



Taxpayers Speak Their Mind



Wes Bainter addresses a crowd of concerned taxpayers. (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)

By Viktorija Briggs & Rachel Farber

At 9am on Monday, August 21, approximately 25 Sheridan County residents met in the courtroom of the Courthouse to hold an open discussion with Wes Bainter, 1st District Commissioner Candidate, as he spoke on the issues of taxes, mill levies, property valuations, and their impact on the amount of carry-over cash held in the County Budget.

Wes explained how valuations give the authority to tax, but not that a tax *must* be imposed. Seven years ago, there was \$37-million in valuation taxes, today there are \$67-million. Wes stated, "If valuation goes up, but mill levies don't go down, that is why we pay more and more taxes every year." He showed that the 2017 budget had a bottom line of \$6-million in expenditures, and 2018's is set at \$6.2-million. The 2019 budget is for \$10-million. An **increase of \$3,700,000.** Note that there was less than a

\$200,000 increase from 2017 to 2018.

To explain further, he showed how with a 5% growth in revenue at \$5-million for one year, plus a 5% growth on \$7-million the next year, but with no change in the mill levy; there is an exponential growth in funds. The budget that was due to be voted on later that morning, **would add \$400,000 in taxes to the county residents.**

Due to these ever-increasing valuations over the last ten years, there have been large amounts of cash reserves brought in. Everyone in the room understood the need for reserve funds for unknown situations; but, there are also other contingencies in place for such events: insurance, grants, loans, fundraising, and more, as befitting the situation. The school playground is a great example of how the community can come together to make something happen that is a greatly needed, and a benefit to the community.

Extraordinarily high amounts

of carry-over cash reserves (currently at \$3-million) is not a necessity. This is Wes's message to the residents of Sheridan County.

Jan Moore, with the Sheridan County Historical Society, spoke of her concern about their already minimal budget being cut. The SCHS works on a budget of *only* \$20,000 from the County. When she stated this, Wes asked if anyone in the room knew this information. *No one did!*

Our questions on this subject include: What does this ridiculously low amount cover? Salaries? Insurance? Utilities? What does the County provide? If the County owns the property and the buildings, why does the Historical Society have to pay back building repairs? Wes reiterated multiple times that he would not cut services or benefits to anyone. With this large excess of funds, there is *no reason* to cut anything. In fact, departments such as the Historical Society could easily be budgeted considerably more.

We learned that the General Fund pages of the Budget were not provided to the public, only the Budget Summary, which was published for the public's viewing. There are 24 of these pages in the General Funds in the Budget. At the top of the Budget Summary page it states, **"Detailed budget information is available at Sheridan County Courthouse-Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing."** (Emphasis ours.) Wes Bainter had requested a full copy of the 2019 Budget, prior to the Budget Hearing. He received an email containing the document, which was locked and could not be accessed. We have since requested a full copy and were told they had three days to respond.

At 10am the group proceeded downstairs to the Commissioner's Meeting Room to participate in the Budget Hearing. We filed in and filled the room to capacity, leaving some outside in the hall. The feeling as we all entered the meeting room was that we were invading upon something private. We were not greeted or welcomed, nor were we asked if we had questions or input.

A question was asked about carry-over cash, which started the discussion between the taxpayers and the Commissioners. The accountants tried to explain where some of the carry-over is; why it's needed; and why the mill levy should not be lowered.

After a short discussion on valuations, Roch Meier stated, "We don't need that kind of money in the account. But, like Larry (Cressler, a former County Commissioner) said, we get a disaster through here, there's ways to come up with the money."

Commissioner Vic Bielser replied, "That's a stupid thing to say, Roch, because we have a professional auditor and we've got Mr. David (Leopold) and our audit is not good enough, there's not enough carry-over. We need six months reserve."

Roch, "Just because you have the money in your pocket, doesn't mean you have to spend it."

With this information, Wes questioned, "Nobody in here has the Fund pages. How can we decide this thing today?"

Heather, "As a taxpayer, no one ever comes to these budget hearings. In all the years the County has run, people don't come. We put it in the newspaper they were going to buy a motor grader or get bids and we're getting bids for tractors, and no one ever comes and says, 'Don't buy that piece of equipment; What are you doing?'"

Roch, "You know *why* we don't come in? Because it doesn't make a goddamn bit of difference."

Wes, "I texted both of these Commissioners about the Cat and the John Deere."

Heather, "You're one man."

Wes, "That's all I can be."

Agnes Winter later spoke about her situation with the culvert, which the Commissioners stated they would have taken care of. Then, she saw in the paper that they had voted not to because they didn't know to do with the dirt. Agnes stated, "You never asked. I had to come to another meeting to tell you, that you put it back in the farmer's field. Your response was, 'Oh.'"

Doyle Kauk explained that when working with the budget, the taxpayers should attend

meetings in May, June and July when the budget is being planned to state their opinions. *How many constituents know this? The only time the public is made aware of budget planning is in the Commission Minutes, which are published after those entities have taken their proposed budget for review. Not everyone has every Monday available to sit in on the meeting to address these items as they come up.*

Joe Broeckelman questioned why the mill levy dropped 8.5-9 from 2017 to 2018, while the valuation went up \$6-million; but only 2.5 mill from 2018 to 2019 and the valuation went up \$7-million. "Shouldn't that mill levy have been lowered 7-8 somewhere, because your expenditures didn't go up that much?"

Wes agreed, "That is exactly what is the problem."

Vic explained, "Our expenses have went up to match it. One offsets the other. We can't be like the State of Kansas and not bring it in. You can't spend it if you don't put it in."

Joe said, "You've budgeted \$3.8-million more in expenditures."

Vic stated, "If we don't budget it, we can't spend it. It's a crazy system."

After a considerable amount of conversation about where the County money is being spent, Vic stated, "If we screw this budget up or lower it, what services are we going to have to give up?"

Joe stated, "We don't have to. Dip into your reserve."

Vic said, "No, the reserve's

gone. Two years down the line." Wes countered, "We're not going to cut anything."

Joe exclaimed, "You're trying to get people scared!"

Vic stated, "I'm trying to be realistic. We've built up the services, we've built up the EMS. We have sat there and worked on this to make sure our County employees have a decent wage. And the Sheriff's Department and the whole nine yards. So, we're not going to back up."

Wes exclaimed, "We're not talking about that. We're talking about the cash! There's *tons* of it! Use just a little!"

Vic stated, "I'm not willing to do that." And then declared, "The hearing is over."

Someone said, "They're just waiting for us to leave."

At this point, we all exited the building. Many of us conversed outside on the Courthouse lawn, discussing what we just witnessed.

No one disagrees with having a reserve. It is the amount that is in the carry-over that is in question, and with the 2019 Proposed Budget, there will be a possibility of having over \$7-million in cash carry-over next year. In order for the public to be informed regarding what will be discussed at each Commission Meeting, it is suggested that the agenda should be published the week prior, and the current week's minutes published in the current week, rather than the following week.

There is much room for discussion and compromise, but there must be a willingness to do so.



Commission Meeting on the proposed 2019 Budget Proposal was visited by 25 Sheridan County citizens. (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)

Report: Taxpayer Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who attended our first taxpayer meeting Monday morning at the Courthouse. We had about 25 attendees that represented a good cross-section of Sheridan County people. We had some from the hospital, county employees, farmers, business owners, and two former County Commissioners. Our discussion was very productive and informational. My main focus for the meeting was to establish a new thinking about how and who is going to conduct the County business and make the decisions about our County business. We have to STOP the thinking that it's WE against THEM. All we have is WE, all of us working to make decisions that WE want. Everyone needs to get involved. Our meeting Monday was a very good first step. Many people told me that they really wanted to come but had work, school, and other obligations. I understand that 8, 9, or 10 AM is a very poor time to call a meeting. Please let me know what would be a good time and place.

After our taxpayer meeting, we attended the budget hearing with the Commissioners. I want you all to know that we had some very intelligent people at that hearing and there were some good questions about carry-over cash and why, when our Valuation increased seven million dollars, our mill levy, only went down by just 2 mills. I talked with several who attended the hearing, and I think almost everyone was left with the same feeling - the Commissioners are not interested in what the taxpayers want and are not willing to listen to anyone. The hearing was abruptly ended, and their 2019 budget was adopted. Let's be clear, with the passage of the 2019 budget, your Sheridan County taxes just went up about \$400,000.00. Cash carry-overs are at least 4-5 million: It's clear we are being taxed significantly more than is required to operate the County services.

If I am elected your County Commissioner, my pledge to *everyone*, is that we *all* need to get involved, take ownership, and share in the decision-making process. The experience at the budget hearing makes this perfectly clear.

I'll say it one more time-*the Commissioners are not in charge. The taxpayers are in charge.* So, we need to act like it and get involved.

