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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Recently, we received the end of year, 12-31-2019, financial position of Sheridan County. This statement shows that at the end of 2019 Sheridan County had \$7-million in cash carried over to this year, 2020.

- At the end of year 2018, Sheridan County had a cash carryover of \$5.7 million.
- At the end of year 2017, Sheridan County had a cash carryover of \$3.7 million.
- At the end of year 2010, Sheridan County had a cash carryover of \$756,772.00.

It's easy to see that **our cash carryover is ten times larger than it was in 2010.** It is grossly unfair to the taxpayers in Sheridan County, that we continue to tax for dollars we don't need, and end up each year with more and more money in cash carryover.

I have *continually* expressed that we absolutely need all the county services we all want and need, but that we can maintain **all** County services and do so with significantly less tax dollars.

Agriculture is the fuel that powers most of Sheridan County and during the past several years the low commodity prices are making it financially difficult for our farmers and ranchers to remain viable in their operations.

*This* is the time to cut taxes & spending, and work together for the good of all Sheridan County residents.

Thanks for reading and GOD Bless.  
WES BAINTER, Sheridan County Commissioner



By Livia Schultz, Staff Reporter

On Friday, February 14, the high school cheerleaders put on a half time performance during the varsity boys' game. Prior to the routine, the cheer squad hosted a practice on Wednesday for the boys and girls to learn the moves. They were split into different age groups so every child could learn the moves at their own rate.

Freshman cheerleader Emma Thompson said, "It was really fun spending time with all of the kids. They were really well behaved and caught on super fast."

Since it was Valentine's Day, the high school cheerleaders wore pink shirts that said "Biggest Sweethearts," and the young cheer squad wore shirts that said "Littlest Sweethearts." They danced to the song "My Girl".

Senior Spotlight:  
Jett Schmidtberger



By Saige Meier, Staff Reporter

Jett Schmidtberger is the daughter of Jennifer Ackerman and Joe Schmidtberger. While in high school, she has been involved in volleyball, cheerleading, golf, National Honor Society, and yearbook. Her favorite sport to play was volleyball.

Her favorite memory in high school was when the volleyball team went to state her junior year because

everyone doubted the small 1A school. "It was crazy how we took on Victoria like it was just another game, and we never gave up; that was my favorite part," stated Schmidtberger.

Jett is planning to attend Colby Community College to get her Associates Degree in Applied Science, receiving her degree to become a Physical Therapist Assistant. After those two years, she wants to transfer to Wichita State University and finish her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

A piece of advice Schmidtberger would give to underclassmen is, "High School seriously goes by so fast. Enjoy it while you can because it will fly by like nothing. Always live every day in high school to the fullest." Her favorite quote to live by is, "Start each day with a grateful heart."

A Regional Title  
and 2020 Regional Coach of the Year



Hoxie Indian Wrestling Team - Regional Champions. (Indian Pride Booster Club photo)



Hoxie Indian Wrestling Team - State Qualifiers. (Indian Pride Booster Club photo)

By Coleen Shepard

The Indian's varsity wrestlers traveled to Norton this past weekend to compete at their first stop of the championship season, the Boys Regional Tournament, where they wrestled for both the Regional team title and a chance to earn an individual spot at this week's 3-2-1A State Tournament. Battling fiercely over the two-day tournament the Indian's brought home five champions, one runner-up, and two fourth place finishes. Head coach Mike Porsch, who was named as the 2020 Regional Coach of the Year, coached this talented squad to claim the Regional title and qualified eight wrestlers for next week's state tournament in Hays. Come out to support our Hoxie wrestlers as they continue on their journey towards claiming individual and team state titles. The action begins Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. Tournament information can be found at [www.KSHSAA.org](http://www.KSHSAA.org).



\$37,945 Awarded During Match Day Presentation

Participating organizations of the 2019 Give & Grow Sheridan County Match Day campaign were recently presented with checks totaling \$37,945.00 during the annual "Check Presentation Ceremony" which occurred during halftime of the Hoxie High School Boys' basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, at the Hoxie High School Gymnasium.

These funds were collected during the annual Match Day event sponsored by the Sheridan County Community Foundation this past November. SCCF, which originally pledged \$10,000 in matching funds, increased that amount to just over \$15,000.00, to be prorated among the 24 organizations bringing total campaign funds to \$53,123.00.

To date, more than \$290,000.00 in funds have been raised and given as part of the Match Day initiative in support of the citizens - young and old - of Sheridan County.

The organizations have

until September 1, 2020, to apply for their matching funds to be used towards the various projects/events submitted on their application forms.

Proceeds from the raffle prize, a 50/50 cash split, assisted with the matching portion in addition to donations from the community. Jeff Torluemke was the lucky winner of the drawing, totaling \$3,550.00 plus an additional \$1,000.00 in grant funds to be given to a participating Match Day organization(s) of his choice. Torluemke informed the foundation that he would like to split all prize proceeds between St. Frances Cabrini Hoxie CYO/Jr CYO, Sheridan County Amusement Company, All Stars for Jesus (Christ Community Church) and SCCF.

A big "thank you" to Jeff for his generosity as well as all the donors who supported the organizations this year.

The participating organizations and their total donation amounts, including

eligible matching funds are as follows:

Main Street Arts Council, \$1,638.00; Sheridan County Historical Society & Mickey Museum, \$5,355.00; All Stars for Jesus (Christ Community Church), \$2,100.00; Christ Community Church Youth Group, \$1,470.00; HAMA Food Pantry, \$2,065.00; Hoxie United Methodist Connect On Wednesdays, \$735.00; St. Frances Cabrini Hoxie CYO/Jr CYO, \$280.00; Hoxie Golf Club, \$3,500.00; Hoxie Recreation, \$3,710.00; Sheridan County Public Library, \$6,300.00; Hoxie High School USD 412, \$7,490.00; Indian Pride Booster Club, \$1,820.00; Sheridan County EMS, \$1,400.00; Sheridan County Hospital, \$6,650.00; Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary, \$1,785.00; Sheridan County Public Health, \$175.00; Sheridan County Wellness Center, \$140.00; Hoxie Boy Scouts, \$315.00; Scouts BSA Troop 161, \$1,274.00; Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK), \$560.00; Hoxie FFA Alumni, \$910.00; SCHS/HHS

Alumni Association, \$525.00; Sheridan County Amusement Company, \$700.00; and Sheridan County Benefit Walk, \$2,226.00.

November 2019 also served as the annual "Match Month" in a fundraising challenge sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Participating communities that raise up to \$50,000.00 receive dollar-for-dollar matching funds from the Hansen Foundation with the potential for an additional \$25,000.00. SCCF is pleased to report that \$55,625.00 were raised locally, bringing total campaign earnings to more than \$130,000.00. These funds are currently being held in an endowed fund (think "savings" account) that is invested and will continue to grow and be available for granting use in the future.

This is Sheridan County's fifth year to participate in this campaign and to date, more than \$500,000.00 have been raised from these efforts.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. For more information, visit [www.gnwkc.org/sheridan-county-community-foundation](http://www.gnwkc.org/sheridan-county-community-foundation), follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sheridancsf](https://www.facebook.com/sheridancsf) or contact Karl Pratt, board liaison, at [karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com](mailto:karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com).



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Words of Faith

The body heals with play,  
The mind heals with laughter.  
The spirit heals with joy.  
~Proverb

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Feb. 25

Wheat	3.92
Corn	3.28
Milo	2.97
Beans	7.69

Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
2/16	54	27	--
2/17	51	23	--
2/18	45	25	--
2/19	31	7	--
2/20	29	6	.02 ice
2/21	47	15	--
2/22	69	24	--

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Words of Wisdom

If it wasn't hard,  
Everyone  
would do it.  
It's the hard  
that makes it Great.  
~Tom Hanks



# Community News

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Sunday, March 8, at the United Methodist Church at 12:30 there will be a "Neighbor Welcome" for the community. Come get acquainted with new families in the area. Meat and buns furnished. If you would like to bring a side dish that would be great.

On Saturday, March 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., an open house shower-brunch honoring Amy

McKenna Ralph (expecting twins in May); Kelsey McKenna (married to Chris McKenna and expecting twins in April); and Ansley Strobel (marrying Marcus McKenna on May 2), will be held at the Jennings Sunflower Senior Center. All are welcome to celebrate the upcoming excitement of the McKenna families.

## SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays & Anniversaries:  
March 1: Austin Spresser;  
March 2: Caleb Koerperich;  
March 3: Sherrie Jacobs; March 5: Bernadine Spresser, BeNina Soriano; March 6: Jennifer Eatherly.

On February 20, during Senior Citizens, the group enjoyed a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway

Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinocle. Boyd Wilson won high with a score of 477, Alfred J. Albers took second with a score of 432, and Don Juenemann had the most Kings. Others enjoying the day included Lillian Sulzman, Bob Wessel, Don Quackenbush, Gail Mumm, Pat Wessel, Carl Mumm and Margee Wilson.

## Solomon Valley 4-H

By Andrew Haffner, Reporter

This month in 4-H, the meeting was called by Carter Beckman and then we said the flag salute.

After the Flag salute we did roll call, and roll call was what is your favorite board game.

After roll call we had Brain Drain by Rylan Moss and it was which country had the highest population of sheep and the answer was China. Then, we had Communication and it was a thank you note from Janel Beckman.

The Treasurer's Report by Max Beckman. The leader's announcements were that there is a breeding workshop

and county club days.

The songs were by Adleigh and Joseph and the song was *Found a Peanut*. After the songs we had talks/demos by Jed, which his talk was how to make homemade whipped cream, and then Andrew, whose was about introduction to welding. Like all good meetings, we had recreations by Hayden, Bailynn, and Demi, and the game was that you had to get balls from a bucket into another bucket, but the bucket with the balls had ropes attached to make it more interesting. To win you had to do teamwork.

That was all we did this month in 4-H.

## THANK YOU!

Sheridan County Public Health would like to thank Don & Melanie Rowilson, Mark & Barb Olson, and our Anonymous Donor for our Match Day funds. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting Sheridan County Public Health!

Celebrate  
Roger Schlick's  
80th  
Birthday!  
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## Senator Rick Billinger 2020 TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Friday, February 28, 2020

3:15-4:15pm Hill City  
(Sen. Billinger w/ Rep. Rahjes, Rep. Hineman)  
Graham Co. Courthouse, Commissioners' Office  
410 N Pomeroy Ave

Saturday, February 29, 2020

3:30-4:30pm Oberlin  
(Sen. Billinger w/ Rep. Smith)  
BEE Building, 104 S Penn

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8am-9am Colby  
(Sen. Billinger w/ Rep. Smith, Rep. Hineman)  
Colby Community College Student Union Rm #106

9:30-10:30am Oakley

(Sen. Billinger w/ Rep. Hineman)  
Buffalo Bill Cultural Center

11am-12pm Hoxie

(Sen. Billinger w/ Rep. Hineman)  
Midwest Energy Meeting Room, 916 Sheridan Ave

1-2pm Quinter

(Sen. Billinger w/ Rep. Hineman)  
Center Pivot Restaurant, 300 Main St

## Area Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1st Wednesday - each  
month:**

6pm Grinnell VFW monthly  
supper at VFW Hall

**2nd Monday - each month:**

5pm Sheridan County  
Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-  
SCHC Conference Room

**2nd Saturday - each month:**

9-11am Gove County  
Food Distribution; use alley  
entrance behind 323 Main,  
Quinter.

**Last Thursday:**

7pm Jennings Book Club  
Meeting-Jennings City  
Library

**Hoxie**

**Tuesday, March 3:**

11am-12pm Town Hall  
with Sen. Billinger & Rep.  
Hineman at Midwest Energy  
Meeting Room, 916 Sheridan  
Ave.

**Sunday, March 22:**

3pm WPAA presents  
Marimba Sol de Chiapas.  
North America's premier  
professional Mexican  
marimba ensemble to perform  
at Hoxie HS Auditorium.

**Tuesday, April 1:**

7pm Strategic Doing,  
location TBD. Doors open at  
6:30pm. Please arrive early for a

prompt start at 7pm. For more  
information: www.facebook.  
com/sheridancncf

**Hill City**

**Friday, February 28:**

3:15-4:15pm Town Hall  
with Sen. Billinger and Rep.  
Rahjes & Rep. Hineman at  
Graham Co. Courthouse,  
Commissioners' Room, 410 N  
Pomeroy Ave.

**Oberlin**

**Saturday, February 29:**

3:30-4:30pm Town Hall  
with Sen. Billinger & Rep.  
Smith - BEE Building, 104 S  
Penn.

**Colby**

**Sunday, March 1:**

3:30pm Pride of the  
Prairie Orchestra presents  
"Groovin' on a Sunday  
Afternoon" conducted by  
Andrew Salvador at the  
Frahm Theatre/CAC. For  
information contact Mary  
Shoaff at 785-462-2159 or Janet  
Hopson at 785-462-5102 or  
visit www.prairieorchestra.  
com.

**Tuesday, March 3:**

8-9am Town Hall with  
Sen. Billinger and Rep. Smith  
& Rep. Hineman at Colby  
Community College Student  
Union Rm #106.

**Quinter**

**Sunday, March 1:**

3pm WPAA present Jay &  
Leslie Cady perform juggling  
and other nonsense' at the  
Quinter HS Auditorium.

**Tuesday, March 3:**

1-2pm Town Hall with Sen.  
Billinger & Rep. Hineman -  
Center Pivot Restaurant, 300  
Main St.

**Oakley**

**Tuesday, March 3:**

8-9am Town Hall with Sen.  
Billinger & Rep. Hineman at  
Buffalo Bill Cultural Center.

