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SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS OPEN HOUSE



Pictured to the left is the original museum temporarily being used as the storage area of the items that have been donated over the years. (Photo by Rachel Farber)



Sheridan County Historical Society Director, Jan Moore, visits with patrons at the Open House held on March 31 and April 1. (Photo by Rachel Farber)

By Rachel Farber
The Sheridan County Historical Society has finished with their remodel to correct both a leaky roof, and plumbing problem damage. On Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, they held an open house for everyone to come see the changes that have been made, and to hear about future plans.

Jan Moore and Karen Lewis have moved their office into the west room of the facility, along with many boxes of photos that have been donated over the years. They have put some of the donated items to good use. The First National Bank donated the old teller counters when they

remodeled the bank in 1963. Karen was not sure when they were first used in the First National Bank, which was chartered around 1900. They do make very nice office spaces for these ladies. Also, in the same room, is a table from *The Hoxie Sentinel* office that they use for a conference and research table. Several volunteers are using it now to go through the photos for digital cataloging.

The room inside the front door that used to be the office of the Director, Assistant Director and photo storage, is to become a display area. Before Jan and Karen are able to set up displays they must go through all the artifacts



Sheridan County Historical Society Assistant Director, Karen Lewis, talks to patrons about the Courthouse Centennial Celebration at the Society's Open House held on March 31 and April 1. (Photo by Rachel Farber)

which have been donated over the years. Many items were placed in boxes as they came in and were catalogued. These were not really sorted into any categories. Once they finish sorting the boxes of items, they will sort through the old museum. For the past several months, it has been used as storage for everything that would fit, because it was the "high ground" when the pipes broke.

Along with the remodeling, the Sheridan County Historical Society has been working hard on the Courthouse Centennial Celebration set for August 26, 2017. A committee was formed to first find the time capsule that was placed in the cornerstone in 1917 and then plan the celebration to rededicate the courthouse. A new time capsule will be placed on the courthouse grounds. Anyone from Sheridan County can send a photo, and family or organizational history to add to the time capsule.

Many other projects are being worked on every day, and the Sheridan County Historical Society is always looking for volunteers to help with their cataloging process.

THIRTEEN QUILTS OF VALOR AWARDED TO AREA VETERANS



Grinnell VFW Post #2864 hosted its second Honor Flight fundraiser on Saturday, March 25. Thirteen Quilts of Valor were awarded. Pictured are: back row: Carol Rietcheck, Frank Powers, Bill Vickers, Bob Waldman, JD Zimmerman, Lavern Bieker, RJ Dickman, Vince Zerr and Roxy Nelson; front row: Pete Zimmerman, Charles Huelsman, Steve Zerr, Leonard Ribordy, Anthony (Butch) Feldt, Dr. Herman Heisterman and Herb Stenike. Also, receiving a quilt was Lyman Adams at Hoxie LTC. The auxiliary of Post #2864 has given 54 quilts to veterans since starting the program 2 years ago. (Grinnell VFW Post #2864 courtesy photo)

Golden Plains Elementary Basketball Games...



Fourth grader Owen Patmon (left) plays close defense on Maddix Owen (right) during the third and fourth grade boys game during the Lions Club Basketball games in Rexford on March 24. (photo by Karri Schaben)

Teaching
Teamwork
and
Sportsmanship
through
FUN!

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Kaylie Schaben (right) gives first grader Christian Garcia some tips before he inbounds the ball during the Golden Plains Elementary Basketball games in Rexford on March 24. Schaben refereed the games along with Maggi Nieman and KayCee Miller. (Photo by Caleb Korte)

Angelus 4-H Club Receives Top Blue Ribbons at County Day & Regional Day



The Angelus 4-H Club received a top blue ribbon at County Day and a blue ribbon at Regional Day for their skit about the Pledge of Allegiance. Their members are starting in the front row from the left: Lily Rumback, Kaylynn Holzmeister, LaRynn Rumback, Nick Egbert, Jude Lager, and Drew Ottley. In the back row from left: Isabella Ostmeier, Isaiah Dickman, Aubrey Egbert, Jordan Ostmeier, Leah Mages, and Laural Rumback. (Photo by Linda Lager)

Angelus 4-H Enjoys County Day

By Linda Lager

The Angelus 4-H Club went to County Day in Hoxie on March 27 with bandanas and smiles hoping to impress the judge with their skit about the Pledge of Allegiance and how it has changed since Francis Bellamy first wrote it along with the meaning of the words in the pledge. The judge was, in fact, impressed and gave the Angelus 4-H Club a top blue ribbon, meaning they could move on to Regional Day and try to earn another blue ribbon. With confidence, a flag, bandanas, and again the big smiling faces, the Angelus 4-H Club received a blue ribbon at Regional Day in Brewster on March 31. The Angelus 4-H Club not only excelled at County Day as a

whole group, but individually as well.

Isabella Ostmeier received a blue ribbon for her demonstration on "Treats for My Horse".

Jordan Ostmeier received a top blue ribbon on his reading "Cowboy is His Name", a blue on his Job Interview, and a blue on his extemporaneous duo speech which he performed with Sam Bretz.

Lily Rumback read "Roosters Off to See the World" and received a top blue ribbon.

LaRynn Rumback showed her gymnastics skills and received an alternate top blue ribbon.

Laural Rumback received an alternate top blue ribbon for the song she sang called "Maiden's Wish."

Isaiah Dickman received a top blue ribbon for his demonstration "How to Make Energy Bites".

Kaylynn Holzmeister read a poem her great grandmother had written called "Assurance" and received an alternate top blue ribbon.

Leah Mages received a top blue ribbon for her demonstration "Recycled and Warm"- how to make a blue jean quilt.

Jude Lager received a top blue ribbon for his project talk "Last Pig Standing".

Those members performing at Regional Day were: Jordan Ostmeier, Jude Lager, Lily Rumback, Leah Mages, Isaiah Dickman, and the whole club in the skit.

Hoxie Wrestling Team Earns Highest GPA In State

Congratulations were sent to the Hoxie High School's Wrestling Team from the KWCA on their spectacular academic success this season. The KWCA recognized Coach Mike Porsch's team for being the top in their class and in the state with a combined 3.57 GPA in the 321-A Academic State Champions.

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Words of Faith

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

~Jeremiah 29:11

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Apr. 4	
Wheat	3.03
Corn	2.89
Milo	2.48
Beans	7.98

Last Week's Weather

Date High Low H2O
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Words of Wisdom

*Gratitude
is the Sign
of
Noble Souls*
~Aesop
Where's Sheridan?

Community News

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SAVE THE DATE!
Sheridan County Benefit Walk
Friday, June 9
6 pm Pulled Pork Supper
4-H Building
Hoxie

Thank You!

*I want to thank all my family and friends for the cards, visits, flowers, and gifts.
I really enjoyed every one of them.
Having a 90th birthday is fun!
Thank you for helping make my day so special.*
Alice Pratt

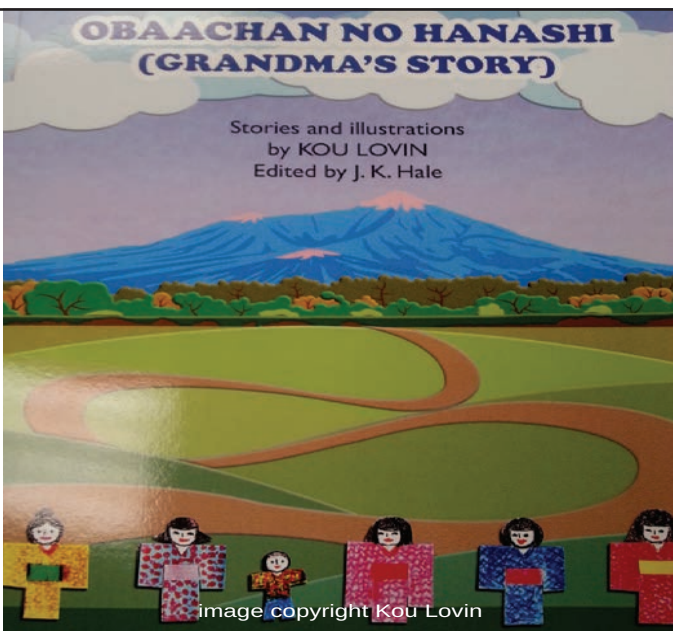
JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

The Sunflower Senior Citizens Potluck dinner will be held on Thursday April 13 instead of Wednesday April 12 at noon. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the meal and social time.

Wayne and I have been

enjoying all the calls, visits and food brought to us. We continue to have Good Samaritan Home Health come to help Wayne with physical therapy and occupational therapy. This is a tremendous help.



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Mealsite Menu

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Tuesday: Spaghetti, Brussels Sprouts, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices, Bread, Cookie

Wednesday: Teriyaki Chicken Breast, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Thursday: Liver & Onions in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Winter Mix Vegetables, Bread, Cranberry Sauce

Friday: Tuna Salad, 3-Bean Salad, Tropical Fruit, Bread, Pudding

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

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Hoxie

Wednesdays, on-going:

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2nd Monday - each month:

5pm Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-SCHC Conference Room

2nd Tuesday - each month

(Sept-June):
7pm Scrappy Quilters Guild-Midwest Energy Building Meeting Room

2nd Wednesday - each month:

7pm United Methodist Church Coffee Club in the Social Hall

Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8:

5pm UMW Annual Twice Sold Treasures Sale. 5pm Friday, 9am Saturday

Saturday, April 8:

1pm Immanuel Lutheran Church-Pastor Michael Brockman installation.

Wednesday, April 12:

8:30am SC Hospital Auxiliary Annual Spring Bake Sale-Equity Bank & First State Bank

Friday, April 14:

7pm Good Friday Service-Christ Community Church

Sunday, April 16:

10:30am Easter Service-Christ Community Church

Wednesday, April 19:

12pm Hoxie Community Blood Drive-4-H Building
3:30pm All Stars for Jesus-Christ Community Church. Bounce houses, jousting, slides, free BBQ. Everyone welcome!

Sunday, April 23:

5pm Nicole & Justin Farber Medical Bills Benefit Spaghetti Supper-Methodist Church. Raffle, donations.

Friday, April 28:

7pm Cloverton-Live in Concert at Hoxie High School Auditorium. Free admission, love offerings accepted.

Angelus

Saturday, April 8:

Totally Rad 80s Murder Mystery Dinner-Angelus Hall. Ticket \$20

Oakley

Saturday, April 8:

7:30pm Multi-instrumentalist Todd Green to perform original music on 30+ instruments. Oakley High School Auditorium.

