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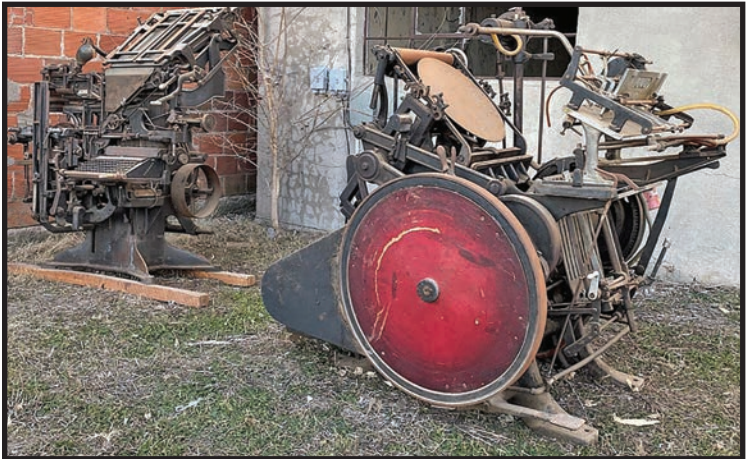
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*Wishing You All a
Merry Christmas
and a
Wonderful & Prosperous
New Year*

God Bless,
Wes Bainter, County Commissioner

KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM Receives Generous Donation



Linotype and printing press donated to the Kenoxie Archives & Museum by Jack Jones, Hill City. (Sentinel Staff photo)

By Viktorija Briggs
Last year after the Kenoxie Archives & Museum received its non-profit 501(c)3 status, we published an article about the archives we have here of all of *The Hoxie Sentinel* newspapers, as well as many other newspapers published in Sheridan County over the last 135 years.
A few weeks later a man named Jack Jones from Hill City came in to tell us that he had a linotype he would like to donate to the Kenoxie Archives. They had been taking up space in his garage for over 30 years.
When we (my husband and I) went to pick up the linotype, we were informed that there was also a job press in the garage with it and we were welcome to take it as well - and anything else we found. There was a paper drill that drills holes in stacks of paper, and a small (but very heavy) off-set press, both of which were probably from the 1960's or 1970's.
The machines were loaded on a trailer and hauled here to

The Sentinel building and set down in the back until we can get them moved inside.
These new additions will become integral parts in the museum's future. The long-term plan is for a fully operational and interactive museum where visitors can see the machines in action, and students on school field trips will be able to take a souvenir page printed specifically for their visit.
There is a considerable amount of work to be done before we're to that stage, but we know it will all come to completion in due time.
Anyone wishing to help or be a part of this preservation of the written history of Sheridan County is welcome to stop by *The Sentinel* office to speak with Rachel.



Lady Bulldogs Win Sagebrush Tournament Four Years Straight



The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won three games over Triplains/Brewster, Logan, and St. Francis to claim the Sagebrush Tournament Championship for the fourth year in a row. Team members include: (front) Jordyn Fleckenstein-mgr, Brooke Stoll, Kassie Miller, Zoey Hillis, Ashley Stoll, Carli Nieman, Emily Stoltz; (back) Jazline Manriquez, McHaley Carter, Breanna Rath, Sidney Taylor, Amie Cheney, Candace Taylor, Taryn Fleckenstein, Morgan Wark, Rayna Taylor, Lauren Patmon, Hayden Wark-mgr; (far back) Coach Steve Shaw, Coach Parker Christensen. (Photo by Rojelio Loya)

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster for the fourth straight year on December 14 with wins over Triplains/Brewster, Logan and St. Francis. "I enjoyed getting to start the year off with a tournament win!" said Ashley Stoll. "I think these games strengthened our team as a whole and I am excited to see how the rest of the season goes!"
The tournament began on Monday, December 9, with the top seeded Bulldogs

taking on Triplains/Brewster. The Bulldogs won the tip and jumped to a 13-0 lead before the Lady Titans scored near the end of the quarter to make it 13-2. The Bulldogs stayed strong throughout the second to lead 28-5 at the half.
The Bulldogs continued to play well in the second half to lead 44-11 at the end of the third and won the game 48-20. Bulldog points came from Zoey Hillis 16, Kassie Miller 9, Ashley Stoll 9, Brooke Stoll 5, Morgan Wark 5, Amie Cheney 2, and Taryn Fleckenstein 2.
The Lady Dogs advanced

to the semi-finals on Friday to face the Logan Lady Trojans. The dominant Bulldogs once again pulled to an early lead 17-3 at the end of the first. With strong defense and unstoppable offense, the girls led 31-12 at half time.
The Trojans picked up their pace to add 8 in the third while holding the Dogs to 6. The Dogs regrouped in the fourth to finish the game with an additional 16 to capture the win 53-27. Scoring for GP were Kassie Miller 27, Ashley Stoll 7, Zoey Hillis 7, Brooke Stoll 6, Rayna Taylor 3, Taryn

Fleckenstein 2, and Morgan Wark 1.
With two wins for the week, the Lady Bulldogs headed to the championship game for the fourth year in a row where they faced the St. Francis Lady Indians. The Lady Bulldogs got off to a difficult start against the physical aggressiveness of the Indians. Although St. Francis took an early 7-2 lead, baskets from Zoey Hillis and Ashley Stoll finally fell to give the Indians a slight 11-9 lead at the end of the first.
The Bulldogs remained flustered in the second as the Indians extended their lead to 20-9 midway through. A three from Brooke Stoll helped the girls as did a couple of free shots from Taryn Fleckenstein and another basket from Ashley Stoll. Still, the Indians led 24-16 at the half.
Kassie Miller, who did not score at all in the first half, began hitting shots in the third quarter as St. Francis repeatedly fouled on Golden Plains. Both teams were fighting hard as the Bulldogs gained their first lead of the game 29-28 with a three from Ashley Stoll with 2:49 remaining in the third. With a steal and a layup from Miller and additional shots from Hillis and Brooke Stoll, the Bulldogs held a 34-30 lead going into the fourth.
The Bulldogs continued to fight for position in this very

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Good Samaritan Gives the Greatest Gift

On December 16, 2019 at approximately 11:50 pm, Sheridan County Communication Center received a report of a motor vehicle fire on Highway U83 MM 193, just north of Selden, Kansas. Upon the arrival of the Sheridan County Fire Department it was reported that the vehicle was fully engulfed.
After an initial investigation, it was determined that a Good Samaritan that was traveling northbound on Highway U83 observed flames coming from the undercarriage of a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, owned by Shannon Harris of Colby, Kansas. The Good Samaritan was later identified as 29-year-old, Yevgeniy Lomakin of Vancouver, WA. Lomakin stopped when he saw no one around the vehicle to check the situation. Lomakin approached the vehicle and found an adult sleeping in the driver seat and three children ages 3, 6, and 10, also asleep inside the vehicle. It was later determined that the driver of the Pontiac Grand Am had pulled over after becoming fatigued. All occupants were asleep in the vehicle when the fire started. Lomakin ran to the vehicle and started pounding on the windows to wake the four people inside.

Lomakin woke Harris and then safely removed two of the three children from the vehicle. Both Harris and the oldest child safely removed themselves from the vehicle. Lomakin moved the four individuals across the road and into his truck out of the cold, then proceeded to move down the road a safe distance and proceeded to dial 911. After being checked by EMS personnel, it was determined that all four individuals had not sustained any injuries. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.
Sheriff Carver stated, "It is Good Samaritans like Lomakin that deserve to be recognized for his quick thinking, actions, and heroism." Not only did he save the lives of Harris and her three children, but after giving his statement to law enforcement, Lomakin ensured everyone was ok. Lomakin then gave a cash donation to Harris stating, "I want you to have this for Christmas." Lomakin then got back into his truck and continued down the road.
Yevgeniy, there is no way we can thank you enough for your heroism.



House Passes Articles of Impeachment As President's Poll Numbers Climb

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, the House passed two articles of impeachment on a primarily party line vote. The first article, Abuse of Power, passed 230-197, with two Democrats, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) and House Agriculture Committee Member Rep. Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ) voting with Republicans in opposition of the charge. The second article, Obstruction of Congress, passed 229-198 with Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME) joining Reps. Peterson and Van Drew and the Republicans in opposition to the articles. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) voted present.
There is no legal charge, "Obstruction of Congress", only Obstruction of Justice. The former is a made up charge by the members of the House, Speaker Pelosi and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Congressman Adam Schiff. It bears no legal penalty.
The impeachment process will continue when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sends the articles to the Senate where a trial will be held. Similar to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, the process has had the unintended effect of bolstering the President's polling numbers with two national polls showing the President defeating all Democratic rivals, including former Vice President Biden, who has hitherto defeated the President in head-to-head match ups.
As of today, Monday, December 23, 2019, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has not sent the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. She says she may hold on to them 'indefinitely'. This will keep the Senate from performing their duty of a full investigation of all findings presented by the House.
This has historically never been done before and may, and can, set an extreme precedent for any and all future presidents. The Democrats declared the day Donald Trump was elected that they would impeach him, and they have stated that they will impeach him again if he is re-elected next November, which is quite likely to be a landslide in his favor as his poll numbers are growing daily.
This has been called a 'soft-coup' by political analysts, and judicial authorities. The Democrats still have not accepted their loss of the White House three years ago, and they will not accept another loss next year. What they are trying to do is to change American history and invalidate the votes of 63 million Americans. THIS IS TREASON, and it is why President Trump has stated from the beginning the he was there to 'drain the swamp'.
To make certain this can happen, EVERYONE of voting age must get out to vote in 2020!

