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Main Street Arts Council Offers Summer 2024 Internship Positions

Hoxie - The Main Street Arts Council (MSAC), Hoxie, is pleased to offer a total of 12 student internship positions to assist with the facilitation of its

annual Main Street Summer Theater Festival held throughout the northwest Kansas region.

Funding for the positions is made possible through acceptance into the Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Summer Internship Program.

This summer, the theater festival will include the full-scale youth musical productions of the following productions and locations (subject to change):

- "Annie Jr" - June 28 at 7 p.m. (MT), June 29 at 3 p.m. (MT) - Goodland
- "Aladdin Jr" - July 6 at 7 p.m., July 7 at 3 p.m. - Atwood
- "Shrek Jr" - July 13 at 3 p.m., July 14 at 7 p.m. - Quinter
- "Willy Wonka Jr" - July 12 at 7 p.m., July 14 at 3 p.m. - Hoxie
- "Honk Jr" - July 19 at 7 p.m., July 20 at 3 p.m. - Colby
- "Alice in Wonderland Jr" - August 2 at 3 p.m., August 3 at 3 p.m. - Oakley

Participation in the theater festival productions is free to all area youth ages 5 to 18 years and made possible from the generosity of area grant funders, business and individual sponsors, and fundraising efforts of the casts via the post-performance Bake Sales.

Full festival details will be posted and updated online at www.mainstreetartscouncil.com/mstf2024 this spring.

The arts council is looking for fun, creative, and hard-working candidates to fill the internship positions. Two interns per show will be assigned to a primary show location to assist on the ground with all aspects of the production. While each intern will be dedicated to one particular show location, they will be required to work the entirety of the internship program (May 30 through August 9, 2024), assisting with all six shows throughout the festival region.

To be eligible, students must be in college or high school (age 16+) and must be from or attending school in the following Northwest/North Central Kansas counties: Barton, Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace.

The base wage for each internship is \$12.00 per hour.

The interns will assist the festival staff in the preparation and rehearsing of full-scale youth musical productions. The interns will learn all the ins and outs of putting on a production and gain valuable hands-on experience throughout the process. They will assist with show design, direction, fundraising, running rehearsals, building sets/props, costuming, lights/sound, ticket sales, marketing and more.

A valid driver's license is preferred as travel throughout northwest Kansas will be required; accommodation will be made to assist those without a driver's license as needed.

Applicants must apply online at <https://connectnwkc.org/nexgen/> by March 1, 2024. Qualified candidates will be contacted to conduct an interview.

For more information and to get involved, visit www.mainstreetartscouncil.com or contact Executive Director Karl Pratt at mainstreetartscouncil@gmail.com.

About the Main Street Arts Council

The Main Street Arts Council is an organization dedicated to promoting the arts, encouraging creativity, serving the arts community, and acting as an advocate for the arts. We strive to be a model organization for the Northwest Kansas region by ensuring access to the arts for all ages, encouraging a community passion for the arts and successfully supporting, partnering, and collaborating with others committed to the arts. Learn more at <https://mainstreetartscouncil.com>.

About Nex-Generational Round Up for Youth

Our mission is to educate northwest and north central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship, and internship. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper. Learn more at <https://www.nex-generation.org/>.

HHS 2024 Snoball Candidates



The Hoxie High School 2024 Snoball crowning will be held at halftime of the varsity boys' basketball game against Trego on Tuesday, February 6. Senior candidates for king (back row, l-r) are Levi Gleason, Kane Epp, and Ivan Kaus. Senior candidates for queen are (front row, l-r) Mireya Villa, Josey Kennedy, and Ella Zerr. (HHS photo)

WHS Snowball King and Queen Crowned



During the halftime of the boys game the Snowball crowning was held. Every boy and girl from each class got to vote for two candidates for their class. This year's candidates were fr. Chase Ramsey and Neveah Price, so. Luke Zerr and Brielle Hanna, jr. Treyton Barnett and Leahnie Swanepool, and sr. Jordan Perez and Marsha McDonald. Winning the crowning was sr. Jordan Perez and Marsha McDonald. STUCO president Jordyn Backman and STUCO public relations officer Maddison Zerr handed out the crown to Marsha McDonald and Jordan Perez received a signed basketball and beef jerky. The dance was held on Saturday in the evening.

GPMS Top Spellers!



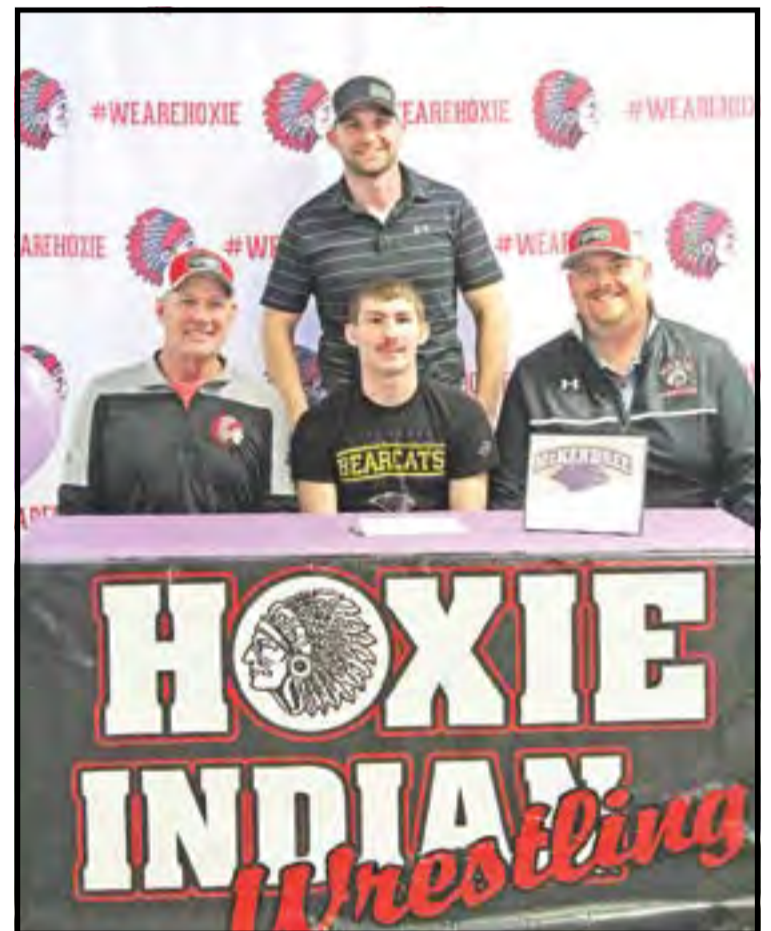
Top Spellers! Golden Plains Middle School held their school spelling bee on Tuesday, January 30. Eighth grader Ben Masoner, (l-r) was the school champion for the second year in a row. He correctly spelled "innards" to win the bee. Runner up was Adilyn Meier, and third place went to Elizabeth Weiner after numerous rounds. The top three will compete at the Thomas County Spelling Bee in Brewster on February 20. Brandon Karnes will serve as alternate. (photo by Judy Rogers)

Bell and Watkins Both Earn 100th Win



Juniors Sam Watkins and Duncan Bell both earned their 100th win this past Friday at the MCL tournament. (HHS Wrestling photo)

Ochs Signs with McKendree University



HHS student Carson Ochs committed to McKendree University to continue his academic and athletic career in the Bearcat wrestling program. The signing took place on January 31 at Hoxie High School with representatives from McKendree and the HHS wrestling team present. Coach Mike Porsch (left) said, "I'm proud of all the work that Carson has done to get himself to this point and excited to see what he can do at the next level!" (Chloe Porsch, HHS News)

Bates to Present "Children of the Promised Land" at Prairie Museum

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby will host renowned historian Angela Bates as its next Food for Thought lunchtime speaker, at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15. Ms. Bates is the Executive Director and past President of the Nicodemus Historical Society. Her presentation is called "Children of the Promised Land." Ms. Bates' appearance at the Prairie Museum is made possible by Humanities Kansas and is sponsored by S&T Communications. Pre-register here: www.prairiemuseum.org/food-for-thought.

Auditions Set for Wizard of Oz

Auditions for the Colby Community College Music Department's performance of "The Wizard of Oz" will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, and Thursday, Feb. 15, in the music wing of the Cultural Arts Center.

Children are welcome to portray munchkins and flying monkeys. Adults are invited to audition for performance roles and to help in other capacities.

Auditions will be done as individuals arrive. No preparation is needed.

The shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19, and 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, in the Frahm Theatre.

Questions can be directed to Randy Berls at randy.berls@colbycc.edu.

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Golden Plains calendar for the upcoming week: February 8 - Junior High Basketball, WKLL at the Event Center in Colby. A Boys vs Weskan, A Girls vs Triplains/Brewster and B Boys vs Triplains/Brewster. February 9 - "Black Out Day" dress in black to support the teams. Freshman Bake Sale. High School Basketball with Wheatland/Grinnell. Senior Night. February 10 - High School scholar Bowl at State. ACT Test date. High School Forensics at Northern Valley. Junior High Basketball, WKLL B Boys vs TBD (to be determined). Junior High A Girls vs TBD, Junior High A Boys vs TBD, Junior High B Girls vs TBD. February 12 - NO SCHOOL parent teacher conferences. February 13 - Wear red for Valentine's Day. High School Forensics at Ellis. High School Basketball vs Rawlins County in Rexford. Sweetheart Crowning. February 14 - FFA Ag Mechanics/Spring Meet. Junior High Scholars Bowl. The Monday Afternoon coffee meets at 2:00pm at the Community Center. They celebrated Shirley Emigh's Birthday. Those attending include Helen Carman, Shirley Emigh, Mary Galden, Sandy Koerperich, Elaine Koerperich, Marsha Rogers, and Carlene Bruggeman.

Upcoming Beginner-Friendly Painting Class



Logan - The Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program is pleased to welcome certified Bob Ross instructor Amber May of Aurora, CO, to teach two Joy of Painting classes on February 17 and 18. On Saturday, February 17, the class will paint "Western Expanse," and on Sunday, February 18, "Mountains at Sunrise." Classes are held in the Hansen Museum Community Room, 110 W. Main Street, Logan, from 9am to 3pm with an hour-long lunch break each day.

The Bob Ross method is designed to be a fun and simple way to paint. Beginner friendly, participants will be guided step-by-step to complete a painting each day just like Bob did on TV. All painting supplies are provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Students need only bring a roll of paper towels. Young and old alike (13 and older) will enjoy the camaraderie of these classes.

Call the Museum to register or find the registration form on our website (hansenmuseum.org) under Classes & Workshops. Discounts are available for Patron and Sustaining Hansen Museum Members. This enjoyable learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program, underwritten by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846.

The Museum is open weekdays 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. The Museum is handicap-accessible and thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, there is never an admission fee.

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2024 Girl Scout Cookie Season Begins February 9

Consumers in the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland area can support local girl entrepreneurs by ordering from the iconic cookie lineup starting February 9.