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Saturday, April 22:

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Faith & Lifestyle



By Micah Howery
I once heard a story about an overnight bus ride to Portland. Everyone got settled in, hoping to catch some sleep as they bumped and bumped across the Northern US mountains.
The bus wasn't two miles down the road before two kids were fighting, wrestling, running up and down the aisle and making all sorts of ruckus. Assuming their father was a bad parent and the kids were unruly, and afraid that their chance for sleep was quickly slipping away, the passengers silently elected the man seated across from them to say something.
"Excuse me, sir," the unwilling official offered but with no reply. "Excuse me sir" he said a little louder.
"Yes," the man replied, blinking several times as if in a daze.
"Could you please keep your kids under control?" He answered sternly. "We'd all like to get some sleep tonight."
"Oh," he said, still dazed. "I'm sorry. We just got out of the hospital. My wife, their mother, just passed away from cancer tonight and we have to get home to arrange

the funeral. They've been cooped up in the hospital for weeks. I'm afraid we're all a little frazzled." With that, he turned his head back out the window without saying anything to his kids.
Nothing changed. But everything changed. With just a little more information, our assumptions about the man and his kids flipped on their ear. Why? Because you can't understand a person's decision without understanding the person's experience.
The saying goes, "Don't judge a man until you've walked a mile in his shoes". Until we knew WHY the kids were rowdy, we assumed it was the parenting skills of the father. Until we knew the experiences of the man and the kids, we were unable to have compassion because our first tendency is to judge.
But this is more complicated than getting to know people. Walking a mile in people's shoes would be good advice if it were possible. The truth is, I can't walk in your shoes. You can describe them to me, tell me where they pinch, show me the blisters they have caused, but I can't put them on my feet. Even if I did, my feet are shaped differently than yours so they wouldn't feel the same on me.
I can't live your life. Even if I did, I would experience it different because I'm different from you. You can tell me how your life has affected you, the pains it has caused, the suffering you walk under,

but I can't get inside your skin and mind. The absolute truth is: I can't know what you are going through.
Because of that truth, I can't possibly judge you either. Oh, sure, I can judge whether or not your actions are right (some of the time), and certainly judge how your actions affect me, but I can't decide if you are weak or strong, brave or cowardly, mean or hurting. Like the man in the bus, I can't decide he's a bad father because I'm not him.
However, there is one thing I can ALWAYS judge: your value. Because you were created in the image of God and because God sent Jesus to die for your sins, I can judge your value: priceless! I can't judge your value by your actions because of what I've been talking about, but that doesn't mean I don't know what you're worth. You are worth the blood of Jesus. And if you are worth the blood of Jesus, then so is everyone else, no matter who they are, how they behave or what they've done to you.
So, when it comes to interacting with people around you, consider this: you can't know why they do things, but you can know how valuable they are. Stop judging people by appearances (Jn 7:24) and make a right judgment. Love people. Forgive people. Let people be who they are and let God take care of their right and wrong because if you try, you'll just end up being wrong yourself.

Jokes & Quotes



Mother: "What a dirty face! Your Aunt Missy won't kiss you like that."
Alex: "That's what I figured."

A woman rushed into the supermarket to pick up a few items. She headed for the Express Line, where the clerk was talking on the phone with his back turned to her. "Excuse me," she said, "I'm in a hurry. Could you check me out please?"
The clerk turned, stared at her for a second, looked her up and down and said, "Not bad."

"Why aren't you sharing your scooter with your little brother?"
"I am, Mom, half and half. I use it on the way down the hill, and he has it on the way up the hill."

A man walked into a dentist's office and asked the charge for extracting wisdom teeth. "Eighty dollars," the dentist said. "That's ridiculous," the man said. "Isn't there a cheaper way?"

"Well," the dentist mused. "If we don't use anesthetic, I can knock it down to sixty dollars."
"Still too much," the man answered.
"Okay," said the dentist, "If I save on anesthesia and simply rip the teeth out with a pair of pliers, I could get away with charging twenty dollars."
"Still too much," the man moaned.
"Hmmm," the dentist said, scratching his head. "If I let one of my students do it for the experience, I suppose I could just charge you ten dollars."
"Marvelous," said the man. "Book my wife for next Tuesday."

Knock, knock...Who's there?
A little old lady.
A little old lady who?
I didn't know you could yodel!

*The best things are nearest:
Breath in your nostrils,
Light in your eyes,
Flowers at your feet,
Duties at your hand,
And the path of God just before you.*
~Robert Louis Stevenson

~B.B.

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Selden

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HOXIE CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-up is a free service provided by the City of Hoxie.

Monday – Wednesday, April 24, 25 & 26

City trucks will make a special trash pickup on these days.
All items MUST be out at the curb or by the alley.
Please do not put items out more than 1 week in advance.

All types of trash will be picked up *excluding tires*. All appliances must have Freon removed. Yard waste will be picked up on your regular yard waste day, and must be in a solid container. Tree limbs must be cut no longer than 6 feet long.

Normal household trash will be picked up in the usual manner.

SPECIAL NOTE: TRASH MUST BE SEPARATED, i.e., tree limbs from metals, etc. since they are disposed of in different locations at the landfill. Mattresses and furniture must be separated from other trash.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (paint, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, poisons, caustic chemicals, etc.) WILL NOT be picked up at this time.

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The Kitchen Cabinet

Rachel Farber



Some Fish Dishes
Fish is a food which is easily digested and is good for indoor workers on that account.
Halibut Steak - Make a rich sauce of tomatoes thickened with flour and butter cooked together, a chopped green pepper and a slice of onion cooked to season, for 15 minutes. Lay the halibut in a little oil and vinegar, and let stand for an hour. Lay the fish on the rack in the roaster, pour the sauce over it, cover and bake 12 minutes. Sift Parmesan cheese over the fish and cook five minutes longer. Serve upon a hot dish, pouring the sauce over it.
Sour cucumber pickles cut in bits and added to a white sauce is a good sauce to serve with fish.
Curry of Salmon - Open a can of salmon two hours before using and remove all the bits of bone and skin. Fry a minced onion in two tablespoonfuls

of olive oil and then add a tablespoonful of flour mixed with a tablespoonful of curry, and when well blended a cupful of boiling water. Season and stir for a moment, then turn in the salmon. When hot serve with lemon.
Salmon Loaf - Flake cold boiled salmon and moisten with a half cupful of cream, the same amount of milk and two beaten eggs. Stir in a quarter of a cupful of fine breadcrumbs, the juice of half a lemon, a tablespoonful of butter, salt and pepper to taste, and a spoonful of minced parsley. Mix well and turn into a well greased pudding dish and bake for three-quarters of an hour, then turn out on a platter. Serve with a fine sauce.
Fish Bisque - Pick up and free from bones, any fish, baked, broiled or boiled, pour over it a pint of oyster liquor, and butter, pepper and salt, and put over the fire, stir in a

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Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber

*From The Golden Belt,
Grinnell*

March 27, 1886

The breaking plow may be seen moving in all directions. Don't forget that church will be at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Three cheers for the shoe shop (that will be) started in Grinnell.

The recent blizzard checked gardening to a considerable extent.

Mrs. Rickman went Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Johnson, near Hoxie. She will remain a fortnight or more.

Albert S. Crane, of the large pasture north of the city, came in Thursday night from Virden, Ill.

Yesterday Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Gove County Gazette was issued. The sheet has not reached us yet, but from Bro. Burnett's description of the outfit we heartily welcome them to the county and wish them abundant prosperity.

We will prepare, as soon as possible, some tablet scratch paper and printed and stamped envelopes, to distribute over the county to persons with whom we can make proper arrangements to become regular correspondents to the *Belt*.

The fast train west Saturday night failed to get the proper grip on the mail bag, and dropped it under the car. It was rolled along under the train until it caught in the "frog" at the switch, where it was literally "chawed" up into mince meat. There was one registered letter, with other valuable mail, in the bag, but not one piece of paper was left large enough to contain half a dozen words. This is not the first time the boys' play-thing of a mail grabber has done the same thing, and the people are getting all out of patience with such foolishness, and if something is not done by the railroad the people will appeal to the State Railroad Commissioners.

From The Sheridan County Democrat
April 5, 1895

Mrs. Ben McKinly is prepared to do all kinds of plain or fancy sewing, and would be please to have your order if you want any sewing done.

For Sale - A Foster broadcast seeder. Address me at Hoxie, or apply at my place seven miles northeast of the city. Geo. Oelke

Conglomeration

Several of our town people went duck hunting Tuesday afternoon.

It thundered, it lightning, it rained, it sleeted, and snowed on Sunday night.

Ed Crum received a car of barley Thursday night and on Friday afternoon was selling it to the farmers.

Sure enough, March did go out like a roaring lion. It blew and a fire was comfortable.

Chicken thieves are still in our midst. We had a nice bunch of fine bred fowls a few weeks ago, but now only three remains and they may fall into the hands of the wicked boys that prowl around nights robbing hen roosts.

Seth Buck concluded last Friday night that it would be a good thing to scrub out his barber shop, so he had his bath room tanks filled with water and set the gasolene stove going, in order to have hot water to do the scrubbing. He filled the tanks too full, and when the steam got up and had no chance to escape in one of the tanks, it exploded and scattered the hot water around promiscuously.

The Hoxie roller mill is now in good running order, and is prepared to furnish flour and feed at all times.

Jack Brooks has built a sod addition to his frame



What song were they dancing to at prom, 1956? Teacher Clyde Stewart dances with his wife, Ann Mickey dances with David Cooper, and Phil Sealock and Myrtle Hendrix take a turn around the floor. (Photo courtesy of Sheridan County Historical Society)

residence, and says that he now has a summer and winter house to live in.

Chance Hedge, of Bow Creek township, was in last Friday. He came in and had the *Democrat* sent to a friend for the next 52 weeks.

Saline Township

Jos. Hoch is on the sick list.

Henry Albert has nearly all his prairie breaking given out.

Mrs. Forster and daughter, Katie, were guests of Andy Nestor, last Sunday.

Kansas Whirlwind

Lucerne News

Miss Maggie May has a severe attack of sore eyes.

E. Taylor was grunting around with a lame back last week and said it was going to rain.

B. Hunter, stay with that Zephyr, and if he comes again we will wallop him between us, and divide spoils accordingly.

I heard a gentleman remark the past week, that every application for seed grain had ninety yards of red tape attached and an iron clad oath besides, and yet it would take three times that amount to keep it for those it was intended. Was he correct? Let's wait and see.

Dummy

I still have my cap set for a certain fellow, though I do not wish to intrude on the gent's good nature; but I would like to know if Zephyr is a single man?

I wish the bachelors and widowers would still bear in mind, that an old maid's mutual was organized at Lucerne four years since, and while several of our young girls were fitted out, there are still a few left in the vicinity.

Susie Squeezemtight is my name, and I'm a democrat dyed in the wool and when we women get suffrage I'll be found in my party ranks battling for the right. I am apposed to whisky, I believe it ought to be put down as fast as its made, I have helped put down more if I could get a chance. I believe Mr. Zephyr, and myself could put down our part, if we could find it. I fear Mr. Zephyr is a pop, steadfast, unmoveable, like a hoss, at least he writes that way, now don't you really believe you are on the wrong side? but hope you may see your error before it is too late and no longer eat husks with the swine.

Susie

125 Years Ago
April 7, 1892

Mustache shaving seems to be epidemic in Hoxie.

George Evans, of Adell, was among our visitors Saturday.