**Norton**

**Saturday, March 14:**

Tri-State Farm Toy &  
Collectibles Show

## Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020**

Sheridan County Courthouse  
Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Invited

9am Joe Pratt, County Atty.  
9:15am Old Business  
9:30am Road & Bridge

## CARD SHOWER!

The Family of  
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Calamari, Cod, Fish Sticks, Hoki, Clam Strips,  
Shrimp Boil, Potato Soup, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Crab Salad

Daily Buffet Monday through Friday

Dine-In or Carry-Out



# Community & SCHC News



## Mealsite Menu

March 2 ~ March 6

**Monday:** Pork Cutlet, Scalloped Potatoes, Asparagus, Bread, Apricots  
**Tuesday:** Harvest Turkey Soup, Ambrosia Salad, Crackers, Cookie  
**Wednesday:** BBQ Meatballs, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Bread, Mixed Fruit  
**Thursday:** Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Mexicali Corn, Bread, Peaches  
**Friday:** Tuna & Noodles, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Fruit Cobbler or Crisp

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



News from the Outside with John Liester



Folks, it's been a very trying couple of weeks. We lost a dear friend and my mother in law, Sharon Wellman, and we had the loss of our unborn grandchild. Topping it off was a deer totaling my daughter's car. I wish I had a ton of things to write about, but right now I'm emotionally drained. Maybe next week. Until then, please stay safe, and enjoy the outside.

## College Hosts Art on the Oasis

Colby Community College will host the Art on the Oasis art show March 6-8 in the Bedker Memorial Complex and the Cultural Arts Center Gallery. The event features art by high school, amateur and professional artists from around the region.

The opening gala is March 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the gallery. Viewing continues in the Bedker Complex on March 7 from noon to 7 p.m. and March 8 from noon to 4 p.m.

"We'll have food, music, awards, and opportunities to purchase art," said organizer Rebel Mahieu. "We had 398 entries last year and expect as many this year."

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

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

Admission is free. For more information, contact Mahieu at (785) 460-5459 or visit [www.colbycc.edu/aoto](http://www.colbycc.edu/aoto).



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## Smoky Hills PBS Gears Up for 3-2-1A State Wrestling

The tradition continues as Smoky Hills PBS will again be covering the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament LIVE this weekend. For more than 30 years Smoky Hills PBS has broadcasted this tournament and made available DVDs of the broadcast.

Action will begin at 1:30 p.m. **Friday, February 28th** and continue **Saturday, February 29th**. A rebroadcast of the Championship Finals will air **Sunday, March 1st** at 9 a.m.

DVDs of the televised rounds will be available for purchase online at [www.SmokyHillsPBS.org](http://www.SmokyHillsPBS.org) or by calling 1.800.337.4788.

"Covering sporting events like this is one of the many great things we do here at Smoky Hills PBS," said Michael Quade Director of Broadcasting at Smoky Hills PBS. "Being able to cover the 3-2-1A State Wrestling event for our viewers and capturing these memories for the wrestlers is something we take great pride in."

Smoky Hills PBS serves 71 counties in central and western Kansas. It is available on many cable systems, DirecTV, and Dish Network. More information on Smoky Hills PBS and its programs and projects are available at [www.SmokyHillsPBS.org](http://www.SmokyHillsPBS.org) or by calling 1.800.337.4788.

## The 2019 Raffle Car



1968 CHEVY CAMARO

- RS/SS Convertible
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- 12-bolt Posi Rear End
- <35,000 miles!

## The Brothers of the Hoxie Masonic Lodge

would like to thank those who have bought raffle tickets for the cars in the past. Tickets are now available for the 1968 Camaro RS/SS Convertible. The Camaro will be on display at Winterfest, November 29, 2019.

## For Tickets

**CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE HOXIE MASONIC LODGE**

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## Area Churches

Christ Community Church  
454 W Hwy 24  
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church  
1000 Valley  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
Hoxie

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Hoxie United Methodist Church  
1325 15<sup>th</sup> St  
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Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
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Community Resources: Peggy Ritter

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12-06-2019	Full Time	Radiology	Technologist	Day Shift
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# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

**The Kenneth Democrat  
Friday, February 26, 1886**

W. A. Lewallen and family intend moving to town but can't find a house to rent. Somebody put up five or six neat dwelling houses!

In taking down the butchering derrick at Charley Johnson's angle worms were found near the top of the ground. This indicates spring surely.

John G. Moriarty reports this country as good enough for him as he has harvested a crop already. An eight lb girl arrived at his house last Sunday night.

Geese have commenced flying north.

The butcher shop is running again and good fresh meat can be had.

The Grainfield and Oberlin mail now makes regular daily trips.

Wonder if a Jeweler and watch maker couldn't do well here this summer.

The roof of our butcher's icehouse caved in, too much dirt being piled on top of it.

R. L. Chambers is spending the week in Oberlin looking after their extensive land interests.

E. L. Mead is going to read the *Democrat* the next twelve months. Also Mr. L. M. Sprague.

E. L. Gregg reports shooting a skunk last Monday, which is exceptionally early for this bird to show up.

Mike Campbell says that winter is over. He reports lots of native grass hoppers as big as his thumb.

Harry H. Beach left last week for Bull City, and towns further east. We hope Harry will be back soon.

Last Saturday seemed quite natural. Probably fifty teams were tied up around the square at a given time.

The east wall of Ben Miller's sod residence caved in. The water backed up to it saturating the wall so it got soft and fell.

Frank Comesky, of Tappan, N.Y., writes "please send me your valued paper for six months." This is but one sample of the many 'far off' subscribers' letters.

Miss Maggie Toothaker arrived here from Iowa last Tuesday and for the present is living with her uncle, W. J. Barnes. Her father will shortly arrive with a carload of farm utensils, household goods, etc. His place is six miles northwest of here.

The contract for the new public wind mill and 500 barrel water tank was let last Saturday night to W. A. Shellabarger, agent for the Challenge wind mill Co. The digging of the well by Messrs. Gill & Griffin is being pushed with rapidity and ere long Kenneth's water supply will be immense.

**125 Years Ago  
February 28, 1895**

Giles Humes went home Saturday before night. Reason, Walter was sick and he had to do the chores.

Little Tom Pratt was in Monday looking for the fighting editor but as yet has been unable to find him.

The little contention that is going on through the columns of the *Palladium* between the county treasury watchman and one of the county officials is very interesting (?) to say the least.

Billy Haines thinks Vedder is a little off in saying that he made daily trips to Hoxie last week and requests us to correct him by stating that he made only one trip which time he only stayed apart of two days.

J. M. Dupree returned last week from an extended trip through Missouri. He says the people down there are complaining of hard times just as much as they are here and that he was glad to get back to sunny Kansas.

Some one is always inventing some new slang and

the latest is when speaking of prospects being bright, or anything good, they say "ruby." Now in order to use this new phrase we must say that the prospects for our dear reformers are not very ruby.

The entertainment given at the Opera House Friday evening by the Rexford Dramatic Company was well attended and was good considering. The dance after the entertainment was the best given in our city for a long time, there being more than forty numbers out.

The amount of cash allowed by the legislature of the purchase of see grain if divided up equally between the inhabitants of the district to which it is to go to would foot up just 42 8-10 cents to each man, woman and child under the prescribed apportionment. The counties needing it least are the ones that get the largest pull.

We cannot say that the *Palladium's* course in publishing a list of the names of those who received aid is commendable. We were requested to do so, but thought it bad enough for it to be advertised that our citizens were in need of aid, but we refused. While it is nothing to be ashamed of, it is nothing to be advertised. Just as good people received aid as did not and they have just as much pride.

While coming west last Friday on the train when the Porter called WaKeeney we looked out of the car window and beheld the ravages of the fiery fiend and it made us sick at heart to see nothing left of those magnificent buildings which have for many years adorned the west side of the main street of the, at one time, ideal city of western Kansas, but the burned and charred walls, and the thought that the records of Col. Tilton's noble labor had also been turned to ashes caused us to turn our head and try to forget the sight.'

**100 Years Ago  
February 26, 1920  
Selden to Have Electric Lights**

The bond election held at Selden last Thursday to vote bonds for the purpose of providing that city with lights and power was practically unanimous as only one vote was cast against the bonds.

Such a record vote for the lights should encourage the city council to take interest in securing for the people the best plant obtainable for their money, which they'll gladly do, when they have the hearty cooperation of the entire citizenship.

**Local News**  
Robert Alien spent the greater part of last week in Graham county helping care for his folks who have all had the flu, but are all getting better except Bob's father who is still very poorly.

Mrs. M. D. Gollogly is in Nebraska visiting her children, Julius Gallogly and Mrs. Will Speer.

Mrs. E. M. Chandler left Thursday for Kansas City where she will study the new creations and purchase her spring line of millinery.

W. H. Meldrin, of Cripple Creek, Colorado, is here this week visiting old-time friends. He says Cripple Creek is being torn down and moved away as building material is so high now that it is a paying proposition to wrech the large number on unoccupied buildings.

Attorney Tillison, of Lenora, was here this week attending district court. He says the flu has been quite bad at Lenora of late resulting in four or five deaths in that vicinity.

Howard Vaughn and family have moved to their new home in Hoxie. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have rented temporary quarters in the Cumpston building until they get ready to leave on their

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1 iron-gray gelding, 8 years old.	1 saddle horse, 3 years old.
1 iron-gray gelding, 6 years old.	

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2 2-row weeders.	2 saddles.
1 5-shovel cultivator.	3 sets harness.
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1 wagon and rack.	1 dresser.
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vacation trip.

Tom Watson finished loading his household goods Monday for shipment to Salina where he and his estimable family will make their home on a farm near that city. The Watsons have been here for a long time and will be greatly missed by their numerous friends.

Carl Clark was a Hoxie business visitor, Friday. Carl formerly lived in the Selden country but now resides in Denver and he says that the "flu" has been as fatal in that city this year as last. His family all had it and Mrs. Clark and their oldest son haven't fully recovered from the effects of the insidious disease.

**Valley**  
By Gleaner  
Ollie Hines had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse a few days ago. Cause, spinal meningitis.

Bell Davis, Darmon Getz and one of Mr. Treu's sons had the flu the worst at Studley; Mrs. Gift, in Holly Creek vicinity has been a very sick woman; Mrs. Currier, at Guy, had a backset but is much better. It is to be hoped that this epidemic will soon run its course and will not return again.

Mrs. Con Russell is at Lenora helping take care of a sister who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

**Northwest Prairie Dog**  
By Hooting Owl  
Alwin Theiler is working for Calvin Fringer.

Mrs. Dick Latimer is very sick. Mrs. Griffith is caring for her.

Isaac Simmons has returned from Beaver City, Nebraska.

Matt Hoffman and family visited Sunday at the Brose Staven home.

**75 Years Ago  
February 22, 1945  
New Homes**

Mr. and Mrs. Harm Rosenkrnas are building a basement house in the half

block west of the picture show. This was started about the time the Vernon Day's started their basement house in the northeast part of town. Both houses are planned for further building in the future, and both families hope to be able to occupy their new homes in about a month. We understand that the Earl Crawford basement which is next to the Vernon Day's is to have a house moved onto the foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knox have a house well underway on the highway leading out of town to the west. This is just west of the old lumber yard and set well back from the busy road. The frame work is up and enclosed.

**Norton Here Friday**  
The last game of the regular schedule will be played on Hoxie's court Friday night. Norton looks like a winner, but the Indians will try for an upset. Oberlin leads the N. W. K. League, but Norton stands second. Two weeks ago, Norton handed Oberlin its first defeat.

**Sunshine Sewing Club**  
Club met with Ena Davis February 15<sup>th</sup> with all members present but Ethel Karnes and Maude Shipley. Some sewing and piecing quilt blocks were done for the hostess.

Mattie Karnes and Margaret Husted joined our club.

Mrs. Ollie Gorman of Liberty, Nebraska, and little daughter were visitors.

We will meet March 1<sup>st</sup> with Maude Karnes. Everyone bring embroidery hoops.

**Morland News**  
Mrs. John Paxon, Donna and Billie went to Denver Monday to see the husband, John Paxon, who is a patient in the Fizzimmon's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scheck have purchased the Ray Goodrow home in the west part of Morland.

Miss Edna Hedge and Mrs.

Anna Smith entertained the ladies of Morland to a silver tea at their home Wednesday afternoon.

**Local Happenings**  
Mrs. Arline Wixted and two children have moved to Salina to be near the parents of her husband. Her mother, Mrs. Grace Carrier, accompanied her this past weekend. Mrs. Wixted has been living in the west part of town in the Loren Launchbaugh home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cressler had word the first of the week that their daughter and Mr. Jim Ocobock were in a car accident lately. Luckily, they were not seriously hurt, although the car was badly wrecked. Mrs. Ocobock had broken her glasses and also had some glass in her eye. She and husband and a neighbor friend had driven to the doctor and were on their way home after dark, to Salem, Illinois, when they ran into a stalled truck. They have written here that they wonder at their escape from serious injury but are thankful for it.

**Midway Items**  
Lea Chapman made a business trip to Atwood Thursday.

Raymond Clinesmith spent the weekend with George Pratt.

Nick Haffner, Mrs. Henry Ochs and Wendolin called at the Clem Ochs home Friday evening.

**Fairview Items**  
Mrs. Murl Simon has been visiting her sister in Superior, Nebraska.

Little Larry Richard, infant son of Pvt. And Mrs. Harold Richard, is a very sick little boy and is a patient in the Quinter hospital. He has pneumonia. Pvt. Richard is in France.

