowing. Didn't last long and only a skiff fell.

Ramona Shaw spent last week in Branson, MO enjoying numerous country/Christmas shows, the story of Moses show, and the beautiful display of Christmas lights that Branson is known for.

A large crowd of over 100 children and adults attended the Lions soup and dessert lunch, Santa's visit, with the City and the Lions sharing the cost of the candy, and then the community drawing on Saturday. It was so nice to see the community gathering. A lot of the families had out-

of-town relatives with them. Many nice gifts were given away. Everyone appreciated the great time.

The "Wreaths Across America" ceremony was held Saturday morning at both the Jennings and the Big Timber cemeteries as well as across America. It is a beautiful sight to see all the wreaths in the cemeteries honoring all the veterans.

A lot of people in town were visited by carolers this week. We enjoy hearing them sing and the plate of cookies they hand out.

Please send your news to me so it can be in the papers. 785=678=2233 or wcanlc@hotmail.com.

LIFE ON THE FAMILY FARM UNDER AN OPEN HEAVEN

Christmas Brings Hope Even In Difficult Days

By Tom Heck

Christmas is the most wonderful season of the year, a season full of love, hope, and giving. A season that blesses us all. Or at least it should be that way, but unfortunately it isn't always. Sometimes it can be a very difficult season.

I had a very challenging Christmas back in 1992. Joanne was expecting, and this pregnancy was not going well for her. As a result, I was doing almost all the farm work here. On Dec. 13, early in the morning, Joanne went into labor and had to be flown by helicopter to Minneapolis Children's Hospital where she delivered our son Joshua. He was born weighing only one pound ten ounces. The doctors gave him little chance of living, and they said if he did, he would probably have serious problems the rest of his life.

It didn't look good at all actually, it looked very hopeless in the natural, but with God there is always hope. Joanne and I had been praying for months for Joshua already, so when this happened we just kept on praying. Don't limit God: God can do anything. God loves to do the impossible for praying people.

With Joanne in the hospital with our new-born son, I was alone here on the farm. I talked to Joanne late every night on the phone. The question came up, "What do we do for Christmas this year?" After talking it over, we decided we would celebrate it as much as was possible like normal. We decided though that this year, I would have to get the Christmas tree from our big woods by myself.

Since I was going from early morning 'til way late at night just doing all the chores on the farm here, I came up with an idea to save me a lot of time in getting our Christmas tree. I was spreading manure from the barn every day on my cornfield down by the big woods. Earlier that fall, I had noticed a beautiful nine-foot tall pine tree right on the edge of the woods there. So, a couple days later, I took my hand saw with me, and once I had the manure spread I stopped and cut the tree down. I had my 560 Farnall tractor that does not have a cab on it, on the spreader. I got back onto the tractor and decided to drive with my left hand and hold my Christmas tree by the butt upright with my right hand. I guess I was quite a sight driving my tractor through the fields and then up the township road with my Christmas tree towering over me and the tractor! It was extremely difficult hanging onto that tree when I was going up the township road in road-gear. By the time I got home with my tree, I had decided that I would never bring another Christmas tree home that way ever again.

Next, I got the tree into the house

and trimmed down to the right size, then I set it up in our living room. Then, I got to do something I had never done before in all my life: I got to decorate it. And I enjoyed it. By the time I got it done, it looked pretty nice.

There was something special about that Christmas tree all decorated and lit up in our living room. It was like it was full of hope and life because by it we were once again going to celebrate the birth of a baby boy born many years ago. That baby boy was Jesus, and His parents were going through some very difficult days too. Joseph couldn't even get a room for his wife, Mary, to have her baby in. The best he could do for her was a stable with some livestock in it. Then a short while later, they had to leave in the middle of the night and flee to Egypt because King Herod was committed to killing their son. They had very difficult days, but I believe what the angel said to Mary really helped to see them through. "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37. Joanne and I fully believed that the same God who saw them through would see us through also.

So, that Christmas, Joanne, Catherine and I celebrated the birth of our Lord and Saviour around our special Christmas tree. And what a joy it was as we trusted Him to see us through our difficult days. Little did we know what lay just ahead in the next couple weeks.

In early January, Catherine started to cough her head side-ways a lot. So we took her in to see the doctor, and to make a long story short, we ended up taking her over to Minneapolis Children's Hospital to have open-heart surgery. Without it they said she wouldn't live much longer. So now Joshua and Catherine were both patients at that hospital, and Joanne was staying there with both of them. I was once again on the farm here by myself. But I really wasn't by myself, I had Jesus, the one whose birthday we had just celebrated a couple weeks before.

And yes, Joanne and I kept walking in faith, hope and love believing God to see us through. He saw Mary and Joseph through, so why shouldn't He see us through our difficult days too? And He did. Catherine came through her open-heart surgery well and has grown into a beautiful, young woman. And Joshua is a very strong, hard-working young man today. What can I say, "For with God nothing is impossible."

God is still in the business of seeing people through difficult days and situations. He gives hope when in the natural things look bleak. I've found out that sometimes in the darkest days, His light shines the brightest. Because of Christmas we have an eternal hope no matter what dark days we go through here.

Tom Heck and his family have a small dairy farm in WI. To order a copy of Tom's new book, "Life on the Family Farm" send a check to: Tom Heck, 21079 80th St., Bloomer WI. 54724. \$15 each plus \$4 for S&H. Order two or more at \$15 each and get free S&H. To view Tom's past articles go to: tomheckfarm.com Email Tom at: lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com Copyright © 2016 by Tom Heck. All rights reserved.

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Beginning Monday
Dec 19
JD's will offer
PIZZA
for lunch

Winter Pizza Special
8" Pan Pizza \$5.99
12" Pizza \$9.99

Quantity discounts available 11/4



Mealsite Menu

December 19 - December 23

Monday: Tuna Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple, Bread, Brownie

Tuesday: Sloppy Joe, Parslied Potatoes, Corn, Bun Applesauce

Wednesday: Chicken Tortilla Soup, Broccoli Salad, Crackers, Tropical Fruit, Cottage Cheese

Thursday: Split Smoked Sausage, Hashbrowns, Scrambled Eggs, Bread, Orange half

Friday: CLOSED ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday - Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.00 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

Shepherd's Staff Host's Successful Christmas Craft & Vendor Extravaganza



The Shepherd's Staff hosted almost 50 vendors at their first Craft & Vendor Extravaganza on Saturday, December 10. The visitor turnout was very good with a steady flow of customers throughout the day. (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)

BANKS ANNOUNCE MERGER

Citizens State Bank and Peoples State Bank(s) are pleased to announce the merger of two great Kansas banks.

Citizens State Bank and Peoples State Bank(s) are joining forces to provide even better service and banking access to their customers and communities throughout the state of Kansas.

The merger will take

place January 1, 2017. A few months later, Citizens State Bank and Peoples State Bank(s) will combine their charter banks into one banking entity utilizing the Peoples State Bank name. Meet-and-greet functions will be publicly announced in local newspapers, and the general public is encouraged to attend.

USAF SSgt Victor Follis Participates In New York City Veterans Day Parade



USAF Staff Sergeant Victor Follis was selected to represent McGuire Air Force Base, and participate in the New York City Veterans Day Parade, which took place on November 11, 2016. Victor is the son of Eric & Teresa Follis of Memphis, TN; and is the grandson of Doren & Irene Follis, and Betty Brewster of Hoxie, KS. (Courtesy photo)

Time again for the Salvation Army RED KETTLE Donations!

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Please write "Sheridan County" in memo on your check so all the money is used for our county.

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Faith & Lifestyle

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Hoxie Area Ministerial Association

By Pastor Jake Schadel, Cross and Flame UMC

“Tell me about this God you don’t believe in, maybe I don’t believe in Him either.” I heard a pastor say this once to a man who was questioning his faith. You could tell by this man’s reaction that he wasn’t prepared for such a statement. He stammered a bit, sputtered out some sentence fragments, then became surprisingly quiet. The pastor went on to say, “God is the creator of everything, he is the owner of all knowledge, he is the one that made the brain that you are using to question Him, I think he can handle a few of your doubts.” The point the pastor was trying to make, is that God is big enough to handle your questions. God has broad shoulders so to speak, he is used to being questioned.

The problem is that so many of us carry around these questions, and we are timid in asking them. We feel as though simply by asking the questions we may in some way offend God. What questions do you have for God? Now, I’m not talking about the easy ones, like “Will there be devil’s food cake in heaven?” or “Will I really have to learn to play the harp after I die?” No, I mean the deep weighty issues that so many of us struggle with. The ones that usually end with “how can this be?” I’m talking about those issues in life where there are seemingly glaring contradictions between what we see, and what we know about God. The disconnect between what we believe, and our collection of experiences in life. You must admit, that sometimes on the surface our faith and our experiences don’t match up perfectly. That creates a rift in our thinking, a crack in our understanding and leaves us feeling unfulfilled and insecure.

I saw this illustration once, where someone drew a huge circle on a piece of paper, they then pointed to the circle and

said “This circle represents all that knowledge,” then they filled in a tiny circle inside of the bigger circle and said “This dot represents all that we can know as finite human beings.” The diagram was meant to illustrate that God could exist in the part of the circle that we don’t know about. I have never been very fond of this illustration because I don’t think it is biblical. Paul makes it very clear in Romans that there is more than enough evidence in creation, that everyone can see and believe with confidence, however, it is a wonderful illustration of the limits of human knowledge. The universe quite frankly is filled with the unknown. Unknown to us anyway. Now to those of us with control issues that isn’t a very comforting thought, however when we look at the deeper meaning here, there is comfort in knowing that we are incapable of knowing everything. Humans have a very limited understanding of the past, absolutely no knowledge of the future, and to be honest we barely know what’s going on right now. The comfort in that is that we have a

God who does possess all that knowledge. He has perfect memory, of all things. He has a perfect understanding of what is happening right now, and He knows exactly what is going to happen in the future. God’s life has no real surprises in it. That is quite a concept for us finite folks to wrap our minds around, especially me, who gets surprised by the noon whistle every day!

The point is this, don’t feel guilty or inadequate for having big questions for God; he can handle them. In fact, if you really think about, it would be surprising if we didn’t have any big questions for the one who possesses all knowledge. Rather than being timid and worrying about offending God with our questions, let’s use those questions to understand God better. Through prayer, and study, God has some surprising answers to some tough questions, and when you come to understand Him better, it closes those rifts in our thinking and seals the cracks in our understanding. It helps us to feel fulfilled, and secure, and most of all, loved.



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ben Rhodes, Pastor
454 W Hwy 24
Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Wednesday:
All Stars for Jesus 3:35 pm-5:30 pm
7th - 12th Grade Youth Group 7 pm

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Micah & Kara Howerly, Pastors
2008 Sheridan Ave
785-675-8260
Sunday: Sunday School 8:30 am
Sunday Traditional Service 9:30 am
Sunday Contemporary Service 11 am

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Sunday: Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
3rd Wednesday-Mary & Martha Circle 7:30 pm

HOXIE BAPTIST TEMPLE

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1000 Valley

785-675-3433 or (cell) 785-743-2902
Sunday: Sunday School 10:30 am
Morning Worship 11:30 am
Afternoon Missions 2:00 pm
Afternoon Worship 3:00 pm
Wednesday: Worship 4:45 pm at

Trego City LTC, 320 N 13th St, Wakeney, KS

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(Independent)
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Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Children’s Church provided

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1541 Oak
785-675-9100
Sunday: Bible Study 10 am
Church Service 11 am

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Children’s Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
(8 am on 5th Sunday Months)
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Bible Study 7 pm

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Wednesday & Friday 7 pm

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Worship Service 9:30 am

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Morning Worship 10:50 am
AWANA 5 pm
Youth Group Wednesday 7 pm

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Bible Study 9:30 am

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Sunday 10 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:25 am
Thursday 7:00 pm
Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 pm

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Tuesday 7:30 am

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Sunday: Bible Study 9:45 am
Worship Service 11 am
Wednesday: Connect for Dinner 6 pm
Group Study 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Worship 7:30 - 8 pm - after dinner
(Sept - April)

'Twas The Night Before Jesus Came

*'Twas the night before
Jesus came and all
through the house
Not a creature was
praying, not one in the
house.*

*Their Bibles were lain on
the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus
would not come there.*

*The children were
dressing to crawl into bed.
Not once ever kneeling or
bowing a head.*

*And Mom in her rocker
with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late
Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the East
there arose such a clatter.
I sprang to my feet to
see what was the matter.
Away to the window I
flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash!*

*When what to my
wondering eyes should
appear
But angels proclaiming
that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun
sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this
must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face
made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning
just like He had said.
And though I possessed*

*worldly wisdom and
wealth,
I cried when I saw Him
in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which
He held in His hand
Was written the name of
every saved man.
He spoke not a word as
He searched for my name;
When He said “it’s not
here” my head hung in
shame.*

*The people whose names
had been written with love
He gathered to take to His
Father above.*

*With those who were
ready He rose without a
sound.
While all the rest were
left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it
was too late;
I had waited too long and
thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as
they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been
ready tonight.*

*In the words of this poem
the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is
drawing near.*

*There’s only one life and
when comes the last call
We’ll find that the Bible
was true after all!
~ Author unknown*

Peppermint Brittle

Ingredients:
2 lbs White Chocolate
30 Small Peppermint Candies

Directions:
1) Line a large jellyroll pan with heavy-duty foil.
2) Place white chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl.
3) Heat in microwave on medium setting for 5-6 minutes. Stir occasionally, until chocolate is melted and smooth.
4) Place candy canes in a plastic bag, or between two pieces of waxed paper. Using a mallet or rolling pin, break the candy canes in to chunks.
5) Stir peppermint into melted white chocolate.
6) Spread evenly in pan, and chill until set, about 1 hour.
7) Break into pieces by slamming pan on counter.
Source: allrecipes.com

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Call for movies showing

Palace Community Theatre
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785-672-3115
Arrival (PG-13)

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220 N Penn Ave
Oberlin
785-475-7141
Masterminds (PG13)

Frontier Stage
305 E East Main St
Hill City
785-420-3344
Moana (PG)

Norton Theatre
215 E Main St
Norton
785-877-2075
Star Wars: Rogue One (PG-13)



The Kitchen Cabinet

Rachel Farber



Rice of Nations
As potatoes are high, rice should be more freely used to take the place of the much-used vegetable. Rice is a food served in all lands by nearly all people.

