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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

This past Commissioner Meeting, we discussed several County items. One of these was about the upgrading of the County's road graders. We had a good discussion about the most responsible way to have dependable equipment to rebuild the roads here in Sheridan County. This year, our County Road Department will rebuild almost 50 miles of roads here in Sheridan County. This work cannot be done without good equipment. Our discussion was about the cost to trade for new equipment compared to the rebuilding of some of the older graders. We will continue to talk about this in our meeting this week. We have 550 miles of primary roads in Sheridan County, and we intend to rebuild at least half of them during this year and the next two years.

We held a Special Meeting today (Tuesday, November 24), to discuss and create a new resolution for Sheridan County in response to Governor Kelly's Executive Order that was issued last week. We adopted a new resolution for Sheridan County, which you will find published in this paper. (See page 5) The Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of this resolution, and I do believe it serves the purpose of allowing personal freedoms, while at the same time expresses the need to be responsible within our community to work to contain and slow the spread of COVID, which will reduce the strain on our healthcare facilities and our healthcare workers. Thanks for reading, stay well, and GOD Bless!
WES BAINTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Remembering Our Veterans at Christmas

The Wheatland VFW Auxiliary #2864 of Grinnell would like to bring some Christmas Cheer to the Fort Dodge Soldiers Home. A request for donations are as follows: nonperishable canned goods of any kind, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, mouthwash, body lotion, deodorant, body wash (especially 3-in-1), denture care products, disposable safety razors, hair brushes and combs.

These donations may be dropped off at the Grinnell VFW or by contacting any Auxiliary member by December 15. Contacts: Carol Rietcheck 785-673-6864; Roxy Nelson 785-824-3411; Amy Gassmann 785-673-3375; Jackie Teeter 785-824-3776, or Mary Jane Goetz 785-824-3266.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans. God Bless!

Field Survey Starting on K-23 in Sheridan County

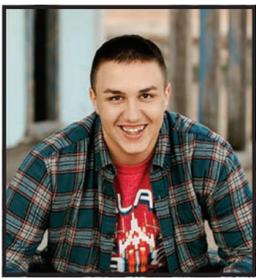
The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to begin a field survey the week of November 23 for proposed shoulder widening and bridge replacement projects on K-23 in Sheridan County.

Survey crews will be working along a 6-mile corridor from County Road 70 north to Walnut Avenue in Hoxie. Activities will include the use of survey instruments on the ground to determine locations of existing features within the survey corridor. KDOT expects the survey work to be completed by March 2021.

Crews will contact property owners or tenants for permission to enter private property if access is needed. Michael Selley, field survey project manager, will oversee the survey for KDOT.

Persons with questions may contact KDOT public affairs manager Lisa Mussman at 785-874-8107 or lisa.mussman@ks.gov.

Senior Spotlight: Elliot Godek



By Nevaeh Nelson, Staff reporter

Elliot is the son of Dan and Nicole Godek. He has two younger sisters, Anna and Evangeline Godek. Elliot is currently living in Grainfield, Kansas. He was born on September 9, 2002, in Loveland, Colorado. His favorite colors are black and yellow. Elliot's favorite foods include chicken and

dumplings, fried rice, steak, and mashed potatoes. His hobbies outside of school are video games, sports, hanging out with friends, and reading on occasions.

Over Elliot's high school years, he has been very busy participating in sports and extracurricular academic activities including football, basketball, golf, scholars bowl, forensics, electric car, math relays, leadership, NHS, and class government.

After graduation, Elliot plans on going to Fort Hays University and majoring in chemistry. Elliot's advice for underclassmen and future high schoolers, "Focus on your schoolwork but don't let it get you down."

Elliot's favorite quote, "Stay positive test negative" - unknown.



SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

\$30,000 Raised to-Date for November Match Month Campaign

The Sheridan County Community Foundation is pleased to report that \$30,000 have been received at the time of this publication for the 2020 November Match Month challenge.

This is the fifth year for the foundation to participate in the annual fundraising campaign which is sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan. The Hansen Foundation will match \$1 for \$1 all funds raised locally up to \$50,000 by the Sheridan County Community Foundation.

Sheridan County has reached and surpassed that goal each year. SCCF invites all those able to contribute to help them do so again this year, which has the potential of adding \$100,000 to the Cultivate Sheridan County Endowment Fund, from which future grants will be given to area organizations.

No donation amount is too big or too small for this challenge. All with an affinity for Sheridan County and the communities therein are encouraged to contribute and help make a difference in

the lives of those in the area for years to come. Donations can be mailed to SCCF, PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740; dropped off at Bottle KAP Studios (formerly The Living Room) at 721 Main St. in Hoxie or online at <https://bit.ly/3emb9qC>.

For more information, contact SCCF Board Liaison Karl Pratt at 785-675-1240, karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com or any of the following board members: Michelle Foote, 675-1298; Jodi Rogers, 675-8447; Harry Joe Pratt, 657-7008; Krista Mauck, 741-2380; Mike Mense, 675-8563; 675-9202; William Slipke, 567-7587; or Teri Moss, 221-5159.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/2x1dSvE>. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

Answer An Angel's Wish



For many years the State Bank, now Equity Bank, has had a Christmas tree in the lobby decorated with paper angels. The angels are ready for you to pick up to share the Christmas spirit with others. On each angel is an age, clothing, and shoe size, as well as a short wish list.

Equity Bank would like to have all gifts wrapped and returned by December 14, 2020, so they can be distributed before Christmas. (Sentinel Staff photo)

Do Not Miss Open Enrollment This Year!

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D and the Marketplace are in full swing! We have seen some important and surprising changes. If you haven't made an appointment yet to review your plans for 2021, please do so before it's too late.

As usual, Medicare is seeing plans come and go. It's important to look at every aspect of your Drug Plan. Even though "Company S" may only cost \$8, some local pharmacies may not take that plan. It's important that your SHICK Counselor shows you options based on your needs. Look to make sure YOUR pharmacy accepts the plan YOU are interested in. Cheap is not always right.

The Marketplace has made some major changes in our area, including a new insurance company. Tax Credits are formulated by using the 2nd lowest Silver Plan causing changes throughout the Marketplace. Many people's tax credits have decreased SIGNIFICANTLY this year due to the change in price of the 2nd lowest Silver

Plans. For example: A person may have received a letter from their carrier stating that they estimate their premium will go up \$20 based on the information they turned in last year. That doesn't seem so bad until you actually go through to update your information and find out that your same plan is now \$600 MORE than last year.

If you would like to speak with a local representative for the Federally Facilitated Marketplace, please get in touch with your local clinic. Citizens Medical Center in Colby: 785-462-6184, Hoxie Medical Clinic: 675-3018, or Peggy Ritter at GCMC 785-754-5184 prriter@gcmc.org. You may also contact SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas) at 1-800-860-5260 or the Marketplace at 1-800-318-2596.

Open Enrollment for Medicare ends December 7. Open Enrollment for the Marketplace ends December 15. Appointment slots fill up fast, so call today!



Little Paws Day Care Receives Grant



The Little Paws Day Care in Selden received a grant from Midwest Energy for \$390 to build a wooden bench to be used as an emergency exit to meet fire safety regulations. Some of the daycare children try out the bench once it was installed including (top) Chase Cressler, Emery Vargas, Beau Korte, Henry Gaede, (bottom) Maddie Miller, Elle Spresser, Marcus Miller, Bennett Korte, and Maggi Spresser. The grant was written by Day Care director Brandy Spresser. (Photo by Shanice Falls)

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Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
Thank you for the food before us, the friends beside us & the love between us. Happy Thanksgiving!	Reported on: Tuesday, Nov. 24 Corn 4.28 Milo 5.30 Beans 11.01 Wheat 5.16	Date High Low Moisture 11/15 62 40 -- 11/16 69 33 -- 11/17 72 34 -- 11/18 76 45 -- 11/19 75 34 -- 11/20 57 39 -- 11/21 52 25 -- ***could use some rain!	Community News 2 Community News 3 Now & Then 4 NWKS/State/National 5 Area Schools 6 Area Schools 7	BE PRESENT IN ALL THINGS AND THANKFUL FOR ALL THINGS. ~MAYA ANGELOU Agriculture 8 Public Notices & Obits 9 Fun Page 10 Classifieds 11 Business Directory 12

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Sign Up for Winterfest Prizes and Decorating Contests

The Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone about this Friday's Winterfest activities.

Prize Drawings
 No business open houses, including in-person ticket collecting, will be held downtown Hoxie this year during the evening's activities. Instead, an online drawing form is available for all to sign up for a chance to win Chamber Scrip and other prizes.

Online drawings will be held each Friday, beginning with Winterfest evening (November 27 at 7 p.m.), and continuing until December 18.

In addition to the online sign-up form, a paper form will be available to cut out of *The Sheridan Sentinel* and *The Hoxie Times* newspapers beginning the week of November 9, through December 14. Completed paper forms must be mailed or dropped off at Farm Bureau, 729 Main St, Hoxie, until Thursday, December 17 at 5 p.m. (after-hours drop box available; paper forms will be added to the online sign-up form by Chamber officers). Please note, you may only win once.

Christmas Lighting, Santa Claus, and Drag Down Main!

At 6 p.m., Santa Claus will be downtown to turn on the Christmas lights. He will then make his way to Sheridan Ave., where he will be distributing candy bags to kids and will be available for photographs in a "Drive-By Candy Pick-up and Photo Op," much like we did at Easter. Professional photos will not be taken this year. (Santa will be available from 6-8 p.m.)

Following your photos with Santa, attendees are encouraged to drag Main Street to enjoy the beautiful and historic Christmas lights we have all come to love and enjoy!

Scavenger Hunt

The Hoxie Recreation will be organizing a Christmas Scavenger Hunt for youth. Details coming soon!!!

Decorating Contests

Businesses - "Deck the Halls" for your chance to win a complimentary one-year membership to the Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce PLUS bragging rights on your level of holiday spirit and the distinct honor of displaying the traveling trophy in your business for the entire 2021 year.

Residential - Think you can out decorate Clark Griswold from National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?? Then, sign up to participate in the residential decorating contest for your chance to win Chamber Scrip (1st Place, \$50; 2nd Place, \$25; 3rd



Reminder: Jennings City Library will again host Peggy Ritter on November 30. Call Peggy Ritter 785-470-7896 for an appointment. She will be at Jennings City Library November 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She will assist patrons with Open Enrollment 2021. She will help Medicare recipients with Plan D plans, help those turning 65 with their initial enrollment and can answer other Medicare questions. Bring insurance cards and actual pill bottles (not just list of meds).

There will be no Santa Day held in December at the Jennings Community Hall due to COVID virus.

Travis and Sarah Simpson, Lawrence, Kansas are the parents of a baby girl, McKenna Ray, born November 9, 2020 at 6:11 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs and 2 oz and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Pat and Shelley McKenna, Jennings; Rose Simpson, Gardner, KS, and Charles Simpson of Pittsburg, KS.

We have Jared Foster, son of Patty and Jerry, on our prayer chain. He is hospitalized at Lawrence Hospital with severe headaches.

Happy and Safe Thanksgiving everyone.

Winterfest 2020 Prize Drawing Sign Up Form

Name _____
 Phone # _____
 Email _____

Return to Farm Bureau, 729 Main St, Hoxie by Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

Sheridan County Public Health
 PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT
 940 8th St. Hoxie, KS
 785-675-2101

Office Hours:
 M-Th 8a-6p
 F 8a-4:30p

Nurse Hours:
 M-Th 8:30a-6pm
 Closed for Lunch 12:30-1p

WIC Clinic
 M-Th 9a-4:30pm

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Sheriff's Dept. 785-675-3481
 Fire Dept. Dist. #1 785-675-3773
 EMS 785-675-3364
 Emergency Mgmt. 785-386-8051
 County Clerk 785-675-3361
 Road & Bridge Dept. 785-675-3621
 Public Library 785-675-3102

THANK YOU
 Dear Sheridan County Residents;
 I, Sheriff Brandon E. Carver, want to take the time to say "Thank You" for your support in the 2020 Election.
 I look forward to serving you and your families for another four (4) years.

"Every society gets the kind of criminal it deserves. What is equally true is that every community gets that kind of law enforcement it insists on."
 ~Robert Kennedy

Thank you,
 Sheriff Brandon E. Carver
 Paid for by Sheriff Brandon Carver, Sheridan County Sheriff

Card Shower
 Irene Follis is turning 90 on November 27.
 Help her celebrate!
 Send cards to: Irene Follis
 2025 Sheridan Ave. Apt. #17
 Hoxie, KS 67740

Bainter Chiropractic
 Dr. Raquelle Bainter
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 Thursday 2:00 - 5:30
 Saturday by Appointment
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CLOSED City of Hoxie
 Thurs & Fri Nov 26 & 27
 for
THANKSGIVING
 There will be no trash pick up on those days.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CLOSED for THANKSGIVING DAY
 Courthouse
 Public Health Office
 Road & Bridge Dept
 Landfill
 Thurs. Nov. 26
 Fri. Nov. 27
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONER
 Chairman: Wes Bainter ~ wes.bainter@hotmail.com
 Joe Bainter ~ bainterj83@gmail.com
 MaryEllen Welshon ~ joewelshon@gmail.com

JD's RESTAURANT
 785-675-3302
 744 Main Street Hoxie

WE WILL BE CLOSED
 Wed. 2pm thru Friday for Thanksgiving.