Kansas - On February 9, Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland kicks off the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie season, the annual event in which Girl Scouts unbox their futures as young female entrepreneurs through the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls.

To find a cookie booth, customers can enter their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder. This allows customers to find a time and location for a cookie booth near them. This year, the iconic lineup features Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties®, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Trefoils (previously known as Shortbreads), Lemonades®, Toast-yay!™, the returning brownie-inspired Adventureful™ and the gluten-free Caramel Chocolate Chip. Cookies are still \$5 per package and all of the proceeds after paying the baker stay in Kansas to support our local Girl Scouts.

During this highly anticipated time of the year, girls flex their entrepreneurial muscles and acquire important life skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

This year's theme, Unbox the Future, aims to remove social barriers that often keep girls boxed in. When bold, goal-getting Girl Scouts sell a package of cookies, they're doing much more than what's seen at face value. Girl Scouts are entrepreneurial powerhouses creating a more equitable future for themselves and the world. Every box of cookies sold provides invaluable experiences for Girl Scouts such as service projects, troop travel and summer camp.

Online Ordering Available Nationwide
 GSUSA is making it possible for all consumers nationwide who don't already know a Girl Scout to purchase Girl Scout Cookies online for shipment to their door. Beginning February 16, customers can enter their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder to find a local troop to purchase from through the Digital Cookie platform for direct shipment or donation to local organizations.

Share Something Sweet with Kansans
 Since the Care & Share program began in 2010, customers have donated more than 180,000 packages of cookies to members of the military and local charities. In 2023 alone, more than 11,000 packages were distributed to members of the Kansas community. Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland gives cookie customers the option of sharing the sweet treats with those in the healthcare industry, service men and women, their families and local charities like the Kansas Food Bank. Customers can simply purchase a package of cookies to donate, and Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland handles

the rest.
 Girl Scouts in grades K-12 can start their journey to fun, friendship and new experiences by joining the world's largest entrepreneurial organization for girls at any point in the year. Girls can join and adults can become a volunteer at www.kansasgirlscouts.org/join.

About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
 Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 10,000 members in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

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 There will be a drive-up on the east side of the 4-H building.

Thank You!
 "Mom would like to thank the many friends and family members who expressed birthday wishes for her 90th birthday!
 Thank you all, and God Bless!"
 Marjorie Haller Grimm

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2nd Monday: City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg
1st Tuesday: HAMA
2nd Tuesday: Scrappy Quilters
4th Monday: Hospital Board of Trustees, FQHC 8am following Wednesday
Last Wednesday: 5:30pm Am. Legion Stag/Stagette Dinner ~ Grainfield
Every Monday: 9am Elders' Coffee & Conversation Impact Community Center
8:30pm Hoxie AA ~ Equity Bank basement (alley entrance)
Every Tuesday: 9am Commissioners' Mtg 12pm Rotary 7pm Fire Dept Mtg 8pm Grief Share @ Christ Community Church-online (Monday in-person)
2nd Wednesday: American Legion 7pm @ Prime Seed
2nd Thursday: SC Economic Development Mtg 12pm Bottle KAP Studio
3rd Thursday: Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance 4-6pm @ Hoxie UMC for emergency food bags call 785-475-7015 or 571-991-8679
What do you have happening soon? Share Your Event Here - FREE
Valentine's Day Supper
 5pm Saturday, February 10
 Leoville Parish Center
Mardi Gras ~ Selden
 11:30am Sunday, February 11
 Spaghetti dinner, games, etc.
WPAA Presents
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 3pm Sunday, February 11
 Colby Cultural Arts Center
Mt. Pleasant Groundhog Dinner
 5:30pm Sunday, February 18
 Bottle KAP Studios

Mealsite Menu

Feb. 12 ~ Feb. 16

Monday: Fish Sticks, Rice, Corn, Strawberries
Tuesday: Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach Salad, Bread, Tropical Fruit
Wednesday: Tator Tot Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Bread, Gelatin w/ fruit
Thursday: Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Blend Vegetables, Bread, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Friday: Cooks Choice

Substitutions may be more frequent as we experience food supply shortages

The Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheon in the community room at Edgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 877-8164 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$5.00 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday during a quarter & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMERPHAD Nutrition Project.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 I write in response to Roger Marshall's letter of recent date in the Sheridan Sentinel. I should like to shed some light on Roger Marshall and his friends' arguments and methods used to reach their goal.
 All of us recall Ms. Barbara Bollier letting us know about Roger Marshall during the last election. Ms. Bollier's television ad said that Roger Marshall had cut funding for school children.
 Obviously, Roger Marshall didn't say anything directly about cutting more funding for more children in his letter to your paper. I, for one, read between the lines of his specious argument, saw the light and it was thus:
 Apparently Roger Marshall does not care about homeless transgendered children. Roger Marshall seeks to have these homeless children deny their very identities in order to have homes.
 I disagree with Roger Marshall and his friends as to their less than humane goal, specious arguments, and the seemingly cruel methods they have proposed all of us should agree to.
 All children deserve homes. They should not have to pretend to be anyone other than themselves in order to have homes. Placing such a burden on mere children is an immodest proposal at best.
 All of us need to contact Roger Marshall and let him know all children in the United States of America deserve family homes. No conditions.
 I hope your readers will agree.
 Respectfully yours,
 William J. Sullivan
 Native Kansan and Proud American

Welcome a Lifelong Friend - Open Your Home to a Foreign Exchange Student

World Heritage International Student Exchange Program (WH), a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Organization, is seeking local families to host foreign exchange students this coming school year. World Heritage students come from a variety of countries worldwide: Italy, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Ukraine, Japan, Australia, to name just a few. They are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports, etc. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples, and single persons.
 The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident, and liability insurance. World Heritage students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their student from different backgrounds, countries, and personal interests.
 World Heritage also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester, or a summer with a host family in another country.
 If interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, please call Debra at 1-800-888-9040, visit www.world-heritage.org or send an email to info@world-heritage.org to request more information or start the application process. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today. The memories and the relationship you create with your exchange student will stay with you forever.
Contact: Debra Garbon, World Heritage Program Director, at 1-800-888-9040 or send an email to info@world-heritage.org.

Lenora High School Alumni Scholarships

The Lenora Alumni has voted to make the Alumni Scholarships available through the application process to any LRHS graduate - a son, a daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild including a legal foster child or adopted child of a graduate of Lenora Rural High School who plans to further their education beyond high school including universities, trade schools, and junior colleges.
Application must be received by April 1.

Your Letter of Application should:
 • State your plans for the future
 • Name the school you are planning to attend
 • Provide the relative's name who makes you eligible
 • Grade transcription
 • 2 or 3 letters of recommendation (i.e., employer's letter of recommendation, etc.)

Please send applications to:
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K-State 105 is KSU's Call for Economic Growth & Advancement Solution

By Gimmie Jo Jansonius, M.S., K-State Research and Extension, Twin Creeks Extension Director, Community Vitality Agent
 Some of you have maybe started to hear the buzz around K-State 105 and wondered just what is going on in the Twin Creeks District. In my last article for the holidays, I shared about a community event inviting everyone out to learn about K-State 105. I wanted to share a little more about that initiative and invite you to engage locally as this is a great way to bring university resources to our communities to make them vibrant, more prosperous places to call home.
 If you'll remember from my last article, K-State was the first Land Grant University in the country. It is a university built on engagement that has always been in every Kansas county. As a next-generation land-grant university, we're now embracing innovative ways to serve and connect with the people who call the Sunflower State home. This is where I get so incredibly excited as an extension director because we get to play a bigger role in the Land Grant Mission of providing access, opportunity, and affordability locally by leveraging not some but now ALL of the resources that K-State has to offer back home here in our communities. As K-State faculty, we get to start connecting the dots. We get to do what we do best and that is bringing people and partners together. We call it K-State 105. I call it doing good things for the Twin Creeks District and the great state of Kansas so we can in turn do good things in our world.

K-State 105 is Kansas State University's answer to the call for a comprehensive economic growth and advancement solution for Kansas. The initiative leverages the state-wide K-State Research and Extension network to deliver the full breadth of the university's collective knowledge and solution-driven innovation to every Kansan, right where they live and work. Why K-State Research and Extension you might ask? Think about it, what is a common thread in all 105 counties across the state of Kansas? A local extension agent with expertise and connections back to Kansas State University's latest research and information with the ability to get all of that back into the field and the hands of the people!! K-State 105 is essentially forging the connections and partnerships that create access to additional expertise within other state institutions and agencies, non-profits and corporations - all part of an effort to build additional capacities and strengths in each of the 105 counties in the state.

We have been doing work of this nature for years in the Twin Creeks District, but I am incredibly excited to see our work elevated to a level that truly allows us to embrace EVERYTHING the university has to offer at the main campus and bring it right to our local communities. While I'm not yet at liberty to share specific K-State 105 programs that will be rolled out in our district just yet, that will happen in future articles, I would like to note a neat example of recent work where we are starting to elevate extension and have a heavier focus on bringing the university to the people. The Radon Awareness program, made possible through K-State and the Norton and Sheridan County Community Foundations, kicked off with a continuing education seminar for realtors and public program for community members in late January. It will run for the next year and provide ongoing education about the dangers of Radon as well as test kits for the community and resources for mitigation should it be necessary.

Moving forward, the Twin Creeks District faculty and board of directors is not only excited about elevating K-State Research and Extension through initiatives like K-State 105, but we want to hear from you and learn what is important to you as well as what resources, programming, and even ongoing education you as a stakeholder in our district might find beneficial as we seek to make the Twin Creeks District a vibrant, more prosperous place to live.

NWS Goodland Hosts Annual Storm Spotter Training Classes

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Goodland and Sheridan County Emergency Management invite you to attend a free, in-person Storm Spotter Class in Hoxie open to everyone. This year's training will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Bowen Scout House located in Hoxie, Kansas at 1117 Sheridan Avenue.

This year's spotter class will include:
 • Identifying thunderstorm types and features
 • Learning how to stay safe while spotting and what not to do during hazardous weather
 • Learn about landspouts and how NWS Goodland messages them
 • Using radar to know what you are seeing in person (By Popular Demand)
 • Identifying tornadoes from their look-alikes
 Spotter reports are key to improving the quality and timeliness of our products during hazardous weather. Please don't underestimate the value of your report during severe weather! We need your help in keeping our communities safe and making them more resilient to the impacts of hazardous weather.

For more information, contact NWS Goodland at (785) 899-2360 or reach out to us on Facebook or Twitter(X). A complete listing of the 2024 Spotter Schedule is available on the Goodland NWS web page: <https://www.weather.gov/gld/2024spottertraining>.

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Sheridan Times
February 9, 1888

County Surveyor Breckon called on us Monday.

Attend the literary at Sheridan Tuesday nights. Checkers is the all absorbing game at present. Gray is champion.

A. W. Lawrence called Monday and ordered the Youth's Companion for his wife.

The ground hog has retired to his hole in disgust with Kansas weather.

Ellory Wyant is champion foot racer of Prairie Dog township and his friends think he is champion of Sheridan County.