Japanese Rice - Boil one cupful of rice, add three chopped shallots, a teaspoonful of soy and salt to taste. Place on a platter, cover with chopped, hard-cooked eggs, sprinkle with paprika and chopped parsley. Garnish with some thin slices of smoked salmon.

Italian Rice - Put a tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan and when melted add to it two cupfuls of boiled rice and a cupful of tomato sauce or tomato chutney; season well and sprinkle with cheese and serve thoroughly heated through.

Norwegian Rice - Cook rice until tender; then reheat in

well-seasoned stock. Put on a platter, sprinkle with chopped chicken liver, scrambled egg, and grated cheese and serve at once.

Spanish Rice - Fry one large, chopped onion and two cupfuls of tomatoes, add one cupful of stock, salt and pepper to taste. Cover and let simmer ten minutes; then add two cupfuls of boiled rice. Mix well together with a tablespoonful of butter.

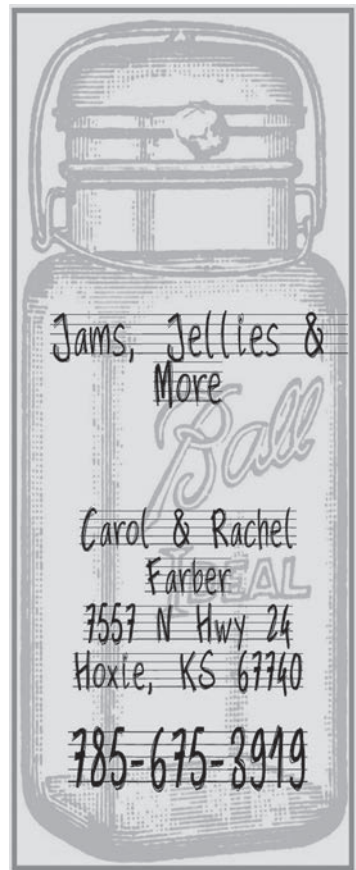
Rice Creole Style - Chop fine one white onion and two green peppers, saute with half a cupful of raw ham (cut fine with scissors), in one-quarter of a cupful of butter; cook ten minutes, then add one cupful of rice and three cupfuls of beef broth, simmer twenty minutes, then add four tomatoes, peeled and cut in slices and one teaspoonful of salt. Cover and finish cooking in the oven or in a double

boiler.

Belgian Rice Dessert - Cook one pint of milk, add a half a cupful of boiled rice and some currants; stir in the yolks of two eggs, well beaten with two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Remove from the fire. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla, then form into coquettes, dip in beaten egg and fine bread crumbs and fry until golden brown. Sprinkle with pulverized sugar and serve with red currant jelly.

Rice pudding made by using a quarter of a cupful of rice, a quart or two of milk, a handful of raisins and sugar to taste, baked for several hours, makes a most wholesome dessert.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
December 21, 1916



An old man saw a boy struggling in the lake. “What seems to be your trouble?” the old man called out. “Help! Help! I can’t swim!” screamed the boy. “Well, son, now is your chance to learn,” the old man called out.

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Now & Then



A snow covered main street from an unknown date. (Courtesy photo from the Sheridan County Historical Society.)

From the Sheridan County Democrat

December 14, 1894
Dr. Webster, the dentist, will make his next visit on December 19 and 20. Remember the date.

Mansfield Dillon and family have moved to the city to give the children a better chance to go to school.

Norton E. Walden of Logan township packed up his traps last Saturday and left for new fields and pastures green.

Jim Rouse is now the conductor on the star route between Hoxie and Selden. He commenced on Monday afternoon.

Editor and County Attorney Hartley moved to town last Friday and are at home in the house lately vacated by U. G. Tolle.

A fellow in catch ‘em and skin ‘em block is \$3.30 short in his cash account. He forgot to lock his back door on the day the money disappeared.

Last Friday night several of our chickens were taken from their coop by some parties who had no lawful right to them. We have a smart idea who are the guilty ones but it is not large enough to haul them over the coals for. But we will tell the boys right here that if we can get evidence enough to charge them with malicious stealing, shall certainly do so. This is fair warning without repeating the dose.

Last Thursday Ben McKinley was in a big stew. He wanted a doctor and that mighty bad and awful quick and at last he found Dr. Freeman. The result is, he is the happy dad of an eight pound boy. All parties concerned are doing nicely.

There was a big rabbit hunt in Bow Creek and Valley township last Thursday, between Captain Dan Hedge and Frank Dawes and their hunters. When the time came for counting up, the Hedge gang had 68 and Dawes 66 ½. In the evening they had a big supper and a keg of beer. They sold the scalps to the county to defray expenses.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Bardwell put some corn cobs in the stove oven to dry, and the cobs dried out sooner than was expected. When the oven door was opened the dried cobs were on fire and rest made a volume of smoke, and Mrs. Bardwell opened the house doors to let it out. Some of town people saw the smoke coming out of the house and

raised the cry of fire, and soon a small bucket brigade was raised, but they were not needed.

On Monday morning Dr. Freeman went out to Grant Talbott’s residence in Parnell township, and before he left, Mrs. Talbott presented her husband with a boy weighing twelve pounds, circumference around the head 14 ½ inches and around the shoulders 17 inches. This is probably the largest baby ever born in the county, and the parents are only about the average sized people.

125 Years Ago
December 17, 1891

Urquhart drove the mail Friday and Saturday of last week while Capt. Horner prepared his house and barn for winter.

Miss Phrone Summerson sent this week to Iona and Claire Huff a nice pair of goats. Claire is now at work braking them and in a few days he will turn his old dog out to grass and drive a double team.

Quail were on sale at several places in the city last week.

John Murray was in the city Tuesday and says he wants some one to help him husk corn.

Winternitz and Chambers are hunting daily now but don’t seem to have good luck.

Miss Brooks, the new teacher is giving good satisfaction.

E. O. Walen received a new buggy last week. This is what broom corn does when well taken care of and the market is good.

Pumpkin Ridge Riddles
G. L. McClure is done husking corn he has about 1500 bushels.

Andrew Willcox now carries a new aluminum gold watch. He says it can reel off 24 hours in a very short time and then stops with a bang, the mainspring must be bent, that causes it to make too much steam.

Bob Brewster should feel very thankful and greatly elevated over being elected road overseer; that office pays quite a salary, and any young lady wishing to correspond with a live and business young man will do well to address, Bob Brewster Lucerne Kansas Pumpkin Town (object:) matrimony.

Seguin Squibs
The hum of the thresher is still near in our Township.
The “Logan Literary League” is giving a grand

success.
Seguin has done an immense business this fall shipping grain and broomcorn.

Tom Edwards has put up a new Monitor windmill.

This has indeed been a year of plenty with us. All of our crops have brought an abundant yield and you see evidences of it on every hand, a few years like this and Sheridan county land will be worth striving for.

100 Years Ago
December 21, 1916

E. E. Farber, that prosperous farmer of the Cooper-Farber neighborhood, gave ye editor a hand shake Saturday, which in addition to the grip of loyalty, possessed us with a silver wheel to pay for his Sentinel one year in advance. Mr. Farber has lived in this county for many years and has raised a fine family of children who are doing well.

John Huber was down from his big Prairie Dog township ranch Monday attending a meeting of the commissioners. John has made this county a good commissioner and will quit next month with the friendship and good will of his fellow commissioners and all the courthouse boys, he has been painstaking and honest in the performance of his duties and will retire with a good record.

Angelus
Merry Christmas to all Sentinel readers.

Say Ikey, and where did you get that coat?

Geo. Suermeier looks so happy. We wonder, why?

People have begun to clean their ice house, preparing to put up ice. Cold job.

Say Girls!, should Ikey’s southern trips fail to suit, why don’t you wink at him once in a while?

Married
At the Presbyterian manse Wednesday, Dec. 20, at high noon, Mr. Herbert Karnes and Miss Ada May Follier both of this county, Rev. L. E. Humphrey officiating. These popular young people begin their married life with bright prospects for a long and happy career.

Houck’s Landing
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith visited at Selden Sunday.

Many a man lost in the in the great battle of life because he was unable to cash his futures.

Our old friend, Jim Bixler, who lives over near Menlo, has just returned from the East where he had a successful

operation for cancer. Jim is one of the boys who helped put Menlo on the map and is well worthy of any trophy that might fall to him.

Local News
James Wilson is the proud owner of a Chevrolet car, purchased last week of W. R. Duckett.

Several auto loads of people from different parts were calling at the Long photograph gallery Saturday.

75 Years Ago
December 11, 1941

Two Hoxie Boys at Front
Lieutenant Charles F. Monteith is stationed at Fort Mills near the Manila harbor in the Philippines. He has seen action in the raw the past few days.

Claude Lynch is stationed at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands. Claude had a ringside seat when things began to happen Sunday at Pearl Harbor.

Santa Claus Letters
Dear Santa: I wish you would bring me a gun and some chows. I am in the fourth grade. My little sister wants a doll and a stove. I like you very much. – Walter Hemman.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. I am a good boy most of the time. I would like a tricycle but if you can’t bring it, a train would do. I want some blocks to build houses, too. Your little friend, Victor Karnes.

Dear Old Santa Claus: How are you by now? I am fine. But am a little lazy. But I can’t help that because I sure like to play. Mamma gets mad at me because I don’t do everything she tells me. If you will bring me a pair of cowboy boots, size 4 and a cowboy shirt size 10, I will do anything she wants me to do. Oh Santa, where do you live. I heard you moved on top of Pike’s Peak. Did you? And how many reindeer have you? Now Santa, please bring my boots and shirt and don’t forget to leave some candy and nuts. Goodbye Santa. Your friend, Darrell Allen.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big ball. I would have to have a nurse and doctor set. I am in the second grade. Your little friend, Irene Marie Beach.

Society News
The Seven Sisters Social Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Roadhouse. There were eleven members present. The group sewed and visited. Refreshments were served in

the latter part of the afternoon.

The Methodist church constituency took dinner today, Sunday, at the church. Over fifty attended this monthly event. Mrs. Frank Eaton was in charge of the program which was carried out during the meal. This group and some who could not attend, are looking forward to a similar gathering in January.

50 Years Ago
December 15, 1966
Spillman Wins Trip to Las Vegas

Doren Spillman, operator of Doren’s 66 Service Station here was advised Tuesday evening that he had won an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas for he and his wife. Spillman won the trip for the cleanliness and neat appearance of his station during the past year.

Edna Heier Winner of TV Set
Edna Heier of Grainfield was the winner of the portable TV set given away by the Hoxie Chamber of Commerce last Saturday.

Those winning turkeys at the drawing were Glenda Brown, Dennis Meier, Emanuel Schlick, George Schippers, Eileen Deges, Mike Whitmer, Beulah Cressler, Mary Leah Cooper, Ada William and Maudie Bell.