The Commissioners are

preparing the court house grounds for planting trees.

Ex-county commissioner Sam Morgan, was doing business in the city Monday.

Henry Graham forgot to tell us about that new girl at his house in time to mention it last week. Henry get excited, you know.

Commissioner Cressler was in town Saturday. He had been in Colby for several days, attending court as a witness in a horse case.

Very little attention was paid to All Fools Day here. The weather clerk played us a joke that engaged our attention fully.

The Post-Office has been moved in the old Hoxie State Bank building.

The Masonic Lodge has received its new furniture and jewels and are now open in form.

A force of men were put to work almost before the storm had subsided, and our Opera House will soon be rebuilt as good as ever.

Tom Clearman's team took a lively run around town yesterday resulting in a badly demoralized wagon.

Later - Same team ran away again.

Still Later - Same team ran away several more times.

Tasco Tales

John Roswell, is fencing a 40 acre pasture.

Frank Housworth, is working for Geo. Pratt.

While Mr. Sandmire was burning stalks Saturday the fire got away from him and burned over a large territory. It was stopped at Donahoo's on the south, near Kane's on the north, and somewhere west of Summerson's on the west.

Reporter

Elliott Items

Herb and Walter Cressler, left here last Monday to exercise their muscle this summer in Colorado.

No fooling about the wind April 1st. We got it straight, and it lost no time in scattering hay and straw stacks and feed generally, besides dehorning a few wind mills in different localities.

P.M.

75 Years Ago
April 2, 1942

Saline Valley Gossip

Quite a number of Angelus people attended the Anton Zerz sale at Park Monday.

Vince Dickman was busy the first of the week getting ready to sow barley.

Harry Wessells received several hundred baby chicks the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beckman were Tuesday evening guests at Vince Dickman's.

Local Happenings

Forrest Forsyth has a

nephew visiting him for a few days. He is Jay Fauceet, recently returned from Iceland, on duty with Uncle Sam's forces there. His home is Kanona.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIvor and Mrs. Jake Mosier returned Saturday from Arizona. They have spent the winter there as they left here some time in November.

Norma William has written her parents and other relatives that she is enjoying her visit in California, but plans to return to Kansas before long. Offers of work there do not tempt her for Kansas sounds best.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haynes and son are planning to move to the country this week end. Mrs. Guy E. Gould, mother of Principal Gould, will occupy the cottage the Haynes vacate.

Chicago-Lucerne

The Bow Creek 4-H club will put on a one-act play at the Chicago church, April 4th, beginning at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Jane Kemper returned from Topeka on account of the illness of her sister.

Several from this neighborhood are getting their little chickens this week.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sulzman are the parents of a daughter born at the McCook hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robben were callers at the John Kruse home Sunday.

Frank Junemann sold hogs in McCook, Saturday.

City School Notes

Second Grade - In our language period we have been studying Homonyms and have written sentences using them. We find them very interesting.

Our teacher has been reading the book "How We Are Sheltered" to us during social studies period. We will then pick out and learn the most important facts in the book.

Third Grade - Our social studies unit for March is Holland. We think this is a very interesting country. We regret that the Dutch people are not permitted to live in their usual happy manner.

In art we have made paper windmills, colored pictures of Dutch boys and girls, tulips, storks and boats. We also made a poster for colored construction paper.

50 Years Ago
April 6, 1967

To Qualify For Eagle Award

Phil Summerson, Hoxie Explorer Scout, was accepted by the local board of review last Tuesday evening at Hill City. Judge Jean Kissell,

Norton, is chairman of the board. C. O. Burkepile, Hoxie, was also a member of the board.

After being accepted by the local board, Phil must pass the national board to receive scouting's highest award, that of Eagle rank.

Phil is a senior at Hoxie High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Summerson.

Richard Whitmer is Explorer advisor.

Broadway News

This community was saddened by the death of Barbara Paintin Sunday evening at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City where she had been a patient for several weeks. She grew up in our community and attended Mt. Pleasant church. She was a college student at Hays when she became ill. Her family was all present at the time of her death.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartzog and family had a surprise party for Gayle Bainter Thursday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Russel Bainter and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, Steve and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter and Wes and Judy and Jimmie Gaumer. The evening was spent playing cards. Ice cream and cake was served.

Paul Schieferecke, Wilbur Reichert, John Robben spent their Easter vacation with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Miller and children have moved to their new basement house.

Hoxie Grade School News

Mrs. Whitmer's First Grade - For a spring display, the boys and girls made lambs with a wooly coat of cotton to make them look real.

On Thursday before Easter the class had a room party with an Easter egg hunt on the playground. The students also saw an Easter filmstrip. They enjoyed seeing the rabbits which were shared by Jimmy Stewart, Charles Ostemeyer, and David Bielser from the second grade.

Mrs. Neal's Second Grade - In English the boys and girls wrote original stories about "People Who Help You".

All About Teachers

Teachers are helpful people. They are people that help you read and help you in your math and other things. Teachers are very kind people. Teachers also help us to be kind and helpful. Teachers also fix your sores. Teachers teach us to study. - Carla Oelke

The Grocer

When you go to the

grocery store you buy a lot of food. When you go to the little machine the grocer adds the machine. Then you get your change. When you go home you eat. The next day you come back and the grocer does the same thing. - Charles Ostmeyer

25 Years Ago
April 9, 1992

Blackout in Hoxie

Our computerized world, dependent upon electricity to function, was interrupted March 31 when a transformer failed at the Hoxie City substation. The blackout began about 11:30 a.m.

The transformer will be rebuilt, but until that time the cause will remain unknown.

The blackout lasted for nearly 12 hours. A transformer of the same voltage was found and transported to Hoxie by 4-Way Trucking of Hays, Kans.

Broadway News

Russell Hall, Walden, Colo. came Tuesday to Nella Simon's. He had been visiting in different homes. He spent Thursday at Edwin Simon's and ate dinner there.

The April A. B. W. meeting is at the church Wednesday at 10:30. Deloris Paintin and Mary Stillwell are hostesses. The program is on Japan and there will be a business meeting.

Jim and Wilma Mader brought Russell Hall and Nella Simon home from the wedding. Russell is spending this Monday night at Mader's and plans to return to Colorado Tuesday.

Selden Happenings

On Wednesday the United Methodist women had a salad luncheon at noon with several guests from other churches. There were 19 present for a bountiful lunch with all kinds of delicious salads. We enjoyed having all our friends there to enjoy fellowship together. Elouise Britton and Phylis from Oakley were our special guests. Rollcall was answered by naming one of the ten commandments. Carol Hill gave a short business meeting Shirley Emigh gave a very good lesson taken from the Interpreter on evangelism. She brought out that the church should be the center of our life in our community.

Leone Porsch went to Hays with Julia and Pam Otter Saturday to help Bruce celebrate his birthday.

Myrna Porsch went to Kansas City on a mini-bus tour to see the ice follies and reported a very good time.

Jennings Community News

The senior citizens potluck supper will be held April 14 at 6 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings. Entertainment will be provided by Jennings Grade School music students under the direction of Kay Brown.

Last week callers of Dena Gillespie were Earl and Patty Hartzog of Hoxie Sunday, and Mrs. and Mrs. Bartos Brown and Mrs. Marie Tice Friday afternoon.

McGraw News

One week ago Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter went to Castle Rock, Colo. where they spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nosal. Mrs. Bainter had a check-up with her doctor in Denver on Monday and received a very good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Metro and Nicholas of Salina were weekend company of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl. Everyone attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary dinner and open house for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines in McCook, Nebr. on Sunday. Mrs. Sines is the sister of Mrs. George Launchbaugh.



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Legislative Matters

Senator Rick Billinger
April 2, 2017

The Senate spent 4 days “on the floor” debating bills this week. Only exempt committees could hold meetings. We passed 45 bills, and sent numerous bills to the Governor’s desk for his signature. Next week the conference committees will meet and hopefully reach an agreement so bills passed by the House and Senate may be delivered to the Governor. A conference committee is comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Ranking Minority member of the House committee and Senate committee that the bill was processed in. If the bill was changed in the second chamber in any way the original chamber can either approve the changes (concur) and the bill goes to the Governor, OR the conference committee can meet and discuss the changes.

The most controversial bill on Monday was HB 2044 which is known as the Bridge to a Healthy Kansas bill, also known as Medicaid Expansion. The expansion of Medicaid will give Kansas the opportunity to draw down federal dollars to help insure 150,000 Kansans living without healthcare. They are essentially the people who make too much to qualify for assistance and too little to afford insurance on their own. Federal tax dollars paid by Kansans are now going to other states that have expanded eligibility rather than being returned to Kansas to help those in our community. The bill that establishes the KanCare Bridge to a healthy Kansas and establishes the Clubhouse Community-Based Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program to be administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). With regard to the KanCare Bridge, the bill would expand Medicaid eligibility on 1-1-2018 to include any adult who is under 65 years of age, who is not pregnant and whose income does not exceed 138% of the federal poverty level. The bill contains work referral requirements and premium payment assistance. The bill would establish the KanCare Bridge to a healthy Kansas program drug rebate fund and the KanCare Bridge to a healthy Kansas program privilege fee fund to be expended for Medicaid medical assistance payments. All moneys collected by KDHE from drug rebates connected to program beneficiaries would be deposited into the drug rebate fund, and all moneys collected from privilege fees connected to program beneficiaries would be deposited into the privilege fee fund. There are reporting requirements and an establishment of a KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas Working Group. After a lengthy debate the bill was advanced to final action. On

Tuesday, the Senate voted 25-14 to pass the bill. I have heard from hundreds of people in our district, our local hospitals and many medical providers about Medicaid expansion. The Governor received the bill Wednesday and vetoed the bill on Thursday morning. The House made a motion to override the bill the same morning. It takes 84 votes in the House to override the veto and 27 in the Senate. Due to the absence of one of the House members who was attending a funeral out of town, the House delayed action until next week. If the House of Representatives successfully overrides the Governor’s veto, the override will be taken up by the Senate.

The bill directs KDHE to terminate the program over a 12-month period if the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) falls below the percentages established under the federal health care and education reconciliation act of 2010.

- 94% calendar year 2018
- 93% calendar year 2019
- 90% calendar year 2020 and each year thereafter

Debate on this bill was robust, especially in the wake of the Republican-led Congress’s inability to push through an anticipated repeal and replace vote on the Affordable Care Act, which would have dramatically altered Medicaid and states’ expansion eligibility.

The House now has 30 days to vote to override the veto. If the House overrides the veto with 2/3 majority, the bill will then come to the Senate for a vote; if the House fails to override and sustains the veto, the bill is dead for this legislative session.

Other Senate activities. On Monday, our Ways and Means Sub-committee agreed with the House on changes to the rescission budget bill of 2017.