Sheridan will have a barber shop in the near future. Thompson & McFarling, both experienced barbers will wield the razor.

Miss Pernellie Wick is at home nursing a felon. Her place at the Commercial is supplied by her sister Miss Bretha Thompson.

Dr. Liggitt treated us to cake Monday, which he said was a birthday cake from his - or someone else - sister and was sent from Colorado by mail.

Supt. Scott was in town this week and called around for a pleasant chat.

It takes a pretty smart man to down the Hoxie merchants but "Dutchy" proved to much for them.

Charley Cantrill, of the Commercial at Hoxie, lightened our den a few minutes by his presence Tuesday.

It is almost an hourly occurrence to see buggies drive in from the south with people who would like to see Dankof. From all over our land goes up the plaintive cry "Dutchy drop dose goods."

Bro. Davidson says we need a new court house. We agree with him and as soon as it is ascertained to a certainty where it is wanted, then we are in favor of building one. But when Sheridan gets her rail-road and if Hoxie should not get one, then we will build a good court house with out cost to the county. Again should Hoxie be as fortunate as ourselves, then we are in favor of building a court house there, by bonding or otherwise.

At the meeting last Saturday evening it was decided to organize two lodges, the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. and commence immediately to erect a hall to be owned by the first named order. If you think of joining either order, call at the stores, hear the proposition and sign the petition to become a charter member.

Prairie Dog Barkings

L. K. Jones went to Oberlin to mill, one day last week.

Some one with more energy than sense, broke three panes of glass out of a window in the schoolhouse of district No. 26.

Mr. John Harfst and wife, with daughters May and Mabel, took dinner with A. W. Lawrence and family last Sunday.

The political pot begins to simmer and as election comes in November, we think it will be a cold day when the democrats get left.

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125 Years Ago
February 9, 1899

C. H. Beers paid Salina a brief visit the first of the week.

Otis L. Benton, the Oberlin banker, was in Hoxie the forepart of the week.

F. W. Fay and family now occupy the rooms over Mrs. Horton's millinery store.

The proposition of extending the sidewalks to the church, court house and school house is gaining favor and will probably be ordered done at the next meeting of the city authorities.

A large crowd is expected at the ball February 22.

Miss Agnes Beers left Monday morning for Salina to attend College.

J. R. Smith, who lives north of Lucerne, braved the cold and came to Hoxie yesterday.

Good music good order and a good time at the dance February 22nd.

Mrs. J. N. Gregg is reported as having pneumonia.

Miley Young, trustee of Valley township had official business in Hoxie Wednesday.

A fair crowd attended the Decker sale yesterday and the report is that everything sold well.

James Sherwood has moved onto the Minium farm, which he has leased for farming purposes.

Marvin Bruch one of the well-to-do young farmers of Salin township was a Hoxie visitor yesterday.

A donation party will be held at the M. E. Parsonage Friday evening February 10th. All are cordially invited.

T. J. McKinny of Highland Home has been on the "lift" the past week and J. Reston has been running the ranch.

Judge Gregg issued his first marriage license last Saturday to W. A. Marsh and Miss Bertha Morris, both of Menla.

Jimmy Foster and Mrs. Foster of Hampton Court, despite the severe weather, were shopping in Hoxie Tuesday.

The Filipinos precipitated a battle with Uncle Sam's troops at Manila Saturday which lasted until Sunday night. They were completely routed and when it was over several thousand of Aguinaldo's followers were dead, more wounded and as many more taken prisoners, while the American loss was 200 wounded and 50 killed.

D. L. Wiggins returned home from Kansas City yesterday meeting and reported that the physicians down there had decided that amputation of Sam's leg above the knee was all they could advise and that the operation was performed last Tuesday a week. When he left Sam was doing remarkably well under the circumstances and was rather cheerful over his misfortune.

A report is current that E. G. Currier has returned and is now at his cousin's Jesse Stinson's in Graham county.

Selden Department

M. Floyd the jeweler has moved to Colby Kansas.

County Attorney Hedge passed through Selden on his way home from Norton the other

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day.

J. A. Henderson has moved out on the farm formerly owned by Wm. Allerton where he will farm this year.

100 Years Ago
February 7, 1924

A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Decker Mosier, Monday night, February 4.

Orville Coffman left Tuesday via Grainfield for Hays where he was called as a witness in a damage suit at that place.

C. G. Stevens, M. D., the Osborne-Topeka eye sight specialist, will be at the Lipton Hotel, Saturday and Monday, February 16-17-18.

There will be a called meeting of the Hoxie W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. Shields on Friday afternoon. Important business. Members are urged to attend.

H. R. Reed and Mrs. Reed, of Colby, were in Hoxie Friday. Mr. Reed is a representative of the Proctor & Gamble Soap Company and has arranged for a special soap sale of one week by all the merchants in the county starting on February 16, and continuing until February 23.

The Wednesday Night Bridge Club met Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beers. Those present besides the club members were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pearson.

Dr. E. D. Beckner was called home last week to be at the bedside of his little daughter, Eliza Nell, who is seriously ill. The many friends of the Beckners here hope for the little girl's speedy recovery.

E. R. Hunter will hold a public sale at his place northwest of Studley on Friday, February 15. Mr. Hunter has nice line of livestock and farm implements also some good household goods. He will move to Colorado or Wyoming, hence is making a general sale of most of his personal property. Keep this sale in mind.

Frank and O. K. Stakebake were summoned to Junction City the last of the week owing to the death of their aged father, who in the early days homesteaded here. Mr. Stakebake's obituary taken from the Junction City Daily Union appears elsewhere in this week's Sentinel.

A wedding on interest to many Sentinel readers occurred in Colorado Springs, Saturday, February 2. The contracting parties were Miss Rubie Hubbard and Mr. Leland Dennis, both of Colorado Springs. The bride, who is a sister of Mrs. Nigel Wilson, spent several weeks here last summer. While here she made many friends, being very popular with the young people in our city. All wish her much joy and happiness in her new life.

Square Top Items

The B. Y. P. U. and business meeting was held at Eddie Simon's on Friday night.

The members of the Bethel church had a business meeting Wednesday evening. It was decided to reorganize the C. E. which had been discontinued for some time.

A large crowd attended the program and pie social at Beaver Friday night. We understand the proceeds were about fifty-three dollars. A cake for the most popular lady was won by Miss Ruby Price and one for the laziest man was given to Jake Schoenfeldt.

75 Years Ago
February 10, 1949

Just Press a Button

Something new came to town last week in the

form of automatic garage doors for Art Shatzell and Henry Ochs. They drive into their driveway, press a button, and presto the garage doors start opening or closing. It is just that simple, as the doors operate by radio control. Each car has a transmitter with the receiving set installed within the garage. The driver merely starts up the driveway, pushes the transmitter button, the garage door opens and there you are. After the car is in the garage, another press of the button brings the doors down and to rest as gentle as if pulled by hand.

The Shatzell doors were installed last Thursday and Ochs' on Saturday. So busy was Art showing the fellows about town how the doors operated that he ran the battery down on his car and had to be pushed to the garage for a quick battery charge.

Now, what won't they think of next!

East Saline Unit

East Saline Unit met Tuesday, Feb. 1, with Mrs. Cass Breeden. Floor plans of kitchens was worked on in the morning. Eight ladies, four men and four children were present for dinner which was prepared by the hostess, and co-hostess, Mrs. John Chestnut. In the afternoon meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Carl McWilliams. Farm Bureau creed was read. Roll call and minutes of last meeting was read. We had discussion on various things, appointed new leaders Edith Breeden and Viva Shafer. Mrs. Cass Breeden gave the lesson, had recreation then adjourned to meet with Stella Simon on Feb. 15 with Edith Breeden and Elizabeth Chestnut as hostesses.

East Saline Items

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heskett and children took supper and spent Thursday evening at the Vern Bashford home.

Louis Hayes sold 20 head of cattle at the Hill City sale barn last Friday.

Mrs. Marie Hayes is still at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Heskett. Her condition is much better, but she still is not too well.

Jennings News

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nelson and Judy visited Saturday night with the P. A. Stramel family. They also visited with the Lawrence Nelson family.

The Winifred Mowry family, Walter and Gladys Mowry, and Mr. Colman all spent Sunday at the Roland Mowry home.

Mrs. Jennie Chandler spent Sunday afternoon at the Z. H. Morton home.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have a nice supply of ironing boards, copyers and electric irons. Even sad irons.

A five-year-old was taught to close her evening prayers, during the absence of her father, with: "And please watch over my papa." It sounded so very sweet to the mother, but her astonishment may be imagined when one evening the little girl added: "And you had better keep an eye on mama, too."

Let us show you the Hot Point electric heater, the only one with a satisfactory heating unit economical to use.

50 Years Ago
February 7, 1974

Ringneck Camper Club Met in Hoxie

The Ringneck Campers

Club held their Feb. 3 meeting at the American Legion hall in Hoxie. The Hoxie members were hosts. Thirty members answered roll call.

The president, Ernest Shaw, conducted the business meeting followed by social hour.

It is now planned that the next meeting of the club will be at Oberlin on March 3 - Reporter

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt visited their daughters Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Connolly and Jason at Wichita; Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Thoral Mauk and family at Minneapolis Sunday, Jan. 27 thru Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Mrs. Grace Spenser and Mrs. Anne Moore visited Mrs. Esther Brandt on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riggs visited Mrs. Esther Brandt on Thursday evening.

Broadway News

Mrs. Oscar Berger spent Monday afternoon with Estella Simon in Quinter while Oscar attended the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shafer had eye appointments with their doctors in Hays the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Curder called at the Albert Smith, Oscar Berger and Mrs. George Simon homes Wednesday.

Leoville News

Mrs. Bernadine Diederich of New Almelo visited with Mrs. Barney Schieferecke Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schroer and Tony are visiting Mrs. Erlene Schroer in Oberlin.

August Karls had surgery on his foot last Thursday in a Denver hospital. He is getting along very well. Mrs. Karls is with him.

Tom Tom Tribune

Red Devils Scold the Indians - The Hoxie B-team wrestlers suffered their first defeat of the season to Oberlin 25 to 15 Friday, Feb. 1. Ron Schamberger had the only fall for Hoxie. In exhibition Tom Feldt won a superior decision over Goering 17 to 0.

B-Team Basketball Team Loses to Oberlin - The Hoxie B-team lost to Oberlin 83 to 47 on Friday, Feb. 1. Hoxie ran into tough luck as they came within 3 points of Oberlin late in the third quarter, but could not catch the Red Devils in the fourth. Badsky and Lund of Oberlin led in scoring with 16 points each. For Hoxie, Gail Adams had the most points with 15.

Mickey's Want Ads

We still have a nice selection of chairs and other furniture marked down to a low low price.

One husband to the other: "What do you mean, you have to think twice before leaving your wife alone at night?"

"First," stated his friend. "I have to think of a reason to go out. Then I have to think up a reason why she can't go with me."

Scott's Early Bird sale is now in progress; buy now or soon and save.