**50 Years Ago  
February 26, 1970  
K of C Initiation Ceremony Held**

The Hoxie Council of the Knights of Columbus held a ceremony at St. Frances Church on February 15 for new members who were being initiated into the first degree. Degrees were conferred on David Kennedy, Richard Krannawitter, Pat Campbell and Tom Ochs.

**Saline Valley 4-H Club**  
The regular monthly meeting of the Saline Valley 4-H Club was called to order on February 16, at the Bee Hive school house. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borger were hosts of the meeting. Roll call was answered by naming a fact about Washington or Lincoln. The program was as follows: Ron gave a music appreciation by singing Born Free. Patty gave a health talk; Janet read a poem for other program. Tom had parliamentary practice. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served following the meeting.

Raymond Minium, Reporter

**McGraw News**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Snook of Topeka visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter on Monday.

Saturday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Helen Tice were Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Tice and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tribble.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bainter and Tammy were Wednesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Simon and family of Studley visited the Bob Bainters Friday evening.

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Just as the horses were lining up at the starting barrier the woman grasped her husband nervously by the arm and in a voice which was filled with emotion asked him for a safety pin, meanwhile grabbing frantically after something underneath that seemed to be slipping around her knees. Just then someone nearby shouted, "They're off!"

**Thimble Circle Club**  
Thimble Circle Club met Feb. with Mary Niblock. Mending was done for the hostess. Mary Dechant and Lisa were guests. Mamie Hedge won the raffle prize. Four members were absent. Club will meet with Grace Williams on March 5 unless members are notified otherwise.

Items from members:  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauck and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Karnes called on Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Jones called on Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Karnes Wednesday evening.

Paula Pratt spent Friday night and Saturday with Carol Treu. She accompanied the Willard Treus to Colby to the wrestling tournament.

**Seguin News**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes were dinner guests Saturday evening at the Jim Curtin home honoring Mr. and Mrs. Curtin on their twentieth wedding anniversary. The Curtins have four children: Mike, Janice, Mary and Bob.

Vincent Bange visited his brother, Sylvester at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays Sunday.

**25 Years Ago  
February 23, 1995  
Midwest Plans Option to Buy Solomon Valley Co-op**

Midwest Cooperative has announced plans to exercise their option to buy Solomon Valley Cooperative. The option was part of an agreement made in early June of 1994 when Midwest leased Solomon Valley's five branch operations. The purchase will go into effect April 1, 1995.

**Eight Indian Wrestlers to State**

The Hoxie Indian wrestling squad continued tradition by kicking it in high gear for Regional wrestling. The Indians placed third in the Regional tournament held at Norton. The Indian wrestlers had eight placers at Norton who will now represent Hoxie in the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament next weekend at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. The eight wrestlers are the most from any team at the Norton Regional.

**Girls Prepare for Sub-State**  
The Lady Indians took on Norton Tuesday, Feb. 14 at home on Parent's Night. Then the team traveled to Goodland Friday to suffer their first league loss.

The Norton Bluejays outscored Hoxie by five points, 59-54. Varsity fell short by one point against Goodland. Hoxie suffered a 65-64 loss in their last league game.



# NWKS & State News

## Budgetary Manipulations

By Paul Johnson

The budget games have begun. The starting point is the Consensus Revenue Estimating group's projection of revenue for 2021 that must be used by the Governor and the Kansas Legislature. The Governor issued her 2021 State budget on January 14. There are key assumptions in this budget. By statute, Kansas should strive for at least a 7.5% ending balance for the \$7.92 Billion State General Fund (SGF). The Governor's proposal has an ending balance of 8% - \$627.8 million.

Since the great recession of 2009 until 2018, Kansas was far below the 7.5% target due to unaffordable tax cuts. After the reversal of most of the tax cuts in 2017, the ending balance was \$761.7 million (11.5%) in 2018 and \$1.105 Billion (15.7%) in 2019. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, the Governor proposed paying off some borrowed debt - that had been incurred under the previous Governor to 'balance' the State budget as constitutionally required - thus lowering the ending balance to \$533.3 million (6.8%).

The Legislature has been rushing through the review of the Governor's budget. Similar to speed dating, budget committees are taking testimony from the Department or Agency along with limited public testimony one day and making final budgetary decisions the next day. There is very little time to truly understand most of these budgets and even ask the most relevant questions.

The House Appropriations and Senate Ways & Means committees are assembling the various budget reports to fashion a 'mega-budget' in each chamber that will eventually be reconciled. The timing of this reconciliation

depends on many other budgetary choices.

The Governor proposed refinancing the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) thus stretching out payments ten years but saving the SGF \$131 million in 2021. What is not being debated is public school financing in light of the Kansas Supreme Court ruling so base aid per student increases from \$4,436 in 2020 to \$4,569 in 2021 and up to \$4,846 in 2023.

What is unknown is the size of proposed tax cuts that may or may not be vetoed by the Governor. If Medicaid (KanCare) expansion is passed, the Governor's estimated cost to the SGF is \$35 million a year starting in 2022. Final, final budgetary deliberations will not happen until the veto session that starts April 27.

A key factor that could impact final budget decisions will be the latest consensus revenue estimator's projection on April 10. The question is an ending balance amount that can be agreed upon for 2021 and the impact on 2022, 2023, etc.

2020 is an election year for all 125 Representatives and 40 Senators so who cares what the budget may look like in 2 to 5 years? It seems certain that the new Highway Plan - FORWARD - will be rushed through without any new user fees (fuel taxes) and taking 16% of the general sales tax that is essential to all other state services.

Public education funding is constitutionally protected compared to all other vital social and public safety services. Outside of an ending balance, Kansas does not have an established 'rainy day' fund to respond to the next, inevitable recession.

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## FHSU's Collegiate Farm Bureau Developing Future Leaders in Agriculture

By Diane Gasper-O'Brien, University Relations and Marketing

HAYS, Kan. - The mission of Collegiate Farm Bureau is to support students engaged in agriculture, enhance members' education, and develop future leaders for the Kansas Farm Bureau organization and agriculture industry.

Members of Fort Hays State University's chapter of Collegiate Farm Bureau are accomplishing that mission and more.

All in one weekend in early February, they visited the State Capitol, joined other collegiate chapters at the College Farm Bureau annual conference, then got to network with professionals in the agriculture industry at the Kansas Young Farmers and Ranchers Leaders Conference.

Morgan Tucker, an FHSU senior from Dighton, said she gained a wealth of knowledge about the agriculture industry. Following the "Day at the Statehouse," students participated in competition at the collegiate conference and in breakout workshops at the Young Farmers and Ranchers conference.

"The networking at these types of events is invaluable," said Tucker, an animal science major and president of Fort Hays State's Collegiate Farm Bureau. "We get to hear more in-depth views on what's going on in the industry. It's different than being in the classroom - to be sitting in the same room, surrounded by numerous producers and hearing about the challenges they face in their everyday lives."

Tucker is set to graduate in May, and she is looking forward to getting the most out of her last semester as a college student.

Tucker especially likes helping with "Ag in the Classroom," a service project where members of Collegiate

Farm Bureau visit elementary school classrooms in Ellis and Trego counties and connect with about 300 children once a month, teaching them about different aspects of farm life and the agriculture industry.

Laura Haffner, an agriculture instructor at FHSU, is in her first year as advisor for the CFB group and says she learns right along with the students in all their activities.

Haffner began her career in agronomy and later transitioned into teaching as a high school and middle school science teacher. Haffner and her husband farm and own and operate a custom harvesting business. She returned to teaching as an online instructor for FHSU's Department of Agriculture the spring semesters of 2018 and '19 and began teaching on campus last semester.

"I love being back in the classroom," she said. "I love education, and I love agriculture. It's awesome to be able to combine my two interests."

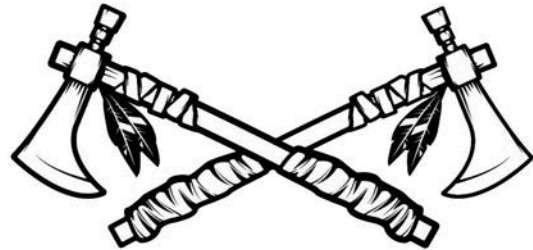
Haffner was named chair of Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers last fall and also serves as the women's chair for the Ellis County Farm Bureau Association. That busy schedule calls for some creative time management for Haffner, the mother of two young children.

"If I find value in it to teach being involved, I should find value in my life as well," she said. "You learn so much meeting people from all over the state and the country."

The Collegiate Farm Bureau group also coordinates Ag Day in the Quad at Fort Hays State in late April, when the organization members set up booths to teach students and other community members a little about all facets of agriculture.

Tucker has stayed busy during her time at FHSU. In addition to her classes, she

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was a member of the livestock judging team for a year and a half and also works at the University Farm as well as the La Crosse Livestock Market.

"All the experiences I have had at Fort Hays State are

invaluable," Tucker said. "There are so many opportunities for students to learn outside of the classroom, and there is more one-on-one interaction with professors. The quality of relationships is phenomenal."

## Walk Kansas 2020 Starts March 15

Eight-week program introduces Blue Zone lifestyle traits focused on healthier, longer lives

Walk Kansas, the popular K-State Research and Extension program that encourages physical activity and healthy eating, runs March 15 through May 9.

Participants can sign up starting Feb. 18 at one of the Twin Creeks Extension Offices. The cost to participate is \$10 per person, which includes access to the online tracker, a weekly newsletter with tips and recipes, program resources, and local activities (more information to come!). Walk Kansas t-shirts are available for an additional \$9.50.

"With spring getting closer by the day, this is a great way to make a promise to yourself to be more active and to make lifestyle choices that support healthy living," said Sharolyn Jackson, K-State Research and Extension family and consum-

er science specialist and Walk Kansas coordinator. "Plus, it's fun to support friends, family, neighbors or co-workers - anyone who makes up your team."

Participants form teams of six, with one serving as a team captain. Team members record their own activity online each week. Participants do not have to walk or participate in other types of activity together, or even live in Kansas. Many teams form with family members or friends in other parts of the state or country. Teams connect through technology.

While physical activity is at the heart of Walk Kansas, the program will have a couple of new twists this year, Jackson said. One focuses on the Mediterranean style of eating.

"Eating the Med way is not about flavors," Jackson said. "It is about eating lots of fruits and vegetables, choosing whole grains, eating more beans and

legumes, reducing added sugars, using olive and canola oil, and more."

The second twist centers on introducing participants to nine shared lifestyle traits of the Blue Zones, places around the world where people are known to live measurably longer and healthier lives. These traits, and ways to incorporate them into your life, will be introduced during the eight-week program.

"Your health is so much more than a number on the scale," Jackson said.

**New this Year---We have an app!**

The Walk Kansas app is free, and you can download it from the App Store. This is a pilot year, so it is available only in iOS format for iPhone and iPad. Watch for the Android version in the future!

You **cannot** register through the app so wait until your account is set up online first.

Then, you can access all of your information and log minutes, etc.

The Walk Kansas app will sync with fitness trackers. However, if you have a Fitbit you will need to download *Fitbit to Apple Health Sync* (\$5.99) for this data transfer.

More information and registration (starting Feb. 18) for [Walk Kansas](#) is available at any of our Twin Creeks Extension offices: Hill City, Hoxie, Oberlin and Norton.

## Making Your Life Easier at Socialsecurity.gov

By James Feyerherm, Social Security District Manager in Hays, KS

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## Hoxie Boys BB Win 4 Games



Going up for a layup is junior #55 Harlan Obioha in Friday's game with Northern Valley. Caden White #23, junior, is ready to rebound. Obioha scored 21 points in the 67-45 win over Northern Valley at home on Feb. 21. White scored 7 points. (HHS photo)

The Hoxie High School boys' basketball team won their previous four games. They beat Oberlin at Oberlin 79-12 on February 13, beat Dighton at Dighton 62-55 on February 14, beat Norton at Norton on February 18, and beat Northern Valley at home 67-45 on February 21. The junior varsity won two games and lost two games. They beat Oberlin 24-4 and Dighton 56-28 and then lost to Norton 38-56 and to Northern Valley 42-48.

**Stats for Oberlin game 2-13-20**  
Brady Jones: 7 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 2 steals. Parker Jones: 17 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal. Ashton Dowell: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal. Miles Baalman: 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists. Kyler Niblock: 3 rebounds, 1 assist. Gavin Tremblay: 6 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal. Wylie Weems: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals. Caden White: 10 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals. Cade Gourley: 12 points, 1 rebound 1 assist, 2 steals. Dane Castle: 3 points. Harlan Obioha: 13

points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals.

**Stats for Dighton game 2-14-20**  
Brady Jones: 7 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal. Parker Jones: 19 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal. Ashton Dowell: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists. Miles Baalman: 1 rebound. Kyler Niblock: 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist. Gavin Tremblay: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal. Caden White: 3 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal. Cade Gourley: 5 points, 3 rebounds 2 assists, 2 steals. Harlan Obioha: 23 points, 19 rebounds, 2 steals.

**Stats for Northern Valley game 2-21-20**  
Brady Jones: 6 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals. Parker Jones: 7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal. Ashton Dowell: 13 points, 2 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals. Miles Baalman: 3 rebounds. Kyler Niblock: 1 point, 5 rebounds. Gavin Tremblay: 6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists. Caden White: 7 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals. Cade Gourley: 6 points, 2 rebounds. Harlan Obioha: 21 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal.

