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Wheatland Recognizes Amazing Teachers

USD 292 Board President, Mr. Nick Zerr, presents the Wall of Fame plaques to this year's inductees on Friday, February 10, at WHS in between the varsity games. (L to R) Mr. Nick Zerr, Ms. Janice Criswell, Mrs. Marsha Watkins, and Mrs. Karol Katt. (WHS Photo)

Mary McDonald, Co-Editor

On Friday, February 10, Wheatland High School inducted three former teachers into the Wall of Fame. WHS shop teacher, Mr. Mark Heier, designed the plaques which were awarded to the former teachers. The three inductees were Mrs. Karol Katt, Mrs. Marsha Watkins, and Ms. Janice Criswell. To be inducted into the Wall of Fame the individual must have dedicated a vast majority of their life and career to USD 292. The Wall of Fame is for individuals who have made a positive impact to the students and Wheatland district with a minimum of 15 years of service and three letters of recommendation. This year's inductees all received many more than the required three letters of recommendation.

The first inductee was Mrs. Karol Katt. Mrs. Katt spent 24 years teaching in the Wheatland School District, teaching at the Gove Elementary School, and then at Grainfield/Wheatland Elementary until her retirement in 2000. As a rural school district teacher, she taught first, second, third, and fourth grades as needed throughout her tenure. Mrs. Katt was a wonderful team player, colleague, and mentor. She continues to have many of her friendships earned at Wheatland Schools.

The second inductee was Mrs. Marsha Watkins. Mrs. Watkins taught Family and Consumer Science and was the Future Homemakers of America advisor from 1975 to 2002. Striving to teach "real world" skills, Mrs. Watkins wondered if a few of her students would survive in the real world. Mrs. Watkins was also seen as the "school mother". She created a safe and warm environment as well as unwavering support for her students. Fond memories were made by wedding planning and the annual FHA banquet. After retirement, Mrs. Watkins continued to substitute teach at Wheatland.

The final inductee was Ms. Janice Criswell. Ms. Criswell dedicated 30 years to Wheatland High School from 1975 to 2002. Many students who thought Ms. Criswell was "too tough" expressed their appreciation for her style after they started their first jobs, and upon returning to WHS as fellow educators. Ms. Criswell was firm and fair. She spent countless hours helping with prom, running time clocks, printing AR t-shirts, and being dedicated to the students and the school in addition to all of her classroom prep. The number of photos taken by Ms. Criswell to assist in the annual yearbook is too large to even imagine.

The total dedicated service to USD 292 from these amazing ladies is 77 years. USD 292 wants to thank this year's inductees for all of their time and dedication.

Hoxie Wrestling Wins 2023 Regional Accolades

By Coleen Shepard

Hoxie wrestling head coach Mike Porsch received the 2023 Regional Coach of the Year award at last weekend's boys KSHSAA 3-2-1 A Regional B tournament in Larned. Coach Porsch has been the Indian's Head Coach for the past 17 years and was the Assistant Coach for the 10 years prior. Under Coach Porsch's guidance the Indians have had one four-time state champion, a multitude of three-time, two-time and one-time state champions, and a plethora of other state placers. Coach Porsch has led his wrestlers to two team State Champions and several runners-up and third-place team finishes.

This year, Coach Porsch has coached the 2023 Regional Wrestler of the Year, Derek Johnson, through an undefeated season. Johnson was chosen by the coaches at the Regional B Tournament as the 2023 Regional B Wrestler of the Year. Derek, a 3-time state champion, holds a 39-0 season record and will be looking to claim his fourth Individual 321A State Title at this weekend's state tournament in Hays.

Regional Wrestling Champions

Hoxie Indians' #1 FAN!

It was a special night of honoring the amazing seniors and one of the Hoxie Indians' biggest fans, Kayla Geerdes. (Lady Indian Basketball photo)

Sacred Heart Mardi Gras

Brookelynn Vahling pulls out names of winners of the Altar Society raffle at the Sacred Heart Mardi Gras in Selden on February 19. Winners included: Handmade Quilt—Joan Metz, Shop Vacuum-Matt Karlin, Quilted Wall Hanging-Wilma Ritter, Afghan—Pat McKenna. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

GPHS Sweetheart Royal Court

Golden Plains High School held their Sweetheart Crowning during half time of the varsity boys basketball game in Rexford on February 17. Candidates include (l-r) Landon Meier & Morgan Durham, King Iu Ribera & Queen Sidney Taylor, Mason Green & McHaley Carter. Attendants were Kaisley Pfanenstiel and Henry Gaede. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

2023 Thomas County Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to Golden Plains Sixth Grader Jemma Juenemann on being named the 2023 Thomas County Spelling Bee Champion in Colby on February 21. Jemma correctly spelled seclusion and stamina to win the championship! Addy Wessel and Ben Masoner also competed for Golden Plains Middle School. (Photo by Ellen Weiner)

Please Be Courteous to Your Neighbors

When cleaning snow from your property, the City is asking all residents to please pile it on *your* property, *not* on your neighbor's!