25 Years Ago
February 11, 1999

Jennings-Allison

UMW women met Feb. 3 at the Fellowship Hall with 12 present. Rosa Brock had quiet moments and Rachel Carter had the program. Neoma Carter and Rachel Carter served the refreshments.

Tuesday Study Club - The Tuesday Study Club of Jennings met at the home of Helen Muirhead on Jan. 26 in Dresden with Jean Skubal as co-hostess. The president Lois Scott opened the meeting with reporting the collect and the flag salute was given.

The treasurer's report along with the minutes of the December meeting was given by Joann Norris. A discussion was had on sending a girl to girl's state. A motion was made to send a girl in question with the American Legion Auxiliary of Jennings.

Roll call was answered by asking health questions. Edie Tate of Cottonwood Home Health Care was the guest speaker. She discussed the various services provided by home health.

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Rexford

Jessica Vidmar had a birthday party on Jan. 15 to celebrate her big 3 birthday with family and friends. She had lots of fun playing outside on her new roller blades with her sister and a little help from mom and Aunt Megan. Thanks to all who came.

Kelly Hibbs of Hays spent last weekend with her parents, Gary and Karen Hibbs.

Congratulations to Roy and Eileen Dible who observed their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on Jan. 30 at the Ramada Inn in Colby.

The ceramics group met Thursday evening at the Shepherd's Staff Center for supper at 6:30 p.m. Some came at 7 p.m. to just do ceramics. Jolene Hansen is in charge of this activity and anyone is welcome to take part every Thursday evening.

Indians Defeat Atwood, Trego

The Hoxie Indians improve to 5-10 on the year after picking up back-to-back victories over Atwood and Trego last week.

On Feb. 2, the Indians entertained Atwood and played a solid all-around game en route to a 70-50 victory. On Saturday, Hoxie traveled to Wa-Keeney and came away with a 64-60 win.

Wrestlers Win P-Burg Tourney

The Hoxie wrestling team won its final regular season tournament with little problem Saturday as it outpaced Stockton for the championship of the Phillipsburg Invitational.

The Indians scored a team total of 185 points, compared to 120.5 for Stockton and 116 for Phillipsburg.

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Emergency HEAL Grants Available to Stabilize Rural Downtown Buildings

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced today \$500,000 will be available under the Emergency Response Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (Emergency HEAL) program to bring rural downtown buildings back from likely demolition or collapse and rehabilitate them into productive commercial use.

Emergency HEAL was created to provide a resource to address sudden and urgent needs of communities when disaster strikes.

“We have seen too many communities lose beautiful historic buildings after extreme wind events, floods or fires when there weren’t adequate resources available to prevent their demolition,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “This program will help provide rapid funding to save these structures so they can once again contribute to the retail and service economies of rural Kansas communities.”

Buildings that are at risk of imminent loss, that are causing damage to surrounding downtown buildings, and/or have significant damage due to a disaster event are eligible projects for Emergency HEAL. The grant will be open annually, with a maximum of \$100,000 award per community. Communities are allowed to use the funding to help save more than one building if needed. Matching funds (1:1) are required.

Submitted projects must show that recent damage has caused an urgent need for immediate repair or the building could be lost. In addition, the community has one year to repair the building and identify a tenant.

Once stabilized, Emergency HEAL grants help bring downtown buildings back into productive use as spaces for:

- Businesses (existing or new)
- Housing
- Arts and culture
- Childcare
- Entrepreneurship or innovation

The application period will open February 9 and close June 1, or until funding is exhausted. A new round will open July 1, 2024, and close June 1, 2025.

A virtual webinar about the specifics of the program is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8. Registration is required. Interested organizations and building owners can register here.

For additional information about Emergency HEAL, the online application or the webinar, click here.

About the Kansas Department of Commerce:

As the state’s lead economic development agency, the Kansas Department of Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas. Commerce accomplishes its mission by developing relationships with corporations, site location consultants and stakeholders in Kansas, the nation and world. Our strong partnerships allow us to help create an environment for existing Kansas businesses to grow and foster an innovative, competitive landscape for new businesses. Through Commerce’s project successes, Kansas was awarded Area Development Magazine’s prestigious Gold Shovel award in 2021, 2022 and 2023, and was awarded the 2021 and 2022 Governor’s Cup by Site Selection Magazine.

KFB Legislative Report: Jan. 29-Feb. 2

Legislative committees began to work at a significantly faster pace as we entered the fourth week of the session. The pace will continue to move quickly as committees work to get their work done prior to Turnaround Day on Feb. 23. Turnaround Day is when all non-exempt bills must be passed by their origin. Essentially, most of the committee work in the house of origin must be completed in the next two weeks. With Senate committees also working agency budgets, they are running on an increasingly shortened timeline. In the House, agency budgets are run through subcommittees allowing the other committees to hear and work non-budgetary bills. All of this to say, expect a lot of committee activity in the next two weeks as we sprint toward Turnaround Day.

In other news, the legislature is still waiting to attempt to override Gov. Laura Kelly’s veto of their flat tax plan. Legislative leaders and interested parties are working hard to muster the votes for the two-thirds majority required to override the governor’s veto. There is some sentiment that an override is possible in the House, but there are more challenges in the Senate.

Finally, Sen. Carolyn McGinn surprised many in the Statehouse and announced that she does not plan to seek reelection in 2024. McGinn has served in the Kansas Senate for 20 years. She has held numerous chairmanships, including Ways and Means chair, during her tenure in the Senate. Senate leadership and others praised McGinn for her tenure in the Senate. At this point, only Rep. Stephen Owens has announced that he is running in Senate District 31.

Agriculture

The Senate Agriculture committee began to work through budgets last week. Hearing from the Kansas State Fair, Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Health and Environment-Environment Division, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Kansas Department of Agriculture. The Committee is expected to continue to slog through the budget review process this week.

House Agriculture and Natural Resources heard and passed out HB 2477, which would increase the maximum reimbursement from the Kansas agricultural remediation fund. The committee also heard and passed out HB 2525 providing additional sources of revenue for the water program management fund and creating additional fees for the regulation of underground injection control wells. Kansas Dairy presented its request for state funds to build a new dairy facility at Kansas State University. Testimony can be found here. The Committee rounded out the week with a hearing on HB 2607, which updates KDA’s Pesticide Act to be in compliance with EPA standards. Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) provided proponent testimony but asked the committee to consider keeping language allowing private applicators to barter for services with fellow producers. KFB’s testimony can be found here.

The House Water committee heard a report from GMD 3 last week. The Committee also held a hearing on HB 2459 on Thursday. KFB, along with Haskell County Farm Bureau member Jarvis Garetson testified in opposition to HB 2459 pertaining to water right point of diversion change prohibitions. Opponents soundly outweighed proponents and neutral conferees. Chairman Minnix indicated in committee he does not intend to work the bill, but he felt that the issue needed heard to begin the discussion. The hearing can be here.

This week, the House water committee will hold hearings on HB 2633, dealing with reasonable operator certification fees being retained by KDHE, and HB 2634, adding flexibility to corrective controls within IGUCA and LEMA law.

Energy

KFB introduced two pieces of legislation in each chamber. One bill would prohibit the use of eminent domain for the siting of solar energy generation. In the House, the bill is HB 2621. The other bill, SB 443, would require landowners whose land is taken by eminent domain for electric transmission lines to be compensated at not less than fair market value multiplied by 150 percent.

Free Market Kansans Launches to Stand Up for Free Enterprise and Oppose Government Overreach

Topeka - Free Market Kansans launched today to join in the fight against harmful legislation that would limit Kansans’ financial choices and threaten our free market economic system.

“Our free market economic system is under attack from harmful legislation and proposed government mandates coming out of Washington, D.C. We started Free Market Kansans to push back, because Kansans have valued their financial freedom since our state’s inception, and we know Kansans are willing to work together to protect that freedom. Free Market Kansans is dedicated to educating Kansans on any proposed policy that will restrict their control of personal financial decisions or jeopardize the safety and security of their personal financial information,” said Doug Wareham, Chairman of Free Market Kansans.

The Credit Card Competition Act (CCCA) that has been proposed in Congress is one piece of reckless and misguided federal legislation that Free Market Kansans will work to defeat. This legislation would water down or even eliminate credit card rewards and cash back that many consumers consider when choosing their credit card. The law could also lead to merchants using less secure credit card payment processing networks which would put Kansans at a greater risk of becoming victims of fraudulent credit card charges.

“Kansans of all income levels use credit card rewards and cash back to pay for groceries, gas, Christmas presents, and vacations with their families. Individual Kansans and Kansas business owners are also common-sense people who value secure payment systems, and they don’t need additional fraud risks during a time when cybersecurity threats are hitting us from every direction. We must stand together to tell Washington politicians to put this bad idea out to pasture,” stated Kurt Knutson, board member of Free Market Kansans.

Kansas consumers can play an important role by standing up against big government advocates in Washington to protect secure credit card transactions and valuable rewards that benefit Kansans. Every KANSAS voice is important. For more information on our work or to join our efforts, please visit us at www.freemarketkansans.org.

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

February 5, 2024

In today’s world, it is important for people to understand where their elected leaders stand on matters impacting basic concepts such as human freedom. That’s why on the first day of the session, we stood strong in support of Israel. This week, the Kansas Senate took a similar step in voicing strong support for Taiwan by adopting SR1734. The resolution strengthens the sister-state ties between Kansas and Taiwan and reaffirms support for Taiwan’s international participation. Our ties with Taiwan began in 1989 and continue to this day, as our belief in freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and basic human rights are shared. In fact, Taiwan recently held its 8th direct presidential election, demonstrating Taiwan’s status as a beacon of democracy in Asia. Taiwan also plays a vital role in our economy. In 2022, Taiwan was Kansas’ third largest import country and 11th largest export destination. It’s so important to recognize and support Taiwan’s desire to meaningfully participate in several international organizations, including the United Nations. The resolution commends and applauds Taiwan’s vibrant democracy, celebrates the 35th anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan, supports the further strengthening of Kansas-Taiwan trade relations and academic exchanges, and reaffirms Kansas support for Taiwan’s inclusion in international organizations.

On Wednesday, the Kansas Senate voted to extend a critical program providing tax credits to certain businesses who employ individuals with disabilities. The program was included in SB 8 last year that was vetoed by the governor, and thus expired at the end of 2023, necessitating the legislature taking quick action to ensure the program could continue. SB25, eliminates the provision specifying the credit to expire after tax year 2023, and would provide for a cap on the aggregate amount of credits under the Act to be \$5.0 million in tax years 2019 through 2023 (\$5 million over the entire period, not per year), \$8.0 million in tax years 2024 through 2028 (over the entire period, not per year), and \$8.0 million for each successive five tax years starting in tax year 2029 (over the entirety of each five year period, not per year). Under the bill, qualified vendors to receive the credit would include profit and non-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. The bill also creates the Sheltered Workshop Transition Grant Program to assist Kansas sheltered workshop employers away from employing individuals with disabilities under a 214(c) Certificate and toward paying all such employees at least the minimum wage. Workshop employers that seek to receive grants would be required to provide a transition plan to the Secretary demonstrating how the applicant will use the grant to transition away from the use of a 214(c) Certificate. The workshop employers would be required to commit to complete the plan and would be required to match grants on a dollar-for-dollar basis with nonstate funds. Workshop employers would be required to provide information to the Secretary regarding the use of grant funds and associated non-state funds and the progress made toward achieving the goal of the transition plan. The bill would define “Kansas sheltered workshop employer” and “workshop employer” to be a private, non-profit, state, or local government institution that provides employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities and provides such employment opportunities for all or a portion of such individuals under a 214(c) Certificate.