Hoxie Grade School News
Mrs. Leopold’s Fifth Grade – Parents are invited to take note of the Christmas wishes of the students in this class.

Bobby Johnson wishes for a 20-gauge shot gun, one horse, a dog, some cows, a camera, a bicycle, a tape recorder, a football, and some shirts.

At Christmas I would like to see

A gift for me under the tree. I would like some Go-Go boots,

And maybe my brother a toot-toot.

That’s what could be under our tree.

Shirley Deibert
For Christmas I want to go to Arizona. Maybe we will go to Colorado. I would rather go to Arizona and see the Grand Canyon. Freddy Washburn

A Letter to Santa
Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I want an ice cream machine, a jumping potato head, a Barbie doll house, a Ken doll, a Mickey Mouse telephone, a desk, and a soda fountain. Thank you, Mary Charlton

News from the Long Term Care Unit
Gray Lady volunteers this week were Alice Miley, Sarah Willing, Loaba Baalman, and Mildred Smith.

Weekly devotionals were conducted by Fr. Walsh. Mrs. Roadhouse was the pianist.

We, the hospital and LTC employees, wish to thank Dr. John, Dr. Percival, and Dr. Mahanna for the lovely Christmas dinner party Saturday night. It was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Bob Getz for the nice Christmas tree.

Seguin Items
Joe Bange and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rietcheck attended the Co-op convention from Tuesday until Friday in Kansas City. The Rietcheck children were cared for by the Alfred and John Rietcheck families.

This community was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Anton Feldt. Our sympathy goes to the family.

The flu bug is still around and those that had it stayed home and others were busy so news is scarce this week.

25 Years Ago
December 19, 1991
Biekers Win Contest

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, and the house and trees with lights and the fence and the... Such was the case with many houses around Hoxie when the Chamber board members judged for Best Decorated.

Winning the prize of \$100 was the Clarence and Virginia Bieker residence at 541 16th. The Bieker’s son, Kevin, received the credit for the lighting spectacle.

Selden Happenings
Mr. and Mrs. Don Sloan from Pawhuska, Okla. Are spending a week with her mother Helen Koerperich. On Sunday they spent the day in Goodland visiting the Loren Parker family, Helen’s grandchildren.

A lot of Selden residents have beautiful Christmas decorations on their homes and trees. It gives the town a Christmas holiday look. If anyone is in Selden it would be worthwhile to drive around and see them.

Broadway News
The Saline Valley Women’s Club met at Stella Sumner’s Tuesday.

The bridal shower honoring Tamara Boone was well attended Tuesday evening. A good time was enjoyed and an interesting game played.

10 Years Ago
December 14, 2006

James L. Johnson fundraiser a huge success

Food, Fun and Fellowship are the words that you can use to describe the James L. Johnson Memorial Park Spaghetti Dinner that took place on December 10th at the Hoxie Elks Lodge. The day deemed to be a huge success, with all proceeds received going towards the park project.

Hoxie Wrestlers strive to be the best

Hoxie wrestling is underway with two duals and two tournaments out of the way. Hoxie has only 10 wrestlers out this season but they are still striving to be the best. With so many open weights this year the boys will have to rely more on their individual scores than a team score. “We graduated five seniors and only gained one freshman which makes the season hard,” said Coach Mike Porsch.

“State is our goal”
The Hoxie Indians are starting off their season with a 4-0 record. For Coach Aaron Dardis and the team, it’s a good starting point. “The season is starting off great. I am very pleased with the effort and commitment to the team,” said Coach Dardis.

Hoxie News
The Presbyterian Women met for a workday on Wednesday, the 6th, to prepare remembrances to shut–ins and others who merit extra attention at this time. Judy Caldwell and Judy Cressler were hostesses for a delicious soup luncheon. (With many lovely and delicious side dishes). The program following was presented by Shannon Morgan and Jackie Bendure.

A group from Christian Fellowship Church enjoyed caroling the night of Wed., Dec. 6. They went to Long Term Care, Sheridan Estates and Ridgewood Manor. Afterward, they went to the home of Pat and Earl Hartzog, where they had refreshments and fellowship. A fun Evening!!

Northwest Kansas

U.S. Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

Each year the DOJ holds a National Missing Children's Day poster contest. This year's slogan is "Bring Our Missing Children Home."

The contest rules are:

The slogan must appear in the poster's design.

The posters *must* be created by hand; nothing printed, stamped or a collage is permitted.

Poster designs must be original designs.

Media that is allowable are: acrylics, watercolors, pencil, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc.

All posters must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief artist's autobiography.

Official rules and applications may be obtained online at: <http://mecptraining.org/educate/national-missing-childrens-day/poster-contest-resources/>

PRIDE OF THE PRAIRIE ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY PRESENTATION

Andrew Salvador will be conducting the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra as they present, "Old to New, From Us to You - A Holiday Hodgepodge", on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. (cst). The concert will be held in the Frahm Theatre/CAC on the Colby Community College Campus in Colby, KS.

Questions or concerns, please contact Mary Shoaff at 785-462-2159 or Janet Hopson at 785-462-5102. www.prairieorchestra.com

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AG Derek Schmidt Orders Review of Kansas Amber Alert Program



Following a Wichita Amber Alert yesterday during which cellphone alerts failed, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today ordered a top-to-bottom review of Kansas Amber Alert operations.

Schmidt asked KBI Director Kirk Thompson to conduct a complete review of the program and report not later than January 31, 2017, on steps that will be taken to ensure the reliability of future Amber Alerts.

"The Amber Alert program is a vital public safety tool," Schmidt said. "During the critical time of need when a child has been abducted, there is no room for error. Any mistake or procedural failure, regardless of its cause, that results in an Amber Alert being less than fully implemented and effective in a timely manner is unacceptable and must be addressed."

As part of the review, Schmidt asked Thompson to convene a meeting of the full Amber Alert Advisory Board to ensure all Amber Alert partners have the opportunity for input.

The Amber Alert program, begun in 1996, provides immediate, multi-media notice to the public when a child has been abducted and certain criteria are met in order to obtain timely information from the public that can help safely recover the child.

In the Wichita situation yesterday, three children and a mother were reported abducted from their home. Soon after the abduction was reported, in the middle of the night, an Amber Alert was issued. But one method of broadcasting the Amber Alert - by special signal that activates individuals' cellphones - failed to activate.

A copy of AG Schmidt's letter to Director Thompson ordering the Amber Alert review is available at <http://bit.ly/2h6x9bi>.

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER 2017 STERNBERG SCIENCE CAMPS

Registration is now open for 2017 summer science camps and programs through Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History. There are camps for students in elementary school, middle school and high school.

Sternberg Education Director David Levering said the camps were a success the first three years.

"In addition to providing exceptional outdoor science programs for kids in Kansas, we have been successfully bringing in students from every corner of the country," he said. "The combination of unique instructional approach and spectacular outdoor settings has been a huge draw for students and parents."

There are nine single-day camps -- including three new ones -- for elementary school children. On June 16 is Bird Biologists, followed by Rocks and Minerals on June 19 and a new camp on June 20, Digging Dinosaurs. Reptiles and Amphibians is June 22, with Insects and Spiders June 23. There is another new camp on June 26, Gone Fishing, which explores the evolution and adaptation of fish. The Sea Creatures of Kansas camp will be June 27 and the Marvelous Mammals camp will be June 29. The final elementary camp will be another new one, Trees, Flowers and Grasses, on June 20.

There are two middle school camps, which are designed to allow students to be outdoors exploring nature. Paleontology Expedition will explore the fossils of Kansas June 4-9. A Field Naturalist camp from June 11-16 will take students travel to Arches National Monument in Utah.

Four camps are for high school students: Evolution and Ecology June 11-16, Southwest Biology Camp, where students will travel to New Mexico to conduct bat research, July 8-14, and Paleontology Camp July 16-28, where students will camp out and explore the natural history of Kansas. Something new will be a two-week expedition to Ecuador, from June 18-30, to explore the cloud forests in the Andes. Expedition Ecuador is a trip for up to 10 students.

For more information and fees for each camp, visit sternberg.fhsu.edu.

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Having been recently named a 2017 Military Friendly® school for its commitment to veterans and their families, Fort Hays State University was announced today as a Gold Level Military Friendly® school by Victory Media.

Victory Media, originator of the family of Military Friendly® employment, entrepreneurship and education resources for veterans and their families, published its special awards for 2017 Military Friendly Schools and Employers at <https://militaryfriendly.com>. "While achieving Military Friendly® status is admirable, being at the Gold standard puts us in a very elite class," said Mike Michaelis, assistant director of the Virtual College. For more than a decade, Military Friendly ratings have set the standard for companies and colleges demonstrating positive employment and education outcomes for veterans and their families.

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Museum to Feature Aprons

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will feature Liane Martin of Indianola, NE at its Food for Thought lunchtime program on Thursday, December 15 at 12:00 PM. Ms. Martin will share selected examples of her extensive apron collection while presenting the history, uses and styles of this humble domestic article over time.

Ms. Martin, formerly of Herndon, KS, owns a large

and ever-growing collection of aprons that she has used as the basis for numerous programs. The styles and materials used in making aprons has changed over time, but their multi-purpose nature has remained much the same. Though not much employed anymore to collect buffalo chips, the apron still serves as a clothing protector, hand towel, dish cloth and place for shy children

to hide their faces.

Food for Thought is a lunchtime program series hosted by the Prairie Museum each third Thursday of the month from October through March. A light lunch is served, and the program is free and open to the public. Donations are always gratefully accepted.

The Prairie Museum is located at 1905 S. Franklin Avenue in Colby. For more information, call 785-460-4590.

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Business

~ Business of the Week ~ Red's



Red's provides several different services in one location, such as fuel, bait, car wash, and convenience store. (Photo by Rachel Farber)

It's All About The Ice Cream!
By Rachel Farber

Red's has been a fixture in Hoxie for many years. With a leap of faith, Jerry Bull purchased the convenience store 28 years ago, and has been very successful with it. The business has been under Jaime Bufkin's management for the past eight years. They have one full-time cashier, Kathy Farber, and several part-time cashiers, Ciri Eagleburger, Sherry Franklin, Alecyia Boese, Katelyn Schiltz, Jeannine Taylor and Heather Burnmeister. Albert Zerr cleans the car wash and gets the bait ready for sale, and Hannah Franklin and Matthew Dierks bag ice.

Red's offers most things found at a convenience store, such as gasoline, snacks, beer, cigarettes, and sandwiches. They are also the place to go for hunting and fishing needs, including licenses, bait, and tackle. The nightcrawlers and minnows are popular among the fishing set. Red's offers a wide selection of movies to rent. "Most important, according to our customers, is our soft serve ice cream," says Jaime. They have customers that drive hours out of their way to stop in for ice cream. A great number of people

coming "home" to Hoxie say it is not a trip here unless they have Red's ice cream! And local residents stop in and pick up quarts of soft serve to take to family celebrations. In fact, customers have been known to grab a quart or two of Red's ice cream to take to family who live out of town. Whether served in a cone or a cup, nothing is better on a hot day than Red's ice cream!

The Bull family takes great pride in offering a friendly atmosphere and outstanding service to those coming in to their store. They do find it challenging at times to keep the machines running, and don't care much for trying to collect past due bills.

There are a couple requirements at Red's that must be met each year. They have a food license, and must pass the state inspection. Every four years, someone must attend classes on the underground storage tank for gasoline. They must have a license for selling cereal malt beverages (beer). They also have a pharmacy license for being able to sell over the counter medications.

Outside work, Jerry and Jaime both enjoy being around family. They have also participated in the Rod Run with classic cars.

LAST KANSAS VIET NAM VETERAN'S PICTURE ACQUIRED FOR WALL OF FACES

The Sheridan Sentinel received notice from the Kansas Press Association (KPA) that the last remaining photo of Kansas Viet Nam War veterans was acquired and is to be placed on the Wall of Faces in Washington, D.C. Following is from the KPA's Facebook page, as well as excerpts from the original article on the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) website.

"In 2014, the Kansas Press Association committed to help find all of the photos of Kansas' Vietnam veterans so that they may be represented on the Wall of Faces in Washington, DC. Today, we were notified that Kansas became the 18th state to find a photo for every one of their veterans. Thank you to everyone who helped us obtain the worthy goal of making sure our veterans were seen and honored for their sacrifice. <http://www.vvmf.org/news/article=Kansas-Finds-Every-Photo-for-Their-Vietnam-Fallen>." Source: Kansas Press Association Facebook page

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) has committed to placing a face to the 58,000+ names inscribed

on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., also referred to as "The Wall." There were 627 Kansas service members who lost their lives during the Vietnam War, and now all of them have been recognized, their pictures placed, and will be remembered for generations to come.