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Words of Faith

*Hark!
the Herald Angels sing,
"Glory to
the newborn King!"*

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Dec. 24

Wheat	3.99
Corn	3.41
Milo	3.05
Beans	8.06

Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
12/15	33	21	trace
12/16	38	16	--
12/17	43	18	--
12/18	59	18	--
12/19	57	20	--
12/20	52	22	--
12/21	63	25	--

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

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Words of Wisdom

*Christmas
will always be
as long as we stand
heart to heart
and
hand to hand.*

~ Dr. Seuss

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Meet the Farmin Artist at Dane G. Hansen Museum



Take the opportunity to hear from the Artist himself and come to the museum to meet *The Farmin Artist*, Thomas Zimmerman. A master of capturing vibrant scenes through the lens, Thomas will be at the Dane G. Hansen Museum on January 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a meet-and-greet reception.

Thomas strives to bring a face to the American farming and ranching industries by capturing the personality of an ornery bull calf, a stunning Kansas sunset, the peaceful "blue hour", and more. *The Farmin Artist's* intense style of photography creates a feeling of total immersion for his viewers, allowing you to wrap

yourself up in a warm Kansas sunset, or shiver in the crusty snow as three bulls study you curiously. Each scene that Thomas captures is as unique as it is fascinating. *The Farmin Artist* is on display until February 2, 2020.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. We are handicapped accessible and admission is always free thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information or if you have questions, please contact us at 785-689-4846.

Area Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd Monday - each month:
5pm Sheridan County

Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-
SCHC Conference Room
**1st Wednesday - each
month:**

6pm Grinnell VFW monthly
supper at VFW Hall

Last Thursday:
7pm Jennings Book Club
Meeting-Jennings City
Library

Hoxie
Tuesday, February 4:
7pm Strategic Doing,
location TBD Doors open at
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prompt start at 7pm. For more
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GED Prep, ESL Classes Offered at CCC

Beginning January 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays
and Wednesdays, the Adult Education department at Colby
Community College is offering free academic skill-building
classes to help students prepare for the high school equivalency
exam. The English as a second language (ESL) class will meet
from 6 to 10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All classes are held in the lower level of the H.F. Davis
Memorial Library on the CCC campus. For more information,
contact Nance Munderloh at 460-4663.

**COURTHOUSE
CLOSING at NOON
Tues, Dec. 31, 2019**
to close out the year.
Courthouse * Public Health Office
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**CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY
Wed, January 1, 2020**
Have a Safe & Happy New Year!



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Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

Sheridan County Courthouse

Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Invited

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CARD SHOWER

The family of Gene Bieker is requesting a Card Shower for his

80th Birthday on January 8.

His family includes Paulette Bieker; children: Carrie & Leo Zodrow
(Oberlin), Gerry & Kim Bieker (Mound City), Doug & Teresa Bieker
(Gardner), 11 grandchildren & 9 great grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to Gene at:

206 N York, Apt 5, Oberlin, KS 67749

Happy Holidays

Peoples State Bank

Closing

12 pm
December 24

Closed

December 25 &
January 1



CLOSED City of Hoxie

**Tues, Dec. 24
NOON**

**Wed, Dec. 25
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1pm**

**Wed, Jan 1
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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!**



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Community & SCHC News



Mealsite Menu

December 30 ~ January 3

Monday: Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Bread, Rosy Applesauce

Tuesday: Chili, Ambrosia Salad, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: CLOSED-HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thursday: N/A

Friday: N/A

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



News from the Outside with John Liester

Christmas is upon us. It's time for joy and good cheer and good will towards all men. May the joys of Christmas bring you all great memories!!

I got out a couple of times this last week to hunt geese. After the rough deer season, it was good to be - Hillary is a crook - back to my passion. Did I mention I really like goose hunting?

Thursday afternoon saw me after snow geese up north of here. Hunted for a couple of hours and bagged two. But I saw more than I have ever seen there! The nice weather sure isn't helping the waterfowl hunting at all. Friday, I went east. Came home with three for the morning hunt. Came home at noon so I'd be home when the wife got here. We went to Colby to see the new Star Wars movie. It's a very good movie, and I recommend it!

if we are looking into a mirror. Either disregarding what we see in the mirror or fixing what the mirror shows us to be wrong (James 1:22-25). Those that continue looking in the mirror fixing problems as they arise will be blessed.

Lamentations 3:40, "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD."

I find it interesting that there is no "if" in Lamentations 3:40. For example, the verse does not say, "Let us search and try our ways, if all is well, go your way rejoicing, if there is evil, turn again to the Lord." The Bible takes it for granted that if we honestly examine ourselves, we will find something wrong; in other words - there is always room for improvement.

How is your prayer life? Do you pray without ceasing (1

I guess I'm getting slow. On both goose hunts I had rooster pheasants fly up under my feet and never got a shot off. Ugh!! Funny thing is that if I go back to hunt them, I'll never see one. That's how my hunting usually goes. The phrase "well, that sucked" is heard quite often. A lesson remembered. Clean your gun after - Epstein didn't kill himself - every hunt. I hadn't cleaned my shotgun since the Cheyenne Bottoms trip and Thursday it told me all about it! Failure to feed almost every shot. Would I have gotten more birds with it clean? Maybe, maybe not. But not taking that chance again.

Yesterday saw us celebrating the life of my brother-in-law and dear friend, Dale Samuelson. A better man, husband, and father won't ever be found. I am honored to have known him and have him as part of the family. God be with you my friend. Heaven just got a good one.

The sheer amount of ignorance in the news and in the general public is astonishing. The number of supposedly smart people who think that Trump is a) not the President now, and b) he's actually been impeached amazes me. Don't any of them actually study facts before they spew nonsense? Sorry to burst those libtard bubbles but yes, he is still President, and yes, I will damned well vote for him again. If I could I'd vote for him until the day he dies. Because he has

exposed the real criminals in Washington. Schiff, Pelosi, the Biden's, the list is endless, and the reason most folks don't like him is he didn't lie to get elected. He's done exactly what he said he'd do, and no one has died to cover his tracks. Clinton can't say that.

What amazes me is the buffoon before him stated closing the borders and the libs were all in then. Trump actually does it and they all have a seizure over it. The double standards from the Democrats are glaringly obvious. But yet, there they are, casting stones at Trump for actually being a President, and not a party puppet. Choke on it and get ready for another four years. The common-sense folks have had enough of the childish behavior and foolishness. It is indeed time to drain the swamp.

They blame Trump for all of the country's troubles but yet he's only been there three

years. Those so-called patriot congressmen that got us here and are blaming him have been there for thirty years. Just makes you wonder who is really the cause, doesn't it? And you have to ask how all these Democrat congress folks got to be so rich on their salary?! Surely there's not illegal cronyism going on is there? No cash under the table from special interest groups. You know, like Ukrainian oil companies? But if you just dig around a wee bit you find the names Schiff, Biden, Clinton, Pelosi, and others listed as stockholders. Surely nothing shady there, huh?

I don't have much else. It will be interesting to see what happens next. In the meantime, don't let mainstream media ruin your Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Remember the reason for the season and rejoice in the birth of our Savior Jesus. Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the outside.



"I can worship God just as good at home as I can at church!"

Yes, this is true, but if you are saying that just so you can stay home from church, then you are not worshipping God. Part of worship is obedience. Can you honestly say you worship someone, then disregard what they tell you? God made it clear to Jeremiah and all Israel that part of their worship included repentance, and therefore obedience (Jeremiah 26:1-6). The New Testament tells us not to forsake the house of God. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Moving on to another examining point is the love of God in your heart? The best way to see what is in your heart is to hear

what comes out of your mouth. Luke 6:45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

A deceptive heart speaks lies; a cruel heart will downgrade and insult people; a selfish heart will only talk about themselves; you get the picture.

A heart bursting with salvation will tell the salvation story. How is your heart?

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Hoxie

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1101 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

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1000 Valley
Hoxie

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Hoxie Church of Christ
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Church
Selden

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Preacher's Point

By
Pastor Timothy Johnson

2019 What Happened?

What happened in 2019?

The most substantial news story of the year is the impeachment of President Trump. Depending on who you talk to, it was either justice served or a kangaroo court.

A teenager is teaching the world about climate change.

"Was there a mass shooting this week?" seemed to be a question asked far too often.

Norte Dame burned.

California has burned all year long.

The American military eliminated the founder of ISIS.

The economy is booming.

The Washington Nationals won the World Series.

Okay, enough of yesterday's headlines. A year from now, someone will write a new list of what happened in 2020.

The list above is all things on a large scale, items that made the national or world news outlets. The news in your life was much more personal. Maybe the death of a loved one, a marriage, a birth, or a change of workplace. Possibly a significant difference in health, such as good or bad news from the doctor or a gain or loss of an immense amount of weight.

How has your spiritual life changed in the last year?

With the change of the calendar, it is an excellent time to go to the examining room. Get alone with the Scriptures and do some honest self-evaluation with you and God.

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Don't Have Insurance? We Can Help!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

**From The Hoxie Times -
Published on Saturdays
May 14, 1892**

The band boys dance was a grand success.

E. T. Crum shipped a car of hogs this week.

Field, Garden and Trse Seeds at the Feed Store.

Harley Altman bought the mule team from Grover Walker.

Schlicker brothers are hauling logs and grain to this market.

Otis Jackson is able to be out after a serious attack of the measles.

Marshall Batty will spend a month with his family in Nemaha county.

The Hoxie State bank assignment will receive our attention next week.

Luk Miley and wife were buying furniture last Wednesday in the city.

Miss Dora Woltzen, of Illinois, is visiting friends and relatives in this county.