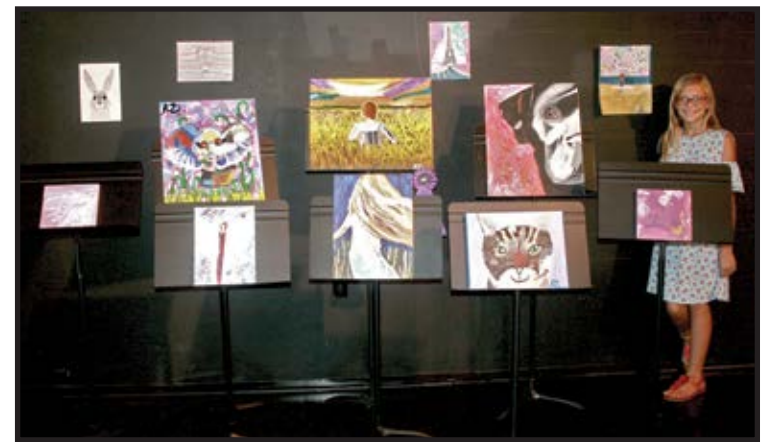
Thanks, and have a great day!
Wes Bainter,
Candidate County Commissioner

Representative Marshall Visits Hoxie



Representative Roger Marshall, MD visited Oscar's of Hoxie, on Tuesday, August 21. He spoke for about an hour with a small crowd of residents about many topics of interest or concern to Kansans, both urban and rural. He is familiar with, and spoke on, the issues of farming, oil, rural infrastructure including internet access, the new Supreme Court Judge to be voted on soon, and many other state and national pertinent subjects. Rep. Marshall is a staunch supporter of President Trump and the policies he has implemented or which are in the planning stages. (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)

Main Street Summer Art Walk



The Main Street Arts Council hosted their annual Art Walk on Friday, August 17, 2018. Many artists were displaying art work of all varieties in various businesses on Main Street. The Living Room featured the talents of the Main Street Arts Council scholarship winner, Adleigh Ziegler, and acrylic pour painting demonstrations by Diane Pratt. Outside, they were letting the patrons help decorate a sign for the Main Street Arts Council, by throwing eggs full of paint at the sign. (Photos by Rachel Farber)

| <p>Words of Faith</p> <p>To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men.</p> <p>—Abraham Lincoln</p> | <p>Grain Report</p> <p>Reported on: Tuesday, Aug. 21</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Wheat</td><td>5.02</td></tr> <tr><td>Corn</td><td>3.23</td></tr> <tr><td>Milo</td><td>3.02</td></tr> <tr><td>Beans</td><td>7.49</td></tr> </table> | Wheat | 5.02 | Corn | 3.23 | Milo | 3.02 | Beans | 7.49 | <p>Weather Report</p> <p>SC Conservation District</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>Date</th><th>High</th><th>Low</th><th>Moisture</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>8/12</td><td>87</td><td>62</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr><td>8/13</td><td>79</td><td>66</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr><td>8/14</td><td>78</td><td>58</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr><td>8/15</td><td>84</td><td>60</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr><td>8/16</td><td>87</td><td>61</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr><td>8/17</td><td>86</td><td>63</td><td>--</td></tr> <tr><td>8/18</td><td>81</td><td>61</td><td>.20"</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>wknd.ttl</p> | Date | High | Low | Moisture | 8/12 | 87 | 62 | -- | 8/13 | 79 | 66 | -- | 8/14 | 78 | 58 | -- | 8/15 | 84 | 60 | -- | 8/16 | 87 | 61 | -- | 8/17 | 86 | 63 | -- | 8/18 | 81 | 61 | .20" | <p>Contents</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Community News</td><td>2</td><td>Cty, Legals & Obits</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Community News</td><td>3</td><td>Fun Page</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Now & Then</td><td>4</td><td>Classifieds</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>NWKS News</td><td>5</td><td>Business Directory</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Farm News</td><td>6</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> | Community News | 2 | Cty, Legals & Obits | 7 | Community News | 3 | Fun Page | 8 | Now & Then | 4 | Classifieds | 9 | NWKS News | 5 | Business Directory | 10 | Farm News | 6 | | | <p>Words of Wisdom</p> <p>In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.</p> <p>—Martin Luther King, Jr.</p> <p>Where's Sheridan?</p> |
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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Jennings has received some very nice rains. One came Saturday night and another late Sunday afternoon and evening.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Keenan, Oberlin, formerly of Jennings. Bob's funeral was held Friday, August 17 at Oberlin.

Jennings Fireman's 27th Fun Day will be held Saturday, August 25. Some new events will be held this year featuring laser tag and rock-climbing wall. Many events throughout the day.

Everyone is welcome to join in Kolache baking on Thursday and Friday held at the former Masonic Hall/Opera House. Pre orders need to be in by Wednesday and can be picked up Thursday afternoon or Friday by pre-arrangement. You may call Dorothy Vacura 785-678-8133 or Marge Hartzog 785-678-3010.

There are still some outside booths available for the craft

fair. Also, donations for the auction are very much appreciated. Proceeds from the auction go to the Fire Dept.

Donated baked items for the American Legion bake sale will be appreciated.

The Cake Walk will be held at the Community Hall. Donated baked goods can be left at the Community Hall or call 785-678-2652 and Mary Wahlmeier will pick them up.

Quote from Lynn Tacha: Working at the Jennings City Library is really enjoyable, but it takes some time. I should say, it takes lots of time for me to read parts of them before actually doing my work. There are several new "Kansas Notables" for 2018. A great big fat one about all the sites in Kansas that even includes Jennings took a long time for me to "work" on. Don't forget to pack up your used books and get them to the library for Saturday's event. All You Can Read for a donation.



Mealsite Menu

August 27 - August 31

Monday: Salisbury Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Applesauce

Tuesday: Sloppy Joe's, Tater Tots or Triangle, Peas & Carrots, Bun, Pears

Wednesday: Oven-Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Bread, Pudding

Thursday: Chef Salad, Watermelon, Cafe Crackers, Brownie

Friday: Turkey a-la-King, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Biscuit, Krisp Rice Treat

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

Area Calendar

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

Every Wednesday:
 Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478
 6pm Connect-UMC
 7:30pm FOUNDry-Hoxie UMC (6:30pm-3rd Wednesday)

2nd Monday - each month:
 5pm Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-SCHC Conference Room

1st Wednesday - each month:
 6pm Grinnell VFW monthly supper at VFW Hall

2nd Wednesday (Sept-May):
 2pm UMC Coffee Club-UMC Social Hall

1st Thursday - each month:
 12:10pm Lunch & Learn Horticulture Series at Sheridan County Public Library by Twin Creeks Extension District. RSVP by the Monday prior to the week's program. 785-675-3268.

2nd Thursday - each month:
 9:30am HAMA Theological Book Club. Location changes each month, contact Pastor Micah Howery for location & information micahhowery@gmail.com

4th Thursday:
 6:30pm Taylor Ratliff Suicide Prevention Project at Golden Years Senior Center, 638 3rd Street, Phillipsburg (6/21, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25). Mary LeDoux 785-476-6107, Rachel Russel 785-302-1376

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

Every Sunday:
 7pm SED (Spiritual Education & Discernment) Bible Study w/ Pastor Jake Schadel (Cross & Flame Parish)

Hoxie

Saturday, August 25:
 Hospital Auxiliary Biennial Garage Sale at Hoxie 4-H Building. Free will donation.

Sunday, August 26:
 2pm SC Library presents Kou Lovin's presentation on a Visual Journey of Japan.

Monday, August 27:
 5:30pm Rotary-Chamber of Commerce-Sheridan County Community Foundation Collaboration Meeting; open to the public. Share ideas for the betterment of Hoxie & Sheridan County. Oscar's 845 Main Street. Appetizers & drinks served.

Monday, August 27 - Friday, August 31:
 Farm Bureau Financial Services' 10th Anniversary Come-and-Go Celebration Week at 812 Main Street. More information coming.

Hays Friday, August 24:
 6:30pm Pre-Season Pops Concert: Downtown Hays Pavilion, featuring light classical music performed by the FHSU Department of Music faculty, students and members of the Hays Symphony during the Hays Arts Council's Gallery Walk.

Saturday, September 8:
 7:30pm Grieg Piano Concerto w/ Behzod Abduraimov, pianist at Beach Schmitt Performing Arts Center.

Jennings Saturday, August 25:
 9am Jennings Craft Fair & 27th Annual Firemen's Fun Day at the Old Opera House/Masonic Hall. For more information call Marge: 785-678-3010 or Vi: 785-678-7015.

Grainfield: Saturday, September 15:
 9am Grainfield "OPERA"tunity Arts & Crafts Fair in the Grainfield Opera House. Vendors needed. Contact Diana Kaiser 785-938-4416.

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SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays & Anniversaries:
 August 25: Chris Broeckelman, Allison Waggner, Bobbi Brantley;
 August 26: Ivonn Vargas, Dusty Spesser, Valarie Broeckelman; August 27: Jimmy Kruse, Bob & Elaine Koerperich, Rita Wessel Kinder; August 28: Lisa Stoll, Andrew Broeckelman; August 29: Jerry & Chrys Rall, Russ Emigh; August 30: Jay Wessel; August 31: Murray Vaughn, Vicki Hunziker, Ellis

& Gloria Walker.

On August 16, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Don Juenemann won high with a score of 740, Bob Wessel took second with a score of 680 and Ralph Weis had the most Aces. Others included Pat Wessel, Alfred J Albers, Lillian Sulzman, Paul Neff, Margaret Rhodes, Margee Wilson, Wilma Ritter, Carl Mumm, Don Quackenbush and Gail Mumm.

Date Change Opera House Craft Fair

September 15 is the date for the Grainfield "OPERA"tunity Arts & Crafts fair this year. It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Grainfield Opera House. Vendors needed, and everyone welcome to come. Contact Diana Kaiser 785-938-4416

College Offers Officiating Course

Beginning Monday, Aug. 27, Colby Community College will offer a course on the fundamentals of officiating football, volleyball, basketball and wrestling. The class, Techniques of Officiating, will be held Mondays and Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 705 of the Bedker Memorial Complex. At the conclusion of the course, participants will know how to officiate games at the high school and middle school levels. Those completing also have the potential to get certified through the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). The course registration fee is \$50. Students also have the option to enroll for one credit hour of college credit. To enroll, visit www.colbycc.edu/ref or contact Penny Cline at penny.cline@colbycc.edu for more information.