On Thursday, the Senate passed Senate Substitute for SB 189, an appropriations bill containing FY 2017 adjustments and a two-year budget for FY 2018 and FY 2019. The proposed budget includes additional funding for the University of Kansas and Kansas State University to moderately restore the cuts both these schools received in 2016. It also includes funding for a 2% pay raise for state employees, who haven’t seen an across-the-board increase in 10 years. (The raise does not apply to legislators.) The bill removed many of the Governor’s budget proposals, such as selling off the state’s future tobacco settlement payments in exchange for a lump sum and consolidating all K-12 school employees into a single state-run health plan.

During debate on the floor, an amendment was brought to allow the Senate to wait until May, once updated revenue estimates are received, to decide whether to add roughly \$140 million to make a final quarterly payment into KPERs in 2018

and another \$198 million at the end of fiscal year 2019. The bill would spend roughly \$6.3 billion from the State General Fund and close to \$16 billion from all funds. This does not include any additional funding for K-12 education, which is being handled through separate bills in both the House and Senate.

SB 138 changes the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) pertaining to working after retirement. The bill would exempt from the earnings cap those retirees who retired on July 1, 2009, or later; were retired for more than 60 days prior to July 1, 2017; and were subsequently hired in a school position requiring a license. Under current law, only retirees who retired prior to May 1, 2015, are eligible for this exemption. The special exemption, which is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2020, would become permanent. The special education and certified hard-to-fill positions would be eliminated; the exemption for licensed school personnel would remain. The annual duty of the State Board of Education to certify the top five hard-to-fill positions would be repealed.

Next week is the last legislative week before first adjournment, so debating Conference Committee agreements will be a top priority. While we’ve passed a large number of bills aimed at bettering Kansas, we know we still have a few large agenda items to address before gaveling out in May—including balancing our budget and creating a school finance formula.

Legislative Update

March 27 -31, 2017

This week the legislature progressed to moving bills unrelated to the budget, taxes, or school finance out of the respective chambers and on to conference committee or the Governor. Progress was made on the budget. Leaders from the House and Senate budget committees met to hammer out differences between their respective rescission bills for FY17. After a few rounds of negotiations and give and take from both sides, they came to a final compromise on Tuesday that leaves \$50 million in the state coffers on June 30. The projected \$280 million hole is primarily filled using money from the state’s unclaimed property investment fund – to be paid back over six years starting in FY19 – and continuing to delay some scheduled payments to KPERs.

The Senate completed work on its FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets (See Substitute for SB 189) which leaves the state \$268 million short in FY18 and \$280 million in FY19. The House Appropriations Committee finished work on its FY 2018 and FY 2019 budget (See Substitute for HB 2364) which like the Senate’s measure, it rejects most of the components from the Governor’s proposed budget

and holds off major spending until the Veto Session. Without more revenue, the bill leaves a deficit of \$248 million in FY18 and \$237 million in FY19.

The full House will debate the budgets next week. Yesterday was the last day for bills not “blessed” by the Speaker or Senate President to be considered in either chamber. The Legislature is not in session today.

Education:

The House K-12 School Finance committee met several times this week. An early proposal, HB 2410 was defeated in committee. The committee will continue work next week. Although the Kansas Supreme Court did not specify a dollar amount needed to satisfy constitutional adequacy in their most recent ruling, it’s been reported that the consensus of the committee is to increase state funding by \$150 million over the next five years.

Here’s what else we know about **House Bill 2410** so far:

- \$4,170 base state aid per pupil, up from \$3,852 two years ago.
- Weightings for additional funding to target at-risk, lower-performing students.
- Fully funds all-day Kindergarten, additional funding for low-income preschool programs.
- \$800k for teacher mentoring and \$1.7 million for teacher professional development. Local option budget authority for districts to raise additional funds for enhanced programs without public vote.

Tax:

The House and Senate Tax Committees are continuing to consider all options on how to fill the budget holes for FY18 and FY19. This week, the House Tax Committee reluctantly passed out a single tier, 5% “flat tax” bill, effective January 1, 2018, that also reduces the tax on food from 6.5% to 5%. Initial estimates show **Substitute for House Bill 2395** to raise \$373.7 million in FY18 and \$472.7 million in FY19. Other components of the bill include taxing business pass-through income retroactive to January 1, 2017, repealing the “March to Zero” income tax-lowering trigger, allowing medical expenses to be deducted at 100%, and increasing standard deductions from \$3,000 to \$7,500 for individuals and from \$7,500 to \$15,000 for married filers. The food sales tax reduction would not go into effect until January 1, 2019 and would not apply to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, dietary supplements or soft drinks. The House bill awaits debate by the full Chamber next week. Meanwhile, the Senate Tax

Committee is also considering a “flat tax” bill of 3.5% based on the federal adjusted gross income and will continue their discussions on Monday.

Scrap Metal:

During floor debate on HB 2153 Senator Caryn Tyson offered an amendment that would allow scrap metal dealers additional time to comply with registration and reporting requirements of the Scrap Metal Act first adopted in 2007 (K.S.A. 50-6,109). The amendment was modeled after SB 239. While there were no formal hearings on the issue, there were several meetings between scrap metal dealers and industries (including KFB) that worked for passage of the original scrap metal dealer act. Those industries include the electric utilities, electricians, telecommunications, and agricultural sector. A working group was formed. Members of the working group met with Senator Tyson throughout the week to modify the amendment to assure that the crime of metal theft was still in place and violators could be prosecuted.

Agriculture:

The House passed HB 2182, allowing the research and production of industrial hemp in Kansas, by a vote of 103-18. The bill will now go to the Senate for further consideration. KFB supports this bill. The Senate passed HB 2312, which codifies the administrative procedures utilized by the Kansas Department of Agriculture on certain appeals of fertilizer and water issues. The bill passed 38-1. The bill was not amended by the Senate, so it will now go to the governor for his consideration. The Senate passed HB 2095 by a vote of 39-1. This bill is a compromise between the over-the-road truckers, multiple agricultural entities and the railroads. The bill will allow a special permit for trucks to haul up to 90,000 pounds with a sixth axle. The bill will now go to the House for either a motion to concur

or discussion in conference committee. Kansas Farm Bureau remains in a neutral position on the bill.

Water:

SB 46 passed the house by a vote of 105-20. This bill contains language that will increase the flexibility for producers to utilize their water when creating Water Conservation Areas. The bill also includes language that requires a water right holder claiming impairment to exhaust their administrative remedies with DWR before filing an impairment claim in a district court. Importantly, the bill also requires DWR to decide an impairment claim within 12 months in most situations. The House added an amendment that defines impairment the same way as impairment is defined in the statutes authorizing new water rights. This amendment raises concerns with many stakeholders and will likely be removed in conference committee. The bill will have already been sent to conference. KFB supports the WCA and administrative remedies portions of the bill.

Regulatory Freedom:

The Senate passed HCR 5003 by a vote of 27-13. This Resolution encourages Congress to pass a regulatory freedom constitutional amendment that would require all major regulations be approved by Congress before becoming effective. KFB supports HCR 5003.

Outlook:

Conference Committees are scheduled to meet next week, while the House and Senate will continue to churn through bills on the floor. Leaders are hoping to see significant action on the biennial budget, tax revenue package and school finance formula before first adjournment next Friday. Legislators return to Topeka for the Veto Session on May 1, where their main task will be to pass the final, catch-all “omnibus” budget bill based on the consensus estimating group’s revenue announcements on April 20.

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National Library Week

MONDAY 4/10:
3:40 pm BLT Meeting
7:00 pm BOE Meeting

TUESDAY 4/11:
1:00 pm Jr High Track
2:00 pm Varsity Gold-Goodland Invitational
3:00 pm Varsity Track-Stockton Invitational

WEDNESDAY 4/12:
8:30 am FFA Agronomy, Horticulture

THURSDAY 4/13:
3:00 pm Jr Varsity Golf-Hill City Invitational
3:30 pm Varsity Track-Hill City Invitational

FRIDAY 4/14:
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Breakfast Round, Cereal, Diced Peaches, Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY 4/12:
Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Bananas, Juice, Milk

THURSDAY 13:
Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Fruit Cocktail, Juice, Milk

FRIDAY 4/14:
NO SCHOOL

LUNCH

MONDAY 4/10:
Chicken Nuggets, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Beets, Rolls, Apricots, Mixed Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY 4/11:
Crispito w/ Cheese Breadstick, Curly French Fries, Corn, Romaine Garden Salad, Tomatoes, Pineapple Tidbits, Apple Wedges w/ Caramel, Milk

WEDNESDAY 4/12:
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Carrots, Rolls, Diced Peaches, Bananas, Peanut Butter Crunchy Cookie, Milk

THURSDAY 4/13:
Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Corn, Salad, Tomatoes, Breadstick, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Delight, Apricots, Milk

FRIDAY 4/14:
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Alaura Howery: Poetry - 3rd Place

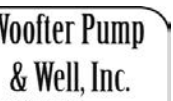
Feb 18: Ransom
Alaura Howery: Serious Solo - 6th
Karlissa Shepherd: Prose - 7th

Feb 23: Plainville
Skyler Denio: Poetry - 7th Place



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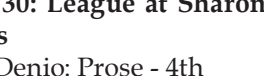
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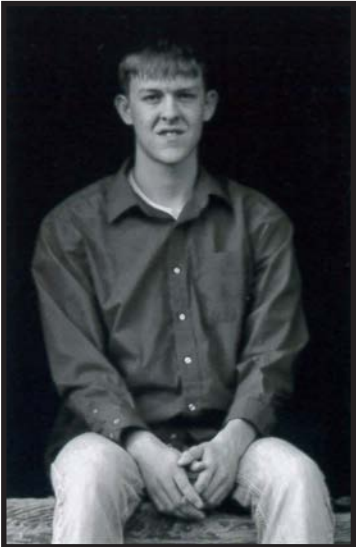


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Rotary Students of the Month March & April



Hoxie senior Grant Johnson is the March Rotary Student of the Month. He is involved in National Honor Society, track, and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Youth Group. Grant is the son of Richard and Kristin Johnson. (HHS Courtesy photo)



Devynn Snider, Hoxie senior, is the April Rotary Student of the Month. Devynn is the FFA secretary, the yearbook co-section editor for student life, a cheerleader, and a member of FCCLA, Pops Choir, Choir and on the CYO leadership team. She is the daughter of Wendy and Bernie Schieferecke and Jeremy and Janie Snider. (HHS Courtesy photo)

2017 FORENSICS RANKINGS



Alaura Howery: Poetry - 2nd Place (State Qualify)
Solo - 1st (State Qualify)
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Halie Weese: Prose - 8th
Karlissa Shepherd: Informative - 2nd (State Qualify)
Karlissa Shepherd: Prose - 5th

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NWKS League Honors



Hoxie Lady Indian basketball players who earned All Northwest Kansas League Honors are junior Lilly Schamberger - First Team; senior Brynn Niblock - First Team; and junior Rebekah Castle - Third Team. (HHS courtesy photo)



Hoxie High School boys' basketball players who earned All Northwest Kansas League Honors are: sophomore Logan Weimer - Honorable Mention; junior Latham Schwarz - First Team; junior Easton Slipke - First Team; and sophomore Jarrod Dible - Third Team. (HHS courtesy photo)