Also, *please do not* pile snow around gas meters.

Thank you,
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Words of Faith

Faith
is an oasis in the heart
which will never be
reached
by the caravan of
thinking.
~Khalil Gibran

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Feb. 21

Wheat	8.63
Corn	7.38
Milo	6.93
Beans	14.74

HI-PLAINS COOP

Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
2/12	60	23	--
2/13	62	36	--
2/14	42	21	--
2/15	25	13	--
2/16	36	3	8.5" snow
2/17	40	21	--
2/18	48	23	--

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Words of Wisdom

It's so empowering to say, "This isn't serving me" and walk away in peace.

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On Wednesday, February 8, at the Sunflower Senior Center a delicious potluck meal was enjoyed by nine people. Those attending included Kay and Doyle Brown; Ken and Julie Carter; Pastor Gordon; Martin Titus; Stanley Shimek; Ramona Shaw and Louise Cressler. No business meeting was held.

After the senior potluck, the Women of Faith held their meeting at the senior center. Those attending included Kay Brown, Julie Carter, Lila Jennings, Pastor Gordon, Doyle Brown, and Louise Cressler. Julie gave the program. Several snacks were enjoyed.

Much of our snow has melted the past few days but the forecast tells us there is more on the way. We are so grateful for the moisture we have gotten.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Keith Muirhead, Dresden. Keith was 96 years old. He died Sunday at Oberlin. Services were held at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Friday February 17.

Many kind people were out with equipment to clear snow from streets and sidewalks Thursday in Jennings. We appreciate each and everyone.

Angelus 4-H Club

By Addison Ostmeyer, Reporter

The Angelus 4-H club held their monthly meeting on January 15, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., in the Angelus Church basement. We began the meeting with Margaret Mary Lager leading us in The Pledge of Allegiance and the Our Father. Roll Call was answered by your favorite place to visit. Treasurer's report was given by Roch Lager. Safety Officer Tip was given by LaRynn Rumback, and she told us to always be aware of your surroundings. Special Events was led by Natalie Bixenmen, we sang Happy Birthday to Hudson Moss. Committee Report: Rumback family is in charge of the Golden Age Dinner. Old business: County Day ideas, Citizenship in Action, Beef Weigh-In. New business: we talked about fair theme and asked families to put ideas on the club Facebook page. We also had guest, Diane Solomon, talk to us about her ideas of beautifying the Cemetery Directory and ask for our help. For the Program, Rylan Moss taught us about the importance of writing Thank You notes, and Jude Lager taught us how to make a wooden doormat. Lettie Rumback and Oliver Moss led us in reciting the 4-H Pledge. Our next meeting will be in the church basement, February 19 at 6 pm.

Rucker to Conduct Pride of the Prairie Orchestra "Something About Love"

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present, "Something About Love" on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Beverly Rucker will be conducting.

The concert will be at the Cultural Arts Center/Frahm Theatre in Colby, KS at 3:30p.m. (CST).

Admission is by POP Patron Ticket or at the door: $10/adult, $5/seniors, $3/students.

Questions or Concerns, please contact Mary Shoaff at 785-477-0190 or Janet Hopson at 785-462-5102. Please visit our website for more information-www.prairieorchestra.com

Diercks KJCCC Athlete of the Week

February continues to be a good month for the Colby Community College track and field team after another Trojan runner was named the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Athlete of the Week. This time, it was Emily Diercks.

In Topeka last weekend, Diercks posted a time of 5:06.27 in the one-mile run at Washburn University's Ichabod Invitational. The Hoxie sophomore currently owns the NJCAA's best time in the event.