Garage Sale

SAVE THE DATE!
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 \$6.50 2-pc Fried Chicken Dinner w/ sides
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 Saturday Night
 30-min. Notice for Groups Steak Night * Chicken Fry Rib-Eye & KC Strip

Dine-In or Carry-Out

JENNINGS, KS FIREMAN'S FUN DAY

August 25, 2018

Beginning at 8 am
 Health Fair PETTING ZOO
 PARADE 5K Run/Walk INFLATABLES
 BOOK SALE Raffle
 TEELS' TRUCK "BIG FOOT"
 Toxic Rock Climb KOLACHES Czech Museum
 STREET DANCE DUNK TANK
 KIDS' EVENTS MINI-TRACTOR PULL
 Laser Tag JUMP-A-RAMA CRAFT FAIR
 Street Dance BAKE SALE
 GIANT SLIDE BINGO
 FREE BIKE GIVE AWAY AUCTION
 FIREMEN BARREL COMPETITION
 QUEEN CONTEST BARREL TRAIN HOG ROAST



You are invited
 Sunday August 26th @ 2 pm
 Sheridan County Public Library

Japan

a visual journey
 with Kou Lovin
 images & stories from her 2018 trip

~ Wondrous Word of the Week ~

Obambulate

wandering about with no direction or purpose

Community News



Lady 'Dogs Ready for Season



The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs began practices on August 13 in preparation for the fall season. The 16 girls on the team have worked all summer and are ready to get the season started. Team members (above l-r) Candace Taylor, Karla Hernandez-Lopez, Amie Cheney, Lauren Patmon, Morgan Wark, Rayna Taylor, Britton Knowles, Carli Nieman, Ashley Stoll, Zoey Hillis, Kassie Miller, Brooke Stoll, Haley Miller, Amanda Cheney, and KayCee Miller work on a drill on the second day of practice. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs are ready to begin their 2018 Volleyball season. The girls started their season practices on August 13 with 16 girls signed up to play including three returning seniors—WKLL All-League First Team Player KayCee Miller, Amanda Cheney, and Haley Miller. Also returning for the Bulldogs is WKLL All-League Honorable Mention junior Mabel Lugo. "Our biggest goal for this season is to just have fun and to improve with every practice and every game," said Lugo.

The girls worked on their skills throughout the summer by participating in practices, summer league play, and a two-day volleyball camp. Along with weekly practices, this was the first year the team played in summer league at McCook. "Playing in the summer league in McCook really gave us an advantage and a head start going into this season," said KayCee Miller.

Coach Steven Gream from Cowley County Community

College spent two days in Rexford leading a summer camp for the team. "We worked on a bunch of new skills during our camp," said Amanda Cheney. "like adjusting our serve receive."

The Lady 'Dogs overcame the challenge last season of having the gym floor redone during the season to finish 15-19 while practicing in the smaller gym and not able to host any home matches. This year, they face another challenge as long-time coach Orba Smith is recovering from an automobile accident. Assistant Coach Ashley Arnberger is filling in as head while Laura Rush will assist. "We've had a really nice start to practices this week," said Arnberger. "I'm excited to see how this group will come together. I would like to thank Coach Rush for her help this season."

The Lady Bulldogs will scrimmage in Rexford on August 24 at 5:00 pm before starting their season at the Healy Invitational on the 25th.



Bulldogs Prepare to W.I.N.



Golden Plains returns six senior players for their third season of six-man football including (l-r) Dylan Spresser, Caleb Korte, Miguel Stevens-Monge, Jacob Ritter, (Wade Rush-sophomore), Nolan Ritter, and Josh Spresser (not pictured). The Bulldogs will scrimmage on August 24 before hosting their first game of the season against Deerfield in Rexford on August 31. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Football team has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. Although the first official day of practice was August 13, the Bulldogs have been preparing all summer for what promises to be another successful season in their third year of six-man football.

The Bulldogs are led by Travis Smith in his 19th year as head coach. Russ Aumiller will assist again this season. "The six-man league has expanded adding new teams Deerfield, Moscow, and Rolla with Wheatland-Grinnell returning to eight man," said Smith. "The league will play a north and south division with a play-off system finishing at the Wild West Bowl in Dodge City. We plan to do Whatever Is Necessary (W.I.N.) to finish in the championship game in Dodge."

The Bulldogs start the season with 15 team members with six returning senior players including 2017 All-State players Caleb Korte and Nolan Ritter. Additional seniors are Dylan Spresser, Jacob Ritter, Miguel Stevens-Monge, and Josh

Spresser. "We look to provide good senior leadership this year," said Stevens-Monge, "and to develop our team as a family." "We don't want to lose to a team in the post season that we defeated in the regular season," added Korte.

Team members began working in the weight room as soon as school ended last May to build their strength and skills. They also held practices each week throughout June and July to hone those skills.

A new experience for the Bulldogs was participation in a team camp in early July. The 'Dogs traveled to Clyde, KS, for an EPIC team camp. They spent the day learning skills and scrimmaging with other six and eight-man teams. "These young men had an awesome camp," said Smith. "Through all the different team competitions, they ended up 6-man Team of the Day."

The Bulldogs will scrimmage in Rexford on August 24 before opening their season at home on August 31 against Deerfield. They look forward seeing the stands full of fans and delivering an exciting season for all.



Students Enjoy Book 'Tasting' at School



Serving the "main course" of fish and rainbow peas (Swedish Fish and Skittles) at a Book Tasting in the HHS library is Librarian Cyndie Aumiller, while College Prep seniors Zayetsy Gomez, Halie Weese, and Maiah Castle enjoy looking over new library books. (HHS courtesy photo)

By Peggy Eland

The Hoxie seventh grade students were treated to a Book "Tasting" hosted by librarian Cyndie Aumiller on August 16-17 during their English classes.

"The purpose of the Book Tasting was to give students an opportunity to "taste-test" several different books and genres and to give them a chance to peruse the new books that were added to the library collection over the summer," said Aumiller.

Students started at one table and sampled the book that was on their "plate." They had about five minutes to read a few pages, the back cover, and dust jacket flap and form an opinion as to

whether they would enjoy reading that book. Since these books were needed for the activity for other classes, students could put a book on "hold" for themselves in the library catalog system.

As students sampled the books, Mrs. Aumiller and para-educator Andrea Ziegler treated the students to an appetizer of breadsticks (pretzels), the main course of fish and rainbow peas (Swedish fish and Skittles), and dessert of a Hershey Kiss.

In the end, many students found several books to add to their must-read book list. Following the activity, Aumiller and Ziegler delivered all of the books that had been placed on hold during the activity.

THUNDERHAWKS CALENDAR
TUESDAY 8/28/2018
 4pm VB vs Bird City
THURSDAY 8/30/2018
 4pm GMS VB/FB vs Cheylin
 4:30pm HS Cross Country @ Norton
FRIDAY 8/31/2018
 3:00pm WHS FB vs Fairfield

Questions or more information call District Office 785-673-4313 www.usd292.org

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VOLLEYBALL
 Aug. 24 ~ 5:30pm
 Hoxie @ Oberlin (Wheatland)

Aug. 28 ~ 4:30pm
 Hoxie @ Goodland (St. Francis)

FOOTBALL
 Aug. 31 ~ 6:45pm
 Hoxie @ Greeley County

RED CALENDAR
MONDAY 8/27/2018
 FCCLA Take Aim Conference
 7pm Indian Pride Booster Club Mtg.

TUESDAY 8/28/2018
 4:30pm VB V / JV Triangular vs Goodland, Hoxie, St. Francis

WEDNESDAY 8/29/2018
 NWKL Mtg-Oakley
 11:51am FCCLA Mtg-Auditorium

THURSDAY 8/30/2018
 7:55am Sr Officer Mtg/Sr Class Mtg
 4:30pm Cross Country: Varsity Invitational vs Norton
 4:30pm VBFB vs Hill City
 5:30pm FB: JH Game

FRIDAY 8/31/2018
 7pm FB Varsity vs Tribune-Greeley

SATURDAY 9/1/2018
 9am VB JH Quad vs Norton Community
 9pm Cross Country JH Invitational

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BULLDOGS' CALENDAR
TUESDAY 8/28/2018
 4pm HS Volleyball @ Logan

THURSDAY 8/30/2018
 4pm MS VB/FB vs Triplains/Brewster

FRIDAY 8/31/2018
 7pm HS Football vs Deerfield

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| School: | Monday 8/27 | Tuesday 8/28 | Wednesday 8/29 | Thursday 8/30 | Friday 8/31 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Hoxie | B: Mini Donut L: Chicken Teriyaki | B: Sausage Link w/toast L: Tacos | B: Waffle Sticks L: Frito Pie | B: Strawberry Bagel L: Chicken Nuggets | B: Breakfast Round L: Breaded Chicken Patty |
| Golden Plains | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A |
| Wheatland | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A | B: N/A L: N/A |

The Kitchen Cabinet
 Rachel Farber

Ways of Cooking Poultry
 A young spring chicken will cook in an hour; it needs slow cooking after it is browned if to be served fried. A good way is to finish the long cooking in the oven where it will not need such close watching.

Stewed Chicken - Have a young chicken cut up for serving. Melt three of butter, add one small onion and carrot cut in slices, add the chicken and fry until delicately browned. Add one and a half cupfuls of white stock, a fourth of a bay leaf, add three cupfuls of diced and parboiled potatoes, season, add to the meat and simmer for fifteen minutes, then cook slowly on the back of the stove for two hours. A few mushrooms cooked in a little butter and added at the last will greatly improve the

flavor. If no chicken stock is at hand use equal parts of milk and water instead.

Sour Ragout of Goose or Duck - Cut the left over pieces of duck into inch long pieces. Put the bones and bits of meat with a carrot, a sour apple, a tomato, a turnip, a stalk of celery, all cut in small dice. Pour two cupfuls of boiling water over all and cook slowly two hours.