Golf Season Begins



Junior Easton Slipke tees off on hole #9 at the Oberlin Golf Tournament on March 30. Easton shot an 88 to place fifth. The team placed second. (HHS courtesy photo)



Golden Plains Schools



Freshmen Hold First Dodgeball Tournament



Devin Carter (right) cringes at the line as his teammates (l-r) Amanda Cheney, Mabel Lugo, and Austin Patmon prepare for revenge during the GPHS Dodgeball tournament. Although their team didn't win, all agreed it was a fun day. (Photo courtesy GPHS)



The "Little Big Shots" was the youngest team to compete in the Golden Plains Freshman class sponsored Dodgeball tournament in Rexford. Winning team members received championship t-shirts. Team members included Koen Schaben, Katie Carter, Quinnley Taylor, Parker Vahling, Brenlynn Rath, and Ty Fenner. (Photo courtesy GPHS)

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Jose Ortiz gets ready to launch a ball during the fierce high school competition at the Golden Plains Dodgeball Tournament. Four high school teams competed with the "Unstopaballs" winning the tournament. (Photo courtesy GPHS)



Will Bruggeman focuses on his opponent during the first ever dodgeball tournament in Rexford on March 25. His team, the Fighting Llamas, placed second in the elementary division. (Photo courtesy GPHS)

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GP Players Receive Post-Season Honors



Dawson Spresser, Gabrielle Schiltz, KayCee Miller and Brett Gerbitz have all been recognized for their efforts on the basketball floor this past year with multiple post-season honors including All-League, All-State, and All-Star status. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

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Golden Plains High School Track Teams



Golden Plains High School Boys Track Team: front: Austin Patmon, Chucky Hernandez, Jacob Ritter, Christopher Stoltz, Joseph Yanez-Perez, Sem Flores; back: Dylan Spresser, Nolan Ritter, Dawson Spresser, Austin Rivera, Caleb Korte, Nicolai Schuellner. Not pictured: Coach Travis Smith, Coach Laura Rush, Manager Kellee Snyder. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

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Golden Plains High School Girls Track Team: front: Noel Ritter, Malilah Green, Haley Miller, Amanda Cheney, Karla Hernandez-Lopez, KayCee Miller, Maggi Nieman; back: Jennifer Esparza, Karri Schaben, Mabel Lugo, Kaylie Schaben, Gabrielle Schiltz, Candace Taylor, Taryn Fleckenstein. Not pictured: Coach Travis Smith, Coach Laura Rush, Manager Kellee Snyder. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

GP Elementary Basketball



First Grade: Front: Madison Focke, Evelyn Ortiz, Brenlynn Rath, Cristian Garcia; Back: Maleea Valdez-Castell, Mayte Hernandez-Lopez, Tannor Todd, Lakin Wark (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Second Grade: Front: Addy Wessel, Quinnley Taylor, Amia Durham, Marisol Perez; Back: Estella Vargas, Kailee Wessel, Katie Carter, Jordyn Bange, Jaden Mayfield (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Third/Fourth Grade Girls: Front: Madilyn Green, Mariah Barnett, Anais Cepeda, Siena Vargas; Back: Hayden Wark, Jaqueline Manriquez, Anette Hernandez-Lopez, Emma Carter (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Third/Fourth Grade Boys: Front: Maddix Green, Dylan Wark, Josh Rath, Diego Perez, Dominic Stout; Back: William Knowles, Jaxson Vasbinder, Owen Patmon, Abe Taylor, Miguel Garcia (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Fifth Grade: front: Blake Durham, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Will Bruggeman, Valeria Ortiz; back: Jerrit Koerperich, Ava Brantley, Valentina Bermudez, Tayten Barnett (Photo by Judy Rogers)



BULLDOGS' CALENDAR

MONDAY 4/10:
3:15 pm NHS Inductions
TUESDAY 4/11:
10:30 am HS Track-Triplains
1:00 pm MS Track @ Rawlins County Invitational
THURSDAY 4/13:
10:00 am MS Track @ Northern Valley Invitational
3:30 pm HS Track @ Hill City

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MONDAY 4/10:
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TUESDAY 4/11:
B: Grilled Cheese
L: Chicken Patty
WEDNESDAY 4/12:
B: Scrambled Eggs
L: Surprise Pizza
THURSDAY 4/13:
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L: Frito Pie
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NWKS News

Use Your Head

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

With the unseasonably mild winter, it isn't any wonder that daffodils, scilla and crocus plants have been shooting out of the cool Kansas soil. While a cold snap could severely damage these plants, their emergence has many people thinking about spring gardening and the joys that accompany the blooming of future flowers. Although mishaps are seldom equated with simple gardening tasks, injuries are never far away whenever man, materials and tools combine. While it usually results in no more than a simple scratch, painful or disabling injuries are possible.

By combining common sense and a few basic safety rules, many of these accidents can be prevented. Consider the following tips when using hand tools in your garden this spring.

While you might find it a bit uncomfortable, wearing safety goggles is a good idea. Goggles will prevent dirt, sand rock chips or other flying debris from entering or hitting your eyes. They will also prevent insects like an unhappy wasp or bee from heading for your eyes.

Steel-toed shoes or other protective footwear is another must for gardening success. This will allow you to safeguard toes and feet by wearing sturdy shoes that will withstand an errant swing or stab of your favorite hoe or spade.

Remember to choose the correct tool for the job. This means selecting the tool for the function intended. Pick a tool for its length and weight; make sure it fits your body size. If you don't know, ask a professional. This may mean going to a specialty shop or garden store rather than a

discount store.

Today, there are special tools available for smaller garden spaces.

When buying tools, select ergonomic features that reduce strain and fatigue. They will also provide safety and may be easier to use.

Maintenance, maintenance and more maintenance. Keep your tools in tip-top condition. Make sure handles fit tight. Replace any that are cracked or split. Replace tools that are chipped, bent or have battered heads. Sharpen spades, hoes and trowels. Clean them after each use.

Examine your yard. Avoid hitting hard objects with your tools. Doing so could cause damage to them, but more importantly to you. Scout out areas that may contain thorns or dreaded poison ivy. Beware and stay clear.

Take breaks when you become tired. While it's almost impossible to do, cut down on long stretches of repetitive motions. Vary tasks.

Like anything else, use proper technique. Grasp the tool for maximum leverage with minimum strain. Use the "garden" rule - not to be confused with the golden rule - with hammer-swing tools, shake hands when gripping the tool. Let the weight of the tool head do the work. Don't force the action. It's much easier and safer too.

Above all, get out and enjoy the beauty of nature. But remember, stay safe so you can enjoy working in the garden for many years to come.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.



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The Root... "Soil Basics"

By: Alyssa Rippe, Twin Creeks Extension District Agent - Livestock and Horticulture

Have you ever wondered just what exactly is so important about the soil in your garden? Oftentimes, we get caught up in deciding which varieties to grow and which flowers look prettiest that we forget about the most fundamental part of our garden; soil. So, what makes a good garden soil? Organic matter, or decomposing plants and animals, is an important part. Many times, soil tests show between 2 and 5% organic matter. The higher the organic matter percentage is in your soil, the greater the water-holding capacity of your soil will be. Healthy soils containing adequate organic matter will be dark brown or almost black in color. If you want to increase the organic matter in your soil, you have many options including adding compost, manure, or even putting in a cover crop in the fall.

Another component of good soil is the elements it contains. In our area, plants are generally limited by nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and sometimes

iron. Three of those elements, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, make up 95% of a plant's needs. If you have seen thin, spindly stems, pale or yellow foliage, and small leaves on some of your vegetable plants, you most likely have a nitrogen deficiency in your soil. If you have experienced short plants that have a purplish tinge to their leaves, it can be linked to a phosphorus deficiency. Finally, if you have seen older leaves turn gray or brown around the edge, you may be potassium deficient. Taking a soil test can determine exactly what your soil contains and what you may need to add. Visit your local extension office for information, to check out a soil probe, and to get your sample sent to a laboratory.

The Chute... "Preventing Grass Tetany"

Adapted from "A Pinch of Salt" by Chris Reinhardt, Ph.D., Extension Feedlot Specialist

Preparation is key. We've all heard this saying countless times in countless circumstances. For farmers and ranchers, preparation for the coming spring comes in many forms. One of those is preparing your cattle herd for eating lush, green pasture that can induce grass tetany.

As Chris Reinhardt, extension feedlot specialist from Kansas State University writes, grass tetany, or grass staggers, most commonly occurs in spring when lactating cows are out on lush, cool-season grasses. These grasses tend to have low magnesium and high potassium levels. This coupled with a cow's increased magnesium loss in milk can lead to insufficient blood magnesium and a condition known as grass tetany.

When cattle suffer from grass tetany, they experience staggers, lie on their side and convulse, and may ultimately die. Often, these animals are not found until it is too late. Therefore preparation and prevention are key. Dr. Reinhardt explains the most common way to prevent grass tetany is to put out a free-choice mineral mix with 8-12% magnesium and a separate free-choice, loose salt. Both should be located near the animal's water source to increase consumption. Cattle should have access to elevated magnesium mineral and loose salt 2-3 weeks before turning them out and the entire time they are grazing lush, rapid-growing pasture. Prevent grass tetany now so you don't have to worry about it later.

Red Cross Spring Blood Drive

Eligible blood donors of all blood types are encouraged to give blood through the American Red Cross this spring to help ensure a sufficient supply for hospital patients.

Donated blood is perishable and must constantly be replenished to keep up with hospital patient need. Red blood cells are the blood component most frequently transfused by hospitals and must be used within 42 days of donation.

Eligible donors can give red blood cells through either a regular whole blood donation or a Power Red donation, where available. Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells during a single donation, allowing them to maximize their impact. During this type of donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and the plasma and platelets are safely and comfortably returned to the donor.

While donors of all blood types are encouraged to give blood, type O, A negative and B negative donors are urged to give Power Reds if they meet the additional eligibility criteria. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type in an emergency. Similarly, type O positive can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type. Types A

negative and B negative can be transfused to Rh-positive or negative patients. Power Red donations help ensure a stable supply of these critical blood types.

Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, up to six times a year, and Power Red donations may be made every 112 days, up to three times per year.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcross-blood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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4/20/2017: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hill City High School, 1 Ringneck Dr.
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How to help

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/ RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

Kansas: Anti-Gun Legislators Attempting to Push More Gun-Free Zone Legislation

Your NRA-ILA has learned that Minority Leader Jim Ward is expected to use a procedural move tomorrow to bring up an unrelated bill and amend it on the House floor. This amendment would seek to ban the full implementation of the Public

Building Security Act before it is set to go into effect on July 1st. Please contact your state Representative immediately and strongly urge them to oppose any such amendment, Representative Ward's amendment will attempt to

prevent the lawful carry of a firearm for self-defense and should be opposed. Again, please contact your state Representative and urge them to OPPOSE Representative Ward's anti-gun amendment or



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On the Edge of Common Sense

Hi-Horned Red Cow's Calf

By Baxter Black, DVM

I have calved a lot of heifers in my life...thousands. All of us who have that type of experience know that after the sweat and strain, the slick and sticky, the hope and pull, the grunt and sigh, when the wet little creature plops on the ground, sometimes there is a moment that time stands still. A second, or two or five, we stare, our world suspended, waiting for a sign.