## Lady Indians Come Up Short Against Bluejays

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Six-foot two-inch Norton Bluejay, Tessa Hauser controled tip off. The Hoxie Indians played zone defense with a man on Hauser. Addie Campbell drove in the lane for the first bucket of the game. Back and forth, both teams had multiple steals and turnovers, but neither could capitalize on their possessions. Macy Schamberger hit a three pointer to keep a one-point difference in score. The Bluejays hit a buzzer shot and were up 8-5 to end first quarter.

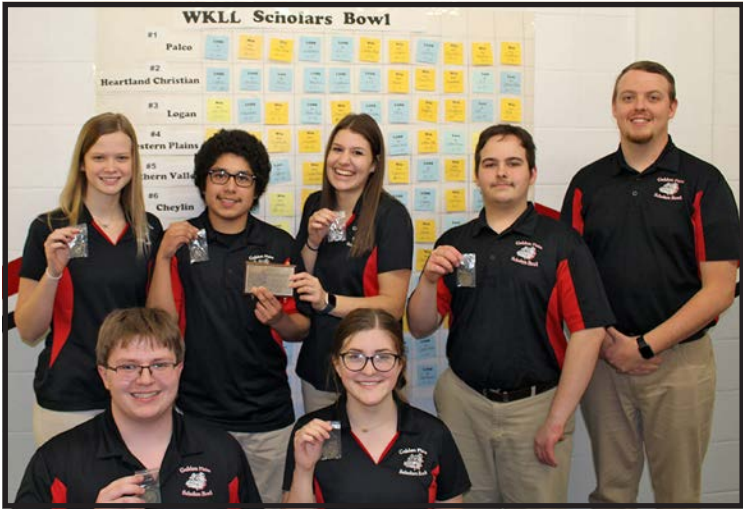
Schamberger pushed the game pace, driving in the paint for two points to open up the second quarter bucket. The Lady Indians went on the ATTACK as Campbell picked up a foul against her on a scoop shot to put her at the line, where she went two for two to bring Hoxie 9-12. The Bluejays remained patient on offense working the ball around, and their Tessa Hauser controlled most of the rebounds. Lady Indian Hayley Jacobs came up with back to back, big defensive boards. After a timeout, Spillman hit a bucket in the paint and Maci Schamberger followed on the next possession, bringing the Indians within striking distance of the Bluejays.

The Indians tried hard to force turnovers, Campbell managed to strip the ball and lay it in, to tie the game 15-15. Spillman became in charge of boards and Addie Campbell hit a major 3-point shot. The Lady Indians closed out half on a 9-0 run, up by 3 points.

Starting off the third quarter, Bluejay Hannah Bailey hit a three to tie up the game. The Indians switched their defense to man-to-man and off the bat, two fouls let the Bluejays gain the lead, 21-18. Norton went on their own 9-0 run until Dorenkamp finally answered with a bucket. Campbell's quick hands came up with a steal as she tried to push the game pace. The Indians could not make the buckets fall, only scoring two points in third quarter.

The Indians open up fourth quarter with a full court press. Their defense held Norton to under forty points, which is a success even though they came up short with the final score being Norton 37, Hoxie 24. Many unforced turnovers kept the Lady Indians from solidifying their #2 seed for sub-state. Most likely now they will #3 seed and have to wait until Friday's games to see who they will be playing in the first round.

## Golden Plains Wins League Scholar Bowl



The Golden Plains Scholar bowl team went 9-2 at the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament on January 22 to claim the league championship. Team members competing included (front) Wyatt McDonald, Alisha Brantley, (back) Taryn Fleckenstein, Joseph Yanez-Perez, Karri Schaben, Flint Hodge, and Coach Steiner Scott. (GPHS photo)

By Hannah Bange

On January 22, the Golden Plains Scholar Bowl team travelled to Ransom, Kansas, for the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar Bowl tournament. Participants

competed very well, winning the league championship.

In the first round, Golden Plains was up against the Wheatland/ Grinnell Thunderhawks. The Bulldogs defeated the Thunderhawks 50-10. In round two, the Bulldogs fell to Northern Valley 45-35.

The third round was redemption time for the Bulldogs, as they defeated Brewster 40-10. GP was up against Logan in round 4 beating them 40-30. The fifth round was a breeze as the Bulldogs defeated the Weskan Coyotes 70-10. Golden Plains only lost one more round as they fell to the Palco Roosters 40-20.

The last five rounds were all victories for the Bulldogs. Golden Plains defeated Cheylin 30-20, Triplains 60-10, Western Plains 50-30, Healy 50-10, and Heartland Christian 50-20. With a 9-2 record in the round robin tournament, the Bulldogs claimed the league championship.

"We competed well," said Schaben. "We let our nerves get the better of us in the rounds we lost." The Bulldogs will compete at the Regional Scholar bowl at home on February 6.

## Indian Men Down to the Wire

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Block - Block - Block is how the first quarter started. The Indians 2-3 zone defense didn't stop the Norton Bluejays' first bucket in the paint. Harlan Obioha opened up the Indian bucket after snatching his own offensive rebound. Caden White came up with a fast steal off the bench. Kyler Niblock sank a hook shot from the low post to put the Indians up 10-7. Hitting a deep three pointer, Gavin Tremblay energizes the Indians with a 17-12 lead at the quarter.

The Bluejays opened up the first bucket of second quarter. Harlan hit White with an assist and score of two points. Harlan fell to the floor, taking an offensive foul. White hit a three pointer, Indians up 22-14. The Bluejays tried hard to separate the Indians zone defense. Parker

Jones's quick hands stole the ball and he make an easy lay-up. Tremblay inbounded the ball to Harlan, who passed back to Tremblay for another basket. Miles Baalman is fouled on a shot, hit 1 of 2 at the free throw line. Norton missed a 3-pointer, ending half with Hoxie up 27-20.

Harlan grabbed the first offensive board and put back bucket to open up the second half. Bluejay Haresnape knocked down a 3-pointer from the corner. Harlan fought hard for multiple offensive rebounds. Gavin Tremblay came up with a huge steal, sank the scoop shot lay-up and drew the foul, making the 3-point play. Tremblay hit a 3-pointer at the top as Hoxie stretched their lead 44-31.

The final quarter of the night started off slow. Harlan picked up two quick fouls back-to-back to bring him to 3 personal fouls.

Brady Jones, freshman, spotted up to pick up an offensive foul, preventing the Bluejays from closing the gap to less than ten points. The Bluejays charge on offense, closing the gap, 42-48, still in Hoxie's favor. Parker Jones denied the Bluejays a layup with a huge shot block from behind. Hoxie stalled a little on offense, setting up Harlan on a one-on-one underneath. He received the pass and pulled the foul, unfortunately unable to make free throw. Bluejay Kade Melvin hit a turn-around jumper for 3-points, with 6.7seconds left on the clock, bringing them to a three-point gap. A quick foul against Gavin Tremblay puts him at the line, where he went 1 for 2. Norton ran out of time to make any kind of run and Hoxie, down to the wire, pulls out the win, 55-51.

## Regional Results: Hoxie Wrestlers Not Qualifying for State

113# Dayton Bell (27-11) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Dayton Bell 27-11 received a bye
- Quarterfinal - Logan Normandin (Plainville) 26-10 won by decision over Dayton Bell 27-11 (Dec 10-9)
- Cons. Round 2 - Dayton Bell 27-11 won by fall over Nathan Reimer (Lakin) 12-15 (Fall 0:57)
- Cons. Round 3 - Dayton Bell 27-11 won by fall over Derian Musquiz (Norton Community) 8-9 (Fall 0:24)
- Cons. Semi - Kaleb Atkins (Hill City) 28-8 won by major decision over Dayton Bell 27-11 (MD 10-2)

145# Ryan Shaw (25-17) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Ryan Shaw 25-17 won by fall over Dylan Edwards (Hill City) 5-12 (Fall 1:50)
- Quarterfinal - Eddie Hanson (Atwood-Rawlins County) 17-9 won by decision over Ryan Shaw 25-17 (Dec 12-7)
- Cons. Round 2 - Ryan Shaw 25-17 won by decision over Trenton Wray (Plainville) 5-17 (Dec 7-2)
- Cons. Round 3 - Gantzen Miller (Goodland) 18-25 won by fall over Ryan Shaw 25-17 (Fall 4:07)

170# Ben Aumiller (12-21) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Colby Burkhart (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 25-11 won by fall over Ben Aumiller 12-21 (Fall 3:15)
- Cons. Round 1 - Ben Aumiller 12-21 won by fall over German Hernandez (Leoti-Wichita County) 3-15 (Fall 3:57)
- Cons. Round 2 - Mason Gottchalk (Ellis) 20-9 won by fall over Ben Aumiller 12-21 (Fall 1:18)



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182# Donovan Balluch (16-16) place is unknown and scored 7.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Donovan Balluch 16-16 won by fall over Cale Younger (Ellis) 17-14 (Fall 1:15)
- Quarterfinal - Jordan Finney (Plainville) 35-2 won by fall over Donovan Balluch 16-16 (Fall 1:22)
- Cons. Round 2 - Donovan Balluch 16-16 won by fall over Ashton Bearley (Atwood-Rawlins County) 13-16 (Fall 0:24)
- Cons. Round 3 - Kayden Christiansen (Lakin) 23-9 won by fall over Donovan Balluch 16-16 (Fall 2:54)

195# Kaden Sekavec (10-14) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Shelton Rothchild (Smith Center) 16-25 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec 10-14 (Fall 3:57)
- Cons. Round 1 - Kaden Sekavec 10-14 received a bye
- Cons. Round 2 - Draxtin Hovis (Plainville) 20-20 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec 10-14 (Fall 1:40)





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at **State**  
**Marissa!**  
**We are pulling for you!**  
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Nanny & Papa  
Ty, Becca, Rylan and Page





**Andrew,**  
**It's your time.**  
**Go get it!**  
~ Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Molly, Charlie,  
Max & Colleen





**From your first tournament together to your last... we have enjoyed the ride!**  
**This is your season boys, don't hold back!**  
**GO EARN IT!!!**  
Best of Luck at State Aidan & Dylan!  
**Your Biggest Fans**







# Area Schools



## Bulldogs Place at Norton Meet



Ready to Compete—Lauren Patmon, Danica Ritter, and Karlissa Shepherd of Golden Plains High School are ready to compete in the Norton Forensics Invitational in early February. Patmon qualified for State Champs in Prose at this meet while Ritter and Shepherd just missed out on finals in Poetry. (Photo by Alisha Brantley)

**By Judy Rogers**  
The Golden Plains Forensics Team competed at the Norton Invitational on February 1. This was their second meet of the season. Several team members placed at the meet with Lauren Patmon qualifying for State Champs in Prose.

Patmon placed first in rounds 1 and 3 and third in round 2 to qualify for finals. She placed third in finals to qualify for State Champs in this challenging category with her piece "Daddy's Girl" by Charlotte Vale Allen. This is her second event to qualify for State Champs after qualifying in Duet with

partner Morgan Wark at the first meet of the year.

"I was glad to qualify in an individual event in addition to the Duet," said Patmon. "I will continue to work on my piece in preparation for state." Patmon placed fifth at State Champs in Prose last year. "It was a good experience," continued Patmon. "I hope to place a little higher this year."

Also placing at the Norton meet was Flint Hodge in Extemporaneous Speaking. Flint improved his placing in each round to qualify for finals where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Hodge also competed in Impromptu Speaking but did not break finals.

## MS Boys Take on the Coyotes at Home



Josh Rath, a seventh grader, gets ready to shoot the ball for Golden Plains in the middle school basketball game against the Weskan Coyotes on February 6 in Rexford. Rath put up 5 points against the Coyotes. (Photo by Emily Stoltz)

Karlissa Shepherd competed in Poetry. She placed high in each round just missing finals by 1 point. Alisha Brantley also competed in Poetry. She, too, placed high in each round but missed out on finals. Danica Ritter was the third Golden Plains competitor in the Poetry category. She performed well but also did not break finals. The Forensics team's next competition will be on March 7 in Ellis.

**By Candace Taylor**

On Thursday, February 6, the Golden Plains Middle School boys' basketball team finished their season at Rexford against the Weskan Coyotes. The boys lost in a hard fight with a score of 21-28.

The Bulldogs finished the first quarter in the lead with 9 points, holding the Coyotes at 6. In the second quarter Weskan made 9 points and the Bulldogs only made 2, giving the Coyotes the lead of 15-11. The Bulldogs kept fighting hard throughout the third and fourth quarters, but Weskan took the win, 28-21.

"We worked hard and played tough defense," said eighth grader Tayten Barnett. "But we need to work on running better offense."

Jerrit Koerperich, an eighth grader, led the offense with 6 points. Owen Patmon, a seventh grader, came in with a three and a 2-pointer giving the Bulldogs a total of 5 more points. Sixth graders Zeke Weiner and Diego Perez both contributed 2 points, along with seventh graders Josh Rath and Abe Taylor and eighth grader Tayten Barnett.

The Bulldogs will finish their season in the WKLL Tournament in Brewster on February 13.



## HAWKS KEEP IT GOING

**By Jessi Bernbeck, Staff Reporter**

Friday, February 14, the Thunderhawks defeated the Palco Roosters. There were no JV games due to lack of players. The varsity girls' final score was 59-31. The team shot 53% from field goal range and had 20 assists. Then the varsity boys also came out on top with a final score of 68-26. The team shot a total of 56% from field goal range, 23 assists, and 19 steals. Junior Trevor Zarybnicky states, "I'm excited for the opportunity to show our fans and our community what we are really capable of. All of us in the locker room know how good we are and what our potential is. Right now, we all love and believe in each other and that is what has led to the ten-game winning streak we are on."