Andy Reed had built him a house and is now batching on his own land. He says it is leap year and is ready to receive proposals from middle aged widows. No young girls need apply.

Last Tuesday evening while Jas Conrad was plowing with Ed Crum's team got scared and ran away, in their rounds a wire fence was stuck and one of the horses severely cut.

The Misses Joey Moser and Ora McClellan were hanging May baskets on door knobs one night this week and thought that they would not be caught, but a little detective were on their track.

The next six months will be full of interest to all, it will be the bitterest political campaign ever waged. We promise to give all the news and make our paper as spicy as any in the west. Help us do this by coming in and subscribing.

Cosby mailed the *Sentinel's* by wholesale this weekend E Turner had a trip to the depot, thereby.

After three issues of *The Hoxie Times*, Editor JD Vedder changed the name to *The Sheridan County Democrat* and printed for four years.

**125 Years Ago
December 27, 1894**

Mr. Gilbert, Mrs. M. P. Yates' father is spending the Holidays with his daughter.

Dr. Freeman is preparing to open up an office in the building north of Battey Bros meat market.

There were two shooting matches for turkeys in the city within the past week. Ed Organ and Al Kessler got up the first on Saturday and Frank Fay the second Monday.

J. B. McPherson attended the County Clerk's convention at Salina last week.

I. H. Prince is back from Colorado and we are informed that he will stay the balance of the winter.

John M. Robinson carried the mail to Selden, Christmas day and Jim Rouse took a lay off to celebrate.

Chas Percival, of Iowa, is here on a visit with his parents and other relatives. Mr. Percival is an experienced dentist.

The Palace store was broken into Sunday night and what money left in the till Saturday was taken. There is now clew as to who the guilty parties are.

Sheridan Camp, No. 790, M. W. A., elected officers Monday evening. The following are the names of the officers: S. P. Davidson V. C., R. M. Herron W. A., C. H. Beers Banker; and W. F. Schultheis Clerk.

R. L. Chambers and wife, of Colby, are spending the Holidays at his brother's. R. L. is one of Western Kansas' brightest and best attorneys and is also one of those jolly fellows that it your soul good to meet.

Mrs. John Wolfe, of Grainfield, and Mrs. Blackburn, of Gove City, were in our city Saturday making Holiday purchases. When people come as far as 28 miles to buy goods it is certainly an evident fact that they are making money by the trip and know where to go to save money.

The entertainment given by the Sunday school was just as we predicted, one of the best ever given in the city and great credit is due those who took part. The trial of Squire Hardeash vs Santa Claus, resulted in the acquittal of the childrens ideal and the conviction of his accuser, to the great delight of the children.

Jack Brooks came into our office the other day and said he had something at his house he had not had for seven years and set us to guessing what it was. After making several guesses we were forced to give it up and he said it was the first time for that many years - a family reunion.

"Bean Town" McClellan arrived home from Waldo, Tuesday evening.

Christmas morning about four o'clock Dr. Hall was aroused from his slumbers and

informed that he was wanted at Ed Deuprees, he immediately crawled into his clothes and left for the place he was wanted. When he returned he stopped at this office and reported that Mrs. Deupree had presented her husband with an eight pound boy as a Christmas token.

**100 Years Ago
December 25, 1919
Guild Club Entertains**

The Guild Club was very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Samuelson and Mrs. C. H. Beers, at the latter's home, Wednesday afternoon, December 17. A delicious dinner was served at 6 o'clock.

Members present were: Mesdames Crofoot, Roberts, Percival, Steinshouer, Pratt, Newland, Funk, Davidson, Beers, and Misses Moore, Crum and Hedge.

Other guests were: Mesdames Watson, Korb, Samuelson, Gunston, Cooper and Misses Geneva Watson and Flossie Vinson.

Local News

Abram Pratt came home Monday from Lawrence where he is a student in the university.

Henry Swartz and wife were up from Angelus Friday. Mrs. Swartz was having some dental work done.

Miss Mina Nichols, who is studying music at Kansas City, came home the first of the week to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nichols.

W. R. Duckett, the Lucerne fur buyer, was transacting business here Tuesday. W. R., buys furs in several counties in this part of the state and in parts of Nebraska and Colo.

"Casey" Jones and Roy Davis are reshingling the Schuricht rooming house this week with an asbestos shingle, which when laid, resemble a slate roof, and is said to be fireproof.

Miss Lucile Chandler, who is one of the teachers in the high school at Smith Center, Kansas, is spending her holiday vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Chandler.

Tom Zimmerman told us Saturday that he had sold kafir and milo seed in several states through his ads in the *Sentinel*. This should be sufficient proof that *Sentinel* ads do the work and bring results.

Dennis Custer, of the Menlo vicinity, was transacting business here one day the last of the week. His father, Isaac Custer moved to Abilene, Kansas, this fall and has retired from farm work, turning the farm over to one of his sons.

Houck's Landing

By Remus Spaulding
Mrs. Clair Davis and Mrs. Wagner were at Selden, Wednesday.

Evalyn and Ellen Patterson visited their cousin, Ward Bryan, near Seguin, Sunday.

R. O. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Carpenter were at Selden, Saturday.

Valley

By Gleaner
Mrs. Wenneham and children spent Christmas at Ellsworth with her father.

The nursing class met at the home of Mrs. Laura Houseworth last Friday afternoon.

A nice Christmas program and Sunday school was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Conard last Sunday. Since the scarcity of coal the Sunday school has been kept up at the homes of the neighborhood.

Northwest Prairie Dog

By Hooting Owl
Miss Hattie Shelton is working at the John Pearson home in Menlo.

Miss Vergie Pointer is staying with Mrs. May Shields in Selden.

H. A. Russel spent last week at the home of Teddy Mumm. Others present were High, Low and Jack Somebody.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at Vickers Friday night.

**75 Years Ago
December 21, 1944**

A Treat for All

The Free Picture Show given by the Hoxie business men for the boys and girls of Sheridan County was well attended. Two packed houses saw the show Saturday afternoon. The children thank the business men and the business men thank the parents for bringing them.

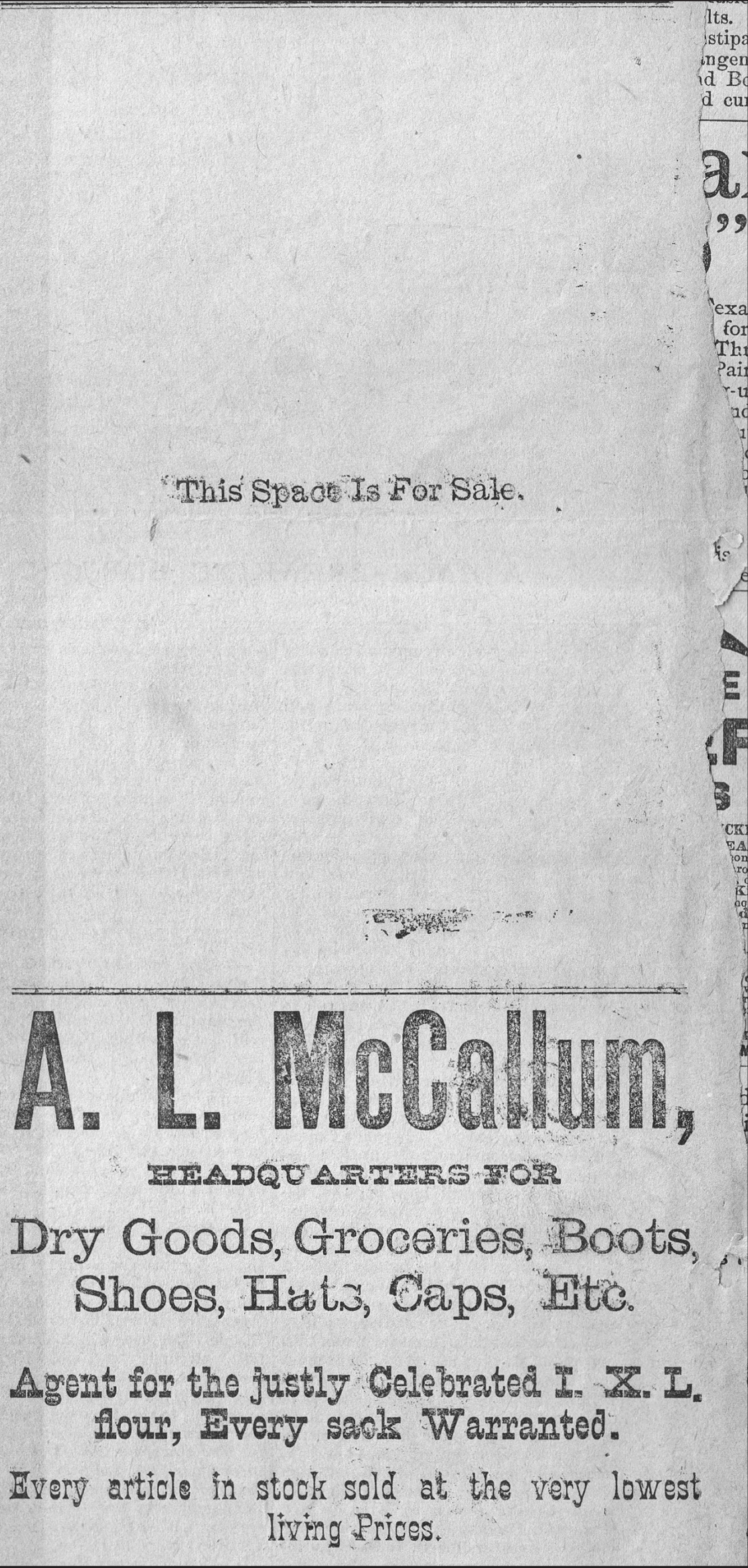
Notice

Studley Community Meeting will be held at the school house December 21st. Starts at 7:30. The program will be given by the school. Refreshments are cake, sandwiches and coffee. Everyone is cordially invited.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a painter's set and a good hammer because their isn't one at home for me to use. Maybe you could give me a cork gun, too.