The Senate voted on SCR1615, which is a resolution dealing with salary increases for the Governor and all elected officials. I voted NO on increasing salaries. On Tuesday of this coming week the Senate Ways and Means will have a hearing on this resolution.

My office has several dates available for 6th graders through high school to serve as a page. Working as a page in the Kansas Legislature is an excellent way to learn more about the legislative process. If your child is interested in being a page for my office the following dates are available: February 12th, February 19th, and March 11th. You may contact my office: 785 296-7399.

I am honored and grateful to represent the 40th Senate District in Kansas. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email: rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov or call me with your questions or concerns, my office number is 785 296-7399 or my cell is 785 899-4700. If you are in Topeka, you are welcome to stop by my office at room 545-S.

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FHSU Criminal Justice Program to Host Sixth Annual Career Fair

By FHSU University Communications

HAYS, Kan. – The Criminal Justice Program at FHSU announces its sixth annual Criminal Justice Career Fair, an event designed to connect students with professionals in law enforcement, courts, corrections, probation and parole, community crime prevention, mental health, non-profit agencies, and related disciplines. The career fair will be Wednesday, March 6, at the FHSU Memorial Union.

Organizations are encouraged to participate as they seek to recruit talent from criminal justice and related majors. The event is not limited to FHSU students; students from other colleges in central and Western Kansas are invited to attend.

Event highlights:

Date and time: Wed., March 6

Location: Fort Hays State Memorial Union

Career fair: 9 a.m.-12 Noon

Mock interviews: 1-3 p.m.

Participating agencies can showcase educational and employment opportunities, allowing students to explore career paths within the field of criminal justice. Faculty representatives will be on hand to discuss FHSU’s undergraduate and graduate programs for those interested in transferring or pursuing advanced education. In some instances, participants will have the opportunity to begin job application processes with attending agencies.

“We believe this event will provide an excellent opportunity for students and visitors to discover a wide range of careers within the field of criminal justice,” said Dr. Tamara Lynn, associate professor, and chair of criminal justice. “We are excited to meet with many organizations, highlighting their information and inspiring future criminal justice professionals.”

There is no cost for agencies to attend. As a gesture of appreciation, a hospitality room will be provided, featuring a continental breakfast and lunch between the morning and afternoon sessions. Additionally, the program will advertise job opportunities with attending agencies to FHSU students.

Agencies are encouraged to send in their reservation forms early to secure a spot at the career fair. The location (Fort Hays Ballroom or Black & Gold Room) will be finalized based on the number of registration forms received. Forms can be returned via mail or scanned documents via email. Deadline for submission is February 16.

Agencies can request a registration form by contacting the Criminal Justice Program at 785-628-5668.

KDOR Announces Launch of Online Portal for Property Value Information

Topeka – Wednesday, January 31, the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), in partnership with Tyler Technologies, announced the launch of Assessment Connect, a new application that will allow KDOR’s Property Valuation Division to access statewide property appraisal data and provide improved analytical tools for county appraisers. In addition, the project will feature the Kansas Property Valuation Division Data Portal, an open data, public facing website with up-to-date and easily accessible property value information.

The launch of Assessment Connect is part of the KDOR’s ongoing efforts to streamline the property appraisal process and increase transparency and accountability. By making this data available to the public, KDOR hopes to empower citizens to make informed decisions about their property and their community.

“We’re excited to launch this new site and provide Kansans with easy access to important property valuation data,” said David Harper, KDOR Property Valuation Division Director. “We believe that transparency is key to building trust between government and citizens, and this site is an important step in that direction.”

The open data portal of Assessment Connect will feature appraised value data on all property types from every county in Kansas. Kansans will be able to view the most up-to-date data in easily readable charts and graphs.

Assessment Connect was funded by a grant from the Information Network of Kansas (INK).

The site is available to the public free of charge and can be viewed at <https://ksopendata.ksrevenue.gov/>.

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Area Schools ~ Athletics & Academics

Lady Indian Wrestlers Participate in Panther Classic

Panther Classic Girls Varsity Results from February 2.

120 Mariah Barnett (15-24) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Mariah Barnett (Hoxie) 15-24 received a bye
Quarterfinal - Kendra Hurla (Rossville) 30-0 won by fall over Mariah Barnett (Hoxie) 15-24 (Fall 3:26)

Cons. Round 2 - Mariah Barnett (Hoxie) 15-24 received a bye
Cons. Round 3 - Mariah Barnett (Hoxie) 15-24 won by fall over Molly Helget (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian HS) 9-19 (Fall 3:53)
Cons. Semi - Maggie Holle (Atwood-Rawlins County) 27-11 won by major decision over Mariah Barnett (Hoxie) 15-24 (MD 11-3)

125 Josie Bell (32-9) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Josie Bell (Hoxie) 32-9 received a bye
Quarterfinal - Josie Bell (Hoxie) 32-9 won by fall over Breck Lohr (St. Francis) 19-14 (Fall 1:14)

Semifinal - Kaylea McMullen (Great Bend High School) 24-6 won by fall over Josie Bell (Hoxie) 32-9 (Fall 3:47)
Cons. Semi - Josie Bell (Hoxie) 32-9 won by decision over Taryn Bieker (Plainville) 21-11 (Dec 2-0)

3rd Place Match - Kinsey Zorn (Russell) 26-8 won by decision over Josie Bell (Hoxie) 32-9 (Dec 8-4)

145 Sarah Dardis (10-26) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Sarah Dardis (Hoxie) 10-26 received a bye
Quarterfinal - Abbie Mandeville (Oakley) 14-15 won by decision over Sarah Dardis (Hoxie) 10-26 (Dec 5-1)

Cons. Round 2 - Sarah Dardis (Hoxie) 10-26 won by fall over Cady Dooley (Hill City) 4-27 (Fall 4:00)

Cons. Round 3 - Josephine Blevins (Great Bend High School) 12-18 won by fall over Sarah Dardis (Hoxie) 10-26 (Fall 1:17)

JV Wrestlers Do Well at Panther Classic

Congrats to the JV boys on their great day at the Panther Classic Friday, February 2. Two champs and a runner-up on the day!

144 Max Foote (13-14) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Max Foote (Hoxie) 13-14 won by decision over Wyatt Klinzman (St. Francis) 7-6 (Dec 7-2)

Quarterfinal - Max Foote (Hoxie) 13-14 won by decision over Zander Cox (Abilene) 5-12 (Dec 6-0)

Semifinal - Max Foote (Hoxie) 13-14 won by decision over Dorian Culwell (Atwood-Rawlins County) 14-11 (Dec 2-1)

1st Place Match - Trevin Maciel (Great Bend High School) 21-11 won by fall over Max Foote (Hoxie) 13-14 (Fall 1:14)

157 Greyson Schippers (17-11) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Round 1 - Greyson Schippers (Hoxie) 17-11 won by fall over Aidrian Hassel (Phillipsburg) 5-14 (Fall 1:05)

Round 2 - Greyson Schippers (Hoxie) 17-11 won by fall over Victor Reyes (Great Bend High School) 9-15 (Fall 2:46)

Round 3 - Greyson Schippers (Hoxie) 17-11 won by fall over Jesse Detmer (Phillipsburg) 12-10 (Fall 1:09)

215 Alex Bufkin (3-17) placed 1st and scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Alex Bufkin (Hoxie) 3-17 won by decision over Bryson Burge (Norton) 2-15 (Dec 6-0)

Round 2 - Alex Bufkin (Hoxie) 3-17 won by fall over Kale Wessling (Beloit) 10-17 (Fall 0:52)



Bulldogs Open Forensics Season in Colby



The High School Forensics competed in their first meet of the season in Colby on January 27. Team members competing included (l-r) Dylan Wark, Dominic Stout, Jorja Juenemann, McKinzie Horobik, Aidan Pawlak, and Tanner Black. Horobik qualified for State Champs in Poetry at this meet. (Photo by Robynn Wessel)

By McKinzie Horobik

The High School Forensics team traveled to Colby on January 27 to open their season. "I am thrilled with our results from the Colby tournament!" said coach Robynn Wessel. "It was a great learning experience for our novice members as well as allowing veteran McKinzie Horobik to become qualified for State Championships."

The team qualified for finals with four pieces. Jorja Juenemann presented her poetry piece "Stages of Grief" and placed 4th. Dylan Wark placed fifth with his prose piece "Going Fishin'."

McKinzie Horobik qualified for finals in both of her events. She placed 5th in Humorous Solo and 2nd with her poetry piece, "I Don't Want to be Crazy." Her poetry piece qualified for State Champs later this spring.

Additional events include Dominic Stout and Aidan Pawlak who paired up for IDA for the first time and Tanner Black in Impromptu. Black and Wark also teamed up for IDA. They had qualified for state in IDA last year. The team will travel to Norton on February 3 to continue their season.

Kansas Day Events

By Lehanie Swanepoel, Staff Reporter

Monday, January 29, the Wheatland FFA officers made bread with the Wheatland Elementary and Grinnell Grade School kindergarten classes. It was put on by the Farm Bureau. The officers got a few students to help them make their bread and clean up. They also listened to a book about wheat growth and got some coloring



The kindergarten class watches as Katie Blackwill from Farm Bureau reads a book for Kansas Day. (WHS Photo)

pages to do afterwards.

"I had a lot of fun getting to know the kids better and I liked learning how to make bread with them." said FFA reporter Luke Zerr.

Hawks Play Eagles

By Olivia Thompson, Editor

Ending the week, the Ness City Eagles came to play at the Hawks nest on January 26. The JV girls played a half game and the JV boys played three quarters of a game. At 6:00 the varsity girls started their game. Senior Karoline Schroder led the team in scoring the most points. She scored 21. Jordyn Beckman came second to Schroder making 10 points. The girls worked hard on the court, and it paid off. The ending score was 54-37. Soon after the varsity boys prepared for their game. The boys tried their best but had an unfortunate end. The final score was 52-86. Junior Gorczyca made 17 points and Broady Goetz made 10 out of the 52 points. Both the girls and boys are preparing for the WKLL league tournament and are hoping for a win.

During the halftime of the boys game the Snowball crowning was held. Every boy and girl from each class got to vote for two candidates for their class. This year's candidates were fr. Chase Ramsey and Neveah Price, so. Luke Zerr and Brielle Hanna, jr. Treyton Barnett and Lehanie Swanepoel, and sr. Jordan Perez and Marsha McDonald. Winning the crowning was sr. Jordan Perez and Marsha McDonald. STUCO president Jordyn Backman and STUCO public relations officer Maddison Zerr handed out the crown to Marsha McDonald and Jordan Perez received a signed basketball and beef jerky. The dance was held on Saturday in the evening.