Wishing You
 A
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
 Carry-Out & Dine-In

Upcoming Area EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

Every Sunday:
 9am First Presbyterian Church Service

Monthly:
 1st Monday - City of Hoxie
 1st Tuesday - HAMA
 1st Wednesday - Chamber of Commerce
 2nd Monday - BOE Mtg

Every Tuesday:
 12pm Rotary
 7pm Fire Dept Mtg

Every Wednesday:
 9am Commissioner Mtg
 7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church
 Community Worship

Hospital Board of Trustees - 4th Monday, 12pm
 FQHC the following Wednesday, 8am

What do you have happening soon?
 Share Your Event Here - FREE

Winterfest
 * No Open Houses Downtown
 * Virtual Online Drawings
 Start Friday, Nov. 27
 Every Friday thru Dec. 18 at 7pm
 Look for sign up form in this paper!
 * Santa will turn on lights at 6pm, Nov. 27
 * Drive-By Santa Following till 8pm
 * Scavenger Hunt - Hoxie Rec, details soon
 * Business & Residential Decorating Contest

WPAA
 Upcoming Programs:
 America's Sweethearts
 Sunday, Dec. 13 3pm
 Oakley HS Auditorium

SWAP SHOP
 OPEN Wed & Fri

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Mealsite Menu

Reservations Call 875-2154

Nov 30 ~ Dec 4

Monday: Chicken Strips, Scalloped Potatoes, Seasoned Carrots, Bread, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday: White Chicken Chili, Spinach Salad, Crackers, Applesauce

Wednesday: Pork Roast in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage/Carrots/Onions, Bread, Peaches

Thursday: Hamburger Patty w/lettuce, onion & tomato, 3-Bean Salad, Bun, Tropical Fruit

Friday: Tuna & Noodles, Broccoli, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 875-2154 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 \$5.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.00. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

Preachers Point

Pastor Timothy Johnson

It's Holiday Season?

My youngest granddaughter had a birthday party the other day. Only the family attended, not all the family, only some of the cousins. After the presents, cake, and balloons, one of the adults said, "Does it seem like Thanksgiving to anybody?"

The response was unanimous; no one thought it seemed like Thanksgiving.

My first thought, believe it or not, was about this column. I usually write something about the Thanksgiving holiday. Usually, it is a scathing report on the greed of Black Friday, and the lack of Thankfulness people have

nowadays. Typically, newspapers would already have my yearly Thanksgiving columns. Under normal circumstances, I would already have in mind the two or three columns I write about Christmas. Honestly, none of the usual holiday columns have entered my mind. It does not seem like the holiday season.

My mind wandered to the usual Thanksgiving events. The big event in our family is the get together for the meal. There are twenty-four of us when the kids, kids-in-law, grandchildren, and Julie and I gather each Thanksgiving. This year, including Julie and I, only eleven, will be here. We also have many people in our sphere of influence that live alone. We will usually have one or two at our house on Thanksgiving Day to enjoy the time with our family. We have not invited anyone this year.

One thing I have been doing since I was about five years old - turn on the TV on Thanksgiving morning and watch the parades. I may be in my sixties now, but there is something about seeing a mammoth Snoopy flying through

the skies of New York city that catches my attention. My brain asks the question, "Are they having the parade this year?" Macy's webpage says, "Let's celebrate together - at home!" Macy's goes on to explain that they will not be marching through the streets of Manhattan this year and that the parade will be "a TV only event." It will be interesting to see how they pull this off, but one thing is certain - it will not be the same.

The tradition of all-day football playing in the background will continue, but the stadium seats are empty or with very few fans because of social distancing.

Looking ahead to Christmas - we have already canceled our traditional children's Christmas party, but the Christmas Eve dinner is still on. Yet, just like Thanksgiving, with less than half the usual attendance.

It does not feel like the holiday season.

The weather is not helping the matter either. In my neck of the woods, our temperatures are running ten to fifteen degrees above normal.

Our Christmas shopping

is nearly finished; this also is not normal in my household. Also, probably ninety percent of the shopping already accomplished was done online - another all-time high for us.

Everything above causing this non-holiday feeling, except the weather, has one underlying cause, and you all know what it is - the virus.

It seems like Ebenezer Scrooge is in the majority this holiday season. Give a hardy, "Bah humbug!" followed by locking yourself inside, away from everyone else.

It does not feel like the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Day may be upon us, but the Day of Thanksgiving is every day. 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." If we are giving thanks for everything, we will give thanks every day.

If you are a child of God, His blessings pour down upon you every day. Psalm 68:19, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah."

The Psalmist makes the effort to point out that God is the God of our salvation. Salvation is something else that deserves our thanks. 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Some may be thinking that salvation is not a gift; it is something you earn. People tend to believe salvation is an achievement acquired by being good, not committing specific horrific sins, participating in some religious ritual, and various other things. The truth is, God, says salvation is a gift. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Think of any Christmas present you have received. You did not pay for it, but the person giving you the gift did. We do not pay for salvation. Jesus Christ paid for eternal life with His blood on the cross.

Faith opens the gift of salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

It does not seem like Thanksgiving season, but if you have received God's gift of salvation, there are countless reasons for thankfulness.

Preacher Johnson is Pastor of Countryside Baptist Church in Parke County Indiana. Website: www.preacherspoint.com; Email: preacherspoint@gmail.com; Mail: 410 S. Jefferson St. Rockville IN 47872. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Timothy-Preacher-Johnson-101171088326638>. All Scripture KJV.

Area Churches

Christ Community Church
454 W Hwy 24
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church
1101 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ
1541 Oak
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
1325 15th St
Hoxie

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
Hwy 223
Leoville

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1400 Locust St
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship
454 Hwy 24
Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
14988 E Rd 70 S
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
202 S Missouri
Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church
924 17th
Hoxie

Selden United Methodist
Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
Seguin



Thank You!

I would like to thank
The Sheridan Sentinel
for selecting me as
Honorary 2020 Veteran.
Thank you to my daughters,
Eilene Minnix and Linda Betzen
for nominating me.
Thank you to the Hoxie businesses
for the gifts you donated.
Your thoughtfulness
is greatly appreciated.

~ Bill Schieferecke

HEIM TV & APPLIANCE BLACK FRIDAY SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 & 28
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LG 60" 4K HDR SMART HDTV \$549
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You all are
greatly appreciated!

~Bill & Bernie Schieferecke

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2020

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

4-H BUILDING

HOXIE, KS

Lunch will be served with homemade pies



Masks are recommended

VENDORS

Pottery	Baked Goods	Scentry	Happy Creek Chic
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Coasters	Essential Oils	Baskets	Colorstreet Nails
Clothes	Rada Cuttery	Crochet Items	Barnwood Signs
Jewelry	Home Décor	Local Honey	Decorated Cups
Candies	Mary Kay	Homemade Soaps	and Much More

Join us for a Puppet Show at 1:00 PM



HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

Dr. Victor Nemecek, MD * Dr. Michael Machen, MD
Dr. Jill Stewart, MD * Dr. Dallas Walz, MD
Deanna Sulzman, APRN-C
Chris Hansen, PA-C * Bhavini Gopaldas, PA-C
Jodi Dumler, LCSW * Taylor Bainter, LMSW

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Call for Appointment: 785-675-3018

Selden Community Clinic

Hours:
Tuesday ~ Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Call for Appointment: 785-386-4380



SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX

PHYSICAL THERAPY:
Direct Access to PT
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Ultrasound * 3D Mammography
Bone Density (DEXA) * Nuclear Medicine

Call for Appointment: 785-675-3281

Don't Have Insurance? We Can Help!

Hoxie Medical Clinic now employs a Case Manager and Navigator to assist with insurance enrollment on the healthcare marketplace, other needed services, and we also accept VA Choice. Free mammograms and Pap tests are available to women with no insurance.

Current Job Listings

Long Term Care - Nurse PRN	Acute - Registered Nurse Full Time - Night Shift	Laboratory - Clinical Lab Director Full Time - Day Shift
Radiology-Technologist PRN	Health Information Management - Supervisor Full Time - 8-5	Laboratory - Lab Tech PRN
Housekeeping Housekeeper Full Time - Day Shift	Long Term Care - Activities Aide (CNA) Full Time - 8-5	Acute - Nurse Aide Full Time - Night Shift
Long Term Care - CNA Full Time - Day Shift	Acute - Outpatient Surgery Coordinator Full Time - Day Shift	Acute - Nurse Aide Full Time - Day Shift
Long Term Care - RN or LPN Full Time - Night Shift		

2020

Open Enrollment Period

Medicare: Oct 15 - Dec 7

Marketplace: Nov 1 - Dec 15

The last day for Insurance Coverage is
December 15, 2020.

Let us help you, our services are free.

Give us a Call!

2020

December

7

deadline



SHERIDAN COUNTY
HEALTH COMPLEX

Contact
Trista Wysong
(785) 677-4172

2020

December

15

deadline

The Hoxie Democrat
Friday, December 3, 1886

J. L. Zeigler held a night session in the contest case.

Fred Boller spent the Sabbath in the country.

Geo W. Crane is building an addition of one room to his house.

M. A. Chambers has been employed by Henry North, to defend him.

Mr. Jon L. Albin and family moved to town last Tuesday to stay all winter.

A. J. Massingal is getting onto his duties as justice of the peace in good shape.

At the Henry North hearing he waived an examination and was bound over to appear at court.

John Costello and Mike Campbell called in this week, they were witnesses in the Talbott and Cressler contest.

Frank Miller is running a dray in Hoxie and will move into town in a few days and send his children to school.

Mrs. Jeffers, mother of our Patsy Moriarty, returned last week from a trip to Nebraska where she had been looking after her interests.

An addition has been built to Albin's butcher shop so as to give more room for the manufacture of various kinds of sausages, the rendering of lard, etc.

Rev. Griffes expects and hopes to be able to build a church at Sheridan next spring and from the success he has had here we know he will be successful.

Mrs. W. S. Smith arrived in town last week and will remain with us. They will live on Frank Millers place this winter where he will freight and mend shoes and do other odd jobs.

Will Hemphill has learned what a Galley is but he went at it gently, fearing a sell. He will learn all the slang phrases soon as he has interviewed the type lice.

Next Sabbath at 11 o'clock communion services will be held at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Griffes presiding. All are cordially invited. Prof. Menefee will conduct a musical service in connection with the regular service.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dow arrived in town last Monday and will hereafter make Hoxie their home. Their son, Clarence, will continue at school this winter and then join his parent here in the spring.

Dr. Campbell, of Grainfield, met Dr. Hughes in consultation in the case of Carrie Caswell on Monday and again on Tuesday. The patient is doing well and will probably recover in about two weeks.

Last Sabbath a Presbyterian society was organized at Sheridan with eighteen members. Messrs. Bliss and Douglass were installed ruling elders of said church. Rev. Griffes has arranged to preach there every alternate Sabbath.

J. B. Hopson returned last week from a visit to Kirksville, Mo. Hop says he had a good time but is glad to get back, and like everyone else says that in his travels he has failed to find any place that suited him as well as Sheridan county, and that he is going to stay here and die.

125 Years Ago
November 28, 1895

W. R. Duncan, Lucerne, was trading in Hoxie Tuesday.

J. M. Woodworth returned from a two month's stay in Iowa, the first of the week.

It is rumored that our city schools have become too crowded and in consequence, a third teacher will be employed.

The prairies are covered with about four inches of beautiful snow, which fell Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

John Lewis and Luke Miley, of Bow Creek, found their way through the snow to town Monday and marketed a load of produce.

Unless Charley Weist gets a curve on himself, John Woollums' record of marrying off every fellow who rooms with him, will be broken.

It is reported that Sheriff Bardwell has arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., one Bert Orran, charged with stealing a saddle from Walter White, about a month ago.

Mrs. M. E. Zeigler moved in and took charge of the Palmer House last week and has straightened things up and is running a first class hotel. As a land lady, Mrs. Zeigler needs no introduction to the people of this county.

Editor Thompson of the *Palladium* is back from his Smith county visit. He went and has returned and we have not even heard it intimated that he intended bringing any one back with him, and, as a matter of fact he didn't.

Charley Johnson, of Borin, Decatur county, marketed a load of grain here Tuesday. Charley was at one time a resident of this county and he says this feels like his home. He is a stalwart democrat, but says he cannot help but feel good over the turn politics took.