Chicken with Rice - Clean, wash and cut in pieces a fat year old hen. Rub all the pieces well with salt, pepper and soft butter. Pick over and wash a cupful and a fourth of rice, mix with a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful each of pepper and curry powder. Lay the pieces of fowl into a kettle, add a tablespoonful of butter, two cupfuls of broth in which the giblets have been cooked an hour in, a

cupful of milk, the rice, cook ten minutes then place in the fireless cooker and cook six hours.

Chicken Jelly - Cut up a large chicken into small pieces. Take each piece and pound on a board until the flesh and bone is well mashed. Put the chicken into a kettle and add a teaspoonful of salt and a quart of cold water. Simmer closely covered twenty minutes then put into a fireless cooker for eight hours. Strain and when cold serve on lettuce with French dressing.

By Nellie Maxwell
 The Sentinel Archives
 The Hoxie Sentinel
 August 27, 1914

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

125 Years Ago

August 24, 1893

J. A. Gill, made a flying trip to our county Tuesday.

Arch Campbell and Steve Leaton are building new houses.

Cressler says he is doing business night and day, there is lots of sick stock in the county.

Miss Lillie Orr of Spring Brook, visited in the city yesterday.

Mose Thorpe attended the convention Tuesday. Mose is drawing nearer the right path.

C. E. Monteith and a cattle buyer were in the south part of the county buying stock this week.

J. C. Hoffeditz has a fine fish pond full of German carp. It produces all the meat his family wants.

Charles L. Hazlett, of Solomon township, was in the city Tuesday preparing to make proof on his homestead.

Our old friend O. W. Evans was visiting at John Jones' several days this week, he made us a call and says that in their neighborhood they need rain, grass and stock are doing well.

Chambers was at the dance and all say he enjoyed himself.

Miss May Lewis was in the city the first of the week visiting friends.

The hill west of town is being graded and improved so that people can get to town without pulling their horses to death.

Tom Pratt sold and delivered to Marshall Batty last week one of the fattest cows we ever saw brought to this market.

Judging from the local column of the Grainfield *Cap Sheaf* "ye editor" and "our devil" are the only residents of that once prosperous city.

Joe Anderson says that Atkins and he are still resident of Logan township and he thinks it will hold them both for some time to come.

Misses Mary Decker and Mae Suffecool, were callers at this office Monday evening asking the ifs, ands and hows of a printing office. Call again ladies.

C. E. Stubbs commonly called Burt was in the city several days this week and has made arrangements to sow about 640 acres of wheat and will if the season stays good put in another section.

John Murray has been ill for several days. He came to the city Monday and his brother Odd Fellows would not let him go home but put him to bed and Dr. Freeman treated him and a watch was kept all night, he is now better and gone home. Odd Fellowship in this case at least has more than a name.

Normal Notes

Miss Kenton of Wyandotte county is attending this week.

Mr. Markham, of Stockton was here this week in the interest of the Academy at that place.

Dr. Weltner entertained the reading class Wednesday by reading the selection "Katie Lee and Willie Gray."

Normal closes today. The teachers feel that these have been four weeks well spent. On the opening day we decided to make this institute a model one and in the main have not failed of success. We are grateful to the instructors for the efforts they have put forth in our behalf.

100 Years Ago

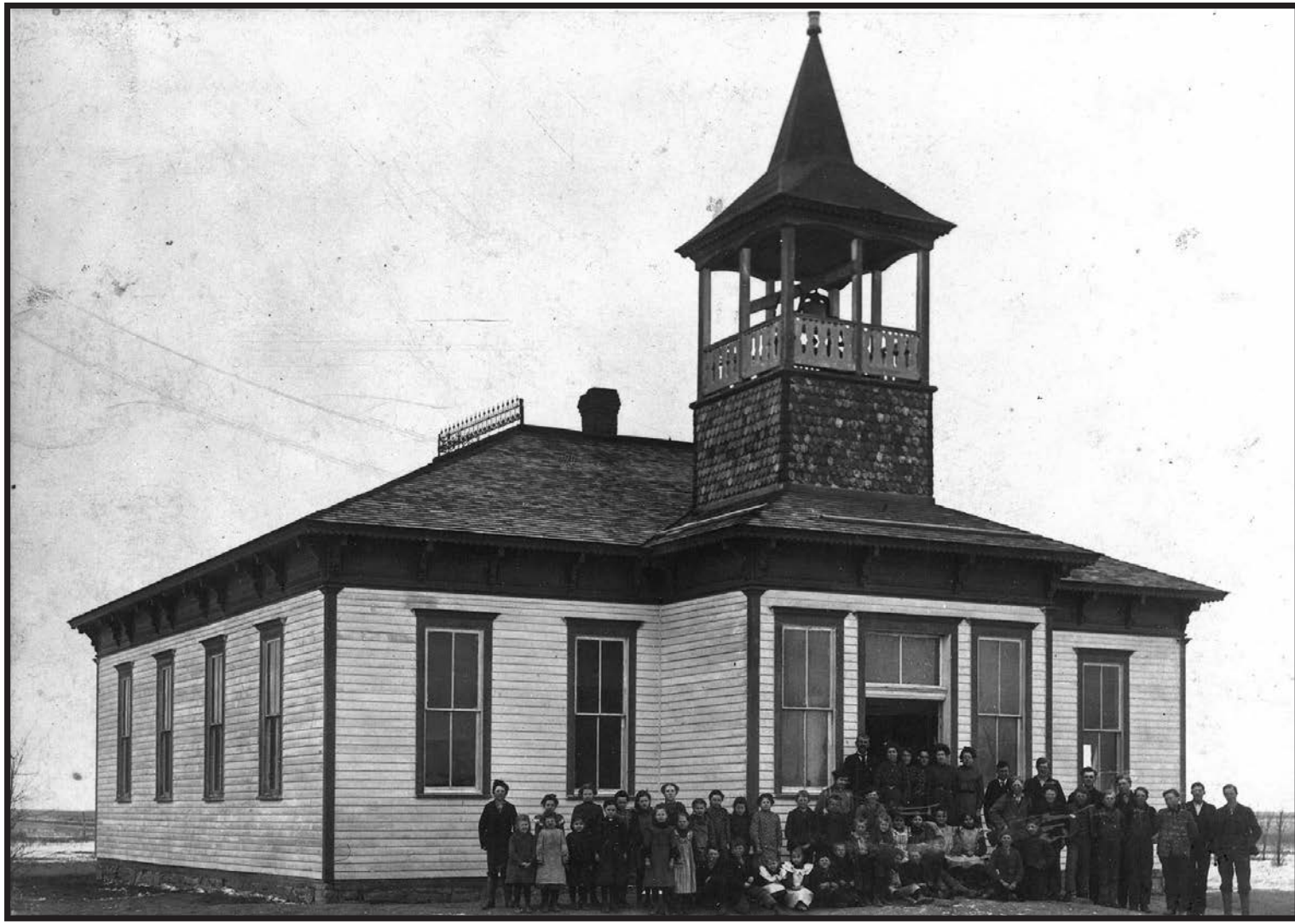
August 22, 1918

Local News

Howard Reed was sick a day or so this week, with a threatened attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Juna Charles and family have moved to the Chamber's property, near the city school building, formerly occupied by Mrs. C. E. Miles.

There will be a picture



Selden School (Sheridan County Historical Society photo)

show, Sunday night, for the benefit of the soldier boys who leave on the Monday morning train for Funston. Also there will be a big dance given in their honor, Saturday evening at Beers' hall.

As we go to press we learn of the marriage of Mr. John Oelke and Miss Minnie Richter. Not having any of the particulars of their marriage at hand we are compelled to defer further mention until next week.

We received a very interesting letter from Rev. Humphrey last week. He says they miss their old friends at Hoxie, but are getting acquainted better now and like their Nebraska home quite well. Earl is home visiting them before going to the army, as he has been called for special service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baker are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl at their home last week.

John Herrmann, of Spring Brook township, was attending to business matters here Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Davidson is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. F. Largent, of Adrian, Missouri, who is ill.

Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shafer and little daughter spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hines and family, at Tasco.

The Misses Ethel and Mabel Bach, from WaKeeney, spent several days the first of last week visiting friends in Guy and vicinity.

Miss Bernice Brown has returned home from Colorado.

Dr. Beckner was called to see Mrs. Roswall last Sunday morning. She was suffering from a broken artery in one of her feet.

A Soldier Boy's Letter
Somewhere in France
July 12, 1918

Dear Mother and All:
I will now try to take time to drop you a few lines. How is everybody? All right, I hope. I am getting along all right.

We have been having beautiful weather over here. It is awfully warm here through the day time and real cool at night.

Have you had any more rain or hail since that last big one? I hope you raise enough feed for the stock this winter.

The people here are laying in their supply of wood for the winter. They work from one to four horses on a wagon and you never see them worked except in tandem style. You very seldom see a single tree on a wagon. They have chain

tugs and work the rear horse in shafts and fasten the tugs to the shafts. They have some fine looking woods over here. Their gardens can't be beaten, for their size.

They are nice, friendly people and will do anything for you.

Well, as it is getting dark I guess I will have to quit. Write when you can and I will do the same.

Love to all,
Priv. Walter E. Hermann,
Co. E, 356 Infantry,
American E. F.

75 Years Ago

August 26, 1943

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. John Wharton and sons, Bob and Jim, left Monday for Hutchinson for a week's vacation and visit with relatives there. Miss Norma William is substituting on the Telephone Exchange Board during Mrs. Wharton's absence.