Emma Zerr said, "I had a lot of fun watching the crowning again this year and I had a lot of fun at the dance too."

Bulldogs Selected for All-Star Game



All-Stars! Golden Plains seniors Landon Meier and Will Bruggeman have been selected to play in the first-ever Kansas vs Colorado Six-Man All Star game in Dodge City on June 1. Coach Travis Smith will join them in coaching the north team. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

Two Golden Plains senior football players and their coach have been selected to represent Kansas in the first Annual Kansas vs Colorado 6-Man All-Star game in Dodge City on June 1. Seniors Will Bruggeman and Landon Meier will play for the Kansas North All-Stars and Coach Travis Smith will be an assistant coach.

A new tradition begins as the Kansas 6-Man Coaches Association is proud to announce the first annual Kansas vs Colorado All-Star Football Games. This event celebrates the best 6-man players in both the states of Kansas and Colorado.

The first game will pit the Kansas North All-Stars against the North All-Stars from Colorado. This game will be at 11:00 am. At 2:00 pm, the South Kansas All-Stars will play the Colorado South All-Stars. A medal ceremony honoring the players and coaches will follow each game.

The Kansas North All-Stars include Logan McCarty, Pablo Bermudez, Brady Ketzner, Eddy Baca, Victor Hernandez (Cheylin), Kenton Thalheim, Jeremiah Hansen, Jason Cox, Brody Preston (Northern Valley), Koda Kvasniska (Triplains/Brewster), Will Bruggeman, Landon Meier (Golden Plains), Carter Peters, Justin Pasley, Dawson Lee (Tescott), and Brenna Aldridge (Weskan). They will be coached by Chris Walden (Cheylin), Marvin Gebhard (Northern Valley), and Travis Smith (Golden Plains).

Kansas South All-Stars are Britt Grigsby, Kale Harris, Gus Hink, Landon McPhail, Trae Vera (Ashland), Gentry Holub, Santiago Knepp (Centre), Blake Carter, Derrick Layton Simon (Ingalls), Davin Hamby (Pawnee Heights), Reeston Cox (Southern Coffey County), and Ben Meehan (Waverly). They will be coached by Lance McGuire (Cunningham), Ben Fox (Ashland), and Kelly Steiner (Centre).

Freshmen Attend Colby Speech Tournament



Freshmen forensic novices Spencer Beckman, Branton Goetz, Auston Bland and Riley Tuttle attend their first speech contest in Colby, January 27. (WHS Photo)

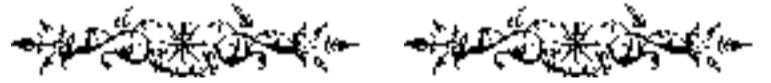
By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

Freshmen Spencer Beckman, Branton Goetz, Auston Bland and Riley Tuttle represented Wheatland High School at the Colby Invitational Forensics Meet at Colby High School. The meet was held Saturday, January 27.

Goetz and Beckman formed a team of Impromptu Duet Acting, and Bland and Tuttle formed the other team. They competed in three preliminary rounds but did not advance to the finals. This was the first forensics meet for all four contestants.

Beckman said, "Forensics was a good time and a fun environment."

Speech coach Carolyn Nelson said, "We learned a lot at this tournament. I was pleased with how the boys performed. I see so much potential in their ability. I hope they will continue and learn more as the season progresses."



Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Golden Plains will be hosting its Financial Aid Workshop Feb. 7 at 1:30 in Mr. Smith's room. This is primarily for seniors, but anyone can attend.

Dodge City Community College will host Junior Experience on February 15. Check out Conq Country by experiencing the campus, programs, pizza lunch, \$5000 in scholarship giveaways, T-Shirt customizations, and more. There should be a post with a QR code in your school to register. But if you cannot find it email admit@dc3.edu and they will get you registered.

NorthCentral Technical College will host Sophomore/Junior days: February 15 at Beloit and February 21 at Hays. Students are able to explore 2 programs for half the day, from 9:00am-12:00pm. Check in is at 8:30am, and lunch is provided. You can register at: <https://ncktc.edu/sophomore-junior-day/>

Colby Community College will host Junior Day on February 21. Reasons to attend include a tour of campus, opportunity to meet with an expert on the field of study you are interested in, chat with coaches, have a free lunch, and meet with other future Trojans. To register you can contact your counselor or call 785-460-4690 or email admissions@colbycc.edu. Parents are welcome to participate as well.

Garden City Community College invites you to learn about Cool Jobs in STEM Cafe. Snacks will be available as juniors/seniors/parents learn about becoming an Entomologist, Air Traffic Controller, Wind Turbine Technician, Wildlife Biologist, and other STEM careers. It will be held at 6:30 in the Saffell Library at GCCC on February 6. If you have questions contact Misty Wren at misty.wren@gcccks.edu or 620-275-3288.

For the 29th year Emporia State will host Enhancing You Future Conference for girls in grades 6-8 who want to learn more about math and science careers. This year it will be held on March 2, but registration will close soon. My girls went when they were in junior high and really enjoyed it. In addition to the usual career discussion and hands-on workshops, the day will be filled with a few special presentations. Registration includes lunch and a t-shirt. Find out all you need at www.emporia.edu/stemoutreach, then click on the EYF link.

The Doyle Kauk Memorial Scholarship is available to students graduating from Hoxie High School or Golden Plains High School. (Be sure you are checking for your local scholarships!) The amount is TBD, but it can be renewed as well.

The scholarship is intended to promote higher education for students who pursue a vocational/technical, or bachelor's degree in a field related to agriculture or agricultural support and intend to use those skills to help further agriculture or underserved agricultural communities in Kansas or Nebraska.

One of the greatest challenges facing agricultural communities is attracting teachers, mechanics, and other skilled individuals. Therefore, students pursuing a focus in an underserved technical field with an intention to return to an underserved agricultural community in Kansas or Nebraska will be given strong consideration. Find the application at www.doylekaukmemorialscholarship.org/scholarship.

Kids from Hoxie and Golden Plains are among the 11 schools who can also apply for the Katherine Brungardt Scholarship. See your counselor for the application, which must be submitted by March 1.

Deadlines to remember:

February 1-Deadline to apply for Kansas Kiwanis, Midwest Energy, Pete Henry, and KNEA Scholarships, Priority Deadline to submit FAFSA to KU

February 15-Final deadline to apply for FHSU scholarships

February 19-Deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship

March 8-deadline to apply for April 13 ACT

March 31-Deadline to apply for Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarships

May 3-deadline to apply for June 8 ACT

June 7-deadline to apply for July 13 ACT

Sophomore/Juniors Days:

February 15 at NCKTC-Beloit

February 21 at NCKTC-Hays

April 15 at FHSU

Freshman/Sophomore Day: April 27 at WSU

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Midwest Energy	Farm Bureau Financial Services	Hoxie State Insurance	

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Kansas January 1 Cattle Inventory

Manhattan - All cattle and calves in Kansas as of January 1, 2024, totaled 6.15 million head, down 1% from January 1, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.44 million head, down 3% from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.26 million head, down 4% from last year.

Milk cows totaled 176,000 head, up 1% from January 1, 2023.

All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 1.97 million head, down 3% from last year.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 2.04 million head, up 4% from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 80,000 head, down 6% from last year.

Calves under 500 pounds totaled 620,000 head, down 2% from January 1, 2023.

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in Kansas feedlots totaled 2.60 million head, up 5% from the previous year.

The 2023 calf crop totaled 1.29 million head, down 6% from 2022.

Kansas January 1 Sheep and Goats

Manhattan - All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2024, totaled 82,000 head, down 2,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 53,000 head, down 3,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 42,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,500 head, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 8,500 head, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 29,000 head, up 1,000 from last year.

The 2023 lamb crop totaled 46,000 head, up 3,000 from 2022. The 2023 lambing rate was 102 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 108 in 2022.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, down 500 from last year. Lamb deaths totaled 8,000 head, up 500 from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Shorn wool production during 2023 was 310,000 pounds, down 10,000 from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 50,000 head, down 3,000 from 2022. Weight per fleece was 6.2 pounds, up 0.2 from 2022. The average price paid for wool sold in 2023 was \$0.55 per pound, unchanged from last year. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was 171,000 dollars in 2023.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2024, totaled 47,000 head, up 2,000 from last year. Milk goat inventory totaled 4,100 head, up 300 from last year.

USDA ~ \$306 Million for Producers

Washington - The U. S Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing final Emergency Relief Program (ERP) payments totaling approximately \$306 million to eligible commodity and specialty crop producers who incurred losses due to natural disasters in 2020 and 2021. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin issuing these additional payments to eligible producers this week.

"In the natural disaster recovery process, every little bit of available assistance helps offset the financial toll that these catastrophic events have taken on agricultural producers, their families, and their operations," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "With remaining funds after initial factoring, USDA was able to put additional money back in the hands of the producers as we strive for the most fair and equitable distribution of available funds to as many producers as possible."

Recipients of the additional payment are limited to those producers who received ERP Phase One payments from FSA that were calculated based on crop insurance indemnities. Initially, ERP Phase One payments to producers who were indemnified through Federal crop insurance, were subject to a 75% payment factor. FSA has since determined that adequate funding exists to provide an additional 3.5% ERP Phase One payment to producers who had crop insurance, increasing the overall payment factor to 78.5%. These additional ERP Phase One payments are subject to FSA payment limitation provisions as outlined in the ERP Phase One fact sheet.

Because ERP Phase One payments to producers of noninsured crops covered by FSA NAP policies were originally paid at 100%, there will be no additional payments issued to these producers for 2020 and 2021 losses.

The Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, 2021 (P.L. 117-43) provided \$10 billion in assistance to agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms and other eligible disasters experienced during calendar years 2020 and 2021. In 2022, FSA implemented ERP Phase One, which delivered \$7.5 billion in payments to commodity and specialty crop producers. For Phase One, ERP used a streamlined process with pre-filled application forms, leveraging crop insurance indemnities or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) payments on file with USDA.

Separately, through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) Congress allocated approximately \$3.2 billion in funding to cover necessary expenses related to losses of revenue, quality, or production losses of crops. Enrollment is ongoing for ERP 2022, which covers losses to crops, trees, bushes, and vines due to qualifying, calendar year 2022 natural disaster events including wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, tornadoes, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought, and related conditions.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [usda.gov](https://www.usda.gov).

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Farm Credit of Western Kansas Seeking Scholarship Applicants

Colby - The Board of Directors of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA, is pleased to announce the continuation of the Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA, Mark Winger Scholarship Program. Farm Credit has \$8,000 available to high school seniors, a \$500-per-semester scholarship, which is renewable for up-to four years of post-secondary education per recipient. Eligible applicants are Northwest Kansas area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA members and live in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, or Wallace counties.

Applications are available at www.fcwk.com; or from their high school counselor; or at the Farm Credit Office located at 1190 S Range, Colby. Applications are due by February 15, 2024. For more information or questions, contact Relda Galli at the Farm Credit Office in Colby (785-462-6714).