"To date, more than 49,000 photos have been collected for the Wall of Faces and fewer than 9,000 photos are still needed to complete the effort. Kansas joins 17 other states in finding every photo for their fallen. The completed states include: Maryland, Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, Alaska, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico, Minnesota, Wisconsin." Source: VVMF.org

The virtual Wall of Faces, photos and stories of the more than 58,000 veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War will also be displayed at the future "Education Center" that will be at The Wall.

For more information on this memorial visit their website and Facebook page.

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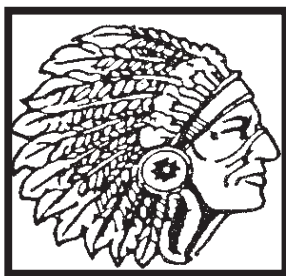
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The Hoxie Kids Wrestling Club Season Opens

By Kelly Baker

The Hoxie Kids Wrestling Club opened their season this past Saturday, Dec 10 at the Beloit Tournament. We sent 12 wrestlers to this early

Lady Indians Take Second At Castle Rock Classic

By Nicole Heim

The Lady Indians traveled to Quinter Tuesday, Friday and Saturday for the 33rd Annual Castle Rock Classic. The Lady Indians were the second seed in this tournament and they finished the tournament in second place.

The Hoxie Lady Indians began the tournament on Tuesday, December 6 with Ellis. Putting pressure on the Railroaders early, the Indians pulled away with a lead quickly. Ellis had trouble attacking Hoxie's defense. The Indians fought the whole game to overcome the Railroaders' aggressiveness. The Lady Indians kept their lead and ended up defeating the Railroaders 59-33.

Leading the team with 12 points each were senior Nicole Heim and freshman Macy Schamberger. Nicole Heim had 12 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals. Macy Schamberger had 12 points, 2 rebounds and 3 steals. Junior Rebekah Castle also made an impact with 11 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal. Senior Brynn Niblock led the Indians with 9 rebounds, 8 points, 4 assists, and 2 steals. Also, scoring 8 points, was junior Brooke Dorenkamp along with 4 rebounds, 1 assist, and 3 steals. Right behind them was freshman Addi Campbell with 6 points, 2 rebounds, 7 assists, and 9 steals. Junior Lilly Schamberger added 2 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals. Sophomore Brecken Rowh added 2 rebounds.

On Friday, Dec. 9, the Lady Indians traveled back to Quinter to take on the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks. Junior Rebekah Castle started out the game with an easy basket and freshman Addi Campbell added a three to lead the Indians to a 5-0 lead in the first quarter. Hoxie kept the lead but Wheatland-Grinnell remained close behind throughout the entire game. Every minute was intense and the Indians led the game 17-15 going into halftime. Coming off the bench, Junior Brooke Dorenkamp came in and gave a spark of energy in the fourth quarter. Brooke stole the ball and drove in for a layup to bring the lead up to 33-29. The Indians were

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ahead in the fourth quarter causing the Thunderhawks to foul toward the end of the game. Hoxie kept up the defensive pressure, which led them to a 49-43 victory, which advanced them to the Championship match on Saturday.

Junior, Rebekah Castle led the team with 8 rebounds, along with 11 points, 3 assists and 1 steal. Senior Brynn Niblock made an impact with 9 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 assists. Freshman, Macy Schamberger scored 13 points and 5 rebounds. Freshman, Addi Campbell added 8 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. Junior, Lilly Schamberger finished with 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 3 steals. Junior, Brooke Dorenkamp also had 4 points, 3 rebounds, and 1 steal. Tallying 3 rebounds and 2 assists, was senior Nicole Heim.

Saturday, December 10, the Lady Indians traveled back to Quinter again to take on the undefeated Dighton Hornets for the Championship game in the Castle Rock Classic. Hoxie knew Dighton would be a tough matchup. The game started off slow for the Indians, while the Hornets came out with intensity and hit many big shots. With the Hornets' big posts, the Lady Indians couldn't seem to find their inside game. Hoxie was down 4-12 in the first quarter. Hoxie continued to battle, but was fighting foul trouble as well as struggling on offense. Dighton's defense was a struggle for the Lady Indians to take the shots that they wanted to take. The Indians were down 6-18 in the second quarter, when junior, Lilly Schamberger scored a three-point shot with only three seconds left until halftime, bringing the score up to 9-18. The Indians knew they needed to step up their game coming out into the third quarter. The third quarter seemed to resemble the first quarter, as Hoxie couldn't get things going in their favor. Even though they were down, Hoxie knew that they weren't about to give up yet. The Indians started to step up their game in the fourth quarter. Hoxie continued to

fight but couldn't turn things around, leaving them with a 28-40 defeat for second place in the 2016 Castle Rock Classic.

Junior, Lilly Schamberger led the Indians with 10 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal. Following behind her was senior, Brynn Niblock, with 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists. Junior, Brooke Dorenkamp added 4 points and 2 rebounds. Senior, Nicole Heim finished with 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Junior, Rebekah Castle also had 3 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal. Tallying 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals was freshman Addi Campbell. Freshman, Macy Schamberger added 3 rebounds.

Hoxie will play their first home game on Tuesday, December 13 against the Wallace County Wildcats. The Indians will then travel to Atwood on Friday December 16, to play the Rawlins County Buffaloes for their last game before entering winter break.

Hoxie Wrestlers Compete At Clay Center

By Cami Schamberger

The Hoxie High School wrestlers traveled to Clay Center to compete on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Clay Center Invitational Tournament. Sophomore Dayton Porsch placed first at 132 pounds. Freshman Dylan Weimer placed third at 106 pounds. Both junior Zach Sherman (113) and sophomore Colton Heskett (182) received fourth place. Sophomore Wylie Weems (138) took fifth place. Freshman Andrew Foote also received sixth place at 152 pounds. Sophomore Sam Bretz received seventh place at 160 pounds. Braynan Gomez, freshman, injured his neck during his first match of the tournament, so he received sixth place.

Next weekend, the HHs wrestlers will travel to Wray, Colorado to compete.

2016 Clay Center High School Invite Results for

Hoxie High School

106 - Dylan Weimer (5-3) placed 3rd and scored 11.00 team points.

113 - Zach Sherman (2-5) placed 4th and scored 5.00 team points. 3rd Place Match - Taygen Fletcher (Holton High School) 7-3 won by fall over Zach Sherman (Hoxie High School) 2-5 (Fall 2:44)

126 - Braynan Gomez (0-8) placed 6th and scored 0.00 team points.

132 - Dayton Porsch (9-0) placed 1st and scored 18.00 team points. 1st Place Match - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie High School) 9-0 won by decision over Riley Tubbs (Wabaunsee High School) 5-1 (Dec 3-2)

138 - Wylie Weems (4-4) placed 5th and scored 0.50 team points. 5th Place Match - Wylie Weems (Hoxie High School) 4-4 won by decision over Keegan Brownell (Clay Center Community High School) 4-7 (Dec 11-7)

145 - Ben Aumiller (1-7) placed is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

152 - Andrew Foote (3-7) placed 6th and scored 0.00 team points.

160 - Sam Bretz (2-6) placed 7th and scored 2.00 team points. 7th Place Match - Sam Bretz (Hoxie High School) 2-6 won by forfeit over Logan Cannon (Holton High School) 4-5 (For.)

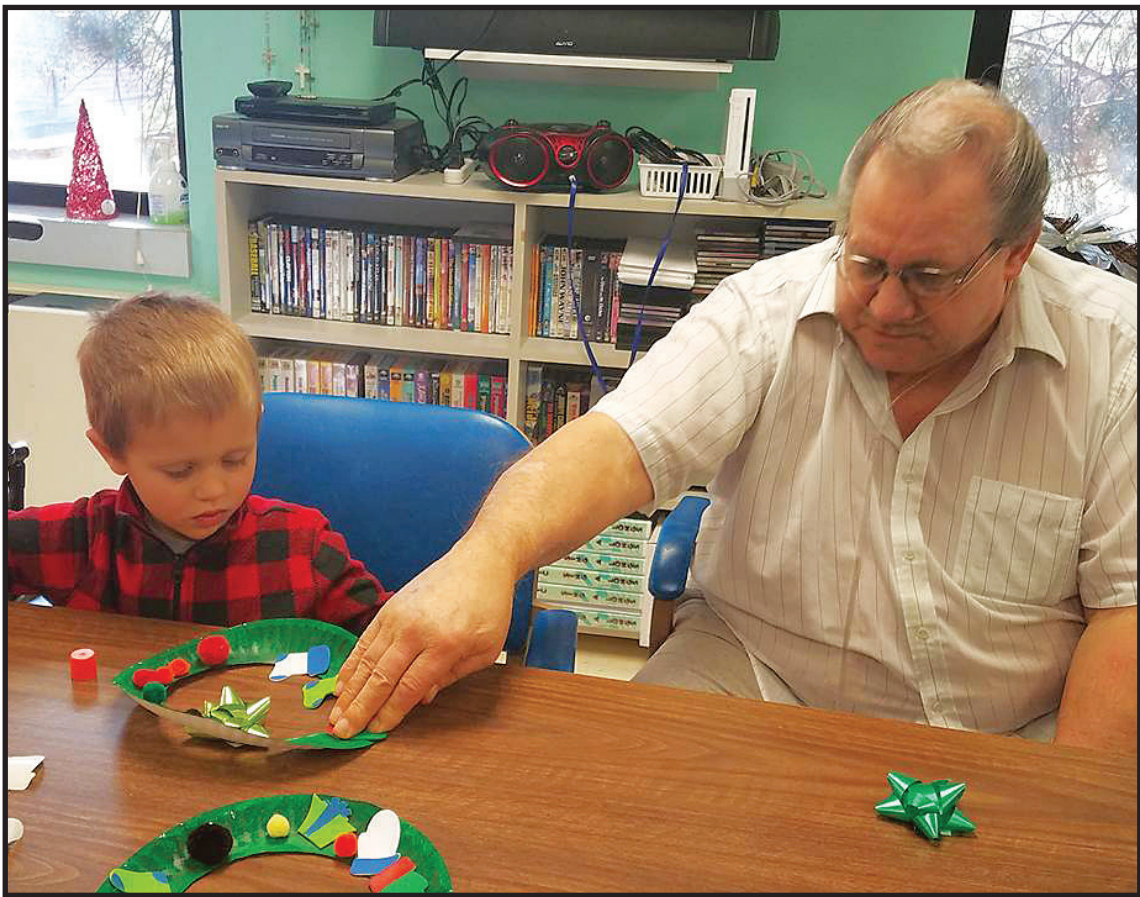
182 - Colton Heskett (5-4) placed 4th and scored 6.00 team points. 3rd Place Match - Demaj Smith (Salina South High School) 5-3 won by decision over Colton Heskett (Hoxie High School) 5-4 (Dec 3-1)

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2nd Grade - 1st Emma Schamberger, 2nd Evie Schippers, 3rd Carley Cooper

3rd Grade - 1st Allie Gourley,
2nd Addi Baker, 3rd Taegan Lindenman

Also pictured are Kendra Barnes and Shannon Kaiser





Golden Plains Schools



The Selden/Rexford/Jennings Girls Scouts Make Goodie Plates



The Selden/Rexford/Jennings Girls Scouts show their goodie plates. These are made up at their annual Christmas party and then delivered to families and elderly residents around Selden. Lyn Cheney, a Scout Leader stated that "The girls love this service project, and delivered to more than 20 houses this year!" Pictured here are: back row (l-r): Emma Carter, Shea Bowers, Noel Ritter, Ava Brantley, Amanda Cheney, McHaley Carter, Lauren Patmon, Haley Miller, Madilyn Green, Makenzie Shaw; front row (l-r): Shayna Altman, Katie Carter, Kailee Wessel, Shyla Bowers, Amie Cheney. (Photo by Lyn Cheney)

Deborah Gamboa Retires From GPES After 11 Years



Deborah Gamboa accepts a gift from Superintendent Larry Lyder at the Golden Plains Elementary Concert in Selden on December 6. Ms. Gamboa retired from GPES after 11 years of service to the district as an ESL paraeducator. "Ms. Deborah will be missed by all the students and staff at Golden Plains," said Lyder. "But, we wish her well in her retirement." (Photo by Jessica Koerperich)

Bulldogs Season On The Run



Caleb Korte (20) catches a pass as Dawson Spreser blocks a player in Golden Plains' season opener in Grainfield on December 2. The Bulldogs led the Thunderhawks at the end of the first, but the 'Hawks came back to win the game. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

Miller Named to All-Tournament Team



KayCee Miller of Golden Plains was one of five girls selected to the All-Tournament team at the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster last week. Miller, sophomore at GPHS, was one of five girls recognized for her performance in the tournament. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

RESPECT... IT'S QUITE SIMPLE TO DO



Golden Plains Cheerleaders respect the flag during the National Anthem at the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster last week. The cheerleaders were great support to both teams throughout the tournament. Team members include (l-r) Amanda Cheney, Mabel Lugo, Gabrielle Schiltz, Jessica Koerperich, Jaiden Koerperich, and Charlotte McCurdy. (Photo by Noel Ritter)

JV Boys Play Three Quarters



Golden Plains junior Jeron Schutte (54) reaches out for the rebound as Angel Sanchez, jr, crouches low to jump during the JV game in Grainfield on December 2. The Bulldogs played a three-quarter game to start the season. (Photo by Karri Schaben) See story on next page.