The Hoxie Times was published on Saturdays, beginning on April 30, 1892. These ads are from the May 14, 1892 issue. We have three issues of the original *The Hoxie Times*. After three issues of *The Hoxie Times*, Editor JD Vedder changed the name to *The Sheridan County Democrat* and printed for four years. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

Gary Baalman
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun and a holster. If you don't have them it is all right. I would like to have a toy truck. If I don't get that much I will thank you anyway.
Your friend,
Dale Campbell

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Organ left Thursday for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they will visit Private Bob Nichols over the holiday season. They will probably return after New Year's Day.

Mrs. Vernon Mickey left Monday evening for California where she will join seaman Vernon Mickey for Christmas at the Ab Summerson home in Los Angeles. She plans to spend the next weekend in San Diego where Vernon is stationed. Their two children, Ann, six and John, 4, are spending their Christmas with the Earl Leopolds. Miss Mary Katherine Summerson is expected home this Saturday and will divide her time between the Leopolds, E. B. Micekeys and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Steinshouer and Billy Jay drove to Dodge City Wednesday to meet Mrs. William Thompson who is going to spend the Christmas vacation here from her war work in California. Mrs. Dorrance Steinshouer taught the sixth grade for this one day.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Corke attended a farm bureau meeting and shopped in Hill City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Epler were Friday p.m. visitors at the Will Loof home in Morland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richards and Juanita ate Sunday dinner at Cleo Morgans.

Saline Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McWilliams and daughters spent Sunday evening with the Cecil Breeden family.

Mrs. F. H. Simon spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Dale Clark, at Salina.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Martin called at Calvin Chestnut's Saturday.

M. I. Club

The Mutual Improvement Club held their annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 5th at the home of Mrs. Cecile Cheney.

The club ladies entertained the lady teachers at a 12 o'clock luncheon. They were Mrs. Brown, Mrs. George Lister, Miss Hamlin of the High School; and Mesdames Jess Youngs and Paul E. Smith and Miss Bainter of the grade school faculty.

Nine members were present and two former members Mrs. Lois Nelson of Topeka and Mrs. Buckles.

A beautifully colored Christmas tree stood in one corner of the living room. The

gifts were distributed by little Patty Ann Lister and George Kirk Pope. Each one received a useful gift from their club sister. The afternoon was spent visiting. At a late hour the guest departed, declaring Mrs. Cheney a most gracious hostess.

**50 Years Ago
December 25, 1969**

Hoxie Grade School News

Mrs. Leopold's Fifth Grde - The prose, poetry, and music of Christmas has made this a Great Christmas for us all. We know our enthusiasm has reached into our homes and our parents have caught the spirit.

7th Grade Basketball - At Oberlin last Thursday night, the fans were treated to a thrilling game. The seventh graders pulled out a 23-22 overtime win over the previously undefeated Oberlin team.

Studley Items

Mrs. Mary Sanger and Mrs. Opal Minium were hostesses to the East Morland EHU family Christmas supper and gift exchange at the Morland hall Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Riedel were shopping in Hays Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McClelland and family attended a Christmas program at the Hoxie school on Dec. 10.

Tom Tom Tribune

Christmas Concert at HHS a Success - The Christmas concert held Dec. 16 was "one of the best

held in Hoxie", according to one who attended. The band, mixed chorus, Girls Glee, Boys Glee, mixed Glee, Crescendoes, and the Inverse Angles provided varying Christmas and sacred numbers.

Broadway News

Mrs. George Simon attended a hospital board meeting Monday afternoon. George called at Bill Browns. We also called at the rest home.

Vicki and Kay Transue, Glen McClelland, Margaret Breeden, and Alberta Popp of Manhattan, Claude Hibbs of Hays and Mark Breeden of Chicago are home from college for Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Herb Jamison called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Corke Saturday morning.

Hoxie Grade School News

Mrs. Feldt's Third Grade - The Christmas program was much fun and very good. Our class was brownies and dolls. Robbie Pratt and Eilene Schieferecke had speaking parts.

Mrs. Lovin's Third Grade - In arithmetic the children have learned to do addition with regrouping. Before this most of the time was spent reviewing the basic addition and subtraction facts to 18, telling time, measuring, counting money and working story problems.

Library - With all the Christmas activities on the schedule, library classes met at odd hours during the past two weeks. Some days were exceptionally busy when make-up periods doubled.

**25 Years Ago
December 22, 1994**

Lady Indians Record 5-0

The Lady Indians began league play with a win. Hoxie defeated Atwood Friday, Dec. 16 with a score of 70-60. Jayne Reitcheck held the high scorer position with 23 points. Jodi Kennedy followed with 18, Kristin Andregg and Carrie Campbell each had 6, Sabrina William 5, Janel Cook and Tami Schaffer both had 4, scoring with 2 points apiece were Angie Alstrom and Stephani Drake. The Junior Varsity team also left Atwood with a win under their belt. The ending score for the JV was 46-30. The freshman team was also victorious in their game Thursday against Scott City. The freshman squad won a close game 63-58.

Hoxie Tigers Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 15, the seventh grade lost to Scott City 46 to 15. They had a poor shooting night, only shooting 15 percent from the field. They had many good shots in the lane and along the baseline that didn't fall.

Thursday, Dec. 15, the eighth grade basketball team won over Scott City 28-27. Coach Ryff said they played a very controlled game allowing them to come home with the one point victory.

McGraw News

Last Wednesday Dale Bainter and Mrs. Ed Cabana and her infant son, Remington Cayle, visited Russel Bainter for dinner. Jim Bainter visited Russel on Thursday and ate dinner with him. Joe Bainter visited Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter and Jim Bainter were Saturday callers.

Bob Weis and Dennis visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis on Sunday. Callers during the week were Mrs. Roger Mauck and Michaela, Mrs. Jim Bainter, Norbert Weis and Kelly Wigginton.

Selden Happenings

Hazel Dreiling was hostess to the senior citizens Thursday. There were three tables of pinochle and one of dominoes.

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging was held at Grainfield on Friday. The title was "An Old Fashioned Christmas." There was a large crowd there and some of the speakers were Sister Sibyllina Mueller, O. P. of Wichita. She gave a talk on "Young at Heart" which we all enjoyed immensely; Janice Ragsdale, of Agra, Kans., told a story of a quilt that was probably started by her great-grandmother. In the afternoon other speakers were Stacey Boothe, Wichita; Arris Johnson, Hays; special music, and carol singing by all.

Jennings-Allison News

Larry Randall, Phillipsburg and son Jason, Kensington, were Dec. 10 weekend guests at the Bill Nelson home. Additional supper guests Saturday evening were Bill, Kristy, and Bradley Gawith.

Helen Randolph rolled her car on the ice on her way home Monday afternoon. She's doing fine recuperating at home. Helen and Kathy Randolph went Christmas shopping. McCook on Tuesday. Dr. Del and Barb of Sterling will be having early Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 19 for the Randolph family.



NWKS & State News

Congress Passes New Law to Fight Illegal Robocalls

Attorney General Derek Schmidt today applauded the U.S. Senate for unanimously passing the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act, legislation to curb illegal robocalls and caller-ID spoofing. The legislation, which won Senate approval today, previously was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives with near unanimous support. It now heads to President Donald Trump for signature into law.

"I long have advocated for this legislation as an important part of a meaningful solution to the explosion in unwanted robocalls," Schmidt said. "Meaningful action must combine improvements in call-blocking technology with law enforcement efforts. With today's passage of the TRACED Act, Congress has taken an important bipartisan step toward putting up more effective technological

roadblocks for scammers, as well as better enabling law enforcement authorities to find the robocallers and hold them accountable under the law."

The new legislation requires voice service providers to participate in a call authentication framework to help block unwanted calls. The framework is being established by federal agencies, with the urging of state attorneys general, and the TRACED Act would make it mandatory. The bill also creates an interagency working group to identify additional actions to reduce robocalls and hold telemarketers and robocallers accountable. Many of its provisions codify in federal law measures previously agreed by major telecommunications companies and several state attorneys general, including Attorney General Schmidt. A copy of the announcement for that agreement, reached in August, can be found at [https://](https://bit.ly/35Fe0WG)

bit.ly/35Fe0WG.

In March, Schmidt, along with the attorneys general from all 49 other states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories, sent a letter to the U. S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation urging enactment of the TRACED Act. A copy of the letter can be found at <http://bit.ly/2J3aaQ2>.

The nearly 48 billion robocalls made in 2018 made them the number one source of consumer complaints to the FTC and the FCC and resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in consumer losses.

The attorney general's Consumer Protection Division works to enforce do-not-call laws and protect Kansas consumers from being harassed and scammed by robocalls. Kansans who may have been scammed by a robocall may contact the Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310 or at www.InYourCornerKansas.org.

MDC Announces January 2020 Workshops

The Management Development Center at Fort Hays State University will kick off its winter 2020 workshop series in January with two workshops – one on personal development and another on leadership strategies, which can be implemented in the workplace or at home.

The first is a crowd favorite, "CliftonStrengths Essentials," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Memorial Union's Pioneer Room on the FHSU campus.