Miss Alice Suffecool returned from the country to her home Monday from a week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Roy Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woofter and son, Dale, spent last Saturday night at Sheridan Lake, fishing and for the outing. They think this is one way to enjoy a cool night even if the bed is a bit hard.

Chicago-Lucerne

Luther Shoemaker and family from Colby stayed all night with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Follis. They were on their way to Washington, where Mr. Shoemaker has work.

Jim and Freda Mowry spent Thursday in Hoxie. They took Shirley back to the doctor. Keith and Jewel Mowry spent the day with Clarence and Thomas David Mowry, while they were gone.

Selden Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers and family are now nicely located in their new home on the former Lloyd Farber farm.

Miss Augusta Geisenheiner gave a most inspiring message to those fortunate enough to hear her at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. We hope to hear her again soon. Rev. Howe will be with us at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning, with his usual grand message for all. Rev. Dillinger was helping with the rally day service at Dresden. We are glad that Mrs. Sydney Dillinger is able to come home from the Hospital.

Midway Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Ochs and baby spent Friday eve at Henry Ochs'.

Corp. Alex Kraft and Teresa Kraft were supper guests on Wednesday eve at the Clem

Ochs' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weaver and son, Willie, spent from Wednesday to Saturday at O. B. Duncanson's.

Tasco Items

Mrs. Jimmy Landon and little daughter spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Fred Conard and family at the Fred Conard home.

Mrs. Laura Houseworth had dinner with Mrs. M. I. Woods one day last week.

Menlo Items

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thiringer and son of Stratton, Colo. visited at the Earl Burger home Sunday. Mrs. Burger returned home from Rochester, Minn. and Topeka last Tuesday.

Clyde Duffery went to Denver last week and had a tumor removed from his eye.

Eugene Moos left Monday for Denver to take his physical exam for army service.

Mickey's Want Ads

Buy a pint of wax and get one free. 2 for the price of 1-2 for 1.

We now have a new all glass dripolator only 1.60.

Mother: "Johnnie, dear, I was hoping you would be unselfish enough to give your little sister the largest piece of candy. Why even that old hen will give all the nicest dainties to her little chicks and take only a tiny one once in a while for herself."

Johnnie (after watching the old hen for a while) "Well, mom, I'd do the same thing if it was worms."

Don't forget we now have Coleman lanterns to be sold to the farmers only.

50 Years Ago

August 15, 1968

Trailer Loaded with Hogs Wrecked North of Hoxie Friday Night

A 1967 Diamond T truck cab received an estimated \$15,000 damage and a 1964 Wilson trailer received \$4,000 damage in an accident three miles north of Hoxie on K-23 at approximately 11:30 Friday night. The truck and trailer belongs to B & G Truck Line of Morland. The driver was Loyd Clark, 41, of Morland, and he is reported to have received only minor injuries.

The truck, loaded with about 120 head of hogs, was enroute south on K-23 when the driver leaned over to pick up a paper on the far side of the cab. The truck went off on the west side of the road and rolled onto its right side in the west ditch.

Swimming Meet Here Saturday

The Hoxie Swim Team will host an invitational swim meet here this Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1

o'clock, according to Miss Pat Andregg, manager of the Hoxie swimming pool. Towns invited include Colby, Goodland, Oberlin and Leoti. Miss Andregg said that night swimming will be discontinued after Aug. 15. The pool is scheduled to close Sunday, Aug. 25.

Broadway News

Mrs. George Simon called at Jr. Wagoners and Ralph Transues Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ralph Transue was moved to the St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays where she is very ill. Several have spent time with the family there. Albert Smith spent Wednesday night there; Mrs. Dean Richards spent one night there as well as others. The men of Mt. Pleasant have set this week to work evenings at the church; also to mow the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Corke and family left Saturday morning for a vacation in Colorado.

McGraw News

Carol Launchbaugh played in the slow pitch softball tournament Sunday afternoon and evening at Oakley. Hoxie placed third.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Bainter and Jean Ann returned home from Denver Wednesday where Jean had spent ten days in the Children's Hospital. Jean had surgery July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis received word from their son Norbert that he is now in Vietnam.

Leoville News

Mrs. Ray Jacobs and Mrs. Herman Jacobs and children visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moellering and daughter at Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heim and children of Denver and Mrs. Jerry Dou of Livermore, Calif. came Saturday and are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke and Teresa and Anna Schroer and the Heim families.

Seguin Items

Mrs. Margaret Stephens called on Mrs. Elizabeth Schuetz and Asella Monday evening.

Phyllis Rietcheck of Kansas City, Kan., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rietcheck and other relatives.

Tasco Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Karnes spent Sunday in Phillipsburg and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schropp.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Karnes and children were in Hays Friday where Jill had an appointment with her doctor.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have those nice little 1 qt. teakettles again in sunflower, avocado, blue, pink and white

enamel.

Returning the garment he had purchased, the irate customer shouted: "You said my money would be returned if it was not satisfactory!"

"Possibly I did," admitted the merchant, "but I am very well satisfied with your money."

Corn on the cob skewers and servers. Get some and enjoy your corn ear to ear.

25 Years Ago

August 19, 1993

Couples Golf Tourney Winners

The Hoxie Couples Golf Tourney was held Sunday, Aug. 15. We tried a little different format this year. Both partners teed off at their respective tee boxes. Second shot, you hit your partner's ball. By the third shot, you could choose the best ball and play a scramble.

Sheridan County Librarian

I thought that Librarian had really gone over the edge the other day. I overheard her talking about the fireworks in the sky the other night. I thought she surely knew that the Fourth of July was last month!! Then I found out she was talking about all those meteors that were shooting across the sky last week. (Weren't they amazing!!)

Jennings Community

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings attended a birthday dinner for Wilma Kathka, Oberlin on Sunday. Raymond and Lucille Stackhouse visited Mary Higgason at the Andbe Home in Norton Sunday. Mary will be celebrating her birthday on Tuesday.

Helen Randolph was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Len Randolph. Additional guests were Gaylen and Bev Randolph, Colby.

Selden Happenings

Gus and Fansion Juenemann hosted the senior citizens Thursday. A birthday card for Grace Ford's 93rd birthday was signed by all. We all wish her a nice birthday. The senior citizens have voted to have a food sale and garage sale on Oct. 2. The money we make will be used for painting the inside of the center. Any donation will be most welcome. There were four tables of pinochle and one of dominoes. High was won by Justin Shaw (a guest), second by Gertrude Fleckenstein, and low by Ethel Teel. Fansion Juenemann won at dominoes.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Husted in Hoxie on Sunday.

Wednesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mosier from Nebraska and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Goodrow. The Goodrows are leaving for their winter home in Arizona.

Broadway News

The McWilliams women sang a special song at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday morning.

Edwin and Lois Simon attended the fair at WaKeeney one evening. It rained some.

Esther Sapp and a daughter, Albany, Oreg. spent a few days in the area and attended the McWilliams reunion. It was good to see them as so many others.

Rexford News

Joan Hancock of Des Moines, Iowa, was a guest of Roy and Eileen Dible last weekend. She also visited her brother and wife, Andy and Marguerette Black. All of them and Ron and Janette Dible attended the Anderson family reunion at the Ramada Inn in Colby last Sunday with 43 present.

Mark Schultz of Colby was a guest of Frances McIntyre last Sunday afternoon. Mark has been in Washington, D. C. this summer and worked for Senator Kassebaum.



NWKS News

Pre-Plant Wheat Update Meetings K-State Research and Extension

With wheat production on the minds of most producers, most are gearing up for the 2019 wheat crop according to Keith P. VanSki, Agriculture Agent for the Twin Creeks District of K-State Research and Extension. Helping producers to answer timely questions about wheat planting is the objective.

The meeting will be held in Lenora, KS at the Community Room/Library, Tuesday evening August 28 at 7:00 pm.

K-State Research and Extension specialists Lucas Haag, Romulo Lolatto, and Dan Obrien will present the latest information on wheat production related to variety selection, disease management, other planting time topics, and recent grain marketing updates. Pre-registration is requested. A minimum of 10 is required to host the meetings. Contact the Twin Creeks Extension District Office in Norton (785) 877-5755, Hoxie (785) 675-3268, Hill City (785) 421-3411, and Oberlin (785) 475-8121.

CCC Ranks Second in Online Education

Colby Community College ranks No. 1 among community colleges and second overall in the Best Online Community Colleges in Kansas for 2018 study by website thebestcolleges.org.

In the analysis of all 25 technical and community colleges, thebestcolleges.org reviewed common predictors of future success and a school's commitment to online programs. The metrics include admissions rate, student loan default rate, retention rate, graduation rate, and the percent of students enrolled in online classes. All data points were taken from information provided by colleges to the National Center for Education Statistics.

In recent years CCC made substantial progress in developing ColbyConnect, the college's online platform. A combination of 24-hour tutoring and tech support, a systematic quality check on courses, and an aggressive

Calling All Genealogy Buffs

The Prairie Museum of Art and History invites all genealogy buffs to an evening of family history exploration on Wednesday August 29. At 6:00 PM, individuals interested in starting a genealogy group can learn about resources available at the museum and share information on websites, search techniques and other tips. All are welcome, from seasoned genealogists to those wondering how to get started.

At 7:00 PM, a free Webinar on searching probate records will be offered by Family History Expos. The presenter, Holly Hansen, will take participants through the process of researching wills and other estate records, and will answer questions as they come up. Hansen is a seasoned genealogist and previous webinars have held a wealth of information on where and how to look for information, and how to interpret what is found.

The webinar is one of a series made possible by a grant from the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation and is co-sponsored by the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Prairie Museum is located at 1905 S. Franklin Ave in Colby. Call 785-460-4590 for more information.

marketing campaign have doubled enrollment since 2016. The new advising center on campus also serves distance learning students and is expected to help with retention while improving on the college's state-leading graduation rate.