Postmaster Davidson, who furnishes us weather according to order, got his cold wave sign out just about fifteen minutes before the storm came. If he isn't a little careful a storm will come along one of these times before he gets the sign out and then we will be left at the mercy of the storm king.

Henry Bowman returned Tuesday morning from a stay of a few days at Belleville.

Lucerne Items

Dr. Gilpin was seen last week in our vicinity.

T. J. Brewster is still improving from his long spell of sickness.

Oscar Garrell has been husking corn for R. S. Brogan this week.

Selden Department

Lucky is the man who has his corn all in the crib.

J. A. Thomas, of Leavenworth, and Captain Wolfe, of Oxford, Iowa, are among the late arrivals.

J. F. Sloan has rented the farm formerly owned by

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Wm. Pope, and will reside there for a year at least.

Quite a lively interest is now manifest in the A. O. U. W., at his place. Dr. Eddy, Medical Examiner, from Colby was in Selden on Tuesday and examined four applicants for membership.

100 Years Ago
November 26, 1920

A New Grocery

Harry Vance and partner, C. E. Van Voorish, intend to start a buy-for-cost store here and will have same opened for business by the first of the year.

The plan is to sell membership certificates at \$25 each which will entitle the holder to buy all his groceries at this store at cost. This certificate is valid for one year. The money thus obtained will pay the proprietors for their service.

Local News

O. E. Hanshaw and G. H. Banes were down from Selden the last of the week paying taxes and attending to other matters.

W. J. Nichols and Charley Timmons went to Norton last week where the latter underwent a surgical operation at the Lothrop hospital.

Mrs. J. M. Peters was called to Guy Saturday owing to the serious injury to a grandson, one of the Townsend boys.

Carl Reed, W. J. Boyles, C. F. Reed and Chris Holm came over from Selden Monday on business.

C. M. Reinert, one of our jolly young farmers out on Route 4, evidently is not conducting his farm work on schedule time these days, as he is advertising a lost watch in this week's paper.

An eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend, of Guy, was accidentally run over last Friday by a car. One of his legs was broken and the little fellow sustained some internal injuries and is in a critical condition.

Mr. Lester B. Davis, of Lucerne, and Miss Zelda Boles, of Hoxie, were united in marriage Wednesday, November 24, at the court house, Probate Judge Williams officiating.

Tuesday afternoon, November 23, at the Methodist parsonage, at Hoxie, occurred the marriage of Mr. William M. Cloud and Mrs. Lillie Carrall, both of Menlo. Rev. C. A. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. W. W. Korb entertained the "Just-a-Meer" Club at her home last Thursday. Mrs. Eva Beers Samuelson and Mr. Clark were the guests of the club. Card playing entertained the guests, Mrs. Samuelson winning the prize, a bouquet of organdie flowers. A delicious two-course luncheon was served.

M. D. Spencer, of Bow Creek township, while in town Tuesday made the *Sentinel* office an appreciated call. Mr. Spencer is an old pedagogue, who contrary to the usual rule, had the good judgement to give up his first love a few years ago, and has grown well to do farming Sheridan county dirt.

Northwest Prairie Dog

By Hooting Owl

J. A. Slaven and wife visited Saturday with Mrs. Handwork in Oberlin.

Teddy and Frank Wachendorfer and Guy Geisenhener went to Norton Sunday to see the football game.

The party at Gar Robinson's Saturday night was a big success. Big crowd, big time and supper for all.

75 Years Ago
November 22, 1945

City School Notes

Second Grade - Our speed in reading is increasing since we are able to blend several sounds together.

Fifth Grade - In Social Studies, we have been locating cities, and finding out why they are important, and why they were located where they are.

Sixth Grade - We have been writing stories for English, some have been imaginary and some have been their own pleasure trips.

Eighth Grade - The music class has been working on Thanksgiving songs.

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood and Dale were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Hamill.

Cultus Club met November 13 with Mrs. A. M. Shatzell. Mrs. Alex Fromme presented the lesson on the life and works of Oliver Wendell Holmes. Mrs. Wallace Cooper, president, presided at the business meeting which followed Mrs. Fromme's interesting information.

The Harmony Club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Lena Morgan. After a fine dinner the group sewed for the hostess. The next meeting will be December 5th with Mrs. Paul Woods.

Local Happenings

Mrs. B. C. Decker enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Ed Patterson at Oakley the past week.

Lt. Ward Andregg and wife arrived home Tuesday evening after Ward received his honorable discharge at Lincoln, Nebraska. The young folks are happy to be home and Ward will be back in business, as he was before joining the service.

Vernon Mickey and Frank Pratt are expected home soon. They report to Norman, Oklahoma, to receive their discharge each.

Mrs. H. C. Reed was a victim of the flu for a few days this week.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brandy returned home Thursday from a month's visit with relatives near the west Coast.

Mrs. Ferguson returned home from Missouri last week.

The Morland Solomon Valley 4-H Club met at the City Hall in Morland Thursday night.

Leoville

Miss Agnes Karls who is a student at Marymount College in Salina is expected home Tuesday to spend her Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Laura Wernette visited her niece, Mrs. Joe Robben and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilcox and children, Richard and Carol of Dayton, Ohio, came Friday and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Reichert. The Wilcox family were enroute to Denver. Mr. Wilcox was going there for his health.

Tasco Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pfeifer, Marcel Pfeifer and Mrs. Ralph Getz spent one day in Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Simonton and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Guy Carley.

Word has been received that Sgt. Geo. Jones has arrived in the States from Germany and will be at home in a few days.

50 Years Ago
November 26, 1970

Elks Dedication Well Attended

The Hoxie Elks Lodge building dedication which was held Saturday was well attended by members of the Hoxie Lodge and members of area lodges, according to Bill Pickinpaugh, secretary of the organization.

Pickinpaugh said over 300 persons attended the dinner and more than 400 persons were on hand in the evening to dance to the music of Mel Herl and his orchestra.

Story Hour to Begin Dec. 3

The Friends of the Sheridan County Library are happy to announce that the winter Story Hour will begin on Dec. 3. Mrs. Lora Pratt will be in charge and will be assisted by Mrs. Myron Dietz.

Seguin Items

The ladies of our neighborhood gathered at the Sisters home Thursday morning for coffee and chat to celebrate a belated birthday anniversary for Sister Janis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rietcheck and Bob called on Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rietcheck and Jennifer Thursday evening.

Studley Items

The Ladies Zion Mission of the Hill City RLDS church met with Mrs. Esther Brandt Thursday afternoon.

The East Morland EHU members and husbands enjoyed a potluck Thanksgiving supper at the school house Thursday night. Mrs. Amelia Ploeger and Mrs. Thressa Madden, hostesses, furnished turkey and ham and all the trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pratt and Fenton Pratt visited their cousin, Hilda Pratt one day last week.

Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Helen Hedge on

Nov. 19 for the usual good dinner. All 12 members were present. Lila Karnes was a welcome guest. Betty Treu won the raffle. Doris Trueblood gave a demonstration on how to wrap packages. Club will meet Dec. 3 with Florence Mauck.

News from Members:

Janet Bailey of Manhattan was a Saturday dinner guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauck.

Johnnie Williams and Frank and Jack Riley of Wichita spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams and enjoyed pheasant hunting.

Mickey's Want Ads

Have you thought of getting a new Monarch electric range? One of the best, sturdiest, easiest cleaned and lasting ranges on the market today.

A mother was telling her six-year-old son about the Golden Rule.

"Always remember," she said, "that we are here to help others."

The youngster mulled this over for a minute and then asked, "Well, what are the others here for?"

We have a nice supply of electric scissors. You will enjoy a pair.

Tasco Notes

Tasco Community Club met Friday, Nov. 20 with Ina Hill. Twelve members were present for the delicious dinner and quilting was done. Eunice Taylor won the hostess gift. Names were drawn for Christmas gifts. Club will meet with Laura Morgan and Sarah Welling at Laura's on Dec. 11.

Mrs. Ervin Morgan of Ogallah visited Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morgan Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rowilson were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown, Terry and Mickey.

25 Years Ago
November 23, 1995

Angels Now Available

If you are planning on doing some Christmas shopping over the Thanksgiving weekend, it may be to your advantage to take the time this week to stop in at State Bank of Hoxie and take an angel from their Christmas tree.

FHA Members Travel to Fall Conference

Out of the 72 FHA members, 58 of them attended the FHA Fall Conference Oct. 18 in WaKeeney. Many workshops were held during the Fall Conference, including: Sturdy Body, Communications, Substance Abuse, Japanese Exchange Program, Family Shelters, Leadership Skills, and Teen Violence. Most of the students went to the workshops, Drug Abuse, and Communications.

Rexford

Ed and JoAnn Miller of Colby were supper guests of her mother, Lula Thieler, on Sunday evening, Nov. 12.

Former Rexford resident Annie Roth was surprised on her 91st birthday, Nov. 17, with a visit from several members of the Rexford Social Hour Club. Annie is now a resident of the Long Term Care facility in Hoxie. Her daughter-in-law Vesta Roth, Ada Maxwell, Deb Stepper, Bernice Maris, and Jean Hawkins drove to Hoxie to help Annie celebrate.

The High Plains After Five met at the Sheperd's Staff Conference Center on Nov. 14 with 78 people in attendance. Entertainment was provided by vocalist Jeff Wagoner of Colby and chef Lori Bunjes who had wonderful suggestions for "Fixin' Turkey." Guest speaker Sue Morris of Littleton, Colo. shared thoughts of Thanksgiving.

Selden

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Selden Lions Club will be having their Annual Soup Day in the Parish Hall. They will be serving homemade chili and vegetable soup from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their Annual Broom sale will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Santa Claus will arrive at 1 p.m. Please support your community service organization.

Visitors the opening weekend of pheasant season at the home of Dale, Phylia and Rod Brantley were: David Brantley and son Ryan of Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roth and their children Bryan, Becky and Kristen of Dodge City and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hankins and their son Matthew of Kechi.

Jennings-Allison

Galen and MeMe Carper went to Broken Arrow, Okla. last week to spend time with Tim and Ann Bailey and girls. Tim had back surgery on Friday. Galen went on to Little Rock, Ark. on Sunday to spend a couple of days with Teka Akins and girls. Tim will be off work for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tacha vacationed a few days in South Dakota last week.

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From The Hoxie Sentinel, 100 years ago. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

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Winterfest

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Place, \$10). Registration coming soon.

Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 16, with winners announced via the Chamber Facebook page on Friday, December 18.

Chamber Scrip

Chamber Scrip keeps money in Sheridan County and is accepted by all current chamber members. It makes a great gift. Please contact Chamber President Shelby Moss at smoss@schmed.com to make arrangements to purchase Chamber Scrip.

Gift Card Program

AND...don't forget...you can purchase gift cards to multiple area businesses at one time!

Businesses wishing to be added to the list must complete the sign-up form (link available on Winterfest webpage).

For full Winterfest 2020 details, please visit www.hoxieareachamber.com/winterfest. Questions, email hoxieareachamber@gmail.com.

The Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer-led organization focused on furthering the business, economic and community advancements of its members and the community at large.

Kelly's 'Strong Push' On Space Command Ends in Total Failure

The Kansas Republican Party today issued the following statement on the U.S. Air Force announcement that no Kansas location is among the six finalists for U.S. Space Command headquarters:

Kansas GOP Chairman Mike Kuckelman said: "Governor Kelly promised a 'strong push' and announced she was going to use all resources necessary to support the selection of Kansas' as Space Command headquarters. With today's announcement of six finalists and none in Kansas, we know her effort was a total failure.

"We need a governor who can deliver on promises, and Laura Kelly is not up to the task. From her mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic, to overseeing America's worse unemployment recovery, this failure to deliver on this effort joins a long list of disappointments this administration has overseen in just a two-year span.

"If she even decides to run for office again in 2022, we are going to soundly defeat her."

Continued Use of Kansas National Guard for COVID-19 Response Requested

Governor Laura Kelly today announced that she has sent a letter to President Donald Trump requesting his approval of an extension to Title 32 authority, allowing Kansas to continue utilizing the Kansas National Guard in its efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19, keep Kansans safe, and keep schools, and businesses open.

Title 32 allows governors to mobilize their state's national guard in order to respond to natural disasters or other emergencies.

"Our Soldiers and Airmen play a vital role in Kansas' response to COVID-19," Governor Kelly said. "With the President's approval, this extension will enable Kansas to maintain community-based testing, continue distributing medical and testing supplies, and ensure Kansas businesses can stay open."

In the letter, Governor Kelly requests that President

New Steps to Slow the Spread of COVID-19 Announced

Governor Laura Kelly today announced several new steps her administration is taking to combat the spike in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. The new plan includes a public health campaign, community engagement conversations and an executive order establishing a statewide face-covering protocol as part of her administration's all-of-the-above strategy to keep Kansans healthy, keep schools and businesses open, and protect Kansas' economy.