On Tuesday, February 20, the Thunderhawks played the Oberlin Red Devils. The night started off with a half JV girls' game, and the final score was 13-24 with the Devils on top. The JV boys' final score was 22-7 with the Thunderhawks on top. Next, the varsity girls took a tough



Sophomore Livia Schultz passes the ball to an open teammate on Friday against the Palco Roosters. (WHS photo)

loss with a final score of 55-59. The team shot 32% from the three-point line, 7 of 22, and had 32 rebounds. Senior Jordyn Vincent commented, "I am looking forward to putting all the pieces together and finishing the season out strong." Finally, the varsity boys defeated the Red Devils with a final score of 69-36. The boys shot 68% from two-point range and had 30 total rebounds.

State University and major in physical therapy.

Harrison Stephens, son of Loren and Teresa Stephens, plans to attend Fort Hays State University.

Jordyn Vincent, daughter of Jesse Vincent and Dolly Theobald, plans to attend Colby Community College and then transfer to Fort Hays State University to continue her elementary education major.

Morgan Zimmerman, daughter of Richard and

Deidre Zimmerman, plans to attend Wichita State University and major in graphic design.

Senior students Jordan Katt and Delta Dawn Torres were not able to attend the recognition.

We are sad to see our time at WHS with these individuals quickly coming to an end.

Senior Jessi Bernbeck says, "I think senior year has been great, but it has gone by too fast."

## Wheatland High School Senior Night

**By Isabella Ostmeyer, Staff Reporter**

The school year is quickly coming to an end as WHS hosted Oberlin for their last home basketball game. Before starting the Varsity Boys' game, the senior class was recognized. Listed below are seniors that attended the Senior Night Recognition.

Colter Allemang, son of Mike and Tanya Allemang, plans on joining the military after high school.

Ethan Beckman, son of Brian and Dawn Beckman, plans to attend Fort Hays

State University and major in history education.

Jessi Bernbeck, daughter of Dion and Amanda Bernbeck, plans to attend Kansas State University and get her degree in social work.

Chris Bixenman, son of Ron and Nancy Bixenman, plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in wildlife biology.

Eidree Chapin, daughter of Kent and Paula Chapin, plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in marketing and business.

Kyler Haffner, son of

Rodney and Kay Haffner, plans to attend Kansas State University and major in general business.

Jessica Heier, daughter of Roger and Stephanie Heier, plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in biology pre-medicine.

Saige Meier, daughter of Trent and Melissa Meier, plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit.

Jordan Ostmeyer, son of Jeff and Amanda Ostmeyer, plans to attend Colby Community College and major in animal nutrition.

Jett Schmidtberger, daughter of Jo Schmidtberger

and Jennifer Ackerman, plans to attend Colby Community College and major in applied science of physical therapy, then transfer to Wichita



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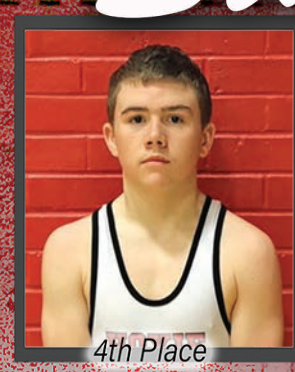
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# HOXIE INDIAN

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Regional Champ  
**Drew Bretz**  
120lb 34-8

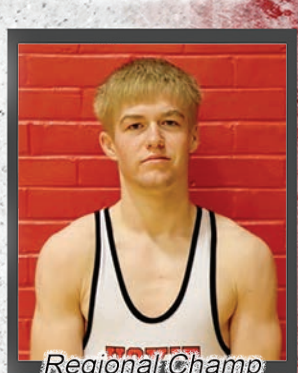


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**Drew Bell**  
126lb 37-2

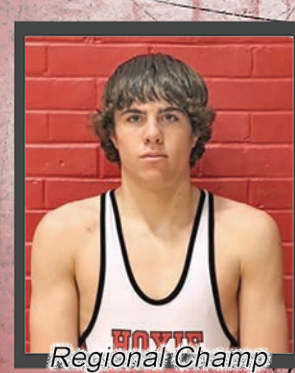


Regional Champ  
**Derek Johnson**  
132lb 34-3

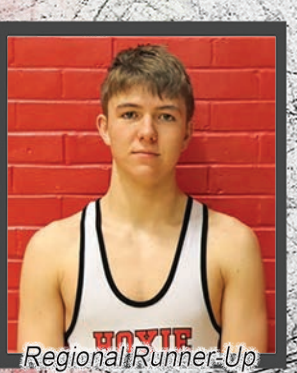
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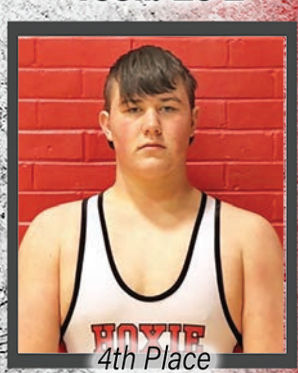
Regional Champ  
**Dylan Weimer**  
138lb 23-2



Regional Champ  
**Aidan Baalman**  
152lb 40-3



Regional Runner Up  
**Andrew Foote**  
160lb 30-10



4th Place  
**Brandon Baker**  
220lb 24-15



**Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling  
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## LADY INDIAN QUALIFIERS



6th Place  
**Marissa Porsch**  
130lb 24-9



6th Place  
**Ashlyn Kaus**  
143lb 22-14

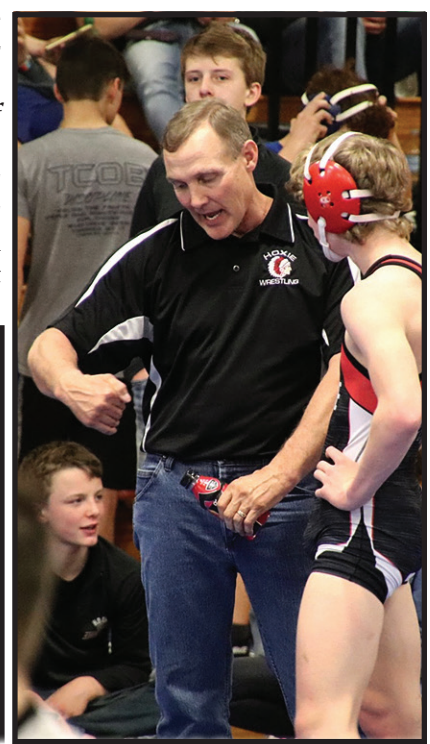
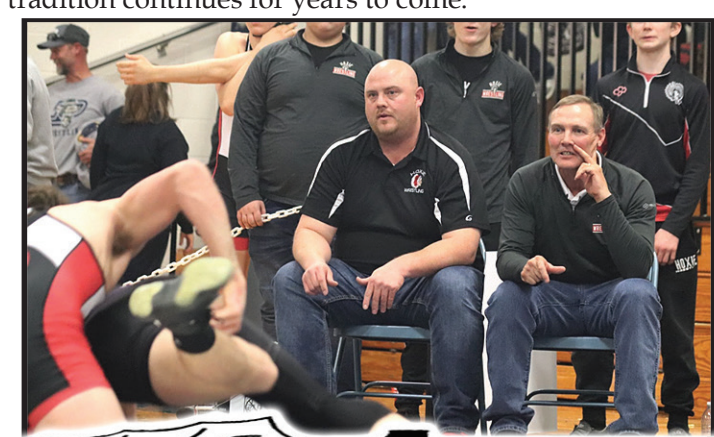
### Coach Porsch Named Regional Coach of the Year

Hoxie Indian Wrestling Coach, Mike Porsch was named HS Regional Coach of the Year by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches' Association. His determination as a leader has led Hoxie to many titles under Porsch's direction. Porsch started out as a little kids' wrestling coach for Hoxie in 1990, moving to junior high school coach in 1994, assistant high school coach in 2006, then head coach since 2007.

Mike Porsch feels like this could be a big year at State wrestling with eight men competing. Last year, Hoxie took four boys, and ended up capturing the 3rd place team title. This is the first year Hoxie has had women compete in high school wrestling, and Porsch says they are breaking great ground, never missing any workouts, even the optional ones. In just three months, the two girls have learned a great understanding of the sport and thirst for competition, having never wrestled before.

"Wrestle every second of every match, all 360 of them."

This is the commitment expectation Porsch has set for his team. Each competitor must show ownership in their commitment to compete at every level. Coach Porsch speaks highly of Hoxie's long history and hopes that tradition continues for years to come.



**You've come a long way and you know what it takes... Stay focused and do your best! We're all very proud of you and your team. Good Luck this weekend!**

Love - Mom & Dad,  
Travis, Julie, Ali & Cara  
Trent, Ashley, Addi, Ethan & Eli  
Tyler, Becci & Rhett  
Grandma Karen & Grandma Shirley

**Rew,  
No such thing as luck.  
The discipline and dedication is paying off. Leave it all on the mat!**

**#Teamof7**

**Dylan,  
Good Luck at State!**

**Bring home the gold one last time!**

We love you,  
Mom, Dad,  
Tate & Ellie

**THE MOMENT YOU STEP ON THAT LINE, BE READY TO BRING THE BATTLE AND EARN WHAT'S YOURS!!**

**Best of Luck at State Aidan**

**This is your year... Set the TONE and FINISH STRONG!!!**

**We are so PROUD of you!**

**Mom, Dad, Miles, Tucker & Kendall**

**#alwaysyourbiggestfans**

**Good Luck  
at State Marissa!  
Making 'her' story!**

**We are so proud of how far you have come in your first year of wrestling.**

**Love Mom, Dad, Tristan, Dayton & Chloe**

**Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you." Says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."**

**"Do Your Best"**

**We Love You, Grandma & Grandad Johnson**



# WRESTLING

By Peggy Eland

The Hoxie High School wrestling team placed first at the 3,2,1A Regional Tournament in Norton on February 21-22. Also, Coach Mike Porsch was named Outstanding Regional Coach. Individually, five wrestlers are champions and eight wrestlers will compete in the 3,2,1A State Tournament in Hays on February 28-29.

Champions were freshman Drew Bretz 120#, sophomore Drew Bell 126#, freshman Derek Johnson 132 #, senior Dylan Weimer 138#, and junior Aidan Baalman 152#. Senior Andrew Foote 160# placed second, and freshman Wayne Shepard 106# and sophomore Brandon Baker 220# both placed fourth.

106# Wayne Shepard (23-19) placed 4th and scored 9.0 team points.

- Quarterfinal - Wayne Shepard 23-19 won by decision over Josh Juenemann (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 20-17 (Dec 4-0)
- Semifinal - Darius Shields (Norton Community) 36-6 won by decision over Wayne Shepard 23-19 (Dec 8-2)
- Cons. Semi - Wayne Shepard 23-19 won by fall over Cohen Kaiser (Plainville) 13-11 (Fall 2:32)
- 3rd Place Match - Carter Underhill (Hill City) 19-5 won by major decision over Wayne Shepard 23-19 (MD 11-3)



138# Dylan Weimer (23-2) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Weimer 23-2 received a bye
- Quarterfinal - Dylan Weimer 23-2 won by fall over Nathan Jaeger (Smith Center) 19-22 (Fall 1:49)
- Semifinal - Dylan Weimer 23-2 won by decision over Tanner Sells (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 28-14 (Dec 4-2)
- 1st Place Match - Dylan Weimer 23-2 won by decision over Eric Cain (Oakley) 30-10 (Dec 9-2)



120# Drew Bretz (34-8) placed 1st and scored 21.0 team points.

- Quarterfinal - Drew Bretz 34-8 won by fall over Sheamus Holmes (Hays-TMP) 7-22 (Fall 0:00)
- Semifinal - Drew Bretz 34-8 won by decision over Kolton Field (Norton Community) 28-15 (Dec 7-4)
- 1st Place Match - Drew Bretz 34-8 won by major decision over Aidan Hockman (Hill City) 23-13 (MD 11-1)



152# Aidan Baalman (40-3) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Aidan Baalman 40-3 received a bye
- Quarterfinal - Aidan Baalman 40-3 won by fall over Tristan Ryburn (Oakley) 10-19 (Fall 1:32)
- Semifinal - Aidan Baalman 40-3 won by fall over Zeke Haag (Ellis) 16-8 (Fall 0:53)
- 1st Place Match - Aidan Baalman 40-3 won by fall over Kade Lovelady (Lakin) 15-16 (Fall 2:47)

126# Drew Bell (37-2) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Drew Bell 37-2 won by fall over Bly Gosch (Lakin) 15-17 (Fall 0:54)
- Quarterfinal - Drew Bell 37-2 won by fall over Jackson Pinckney (Smith Center) 13-19 (Fall 0:35)
- Semifinal - Drew Bell 37-2 won by fall over Justin Knoll (Stockton) 21-15 (Fall 3:25)
- 1st Place Match - Drew Bell 37-2 won by decision over Jacob Sisson (Phillipsburg) 36-6 (Dec 4-2)



160# Andrew Foote (30-10) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Andrew Foote 30-10 won by fall over Jamie Opat (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 9-23 (Fall 1:12)
- Quarterfinal - Andrew Foote 30-10 won by decision over Jacob Conrad (Smith Center) 32-13 (Dec 4-0)
- Semifinal - Andrew Foote 30-10 won by decision over Ben Hansen (Plainville) 16-3 (Dec 4-0)
- 1st Place Match - Jesse Gardner (Leoti-Wichita County) 30-2 won by decision over Andrew Foote 30-10 (Dec 5-2)