"This recognition demonstrates the commitment to grow ColbyConnect," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Brad Bennett. "CCC continues to invest in academic support to assure students are successful in both traditional classes and distance learning."

The full list of college rankings can be found on thebestcolleges.org website.

Seniors Being Connected to Benefits Programs

Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is part of the National Council on Aging's (NCOA) network dedicated to helping people with Medicare improve their financial outlook by enrolling in programs to help them afford health care, prescriptions, food, and more.

Nationally, half of all people with Medicare live on incomes less than \$26,200 per year, and they often lack the resources needed to meet basic living expenses. Federal, state, and local programs exist to help these individuals, but many people do not know how to apply for assistance and are in need of local, in person help.

"The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging has a strong history of helping vulnerable residents in the 18 counties of northwest Kansas," said Michelle Morgan, Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Executive Director. "We're proud to be part of this national network of organizations that, since 2009, has helped more than 850,000 low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities achieve economic stability."

Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is one of 69 Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) funded by NCOA to serve low-income Medicare beneficiaries in 36 states. BECs are supported by funding from the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), administered through the U.S. Administration for Community Living.

BECs screen lower income seniors, and younger adults with disabilities for benefits such as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and Supplemental Security Income. Specialists will help them apply for and use those benefits.

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Out of the Darkness Walk to Benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States, yet suicide is preventable. Dozens of people from throughout Northwest Kansas are expected to participate in the First Ever Out of the Darkness Hays Walk hosted by the Greater Kansas Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at 1 PM., September 15, 2018 at Municipal Park in Hays, KS. This fundraising walk supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's local and national education and advocacy programs and its bold goal to reduce the annual rate of suicide 20 percent by 2025.

"We walk to help others seek help when they need to and to help community members respond to loved ones who may need help. Suicide affects so many and can have a big impact on rural communities. We hope that by walking we save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide," said Kyle Carlin, Greater Kansas AFSP volunteer.

The Out of the Darkness Hays Walk is one of more than 375 Out of the Darkness Community Walks being held nationwide this year. The walks are expected to unite more than 250,000 walkers and raise millions for suicide prevention efforts. Last year's Hays Walk included over 80 people from Northwest Kansas.

"These walks are about turning hope into action," said AFSP CEO Robert Gebbia. "Suicide is a serious problem, but it's a problem we can solve. The research has shown us how to fight suicide, and if we keep up the fight the science is only going to get better, our culture will get smarter about mental health, and we'll be able to save more people from dying from depression and other mental health conditions."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health through education and community programs, develops suicide prevention through research and advocacy, and provides support for those affected by suicide. Led by CEO Robert Gebbia and headquartered in New York, and with a public policy office in Washington, D.C., AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states with programs and events nationwide. Learn more about AFSP in its latest Annual Report, and join the conversation on suicide prevention by following AFSP on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

Check-in and same-day registration will begin at 1:00 PM at Municipal Park, and the walk will begin at 2:00 PM. Anyone who would like to form a team, join a team, or walk as an individual, and/or donate is encouraged to register at www.afsp.org/hays. There is no cost to participate in the walk or remembrance activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collects data about mortality in the U.S., including deaths by suicide. In 2014 (the most recent year for which full data are available), 42,773 suicides were reported, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death for Americans. In that year, someone in the country died by suicide every 12.9 minutes.

To discuss setting up interviews, please contact: Ashton Gebhard, 785-543-1963, ashgeb@hotmail.com or Kyle Carlin, 785-871-2404, kyled-carlin@gmail.com

Annual Hansen Scholarship Program Announced

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation will make scholarships available in five categories to students in 26 Northwest Kansas counties for the 2018-2019 academic year. Students from an accredited high school, registered independent, private or home school in one of the following 26 counties are eligible to apply:

Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego and Wallace.

Scholarships available for students who will graduate in the current academic year are:

Ten Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships with annual stipends of \$10,000 renewable for three additional years if criteria established by the Scholarship Committee are met. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year public, private or church related Kansas college or university.

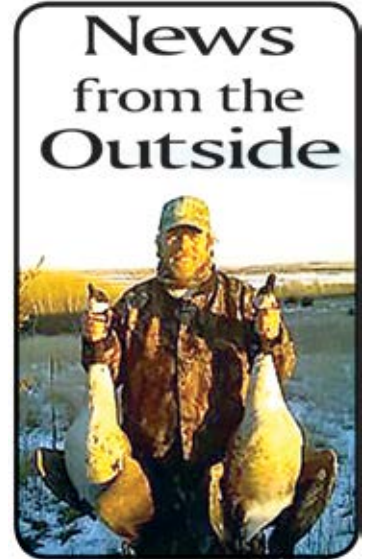
Fifty Hansen Scholarships with stipends of \$6500 renewable for three additional years if criteria established by the Scholarship Committee are met. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year public, private or church related Kansas college or university.

One hundred Hansen Student Scholarships with stipends of \$4000 renewable for one additional year, providing the recipients have achieved at least a 3.00 GPA at the college level. Recipients must attend an accredited community, public, private or church related college or university in Kansas.

To qualify for the above scholarships, a student must have taken the ACT test and have a composite score of 21 or higher and have at least a 3.50 GPA (un-weighted). The student should be an active participant in extracurricular school and community activities, display good citizenship, leadership, and moral integrity.

Students planning to enter the competition for Leaders of Tomorrow, Hansen Scholar or Hansen Student scholarships must register at their school and take the qualifying test at locations to be announced. Information on all scholarships has been sent to qualifying area schools. Tentative test dates have been set for September 12 and 13, 2018.

One hundred Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarships with stipends of \$4000 renewable for one additional year, providing the recipients have achieved at least a 3.00 GPA at the college level. Career and Technical Education Scholarships are available to encourage high school seniors who seek competence through career training. An applicant for the Career and Technical Education Scholarship must complete an application form that is available from the high school counselor or it can be downloaded from our website at www.danehansenfoundation.org. The Scholarship Committee is interested in the student's character, activities and goals. Applicants for the Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarship are not required to take a qualifying test. A 3.50 GPA is not necessary to apply for this scholarship. Recipients may enroll in any career and



News from the Outside
By John Liester
Last week was a bit hectic for me. Work and more work kept me from getting to the lake. I did see that Webster is under an algae warning now. You can fish but stay out of the water and rinse the fish with clean water. No other warnings that I know of.

I see the fishing is picking up on the area lakes. The cooler weather is something isn't it? I am hoping to get to Milford sometime this fall. I want a crack at the big catfish there.

Dove season starts on the first! For a change it's on a Saturday. I guess I better clean and check my shotgun. I don't like breakdowns.

A part of me wants to bring up the turmoil in our country, but there's not enough time for it. So, I will say stay safe and enjoy the outside!!

technical education program, in any Kansas school, as long as it is not leading to a four-year degree.

In addition to the scholarships offered to high school seniors, the Hansen Foundation will also award twenty Community or Technical College Transfer Scholarships with stipends of \$4000 each. These scholarships are available for Kansas Community or Technical College students. Community College students must have completed a minimum of 32 hours of college credit by the Spring of 2019 and Technical College students must have completed an associate of applied science degree before transferring to an accredited four-year public, private or church related Kansas college or university. Each Community or Technical College Transfer Scholarship may be renewed for one year upon completion of satisfactory work as evaluated by the Scholarship Committee. Students may obtain application forms at the office of the Dean of Student Services at the Community College or Technical College Student Services or it can be downloaded from our website at www.danehansenfoundation.org.

Through scholarships the Trustees of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation encourage good citizenship and high achievement in academic endeavors. Improvement of educational opportunities for students in Western Kansas ranks high among the objectives of the Trustees of the Hansen Foundation.

The Hansen Foundation is in its 44th year of service to the young people of Northwest Kansas through the insight and generosity of the late Dane G. Hansen of Logan, Kansas. The book DANE GRAY HANSEN: TITAN OF NORTHWEST KANSAS by Billy M. Jones (1962) describes Dane G. Hansen and his contributions to Northwest Kansas.

We encourage all students that are interested in our Scholarship Program to visit our Facebook page and website for the current information on our scholarships. Our website is available at www.danehansenfoundation.org.

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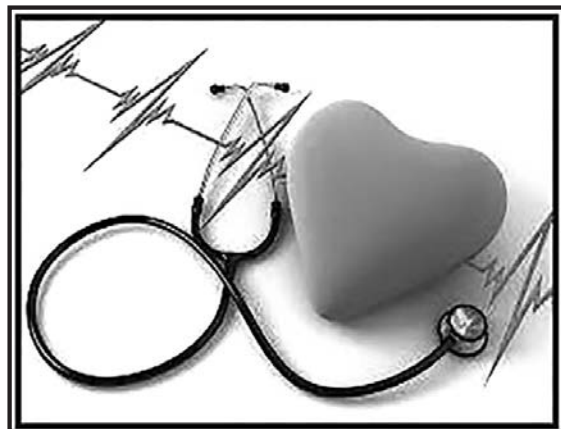
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Farm News

Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during July 2018 totaled 312 million pounds, up 8 percent from July 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 159,000 head, 8,000 head more than July 2017. Milk production per cow averaged 1,960 pounds.

Pre-Plant Wheat Update Meetings K-State Research and Extension

With wheat production on the minds of most producers, most are gearing up for the 2019 wheat crop according to Keith P. VanSkiel, Agriculture Agent for the Twin Creeks District of K-State Research and Extension. Helping producers to answer timely questions about wheat planting is the objective.

The meeting will be held in Lenora, KS at the Community Room/Library, Tuesday evening August 28th at 7:00 pm.