"As COVID-19 continues to spread through Kansas communities and hospitalizations increase at concerning rates, it is clear we must take action to protect our communities and our economy," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Today's actions are a bipartisan package of recommendations from legislators, health professionals, and business leaders to increase participation in commonsense COVID-19 prevention practices."

E.O. #20-68 takes effect beginning 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, and will remain in place until rescinded or until the current statewide State of Disaster Emergency expires - whichever is earlier.

"My administration recognizes that each Kansas county is faced with unique challenges - and a one-size-fits-all approach can be difficult for some communities to navigate," Governor Kelly said. "The order allows local officials one week to craft and implement their own version of a face covering ordinance that works for them and their communities."

Under the order, Kansans shall wear face coverings when inside public spaces, or in situations where physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained. Guidance regarding specific locations or situations in which face coverings should be worn is outlined within the order.

Kansans under five years of age, those with medical conditions, and others outlined in the order are exempt from face covering protocol.

View E.O. #20-68 at <https://bit.ly/3IHZKZN>.

In addition to the face-covering protocol, the Kelly administration is partnering with The Leadership Center to mobilize its alumni base, which is nearly 12,000 strong, to mobilize and lead virtual non-partisan convenings across Kansas beginning the week of November 17 and concluding by late December. The project will dramatically increase the number of local leaders - pastors, coaches, neighborhood leaders, business owners, community officials, and others to use their influence to combat the virus.

This week, Governor Kelly also approved CARES Act funding to assist a coalition of stakeholders including the Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Farm Bureau, and others, to create a statewide public health campaign to begin next week. The campaign will encourage Kansans to follow the best practices, encourage voluntary testing, avoid mass gatherings, and use face-coverings.

Prairie Doc® Perspectives: Gratitude for Grandparents

By Joanie Holm, R.N., C.N.P.

A three-pound baby entered the world in recent days. This precious child was born after his Mom spent seven weeks in the hospital on bedrest. At home, Dad and two siblings were working, going to school, and worrying. Surrounding the family were two sets of grandparents who ensured that the pieces all fell into place. From meals and lawn care, to virtual school, from evening shifts and overnights to early mornings, these grandparents were there every step of the way. They will continue to offer support while the baby remains hospitalized and growing, and after he comes home, because that is what grandparents do, if they are able.

Grandparenting can be an awesome stage in life, benefiting the grandchildren,

the parents, and of course the grandparents in significant ways. Grandparents are known to influence values and behaviors and provide valuable life experiences. A child who has a connection with grandparents may have increased self-esteem, with better emotional and social skills. A relationship with a grandparent can give a child strength and comfort into adulthood.

In an article titled "Why Grandparents are VIPs," social researcher, educator and author, Susan V. Bosak writes, "The special kind of love you get from a grandparent is a love you can't get anywhere else. It is an important kind of love - in fact, a very important kind of love. Parents have to worry about who children will become in the future; their role is to be providers and disciplinarians. Grandparents can just enjoy children for who they are in the moment. The love of a grandparent is often freer, more unconditional, and far less psychologically complex than a parent's love. The love of a parent and the love of a grandparent are different, second in emotional importance only to the parent/child relationship."

In a world of many dual-career families, the benefits of active grandparents can be lifesaving for parents. Often grandparents fill in the gap between school and the time parents get off work, driving kids to different events or helping them with homework. Lastly, active grandparents report less depression and a higher degree of life satisfaction and a hopeful feeling for the future.

Margaret Mead, a well-known American cultural anthropologist, said the connection between generations was "essential for the mental health and stability of a nation."

This Thanksgiving, may we celebrate the grandparent-grandchild relationship with gratitude.

Joanie S. Holm, R.N., C.N.P. is co-founder and president of Healing Words Foundation, a



**RESOLUTION #20-147
A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE USE OF FACE MASKS**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Kansas has issued Executive Order 20-68 mandating the use of face masks in all public areas effective 12:01 A.M., Wednesday, November 25, 2020; and, WHEREAS, such mandate includes criminal penalties for persons who do not wear face masks in public; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-68 issued by Governor Kelly directs and orders the following: Effective at 12:01 A.M. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, any person in Kansas shall wear a face covering when they are in the following situations:

- a. Inside, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;
- b. Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank;
- c. Waiting for or riding on public transportation or while in a tax, private car service, or riding-sharing vehicle;
- d. While outdoors in public spaces and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

Also effective at 12:01 A.M. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 all businesses or organizations in Kansas must require all employees, customers, visitors, members, or members of the public to wear a face covering when:

- a. Employees are working in any space visited by customers or members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
- b. Employees are working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
- c. Employees are working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
- d. Customers, members, visitors or members of the public are in a facility managed by the business or organization; or
- e. Employees are in any room or enclosed area where other people (except for individuals who reside together) are present and are unable to maintain a 6-foot distance except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.

WHEREAS, the Board has consulted with the Sheridan County Health Nurse Melissa Wachendoerfer and County Health Officer, Dr. Doug Gruenbacher, concerning the implementation of the directives of Executive Order 20-68 including the mandatory use of face masks. The Board is aware that both health officials favor the wearing of masks in public places and practicing of social distancing while not wearing a mask; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has heard from the Administration of USD 316 and USD 412 in relation to their respective plans for COVID-19 Exposure Prevention. The Board in addition was updated that the respective plans are in place and both schools remains open with the youth doing well and attending class; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that the county businesses have taken various actions on their own to reduce the chance of COVID-19 exposure and that excessive regulation of a small business can create excessive financial costs which may result in the successful operation of a business to be jeopardized; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has been continually updated by Sheridan County Hospital personnel and what the Sheridan County Hospital and Medical Clinic including the long term care unit are doing to handle the existing COVID-19 situation and lesson the spread of COVID-19 at the medical facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that various churches of the community are practicing social distancing while their respective parishioners attend church services and that some have scheduled multiple services per week in order to avoid large gatherings at one particular time; and,

WHEREAS, the County has taken measures in the courthouse to limit number of people in the respective offices and installation of plexiglass barriers for the protection of both employees and the public; and,

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-925 as amended by 2020 special session of the legislature in House Bill 2016, Section 33 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of Executive Order 20-86 to be effective statewide from cities like Wichita in Sedgwick County to rural communities of Northwest Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that the cases of COVID-19 recently spiked raising concern for our community and the medical providers. However, the Board is aware that the cases currently being reported are going down; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is not in favor of the mandated "one size fits all" mask order of Governor Kelly as provided in Executive Order 20-68 which provides for criminal penalties and has concerns for compliance, enforcement and imposition of civil liberties; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the full scope of the provisions in Executive Order 20-68 are not necessary at present to protect the public safety of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board currently finds that:

1. That the school administrations and respective boards of education have the wellbeing and health of the school children and teachers in mind and their respective COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plans should for now be left as is; and

2. That the Sheridan County Medical Community's COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plan should remain with their respective administrator(s) and hospital board; and

3. The respective religious communities and churches should for now govern the COVID-19 exposure of their parishioner attending of church services; and,

4. That while the public business owners and employers are encouraged to wear masks when not maintaining social distance practices the implementations of mask policies for now will be left to the respective business owner; and,

5. That the County personnel are encouraged to maintain social distancing and/or wear a mask when dealing with the public if not protected by a plexiglass barrier.

6. The Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the wearing of masks for your personal safety and the safety of others. If any Sheridan County business would like a supply of masks for distribution to customers, please contact the Sheridan County Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County both as the Board of Commissioners and County Board of Health finds that the implementation of Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-68 calling for "mandatory" use of masks in public is not at this time necessary to protect the public health and safety of the County and the choice of wearing a mask in public while strongly suggested will currently be the decision of the respective county citizen. As a result of this finding, the Sheridan County Commissioners pursuant to law, opts out of Executive Order 20-68, to be effective Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 12:01 AM.

Board of Commissioners and Board of Health, Sheridan County, Kansas
Wesley Bainter
Joe Bainter
Mary Ellen Welshhon
Attest:
Heather Bracht, Clerk

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Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to limit the opportunities for students to take the ACT and SAT exams. We encourage applications from those with or without a test score. Applicants applying directly from high school for Fall 2021 will be automatically considered for merit-based aid based on information collected from the application for admission. Efforts will be undertaken to ensure equity in award values for those admitted with or without a test score.

The priority deadline for submitting an application to ensure scholarship consideration is December 1. Students admitted by December 1 have until April 1 to provide updated test score and/or 7th semester grade information for scholarship reconsideration. Go to apply.ku.edu.

K-State is offering more scholarship opportunities than ever before! K-State admitted students are automatically reviewed for general university scholarships/awards that take their GPA and ACT/SAT score into consideration. The priority deadline is December 1 if you want to maximize your ability to tap into the \$46 million KSU awards annually. And you can update your ACT scores through April 30.

KSU is also offering test-optional awards that do not require them to submit

their ACT/SAT score. So, whether you haven't had the opportunity to take the test or just want to be considered for scholarships based on other factors, we've got you covered. You need to complete the supplemental application by Jan. 5th for full consideration. (And if they have taken the test, they should still submit their score(s). In other words, KU and KSU are pursuing very similar paths.

Fort Hays State has one more special day for Hispanic high school seniors and transfer students to tour campus, learn about scholarships/admissions, and meet with current Hispanic/Latinx students on December 2. We had kids go to November 12 event and really felt good about FHSU after the visit. RSVP at fhsu.edu/abriendopuertas.

Applicants to the Equitable Excellence Scholarship must demonstrate courage, strength and wisdom as shown by community impact through volunteer service. Fifty-two scholarships will be given, ranging from \$2500 to \$25,000. Apply by December 15 at <https://bit.ly/2UVCp6p>.

Scholarships are the root of our purpose in Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation (AWAF). As an active professional foundation dedicated to supporting the advancement of automotive professionals, AWAF strives

to motivate current and future students studying an automotive related field. The next deadline for AWAF is January 9, although it accepts applications at any time. Go to <https://bit.ly/2J06104>.

The Washington Crossing Foundation awards 39 scholarships of \$5000 to high school seniors who are interested in a career in local, state, or federal government. Find out more at <https://www.gwcf.org/scholarship>. Application deadline is January 15.

IMPORTANT DATES:
December 1: KU Scholarship/FAFSA Early Notification Deadline; KSU Premier Scholarship deadline; Deadline to apply for Nex-Generation Internships for Spring 2021; Deadline to submit FAFSA at FHSU

December 11: Deadline for Rudd Scholarship

December 31: Priority deadline to apply for scholarships at Colby CCC

January 8: Registration deadline for February 6 ACT test

January 15: Priority Scholarship Deadline for NCKTC

February 15: Final deadline for scholarships at FHSU and CCC

March 12: Registration deadline for April 17 ACT test

May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test

June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test

GPHS Scholar's Place Second at Goodland



Work it Out—The Golden Plains Scholar Bowl team members, including 1-r Wyatt McDonald, Joshua Yanez, Alisha Brantley, Lauren Patmon, and Jordyn Fleckenstein, work out a math problem during a round of questions at the Goodland meet on November 19. The Bulldogs placed second at the competition losing only to one other team. (Photo by Steiner Scott)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Scholar Bowl team placed second at their second meet of the season in Goodland on November 19. "We had good team spirit and didn't stress out," said Team Captain Alisha Brantley. "We had amazing teamwork and communicated with each other very well."

The team, with members Brantley, Wyatt McDonald, Lauren Patmon, Joshua Yanez, and Jordyn Fleckenstein, defeated Colby in the first round but lost to Wallace County in Round 2. They finished pool play undefeated with wins over Rawlins County, Cheylin, Lakin and St. Francis to advance to the medal rounds.

In the semi-finals, the Bulldogs faced off against Quinter whom they defeated easily 70-30. This took them to the championship round to face Wallace County once again. The match was close with Wallace County winning 50-30 giving Golden Plains second place.

"It was a good meet," said junior Wyatt McDonald. "It felt good to win over some of the larger schools. We look forward to facing off with Wallace County again next week." The Bulldogs will travel to Wallace County to compete again on November 23 in Sharon Springs.

Bulldogs Basketball Begins

By Austin Miller

The Golden Plains Bulldogs began their 2020-2021 basketball season on November 16 with the first day of practice. Last year's boys qualified for sub-state and although they graduated two seniors, they have two seniors returning this year.

Senior Wade Rush, a member of the Sagebrush all-tournament team, the WKLL All-League Team,



all state honorable mention, and Sports in Kansas rebound leader last season returns along with senior Kole Butts. "Our goal this year is to play together as a team," said Butts. "We have a more positive attitude and are working much better than last year."