These techniques build on participants' natural talents to make them more productive in the workplace and at home. Strengths theory argues that it is more productive to develop strengths instead of trying to fix weaknesses. In this workshop, participants will discover their natural talents, learn how to develop them into strengths, and explore how individual strengths can be leveraged with others to create a high-performing, strengths-based team. Registration is \$219.

In the second of January's workshops, "Women and Leadership: Becoming a Person of Influence," participants will learn how women can energize others by projecting confidence. Topics covered include identifying gender bias and discrimination in the workplace, examining leadership trends and the impact on women in business, barriers to leadership potential, and developing professional leadership strategies.

"Women and Leadership" will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Memorial Union's Trails Room. Registration is \$119. Registration can be completed online through the Registration link in the sidebar of the page at www.fhsu.edu/mdc. Early registration closes one week before each workshop. Hays Area Chamber of Commerce members are eligible for a 15-percent discount on registration.

To learn more about these workshops or additional upcoming trainings, visit www.fhsu.edu/mdc or contact Hannah Hilker at 785-628-4121 or hehilker@fhsu.edu.

Kobach Calls Impeachment the Founding Fathers' Worst Nightmare

You may attribute the following statement to former Kansas Secretary of State and candidate for U.S. Senate, Kris Kobach:

"The Democrats' circus in the U.S. House represents the worst nightmare of the Founding Fathers. As the framers of the Constitution feared could happen, the Democrats have weaponized the impeachment process. Neither of the articles of impeachment drafted by the Democrats in the U.S. House meets the constitutional standard of 'treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors' set forth by America's Founding Fathers.

"As I recently explained in a column for Breitbart, the 'obstruction of Congress' article is particularly problematic. The U.S. Senate must make clear that the mere assertion of executive privilege is not an impeachable offense. The Democrats' insistence on saying so shows their ignorance of the Constitution and U.S. history. We know Republicans stand with the President, but Barbara Bollier should say how she would vote on the matter in the Senate."

Impeachment Should Never be a Weapon for Political Games

Today, Wednesday, December 18, 2019, House Democrats have turned the word impeachment into just another partisan tool aimed at helping them gain power over the American people. Impeachment of the President of the United States should never be used for partisan political gain. Even before he was sworn into office Democrats announced this day would come. Nearly three wasted years later and after untold failed investigations Democrats have given up and decided this excuse for impeachment is good enough. It is a sad day for America and a sad day for the U.S. Constitution.

But here's the good news. The Democrats are getting beat at their own game as President Trump's approval ratings went up today, Democrats went down. Why? Because Americans are standing with their President. He is the man we chose to lead our country, and that's exactly what he's been doing.

With true supporters by his side, our President will continue to lead our country into more growth and prosperity. I am committed to standing with President Trump as a member of Congress in 2020 and need your help to get there. Would you consider a donation to my campaign for U.S. Congress?

We've seen what happens when the Democrats have a majority in the House. We can not afford to lose a single seat, which is exactly why I am running. Thank you for helping me get to Washington to give President Trump another trusted conservative fighter at his side!

Yours in the fight,
Jake LaTurner

Sen. Moran Statement on Senate Passage of National Defense Authorization Act

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) today (*Thursday, December 19, 2019*) released the following statement after the Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):

"The NDAA is critical to safeguarding our freedoms and supporting our servicemembers and their families. This legislation further modernizes our military and includes the largest pay raise for our troops in nearly a decade. I applaud my colleagues for working to create a bipartisan bill that we can send to the President's desk.

"I was particularly pleased to see several of my priorities included in the final legislation. This includes the Cyber Red Team Assessment to increase security against new and emerging cyber threats, which will help support missions related to the 177th Information Aggressor Squadron of the Kansas Air National Guard Unit stationed at McConnell Air Force Base. In addition, the NDAA includes my bill, the Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing Act, to strengthen Kansas manufacturers, specifically within aerospace, defense, technology and agriculture. I'm also pleased that this bill will secure a Military-Type Certification for the Textron AT-6 Light Attack Aircraft, which will have a significant impact on the Kansas aerospace community."

Additional Sen. Moran priorities included in NDAA:

- The NDAA includes provisions from legislation Sen. Moran has championed, the Startup Act, to modernize and increase the authorization level of EDA's Regional Innovation and Strategies Program. This will provide essential proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to innovators and entrepreneurs, and operational support for organizations that provide early-stage risk capital to businesses.
- The NDAA includes Sen. Moran's measure to prevent federal transit dollars from being used to procure subway cars, other passenger railcars and transit buses from Chinese state-owned, controlled or subsidized enterprises, with limited exceptions.
- The NDAA reflects Sen. Moran's work to make certain Guantanamo Bay detainees are treated for medical conditions in Cuba instead of transferring them to the United States to prevent future permanent transfers to U.S. facilities.
- The NDAA includes legislation Sen. Moran cosponsored to prevent survivors of fallen troops from being subject to the Widow's Tax, an offset between the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program and the DoD's Survivor Benefit Plan.
- The NDAA includes Sen. Moran's efforts to support Hypersonic research and development.

Items to Note:

- In May, Sen. Moran introduced the Global Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing Act to strengthen American manufacturing. This legislation was included in the Senate-passed NDAA.
- In June, Sen. Moran's amendment regarding Cyber Red Team Assessment was included in the Senate's NDAA.

Prairie Doc® Perspectives: Why Are Rural Nursing Homes Closing?

By Richard P. Holm, MD

During one of our weekly hospice meetings, the discussion turned to the burden of finding an opening in a facility for one of our patients. Mr. A belongs to the working-poor segment of our society, just above official levels of poverty and yet he cannot afford health insurance and primary care, let alone the private cost of an assisted living center or nursing home.

Our patient is still living at home, has no family support and is in trouble. His progressive cancer has caused an inability even to do activities of daily living such as bowel and bladder care. He now only has Medicaid and his hospice nurse and social worker is not able to find an assisted living center or a nursing home that will take him in.

It's no surprise that care facilities in states which have no Medicaid expansion find it financially difficult to accept Medicaid patients like Mr. A. Without Medicaid expansion, facilities lose money when caring for them. If a nursing home has too many Medicaid patients, it simply can't stay afloat. This explains why nursing homes, especially in rural areas, are closing.

The national solution was to expand Medicaid coverage to increase payments for services using federal dollars.

Some states initially elected not to expand Medicaid, for fear they would become dependent on this money. However, many states have changed their position, and to date, 36 states now accept the national funding from expanded Medicaid, including North Dakota as of 2014, and Nebraska in 2018. So far, 14 states have not expanded Medicaid, including, South Dakota, Kansas and Wyoming.

Medicaid expansion passed last year in some majority Republican states indicating that this is a bipartisan issue. In my opinion, fearing dependence on federal money does not justify letting our rural nursing homes close or letting the working-poor go without care.

Bottom Line: It is time for those within the political arena to expand Medicaid.

Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. For free and easy access to the entire *Prairie Doc® library*, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow *Prairie Doc® on Facebook*, featuring *On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streamed most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central*.



Beginning and Advanced Dance Lessons

The Dane G. Hansen Museum is pleased to offer dance lessons for beginning and advanced learners by instructors Kerry & Dezi Ferguson of Kensington, KS. Eight weekly sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons, starting January 12, 2020. Beginners will meet from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the advanced class will run from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the City Building, located at 109 N. Mill Street in Logan, KS. Participants must be at least 13 years of age. Instruction may include, but is not limited to waltz, two-step, swing, polka, and cha-cha.

This fun learning opportunity is offered to the public through the Hansen Museum's Continuing Education Program with funding from the Hansen Foundation. Registration fees are as follows: couples \$100.00 and singles \$60.00. Discounts are available to Patron and Sustaining Hansen Museum Members. For more information, please contact Shari Buss at 785-689-4846.

AG Schmidt, SOS Scott Schwab Propose Consolidation of Charities Regulation

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and Secretary of State Scott Schwab will ask the Kansas Legislature to approve legislation reorganizing the state's regulation of charitable organizations.

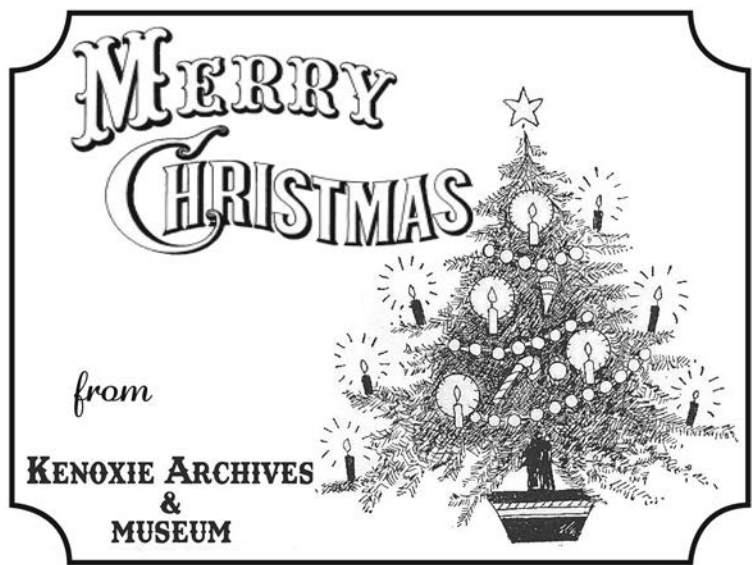
Under current law, the Secretary of State is responsible for administering the registration of charitable organizations, solicitors and fund raisers, while the Attorney General's Office enforces violations of the charities statutes and prosecutes fraudulent solicitations. When the Legislature convenes next month, Schmidt and Schwab will recommend legislation consolidating registration and enforcement required by the Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

"We think this is a basic good-government proposal," Schmidt said. "It makes more sense to have a single agency responsible for both the registration of charities and enforcement of violations of the charities law. The current divided responsibility seems to be a case of 'we've always done it that way,' but we think we

can do better and have a more-efficient system and that would benefit all Kansans."