132# Derek Johnson (34-3) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Derek Johnson 34-3 won by fall over Kolten Sander (Plainville) 3-17 (Fall 2:58)
- Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson 34-3 won by decision over Alex Wilkinson (Smith Center) 9-17 (Dec 8-1)
- Semifinal - Derek Johnson 34-3 won by decision over Camdyn Unterseher (Norton Community) 29-13 (Dec 5-0)
- 1st Place Match - Derek Johnson 34-3 won by decision over Aaron Lenker (Phillipsburg) 37-4 (Dec 4-2)

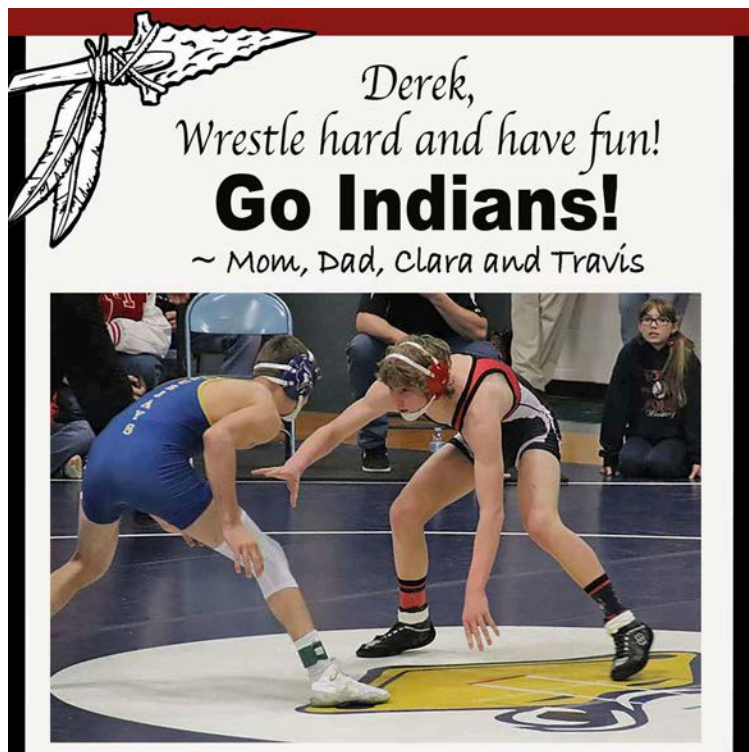


220# Brandon Baker (24-15) placed 4th and scored 15.0 team points.

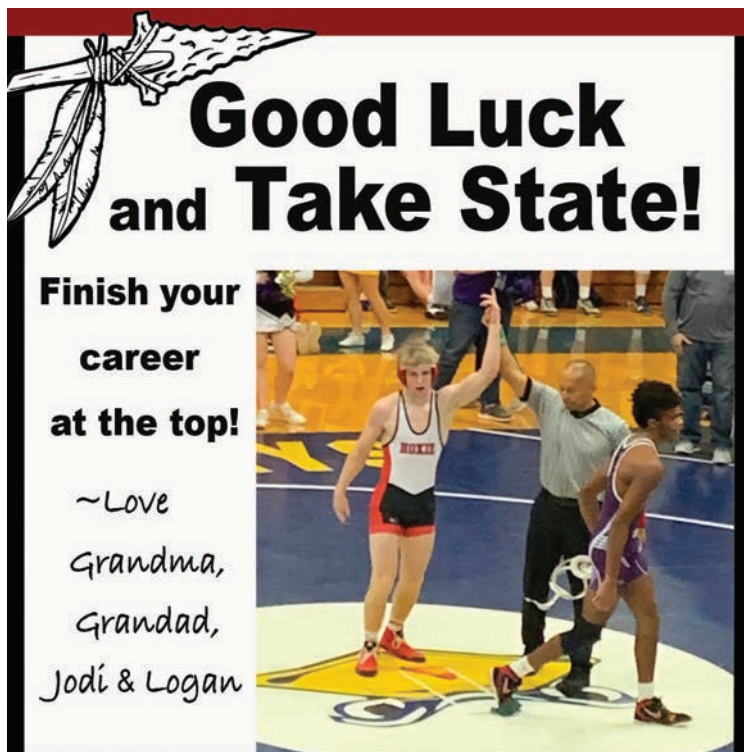
- Champ. Round 1 - Brandon Baker 24-15 won by fall over Colton Lewis (Ellis) 2-18 (Fall 0:32)
- Quarterfinal - Brandon Baker 24-15 won by fall over Ryan Hause (Brewster) 12-13 (Fall 1:16)
- Semifinal - Dillon Dunn (WaKeeney-Trego Community) 41-1 won by fall over Brandon Baker 24-15 (Fall 4:48)
- Cons. Semi - Brandon Baker 24-15 won by fall over Jakob Sasse (Smith Center) 13-17 (Fall 0:31)
- 3rd Place Match - Brock Buresh (Phillipsburg) 25-16 won by fall over Brandon Baker 24-15 (Fall 2:18)



**Good Luck at State, Aidan!**  
**This is your time.**  
**Give it all you've got and**  
**take it all the way. Bring home the gold!**  
*~ Love you, Nana*

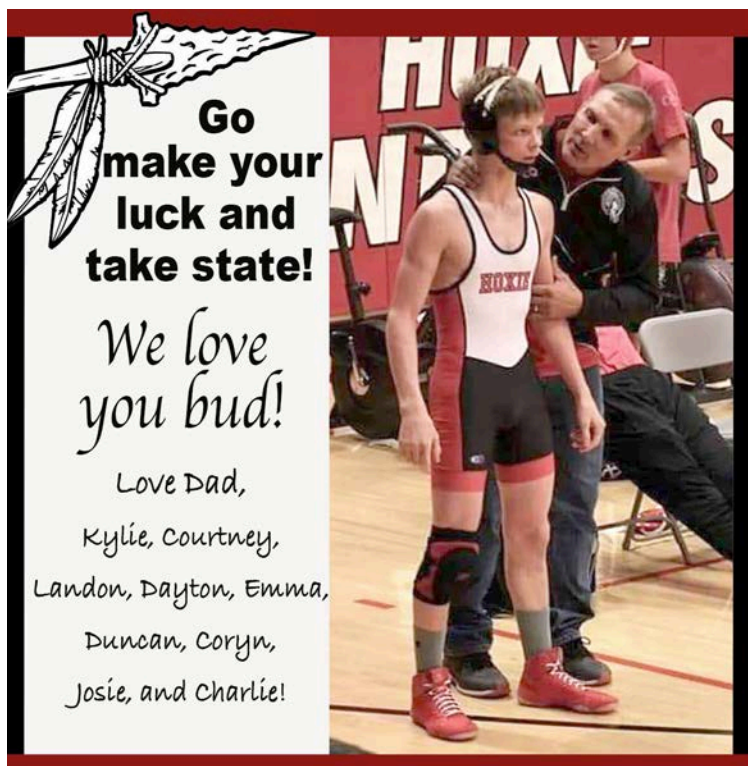


Derek,  
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**Go Indians!**  
~ Mom, Dad, Clara and Travis



**Finish your**  
**career**  
**at the top!**

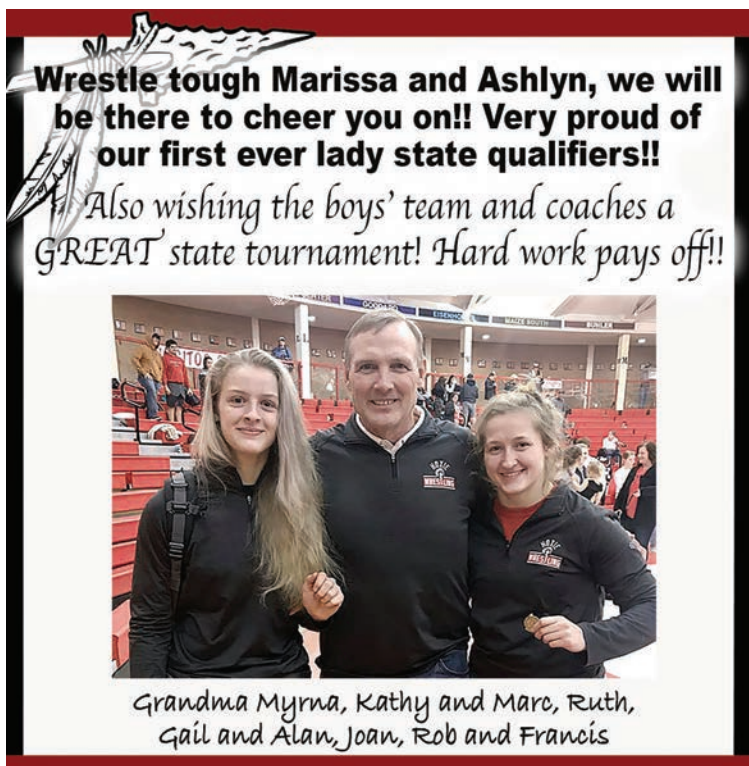
~Love  
Grandma,  
Grandad,  
Jodi & Logan



**Go**  
**make your**  
**luck and**  
**take state!**

*We love*  
*you bud!*

Love Dad,  
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Landon, Dayton, Emma,  
Duncan, Coryn,  
Josie, and Charlie!

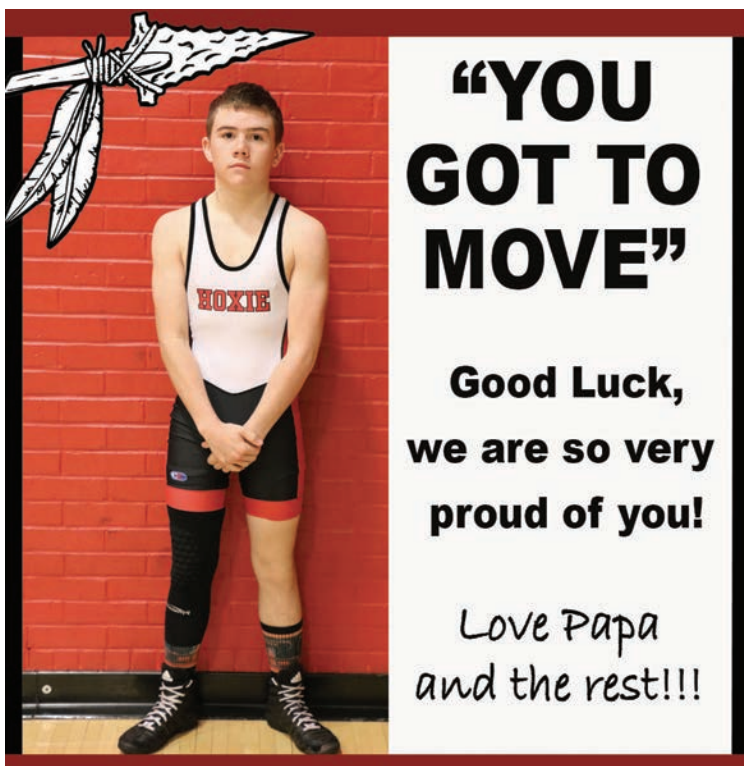


**Wrestle tough Marissa and Ashlyn, we will**  
**be there to cheer you on!! Very proud of**  
**our first ever lady state qualifiers!!**

*Also wishing the boys' team and coaches a*  
*GREAT state tournament! Hard work pays off!!*



Grandma Myrna, Kathy and Marc, Ruth,  
Gail and Alan, Joan, Rob and Francis



**“YOU**  
**GOT TO**  
**MOVE”**

**Good Luck,**  
**we are so very**  
**proud of you!**

*Love Papa*  
*and the rest!!!*





# Farm News

## Sorghum Checkoff Opens Applications for Leadership Sorghum Class V

The Sorghum Checkoff is accepting applications for Leadership Sorghum Class V, a program designed to develop the next generation of sorghum leaders. During the 15-month leadership program, class members will be exposed to various aspects of the sorghum industry in addition to personal development and networking opportunities. Through both hands-on and classroom-style learning experiences, class members develop an understanding of how sorghum moves through the value chain, how checkoffs and stakeholder organizations interact on behalf of the industry and what the future holds for sorghum.

USDA-approved criteria state eligible applicants must be farmers actively engaged in sorghum production within the U.S. and U.S. citizens. Up to fifteen growers will be accepted into the program's fifth class. More information on the class schedule and program criteria can be found at [LeadSorghum.com](http://LeadSorghum.com). The deadline to apply is March 27.

## Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) Program

*March 15 Application Closing and Requirements*

The deadlines for the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) to accept applications under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for this year crops have been established by the Kansas State FSA Committee. The application closing date of March 15th applies to the following crops: In general, your coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops plus, Amaranth, Chestnuts, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts.

Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), and forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may wish to participate in the NAP program must visit their local FSA office to complete an Application for Coverage (CCC-471) and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable sales closing date for the specific crop. Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$325 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$825 per producer per administrative county with a \$1950 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

## China Back in the Market for U.S. Farm Goods, Purchases At Least Four Sorghum Cargoes

On Wednesday, Bloomberg reported that China is back in the market for U.S. farm goods. China issued tariff waivers for 696 American products on Tuesday, including sorghum, and American exporters sold at least four sorghum cargoes to China after buyers bid for supplies to be shipped in the first half of the year. Importers have also inquired about additional supplies of sorghum as well as other farm products, including wheat and soybeans. Chinese companies that intend to purchase waiver-applicable American products can apply for the waivers starting on March 2, and they will be effective for one year. The waiver will apply to a particular volume of imports and any exceeding purchases will be subject to the retaliatory tariffs, according to the ministry's statement.

## EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Hosts Series of Webinars on Pollinator Health and Habitat

Beginning in March, EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs will host a series of public webinars highlighting ongoing work to promote pollinator health and habitat.