Also returning for basketball are Juniors Roberto Loya, Ashton Schiltz, Ethan Weiner, Ethan Shea, Fabian Cepeda, Alex Gonzalez, and Jovanny Infante. Sophomore team members include Mason Green and Marshall DiRocco. Joining the team from the freshman class are Tayten Barnett, Will Bruggeman, and Landon Meier. "The underclassmen are stepping up and contributing," added Rush. "We hope to stay healthy and play a full season. Let us play!" The Bulldogs are scheduled to open their season on December 4 at Weskan.

Golden Plains junior Alex Gonzalez goes up for a layup during a drill on the first day of basketball practice. Gonzalez joins two seniors and six other juniors on the Bulldogs team this season. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Lady Bulldogs Begin Basketball

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs began their 2020-2021 basketball season with an early morning practice on November 16. The girls, who finished as Sub-State Runner-Up the past two years, are ready to get the season started.

"We are excited to get started," said senior Broke Stoll. "We have a good group of girls. Worked hard in the summer as much as we could on our individual skills. Our goal is to stay healthy and have a full season."

With fourteen girls on the team, they are led by seniors Brooke Stoll and Ashley Stoll. Returning juniors include Kassie Miller, Carli Nieman, Rayna Taylor, Amie Cheney, Morgan Wark, and Lauren Patmon. Sophomores Breanna Rath, Sidney Taylor, McHaley Carter, and Jazline Manriquez bring a year of experience to the team while

freshmen Jordyn Fleckenstein and Emma Weiner are excited to begin high school ball.

"The underclassmen will help bring energy and depth to the team," added senior Ashley Stoll. "There are some really good teams on our schedule that will test us. We hope to continue the success of the past two seasons and return to the sub-state championship game and make it to the next step."

The Bulldogs will open their season on December 4 in Weskan.

HOXIE SCHEDULE

11/30/20
5pm JH Scholars Bowl @ Goodland
12/1/20
9pm FFA Vet Science Discussion meet Leadership school
4pm JH BB @ Smith Center
12/3/20
JH BB@ Plainville (MCEL)
12/4/20
4pm V/JV BB vs Norton
6pm V WR @ Colby (dual)
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JH BB @ Plainville (MCEL)
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MS Boys Start Season



Season Opens—Golden Plains eighth grader Josh Rath looks to pass the ball against Oberlin during the middle school season opener on November 17 in Rexford. Rath put up four three-pointers against the Red Devils as the Bulldogs played hard but fell short 17-24. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Ethan Weiner

The Golden Plains Middle School boys' basketball team started off their season at home against Oberlin on November 17 in Rexford. They played hard but fell short with a 17-24 loss to the Red Devils. "It was good for our first game," said eighth grader Josh Rath. "It was fun to get out and play after all the weeks of practice."

The Bulldogs started off their first quarter of the season a little slow as they allowed Oberlin to pull ahead 6-0 before eighth grader Josh Rath hit a three late in the quarter. The boys were unable to put up any points in the second quarter, but they were able to hold the Red Devils to 2. The score at the end of the first half was 8-3 in favor of the Oberlin.

The Bulldogs started off the second half with another three from Rath to close the spread. Oberlin hit a three of their own before Owen Patmon added two more points for the Bulldogs to the scoreboard. Rath hit another three to give the Bulldogs a two-point deficit 11-13 at the end of the third.

The Bulldogs were unable to keep the Red Devils from scoring in the fourth quarter. The Red Devils added 11, while the Bulldogs were only able to add 6 of their own. Rath hit another three and was able to make a free throw. Patmon added the other two. The Red Devils came away with the win 24-17.

Rath was able to score 13 for the Bulldogs, with 12 of those points coming from his four threes. Patmon added the other four. "We worked together well as a team," added Rath, "but we need to work on getting the posts involved." The Bulldogs will host another home game against Logan on November 19.

GPMS Host First Scholars' Bowl of the Year



First Time Winners! The Golden Plains Middle School 6th grade scholar bowl team members hold up their first-place medals at the first scholar's bowl meet of the year in Rexford. They won their only meet of the year. Team members include: (l-r) Jordyn Bange, Kailee Wessel, Katie Carter, Marisol Perez, and Addy Wessel. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Carli Nieman

The Golden Plains Middle School Scholar's Bowl teams held their first meet of the year on October 27 at Rexford. The sixth grade placed first, the seventh grade placed second, and the eighth grade competed well with two teams in the contests.

The sixth grade took first place winning 3 and losing 2. They began the day with two losses falling short 30-50 to Grinnell and to Cheylin 30-40. The bounced back in Round 3 to go undefeated the rest of the day with wins over Weskan 60-30, Grinnell 1 45-20, and Heartland Christian 40-30 to capture first place. "I had a lot of fun at my first scholars' bowl meet," said 6th grader Katie Carter. "It wasn't as easy as it looked but I was proud of my team to get a win." This was the sixth grader's only meet of the year.

The 7th grade team took second in the meet with only three teams competing in a series of close rounds. Golden Plains fell 40-70 to Heartland-Christian to start but came back to defeat Grinnell 50-40 in the next round. They had a bye round before defeating Heartland Christian 70-60 and taking down Grinnell for the second time of the day 50-40 to go 3-1 for second place. "We competed really well all day and everyone did well answering questions," said 7th grader Ezekiel Weiner. "I was proud we got second place and can't wait for the next meet."

The Golden Plains 8th grade competed with two teams. GP Red went 2-5 and GP black went 5-2. GP Black finished the day with a 5-2 record placing them third behind Greeley County and Heartland Christian. They defeated Cheylin 50-40 but lost to Greeley County 40-60 and Heartland Christian 60-70. They won out the remainder of their rounds with wins over GP Red 90-10, Brewster 70-0, Weskan 50-40, and Grinnell 50-10.

GP Red filled in for a team that had to cancel at the last minute. They competed well with some close rounds winning two rounds but losing 5. They lost to Grinnell 30-40 then won over Brewster 40-30. Their next round went to Greeley County 20-60 and Golden Plains Black 10-90 before they won again over Cheylin 50-15. The last two rounds were lost to Heartland Christian 20-50 and Weskan 30-40.

"I had a lot of fun," said 8th grader Josh Rath, "though there are things to improve on before the next meet." The Bulldogs will travel to Bird City on December 7 for their next meet.

#Volleyhawk Pride

By Livia Schultz, Co Editor
Head Coach Shannon Foster made some very exciting announcements following the ending of the volleyball season. The following girls received All-league honors: Junior Anna Godek and Junior Livia Schultz were named to the WKLL All-League 1st team! Senior Kirsten Schroeder was selected to the WKLL All-League 2nd team.

Junior Livia Schultz was also selected to the 2020 KVA State Tournament team in Class 1A Division 2. The final big award given in volleyball is 2020 KVA All-State list it is an enormous

accomplishment that not only one, but three #volleyhawks made the list. Senior Kirsten Schroeder was selected to the honorable mention team, Junior Anna Godek was selected to the second team, and Junior Livia Schultz was selected to the first team.

Athletic Director Mr. Bixenman said, "What an awesome fall season in Thunderhawk Country! A huge congratulations to our entire volleyball team on a 4th place finish in the KSHAA State Tournament. Congratulations to Livia and Anna on being selected to the WKLL first team and to Kirsten on her 2nd team honors. Livia was also selected to the KVA All-State 1st team. These recognitions are well deserved and a testament to their hard work and commitment. I look forward to watching all of our girls continue to compete as this school year moves forward."

Bless This Food



Junior Isaac Mendez handles the turkey neck. (WHS photo)

By Anna Godek, Staff Member

On Thursday, November 19, Mrs. Dohm's Food Class had a Thanksgiving meal. This meal was prepared by Mrs. Dohm and her students. There are nine students in that class, consisting of senior, Isaiah Dickman; senior, Evelyn Resendez; junior, Isaac Mendez; junior, Livia Schultz; junior, Laredo Allemang; junior, Anna Godek; sophomore, Treven Humphries; sophomore, Jill Galantine; and senior, Kirsten Schroeder, as teacher's aide.

They ate a feast of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, crescent rolls, cranberry sauce, two apple pies, two pecan pies, and one pumpkin pie. The students had a fun time making all the food as well as sitting down and eating it all. Food teacher Mrs. Dohm says, "I wanted the kids to do this so they can appreciate how much hard work goes into making a traditional Thanksgiving meal. It's a really good balance of making things from scratch as well as canned items for food such as the green bean casserole."

It was a fantastic meal and really set the mood for our Thanksgiving festivities to come. Junior Isaac Mendez says, "It is a good experience and I have never held a turkey neck before and it is cool."

Ethan Beckman won Honorable Mention at the state level. Senior Jailey Gallentine and Senior Trevor Zarybnicky both wrote noteworthy compositions. Zarybnicky won second place and Gallentine's essay earned first place. Lodge member Orvis Katt awarded the students their prizes at the Wheatland High School on Wednesday; Gallentine received \$400.00 and Zarybnicky \$300.00

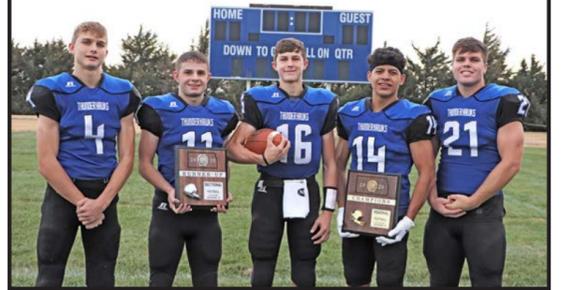
Wheatland students participated in a second scholarship opportunity, the VFW Voice of Democracy. This year's topic was the question: Is this the country the Founding Fathers envisioned? Although students found this a challenging topic, they wrote some thoughtful responses.

First place and second place winners were Wheatland High School students. Junior Livia Schultz won first place. She received \$100.00. Senior, Wendell Mong, was awarded second place and received \$75.00. Quinter student Millie Brown, senior, was the third-place winner. Carol Rietcheck and Christin Losey visited WHS to present the awards.



Livia Schultz, Wendell Mong and Millie Brown display their prizes. (WHS photo)

An Amazing Football Season



Members of the Thunderhawks football team that made it onto the All-District Team. (L to R) Sophomore Jett Vincent, Junior Ryan Heier, Junior Trey Vincent, Junior Isaac Mendez, Senior Trevor Zarybnicky. (WHS photo)

By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

On Friday, November 11, Wheatland High School Thunderhawks took on the Victoria Knights for the "2020 Kansas High School Football Playoff Brackets: KSHSAA - 8-Man DII" tournament. Victoria came out on top, with a win of 44-26, causing the Thunderhawk football season to come to an end.

The game against Victoria was a hard-fought game for our Thunderhawks. The Thunderhawks managed to get a total of 272 yards, with Victoria getting 427 yards. The Thunderhawks also had 90 tackles! Senior Luke Bixenman led the boys with 17 tackles, and Senior Trevor Zarybnicky was not far behind with 16 tackles. There were many good parts of the game, like the Thunderhawks making six interceptions while Victoria got zero, and all of the fans in the stands enjoyed the boys trying to persevere and come out on top.

Sophomore Kaleb Dohm stated, "It was a good game, and we held up good. There were some mistakes that we made, but we will fix them next year and we will be better next year."

The Thunderhawks have played many great football games this year, their record being 8-3. There were several members on the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks football team that made it onto the 8 Man DII All District Team. Junior Trey Vincent was put on the team as quarterback, Junior Isaac Mendez was chosen to be running back, Sophomore Jett Vincent was chosen to be wide receiver, Trevor Zarybnicky was chosen to be a linebacker, and Junior Ryan Heier as defensive back.

When asked about his thoughts on qualifying to be on the All District Team, Trevor Zarybnicky states, "I think that it was really cool to be recognized for all the hard work that the team put in the season. I wouldn't be able to be on the list if it wasn't for all the people who did their jobs every single game, allowing me to put up the numbers I did!"

Coach Jesse Vincent states, "There were several surprises throughout the season from various guys that showed remarkable improvement as the season progressed. Without that improvement we wouldn't have made it to the sectional round. I couldn't be more proud of how these guys held together as a team to get as far as we did!"

Scholarship Essays Reap Monetary Awards

By Carolyn Nelson, Sponsor

Several seniors entered the 2020 Masonic Lodge Public School Essay Competition. Contestants wrote about applying the values of the Masonic Lodge to their everyday life. Those values include: morality, lifting up the oppressed, respecting the laws of government, and extending charity.

Students compete first at the local level; then each individual lodge forwards the first-place winner on to the Grand Lodge where the entries are judged against others in the state. Last year,

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12/1/20
4pm HS Scholar's Bowl @ Greeley Co
12/2/20
8:15am WKLL League Scholarship Tests
12/4/20
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Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during October 2020 totaled 336 million pounds, up 4% from October 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 171,000 head, 7,000 head more than October 2019. Milk production per cow averaged 1,965 pounds.