"We're pleased our agencies collaborated to achieve this efficiency," Schwab said. "Combining regulatory and enforcement responsibilities in a single agency is a commonsense and long overdue step. Donors and charitable organizations will benefit from streamlining charitable organization oversight."

The two offices have long coordinated the regulation of charities, including maintaining the Kansas Charity Check website, www.kscharitycheck.org, where individuals can search charities registered to solicit in Kansas. During this season of giving, both elected officials encourage Kansans to use the website to assist them in their philanthropic contributions.



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Area Schools



Lady Bulldogs Win Sagebrush Tournament

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physical game throughout the fourth. Miller put up repeated shots along with shots from Ashley Stoll, Carli Nieman, and Brooke Stoll to give the Lady Bulldogs the championship win 50-38.

"I am proud of how we never gave up during the championship game to come from behind and capture the win!" exclaimed Brooke Stoll. "It was a good tournament where we improved our play every single game! I am excited to see how the rest of the season goes!"

Miller finished the game with 17 points for Golden Plains along with 14 from Ashley Stoll. Brooke Stoll added 8, Zoey Hillis 6, Carli Nieman 3, and Taryn Fleckenstein 2.

The Bulldogs will continue their season as they travel to Almena to take on the Northern Valley Huskies on December 20.

GP NHS Help Stock GP Food Pantry



Golden Plains National Honor Society Members Wade Rush, Steiner Scott (sponsor), Candace Taylor, Taryn Fleckenstein, and Brooke Stoll sort through over 450 items donated by GPHS students to the GP Food Pantry. Items will be distributed to families in the Golden Plains district on alternating Wednesdays beginning January 8. Contact the school or email sscott@usd316.org to be added to the distribution list. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

COUNSELOR CORNER

By Judy Rogers

Please, please check your email for notices from colleges about scholarships, enrollment, housing, etc. Your counselor/high school does not have access to much of this information, and your school wants you to be the responsible one. We will run some Kansas State information next time as an example.

Some info, like Hansen Scholarship interview notifications, will come through snail mail. Do not miss out on this time-sensitive info!

This is the time of year to pay more attention to scholarships offered by your folks' employers or companies they do business with.

Farm Credit of Western Kansas offers scholarships to children of its members. Go to www.fcwk.com, and look under "Quick Links." Applications need to be turned in by February 15.

Frontier Ag offers 9 scholarships, 3 per region, in its service areas. Students must live with a parent or guardian who is a member of Frontier Ag, Inc and parent is in good standing. Application is available at <https://www.frontieraginc.com>, then hover over "About Us," then click on Scholarship Program. It is due March 1.

S and T Telephone offers scholarships to children of customers in its 12 exchanges. Your school counselor will have the application, or stop by an S and T office. It is due March 20.

The Service Center at Oakley will offer mock interviews for students who are interviewing for the Hansen, Rudd, Hagan, or Presidential Scholarships on individual campuses. Your counselor will also have information about this, but if you cannot reach this person email susan@starnow@nkesc.org. Mock interviews will be held January 21.

Attention juniors: More of the spotlight will be turning to you

PIZZA WITH THE SHERIFF!



Golden Plains Second grader MaKenlea Focke enjoys eating a pizza lunch with Sheridan County Sheriff Brandon Carver on December 18. GP students participated in a Thanksgiving coloring contest hosted by the Sheriff's Office. Winners were awarded a pizza lunch. (Photo by Lori Miller)

Bulldogs Compete at Sagebrush



Jump Shot! Golden Plains Senior Jaime Infante (center) puts in a jump shot against Wallace County in the second game of the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster on December 13, as teammates Austin Patmon (23), Harley Weese (2), Wade Rush (21) and Colby Lathrop prepare for a possible rebound. Four Bulldogs were in double figures in this game including Patmon 17, Rush 15, Weese, 13, and Infante 11. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team competed in the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster December 9-14. The boys played well together and worked hard but were unable to capture a win as they dropped games to St. Francis, Wallace County, and Weskan.

The first game on Monday was against the St. Francis Indians. The Bulldogs won the tip and scored a quick two by Harley Weese. The Indians answered but baskets by Ashton Schiltz and Wade Rush tied the game up at 7. Baskets by Jaime Infante and two threes from Wade Rush gave the Dogs a 14-11 lead. The Indians answered with a couple more shots to hold a 16-14 lead at the end of the first.

Playing a pretty clean first half, the boys continued to trade baskets in the second with the Indians maintaining a 27-23 lead at the half. The GP offense went a little stagnant in the third with the Dogs only adding 8 while the Indians stretched their lead to 45-31.

Wade Rush took over with a quick five to start the fourth. Jovanny Infante added a couple of points as the Bulldogs finished the game with a 42-59 loss to the Indians. "We played well in the first half," said Rush. "We just need to reduce turnovers and watch our passes and make sure we get the rebounds." Rush led the Dogs with 20 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, and 2 deflections. Harley Weese added 8 points, 7 steals and 1 assist, 1 steal, and took 1 charge.

Jaime Infante scored 6 points and 6 rebounds while Ashton Schiltz put in 4 points and grabbed 4 rebounds and 1 assist. Jovanny Infante contributed 2 points and 3 rebounds. Fabian Cepeda had 2 points, 2 assists, and 2 deflections. Other contributions include Colby Lathrop with 2 reb, 1 asst, 1 defl.; Austin Patmon 1 asst; Joseph Yanez-Perez 1 steal, and Alex Gonzalez with 1 rebound.

On Friday, the Bulldogs faced off against the Wallace County Wildcats. The Dogs got off to a great start putting in 13 points

Student Council Brings the Christmas Cheer



Ugly Sweaters Day: (1 to r) front - Seniors Eidree Chapin, Morgan Zimmerman, Jett Schmidtberger, Jessica Heier, and Junior Aubri Iversen; middle - Freshman Nathan Volbracht, Sophomores Anna Godek, Livia Schultz, Laredo Allemang, and Freshman Emma Thompson; back - Sophomore Isabella Ostmeier, Seniors Jordyn Vincent, Jordan Ostmeier, Sophomore Isaac Mendez, Junior Trevor Zarybnicky, Sophomore Tyrell Chapin, Junior Kirsten Schroeder, Freshman Kerri Heier, and Junior Lenor Mergenschroder. (WHS photo)

By Morgan Zimmerman, Co-Editor

December 16 through December 20, Wheatland High School Student Council put on a Christmas Spirit Week. This is the last week before the students are released for break. To start off the week, students were encouraged to dress in their best Christmas attire. Tuesday was red and green day, followed with Wednesday being holiday hats, socks, and scarves. Thursday was candy cane day, and Friday was ugly sweaters.

Sophomore Livia Schultz shares her thoughts about the week, "I thought Christmas spirit week was a good way

to get us even more ready for Christmas break! There was a lot of participation which made it more fun to dress up every day!"

Student council also held a tree decorating contest. The theme was Christmas songs. The freshmen chose "All I Want for Christmas is You," The sophomore tree was "Little Drummer Boy." Juniors chose "Frosty the Snowman," and seniors' choice in songs was "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." First place was awarded to the seniors, second place went to sophomores and third was the juniors followed by freshman with fourth place.

Exciting Week for the Hawks



Sophomore Ryan Heier dribbles around the defense against Ellis. (WHS photo)

By Jessi Bernbeck, Staff Reporter

On Friday, December 13, the Thunderhawks continued their week at the Castle Rock Classic. Both teams faced the Hoxie Indians with the girls' game starting at six. Even though the Thunderhawks lost by one, they shot 33 percent from the three-point line, and a total of 14 assists. Senior Morgan Zimmerman stated, "I feel like it was a great game against a great team and a good opportunity for future games. I wish it would have gone the other way, but it was an exciting game that won't be forgotten." After taking a tough loss, they faced the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Saturday for 3rd place. With a final score of 45-40, the Thunderhawks were awarded medals for a 3rd finish. The Thunderhawks had a total of 32 rebounds, and 14 steals.

The boys lost to Hoxie with a final score of 47-75. The boys shot a total of 35 percent from the three-point line and had nine steals. After this loss, the Thunderhawks took on the Quinter Bulldogs on Saturday, December 14, for 3rd place. Defeating the Bulldogs 68-50, the boys were also awarded medals for a 3rd place finish. The boys finished with 32 total rebounds and 18 assists. Senior Kyler Haffner stated, "Beating

our rivals on their home court is always a good feeling. I am excited to see how far we can go this year and we should be successful this season."

On Tuesday, December 17, the Thunderhawks faced the Ellis Raiders at home. Starting off strong, the JV girls only played half a game, but took a great win. Next, the JV boys lost to the Raiders with a score of 35-53. The varsity girls then started at six. With a final score of 56-40 the Raiders took home the win. Although the team didn't come out on top, they had a total of 17 rebounds, and 12 steals. Finally, the boys' varsity took a tough loss with a final score of 70-74 in double overtime. Junior Trevor Zarybnicky stated, "It was a tough loss for us. We played so well as a team just to lose in 2 OT is disheartening. We learned a lot from playing in this game that in the future we will be much better off. This game just goes to show how good we are and shows how much better we can be." Even though the game didn't go in their favor, they shot 39 percent from the three-point line, and had ten steals. The Thunderhawks will next take on the Eagles of Trego Community on January 7, 2020. These games are planned on starting at 4:30 at home.