Farm Credit of Western Kansas, ACA is located in Colby and can be reached by calling 1-800-657-6048. Farm Credit makes loans for the purchase or refinance of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities as well as loans to finance farm operations, agribusiness, livestock, and equipment. Farm Credit also has an extensive crop insurance program. The farmers and ranchers who borrow from Farm Credit own the ACA. Farm Credit of Western Kansas is part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's leading agricultural lender.

Wheat Scoop: Applications Open for Kansas Wheat Scholarships Honoring Industry Leaders

By Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

High school seniors and current Kansas college students have until Friday, March 15, 2024, to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships from Kansas Wheat honoring industry leaders Herb Clutter and David Radenberg. The scholarships — each worth \$1,000 — continue a proud tradition of supporting the future of the Kansas wheat industry.

"Inspired by the enduring legacies of Herb Clutter and David Radenberg, Kansas Wheat is proud to help empower the next generation of the Kansas wheat industry," said Justin Gilpin, CEO of Kansas Wheat. "Through these scholarships, we honor the passion of these industry leaders and help to provide opportunities for future leaders in agriculture."

Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship
Administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG), the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship will award one \$1,000 scholarship per year to a college or university-bound incoming freshman from Kansas pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must plan to be a full-time student at any two or four-year Kansas college or university.

Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership qualities and career objectives focused around the field of agriculture. The scholarship will be toward tuition for the student's college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable.

The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Herb Clutter's influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers, and is supported by the generosity of the Herb Clutter family. Herbert W. Clutter was a farmer from Holcomb and the first president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, which was established in 1948. Clutter encouraged Kansas wheat farmers to organize as a strong, unified voice, which led to the formation of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in 1952. He encouraged research in education and industrial uses of wheat, improved variety development and methods to produce the best product at the lowest cost. Clutter's efforts led to the formation of the Kansas Wheat Commission by the Kansas legislature in 1957.

Apply for the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship by completing the scholarship application at kswheat.com/clutter. The application includes a 400-500 word essay discussing why the applicant has chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay, along with the student's application, in determining the scholarship winner.

David Radenberg Memorial Scholarship
The David Radenberg Memorial Scholarship will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a current undergraduate or graduate student from Kansas who is pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. Preference will be given to students pursuing a career related to the improvement of wheat, including but not limited to wheat genetics, wheat agronomics, wheat breeding, plant pathology, Extension and bioinformatics.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at any two- or four-year college or university in Kansas. Incoming freshmen or transfers are not eligible.

David Radenberg was a lifelong wheat farmer in Clafin, Kansas, where his family has farmed for more than 100 years. He represented central Kansas on the Kansas Wheat Commission from April 2011 to March 2020, including serving as chairman from August 2018 to May 2019. Radenberg was also a founding board member of the Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation.

During his tenure as a commissioner, he supported wheat research and international marketing efforts, including attending the 31st annual Latin American Millers Conference in Lima, Peru, in 2013. At the time, he expressed how he enjoyed sharing with millers, bakers and merchandisers about the research investments Kansas farmers are making to provide a better-quality product.

In 2013, Radenberg also visited multiple Pacific Rim countries

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USDA Now Accepting Farm Loan Payments Online

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that most farm loan borrowers will soon be able to make payments to their direct loans online through the Pay My Loan feature on farmers.gov in early February. Pay My Loan is part of a broader effort by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to streamline its processes, especially for producers who may have limited time during the planting or harvest seasons to visit a local FSA office; modernize and improve customer service; provide additional customer self-service tools; and expand credit access to assist more producers.

On average, local USDA Service Centers process more than 225,000 farm loan payments each year. Pay My Loan gives most borrowers an online repayment option and relieves them from needing to call, mail, or visit a Service Center to pay their loan installment. Farm loan payments can now be made at the borrower's convenience, on their schedule and outside of FSA office hours.

Pay My Loan also provides time savings for FSA's farm loan employees by minimizing manual payment processing activities. This new service for producers means that farm loan employees will have more time to focus on reviewing and processing new loans or servicing requests.

The Pay My Loan feature can be accessed at farmers.gov/loans. To use the payment feature, producers must establish a USDA customer account and a USDA Level 2 eAuthentication ("eAuth") account or a Login.gov account. This initial release only allows individuals with loans to make online payments. For now, borrowers with jointly payable checks will need to continue to make loan payments through their local office.

FSA has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. For the over 26,000 producers who submit a direct loan application annually, FSA has made various improvements including:

- The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet, and build a farm operating plan.

- The Loan Assistance Tool that provides customers with an interactive online, step-by-step guide to identifying the direct loan products that may be a fit for their business needs and to understanding the application process.

- A simplified direct loan paper application, which reduced loan applications by more than half, from 29 pages to 13 pages.

More Information
USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

Kansas Politicians Refusing to Expand Medicaid Send Tax Dollars to Other States

Key Quote: "Failure to pass Medicaid expansion this session would amount to virtual criminal neglect of our state's economy."

Jeff Ellis, Kansas City Star

January 25, 2024

- Kansas is one of only 10 states that have not expanded Medicaid coverage to include nearly all adults with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level... Over the last decade, Kansas has forfeited nearly \$7 billion in federal funding by refusing to expand Medicaid — roughly the same amount as the state's entire budget for 2024.

- Legislative leaders in Kansas strain, posture and work overtime to conjure specious arguments about the supposed evils of expanding Medicaid. Each of these specious arguments has been repeatedly refuted by overwhelming evidence.

- It is undeniable that it is far more cost-effective for our society to keep people healthy than to shoulder the burden of treating them when their health deteriorates because of their lack of accessible primary care.

- Kansas has already foregone nearly \$7 billion of tax dollars paid by Kansans to the federal government. It's no surprise that Kansas has the highest percentage of rural hospitals at risk of closure in the nation. And when those hospitals are forced to reduce service or close, it's the community that suffers...

- Expanding Medicaid is not just a moral imperative. It is a sound economic decision that Kansas cannot afford to ignore.

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Sheridan County
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Sheridan County is requesting an expression of interest from engineering consulting firms for preliminary engineering and project management services in the equivalent to the KDOT Work Category 212 -Highway Design-Minor Facility for the project listed below. Qualifications for the roadway construction inspection in the equivalent to the KDOT's work Category: 241 will also be considered if the consulting firm is interested.

High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) project 90 C-5259-01, which is a systemic County wide signing improvement project comprising approximately 205.5 miles of major collector, 65.5 miles of minor collector, and 1 mile of local roads. Plans will be developed using State and Federal requirements.

This is a KDOT project using KDOT funding. A standard three (3) phase, three (3) party agreement will be utilized with special attachments for the Kansas "Tax Clearance Certificate", the "Certifications of Final Indirect Costs" and the "Policy Regarding Sexual Harassment".

All qualified engineering firms who wish to be considered for this work must submit a one-page letter of interest to Sheridan County at the address below on or before February 20, 2024. Firms that submit a letter of interest will receive a packet of information that provides further details including the project location and a list of services to be performed. Questions about this request shall be directed to Heather Bracht using the contact information shown below.

Sheridan County Clerk
925 9th St
Hoxie, KS 67740
Phone (785) 675-3361
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NOTICE OF PLACES, DATES AND CLOSING OF
REGISTRATION BOOKS
Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 19, 2024

In accordance with the provisions of KSA 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of February 2024, all registration books for the primary election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 20th day of March 2024.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age and upwards or will have attained that age before the next election, must register before he or she can vote.

Anyone may apply in person or by mail to the Sheridan County Clerk's Office. All voters in Sheridan County must show photo ID and state their name and address when voting.

Any registered voter that changes their name by marriage may sign an Affidavit at the polling place on Election Day. Other name changes by legal proceedings must reregister at the Sheridan County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to the foregoing, I hereby give notice that the Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, the 19th of March 2024 for the following precincts and at the following polling locations and times:

MAIN BUILDING - SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - HOXIE

Adell Township, Bowcreek Township, East Kenneth and West Kenneth Precincts, Logan Township, Parnell Township, East Saline Township, West Saline Township, Solomon Township, Springbrook Township and Valley Township.

SELDEN COMMUNITY CENTER - SELDEN

Bloomfield Township, Prairie Dog Township, Sheridan Township, and Union Township.

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of March 2024.

Sheridan County registered voters may vote an Advance ballot in the Sheridan County Clerk's Office or by mail beginning February 28, 2024, until noon on March 18, 2024.

Done this 30th day of January 2024.
Heather Bracht
Sheridan County Clerk & Election Officer
Sheridan County, Kansas

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hoxie Housing Authority has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Hoxie Housing Authority Office located at 925 8th Street, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. The Authority's hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A public hearing will be held on February 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room located at 925 8th Street, Hoxie, KS. The public is invited.

Commission Minutes
1/30/2024

Now on this 30th day of January 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, David Stithem, Joe Pratt, County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley submitted information for the County Weed Directors annual conference to be held in Manhattan, February 27-29. The hours earned by attending goes towards recertification. By consensus the Board approved Turley attending the meeting.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz had KDOT and Penco Engineering Agreements pertaining to Bridge 89 (Blackwill bridge). Bainter made a motion to sign the documents seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0

The KDOT Agreement pertaining to replacement of the signage in Sheridan County was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Stithem. Carried 3-0. This is scheduled as a 2025 project.

The notice for the paper will be changed to reflect sending bid information to the County

Clerk and not to the Road & Bridge Department.

Herskowitz received bids for tire chains. Wellborn had a bid for \$2,858 and William Tire a bid for \$3,488. Mader made a motion to approve the bid from William Tire in the amount of \$3,488 for two sets of chains for size 14.00 tires and two sets of chains for size 17.5 tires. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The Board and Herskowitz discussed snowshoes for the snowplows. A bid was received from L & M Steel. The Board asked that Herskowitz visit with Vitus Meier to see if this is something he could do.

Herskowitz received a call that the Seguin bridge is breaking out on the sides.

There are two graders left to go through, then they are all finished. They will all be moved back out in the county today.

There was a brief discussion about equipment.

The board and Herskowitz briefly discussed Hwy 23 roadwork.

The County will do some work on 10E this spring.

This year, KDOT should begin culvert and dirt work on Hwy 23.

In 2025, the shutdown on Hwy 23 is tentatively scheduled.

There was a brief discussion about Sheridan Ave. to 10W. The planking has been moved to the "Cressler" bridge. Herskowitz stated that the only way to keep people off the road is to put dirt across it. The Board advised to close the road

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SHERIDAN COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT
1/31/2024

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes items like GENERAL, FREEDOM CLAIMS INSURANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COURTHOUSE, etc.

FUND TOTALS \$ 11,180,648.50

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes items like FIRST STATE BANK- NOW ACCOUNT, EQUITY BANK- NOW ACCOUNT, etc.

BANK TOTALS \$ 11,180,648.50

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER Shirley A. Niermeier (AUTHORIZED BY K.S.A. 19-520)

and get it repaired.