Kansas Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.52 million cattle on feed on November 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 4% from last year.

Placements during October totaled 430,000 head, down 4% from 2019.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 440,000 head, up 10% from last year.

Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

USDA NASS to Collect 2020 Crop Production and Stocks Data

As the 2020 growing season comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grain and oilseeds stored on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey grain facility operators to determine year-end off-farm grain and oilseed stocks.

"These surveys are the largest and most important year-end surveys conducted by NASS," explained NASS's Kansas State Statistician Doug Bounds. "They are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States as well as grain and oilseed supplies. Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make crucial year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season."

"Responses to the survey will be used in calculating county-level yields which have a direct impact on farmers around the State. USDA's Farm Service Agency may use the data in administering producer programs and in determining disaster assistance program calculations," said Bounds. "NASS cannot publish a county yield unless it receives enough reports from producers in that county to make a statistically defensible estimate. So, it is very important that producers respond to this survey. In 2019, NASS was unable to publish several large producing counties due to an insufficient number of responses."

"As required by Federal law, all responses are completely confidential," Bounds continued. "We safeguard the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. Individual responses are also exempt from the Freedom of Information Act."

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the Crop Production Annual Summary and the quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on January 12. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information call the NASS Kansas Field Office at 800-582-6443.

USDA Conducts End-Of-Year Hogs and Pigs Survey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the December Hogs and Pigs Survey. This end-of-year survey is the most comprehensive gathering of quarterly data on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions in every state.

"According to the most recent Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report in September, there were 79.1 million hogs and pigs in the United States," said Doug Bounds, Kansas State Statistician. "The December survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring - if any."

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in late November. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail or online to conduct a telephone interview.

The data gathered in this survey allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year. The information is used by all sectors of the industry, including producers themselves, to help make sound and timely business decisions.

NASS will publish the survey results in the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report on December 23. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Northern Plains Regional Office at (800) 582-6443.

Feral Swine in Kansas Webinar

The Kansas Department of Agriculture will host an informational webinar on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. CST to offer an update on the management practices used in Kansas to control feral swine. The webinar will feature a presentation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Wildlife Services program.

USDA-APHIS-WS works in collaboration with KDA to help monitor, control and eradicate feral swine in Kansas. This webinar will be hosted by Dr. Justin Smith, Animal Health Commissioner at KDA, and will feature presentations from several USDA representatives including the head of field operations in Kansas along with a disease epidemiologist. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentations, and the webinar will be recorded and available for viewing after its completion.

To register for the webinar, go to agriculture.ks.gov/AnimalHealthOutreach. For additional information on the webinar or on animal health issues in Kansas, contact the KDA Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601 or Justin.Smith@ks.gov.

Wheat Scoop: Four Export Markets Kansas Farmers Should be Thankful for This November

From breaking bread in Japan to making tortillas in Mexico to producing instant noodles in Nigeria, hard red winter (HRW) wheat is a staple ingredient in family dinners around the world. This November, Kansas Wheat invites our farmers to learn more about the top export destinations for the reliable supply of high-quality HRW they produce each year and the trade policy discussions and agreements that support those purchases.

"About half of the Kansas wheat crop is exported every year," said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. "Our top buyers love the consistent quality they get in Kansas wheat, and we work hard to build trust and relationships with these key customers by continually sharing information on the wheat crop and technical support."

Each market has unique cuisines and market demands, but each also adds value to farmers' bottom-line. According to a January 2016 economic analysis of wheat export promotion, U.S. wheat farmers received \$45 in net revenue for every \$1 invested in export promotion from 2007 to 2014.

Mexico is the largest customer year-in and year-out for Kansas HRW wheat, thanks to an interconnected supply chain between Kansas elevators and Mexican flour mills. Duty-free access established by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and solidified by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) helps keep wheat flowing south, mainly by rail. Mexico has purchased 51.6 million bushels (1.4 million metric tons) of U.S. HRW wheat in the 2020/2021 marketing year, as of Nov. 5, 2020.

Chinese purchases of HRW jumped from zero to 36 million bushels (981,000 metric tons) as of Nov. 5, 2020. These purchases made following the Phase One agreement, which went into effect in early 2020, put China as the second largest market for HRW thus far in the 2020/2021

marketing year. Related to these trade policy discussions, China agreed to start filling an annual reduced tariff rate quota for imported wheat of 9.6 million metric tons (nearly 353 million bushels).

Nigeria's appetite for instant noodles has grown exponentially as U.S. wheat farmers and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) helped the milling and noodle manufacturing industries develop in this West African nation. Competition for wheat sales with the Black Sea is growing in this cost-sensitive market, making it important for groups like Kansas Wheat to stay in close contact with these key customers. Nigeria remains the third largest customer for HRW wheat in the 2020/2021 marketing year, purchasing 21.3 million bushels (579,000 metric tons) as of Nov. 5, 2020.

Japanese flour millers and U.S. wheat farmers have partnered together for more than 60 years to the mutual growth and prosperity of both. Approval of the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement in 2019 helped solidify this trading relationship by putting U.S. wheat exports on equal footing with competing supplies in Canada and Australia. As the fourth largest customer thus far in the 2020/2021 marketing year, Japan has purchased 20.8 million bushels (567,000 metric tons) of U.S. HRW wheat as of Nov. 5, 2020, up six percent year-over-year.

Learn more about each of these markets and the incredible return on investment from export market promotion through Kansas Wheat's partner organization - U.S. Wheat Associates - at uswheat.org.

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A public hearing will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020, to consider the adoption of proposed regulations to govern commercial industrial hemp production in Kansas. Due to public health concerns posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing proceedings will be held via a video conferencing system to provide the opportunity for virtual participation online. Although in-person participation is also an option, attendance will be limited to allow for social distancing and to comply with local health requirements.

Due to the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, which removed hemp from the federal Controlled Substances Act, and the Commercial Industrial Hemp Act passed in Kansas in 2019, the Kansas Department of Agriculture is proposing rules and regulations K.A.R. 4-34-22 through 4-34-30.

A copy of the proposed new regulations, as well as an expanded notice of public hearing, may be accessed on the KDA website at agriculture.ks.gov/PublicComment. Anyone desiring to participate via video conference or in person must pre-register and be provided with a video link or instructions for in-person attendance. Written comments can be submitted on the public comment web page prior to the hearing or sent to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS, 66502.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request a copy of the regulations in an accessible format. Persons who require special accommodations must make their needs known at least five working days prior to the hearing. For more information, including special accommodations or a copy of the regulations, please contact Ronda Hutton at 785-564-6715 or Ronda.Hutton@ks.gov.

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In celebration of farm dogs everywhere who work alongside their people to bring nutritious food to our table and our pet's bowls, AFBF has teamed up with Purina for the third annual Farm Dog of the Year Contest. Help select the People's Choice Pup by participating in the social media contest. Be sure to "like" the post to vote for your favorite! A "like" will be counted as a vote. Voting is open until Dec. 18. Check out all of the contenders on Facebook and cast your vote: <https://bit.ly/317DbRi>. Be sure to vote for Keeper, who belongs to a Farm Bureau member in Kansas.

Grow Ag Leaders Grant

The Grow Ag Leaders Grant, administered by National FFA, allows students (public, private or homeschooled HS senior or college, under 23, min 12 hours and min 2.5 GPA) pursuing a future in agriculture the opportunity to earn a \$1,500 scholarship toward their higher education studies. An eligible farmer (actively engaged in farming) must nominate the students. Every year this fund awards more than \$500,000 in scholarships to students studying in ag-related fields. Applications open November 1 - January 15.

In 2020, 24 students from across Kansas were awarded scholarships for a total of \$36,000.

Marvin Brungardt

June 15, 1936 ~ November 14, 2020



Marvin Brungardt, 84, passed away November 14, 2020.

He was born in Quinter, KS on June 15, 1936, the son of Richard and Magdalena (Kreutzer) Brungardt.

Marvin graduated from Hoxie High School in 1955. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1958 and the Army Reserve in 1962. Marvin retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka after

40 years of service. After retirement, he worked 13 years at the Shawnee County Noxious Weed Department.

Marvin married L'Wanda Faith (Spiker) on September 5, 1959.

Survivors include a son Greg (Jill) Brungardt of Berryton. Daughter Renee (Nick) Williams of Topeka. Along with six grandchildren: Valerie (Scott) Haverkamp, Paul (Rachel) Brungardt, Ross (Alex) Williams, Mara Williams, Riley Williams and Briman Williams. Also, four great grandchildren: Cole, Nolan, and Amelia (Paul), and Aspen (Briman). Four sisters, Pauline (Randolph), Alametha (Mendenhall), Imogene (Thomas), and Mary (Smith).

Marvin was preceded in death by his wife L'Wanda (Spiker) of 59 loving years. His parents Richard and Magdalena (Kreutzer) Brungardt, and siblings Paul, Marcella (Bullard), Viola (Jacobs), Leo, Thelma (Krallman).

Marvin didn't know a stranger and was a joyful presence with his contagious smile and laughter. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Marvin will be cremated, and an immediate family-only service will be held.

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SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN ADOPTING ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 20-125

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN AND DESIGNATING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA.

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Sheridan County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 12-17, 114 et seq., wishes to adopt a plan to assist the revitalization of Sheridan County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Sheridan County, Kansas, pursuant to public notice, held a public hearing on October 14, 2020, to hear and consider public comment on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. That the County Commission does hereby adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, attached herein, and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Designation of Neighborhood Revitalization Area. That the County Commission hereby designates the real property described in Part 1 of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as the Neighborhood Revitalization Area, finds that the following conditions exist within said Area: 1) a predominance of buildings which, by reason of dilapidation or obsolescence, are detrimental to public health, safety, and welfare; 2) a substantial number of deteriorating structures which impair the sound growth of the county, retards the provision of housing and constitutes an economic liability; and 3) a predominance of buildings which, by reason of age, history or architecture, are significant and should be restored to productive use, and finds that rehabilitation, conservation, and redevelopment of said area is necessary to protect health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county.

Section 3. Neighborhood Revitalization Fund. The County Commission acknowledges that a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund exists and is managed by the County Treasurer to finance the redevelopment of the revitalization area and to provide a rebate of property tax increments as set forth in the revitalization plan.

Section 4. That the ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon publication in the official County newspaper. Passed this 14th day of October, 2020.

Wes Bainter, Chair

Joe Bainter, Commissioner

Mary Ellen Welshon, Commissioner

ATTEST: Heather Bracht, County Clerk

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending November 22, 2020, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 23% very short, 43% short, 33% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23% very short, 41% short, 35% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 8% very poor, 18% poor, 45% fair, 26% good, and 3% excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 92%, near 88% last year and 91% for the five-year average.

Sorghum harvested was 95%, near 96% last year and 91% average.

Cotton condition rated 7% very poor, 16% poor, 29% fair, 44% good, and 4% excellent. Cotton harvested was 51%, behind 58% last year, and near 52% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 95%, near 93% last year, and ahead of 88% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 14% very poor, 25% poor, 38% fair, 21% good, and 2% excellent.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, KSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.

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2020 TAX LEVY FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY

Rate of tax levied for 2020 on \$1,000, per assessed valuation

VALUES ARE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

TANGIBLE VALUATION OF SHERIDAN COUNTY IS \$76,446,225, INCLUDING PENALTY OF \$27,857.

Table with columns: STATE, K.S.A., Levy, CITY FUND LEVIES, K.S.A., Levy. Rows include Educational Building Fund, State Institutional Fund, etc.

Table with columns: FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES, K.S.A., 19-2610, Levy. Rows include District, Oakley Fire, Rural Fire 1, etc.

Table with columns: REGIONAL LIBRARY, K.S.A., LEVY, Levy. Rows include Valuation, GENERAL, Employee Benefits, etc.

Table with columns: TWIN CREEK EXTENSION, K.S.A., 3-623, Levy. Rows include District, District 9.

VALUATIONS LISTED ARE SHERIDAN COUNTY VALUATIONS ONLY. STATE OF KANSAS, SHERIDAN COUNTY, SS: I. Heather Bracht, Clerk of Sheridan County, Kansas hereby certify the foregoing are the legal values of Sheridan County, Kansas for the year 2020 as shown by the records on file in my office.

Heather Bracht, Sheridan County Clerk

Table with columns: UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS, VALUATION, K.S.A., SB#1, Levy. Rows include General, Supp Gen, Cap Outlay, etc.