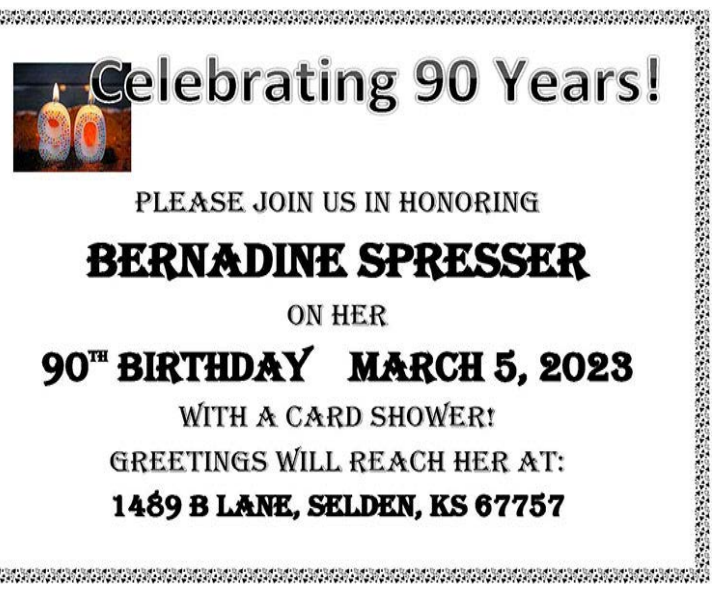
The Trojans are preparing for the Region VI Indoor Track and Field Championships on Friday and Saturday in Pittsburg.

Porsch Qualifies for CSC's Fall 2022 President's List

Chadron State College has announced the names of students who qualified for the institution's Fall 2022 academic honors lists. The President's List consists of 225 students with a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Cities and states listed are the addresses provided by students in the CSC Student Information System.

Marissa Porsch of Selden qualified for the President's List.

Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the only four-year, regionally accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability. More than 2,000 undergraduate, graduate, and online students currently attend Chadron State.



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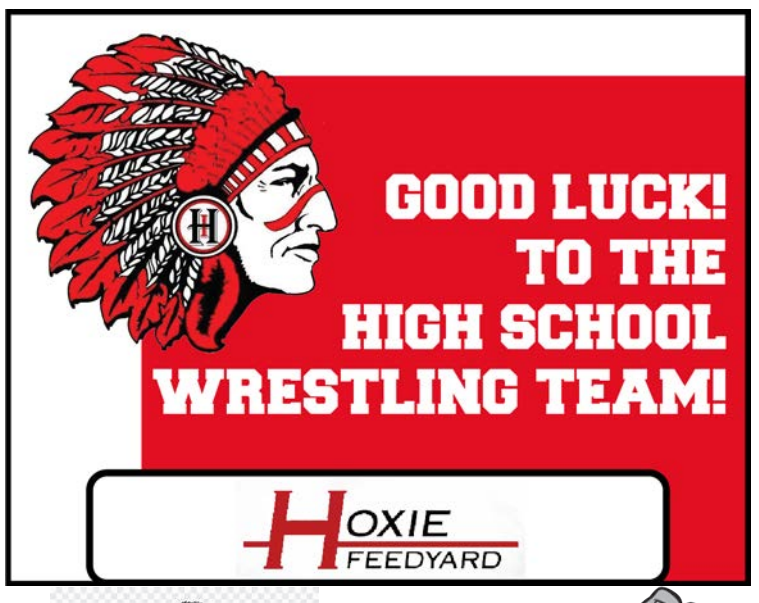

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Mealsite Menu

February 27 ~ March 3

Monday: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Peaches

Tuesday: Chili, Cinnamon Roll, Crackers, Strawberries & Bananas

Wednesday: Roast Pork in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Onions, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Thursday: Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Tropical Fruit

Friday: Tuna Noodle Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Fruit Crisp

Substitutions may be more frequent as we experience food supply shortages.

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 675-2154 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 $3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is $6.50. A montly 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.

Cottonwood Connections

Season 2 Schedule

The history series "Cottonwood Connections," hosted by Don Rowlison, and presented by The Friends of Cottonwood Ranch, is a half-hour docu-series that airs on Smoky Hills PBS at 6p.m. on Sundays and re-airing Saturdays.

The Friends of Cottonwood Ranch organization supports the Cottonwood Ranch Historic site and has the mission of encouraging historical education about the plains.

Each week you will find the following Sunday's presentation synopsis, and possibly photos.

THIS WEEK'S PRESENTATION IS:

If These Walls Could Talk
~ Preserving Places that Share Our History
(February 26)

If These Walls Could Talk • Preserving Places that Share Our History (February 26) - Physical sites and buildings help tell the stories of our past. We take a look at the preservation and restoration of Cottonwood Ranch and visit various locations either preserved, restored, remodeled, or rebuilt to share our history.