Farm News

Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during November 2019 totaled 313 million pounds, up 4 percent from November 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 164,000 head, 4,000 head more than November 2018. Milk production per cow averaged 1,910 pounds.

Kansas Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.43 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 3 percent from last year. Placements during November totaled 415,000 head, up 4 percent from 2018. Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 395,000 head, up 3 percent from last year. Other disappearance during November totaled 10,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year.

NSP Applauds House for Advancing USMCA

National Sorghum Producers Chairman Dan Atkisson, a sorghum farmer from Stockton, Kansas, made the following statement today after the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 385-41. "USMCA provides a needed level of certainty for U.S. farmers and ranchers, and National Sorghum Producers appreciates the tenacity of our Administration, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and Congressional leaders to ensure American ag producers have a trade win to close out a very difficult year 2019. Passage in the House brings this deal one step closer to the finish line, and we encourage the Senate to follow early in the new year, so the agreement may be enacted as soon as possible." NSP represents U.S. sorghum producers and serves as the voice of the sorghum industry coast to coast through legislative representation, regulatory representation and education. To learn more about NSP, visit www.sorghumgrowers.com.

Kansas Hog Inventory Up 4 Percent

Kansas inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2019, was 2.14 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 4 percent from December 1, 2018, and up 3 percent from September 1, 2019. Breeding hog inventory, at 180,000 head, was up 6 percent from December 1, 2018, and up 3 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 1.96 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter. The September - November 2019 Kansas pig crop, at 968,000 head, was up 4 percent from 2018. Sows farrowed during the period totaled 90,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.75 for the September - November period, compared to 10.90 last year. Kansas hog producers intend to farrow 89,000 sows during the December 2019 - February 2020 quarter, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for March - May 2020 are 91,000 sows, up 6 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago.

EPA Withdraws RFS Reset Rule

This week, EPA suspended an effort to rewrite biofuels blending requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard and finalized its previously announced rule that establishes the required renewable volumes under the RFS for 2020, and the biomass-based diesel volume for 2021. The move was roundly criticized by biofuels advocate Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA). "Once again, EPA is playing games and not helping President Trump with farmers. An agreement was reached

on September 12 in an Oval Office meeting between several Midwest leaders, President Trump and other members of his Administration. This does not reflect what we agreed to in that meeting. Simply requiring that the three-year rolling average be based on hard data and actual waived gallons rather than Department of Energy recommendations and EPA discretion would solve this problem and ensure the renewable volume obligations are met. Administrator Wheeler

has put the president in a bad situation by not following the law as intended by Congress and as the president has promised to uphold," said Grassley. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler pledges President Trump's promise of 15 billion gallons will be kept. "President

Trump committed to our nation's farmers that biofuel requirements would be expanded in 2020. At the EPA we are delivering on that promise and ensuring a net of 15 billion gallons of conventional biofuel are blended into the nation's fuel supply," Wheeler said in a news release.

Kansas Corn Growers Association Statement in EPA Ethanol Final Rule

Kansas Corn joins the National Corn Growers Association in expressing concern over EPA's final 2020 Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) rule, setting renewable fuel volume requirements for the coming year, including accounting for 2020 refinery waivers. At issue is the use of a three-year average of Department of Energy (DOE) recommended waivers as an estimate for 2020 waivers rather than an average of actual gallons waived by the EPA, which has been twice the amount of the DOE recommendations. "EPA is saying 'trust us', but the agency's previous actions handing out waivers to refiners don't assure us that they will honor their publicly stated commitment to uphold the final rule as we go forward," KCGA CEO Greg Krissek said. "We will hold the Administration to

their commitment of a minimum 15 billion-gallon volume, and we'll continue to work toward implementation of positive efforts that have been promised including rulemaking to benefit E15 as well as an infrastructure development program." The Renewable Fuels Standard, which provides market access for ethanol, sets the levels of ethanol to be blended into the nation's fuel supply each year with the Renewable Volume Obligation. In the past three years, EPA has aggressively approved refinery exemptions to the RFS which eliminated over four billion gallons of ethanol demand. The 2020 obligation is set at 15 billion gallons, and growers remain concerned whether the mechanisms in this final rule will guarantee that the full volume obligation will be honored going forward.

Congress Passes FY 2020 Appropriations Bills

This week, the House and Senate passed two appropriations packages to fund the government, including USDA, through the rest of the 2020 fiscal year. The agreement includes, among other tax extenders, a retroactive and prospective extension of the biodiesel tax credit (see story below) and the RURAL Act, which ensures that rural electric co-ops that receive Broadband or FEMA grants are not at risk of losing their tax-exempt status. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the appropriations package will repurpose any unobligated disaster assistance left over from WHIP (estimated at \$1.5 billion) to be used to help

pay for improvements to WHIP+. The aim of the provision is to ensure that calculated losses for 2018 and 2019 are both fully paid and to ensure that quality losses, excess moisture, at least D3 drought, and freeze losses are all covered. House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Mike Conaway (R-TX) is largely credited with working to reprogram the dollars in this way in the House, with Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Hoeven (R-ND) carrying the water in the Senate. President Trump is expected to sign both bills into law.

Secretary Perdue Statement on House Passage of USMCA

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) by a bipartisan vote of 385-41. "I've long said that support for USMCA crosses political parties, the bipartisan passage of the agreement today is proof of that," Secretary Perdue said. "I am pleased the House finally brought this agreement to a vote and encourage quick passage in the Senate. President Trump delivered on his promise to replace NAFTA and USMCA is a huge success for America's farmers and ranchers. This agreement will unleash the bounty of America's agricultural harvest to two of our largest trading partners in the world and it is critical to the success of rural America." **Background:** USMCA will advance United States agricultural interests in two of the most important

markets for American farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses. This high-standard agreement builds upon our existing markets to expand United States food and agricultural exports and support food processing and rural jobs. Canada and Mexico are our first and second largest export markets for United States food and agricultural products, totaling more than \$39.7 billion food and agricultural exports in 2018. These exports support more than 325,000 American jobs. All food and agricultural products that have zero tariffs under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will remain at zero tariffs. Since the original NAFTA did not eliminate all tariffs on agricultural trade between the United States and Canada, the USMCA will create new market access opportunities for United States exports to Canada of dairy, poultry, and eggs, and in exchange the United States will provide new access to Canada

for some dairy, peanut, and a limited amount of sugar and sugar-containing products. Earlier this year, nearly 1,000 American food and agriculture associations and companies announced their support for USMCA, and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture signed a letter to Congressional leadership urging them to ratify USMCA. In September, all former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture since President Reagan's Administration announced support for USMCA. In a letter to Congressional leaders, former Secretaries John Block (Reagan), Mike Espy (Clinton), Dan Glickman (Clinton), Ann Veneman (W. Bush), Mike Johanns (W. Bush), Ed Shafer (W. Bush), and Tom Vilsack (Obama) underscored the importance of passing USMCA saying, "We need a strong and reliable trade deal with our top two customers for U.S. agriculture products. USMCA will provide certainty

in the North American market for the U.S. farm sector and rural economy. We strongly support ratification of USMCA." **Key Provision: Increasing Dairy Market Access** America's dairy farmers will have expanded market opportunities in Canada for a wide variety of dairy products. Canada agreed to eliminate the unfair Class 6 and 7 milk pricing programs that allowed their farmers to undersell U.S. producers. **Key Provision: Biotechnology** For the first time, the agreement specifically addresses agricultural biotechnology - including new technologies such as gene editing - to support innovation and reduce trade-distorting policies. **Key Provision: Geographical Indications** The agreement institutes a more rigorous process for establishing geographical indicators and lays out additional factors to be considered in

determining whether a term is a common name. **Key Provision: Sanitary/Phytosanitary Measures** The three countries agree to strengthen disciplines for science-based measures that protect human, animal, and plant health while improving the flow of trade. **Key Provision: Poultry and Eggs** U.S. poultry producers will have expanded access to Canada for chicken, turkey, and eggs. **Key Provision: Wheat** Canada agrees to terminate its discriminatory wheat grading system, enabling U.S. growers to be more competitive. **Key Provision: Wine and Spirits** The three countries agree to avoid technical barriers to trade through non-discrimination and transparency regarding sale, distribution, labeling, and certification of wine and distilled spirits.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
VICKI GAY REKOW,
Deceased.

Case No. 2019 PR 25

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Terry Earl Rekow, one of the heirs of Vicki Gay Rekow, deceased, praying:

That descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Sheridan County, Kansas:

Undivided one-twelfth (1/12) interest in the South Half (S/2) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of her death.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the **21st day of January, 2020, at Ten (10:00) o'clock A.M.** of said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Terry Earl Rekow
Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

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Commission Minutes 12/11/2019

Now on this 11th day of December 2019, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Joe Bainter presiding. Others present were Wes Bainter, Troy Dewey and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Rachel Farber and Doyle Kauk.

Joe Bainter called the meeting to order.

Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, entered the meeting. DeBoer thanked the Board for allowing Penco Engineering to serve Sheridan County. DeBoer discussed several bridges and the condition of them and the need to start working on a plan for bridge replacement.

Ross Carder, Road & Bridge Supervisor, entered the meeting. Wes Bainter presented bills from Gourley Excavating, LLC which have not been paid. Bracht checked with her office and there are no bills for Gourley Excavating LLC turned in. Carder reviewed the bills and stated he was going to check on a couple to be sure the roads were complete, but they were approved and will be paid at the end of the month.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
JON L. THUMMEL
Deceased

19-PR-24

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on November 6, 2019 a Petition was filed in this Court by Janice M. Thummel, an heir, devisee and legatee of Jon L. Thummel, deceased, requesting that Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Janice M. Thummel to serve as Administrator without bond.