Table with columns: 2020 Levies by Taxing Unit, K.S.A., 79-1962, 19-3105, Levy. Rows include ADULT TWP, BLOOMFIELD TWP, etc.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of VIVIAN M. WILPITZ, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-19

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on November 13, 2020 in said Court by the undersigned, executor of the Will of the decedent, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Janice O'Brien, Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054, Attorney for Petitioner ELAND & PRATT, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 565 736 Main Street Hoxie, KS 67740 (785) 675-3217 Fax No. (785) 675-3983

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT A. RANEY and ELLA V. RANEY, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-23

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

Undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the South Half (S1/2) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Seven (7), Range Twenty-six (26), Sheridan County, Kansas

Undivided one-eighth (1/8th) interest in and to the South Half (S1/2) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Seven (7), Range Twenty-six (26), Sheridan County, Kansas

The Petition also requests a determination of descent of all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Hoxie, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Gary A. Raney, Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054, Attorney for Petitioner ELAND & PRATT, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 565 736 Main Street Hoxie, KS 67740 (785) 675-3217 Fax No. (785) 675-3983

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of LAVERNE E. MAUCK, Deceased. AKA DUFFER MAUCK

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated November 16, 2020, has been filed in this court by Roger Mauck and Brena Mauck, as surviving children of Laverne E. Mauck aka Duffer Mauck, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Roger Mauck and Brena Mauck as co-executors of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Personal Representative or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the appointment of Roger Mauck and Brena Mauck as co-executors of the estate on or before December 16, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. in this court in the city of Hoxie in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Roger Mauck, Petitioner Steven W. Hirsch #12789 Brena Mauck, Petitioner Oberlin, Kansas 67749

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch HIRSCH LAW OFFICE 124 So Penn, PO Box 296 (785) 475-2296 Attorney for Estate

(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 3, 2020)

Commission Minutes 11/12/20

Now on this 12th day of November 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, MaryEllen Welshhoh, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Buck Mader, Carolyn Meyer, Viktorija Briggs, and Rachel Farber. Wes Bainter called the meeting to order. Pratt advised the airport was open. Pratt stated \$963,400 was received from KDOT and the Airport Board injected \$270,000 for a total of \$1,233,400. The initial bid was \$1,138,440. Karl Pratt has received information from the Patterson Family Foundation regarding the applications received for the COVID Relief Business Grant they were awarding. Joe Pratt stated he thought there was \$81,000

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The Sheridan Sentinel has never charged for obituaries, but we will now be limiting them to 400 words or less. Those with more will be edited to fit that limit. Those wishing a longer obituary (i.e. eulogy) may do so at a cost of \$6 per column inch.

Jean Bacon

February 29, 1930 ~ November 14, 2020



Ila "Jean" (Lowrey) Bacon, 90, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the Hays Medical Center, Hays, KS, due to complications of COVID-19. She was born to Leon E. and Lucy Ann (Berry) Lowrey in Neosho, MO on February 28, 1930. She grew up in Neosho on the family farm. Jean was baptized at a young age in the river near her home. She attended the Neosho Schools graduating from Neosho High School. After graduation, she moved out to Northwest Kansas to help her sister with her children. Her sister's husband was working for the Foster Farms near Rexford. When Jean was done helping her sister, she worked in the Rexford Café. Henry Lloyd "Red" Bacon was a regular at the café and Jean met and fell in love with him. Jean and Lloyd were married in

1950. They were blessed with two children Danny and Marcy.

Jean and Lloyd lived in Rexford where Lloyd was working as a Postmaster. Jean helped Lloyd in the Post Office working as a Postal Clerk. December 17, 1968, Lloyd passed away. Exactly three years after Lloyd's death, Jean was blessed with her first grandson, Kyle Keith Gilbert. Eventually, Jean moved to Hoxie. She worked for the Sheridan County Health Complex as Supervisor of the Housekeeping Department. She also worked for Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK). She loved cooking and enjoyed cooking for her grandson, Bryce. Gardening and doing yardwork were a passion of hers. She always wanted her yard to look nice and mowed it as often as she could. Jean loved going to her grandkids wrestling, basketball, and volleyball events. Royal's baseball and Red's ice cream were things she really enjoyed. Jean was an energetic, on the go, person and loved looking for a bargain at the flea markets, Swap Shop, or garage sales.

Jean is survived by her son, Danny Bacon and wife Ronda of Hoxie; daughter, Marcy Gilbert and husband Keith of Rexford; grandchildren, Kyle Gilbert, Michelle Renner, Seth Gilbert, Shaun Gilbert, Brandy Benavidez, Ashley Breese, Bryce Bacon, and Danielle Bacon; great-grandchildren, Jada Renner, Levi Renner, Talon Breese, Trace Breese, Dominic Benavidez, and Ezekiel Benavidez, and sisters, Bessie Lauffer of Independence, MO, and Ellen Jeffers of Independence, MO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Lloyd "Red" Bacon; Parents, Leon and Lucy Lowrey; brother, Charles Lowrey; sisters, Eunice Wisheart, Virginia Hoppas, Viola Smith, Rosalee Middleton.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, November 23, 2020, 2:00 P.M., at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie, KS. Burial followed the service in the Rexford Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday, November 22, 2020, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Ila Jean Bacon Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of Comfort may be left at mickeyleopoldfuneral.com

Jean is in heaven. She will be missed, but she will always be in the hearts of her family and friends. Hold tight to your memories of her and smile when you think of Jean.

Duffer Mauck

August 6, 1925 ~ November 11, 2020



Laverne "Duffer" E. Mauck, 95, passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at his home in Hoxie, Kansas. On August 6, 1925, Duffer was born to Henry and Emma (Trueblood) Mauck on the family farm in rural Sheridan County. He attended grade school nearby at the Chicago School House and graduated from Sheridan County Community High School with the class of 1943.

Duffer was first drafted into the United States Army during WWII only to be instructed by the War Department to return to farming. He then served in the Army's 1st Cavalry Division where he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge and Korean Service Medal. While in the service, Duffer enjoyed playing baseball for the Fort Riley baseball team and outshooting all of the officers on the rifle team as a Private First Class. His skill in both baseball and shooting, coupled with his stubborn candor, gave him ample opportunity to share his opinion with those in command and contributed to a rather unique experience in the Army.

With six weeks' notice before being sent to serve in the Korean Conflict, Duffer and JoAnn (Coulter) Mauck rushed to tie the knot on August 22, 1950. This institutionalized the beginning of what became their 70-year love story. When Duffer returned from fighting in heavy combat in Korea, they moved to their honeymoon cottage where they raised their family and were blessed with a family of five children, Rex, Roger, Brena, Karen, and Rodney, who share many warm memories from "the farm".

Duffer raised his family while farming. It gave him the opportunity to farm into the wee hours of the night so that he could attend his son's many wrestling matches. Having been a high school state wrestling champion himself, he found great joy in watching his son's wrestle. He logged many miles as he never missed a match. He filmed their matches and the whole family would gather and watch them on the living room wall as he would "coach" them. Duffer continued the enjoyment of logging many miles as he watched grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their athletic activities also.

Duffer is well-known for his pranking which has been passed down to almost all in the family and has led to many laughs. One of the "famous" pranks was the time he crawled under a pickup in the dark that was parked in the field and waited patiently for Roger so he could grab Roger's feet and scare him. He was rewarded for his efforts by Roger's reaction. Duffer's shoulders always bounced up and down with a twinkle in his eyes while he laughingly recounted many such stories over the years.

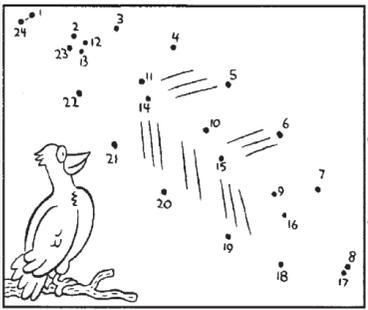
Duffer enjoyed fishing from childhood through retirement. Additionally, he grew to appreciate rock and fossil hunting with JoAnn. Their expeditions began locally with trips to Castle Rock and developed into cross-country treks. He outfitted his pickup with a wench to help lift his favorite fossils. One of his finds was published and others are displayed at museums throughout Kansas. He shared his discoveries and insights with his family, many grade-school classes and anyone that showed an interest in his hobby. The prankster in him came out when he tricked many enthusiasts into licking his special rock, and then watching their faces when he told them they had just licked petrified dinosaur poop. This hobby led to trips throughout the world to explore ancient artifacts and fossils. They spent time in Arizona, Utah, Egypt, Mexico, Colorado, and Montana, just to name a few.

One of his greatest prides was perfecting his jerky recipe over many years which his grandkids loved. It gave him great pride to make a batch when he knew the grandkids and the great-grandkids were coming. He also had a soft spot for romantic '50s music and Hawaiian tunes, so much that he traded for a radio in Korea so he could listen to tunes, like the Tennessee Waltz, as often as they would play. At home he made hours of tapes, cds, and then MP3s for all who would listen.

Duffer is survived by his sons, Rex Mauck (Dorothea) of Longwood, FL and Roger Mauck (Dolores) of Hoxie; daughters, Brena Mauck of Hays, and Karen Billinger (Ed Kimminau) of Dodge City; sister, Elaine Kramer of Kansas City, KS; grandchildren, Melissa Small (Richie), Nathan Mauck (Kelsie), Dr. Michelle Pope (Jason), Tate Mauck (Heather), Adam Mauck (Krista), and Michaela Linden (Brett), Brandon Billinger (Liz), and Amy Billinger; great-grandchildren Zoe Small, Sophie Mauck, Truman Mauck, Emma Pope, Grace Pope, Kate Pope, Charlie Pope, Sydney Mauck, Reilly Mauck, Avery Mauck, Harper Mauck, Blayke Mauck, Max Mauck, Maggie Mauck, Parker Linden, Collins Linden, William Billinger and Joseph Billinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Mauck; parents, Henry and Emma Mauck, son, Rodney Mauck; granddaughter, Stephanie Mauck; great-grandson, Knolan Small; brother, Harold Mauck; sisters, Bernadine Cobb and Bonnie Czerenda.

A private family service was held on Saturday, November 21, 2020, 1:00 P.M. at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Following the service, a private family burial took place at the Hoxie City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to LC Caring or Hospice of Northwest Kansas and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

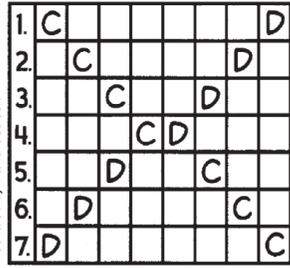


"WHAT ALWAYS REMAINS DOWN, even when it flies up in the air?" Connect the dots and find out.

Answer: A feather (look up the word "down").

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



TODAY'S TOP SEVEN CD'S... WORDS, THAT IS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS: ANAGRAM:

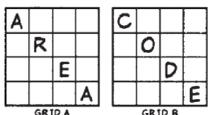
- What Michelangelo did. lice + shed
- Expression of approval. aced + cola
- Kept apart from. sled + cued
- Short, amusing story. coda + teen
- Used to secure doors. sold + pack
- Enough to meet needs. quay + aced
- A household servant. cost + dime

AN ODD CHALLENGE! Problem: You must place 6 coins into 3 cups so that each cup contains an odd number of coins. Solution: The cup containing 1 coin is placed inside the cup with 2 coins. Each cup will now contain an odd number of coins.



KNOW YOUR AREA CODE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the words in Grid A.

- A unit of area.
- The big dance.
- A college student.
- A flat-topped hill.



- To be concerned.
- To frolic boisterously.
- Secret writing.
- Conforming in every detail.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

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

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

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

IPX TIPVME ZPV UBML JO BO

BQQMF MJCSBSZ?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's hair is different. 2. No. 7 on jersey is now black. 3. Window is shorter. 4. Man's right arm is hidden. 5. Socks are striped. 6. More bricks on house.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals P

BIDV GPR ODSEOD UP YRZSICHD
GPRZ PBV IPZHD, GPR BEMM
DADVURCMMG ICAD UP YPVG RY.

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Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS
Rearrange the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

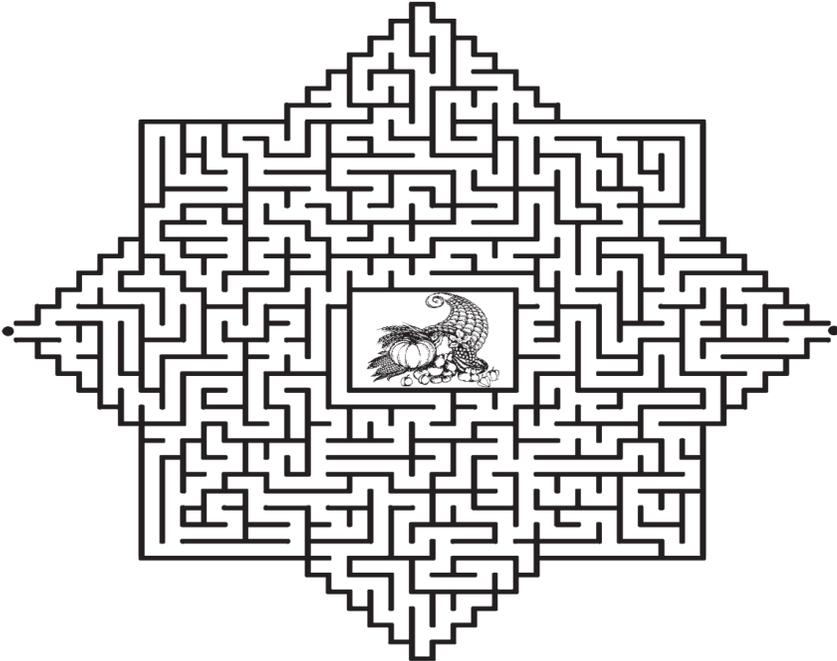
Crater: MASCH
Unique: SACPILE
Ambiguous: CLEANUR
Scott: PINES

"I must be improving — my music teacher didn't need any _____ today!"