Then the new baby sniffs, or blinks, or sneezes, or wiggles an ear, and at that moment it feels as though a burden has been lifted from our shoulders. We did it. We did it again. Just regular common people like us, engaged in that age-old profession of stockman, have participated in a miracle; life being passed from one generation to the next.

It is no small thing to be a part of and every time it happens, it renews us. The miracle never diminishes. As urbanization inexorably isolates people from the land, fewer and fewer humans are able to participate in this ancient experience. It is our loss.

We have finished calving at my place, none of the cows needed help delivering, for which I'm thankful. But each new little critter trailing after his mama or kickin' up his heels makes ya smile.

Last week the high-horned red cow finally calved. Baby was solid red like mama. I sat there the next day a'horseback and studied him for a few minutes. Long enough to figure out it was a bull calf and getting' plenty to eat. Satisfied, I swung away and started back through the mesquite on a cow trail. I heard a mama bawlin' and looked back to see that it was the high-horned red cow. I swept the horizon for her calf, then looked down. There he was right behind my horse's hind leg trailin' along with us. I stopped. The little calf bumped into my stirrup. He looked confused. He could hear his mama but something didn't smell right. I reached down and patted his head. He looked up at me, as if to say, "What are you doin' here?"

About that time my dog stuck his nose to the baby's tail. He jumped like a deer, straight-legged and trotted back toward his mama in his ungainly tryin'-out-his-new-legs, kinda gait. It was pretty funny. The dog and I couldn't help but laugh.

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USDA Approves CRP Grazing for Ranchers Affected by Wildfires

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), acting in response to a directive from President Trump, today authorized emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands located in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas – the three states which were most heavily impacted by ongoing wildfires which began on March 6, 2017. USDA Acting Deputy Secretary Michael L. Young issued a memorandum authorizing the emergency grazing of cattle by ranchers, who are facing the ruination of their herds due to lack of sufficient grazing land. The authorization is pursuant to appropriate restrictions and conservation measures, which can be found in the Acting Deputy Secretary's memorandum.

"Ranchers are facing devastating conditions and economic calamity because of these wildfires and they need some relief, or else they face the total loss of their herds in many cases," said Acting Deputy Secretary Young. "These measures will allow them to salvage what remains of their cattle and return to the important business of feeding Americans and the rest of the world. I commend and thank President Trump for acting decisively in response to this dire situation."

The USDA action is required to direct the Farm Service Agency to permit the grazing on lands covered by the CRP, which exists to conserve and improve wildlife resources. In this case, the grazing will overlap with the primary nesting season of the lesser prairie chicken. CRP has procedures in place, already developed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to permit emergency grazing on protected lands during nesting season. Lesser prairie chicken nesting season runs in Texas from March 1 to June 1, in Kansas from April 15 to July 15, and in Oklahoma from May 1 to July 1.

Ranchers and farmers

are only now able to begin to estimate losses, since the fires are still burning in some places and access to the lands to survey the damage has been limited. Damages in the states are expected to grow, but are now estimated as follows:

- Kansas**
 - Counties affected include Clark, Comanche, Ellis, Ellsworth, Ford, Hodgeman, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Meade, Ness, Russell, and Seward.
 - An estimated 630,000 acres burned, primarily pasturelands.
 - Estimated livestock loss: between 3,000 and 9,000 head of cattle.
 - Large volumes of hay and feed destroyed.
 - Estimated cost of fencing destroyed exceeds \$36 million.
- Oklahoma**
 - Counties affected include Beaver, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, Woodward, and Woods.
 - An estimated 389,533 acres burned.
 - Estimated livestock loss: 3,000 head of cattle.
 - An estimated cost of structure loss of \$2 million.
 - Estimated cost of fencing destroyed exceeds \$22 million.
- Texas**
 - Counties affected include Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.
 - An estimated 550,000 acres burned, affecting 346 farms and ranches.
 - Estimated livestock loss: at least 3,000 cattle and 1,900 swine.
 - Thousands of miles of fences expected to be a total loss, but so far unable to be surveyed.

The Acting Deputy Secretary's memorandum can be found on the USDA website

Ag in the Classroom

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) was founded in 1982. In 1985, KFAC held the first summer graduate course for Kansas teachers. KFAC's goal is to connect classrooms to Kansas agriculture. This commitment is aimed at providing teachers with agricultural experiences, credible resources and standards-based, hands-on lesson plans. KFAC is working on a new lesson plan for teachers called "Graze Like a Cow" that will be completed by April and will concentrate on the ruminant digestive system. KBC encourages all teachers to request this lesson plan, or any others, by reaching out to Cathy Musick, KFAC Executive Director, 785-320-4350 or ksfac@ksu.edu. We would also like to encourage all producers to reach out to teachers in their area and share with them the mission of KFAC and the benefits of introducing their lesson plans into their schools. For more information, you can visit KFAC's website at <http://www.ksagclassroom.org/index.htm>.

A New Season of Real Ag Begins

The sixth season of Smoky Hills Public Television's *Real Ag* begins Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Exploring the agriculture industry, *Real Ag* is a local production that appeals to everyone from the farmer to the consumer. Each week a new topic is investigated and explained with the assistance of host Kyle Bauer, general manager of KFRM radio.

This season *Real Ag* will begin with a look at agritourism opportunities in the state. The following week, *Real Ag* will explore the use of robotic milking machines at dairies. Other topics planned for this season include honey, breweries, equipment and technology, food inspections, fish farms and artificial insemination of cattle.

Real Ag airs on Thursday nights at 7:30 with an encore Sunday afternoons at 1:30. Previous episodes can be viewed at smokyhillstv.org.

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Kansas Hog Inventory

Kansas inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2017, was 1.99 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 3 percent from March 1, 2016, and up 4 percent from December 1, 2016.

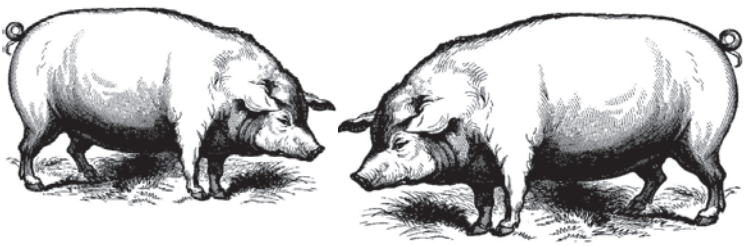
Breeding hog inventory, at 165,000 head, was down 6 percent from March 1, 2016, but unchanged from last quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 1.83 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 5 percent from last quarter.

The December 2016 - February 2017 Kansas pig crop, at 800,000 head, was down 13 per-

cent from 2016. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 80,000 head, down 11 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.00 for the December - February period, compared to 10.20 last year.

Kansas hog producers intend to farrow 83,000 sows during the March - May 2017 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for June - August 2017 quarter are 83,000 sows, down 7 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.



Kansas March 1, 2017 Grain Stocks

Kansas **corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2017 totaled 292 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Of the total, 79.0 million bushels are stored on farms, up 10 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 213 million bushels, are down slightly from last year.

Wheat stored in all positions totaled 368 million bushels, up 41 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks of 15.5 million bushels are up 68 percent from 2016 and off-farm stocks of 352 million bushels are up 40 percent from last year.

Sorghum stored in all positions totaled 117 million bushels, down 11 percent from 2016. On-farm stocks of 13.5 million bushels are down 16 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks of 103 million bushels are down 10

percent from last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions totaled a record high 84.0 million bushels, up 31 percent from last year. On-farm stocks of 16.0 million bushels are up 14 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks, at a record high 68.0 million bushels, are up 36 percent from 2016.

2017 Kansas Prospective Plantings

MANHATTAN, Kan. March 31, 2017- Kansas corn growers intend to plant 5.20 million acres this year, up 2 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 5.00 million acres, up 23 percent from last year.

Winter wheat acres seeded in the fall of 2016 are estimated at 7.50 million, down 12 percent from last

year.

Sorghum growers in Kansas intend to plant 2.50 million acres, down 19 percent from a year ago.

All hay acreage to be harvested is expected to total 2.60 million acres, unchanged from last year's acreage.

Sunflower producers expect to plant 69,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2016. Oil type varieties account for 55,000 acres, up 22 percent from a year ago. Non-oil varieties made up the balance of 14,000 acres, down 22 percent.

Oat intentions are estimated at 95,000 acres, down 21 percent from last year.

Canola planted acreage is expected to be 43,000 acres, up 72 percent from 2016.

Cotton producers expect to plant 56,000 acres, up 75 percent from a year ago.

Estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March.

Kansas Wheat Acreage Seeded 2013 - 2017, by District							
District Totals							
YEAR	WC	SW	NC	C	NE	EC	SE
1,000 Acres							
2013	1,109.5	1,585.0	1,208.6	1,495.0	125.7	261.8	546.4
2014	1,234.5	1,711.5	1,196.8	1,482.3	108.8	180.3	416.3
2015	1,193.2	1,643.0	1,115.8	1,372.7	97.2	161.9	451.7
2016	1,071.8	1,502.0	1,006.0	1,350.8	64.7	132.9	404.8
2017*	980.0	1,370.0	830.0	1,210.0	45.0	80.0	305.0

* Preliminary

Kansas Crop Progress & Condition

For the week ending April 2, 2017, temperatures averaged near normal for the majority of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much needed rain fell across the entire State. Every county averaged at least one inch of precipitation, with most counties averaging two to three inches. There were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 8 percent very short, 18 short, 58 adequate, and 16 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 63 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 37 fair, 40 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 31 percent, behind 40 last year, but near the five-year average of 30.

Corn planting was underway in southern counties and was 3 percent complete statewide, near 5 last year and 2 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent. Calving progress was 81 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 57 average, and 42 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 81 good, and 4 excellent. Lambing progress was 91 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 60 average, and 40 light.

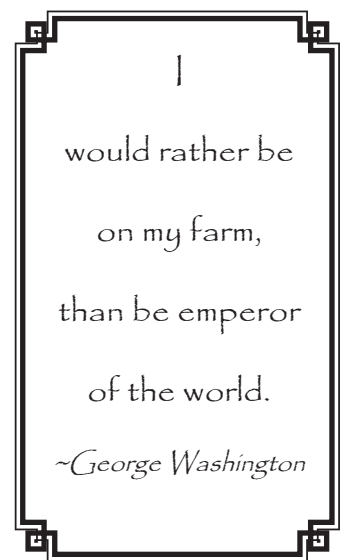
Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 83 adequate, 9 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 8 short, 78 adequate, and 12 surplus.