JV Girls Start Season



Jennifer Esparza-Luna (45) tips the ball to start Golden Plains' basketball season in the JV girls game against Wheatland/Grinnell on December 2 in Grainfield as Amanda Cheney (20) and Candace Taylor (13) are ready for the ball. The Bulldogs played a two-quarter game against the Thunderhawks to start the season. (Photo by Caleb Korte) See story on next page.

Gabrielle Schiltz (12), Kaylie Schaben (back) and Morgan Ritter (front) led the Bulldogs in their first game of the season. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

Lady 'Dogs Win Sagebrush




Golden Plains High School girls won the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster on December 11 following wins over Heartland Christian, St. Francis, and Triplains Brewster. Team members included (l-r) Emily Stoltz, Candace Taylor, Carmen Sepulveda, Mabel Lugo, KayCee Miller, Kaylie Schaben, Morgan Ritter, Gabrielle Schiltz, Maggi Nieman, Amanda Cheney, and Jennifer Esparza-Luna. (Photo

by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

MS GIRLS REMAIN UNDEFEATED



Kassie Miller (12) passes the ball down the floor during the Golden Plains Middle School game against Palco on December 1. The Bulldogs remain undefeated following the win over the Roosters. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.



CONNECT

Everyone is welcome to join Connect on Wednsdays eveings at the Hoxie United Methodist Church. We have a yummy meal at 6 p.m., there is something different each week! The youth sings a few worship songs if they finish up early before our small groups at 6:30p.m. Our small groups are broken off by age ranging from kindergarten on up to our adult group. The youth groups enjoy fun activities and games while learning about God and His Word. The adult class is currently working our way through "The Story" a chronological study of the Bible. There really is something for everyone! Connect dismisses at 7:30 p.m. followed immediately by the FOUNDRY- a new and exciting way to experience God! We will have Connect as long as school is in session in the coming weeks. You are welcome and invited! We hope to see you there!!

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Bulldogs Season On The Run

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Bulldogs basketball season is off and running as they started off in Grainfield on December 1 with a contest against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.
The Bulldogs started off the first with two free throws from sophomore Nolan Ritter. Dawson Spresser scored and Ritter added two more free shots. Sophomore Caleb Korte went on an 8 point run to give the Bulldogs a 14-10 lead at the end of the first.
Gerbitz extended the lead in the second to 17-10 but bad passes and out of control play gave the Thunderhawks the ball repeatedly which they were able to convert to tie the game up. Cory Prewo and Jorje Esparza couldn't miss as they pulled the 'Hawks ahead 33-22 by half time.
The Bulldogs were determined and continued to work hard but only managed another 9 points in the third. The 'Hawks put on the press and added 13 to extend their lead to 46-31. The 'Hawks laid in another 15 holding the 'Dogs to 6 to win the game 61-37.
"I feel like we played well in the first half, but we weren't patient when they put pressure on us in the second half," said Brett Gerbitz. We've been working on breaking the press in practice so we should get better." "We didn't work as well as we could have," added Dawson Spresser. "We continue to work on the press break, ball handling, and being more aggressive inside."
Caleb Korte finished the game with 19 points along with 7 from Gerbitz, 5 from Ritter, and 2 each from Jose Ortiz, Dylan Spresser, and Dawson Spresser. Following the Sagebrush tournament, the Bulldogs will play at home on December 16 for their final game before Christmas break when they host the Northern Valley Huskies.



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Miller Named to All-Tournament Team

By Judy Rogers
KayCee Miller was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster last week. Miller, a sophomore at Golden Plains, was one of five girls to receive this recognition for their level of play throughout the tournament.
"It was great to be selected," said Miller, "and to be honored for my accomplishments in the tournament. Miller was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs in both the St. Francis and Triplains/Brewster games and was one of the top scorers in the game against Heartland early in the week scoring a total of 62 points in the three games. She was also the Bulldog's lead in steals with a total of 26 in the tournament.
Other girls named to the team include Hannah Bracelin of St. Francis, Jenna See and Alivia McKinney of Weskan, and Marile Salazar of Wichita County (Leoti).

Seniors Lead Bulldogs in First Game

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs got their season started when they played their first game of the year on December 1 in Grainfield against the pre-season state top ranked Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.
The Bulldogs, led by seniors Morgan Ritter and Gabrielle Schiltz, got off to a rough start in the first quarter with shots not falling as the Thunderhawks pulled ahead 12-0 before Ritter made a free throw with 8 seconds left.
Ritter and Schiltz found the basket to start off the second. Aided by Kaylie Schaben, jr, the Bulldogs stayed with the 'Hawks to end the half trailing 24-12.
The Bulldogs played with the 'Hawks the rest of the game by working together to outscore them 8-6 in the third. The 'Hawks again led the fourth 11-10 to win the game 41-30.
"We had trouble getting started at the beginning of the game because we were all nervous with three new starters," said Gabrielle Schiltz. "It was good to see where we are at and what we need to work on before we meet them again later in the season," added Morgan Ritter.
Gabrielle Schiltz and Kaylie Schaben each scored 10 for the Bulldogs along with 5 from KayCee Miller, Morgan Ritter 4, and Maggi Nieman 1. Ritter pulleld down 10 rebounds for the 'Dogs along with Schaben 8, Mabel Lugo 5, Miller 4, Schiltz 4, and Nieman 1. The Bulldogs will play in the Sagebrush Tournament before returning home to face Northern Valley on December 16.

Lady 'Dogs Win Sagebrush

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won three in a row at the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster to claim the tournament championship. The girls won games over Heartland Christian, St. Francis, and Triplains/Brewster throughout the week of basketball. "We played well together and played hard," said Kaylie Schaben. "We took the tournament one game at a time. It was fun to win."
The first game was held on Monday against Heartland. The Bulldogs jumped to an early 20-5 lead over the Crusaders. The Bulldogs continued to outscore the Crusaders for the 62-20 win All the girls contributed to the win with points from Gabrielle Schiltz 13, KayCee Miller 11, Mabel Lugo 11, Maggie Nieman 8, Kaylie Schaben 7, Carmen Sepulveda 6, Emily Stoltz 2, Amanda Cheney 2, and Morgan Ritter 2.
On Friday, the girls played St. Francis. This was a well-played game by both teams. The Bulldogs took an early 4-0 lead before the Indians answered. Following a 6-6 tie, the Indians pulled ahead 14-10 by the end of the first. Undaunted, the Bulldogs stuck to their game plan and tied it back up at 14. The Indians hit a three, but the Bulldogs were unstoppable as they worked together and pulled ahead 29-18. A buzzer shot by the Indians sent them to the half time trailing 29-20.
The Bulldogs again worked together in the second half to ease their way to a 45-34 lead in the third. The Indians outscored the Bulldogs in the fourth 10-9 but the Bulldogs held on for a 53-44 victory and advanced to the championship game.

KayCee Miller, who had multiple steals converted to layups against the Indians, led the offense with 21 points. Additional scores were made by Schiltz 12, Lugo 8, Schaben 6, Ritter 4, and Nieman 2.
The championship game was held on Saturday against the Triplains/Brewster Titans. The Bulldogs jumped out to a 16-0 lead before the Titans scored with two minutes remaining in the first. The Bulldogs, who didn't miss a free throw the entire first quarter, stayed focused on the job at hand to lead 23-4 going into the second.
Coach Parker Christensen encouraged the girls to "push" the ball and to "keep the ball moving" in the second as the game progressed with determination from both teams. With each team putting in 12 points, the Bulldogs maintained a 35-16 lead at the half.
Neither team let up the pressure as the Titans nudged the 'Dogs 9-8 in the third. The Titans put up a fight to the end, but the Bulldogs held on for the championship win 59-35. Miller again led the Bulldogs with 30 points. Schiltz added 13, Schaben 6, Lugo 5, Nieman 2, Sepulveda 2, and Cheney 1. Miller also had 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 8 steals. Additional stats include Schiltz 1 reb, 2 asst, 2 st; Schaben 6 reb, 2 ast, 2 stl; Candace Taylor 2 reb, 1 ast; Nieman 1 reb, 5 ast, 2 stl; Lugo 4 reb, 2 stl; Ritter 7 reb; Jennifer Esparza-Luna 1 reb; and Sepulveda 1 reb, 1 stl.
"We played aggressively throughout the tournament," said Morgan Ritter. "We held our ground for the win. It's a good way to start the season." The Bulldogs are now 3-1 as they host Northern Valley on December 16 for their first home game.

MS GIRLS REMAIN UNDEFEATED

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Middle School girls' basketball teams remain undefeated following two wins over Palco on December 1 in Rexford.
The A-team girls stepped on the floor with high energy and pushed hard throughout the first quarter as they jumped to a 13-4 lead. They didn't let up in the second as they kept the Palco girls away from the basket while adding another 15 to lead 28-4 at the half.
The third quarter was again all Bulldogs as they put in another 21. Neither team scored during the fourth as the Bulldogs won their fifth straight game 49-4. "It was an easier game than I expected," said Morgan Wark. "They were very aggressive." "Everyone played hard and hustled," continued Brooke Stoll. "It's nice to be undefeated but it puts a lot of pressure on us to keep winning." "We hope to repeat (being undefeated) like we did last year," added Wark.

Ashley Stoll put in 16 points for the Bulldogs along with 15 from Brooke Stoll and 14 from Kassie Miller while Bella Sauvage and Tylor Todd added two apiece.
The B-team girls played two-quarters at the beginning of the night. The Bulldogs outscored the Palco team 6-2 in the first minutes of play. The finished their second quarter 5-4 to win the game 11-6. Points were score by Carli Nieman4, Breanna Rath 3, Amie Cheney 2, and Morgan Wark 2. The Bulldogs will play their final game before Christmas break against Northern Valley on December 15 in Rexford.

Middle School Competes in Cheylin

By Russ Aumiller
The Golden Plains Middle School 7th and 8th grade scholars' bowl teams competed at the Cheylin Invitational on Monday, December 5, 2016. Teams included: Grinnell, Weskan, Sharon Springs, Heartland, Goodland, Triplains, Quinter, Cheylin, and Golden Plains. This was a Pool Play formatted competition.
Seventh grade team members included Wyatt McDonald, Carli Nieman, Joshua Yanez, Kassie Miller, and Morgan Wark. They won 110-20 over Grinnell but lost close matches to Weskan (25-40) and Sharon Springs (40-50) so did not advance to the championship round. "After our easy win over Cheylin, we had some procedural issues," said Wark. "At least we able to keep them close," added Yanez.
Eighth graders competing were Wade Rush, Bella Sauvage, Tylor Todd, Hannah Bange, Brooke Stoll, and Ashley Stoll. They lost their first round to Grinnell 60-80, but won over Cheylin (80-30), Sharon Springs (30-15), and Weskan (80-25) to advance to the championship pool.
In the championship pool, the Bulldog team won a close round over Goodland 50-45, lost to Heartland 50-60, and won a tiebreaker over Weskan 60-50 to place second overall. They middle school scholar bowl season will resume on January 16 in Brewster.