TODAY'S WORD

Mega Maze

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Super Crossword

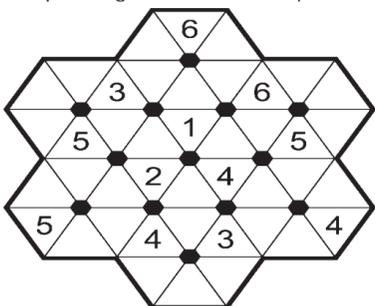
DIRECTLY ON TOP

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Everwood" actor Wolf
 - 6 Pigs' home
 - 9 Dutch brew
 - 15 — of Mexico
 - 19 * Ship's load
 - 20 Lead-in to historic
 - 21 Durango dish
 - 22 Baseball's Hersheiser
 - 23 * Subject to interpretation
 - 25 * Old Greek squares
 - 26 "Stretch" car
 - 27 Steak, e.g.
 - 28 Prefix with lethal
 - 29 * Second U.S. first lady
 - 31 At a distance
 - 33 Tattles
 - 34 * Chum
 - 38 Give slack to
 - 42 Son of Ellel Saarinen
 - 43 * Dr. Evil's cat in Austin Powers films
 - 47 1801-05
 - 51 Beatles song on "Let It Be"
 - 52 Observe
 - 55 Song for one
 - 56 Linguist Chomsky
 - 57 Political plot
 - 61 Knight's glove
 - 63 "Serpico" actor M. — Walsh
 - 65 * Jumping up and down on a bouncy stick
 - 69 Comb buzzer
 - 70 Native suffix
 - 71 See 8-Down
 - 73 * Pairs of consecutive letters
 - 75 Spying setup
 - 77 Likely (to)
 - 80 Meadow
 - 82 Birds building homes
 - 84 Poster pins
 - 88 Buzzing home pest
 - 91 Large 1940s computer
 - 93 "Huh?"
 - 94 Female kin
 - 95 Artist's base
 - 99 * Suffer a lot
 - 101 Dog variety
 - 103 * She directed "The Hurt Locker"
 - 107 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
 - 110 Coy
 - 111 Revisions
 - 112 * Too much self-esteem
 - 116 Beloved of Tristan
 - 119 * Bay off Nigeria and Togo's coast
 - 123 — de plume
 - 124 Brit's "Bye!"
 - 128 Ye — Shoppe
 - 129 Rendezvous
 - 130 Really succeed (or what literally appears six times in this puzzle)
 - 132 Old Greek concert halls
 - 134 Shoot (for)
 - 135 Sermon text
 - 136 Philosopher Immanuel
 - 137 Grand home
 - 138 Hosp. staff
 - 139 Sea vessels
 - 10 Wise men
 - 11 Air pollution
 - 12 Reid and Lipinski
 - 13 "Seinfeld" gal
 - 14 Nielsen of "Mr. Magoo"
 - 15 Ghana's former name
 - 16 Dickens' — Heap
 - 17 "— tall yal"
 - 18 Dental string
 - 24 It uses 108 cards
 - 29 In — (single-file)
 - 30 Gillette razor brand
 - 31 Toon bear
 - 32 Canon camera
 - 34 Compound with nitrogen
 - 35 '83 Keaton-Garr film
 - 36 Letter-shaped girder
 - 37 Easy punts, informally
 - 39 Weep loudly
 - 40 Sooner than, in poetry
 - 41 Ultimate degree
 - 44 Health supplement store, familiarly
 - 45 Jump
 - 46 Pig
 - 48 Part to play
 - 49 Bullring cries
 - 50 Observe
 - 53 R&D center
 - 54 Song for two
 - 58 Singer Dylan
 - 59 Opposed to, in dialect
 - 60 Theater box
 - 62 Orderly
 - 64 Floor piece
 - 66 Tax org.
 - 67 Election analyst Silver
 - 68 FBI guys
 - 72 Umps' kin
 - 74 — Lanka
 - 76 Oklahoma tribe
 - 77 "Moby-Dick" captain
 - 78 Flow out
 - 79 Fix a flat?
 - 81 Height: Abbr.
 - 83 Former Swedish car
 - 85 Toddler, e.g.
 - 86 Buzzing musical toy
 - 87 Is in a huff
 - 89 Source of warmth on some trains and ships
 - 90 Belly laugh
 - 92 Special FX technology
 - 96 Poppa
 - 97 Native suffix
 - 98 Unit of resistance
 - 100 Mean beast
 - 102 "Doggone!"
 - 104 Totally spoil
 - 105 Century divs.
 - 106 Dark modern film genre
 - 108 Breakdown of social norms
 - 109 Long-term inmates
 - 112 Download on a Kindle
 - 113 Radner of comedy
 - 114 Nash of comedy
 - 115 "My heart skipped —"
 - 117 Weaving frames
 - 118 Driver's lic. issuer
 - 120 Sicilian volcano
 - 121 Night, in Nice
 - 122 — dixit (assertion with no proof)
 - 124 Song for three
 - 125 "Waterloo" quartet
 - 126 Lean
 - 127 Gets mature
 - 130 Rove (about)
 - 131 Flow out

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.

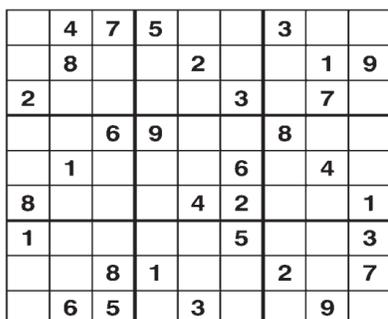


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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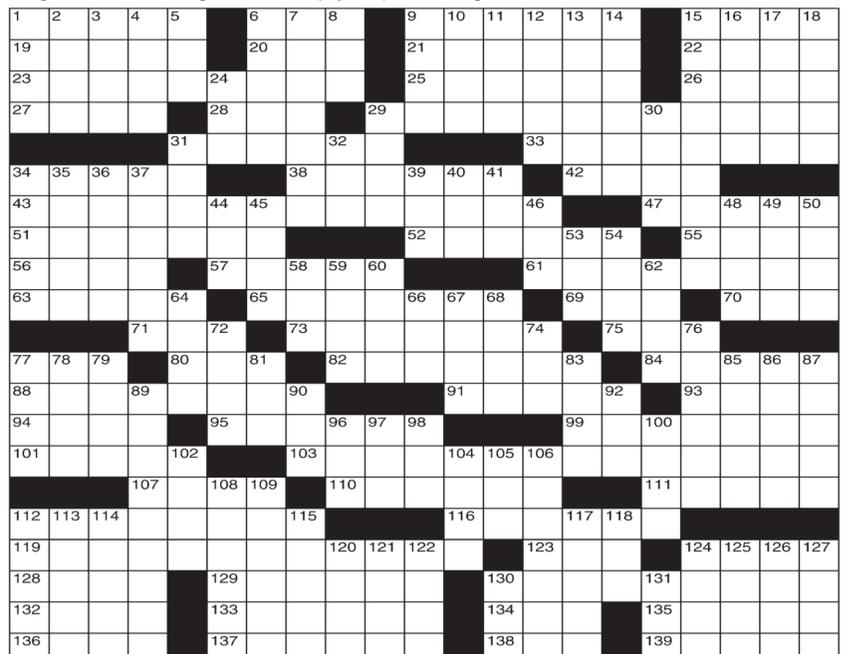
by Linda Thistle



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granted to local businesses in Sheridan County.

There had been discussion about whether the Neighborhood Revitalization Program needed to be submitted to the State for approval and it does. This includes the fully executed Interlocal Agreements. The State will approve and let Karl Pratt know.

Joe Pratt stated he had talked with the Graham County Appraiser and she would be happy to come and talk with the Board about the appraiser job.

Joe Pratt discussed the Sheridan County Community Foundation.

The Determination of Review for the three micro-loan businesses who were awarded money were reviewed and signed by the Chairman on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Welshhon. Carried 3-0. Since the funds will be used for equipment, they are exempt from EPA review.

The budget request for NWKS Area Agency on

Aging was signed by the board. The amount budgeted for 2021 will be \$4,250.

Welshhon stated she had talked with the company of the heating and cooling units installed in the Courthouse. She was advised that they are only for supplemental heat, used to compensate other heating systems. It is hard to heat a building the size of the Courthouse with this type of unit and they will have to run 24 hours a day. The company also stated they should be used in moderate climates. Wes Bainter stated he knows many HVAC/mechanical contractors who will say these units are fine for the Courthouse and he would not have suggested them otherwise.

Joe Bainter made a motion to provide Chamber Scrip to County employees for Christmas again this year. Welshhon seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Joe Herskowitz and Nick Kane from Road & Bridge entered the meeting. Higby had just come back to work after being quarantined and will start treating prairie dogs. Herskowitz will get the schedule to the Board and Bracht of the charges for

treating prairie dogs.

Chris Mikkelson from the landfill submitted a quote for heavier fencing at the landfill. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing 200' of 11.5 ga chainlink fencing at a cost of \$775.00 from Selden Lumber. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The Quinter road has been worked on, fixing the road and doing shoulder work. Scott Kennedy will start hauling gravel and milling this week and Fred R Pratt next week.

Doug Cass has put in several culverts.

A new employee has been hired.

Mixed paper went out last week for recycling and the cardboard will go out soon.

A bid was received from D & L Service and Heim Body Shop for repairs to damage done to a Road & Bridge pickup. Wes Bainter made a motion to not repair, there was no second. Joe Bainter made a motion to accept the low bid from D & L Service in the amount of \$3,440.82. Welshhon seconded the motion. Carried 2-1. A check in the amount of \$2,671.25 was received from the insurance company for the damage.

Herskowitz discussed with the Board a computer program that tracks when equipment needs serviced. This includes the pickups. The fee is \$349.00 annually for two years. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing this maintenance tracking program, seconded by Welshhon. Carried 3-0

The County should know sometime this month if bridge #56 and #58 will get financing to help repair. Total potential to receive is \$200,000. On Bridge #57, the right-of-way and temporary easement need to be purchased. Wes Bainter will not accept money but is giving them the right-of-way and easement.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the October 28, 2020 minutes as amended. Welshhon seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Joe Pratt presented an acknowledgement for the Board to sign acknowledging David Stithem's retirement as Sheridan County Appraiser and County Computer Technician effective January 1, 2021.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, seconded by Welshhon. Carried 3-0

The November 6, 2020

payroll was approved on a motion by Welshhon and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

Grant information was presented to the Board from Deb Kaufman, EMS Director. Sheridan County EMS was awarded a SPARK grant through Nex-Tech/KU Collaborative for a communications upgrade. This grant would provide internet service at the ambulance barn in Selden and update the service at the Hoxie ambulance barn. There will be no out of pocket costs for Sheridan County for the three years that the grant applies. Wes Bainter made a motion to accept and approve the grant, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

The Board canvassed the provisional votes cast at the November 3, 2020 General Election. Dawn Elliott, Deputy County Clerk, and Jennifer Fenner, Deputy Treasurer, were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the Board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The Board of Canvassers reviewed 55 provisional ballots, 48 were considered valid ballots. Seven ballots were not valid due to resident not being a registered voter on or before October 13, 2020. Chairman Wes Bainter read the ballots aloud and Joe Bainter and Welshhon reviewed them. Final results will be posted on the Sheridan County website. Canvassing ceased. Welshhon moved to accept the ballots as canvassed, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The Board stated their appreciation for all the hard work done on the election.

The following payroll and warrants were approved and signed:

- General \$65,165.38
- Road & Bridge \$17,556.22
- SPARKS \$20,376.58
- Conceal Carry \$38.42
- Public Health \$1,149.13
- Public Transp \$789.11
- Landfill \$1,484.48
- MV \$1,224.45

No further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the regular time and place.

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CryptoQuip answer

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SCRABLERS solution

1. Chasm 2. Special; 3. Unclear; 4. Snipe
Today's Word
ASPIRIN

SNOWFLAKES solution

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

6	4	7	5	1	9	3	2	8
5	8	3	6	2	7	4	1	9
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Super Crossword Answers

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