The first webinar, Creating Monarch Habitats in Schools and Communities will be March 10. Presenters will explain the monarch butterfly's importance as an iconic species; why safeguarding monarch habitat is critical to overall ecosystem health; and how schools can create living educational environments that provide safe habitat. Participants will learn about threats to the monarch butterfly, monarch migration patterns and the role groups and individuals can play in conserving monarch habitat by adopting integrated pest management practices.

The remaining webinars will address pesticide risks, agricultural stewardship and pollinator protection plans:

- Advancing the Science of Assessing Risks to Bees from Pesticides (July)
- Agricultural Stewardship and Best Management Practices to Reduce Pollinator Risk (August)
- Engaging Stakeholders: Development and Implementation of Pollinator Protection Plans (September)

## KDA Announces Irrigation Technology Initiative

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation is pleased to announce the availability of the FY 2020 Irrigation Technology Initiative. This initiative is designed to promote irrigation efficiency by providing cost-share assistance to landowners for automated soil moisture probes.

Through the Irrigation Technology Initiative, \$132,500 is available in cost-share funds to assist landowners with irrigation efficiency technology. The funds will be directed toward areas of the state with a significant focus on water conservation: \$75,000 of the initiative funds will be designated to applications in the Rattlesnake Creek priority areas, and the remaining initiative funds will be designated to land located within Water Conservation Areas approved by the KDA Division of Water Resources.

Applications must be approved prior to the purchase of soil moisture probes, and the cost-share rate will be 70%. Eligible soil moisture probes can be leased or purchased by the landowner and must be automated and capable of providing data to the landowner.

Landowners can apply for the FY 2020 Irrigation Technology Initiative cost share through their local conservation districts. You can find a directory of conservation districts at [agriculture.ks.gov/ConservationDistricts](http://agriculture.ks.gov/ConservationDistricts). Applications will be accepted through March 6, 2020. KDA cannot guarantee adequate funds will be available to fund all eligible applications.

If you have questions regarding the FY 2020 Irrigation Technology Initiative, please contact Dave Jones at 785-564-6623 or [David.Jones@ks.gov](mailto:David.Jones@ks.gov).

## KDA Seeks Participants for Beef Genetics Trade Mission to Mexico

Together with the U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE) and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Department of Agriculture has an upcoming opportunity for Kansas' seedstock cattle producers to increase international marketing opportunities for their beef genetics in Mexico. The Kansas Department of Agriculture is seeking individuals to participate in the trade mission which will take place April 23-27, 2020, in Aguascalientes, Mexico. The mission will include ranch visits as well as networking with producers and exhibitors at the National Angus Show.

Kansas agriculture exports totaled \$3.8 billion in 2018. Mexico is Kansas' number one trade partner, accounting for approximately 33% of our agricultural exports. KDA's mission is to provide an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry domestically and internationally. The Kansas Ag Growth Project identified beef as a key component for state growth.

For more information on the trade mission to Mexico, including instructions on how to apply and application requirements, visit: [agriculture.ks.gov/international](http://agriculture.ks.gov/international). Deadline for submitting applications for consideration is Friday, March 20, 2020. Airfare, in-country transportation, translation services, and some meals will be provided.

KDA is offering additional market development opportunities for Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant trade missions are planned for VICIAM Asia/Petfood Forum Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, March 24-26, 2020; and NAMPO Harvest Day, Bothaville, South Africa, May 12-15, 2020. Additional beef genetic trade missions are tentatively scheduled for the coming year including two outbound missions to Argentina in late July, and Costa Rica in late August.

For more information contact Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, KDA international trade director, at [Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov) or 785-564-6704.

## UDSA Announces New Biofuel Goals

Today, USDA announced a goal for biofuels to make up 30% of U.S. transportation fuels by 2050. The announcement comes as good news for the industry. In 2020, refineries are required to blend 20.09 billion gallons of biofuel, which is about 10% of projected crude oil production. This announcement is part of a department-wide sustainability initiative geared at boosting farm production by 40% and cutting the environmental impact of the farm sector by 50% during the same period.

## Is It Possible?

You have seen the commercials and the people just can't believe they aren't eating meat. Being a beef loving girl who was raised in Northwest Kansas, I am skeptical. At my recent FCS update we were presented with a fact sheet on alternative sources of protein. The following information is from that fact sheet. You decide.

### What is meat?

Meat is currently federally defined as the part of the beef or pork animal that is skeletal or found in various other animal parts. Animals are raised on farms, slaughtered, and cut or further processed in regulated facilities to provide meat.

### How are these products regulated?

Meat is regulated by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Animal slaughter requires daily inspection by USDA, and meat processing requires USDA inspection during every shift, including food safety checks and pathogen and residue testing. Meat processors are required to have extensive food safety plans and processes in place to control pathogens that can cause food-borne illness.

### What are the food safety considerations?

Meat from animals can become contaminated with pathogens from the live animal, which may naturally occur in its intestinal tract and in the environment. Therefore, consumers should ensure they use good food safety practices when handling these products. Cook all poultry products to an internal temperature of 165°F, ground meat products to 160°F, and steaks, roasts, and chops to 145°F.

### What are the nutrition considerations?

Fresh (non-processed) meat products contain one ingredient — meat. The primary nutrient from meat is protein. See the plant-based proteins nutrition considerations section for a nutritional comparison of plant-based and meat proteins.

### What are plant-based proteins?

Plant-based proteins are made from soy, peas, wheat, or other plant proteins and mixed with other ingredients, such as oils. They are also called "meat analogues," "veggie burgers," or may be known by their product name brand (such as Gardenburger®). Recent product developments have allowed these products to reportedly "bleed" like meat: The Impossible™ burger brand products use genetically modified soy leghemoglobin, and Beyond Meat® brand products use beet juice. Binding agents such as methylcellulose may also be added. Most companies' specific production methods are considered trade secrets.

### How are these products regulated?

Plant-based protein products are currently regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Daily federal inspection is not required for these products. Food processors are required to have risk-based preventive food safety systems in place. Discussion and legislation is currently underway in many states and at the federal level on what can be called a "burger," "meat," "sausage," or similar terms.

What are the food safety considerations? Consumers with allergies to wheat, soy, or other ingredients need to read the label to check if the product contains ingredients to which they are

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allergic. Consumers should cook these products to an internal temperature of 165°F and use the same good food safety practices as with meat.

### What are the nutrition considerations?

The nutritional profile of these products is generally slightly different than traditional meat products. Burger King's Impossible™ Whopper® patty does contain fewer calories, fat, and cholesterol and more fiber than a regular Whopper® patty. However, the Impossible™ Whopper® also contains more sodium

and less protein than a regular Whopper®, and other products may contain higher levels of saturated fat in the form of coconut oil. Different products will vary nutritionally, as there are presently no established identity standards for these plant-based products. Most of these analogue products contain numerous ingredients. The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) or minimum amount of protein that people should eat each day is based on body weight. For example, a 50-year-old woman who weighs 140 pounds and does not exercise should consume 53 grams of protein a day. Therefore, aregular

Whopper® meat patty would provide 38% of this person's recommended daily protein requirement, while an Impossible™ Whopper® would provide 32% of her daily protein requirement.

What is the bottom line? Each

person needs to be sure to read the label and ingredients. The bottom line is that you have to be aware of what is in your food, where it comes from and your nutritional needs. The most important thing is that you always follow the scientifically proven nutritional guidelines and food safety practices. There is no long-term research on alternative sources of protein. Remember when trans fats were thought to be a good idea? You can always get nutritional facts and food safety guidance from your local Twin Creeks Extension District office.

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# Legals & Minutes

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Sheridan County Health Complex  
Patient Wing Renovation  
Hoxie, Kansas

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sheridan County Hospital in Hoxie, Kansas is moving forward with the renovation construction of the hospital patient rooms in their existing facility. The Hospital will receive sealed proposals for both projects until **10:00 AM Central Time on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** at the Hospital Meeting Room at 826 18th St A, Hoxie, KS 67740. The Two Projects are tax exempt and are listed as follow:

**Patient Room Renovation Project Package:** This is a phased project that consist of a 3,600 sq. ft. patient room and corridors in the existing hospital facility and the addition of 155 sq. ft. Patient Toilet/Shower Rooms. Patients will remain in the facility throughout the duration of construction. There will be four phases of construction to ensure the Hospital is able to maintain approximately 1/3 of the patient rooms for patient usage during the duration of construction. There are 8 alternates as part of the project. If the Owner elects to choose any or all of the alternates, those alternates will be completed as a separate phase from the base bid project.

**Courtyard Renovation Project Package:** This consist of the removal of a large existing tree and root system, adding a new storm sewer catch basin that will tie into an existing courtyard catch basin, and removal of existing sidewalks and re-paving new sidewalks to make better the flow of the surface drainage of the courtyard. The removal of the debris and delivery of the construction products are not allowed to go through the building and are to be craned over the roof of the existing building. For this reason, the two projects are being packaged together to allow the construction equipment to be used on both projects at the same time and provide construction efficiencies with the timing of both projects (IE, use of a crane for both project when it is needed at the same time for both projects).

The projects listed above will be worked on as a combined project but are funded separately and have their own set of regulations and guide lines. Both bid packages are to be bid on separately and tracked even though the successful sub-contractors will be working on both projects

The projects consist of furnishing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete all work required for the two projects listed above as shown on the drawings and described in the specifications prepared by the Architect, CG-ID Architecture, 319 East Francis Suite 101, North Platte, Nebraska.

All bids shall be made on the printed proposal forms issued by the Architect.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish Corporate Surety Performance and Payment Bonds in a sum equal to 100% of the contract price.

All proposals shall remain in effect for a period of 90 calendar days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals. Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid submitted as a guarantee that if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract. If bid security is not received with the proposal, the bid will not be considered.

Plans and specifications may be examined After February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the office of the Architect, CG-ID Architecture, 319 East Francis Suite 101, North Platte, North Platte; Builder's Plan Service, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend, KS; Hays Area Chamber of Commerce, Hays, KS; Garden City Chamber of Commerce, Garden City, KS; Salina Chamber of Commerce, Salina, KS, Kansas Construction News Report, Wichita, KS; Reed Construction Data, Norcross, GA.; Dodge Report, I-Square Foot. Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained from A & D Technical Supply of Lincoln on February 17th upon payment of a \$100.00 deposit for each set. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications in good condition within 45 days after the bid opening date. For plan and specifications, A & D Technical Supply can be contacted at: 1301 L Street Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 474-5454, <http://adtchplans.com>.

There will be a pre-bid walkthrough on **Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:00 AM Central Time** at Sheridan County Health Complex's at 826 18th St A, Hoxie, KS 67740. Meeting will start in the Hospital's Main Lobby located at the west entrance.

The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to reject a bid not accompanied by any requiring bid security or by other data required by the bidding documents; or to reject a bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular and to waive any informalities in any proposal. All GCs and ME&P Prime Contractors bidding on these projects are required to provide proof of similar past construction and knowledge of working in a higher acuity care area of a hospital such as a med surg patient wing and following the facilities Construction Risk Assessment Policies and Procedures. The renovation of the patient wing is a USDA financed projects. All General Contractors along with Prime ME&P firms bidding on this project are to become familiar with the requirements of the USDA and Sheridan County Health Complex's Construction Risk Assessment Procedures provided in the front end of the specification manual before bidding on the projects.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel February 27, 2020)

## Commission Minutes 2/5/2020

Now on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Troy Dewey presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Wes Bainter, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Irene Follis, Doyle Kauk, and Rachel Farber.

Dewey called the meeting to order.

Wes Bainter stated his opinion was to stay in NWKS Planning & Development for one more year and see what services the County gets for the money. Dewey made a motion to pay the 2020 dues for NWKS Planning & Development in the amount of \$5,055.00. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Pratt stated in the truck driver agreement he is working on, in order to haul items, owners of the trucks have to have a KCC permit. There is a situation, currently, where a driver did not have the KCC permit, so no contract will be signed. There is an outstanding bill the County owes for this driver to haul millings in the amount of \$6,964.64. Road & Bridge Interim Supervisor Joe Herskowitz entered the meeting. Herskowitz states there is another bill at his office for millings. Pratt will contact Ball and have an exact statement remitted to the County.

Bracht had contacted Pratt about a road agreement between the County and Hoxie Feedlot. The Commissioners had initially signed this document. Pratt stated that this agreement is null & void. The County will handle working the feedlot road.

Pratt stated he will email the December 2018 Memorandum of Agreement between Sheridan County Commissioners; Mickey Museum Property and Sheridan County Historical Society to Bracht, as well as the Addendum to this document, so that she can forward to the three commissioners. The Addendum modifies the original agreement to fit the new situation with the church. Pratt stated there would be a deed from the church society giving the church to the Sheridan County Historical Society, Inc. It will be considered County property and will be added to the insurance. Bracht stated the Historical Society would want some type of "Building Use" Agreement so that people leave it the way it is found, etc.

Herskowitz stated there are approximately 10-15 truckloads of millings left in Selden and 300 truckloads in Hoxie. Wes Bainter stated he had been contacted by Mick Zerr about sand that the County took, but he has yet to be paid for it. Herskowitz stated he's not sure of how much was taken. Bracht suggested looking at the employee's daily work sheet and see if he can tell from that. Since the first of the year, the loads have been tracked fine.

Herskowitz had received correspondence from the Kansas Department of Revenue pertaining to tank permits that had not been renewed. This will

be taken care of today.

The bucket truck is now for sale on Nex-Tech. Herskowitz has had a few inquiries. Herskowitz advised that there is an employee leaving in a few weeks. An ad will be placed in both newspapers, as well as the website, Facebook and Nex-Tech; prefer someone with experience.