EPA Denies Environmentalists' Petition on Chlorpyrifos

On March 29, the Environmental Protection Agency, under the new direction of Scott Pruitt, denied a petition filed in 2007 by environmental groups calling for a ban on the pesticide Chlorpyrifos, a major win for the agricultural industry. The decision reverses a November 2016 EPA proposal that called for revoking the pesticide's permitted tolerances. According to the agency's notice, "further evaluation of the science during the remaining time for completion of registration review is warranted to achieve greater certainty as to whether the potential exists for adverse neurodevelopmental effects to occur from human exposures to Chlorpyrifos." National Sorghum Producers has actively supported keeping Chlorpyrifos in the hands of sorghum producers and is encouraged by the EPA's decision.



UPCOMING SORGHUM EVENTS

April 14 Office Closed for Good Friday, *Lubbock, Texas*
April 18 Swisher Spring Ag Day, *Tulia, Texas*
May 1-2 NAFB Washington Watch, *Washington, D.C.*
May 4 PGFA Conference, *Amarillo, Texas*
June 9 McLennan County Row Crop Tour, *Waco, Texas*
June 16 McLennan County Row Crop Tour-Westside, *Crawford, Texas*

NSP Signs Letter Supporting Estate Tax Repeal

Last week, the National Sorghum Producers joined several family farm and ranch organizations on a letter asking Congress to support a permanent repeal of the estate tax. The letter says, "Family farmers and ranchers are not only the caretakers of our nation's rural lands but they are also small businesses. The estate tax is especially damaging to agriculture because we are a land-based, capital-intensive industry with few options for pay estate taxes when they come due. Unfortunately, all too often at the time of

death, farming and ranching families are forced to sell off land, farm equipment, parts of the operation or take out loans to pay off tax liabilities and attorney's fees."

The letter also asks Congress to preserve the stepped-up basis policy, which limits the amount of property value appreciation that is subject to capital gains taxes if the inherited assets are sold. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) said tax reform is now clearly the main focus.



NEW BEEF DEMAND INDICES

Beef demand is critical to understand and monitor as it directly influences overall beef industry prosperity. When beef demand strengthens, beef and cattle prices for the entire industry are higher than they otherwise would be, says Kansas State University Economist Glynn Tonsor. This highlights the clear economic value in accurately measuring beef demand. One way to do this is through construction of an index that provides an easy-to-understand, single-measure indicator of beef demand over time. A beef checkoff-funded study by Glynn Tonsor and Ted Schroeder, both of Kansas State University, recently examined the feasibility of developing new foodservice and grocery store beef demand indices.

City & County

BOE Agenda

1. Opening
 - a. Call to order: Flag Salute
 - b. **Additions to and approval of agenda**
 - c. Recognition of Visitors
 - d. Communications to Board
 - i. Motion for Executive Session – (Matters Affecting a Student)
2. Examination and Approval of Business Reports
 - a. **Current Bills**
 - b. **Treasurer's Report**
 - c. **Activity Funds**
 - d. **Monthly Budget Summary**
3. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve minutes of meeting(s).
 - i. **Approve March 13 (Regular Board Meeting)**
 - b. Review Board Goals
 - i. Accountability (from top to bottom), Follow through, Leadership, Effective evaluations (district employees from top to bottom)
 - ii. Communication and trust at all levels
 - iii. Curriculum Alignment/ Create student opportunity, dual credit
 - iv. Understand budget
 - c. **Negotiations**
 - d. **Memorandum of Agreement for Colby Community College**
 - e. Classified Handbook
4. Department Reports
 - a. Principal Reports
 - i. Jim
 - ii. Gary
 - b. NKESC Report
 - c. Legislative Updates
 - d. Transportation/ Maintenance Report
 - e. Technology Report
 - f. Food Service
 - g. Superintendent's Report
5. New Business
 - a. Winter Coaching Evaluations
 - b. **Motion for Executive Session – (Non-Elected Personal)**
 - c. **Supplemental Contracts**
 - d. **Consider Resignation / Non-Renewals**
 - e. **Consider new hires**
6. Adjournment

BOT Minutes

Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 11:57 am in the Conference Room. Members in attendance were Lucille Heim, Leanna Sloan, Ken Eland, and Michael Mullins. Also present were Niceta Farber, Michael O'Dell, Shelby Moss and Rebecca Bird.

A motion was made to approve the agenda with one addition. 5-0

Teresa Poage presented the QAPI and Risk Management reports. A motion was made to approve the QAPI Policies & Procedures as presented. 5-0 Risk Management reports were distributed and reviewed.

Pam Popp presented the Clinic report. Pam submitted the annual FQHC Service Area Competition Grant in January. The FQHC Board approved working on the Community Based Primary Care Clinic grant for a total of \$120,000 with the facility to match \$60,000. Pam and Julie Britton are working on the Sunflower Technology Grant for a new copier in the clinic. The Patient Centered Medical Home grant submission is in progress and due by July 1, 2017. The Clinic has received \$952,000 in federal funding and will have to complete a federal audit due to this amount.

Misty Stewart presented the LTC report. LTC reports were distributed including information on LTC census,

staffing, regulation updates, staff work comp incidents, staffing applications and hires, agency coverage, and equipment updates.

Niceta presented the Corporate Compliance report. There have been zero violations and the committee began quarterly meetings.

A motion was made to approve the January 30, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. 5-0

Financial statements were reviewed.

The bad debt write-offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debt write-offs for January 2017 in the amount of \$5,111.86 for the Hospital. 5-0

A motion was made to approve January Accounts Payable in the amount of \$684,833.95. 5-0

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Employee updates were reviewed.

The budget was discussed. A motion was made to approve the budget as discussed. 5-0

Provider recruitment was discussed.

Progress on the USDA was discussed.

All LTC windows have been installed.

The Business Office remodel is almost complete.

Nicole Roudybush entered the meeting to discuss the Nuance system which would replace the CD burner temporarily.

Ken Eland exited the meeting at 3:59 pm.

Wireless quotes were discussed. A motion was made to approve the quote from IT Outlet as presented. 4-0

The copier lease renewal decreased by \$3,000 from the original quote by adding an extra unit due to usage.

Quotes for the Thin Client project in the FQHC were discussed. A motion was made to approve the purchase of Thin Clients through the Alexander Open Systems Inc. to be paid by grant funds. 4-0

Quotes for Zoll monitors were discussed. The Fall Ball funds were raised for this purchase. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the Zoll monitors with Fall Ball funds. 4-0

A motion was made to approve the EMIALA policy ref .2302 as presented. 4-0

Discussion was held on switching employee life insurance companies.

Discussion was held on purchasing 2 air mattresses in the amount of \$5,300. The Auxiliary has approved to pay for half of this purchase. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the air mattresses with the use of the Auxiliary donation and Gifts and Bequests funds. 4-0

A motion was made to approve Christopher Koch, MD (radiology) for re-appointment as consulting staff. 4-0 The Auxiliary Soup Supper raised approximately \$1,700 from donations and had approximately 110 participants.

The Annual Board Meeting will be March 27, 2017 in the LTC Dining Room at 11:30 am.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, March 27, 2017 at 11:30 am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 pm. 4-0

Commission Minutes 3/27/2017

Now on this 27th day of March, 2017, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Troy Dewey presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Vic Bielser and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

Bracht shared correspondence with the board from Wichita County indicating that Wichita County was withdrawing from the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group effective June 30, 2017.

County Attorney Joe Pratt entered the meeting.

Dewey made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Ross Carder, Sheridan County Fire Chief. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Carder asked that the burn ban remain in place for another week and then see how things look. The commissioners agreed.

Dewey made a motion, seconded by Bielser to approve payroll. Carried 3-0. Bainter made a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Dewey made a motion to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes as presented. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Paulette Feldt, Road & Bridge Supervisor entered the meeting. Road work maps for the prior week were distributed. Feldt advised that the cleanup had been done at the recycling center and some tress removed. Feldt was advised of a weight limit sign that was down on the feedlot road.

Sue Evans and Misty Jimerson entered the meeting to discuss the Food Farm Alliance. Evans and Jimerson explained what has been accomplished since the board initially signed the resolution supporting the Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance Program and what their future plans are. They shared that the alliance had received a planning grant so they are asking some questions – what does our food situation look like, what do we need and how do we get there. They are working on finding a new representative from

Sheridan County to sit on the committee and are planning a group meeting in Sheridan County to discuss what the Food Farm Alliance is and their plans for the future.

Landfill Operator David Bingham entered the meeting. Bingham presented the bid for top coat from Logan County for the landfill. Bielser made a motion to purchase 3 pallets of top coat at a total cost of \$600.00 from Logan County. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Bingham will be in contact with neighboring counties in early fall so that they can all go together and order the posi-shell application in order to keep the freight from being such a large expense to a single county. Bingham advised the board that he was too late to apply for a grant for tire pickup so during the City's April Spring cleanup no tires will be allowed to be picked up and dumped at the landfill. A Sheridan County resident has asked Bingham about the steel high beams that are located there. Bingham will check with road and bridge and make sure they do not need them and will

then try and get prices of what they could be sold for. There is a possibility that he will need to travel to Topeka to discuss some issues with the landfill.

The following bills were audited and approved:

General \$121,627.20
Road & Bridge \$102,050.78
E911 \$1,040.81
Nox Weed \$2,407.76
Pub Health \$5,316.82
Pub Transp. \$1,173.99
Landfill \$4,415.58

At 10:30 Dewey made a motion to move the meeting to the Sheriff's Office for inspection. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The commissioners viewed the main floor and discussed with Sheriff Carver the things he had done and then went to the jail and discussed several issues happening there. The board also discussed with Carver the dash cams. No further business, by consensus the board adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place.

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

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World War I

When World War I began in 1914, it was a war that mainly involved European countries and Russia. The U.S. was not involved, but did agree more with one side, called the *Allies*. Germany, part of the other side, the *Central Powers*, became angry with bank loans and ships bringing cargo to Britain (its enemy). Germany threatened to use its submarines to sink any ships going to Britain – even American ships. So the U.S., on April 6, 1917, declared war on Germany.

How Did the War Begin? Why Did the U.S. Get Involved?

8. during the first Christmas of the war (1914) some on both sides agreed to stop fighting; they sang songs, gave some small gifts of food – and some even took part in a football game

9. France built a fake city of _____ hoping to confuse enemy fighter pilots

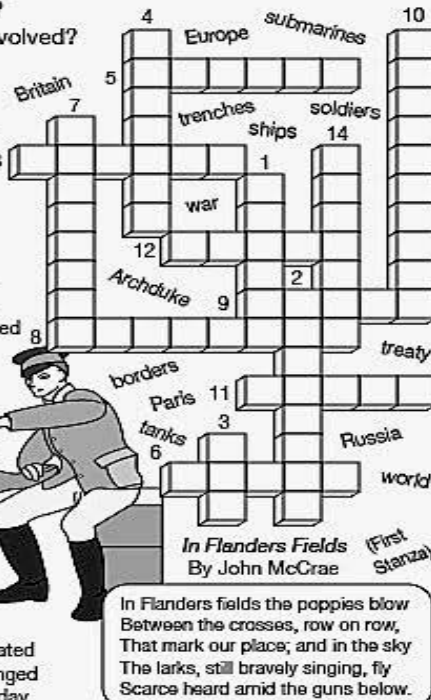
10. the U.S. joined in WWI (1917) after Germany's _____ sank American ships and Germany tried to get Mexico to side with them by promising land that Mexico had earlier lost to the U.S.