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Walking With God

I usually find the astonished look on people's faces when they find out Julie and I have been married forty-four years humorous. Their amazement grows when they discover we were married as teenagers; she was nineteen, and I was eighteen.

It does concern me somewhat when a married person asks me, "How did you guys stay married so long?" The question implies they do not think they will make it forty-plus years.

The short answer to how we stayed married so long is that God has kept us together. But something was going on long before we were married. In our case, it started even before we were dating.

We met in church. We were both part of the youth group. We knew each other, but other than knowing each other's names and being cordial to one another, we did not have a relationship of any kind. That is, until an eight-hour bus ride.

Several churches sponsored a trip for high-school juniors and seniors to visit a Christian college. We ended up sitting with each other on the bus. This seating arrangement resulted in an eight-hour conversation. What started as small talk ended up a philosophical discussion about passages of Scripture.

We spent much of the next two days together, attending classes, eating meals, and some free time, then the bus ride home. When the bus rolled into our church parking lot, and it was time for us to depart ways and head home, I did not want the conversation to end.

Later that day, I sat down to read my Bible. Thinking of the talks Julie and I had over the last several days, how we talked about the things of Scripture, I wished she was there to discuss what I would read. I pulled out a notebook and a pen, opened my Bible, and started to read, writing down my thoughts as I went. On the top of the page, I wrote, "Dear Julie."

On the next church day, I gave her my note. Then we handed Bible study notes to each other at the next church service. So, it began - we started writing and talking about all of life's situations.

Our forty-four years of marriage have not been argument free, but the disagreements are few and far between. This harmony is because we came to a like mind through these letters and conversations of our thoughts on the Bible. The Bible speaks of every life situation imaginable. All those things couples bicker about or have problems with - money, in-laws, raising children, even sex, and much, much more. We did not need to argue much because we made the decisions before marriage. Several times in our marriage, an argument ended with the statement, "That is not what we decided before we got married."

I would encourage couples to use the Bible as their guideline, but whether you use the Scripture or not, come to an agreement about everything you can think of before walking down the aisle.

A question is asked in Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" The answer is "no."

Now that the marriage counseling session is over, I must ask, "How is your walk with God?"

Before thinking of a gooey or warm feeling and equating that to a good relationship with Jesus, think of Amos 3:3, and ask yourself, "Do me and God agree on things?" If you disagree with each other, your walk with Him will be short at best.

Marriages dissolve because of disagreements. A spouse that cheats disagrees with the "till death do we part" section of the vows. Just as a marriage falls apart because of different opinions on finances, the discipline of children, employment choices, and so on, our relationship with God crumbles because of disagreements about our thoughts and behavior.

God's Word will say one thing, and we think, "That does not apply to me (or people in general) anymore." That is a disagreement.

God says any sex outside marriage is a sin, yet sex outside marriage is the norm in our society. These actions are a disagreement between God and us.

God tells us not to forsake church (Hebrews 10:25), yet many Christians attend church when convenient instead of religiously. This careless attitude toward church is a disagreement.

God tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), but many only pray when they have exhausted all other options. This apathetic attitude toward prayer is a disagreement.

God tells us to study the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15). Yet, many Christians rarely, if ever, open a Bible. This lack of desire for the Scriptures is a disagreement with God.

How is your walk with God?

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

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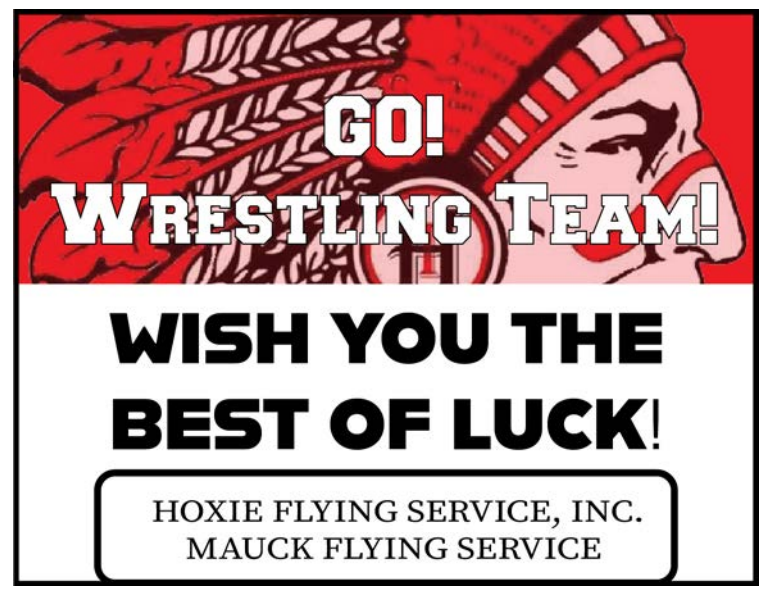