Wes Bainter asked if Rex Storer was still going to be able to do the training and Herskowitz stated that is the plan.

Two of the new recycling trailers are here. One has been placed at the hospital and the other at the school. These trailers have spring- loaded pull down doors.

The City extended the plug at the recycling area and Campbell Concrete is ready to set forms. The Board discussed millings and gravel, the need to work them in, and that millings are good for hillsides and problem areas.

The Board asked about the aluminum cans at the recycling center. Herskowitz stated that the Scouts took what had been there. The local scrap guy will take aluminum cans. The County can either haul to him or save the cans up and have them hauled out. Herskowitz said the landfill loader is working well.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

Bracht asked the Board if they were interested in talking with someone who had contacted her about surveillance systems, etc. They responded 'no'. The County has panic buttons in every office and there are multiple areas with cameras. They also stated they were not interested at this time of having a phone service analysis done.

Bracht was contacted by Karen Lewis, Director for the Historical Society, and she asked that the paragraph in the January 22, 2020 minutes be clarified as it pertained to the concrete being poured for the church being moved in and the Historical Society approving the concrete. Dewey made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to remove the entire paragraph. Motion carried 3-0.

Bracht advised the Board that the County had received a \$600 check from KCAMP for having a loss ratio in 2018 of less than 10%.

A revised bid was received and shared with the Board a few weeks ago for replacing the Courthouse roof. Another bid was received from Roofmasters. Roofmasters bid came in at \$55,368 and High Plains Roofing came in at \$58,320. Wes Bainter stated he had talked with Jake at Roofmasters about the material to use on the roof. Wes Bainter stated he had made some other phone calls and he believes these are the only two bids we will receive. Bracht voiced that she was not comfortable with Wes Bainter discussing bid information with someone who is presenting a bid. Wes Bainter clarified the conversation was not about the price but warranty information. Dewey made a motion to go with Roofmasters and to have reflective roofing put in place. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bracht will speak with Roofmasters and get a timeline of when they might be

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

KARL WESSEL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 2020-CV-000004

LEO WESSEL, MARY WESSEL, and all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest to the property subject to this suit, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants who are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any persons alleged to be deceased,

Defendants.

Pursuant to KSA Chapter 60

## NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS to the above-named defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Sheridan County, Kansas, by Karl Wessel, plaintiff, praying for an order quieting the title to the following-described property: That tract of land described as follows:

All of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Seven (7) South, Range Thirty (30) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

The petition further seeks an order holding the plaintiffs to be the owner to fee simple title to the above-described property, free of all right, title and interest of the above-named defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, lien, estate or equity of redemption in or to the above-described property.

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before **April 6, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.** in said court, at Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Karl Wessel  
Karl Wessel, Plaintiff

s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
Steven W. Hirsch, #12789  
HIRSCH LAW OFFICE  
124 So Penn, P.O. Box 296  
Oberlin, KS 67749-0296  
Ph. 785-475-2296  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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here.

Bracht presented a bill from Secure Tech in the amount of \$4,099.50 for a two-year extended warranty on the WAVE system installed (panic buttons). This extended warranty covers replacement batteries, service and testing of the equipment and two-year warranty on the three repeaters. Joe Bainter made a motion to purchase the extended warranty, seconded by Dewey. Carried 2-1 with Wes Bainter opposing.

Cheri White from High Point Advocacy and Resource Center entered the meeting. White discussed the need for a resource for individuals with addiction, whether drug or alcohol. White is currently trying to get this business off the ground. This will be a non-profit organization that will handle drug and alcohol addiction, will have counseling available, a peer mentoring program with services available to not only the person with the addiction but family members as well. White is talking with the far nine northwest counties in Kansas. They are looking now at funding. This is the one thing they do not have in place. There will be six full-time employees. They have applied for some grants and are still looking for more. White stated she has met with two counties that have committed to giving alcohol money to them, we are the third county to meet with her. She plans on meeting with the other six counties by the end of the month. The Board advised her they support and understand the need for this service in this part of the state, but they would like her to come back after she has met with all the counties and let them know where she stands financially. She would like to receive a total of \$100,000 from the nine counties.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP representative, entered the meeting and distributed information pertaining to usage and discussed the different services they offer.

Dewey made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 20-10, Cancellation of Outstanding Check. This pertained to a check dated 12/29/17 in the amount of \$18.56. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Sheriff Brandon Carver entered the meeting. Carver discussed purchasing two rifles from Black Rain Ordinance, Inc. in the amount of \$1,297 per rifle. Carver stated the funds to pay for these rifles would come from the asset forfeiture line-item. Dewey made a motion to purchase the two rifles, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 11:02, Dewey made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 min. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Carver, Pratt and Bracht. The door opened at 11:13 with no decision being made.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the February 5, 2020

Minutes as amended. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Warrants were approved on a motion by Dewey and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were audited and approved:

General \$1,344.99  
R & B \$228.20  
E911 \$44.97  
Nox. Weed \$111.58  
Public Hlth. \$97.38  
Public Transp. \$38.05

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Troy Dewey, Chairman

## BOE Special Meeting Agenda 2/20/2020

USD #412 Board of Education  
Special Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 20, 2020,  
7:15 AM

Central Administrative Office

1. Opening – Call to Order & Flag Salute

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Waiver of Written Notice

4. Executive Session - Personnel

5. Staff Resignation

6. Adjournment

## BOE Special Meeting Minutes 2/20/2020

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL  
APPROVED BY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 412  
SHERIDAN COUNTY,  
KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for a special meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:15 AM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE BOARD MEMBERS: Billi Beckman, Margery Haas, Leonard Weber, Lola Baalman, Michael Bretz, Reba White, Devan Castle  
SUPERINTENDENT: Jim Howard

CLERK: Mandy Shipley  
PRINCIPALS:

GUESTS:

ABSENT: Mark Wildeman  
Billi Beckman called the special meeting to order at 7:15 AM.

All in attendance recited the flag salute.

Notification of the meeting was made via phone call on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 so the Waiver of Written Notice was signed by all Board Members in attendance.

The meeting was held to discuss only the items for which

## MIRL BARNETT

AUGUST 17, 1933 ~ FEBRUARY 21, 2020



Mirl E. Barnett, 86, Rexford, passed away February 21, 2020 at Prairie Senior Living, Colby.

He was born on August 17, 1933 on the family farm in Thomas County, Kansas north of Rexford, to Jesse E. and Edna F. (Chadd) Barnett. He was a 1951 graduate of Rexford High School.

Mirl married Evelyn W. Walters on September 27, 1952, in Rexford, Kansas. Throughout his life he was a farmer as well as the feed mill operator for COOP. In addition, he spent many years driving trucks for Short & Son, and M & A Barnett Trucking. After retirement, he hauled grain for Wark Farms and was the caretaker of the Rexford Cemetery.

He was a lifelong race fan. He began his driving career in 1954, one of his highlights was driving for Lonnie Morosic out of McCook, Nebraska in the propane powered #9 Sprint Car. He was inducted into the Big Car Racing Association Hall of Fame on June 14, 2013. He was extremely proud of this

accomplishment.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of 67 years of Rexford, Kansas; one son, Troy Barnett and his wife Connie of Elkhart, Kansas; two daughters, Kandi Washburn and husband Fred of Hoxie and Kris Hagans and husband Kirby of Wellington, Kansas; one sister, Opal Moss and husband Earl of Hoxie, Kansas; four grandchildren: Steve Washburn and wife Amber of Gorham, Kansas, Shawna Martinez and husband Lolo of Hobbs, New Mexico, Amy Brillhart and husband Dusty of Elkhart, Kansas, and Kade Hagans of Hays, Kansas; eight great-grandchildren: Ashtyn Washburn, Easton Washburn, Danzy Martinez, Izabelle Martinez, Zander Martinez, Madysen Brillhart, Mason Brillhart, and Emmalyn Brillhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Roy Barnett (in infancy), Elgin Barnett, Darrell Barnett; one sister, Virginia Allison; one grandson, Jason Barnett and one great-grandson, Zalin Martinez.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Rexford Community Church. Burial followed at the Rexford Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Pauls Funeral Home, Selden. The family received friends from 5-7:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rexford Community Church, 205 Main St., Rexford, KS 67753. Condolences may be left at [www.paulsfh.com](http://www.paulsfh.com).

## William “Chet” Cupples

December 9, 1926 ~ February 17, 2020



William Chester (Chet) Cupples was born December 9, 1926, and went home to Jesus on February 17, 2020, at the age of 93. He was born in Russel, KS, to Fred and Mary Cupples of Edmond, KS. Chet had two older sisters, Jenny (who passed in a swimming accident), and Tessa who lives in Haviland, KS. He grew up in Edmond, KS, working on farms until he followed his vision to own his own business as a barber. That vocation began in Haysville, KS, until the family moved to Hoxie, KS, where they lived for over 50 years. He cared for people as a barber and was involved in the community, especially in sports and the scouting programs. He and Roberta retired and moved to Escondido, CA, in 1998.

Chet was a proud Navy man. One time, while on leave he met Roberta who was working in a concession stand at an Edmond high school basketball game. They were married on June 4, 1949. Chet adored, protected, worked for her success, and laughed hilariously with Roberta. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2019 and held each other's hands right up until Roberta passed on December 6, 2019. Chet and Roberta had four boys: Doug (who passed soon after his birth), Michael (Mick),

Kelly, and Ted (who passed in 2009 due to respiratory complications). Mick lives in Ramona, CA, and Kelly lives in Brush, CO.

He was very involved with his boys. Getting an education, doing your best, and treating authorities with respect were important to him. He enjoyed playing catch after he was off work. He coached baseball teams and (along with Roberta) attended as many games as possible, even the college football games. Because of what the scouting program stood for, Chet encouraged his sons to be involved.

Chet enjoyed life. He loved “Mom” (Roberta), his grand and great grandchildren, and the extended family gatherings for picnics and horseshoes. The children would ask him, “Grandpa, what do the chicken and pig tattoos on your feet mean?” He never told. He enjoyed card games, hunting, and fishing. He always had a little jingle that he would make up and sing. He was strong in conviction and faithfully sought to do the right thing. He served people and embraced his faith in Christ.

He is survived by his sister, Tessa; two sons, Mick and Kelly; three daughters-in-laws (Lura, Ellen, and Eunice) whom he called his “three daughters.” He is also survived by seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Those who have gone on before him include Chet's parents (Fred and Mary); sister, Jenny; sons, Doug and Ted; and grandsons Ben and Ryan, sons of Kelly and Mick, respectively.

Chet's interment will take place March 23, at the Mira Mar National Cemetery in San Diego, CA, where, after a military ceremony, he will be interred with “Mom.”

the meeting was called Executive Session regarding personnel and consideration of a staff resignation.

The agenda was approved as presented (Haas/Weber 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:16 AM to discuss a staff resignation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board and Jim Howard present, returning to open session at 7:21

AM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the resignation of Dalene Oelke, with regrets, as JR/SR High FACS teacher and FCCLA sponsor at the completion of the 2019-2020 school year (Bretz/Weber 7-0).

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 7:22 AM.

BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT  
Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK







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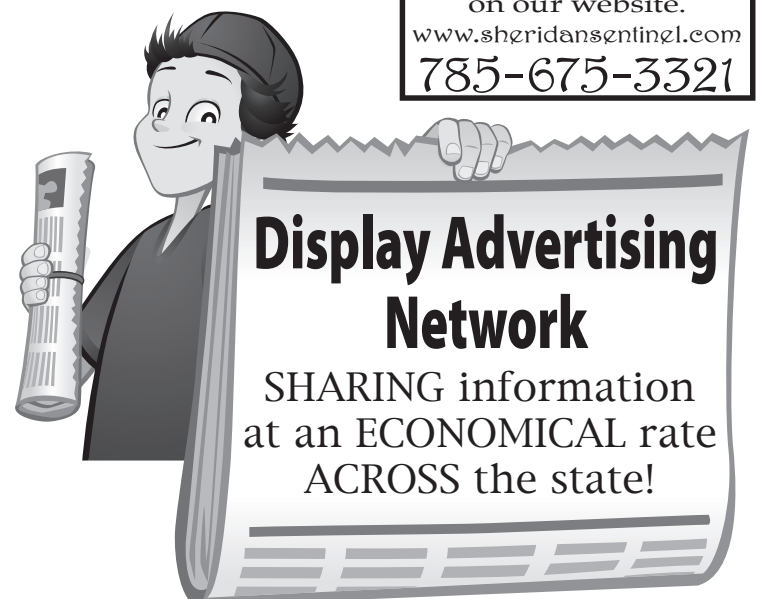
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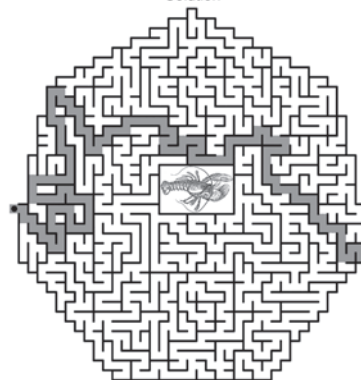
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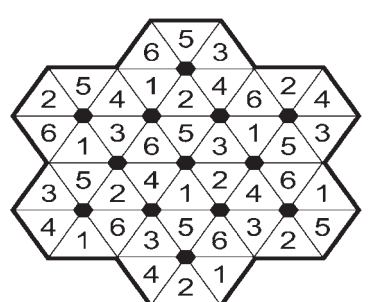
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**SNOWFLAKES**  
solution**CryptoQuip**

answer

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**SCRAMBLERS**

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3. Aisle; 4. Tartan

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