11. German U-boats sank over 5,000 _____

12. was the first war fought by countries all over the _____ and was so terrible, people felt that it must be the "War to End All Wars"

13. at the end of WWI (1919), Germany, Austria and Turkey had to sign a _____ giving up their colonies (lands they had taken over)

14. new _____ were drawn, some countries added land, some new countries were created too – the map of Europe changed largely to the one we see today



Read my clues about WWI to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. in 1914, people in the small country of Serbia (in _____) did not want the Emperor of the large nation of Austria-Hungary to their north to rule their country

2. when the Austrian-Hungarian _____ Franz Ferdinand and his wife visited Serbia, they were killed while riding in their carriage

3. this was seen as an act of _____ and the countries of Bulgaria, Italy, Germany and the Ottoman Empire sided with Austria-Hungary (Italy later switched sides)

4. France, Great _____ and Russia lined up with Serbia

5. at the beginning of the war, _____ had the largest army in the world and sent the most soldiers

6. _____ were used for the first time during this war; at first called 'land ships', the British shipped them in crates that were supposed to be holding water tanks

7. soldiers dug _____; lived and fought in them

How Did Animals Help the Soldiers?

During the course of World War I, animals helped the soldiers in many ways. Some were mascots and cheered up the troops. Some animals saved soldiers' lives. Can you match each to how it was known to help the soldiers?

A. carried soldiers; pulled wagons

B. born on French battlefield (1916); lifted hoof in salute; carried supplies and injured soldiers

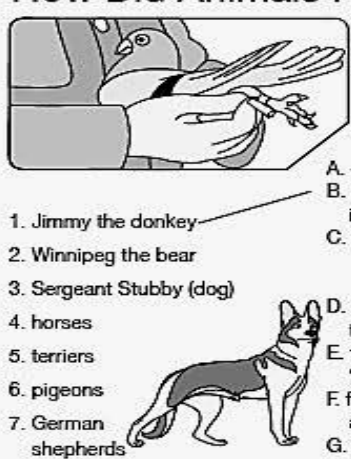
C. brought overseas by American soldier; smelled gas and alerted soldiers, saving lives; thought to be the greatest war dog of all time

D. worked for Red Cross; went onto battlefields to reach wounded men; used to guard soldiers

E. trained to kill rats in the trenches; were called "ratters"; saved troops from bites and diseases

F. flew with messages; very dependable, and information they carried saved lives

G. black bear cub brought overseas from Canada as a mascot, donated to the London Zoo



1. Jimmy the donkey

2. Winnipeg the bear

3. Sergeant Stubby (dog)

4. horses

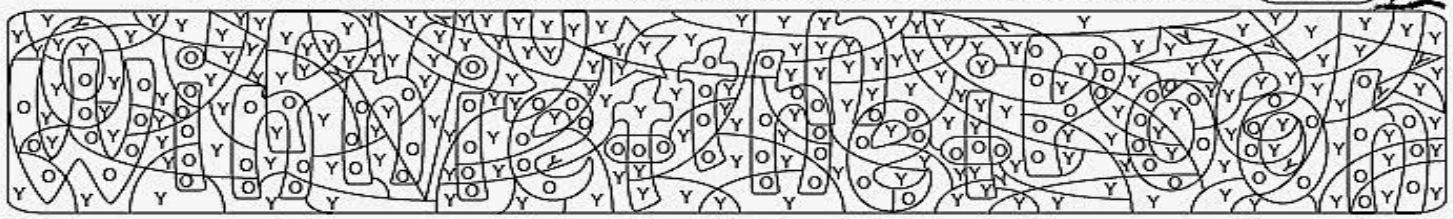
5. terriers

6. pigeons

7. German shepherds

A "Beary" Special Story

Winnipeg the bear was bought by veterinarian Lt. Harry Colebourn on his way to England during World War I. When his regiment moved out from England, he loaned the black bear cub to the London Zoo. There the bear became so beloved that Harry donated it to the zoo. A few years later, writer A. A. Milne visited the zoo with his son, who named his own stuffed bear after the cub. Milne wrote books about this bear, which became famous:



R.F.D.

LOOK'A THERE, BILL -- DID SIM GO AND BUY SOME KINDA DRIVERLESS TRACTOR?

OH, WAIT -- NEVER MIND, GUESS HE JUST FORGOT TO SET THE BRAKE!

by Mike Marland

The Spats

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE I WAS THE HEAD OF MY CLASS.

GEEZ, I'D OF HATED TO SEEN THE TAIL.

by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves

IT HAD BEEN A LONG WINTER. I CAN'T WAIT TILL IT'S WARM ENOUGH TO GO SWIMMING.

DAD WILL FIRE UP THE GRILL AND WE CAN EAT BURGERS AND SHOOT OFF FIREWORKS.

YEAH, AND STAY UP ALL NIGHT GOING TO THE DRIVE INN EATING JUNKFOOD WITH SODAS.

HOW, I MUST HAVE GARDENED. WE BOTH KNOW WE'RE IN FOR MANY HOURS OF YARD WORK.

by Dave T. Phipps

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals B

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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19		10		14				
1	2	3	4	5	7	7	8	9

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODÉD RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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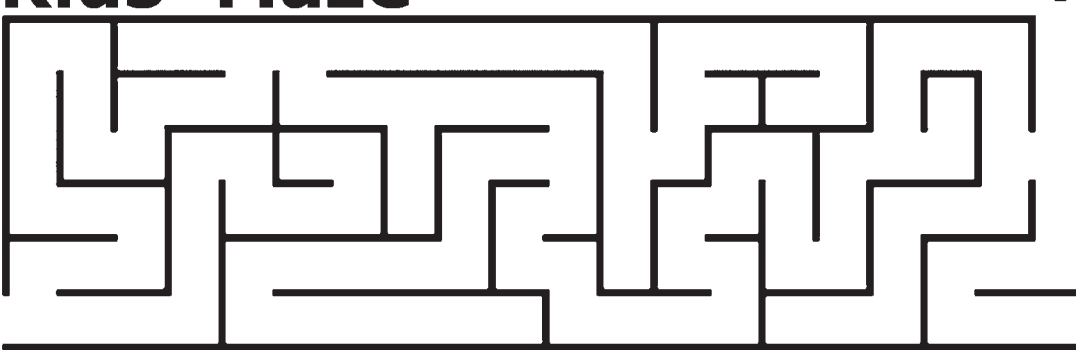
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Kids' Maze

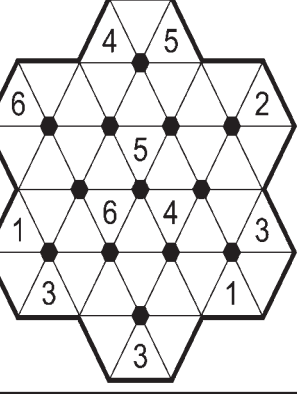


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Bullfight

9 Taft or Tell

16 Artistic work

20 Natural balm

21 Pundit

22 Huffington

23 One of four on a diamond

23 Lightning rod

24 Inventor

25 Partly open

26 Yoko who married John

27 Chant

28 syllables

29 One paying dues; Abbr.

30 Photo, e.g.

31 Pop or jazz

32 In Germany

33 Throw with force

35 Biblical

37 Like much deep-dish pizza

40 Arctic slab

41 Pretty

42 Roadwork marker

43 Morales of "Rapa Nui"

44 Name a price of

46 Shaming cluck

48 Gleeful laugh

50 Remotely

57 "___ Na Na"

58 Zee

59 City just west of Sparks

60 Former coin of Italy

61 The norm

64 Orem's place

66 ___ Marcus (high-end retailer)

69 Male and female

70 Org. for cavity fixers

71 Korea, e.g. (or any of eight lands split literally in this puzzle)

74 Horace work

75 Numbers on clothing tags

77 Apprehend

78 Sub in a deli

79 Motown "yes"

80 First-time driver, often

81 SI mass unit

82 Apt., e.g.

84 Monet works

86 Old Brooke Shields

90 "Good goin', kid!"

94 Egg opener?

95 R.V. link

96 With 8-Down and 113-

97 Across, big

98 Baja resort of Donald Trump

99 Peculiar

102 AFB truant

105 Earthworm

108 Verdant spot in an urban area

111 Hits hard

112 An inert gas

113 See 96-

114 Across

115 Archaic verb suffix

116 Back-to-sch. day

117 Kuwaili VIP

118 Social networks or video games

125 Uncourteous

126 Virgin Mary's mother

127 Groups of spreadsheet figures

128 Went hastily

129 Kitchen scourers

130 Kind of

DOWN

1 Jitney cousin

2 Cry at 1-

3 Actor Pallio

4 Ones crying "Hallelujah!"

5 Daughter of Donald Trump

6 Test version

7 Onassis' nickname

8 See 96-

9 In a kind way

10 Investments for later yrs.

11 Hoopster

12 Léo Delibes

13 Covered with foliage

14 Creature

15 Dude

16 First lady

17 ___ party (sleepover)

18 Applications

19 Tennis great

20 Williams

24 Beef up

29 That is, to

30 Livy's 1,300

31 "This looks very bad"

32 Relating to China: Prefix

33 Wash (down)

34 Uncle Sam's land

35 Rural assent to a lady

36 "That's a lie"

38 Italian ice creams

39 China's ___-tzu

45 Merited fate

47 Frilly veggie

49 Sounds upon impact

51 Zellweger of the screen

52 Video game losses

53 Navel variety

54 Watergate president

55 Belief system

58 Simplified

58 Having rapid rotation

61 Histories

62 "Goodbye"

63 Tore down

65 Sie of help to

67 Pub.

68 IV part

69 Sty noise

72 Smelter's residue

73 One

76 Within: Prefix

81 Is sure about

83 Spellbind

85 Like Keelung residents

87 Dale riding

88 Butter milk

88 ___ Roader (quarterly digest)

89 Anne of fashion

90 Basics

91 Audacious

92 Roll topping

93 Knitter's ball

97 It spits out

99 Leering sorts

100 Solicit, as business

101 Opt

103 Receptive regarding

104 Café drinks

106 Adorns

107 Café lures

109 Dog-

110 Cut-rate

115 Wedding ring

116 Prefix with carpal

118 Mag. edition

119 Virasoid

120 Cruel Amin

121 Atlas vehicle

122 Wildcat's tail

123 "FWIW" part

124 Enzyme ending

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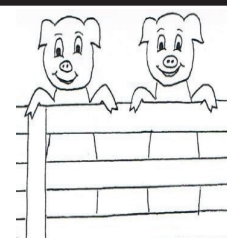
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