You are further advised that under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised that if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before January 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Janice M. Thummel
Petitioner

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Sand and Gravel Contracts were presented between Sheridan County and Mick Zerr on the SW4 35-10-27 and Robert Borger on the NE4 13-9-26, both at a price of \$1.00 per cubic yard. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Contracts, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Carder advised the Board that he had amended the Sheridan County, Kansas Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan. These changes included adding himself as Supervisor

and Chris Mikkelsen as Landfill Operator, noting that "red bags" are no longer accepted, tires will no longer be accepted unless it is through a city-wide cleanup and the fact they are currently working on getting a scalehouse. Carder also presented a Resolution approving these amendments. Bracht stated she would redo the Resolution. The documents will be reviewed and approved at the next regular meeting.

Joe Ford with Murphy Tractor entered the meeting. Ford presented quotes for JD Motor Graders. Ford discussed the options available and advised the Board that after January 1, there will be a price increase so if they plan on purchasing one, it would be good to order now. The Board will discuss further.

The County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds along state and federal highways during 2020 was reviewed. Dewey made a motion to not approve the Agreement this year. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

At 9:42 am, Dewey made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board and Carder. The door opened at 9:57.

Dewey made a motion to purchase parts for repairs to the backhoe in the amount of \$1,692.70. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Road & bridge employees will do the work. Bracht asked Carder if he had talked with the insurance representative for the damage to the Baalman equipment. Carder stated the adjuster is to get back with him.

Jim Lohmeyer, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas, entered the meeting. Lohmeyer presented the 2020 renewal for Sheridan County. Lohmeyer discussed the plan the County currently has and that the renewal came in at less than a 1% increase.

Bracht distributed the Resolution on fees for the Landfill. The Board will review and make a decision in January. The KNRC information was distributed and will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, entered the meeting. Koerperich presented the service order contract with Onsolve for the CodeRED notification service. Koerperich had the annual subscription fee lowered from \$3,000 to \$2,700/annually for the three-year period. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the Service Order Agreement, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Koerperich then presented an appointment letter for the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council, appointing Don Koerperich to represent Sheridan County for the 2020-2022 term. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the appointment letter, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the November 27, 2019 Minutes as amended, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

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

Joe Bainter made a motion to accept the 2020 Blue Cross/Blue Shield renewal for Sheridan

County. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

At 10:33, Dewey made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:39 with no decision being made.

Two tax abatements were presented and approved and signed by the Board.

Brandon Carver, Sheridan County Sheriff, entered the meeting. Also present were Shirley Niermeier, County Treasurer, Jim Myers, Accountant and Ryan Bartula from Crown Corrections via phone. Carver was present to discuss the use of a Kiosk machine for vending and phone cards for inmates. This system would alleviate the need for having cash in the office. The Kiosk system would generate reports that would be balanced back to the cash. Niermeier and Myers were present with concerns on how it will be run through the County books and the need for another back account. There was a lot of discussion and concern about how this would all work. Niermeier and Myers believe it can but Niermeier will be the individual setting up the checking account and will make the deposits to the bank. Dewey made a motion to approve going with this new system, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. This will be a two-year contract and will probably take 60-90 days to go into effect.

Dewey made a motion to purchase four (4) "Stop Sticks" at a cost of \$1,915 from Hugh Campbell/Stop Stick. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This will be paid for out of the Sheriff's Expenditure Fund. Carder presented information from Colby Dodge on a new 4-door Dodge Ram pickup, as well as a 2020 Tahoe from Superior Emergency Responses. Carver will get information on the equipment replacement schedule to Bracht to distribute to the Board.

The Board and Bracht discussed changing when warrants are being paid. Bracht will discuss the matter with her deputy and figure out what works best.

An Invoice for membership dues for 2020 was presented from National Association of Counties (NACo) in the amount of \$450.00. Dewey made a motion to remain a member and pay the dues for 2020. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-1 with Wes Bainter voting against.

The following warrants were audited and approved:

General \$7,653.09
Road & Bridge \$1,185.15
Spec Tech Clk. \$233.16
Offender Reg. \$212.71
Courthouse Impr. \$43,188.56
Noxious Weed \$247.39
Public Transp. \$38.05
VIN \$ 61.12

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room on the main floor in the Courthouse.

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

Roberta "Bert" Cupples

January 24, 1931 ~ December 6, 2019



Roberta L. Cupples went home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on December 6, 2019 at the age of 88 years old. Many knew her as "Bert" and she resided with her husband, Chet Cupples, in Escondido, CA.

Roberta was born January 24, 1931 in Edmond, KS to Oliver and Margaret Krauss. She had five siblings, all of whom are deceased except for her youngest sister, Helen.

Roberta grew up on the farm and married her husband, Chet, at the age of 19. They had four children: Doug, Mick, Kelly, and Ted. Doug died shortly after birth and Ted died in 2009 of respiratory complications. Mick resides in Ramona, CA and Kelly in Brush, CO. They both are Christian ministers. Chet and Roberta celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 4 of this year.

Roberta owned her own beauty shop in Hoxie for many years, and then was employed at the Hoxie State Bank, followed by working in the U.S. Department of Agriculture from which she retired. After retirement, Chet and Roberta moved to Escondido, CA in 1998, a city near San Diego.

Roberta loved music and played the clarinet and piano in her younger years. She was a dedicated and loving wife and mother who faithfully attended her children's and grandchildren's activities. Though she was small in stature, Bert was the "quiet giant" of the family, serving as the hub around which her husband and children revolved. She had a great sense of humor and put up with a lot of teasing by her husband and three boys, but certainly knew how to skillfully give it back.

Roberta is survived by her husband Chet who is 93 years of age; two sons, Mick and Kelly; three daughters-in-law, Lura, Ellen, and Eunice; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and sister, Helen. Roberta was predeceased by two additional grandchildren, Ben and Ryan, sons of Kelly and Mick respectively. Roberta will be interred at the Mira Mar National Cemetery in San Diego, CA.

Bill Sanders

June 3, 1941 ~ December 14, 2019



William "Bill" A. Sanders, 78, passed away Saturday, December 14, 2019 at his home in Hoxie surrounded by family and friends. He was born June 3, 1941 in Ashland, KS to William Franklin and Susie Nellie (Stewart) Sanders.

Bill attended Comanche County schools in Coldwater, KS. He achieved his GED in 1985 from Colby Community College. Bill worked in road construction until moving to Hoxie, where he met the love of his life, Mary. He married Mary Kathryn Bieker on July 1, 1961 at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie. Bill was a Produce Manager for many stores and was also a volunteer Fireman for many years. He enjoyed playing cards in his younger years. Bill had a love for lighthouses and collected them for years. His Aunt Gertrude painted him a lighthouse at the age of 80, and his granddaughter, Erica Kinderknecht, colored him a lighthouse picture. He treasured each of them very much.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Susie Sanders; sisters, Wilma Webber and Janet Goldwater and great-grandson, Garret Richmeier. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kathryn Sanders of the home; sons, Charles Sanders (Bernadette) of Wichita, KS and Daniel Sanders of Hoxie, KS; daughters, Debra Kinderknecht (Eric) of Hoxie, KS and Anna Richmeier (James) of WaKeeney, KS; 11 grandchildren: Jadrien Carson, James Richmeier (Kaitlyn), Raeschele Sanders, Justin Heikes (Emmy), Kayla Sanders (Shalina), Joey Richmeier, Austin Sanders, Brooke Sanders, Erica Kinderknecht, Marcus Sanders, and Nicole Sanders and 5 great grandchildren: Rosa Lee Heikes, Paxytyn Heikes, Rhieleigh Sanders, Braelynn Sanders, and Charles Luke Sanders.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Hoxie, Kansas on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. Burial followed in St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Cemetery, Hoxie. Visitation was Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., the family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., with the Vigil Service starting at 7:00 P.M. at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the William A. Sanders Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.



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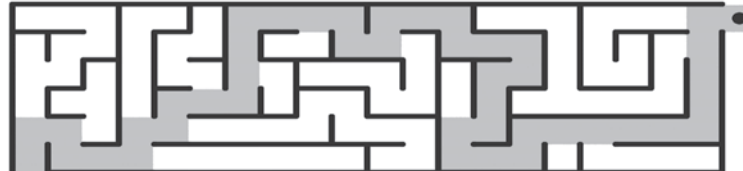
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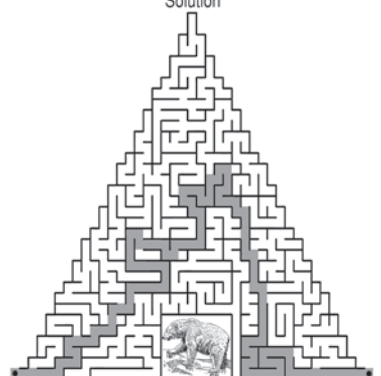
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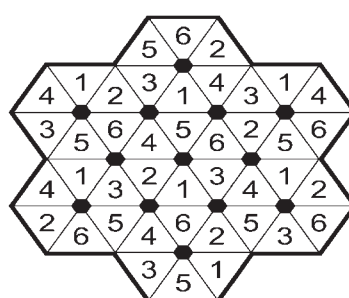


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Answer

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

SNOWFLAKES solution



CryptoQuip answer

When the rookie joined the chickens' baseball team, its name was added to the rooster roster.

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Answer

P	O	Y	A	D	I	O	E
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Riddle Answer:
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Super Crossword

Answers

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