K-State Research and Extension specialists Lucas Haag, Romulo Lolatto, and Dan O'Brien will present the latest information on wheat production related to variety selection, disease management, other planting time topics, and recent grain marketing updates. Pre-registration is requested. A minimum of 10 is required to host the meetings. Contact the Twin Creeks Extension District Office in Norton (785) 877-5755, Hoxie (785) 675-3268, Hill City (785) 421-3411, and Oberlin (785) 475-8121.

USDA NASS To Collect 2018 Small Grain Production and Stocks Data

During the first two weeks of September, growers of small grains around the country will be contacted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2018 production and supply of small grains, which include wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

"The small grains industry is important to Kansas agriculture and it is crucial for everyone to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy," said NASS' Kansas State Statistician Doug Bounds. "We will contact more than 2,700 producers in Kansas to accurately measure 2018 acreage, yield, and production for small grains and the quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on farm."

"Responses to the survey will also be used in calculating county yields," explained Bounds.

"USDA uses county yield information from the survey to evaluate and administer vital farm disaster mitigation and insurance programs such as the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC). Farmers who receive this survey should use this opportunity to assure their county is accurately represented in the calculation of Kansas county yields."

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that

no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual Small Grains Summary

and the quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on September 28. 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 Invests in 22 New Projects

USDA will invest more than \$10.6 million for 22 new projects that will drive public and private sector innovation in conserving natural resources in 27 states, including Kansas. The competitive Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program helps spur development and adoption of new conservation approaches and technologies.

"Through USDA's Conservation Innovation Grants, we are able to bring together a wide array of groups to drive innovation and spur cutting-edge projects here in Kansas," said Karen A. Woodrich, State Conservationist with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "This year's competition resulted in an impressive array of proposals that will ultimately benefit Kansas' people who grow our food and fiber."

Through this grant program, public and private grantees—including nongovernmental organizations, American Indian tribes, academic institutions and local government entities—leverage the federal investment by providing a match or cost share that is at least equal to the amount of federal funding requested.

Projects focus on this year's priority areas: grazing lands, organic agriculture systems, and soil health. This year's grants bring the total USDA investment to more than \$297 million for 732 projects since 2004. See the full list of this year's projects.

Kansas State University was awarded \$100,631 to develop a decision tool to assist with the management of prescribed fires in the Flint Hills region to reduce smoke impact. This project will help land managers better plan their burning and encourage more burning when conditions are favorable.

The Nature Conservancy of Colorado was awarded \$427,164 to expand and test an open source grazing land evaluation tool for ranchers in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, South Dakota, and Idaho. By using the free, open source Land-Potential Knowledge System (LandPKS) mobile app, ranchers can rapidly identify soils and inventory and monitor vegetation for use in management decisions.

NRCS funds CIG through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The maximum grant is \$2 million per project, and projects can take up to three years. These projects are designed to engage eligible producers in conservation activities that accelerate the transfer and adoption of innovative conservation technologies and approaches.

NRCS uses these grants to work with other public and private entities to accelerate transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the nation's most pressing natural resource concerns.

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Diversifying Organic Farms: Integrating Organic Grains, Forages, Livestock, Specialty Crops and People

Central Plains Organic Farmers (CPOF, formerly Kansas Organic Producers) is hosting an all-day workshop on "Diversifying Organic Farms: Integrating Grains, Forages, Livestock, Specialty Crops and People" on Wednesday, August 29, at the Klinefelter Barn east of Hiawatha at 1724 230th St., Hiawatha, KS.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Program runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be served on site. A \$15 registration fee covers lunch and materials. See below for registration information. Co-sponsors are the Kansas SARE and Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Kansas Rural Center, and Kansas Farmers Union.

The workshop will offer practical how-to information on weed control in organic grains and crops provide a look at how a traditional organic grain farm can add new enterprises for diversifying the farm and adding younger farmers and describe a new model for poultry production based on permaculture principles and a regenerative agriculture system.

PROGRAM: The morning of the day long workshop will focus on improving weed control with a diversified cropping system and the knowledgeable and skillful use of low cost cultivation. Featured speaker will be Gary McDonald, Organic Resources, Springfield, Illinois. McDonald is an organic farmer and educator who works with organic farmers throughout the Midwest. He will speak on "Organic Grain & Forage Cropping Systems: Crop Rotation, Cover Crops & Weed Control," including the design, set-up and skillful use of row crop cultivators.

The afternoon will feature Dave Bishop, PrairieEarth Farm, who will speak on "Integrating Organic Grain, Forage, Livestock & Specialty Crops." Bishop will cover how he has integrated specialty crops and more diverse pastured livestock production and marketing into a traditional organic grain, forage and beef cattle operation. Bishop and his family have a 300-acre diversified grain and livestock farm near Atlanta, Illinois, where he and his two sons and daughter-in-law, now raise organic grains and have added vegetables and fruits. Part of his presentation will discuss how his family is constructing a food hub facility for additional farmers and for aggregation of packing and marketing, and the good and bad of offering internships on the farm.

For younger farmers this collaborative model of integrating traditional and specialty crop operations offers easier access to land and equipment as well as farming knowledge and experience. For older, established farmers this model offers a sustainable transition forward to a new generation of diversified farmers. Visit the Bishop farm website at <http://www.prairieearthfarm.com>/PrairieEarth_Farm/Home.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending August 19, 2018, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 17 short, 71 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 23 short, 67 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 9 percent very poor, 17 poor, 28 fair, 39 good, and

7 excellent. Corn dough was 88 percent, ahead of 81 both last year and for the five-year average.

Dented was 58 percent, well ahead of 38 last year and 36 average. Mature was 14 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 4 average. Harvested was 1 percent.

Soybean condition rated 6 percent very poor, 15 poor, 37 fair, 37 good, and 5 excellent.

Soybeans blooming was 96 percent, near 94 last year, and ahead of 90 average. Setting pods was 82 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 67 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 85 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 78 average. Coloring was 27 percent, ahead of 10 last year and 16 average.

Cotton condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 32 fair, 53 good, and 12 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 70 percent, well ahead of 43 last year and 47 average. Bolls opening was 2 percent, near 6 last year and 4 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 13 percent very poor, 20 poor, 35 fair, 28 good, and 4 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.

The day's final presentation will be "Regenerating Small Farms with a Diversified, Poultry Based, Permaculture Production Model" by Reginald Haslett-Marroquin, Main Street Project, Northfield MN. The Mainstreet Project has developed a design for intermediate sized poultry production and marketing built on permaculture principles and based on a regenerative agriculture system. They have a demonstration farm and hope to spread their model to other states.

Visit their website at: <https://mainstreetproject.org/what-we-do/>

Registration for the workshop is \$15 to cover lunch and materials.

To register or for more information: Call Ed Reznicek, Central Plains Organic Farmers, at 785/939-2032, or email at amerugi@jbntelco.com.

Early registration is encouraged to ensure space and meal count.

Wheat Scoop: The Wheat Code is Finally Cracked

The wheat genome sequence will bring stronger wheat varieties to farmers.

Kansas State University scientists, in collaboration with the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium (IWGSC), published today in the international journal Science a detailed description of the complete genome of bread wheat, the world's most widely-cultivated crop. This work will pave the way for the production of wheat varieties better adapted to climate challenges, with higher yields, enhanced nutritional quality and improved sustainability.

The research article-authored by more than 200 scientists from 73 research institutions in 20 countries- presents the reference genome of the bread wheat variety Chinese Spring. The DNA sequence ordered along the 21 wheat chromosomes is the highest quality genome sequence produced to date for wheat. It is the result of 13 years of collaborative international research and the generous support of the National Science Foundation, Kansas farmers and many others.

"It is a dream come true for Kansas wheat farmers, who were the first to invest in the wheat genome sequencing project and pivotal in rallying U.S. wheat farmers in support of the wheat genome sequencing project," said Dr. Bikram Gill, distinguished professor at Kansas State University who organized the first National Science Foundation and U.S. Department of Agriculture-sponsored workshop planning meeting on wheat genome sequencing in Washington, D.C., in 2003.

A key crop for food security, wheat is the staple food of more than a third of the global human population and accounts for almost 20 percent of the total calories and protein consumed by humans worldwide, more than any other single food source. It also serves as an important source of vitamins and minerals.

Kansas farmers grow an average of 340 million bushels of wheat each year, but acres planted to wheat have dropped dramatically over the past decade, from 10 million acres to fewer than 8 million. To meet future demands of a projected world population of 9.6 billion by 2050, wheat productivity needs to increase by 1.6 percent each year. In order to preserve biodiversity, water and nutrient resources, the majority of this increase has to be achieved via crop and trait improvement on land currently cultivated, rather than committing new land to cultivation. In order for farmers to dedicate these precious resources to wheat production rather than production of other crops, wheat farming must become profitable.

With the reference genome sequence now completed, breeders have at their fingertips new tools to address global challenges. They will be able to more rapidly identify genes and regulatory elements underlying complex agronomic traits such as yield, grain quality, resistance to fungal diseases and tolerance to physical stress-and produce harder wheat varieties.

"Completion of the sequence is a landmark event that will serve as a critical foundation for future wheat improvement," said Dr. Allan Fritz, Kansas State University professor and wheat breeder. "It is the key to allowing efficient, real-time integration of relevant genetics, making the selection process more efficient-it's a turbocharger for wheat breeding!"

It is expected that the availability of a high-quality reference genome sequence will boost wheat improvement over the next decades,

with benefits similar to those observed with maize and rice after their reference sequences were produced.