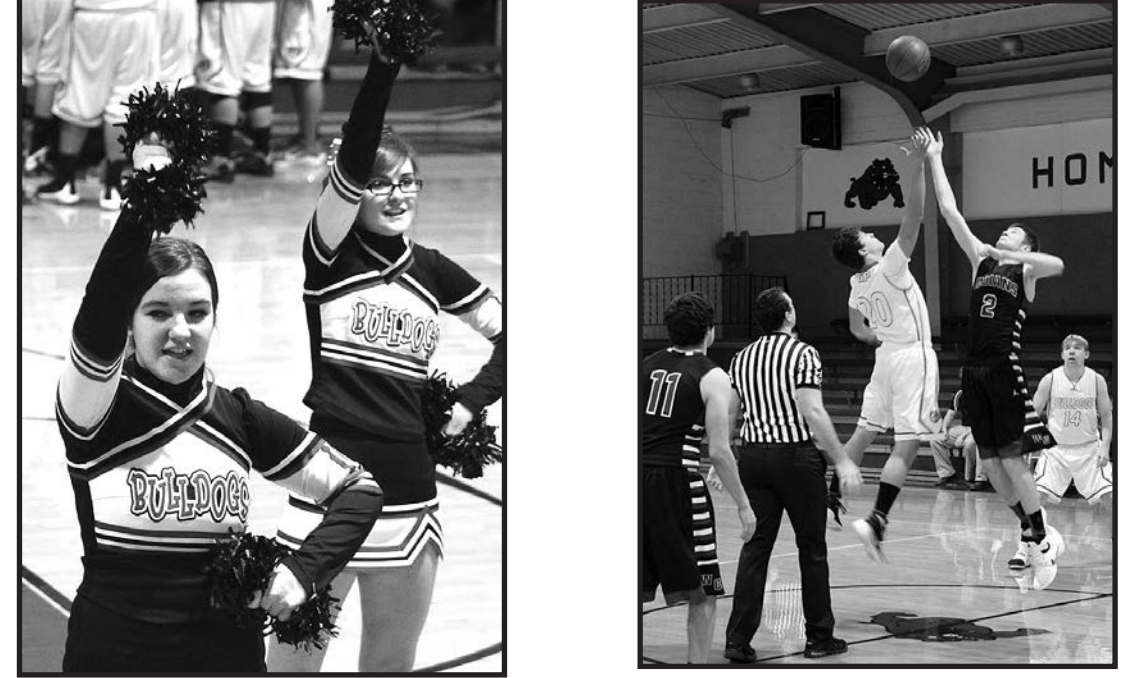
JV Boys Play Three Quarters

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Bulldogs JV basketball team played a three-quarter game to start their season in Grainfield on December 2 against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.
The 'Dogs fell behind 14-6 in the first quarter. They outscored the 'Hawks 8-4 in the second but still trailed 18-14 going into the third. The 'Dogs added another 6 but the 'Hawks put in 15 to finish the game with a 33-20 win over the Bulldogs.
"We played well for our first game," said Devin Carter, jr. "This game was a starting block for us. I expect we will only do better from here."
Freshman Jaime Infante put in 5 points for the Bulldogs. Austin Patmon, fr, added 4 along with a buzzer beater 3 from Colby Lathrop, fr. Jose Ortiz, sr, Angel Sanchez, jr, Clayton Bange, jr, and Jeron Schutte, jr, each added a basket to the final score. The JV boys will open their home season in Rexford on December 16 against the Northern Valley Huskies.

JV Girls Start Season

By Judy Rogers
The JV girls basketball team from Golden Plains opened their season with a two-quarter game against Wheatland/Grinnell in Grainfield on December 2.
The Bulldogs led the Thunderhawks 5-4 at the end of the first quarter of play. However, the 'Hawks outscored the Bulldogs 13-1 in the second quarter to win 17-6.
Scoring for Golden Plains were Jennif+++++ Esparza-Luna 4, Mabel Lugo 1, and Maggi Nieman 1. "We did pretty well," said Jennifer Esparza-Luna. "Although we need to improve, we didn't give up and worked hard the whole game."
The JV team will play once more before break when Northern Valley comes to Rexford on December 16.

Golden Plains' Bulldogs Show Their Team Spirit



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Farm News

Kansas Crop Production Report

December 9, 2016 – Cotton production in Kansas is forecast at 71,000 bales, up 103 percent from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acres, at 31,000 acres, are up 94 percent from 2015. Record yield is forecast at 1,099 pounds per harvested acre, up 49 pounds from last year. *Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov/.*

Export Report

Exports commitments slowed this week after record purchases the last few weeks. Commitments are still ahead of the seasonal pace needed to meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture's export target for sorghum with 42 percent of the target for the year already committed. Shipments were very strong with China, Mexico and Nigeria taking delivery of 9.2 million bushels. These shipments helped increase prices on the Gulf, where sorghum for December and January delivery is priced at 105 percent of corn and 103 percent of corn, respectively.

UPCOMING SORGHUM EVENTS

Dec. 9: High Plains Ag Conference, *Lubbock, Texas*
Dec. 12-14: National Black Growers Council Annual Meeting, *Tunica, Mississippi*
Dec. 13-15: USCP Board of Directors Meeting, *Lubbock, Texas*
Dec. 13: 55th Blackland Income Growth Conference, *Bryan, Texas*
Dec. 23-26: NSP/USCP Office Closed, *Lubbock, Texas*
Dec. 30-Jan. 2 NSP/USCP Office Closed, *Lubbock, Texas*

Kansas Farm Service Agency Important Dates

December 13 – Extended Deadline to Return 2016 COC Election Ballots
December 15 – 2017 Small Grain Acreage Reporting Deadline
December 16 – Dairy Margin Protection Program Enrollment Deadline
December 16 -- CRP Grassland Offer Ranking Period Ends
November 1, 2016 – August 1, 2017 – 2017 ARCPLC Enrollment Period

USDA Announces New Conservation Opportunities

On Dec. 7, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced new opportunities within the Conservation Reserve Program. New additions will include an estimated 1.1 million acres directed towards wildlife, pollinators and wetlands along with a water quality initiative named Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers, with new mechanisms to assist landowners with bioreactors and saturated buffers costs.

USDA Announces New Conservation Opportunities to Improve Water Quality and Restore Wildlife Habitat

USDA will offer farmers and ranchers more opportunities to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The announcement includes new CRP practices to protect water quality and adds an additional 1.1 million acres targeted to benefit wildlife, pollinators and wetlands.

The new conservation initiative known as Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) will add new tools to CRP that can help to improve water quality. CLEAR will assist landowners with the cost of building bioreactors and saturated buffers that filter nitrates and other nutrients from tile-drained cropland. Early estimates indicate that CLEAR could help to reduce nitrate runoff by as much as 40 percent over traditional conservation methods. CLEAR may cover up to 90 percent of the cost to install these new practices through incentives and cost-share. These new methods are especially important in areas where traditional buffers have not been enough to prevent nutrients from reaching bodies of water.

USDA will also add an additional 1.1 million acres to a number of key CRP practices that are critically important to wildlife and conservation. These include 700,000 acres for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) efforts, which restore high-priority wildlife habitat tailored to a specific state's needs. In addition to SAFE, 300,000 acres will be added to target wetlands restoration that are nature's water filters and 100,000 acres for pollinator habitat that support 30 percent of agricultural production.

The continued strong demand for CRP combined with the limited acreage available for enrollment and lower land rental rates, allows USDA to modify certain program components without affecting the integrity of the program. Signing incentives are being reduced by \$25 per acre on certain practices for fiscal year 2018 enrollments (incentives are currently between \$100 and \$150 per acre) and a cap on the maximum soil rental rate is being instituted for Continuous CRP at \$300 per acre. The savings from these changes are being reinvested back in CRP, including the additional acres for SAFE, pollinator habitat and wetlands restoration.

To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/ conservation or contact your local FSA office.

USDA Offers Targeted Farm Loan Funding for Underserved Groups and Beginning Farmers

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to assist underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their

identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program provides for two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans. In addition to customary farm operating and ownership loans, FSA now offers Microloans through the direct loan program. The focus of Microloans is on the financing needs of small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm operations. Microloans are available for both ownership and operating finance needs. To learn more about microloans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans.

To qualify as a beginning producer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must maturely or substantially participate in the operation.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and targeted underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.



USDA Partners with Farmers and Ranchers to Protect Grasslands

USDA will accept more than 504,000 acres that were offered nationwide by producers during the recent ranking period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands enrollment. Through the voluntary CRP Grasslands program, grasslands threatened by development or conversion to row crops are maintained as livestock grazing areas, while providing important conservation benefits.

Kansas will accept 78 ofers totaling more than 10,830 acres. Nationwide, over 70 percent of the acres are from beginning farmers, veterans and underserved producers. About two-thirds of the acres are in counties with the highest threat for conversion. Additionally, nearly 60 percent of the acres are in wildlife priority areas and nearly three-fourths of the acres will have a wildlife-focused conservation plan as part of the operation.

Small livestock operations or other farming and ranching operations interested in participating in CRP Grasslands should contact their local FSA office. To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

Chasing Clovers Did You Know.....

By Patsy Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension District 4-H Youth Development Agent

Did you know..... Kansas youth between the ages of 10 to 19 make up 14% (402,705) of the total population in the state and in the nation. Most Kansas youth are healthy, are positively engaged with their families, schools and communities, and are on the path to becoming contributing and caring adults. However, there are areas of concern for Kansas youth:

Did you know..... 19.9% of Kansas youth ages 10 to 19 have had beer, liquor, or wine in the past 30 days compared to 34.9% of youth in the United States.

Did you know..... 22% of Kansas children between 6th and 12th grades report being bullied on school property when 19.6% of the nation's children report being bullied.

Did you know..... 24% of Kansas teens have felt sad and hopeless for more than 2 weeks in a row, compared to 29.9% of the nation's teens.

In 2013, 16.4% of Kansas teens considered attempting suicide – which is a 4.6% increase since 2011. A third of youth in the United States have considered suicide. (YRBSS, 2013: <http://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=KS>)

Did you know..... 4-Her's are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities.

Did you know..... 4-Her's are about 2 times more likely to be civically active.

Did you know..... 4-H young people are nearly 2 times more likely to participate in Science, Engineering and Computer Technology programs during out-of-school time.

Did you know..... 4-H girls are 2 times more likely and nearly 3 times more likely to take part in science programs compared to girls in other out-of-school time activities.

Did you know..... 4-Her's are nearly 2 times more like to make healthier choices.

Did you know..... Twin Creeks Extension District supports 10 4-H clubs led by 25 volunteer community club leaders.

Did you know..... In 2015-16, 256 youth were enrolled in 4-H clubs in Norton, Decatur and Sheridan counties.

Did you know..... Those 256 4-H youth members participated in 1,775 project areas.

Did you know..... A total of 156 youth and adult volunteers assisted 4-H members with projects, events and activities.

Most experts agree that positive development leads to young people having: Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character and Caring which develops a sixth "C", Contribution. Prepare

your child to develop strong work force skills, life skills and be contributing adults in society. Enroll youth ages 7 to 18 in your local 4-H program and watch as your child grows as a member of the largest national youth organization. Contact Patsy Maddy at Twin Creeks Extension District, pmaddy@ksu.edu or call your local Extension office.

Did you know..... Twin Creeks Extension District 4-H Program is an opportunity waiting for your child to explore!

Sierra Club Environmental Education Grants For Kansas Teachers

The Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club is entering its fifth year of awarding grants to Kansas K-12 teachers who are educating students about climate change. Grants ranging up to \$1,000 may be used to attend conferences, prepare special lessons and experiments, and purchase materials for lessons and projects that address the climate crisis. Licensed K-12 teachers in accredited Kansas schools in any field of study may apply.

The Sierra Club Environmental Grants for Kansas Primary and Secondary Educators program was uniquely created by the Kansas Chapter, the first program of its kind in the national Sierra Club. Over \$18,000 in grants have been awarded to Kansas teachers since the program's inception.

These grants are intended to aide teachers in educating students about the nature of climate change and exploring solutions. Applications are encouraged from teachers across the academic spectrum, from liberal arts and humanities to science and engineering. Teachers in minority and indigenous communities are especially encouraged to apply.

The deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. Awards will be announced in early May. Teachers do not need to be Sierra Club members to apply for a grant.

For more information and to download an application, visit the Kansas Chapter website: <http://kansas.sierraclub.org/projects/climate-change-education-grants/>



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As another year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to humbly thank you for your support over the last 16 years. I feel very honored by your trust while I was your voice in the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives.

I thank each of my voters and the many volunteers who continually gave me positive input and encouragement. I so appreciate those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend my town hall meetings and visit me at the State Capital over the years. I am proud of the youth who served as pages during the many legislative sessions.

Last but not least . . . I especially thank my family for allowing me the wonderful opportunity to serve Western Kansas.