Pratt had nothing to report. Mader made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Abatements as presented, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0

Bainter made a motion to approve the January 26, 2024 Payroll as presented. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0

The January 30, 2024 Warrants were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0

Mader made a motion to approve the January 23, 2024 Minutes as amended. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0

The IT Services Agreement with IOT on Main Street was reviewed. The Board has some questions which Bracht will talk with IOT about. The Board will discuss and sign at the next meeting.

At 9:15 Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht and Pratt. At 9:45, the door opened and Bainter made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 30 minutes. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board and Bracht. The door opened at 10:17 with Mader making a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:31 with no decision being made. The Board will talk again about the personnel handbook and make all the changes, if any, at once.

Stithem advised the Board he would be attending the Northwest Kansas Planning & Development meeting on Wednesday evening via Zoom.

The following Payroll and Warrants were approved and signed by the Board:

- General \$ 168,713.48
Road & Bridge \$87,825.40
Noxious Weed \$2,980.36
Public Transp. \$1,184.65
Landfill \$2,414.80
Eg11 \$2,996.18
At 10:55 a.m. with no further

business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Mike "Buck" Mader, Chairman

Hoxie High School Honor Roll

JR/SR HONOR ROLL - 2023-2024 S1

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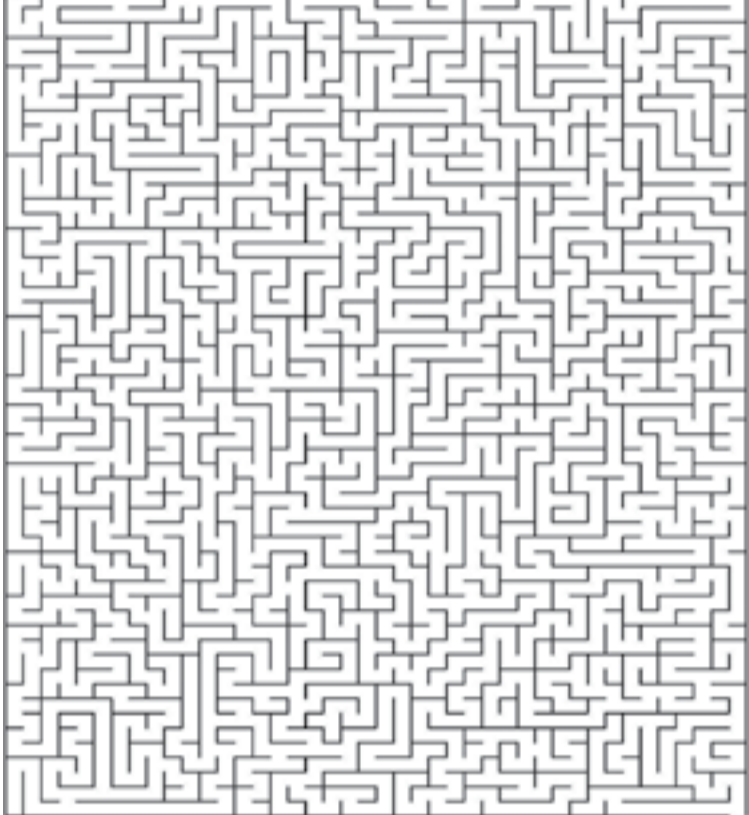
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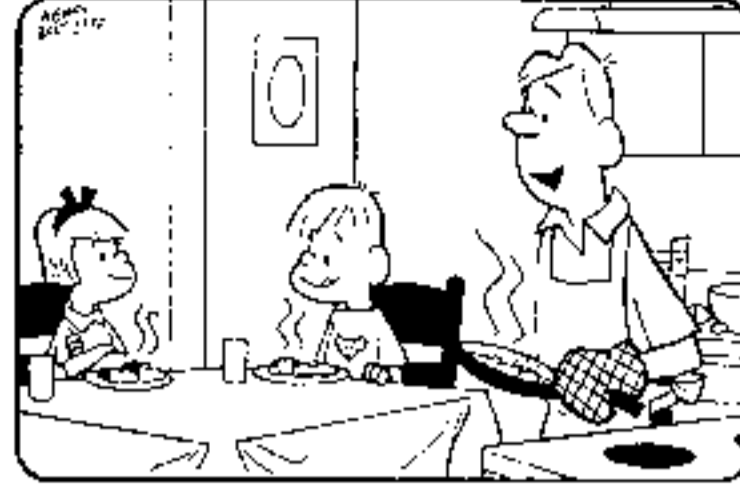
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Unlisted but here: CUMULUS, GORGE, LAVA

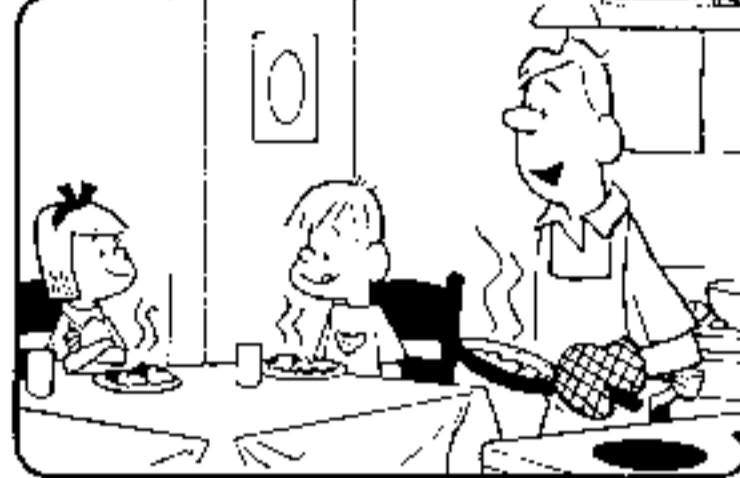
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hammer is larger. 2. Hand is not showing. 3. Plate is moved. 4. Glass is moved. 5. Box is missing. 6. Hair is longer.

Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

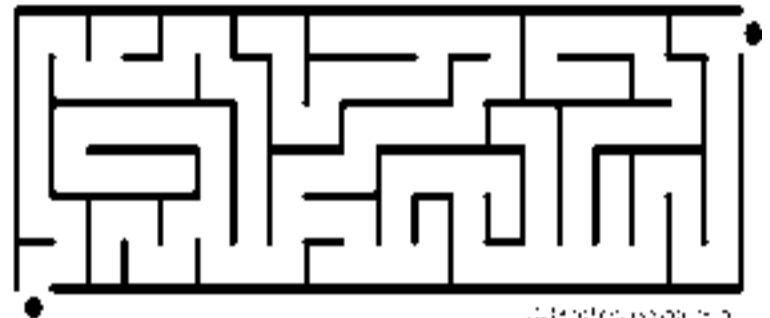
WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO ATHLETES WEAR DURING A LEAP YEAR?

JUNGLE	LUNGE	SASHED	HEADS
DUTIES	TIDES	ARGUED	GRADE
MUTINY	UNITY	ITCHES	CHEST
PEARLS	LASER	GOBLET	GLOBE
		CASTLE	CLEAT

Kids' Maze



CryptoQuip

This is a cryptogram substitution cipher in which each letter stands for another. Try to find the X and Y's. (X = Equal Q; Y = Equal P) The puzzle solution is accompanied by Italian music.

Clue: Y equals Q

H I Q M Y U W M Y S V V N I U T W H X
Z F I W T Q C Y L Y S F X H ' V Z N H X
B K Y B I K G Y T V T :
" B W K W T N V I T F Y T V . "

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the words and place them in the correct order. The words are listed in the order they appear in the puzzle.

SPINER
SWEAT
GARDEN
RUSTLE

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Auxiliary professor
8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth
15 Cultural value system
20 High-fashion clothing
21 Knows someone at the company, say
22 Reluctant (to)
23 "Wait, my aunt isn't finished..."
25 Private, as desires
26 Agnus (lamb figure)
27 "Cool beans!"
28 Down dinner
30 Look lewdly
31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson
38 Composer — Sebastian Bach
40 Hamilton/Hurr confrontation
41 Em upon era
42 Turn-downs
43 Slab (America in fiction)
44 Stage design
47 La — Tar Pits

48 Opp. opposed to leather
51 Made a habit of taking naps
54 Actress Cuthbert
57 French for "summers"
58 Bible book after Micah
59 Druffal
61 Ops (CIA mind games)
62 Coffee holder
63 In love
67 Big name in candy waters
68 2011-13 Fran Drescher
71 Cued (try)
74 Paris
75 Gamma scanning device. Abbr.
76 St. crosses
79 First book section
81 Former U.N. chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali
83 Stool or paw
84 Milk container
85 Just a tiny bit
90 Op. red writer Maroon
91 Art of Cnd
92 Once existed
93 Eldritch
94 Links gp.

96 Canon camera brand
98 part (role play)
100 1996-2002 sports sitcom
101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator"
107 Amazes
108 Daddy's boy
109 Prague citizen
110 Victor's hand gesture
113 Prefix with type or pluri
115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle
121 Lot units
122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g.
123 Fundat Huffington
124 Hockey tents
125 Hill with more inventory
126 Like soon to be unveiled tech

DOWN

1 Mil. school
2 Finished
3 She won a Tony for "Hurlyburdy"
4 Stage actress Hagen
5 Pious sister
6 Actor Name of "Cocoon"
7 Heads, to Humette
8 Lulu producer
9 Novelist Hobbes
10 N.Y. hours
11 Cranky cry
12 Singer DiFranco
13 Skunford — test
14 Occupy
15 Lilly & Co.
16 Until this time
17 "Just one moment"
18 Verdi opera
19 Tapes to bits
24 "Told ya so!"
29 Recurring theme
32 Dates
33 Author Hlyton
34 Oil, informally
35 Dweeb's kin
36 Cassini of 20-Across
37 Quick quip
38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink
39 — last legs (about to collapse)

44 Hilarl huddle
45 Ordinal suffix
46 Like so, informally
48 Corneo (Spanish animal)
50 over (suffixed for like monument)
52 "Mavin" (sitcom theme song)
53 Tube prison
55 Brand of text drinks
56 Year, in Brazil
60 Signs up
62 Multilevel structure for Hully
64 Suffix with chair- or fluor
65 Model Cheryl
66 "CR" or "CS"
68 Get a move on
69 I teach to "So sue me!"
70 Caesar's 202
71 N.C. State's NCAA div.
72 "Na Na"
73 Toting away
76 Fasting
77 Certain surrealist paintings
78 Eye maladies

80 Funds
82 Sly fox
83 Tortoise's top
86 Cool product
87 Jaesni's "Behold"
88 Campus mil. program
89 Singer Halliwell
94 Underside of a dog's foot
95 Lobot stress
97 Hebrew horn
99 With 108-Down, North Pole counterder
100 Cling (to)
102 Perfumer I audier
103 Absurd
104 Missouri's Mountains
105 Teen pic
106 See 89-Down
111 Kin of ette
112 Novelist Jennifer
114 Pre-CIA gp.
116 "a girl"
117 Fabric dye brand
118 Heland NDAer Ming
119 Voice down
120 "True" (Indecy)

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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