"Kansas wheat farmers have been supporting the wheat genome sequencing efforts through the Kansas Wheat Commission's wheat assessment since the establishment of the IWGSC in 2005, with a cumulative amount of nearly a quarter of a million dollars," said Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer for Kansas Wheat. "The sequence of the bread wheat genome has already had a positive effect on wheat improvement, which not only affects the science behind wheat breeding, but has a long-lasting positive outcome in regard to wheat producer productivity, profitability and, ultimately, livelihoods."

Sequencing the bread wheat genome was long considered an impossible task, due to its enormous size - five times larger than the human genome-and complexity-bread wheat has three sub-genomes and more than 85% of the genome is composed of repeated elements.

"It is exciting to be a part of this landmark achievement," said Dr. Jesse Poland, associate professor at Kansas State University and director of the Wheat Genetics Resource Center and the USAID Innovation Lab for Applied Wheat Genomics. "This international effort, toward something that was once deemed impossible, will have tremendous impact on wheat in Kansas, and the world."

The impact of the wheat reference sequence has already been significant in the scientific community, as exemplified by the publication on the same date of six additional publications describing and using the reference sequence resource, one appearing in the same issue of Science, one in Science Advances and four in Genome Biology. In addition, more than 100 publications crediting the reference sequence have been published since the resource was made available to the scientific community in January 2017. "We are extensively using the new reference sequence for more informed molecular breeding" commented Poland. "It is really having a big impact."

In addition to the sequence of the 21 chromosomes, the Science article also presents the precise location of 107,891 genes and of more than 4 million molecular markers, as well as sequence information between the genes and markers containing the regulatory elements influencing the expression of genes.

The IWGSC achieved this result by combining the resources it generated over the last 13 years using classic physical mapping methods and the most recent DNA sequencing technologies; the sequence data were assembled and ordered along the 21 chromosomes using highly efficient algorithms, and genes were identified with dedicated software programs.

All IWGSC reference sequence resources are publicly available at the IWGSC data repository at URGI-INRA Versailles and at other international scientific databases such as GrainGenes and Ensembl Plants.

The Science article is entitled "Shifting the limits in wheat research and breeding using a fully annotated reference genome" and can be read here.

About the IWGSC
The IWGSC, with 2,400 members in 68 countries, is an international, collaborative consortium, established in 2005 by a group of wheat growers, plant scientists, and public and private breeders. The goal of the IWGSC is to make a high-quality genome sequence of bread wheat publicly available, in order to lay a foundation for basic research that will enable breeders to develop improved varieties. The IWGSC is a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. www.wheatgenome.org.

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Commission Minutes 8/13/2018

Now on this 13th day of August 2018, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Vic Bielser presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Troy Dewey and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doren Follis, Mitch Moss and Wes Bainter.

The meeting was called to order by Bielser.

The Board canvassed the votes cast at the August 7, 2018 Primary Election. David Stithem, County Appraiser and Dawn Elliott, Deputy Clerk, 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 23 of the ballots which were considered valid ballots. Vice-Chairman Joe Bainter read the ballots aloud and Bielser and Dewey reviewed. Seven provisional ballots were not counted due to not being a registered voter, no return postmark on the advance ballot envelope (to confirm it was mailed on or before August 7, 2018) and advance ballots with no signature on the envelope as required. Final results will be posted on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor of the courthouse and on the Sheridan County website. Wes Bainter and Moss exited the meeting.

Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the landfilling sampling agreement with GSI Engineering, LLC. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bielser made a motion to approve the abatements presented for severed minerals, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve change orders to the tax rolls, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

The July 30, 2018 minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Dewey and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Bielser made a motion to approve payroll and warrants. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

County Attorney Joe Pratt entered the meeting.

Alecya Boese entered the meeting. She advised the Board she was no longer working at the Sheriff's Office and discussed with them the reasons. The Board advised Boese that they do not have control over elected official's offices. They have a say as it pertains to the budget but no authority over how elected official's deal with their employees. They thanked Boese for coming in.

Jack Toll, Studley resident, entered the meeting along with Loran Sulzman and Rob Nordquist, Road & Bridge Foremen. Toll discussed concerns he has when it rains with water not being able to flow in the culverts as they are plugged. His garage has had standing water in it during one of the last heavy rains. He just wanted the commissioners to be aware of his concerns. Sulzman took his phone number and they will follow up on the problem. The board thanked him for coming in. They all exited the meeting.

Dewey made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Sheridan County Sheriff Brandon Carver. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Carver advised the board they are currently down two dispatchers but have some applicants and plan on doing some interviews this week. Deputy Sheriff Bill Cousins has been accepted

BOE Minutes 8/13/2018

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

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for a special meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:30 AM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

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

CLERK: Mandy Shipley
TREASURER:
PRINCIPALS: Mark Wildeman

GUESTS:
ABSENT: Diane Stithem

Billi Beckman called the special meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

The meeting was held to discuss only the items for which the meeting was called; Budget Hearing.

Notification was made in the August 16, 2018 issue of *The Hoxie Times*, so a waiver was not needed.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

There were no visitors present.

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

The Board moved to open the 2018-2019 Budget Hearing (Bretz/White 7-0).

There were no comments or questions not previously addressed.

The Board moved to accept the 2018-2019 Budget as presented (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to close the Budget Hearing (White/Weber 7-0).

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 7:32 AM.

BILLI BECKMAN, PRESIDENT
Approved this 10th day of September 2018

MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK

in to the academy starting in September. The board asked Carver if he had heard anything from Midwest Energy about the area they would like to make into the impound lot. Midwest Energy's concerns are about the weight that would be on top of the lines, which are not deep. The board asks that Carver proceed with the plan and have the lines moved deeper.

The following payroll and warrants were audited and allowed:

General Fund \$59,887.75
Road & Bridge \$51,628.22
Noxious Weed \$2,214.95
Public Health \$4,085.45
Public Trans. \$754.49
Landfill \$2,446.74
Spec Auto \$656.51

With no further business, Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bielser. Motion carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Vic Bielser, Chairman

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel August 9, 2018)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of ROSE MARY GOETZ, Deceased

Case No. 2017-PR-000015

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 in said court by Ellen Eberle and Albert Goetz, co-executors of the estate of Rose Mary Goetz, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 27th day of August 2018, at 11:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Ellen Eberle
Ellen Eberle, co-Executor
/s/ Albert Goetz
Albert Goetz, co-Executor

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
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Charlene Friedel, age 78, of Grainfield, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson, Kansas. She was born Doris Charlene Jacob, on March 9, 1940, in Studley, Kansas to Loyal T. and Elsie S. (Cressler) Jacob.

Charlene graduate from Sheridan Community High School, Hoxie, KS with the class of 1958, then attended Cosmetology School in Salina, KS. She was a hairdresser for 35 years. She was also a dental assistant for Dr. Gordon Mahanna. Her favorite hobbies were flowers, gardens, and crafting. She loved to spend time with family and friends. Charlene was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary

and was a Tri-S Club member. She was married to Jim Selbe. Three children were born to this union. She then married Richard Deges and moved to the farm near Grainfield, Kansas, where she helped with many farm jobs and mowing. During the 1980's and 90's, they grew their farm until Richard's passing. Her family grew at that time. In 2007, she was united in marriage to Larry Friedel, at their home in Grainfield, and her family grew even more. Charlene will be missed by many friends and family.

She is survived by her husband; children, Terry L. (Pam) Selbe of Goodland, Kansas, Randy L. (Kelly) Selbe of Goodland, and Susan Irene (Paul) Keith of Quinter; stepchildren Melanie Rhodes of Elk City, Oklahoma, Kenneth Friedel (Jodi Wright) of Beaver, Oklahoma, and Ed (Jolene) Deges of Wakeney, Kansas; grandchildren, Traci (Kevin) Thompson, Travis Mendenhall, Tyler Selbe, Janessa Selbe, Cody Kinderknecht, Lane Keith, Dylan Friedel, Sacia Friedel, Lillian Rhodes, Zachary Rhodes, Justin Deges, and Nicole Jacob; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dale (Ann) Jacob of Deerfield, Kansas, and Loyal J. Jacob of Middleboro, Massachusetts; a sister, Joyce (Frank) Gallagher of Hoxie, Kansas; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded

in death by her parents; her second husband, Richard; and a brother, Claire Jacob.

A Celebration of Life service will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 24, 2018 at Schmitt Funeral Home, Quinter. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Grainfield Cemetery.

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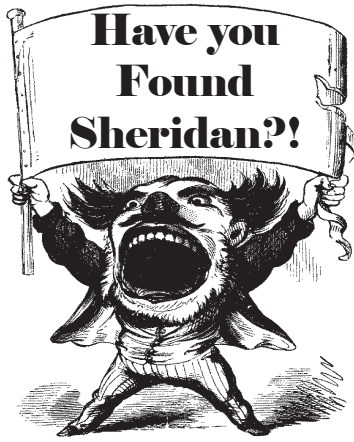
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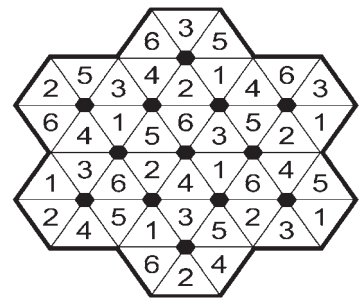
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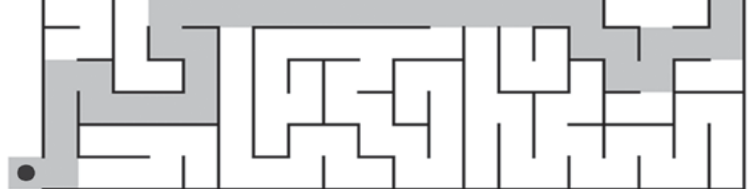


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