My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you during this time of celebrating the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind regards,
Senator Ralph Ostmeier
Kansas 40th District

*The best way to spread
Christmas Cheer
is singing loud for all
to hear!*

Soil Conservation Awards

Poster Contest Award Winners

By Jeannine Taylor

Every year, the Soil Conservation Service hosts a Poster Contest. This year's theme was "We All Need Trees!" The contest is open to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Each student was encouraged to create a poster for the contest. In addition to the poster contest, the Soil Conservation Service also sponsors an essay contest for 6th Graders. The winners were announced at the Hoxie Grade School gym on December 13, 2016.

Board members Dan Schultz, Doug Robben, and Shane Beckman, and District Manager DeeAnn Schamberger presented the medals and trophies to the winners. The contest groups grade levels together, and trophies were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners, and the honorable mention winner received a medal.

The first-place winner in the 10th-12th grade contest was Hannah Franklin. Her poster was submitted to the state contest, and she won first-place at the state level as well. Her poster was then submitted to the national contest, representing the State of Kansas. We wish Hannah well in the national competition!

The winning posters will be displayed at the Annual Meeting to be held on January 30, 2017, at noon at the 4-H Building.

Here are the winners of the 2016 Poster Contest:

Kindergarten & 1st Grade
1st-Ty Fenner
2nd-Jayden Herl
3rd-Gage Follis
HM-Logan Heskett

2nd & 3rd Grade
1st-Adleigh Ziegler
2nd-Emma Schamberger
3rd-Megan Carder
HM-Mat Bretz

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade
1st-Ella Zerr
2nd-Jayden Fenner
3rd-Emma Weiner
HM-Leigha Fellhoelter

7th, 8th, & 9th Grade
1st-Tirzah Howery
2nd-Jordi Torres
3rd-Ashlyn Dorenkamp
HM-Ayden Campbell

10th, 11th, & 12th Grade
1st-Hannah Franklin
2nd-Grant Johnson
3rd-Easton Slipke
HM-Jake Geisinger

6th Grade Essay Contest
1st-Drew Bretz
2nd-Emily Smith
3rd-Tori Bainter
HM-Brady Jones



Kindergarten & 1st Grade winners:
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2nd - Jayden Herl, 1st grade
3rd - Gage Follis, 1st grade
HM - Logan Heskett, 1st grade



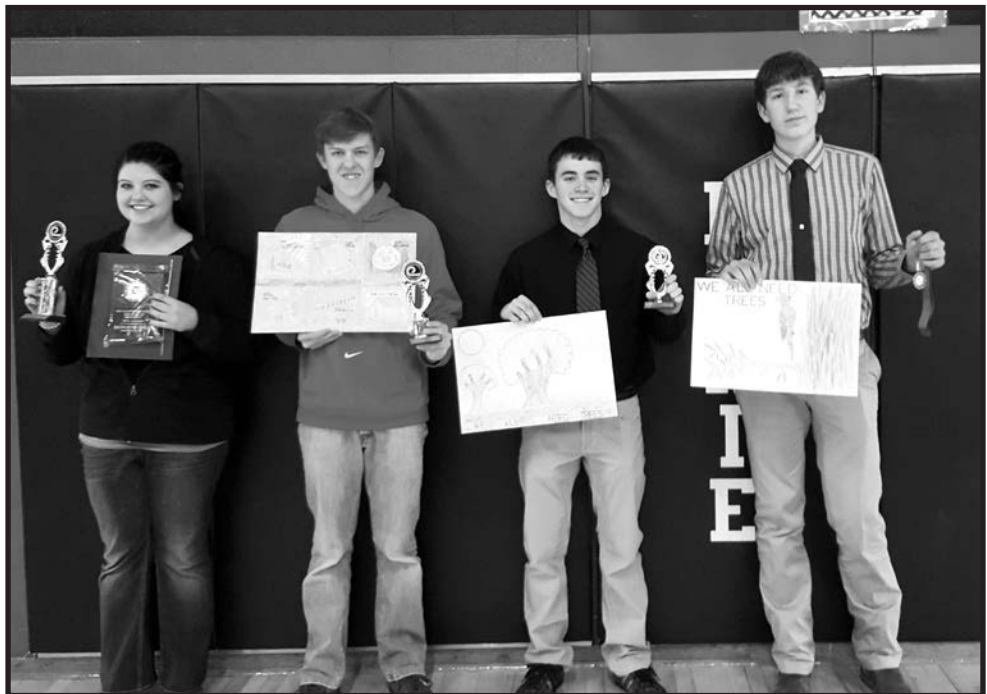
2nd & 3rd Grade winners:
1st - Adleigh Ziegler, 3rd grade
2nd - Emma Schamberger, 2nd grade
3rd - Megan Carder, 3rd grade
HM - Mat Bretz, 2nd grade



4th - 6th Grade winners:
1st - Ella Zerr, 5th grade
2nd - Jayden Fenner, 6th grade
3rd - Emma Weiner, 5th grade
HM - Leigha Fellhoelter, 4th grade



7th - 9th Grade winners:
1st - Tirzah Howery, 9th grade (R)
2nd - Jordi Torres, 9th grade (not pictured)
3rd - Ashlyn Dorenkamp, 9th grade (L)
HM - Ayden Campbell, 7th grade (not pictured)



10th - 12th Grade winners:
1st - Hannah Franklin, 11th grade
2nd - Grant Johnson, 12th grade
3rd - Easton Slipke, 11th grade
HM - Jake Geisinger, 10th grade



6th Grade Essay winners:
1st - Drew Bretz
2nd - Emily Smith
3rd - Tori Bainter
HM - Brady Jones



School assembly for the Conservation Awards ceremony.
All photos on this page are by Jeannine Taylor



Adults, left to right, are: Dan Schultz, Doug Robben, Shane Beckman, DeeAnn Schamberger

Kids' Fun Page

People have used evergreens...

...palms, and fake plastic trees too!

Kids: color stuff in!

www.readingclubfun.com

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Trees of Christmas

Evergreens are the favorite trees for Christmas. They stay green all through the harsh winter weather. Their green color, cones and berries remind us of new life and the coming spring. Their size is just right!

When it's hard to find an evergreen tree, people cleverly use other trees, bushes or even ... Follow the dots to see what it is!

Fa la la la la la la la ...and all that jazz!

I untangled the lights!

Looking for me?

Do presents go on the tree or under the tree?

Both! But mostly under.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. People in the city might buy their trees from a corner _____ or go to a tree farm.

2. Tree farmers _____ where trees have been cut.

3. Some people like _____ trees (fake), because they travel during the holidays and the trees don't need to be watered.

4. Some people buy trees with their roots bundled so they can plant the trees later in the _____.

5. Some go into the woods and _____ their own trees.

6. Trees travel home on top of cars, sleds and people's _____.

7. Many people used to place their trees on top of _____.

8. Today people place their trees in stands on the _____.

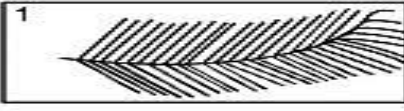
9. Often trees are placed near _____ to share joy with people passing by.

10. Don't forget to _____ your tree to keep it fresh!


cut float yard replant tables water artificial windows shoulders

What Kind of Tree?


During the winter holidays, in our country's capital, Washington, D.C, a national Christmas tree is lighted to show hopes of joy and peace for the world. There are many kinds of evergreens from which to choose a tree. We look at the length and softness of the needles, and the shape and height of the tree. Which are your favorite needles? Read the clues to fill in the name of these greens:

1. 
S _ C _ T _ _
P _ N _ _

This is a favorite tree. It is bushy and stays green a long time after it is cut. It has blue-green needles about 1 1/2 to 3 inches long.

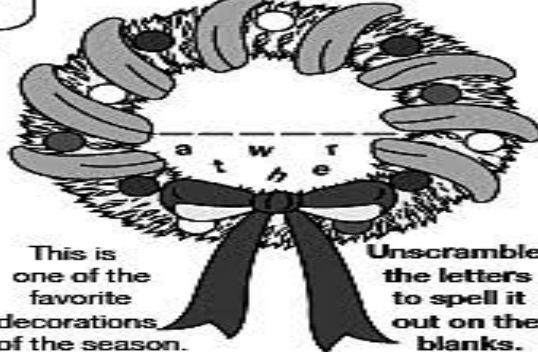
2. 
C _ L _ _ D O _
B _ E _ S P R _ _

Ouch! These short, sharp, thick needles hurt my hands. But their beautiful silver-blue to blue-green colors make this a pretty tree.

3. 
D O U _ L _ S _
F _ R _ _

This tree has short dark-green to yellowish-green needles. They bend easily to the touch. This is easy to decorate and smells so good, too!

Next, find 10 words that have 3 syllables as in the word "ev • er • greens."


a t w e r

Unscramble the letters to spell it out on the blanks.


Topping the Christmas Tree!

People so love the tradition of setting up a Christmas tree that they sometimes sing this traditional German carol!

O Christmas tree, O _____ tree
How lovely are your branches.
In summer sun, in _____ snow,
A dress of _____ you always show.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your _____.

branches Christmas green winter


Can you help Peak find his way to the Christmas tree to put the star on the top?



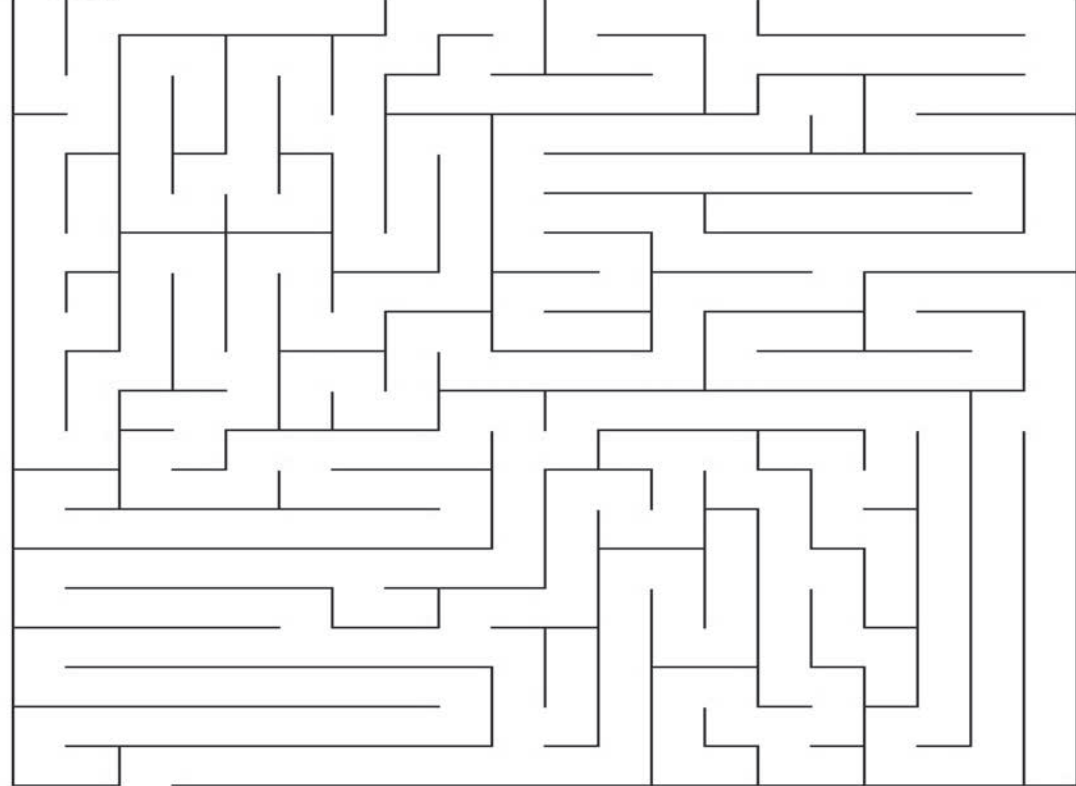
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Fill In The Missing Letters

P _ e s _ n t
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A _ g e _
_ a _ d l _
T _ e _




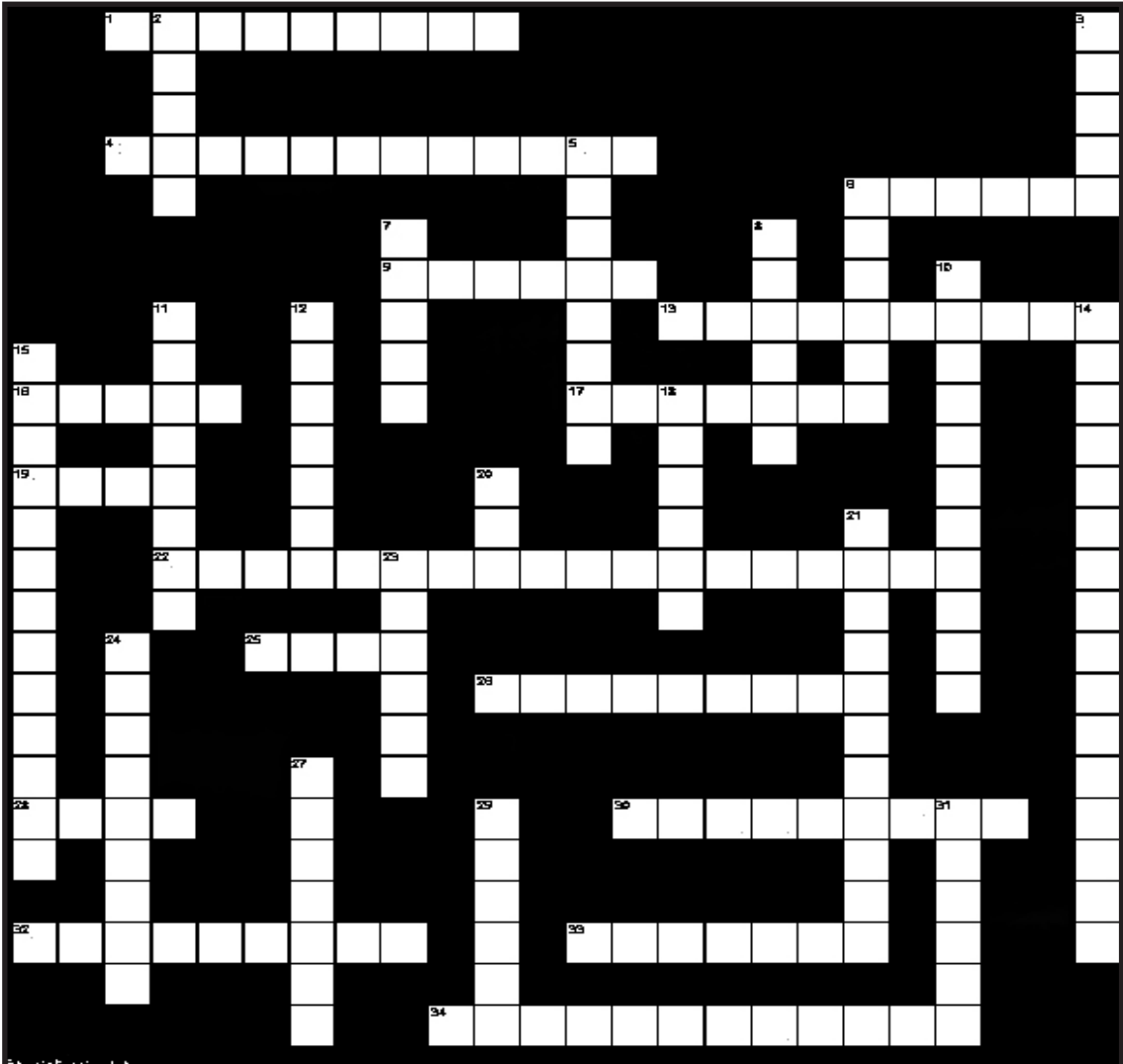
Help Santa Put His Gifts Under the Tree!





Are YOUR gifts ready and under the tree?





Across

1. " _____ roasting on an open fire"

4. Santa Claus name

6. Cold season

9. Creamy holiday beverage

13. Old Saint Nick name

16. Tree-topper

17. Famous reindeer

19. Type of Christmas tree

22. Tchaikovsky's Ballet

25. Tree-topper

26. Icy beauty

28. Winter Solstice

30. " _____ nipping at your nose"

32. Stuffed with goodies

33. Long decoration

34. With marshmallows

Down

2. Spiky-leaved evergreen

3. Spiced beverage

5. Traveling singing group

6. Holiday door decoration

7. "Reason for the Season"

8. " _____ all the way"

10. " _____ ring, are you listening?"

11. Gifts given

12. Frosty

14. " _____ dancing in their heads"

15. Generic holiday greeting

18. Seventh reindeer on

Santa's sleigh

20. Type of Christmas tree

21. Cookie house


23. Main dish

24. A kiss is required

27. Santa's chute

29. Santa says

31. Type of Christmas tree



Legals & Obituaries

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 1, 2016)

Sheridan County District Court
RE: Petition of Janis Irene Bargmann-Ackerman for name change, 16 CV 21

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Janis Irene Bargmann-Ackerman, an adult person, praying that Petitioner be granted authority to change her name to Janis Irene Ackerman.

This name change is for personal family reasons and for no other purpose.

You are required to file your written objections to such name change on or before January 5, 2017, in this Court and by referencing this case number. A hearing on the petition shall be held on the docket at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court in the Sheridan County Courthouse at that time and date. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due courts upon the petition.

Janis Irene Bargmann-Ackerman
Petitioner

(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 15, 2016)

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 15, 2016)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
HOWARD E. DAVIS a/k/a
H. E. DAVIS, Deceased,
Case No. 16-PR-28

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by J. Fred Hambright, Manager of JFH Investments, LLC, requesting:
Descent be determined of an interest in the oil, gas and other minerals in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas
and that said real property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before January 9, 2017, by 1:00 p.m. in the City of Hoxie, in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
J. FRED HAMBRIGHT, Petitioner

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Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Interested persons are invited to comment on the tower and antennae placement and related equipment shelters at the wireless telecommunications facility proposed to be constructed at approx.: **County Rd. 80 W., Selden, Sheridan County, KS, N 39 24' 28.65"/W 100 35' 21.85", Sec. 32-T7S-R29W**, with respect to impacts on historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The facility will consist of **230' SST**. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice by mail to White Buffalo Environmental, Inc., 8908 S. Yale, Suite 210, Tulsa, OK 74137, or by calling (918)660-0999. Questions about this facility or this notice may also be directed to that address or phone number. This notice is provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Commission Minutes 12/5/2016

Now on this 5th day of December, 2016, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Doyle Kauk presiding. Others present were Vic Bielser, Troy Dewey, Joe Bainter, Harry Joe Pratt and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

Treasurer's Change Order No.'s 2016-5 through 2016-16 were approved and signed on a motion by Kauk and second by Bielser. 3-0.

Bielser made a motion to approve the November 28, 2016 minutes as presented. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Payroll was approved on a motion by Dewey and second by Kauk. 3-0.

Permission was given for the commissioner's minutes to be printed in both *The Sheridan Sentinel* and *The Hoxie Times* for the month of December. Brad Weese, publisher of *The Hoxie Times*, will be contacted in January to see how his subscription drive is going.

Twin Creeks had asked the Clerk about being able to take back some of the office space that is currently being used for the County Attorney. The board, by consensus, opted to leave the office as it is now.

Kauk advised that the micro loan for *The Sheridan Sentinel* had been submitted via mail to Linda Hunziker with Kansas Department of Commerce in Topeka. Once it has been approved by the state, the micro loan committee will meet again.

Kauk advised he was to attend a KLPG meeting but it had been rescheduled. He gave a report on their financial situation, which is not good.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch entered the meeting. Bracht asked for an update on a collection letter, which had been sent to an individual who had used the public transportation van. The tax lid was discussed.

Nick Roudybush, Road & Bridge Mechanic, entered the meeting. Roudybush stated the blue truck we purchased from Money Chevrolet needs a new transmission.

Roudybush presented quotes. The board, by consensus, asks that Roudybush tear down the transmission and repair it himself. The PUMA extended warranties were reviewed. No extended warranties will be purchased for the PUMA tractors. Roudybush advised he had looked at the motorgraders and suggests we replace the All-Wheel Drive CAT.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Barry Quanz entered the meeting and advised he would like to order chemicals for the Road & Bridge Department and Weed Department before the first of the year. The rates would be what they were earlier in the year when he ordered. Dewey made a motion, seconded by Bielser to purchase the chemicals needed. Carried 3-0. Quanz and the board discussed the musk thistle problems in the county as well as prairie dogs.

Resolution No. 17-31 pertaining to meetings dates, pay dates and official county holidays was presented and approved on a motion by Dewey and second from Kauk. 3-0.

Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering entered the meeting and presented jackets to all the board. The board and DeBoer discussed different bridges within the county and the use of culverts. The new site plan and survey were done for the landfill and approved by the state. Discussion of expansion of the cell was held. DeBoer advised the board that there is a new load rating method in place. This could mean some of the bridges would have to be closed at some point.

The commissioners looked at the furniture in the County Attorney's office. Dewey made a motion to offer \$500.00 for the L shaped desk and copier cabinet. Kauk seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. There are several chairs, the computer, copier and fax machine which the county purchased so they will remain in the office.

Dewey made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Julianne Shoup, Twin Creeks Extension Agent. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Shoup wanted to discuss the possibility of the Extension Office reclaiming the small office that is part of the County Attorney's office. The board advised no for now. When the extension district hires someone to replace Shoup and they feel there is a need, they can revisit the board. The board thanked Shoup for the job she has done for Sheridan County and wished her well.

Wages for 2017 were discussed.

The last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, December 28, 2016. The first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 9, 2017 when the newly elected officials will be sworn in to office.

The following payroll was audited and allowed:

General Fund	\$51,194.13
Road & Bridge	\$24,918.63
Nox Weed	\$1,778.88
Public Health	\$4,367.75
Public Transp	\$763.25
Landfill	\$1,714.13
Spec MV	\$1,003.30

No further business, Kauk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 12th, 2016 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Doyle Kauk, Chairman

SHERIFF'S REPORT

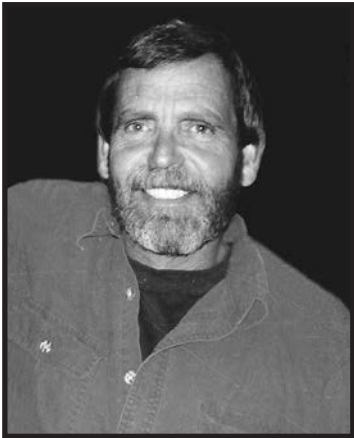
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Wes Spillman



Wesley "Wes" R. Spillman passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016 at his home in rural Sheridan County at the age of 66. He was born May 12, 1950 in Quinter, Kansas to the late Doren A. and Doris J. (Foster) Spillman. He was raised in Hoxie, KS and graduated from Sheridan Community High School with the Class of 1968. He proudly served his country in the United States Army including a tour in Vietnam from 1970-71.

On July 16, 1983 Wes was united in marriage to Charlene Raile in Hoxie. He worked for D&L Service Station as a mechanic and loved the challenge of getting small engines running. He later became co-owner of the station and continued working as the head mechanic. In his younger days, he liked to water ski, ride his Harley, take road trips with his cousins, and go for drives on country roads.

Wes was an excellent artist with a talent for sketching,

drawing, and painting; especially pictures of Native Americans, the American Flag, and eagles. His "man cave-shed" was full of memories with a story for every item in it. Whether listening to old 50's music, watching a little NASCAR, or loving going pheasant hunting on opening day, his favorite time was spent enjoying the company of family and friends, and just laughing and talking for hours on end. Above all, he was a family man. He loved his wife and always looked forward to visits from their son, Travis, and family in Arizona. To extended family, he was the favorite uncle, cousin, nephew, brother-in-law, and son-in-law.

Wes is survived by his wife Charlene of the home; son Travis Spillman and wife Malaina of Pinetop, AZ; brother Jeffery Spillman and wife Kalena of Hoxie; sisters Nora Mae Spillman and husband Lee of Custer, SD, and Paula Rumback and husband Ron of Oakley; grandchildren Katey Spillman and Josiah Spillman; and many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Doren and Doris Spillman, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

A Memorial Service was held at 10:30 am on Friday, December 9, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Hoxie. Visitation was held from 11:00 am until 7:30 pm on Thursday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 5:30-7:00. Memorials are suggested to Grinnell VFW Post #2864, Grainfield American Legion, or Sheridan County Health Complex and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, P.O. Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740. Online condolences may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com

Wes was a "straight shooter" and a true patriot at heart. He honored and respected the flag and everything it stood for, even volunteering, along with his brother and friends, to raise the flags in the cemetery every Memorial Day. He will always be remembered as a kind, caring, generous, fun-loving, gentle "prince" of a guy. He will be missed and forever loved.

NOTICE -Taxpayers-

December 20, 2016

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The first half of the 2016 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before December 20, 2016, your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes must be paid in full after December 20, 2016, K.S.A. 79-2004a.

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