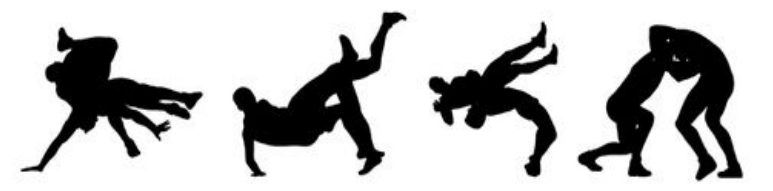

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February 22, 1889

Mrs. G. W. Humes has been very ill for the past week.

J. M. Woodworth returned to his place of business Monday and will be ready to assist in prosecuting Jake when he gets back with Ed.

Squire Pond arrived at home yesterday from his trip in Nebraska and says he had a glorious time and that he is better satisfied with Hoxie than ever, that the farmers here are better off than they are there.

Dunaway now drives a buggy.

Who will build a mill? Don't all speak at once.

Snow fell on the ground to a depth of six inches last Saturday.

Guy Chippings

Everything being so quiet I note a few items for the grand and good paper *The Democrat*.

Valley township, well, what of it? It is grand and can boast of the best literary in ten counties.

February 12, our worthy township trustee and J. O. Hopkins took a can of oysters and 5 cents of onions up to our loan agents office on the corner of Buttermilk street and 5th Ave., they remained there all night. We don't know whether they poulticed Rutledge's feet with the onions or ate them, for their breath smelt sour the next day.

The Eye Opener

Guy Siftings

Slim Jim will still continue to wave the bloody shirt over the people of Guy.

The people of Guy were startled the other morning by hearing the report of a gun in the store of Hopkins & Co. but soon found out the cause. Mr. Hopkins was fooling with a gun and it was accidently discharged and came very near ending the life of our mail carrier, but a miss is as good as a mile they say.

The eye opener has already leaked out and no ones eyes were open either.

Slim Jim

Guy News

As the Eye Opener had much to say through your columns regardless of feelings or principle. I thought best to give some facts in reference to Hedge taking two tons of hay to fill one bed. As I am somewhat interested in the Hedge family I wish to say the Hedge boy got the cussing for cutting some dry grass that could have been burnt one month before. He cut it and the cusser told Mrs. Russell the boys mother to cut the grass as he had no use for it and would not cut it; then turns around and tried to bring suit against that poor woman for the pay. This he did on or about the time he gave the boy the cussing, but after investigation he found that he did not own the land.

J. S. Deleo

125 Years Ago
February 24, 1898

March 10 and 11 are Dr. Larrick's days in Hoxie.

M. A. Chambers sports a new Smith-Primier typewriter.

The M. W. A. dance at Grainfield is reported as a great success.

Mrs. Caleb Farber is still very sick, but at this writing is improving.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hopkins on Friday February 18, 1898, a boy.

Glover L. Wilson, of near Selden, was transacting business in Hoxie Monday.

James Foster and wife and Duke Brandram represented Studley at the ball Tuesday.

Mrs. Holliday of Denver is visiting with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Pratt, of this city this week.

It is rumored that Andrew Scott, the Hill City prize fighter, took a fall out of another colored fighter at Stockton last Saturday.

Len Miller and Herbert Trimble two of Selden's gallants were in the county metropolis Tuesday.

J. S. Turner is attending Workman Grand Lodge at Wichita this week and Miss Lewis is sole proprietress of the post office and furniture store.

J. S. Conard, of Guy, is agent for the Page woven wire coil spring fencing the thing for hog lots, chicken yards, in fact for any purpose on the farm. His prices are reasonable.

Anton and Herman Kray, old time residents of Sheridan county, but now of Furnace county, Nebraska, passed through Hoxie Tuesday on their way to look over their real estate possessions in the south part of the county.

Ex-County Surveyor Foster has sold off all his sheep and will embark in the cattle business.

Chas H. Beers left the first of the week for Chicago to lay in his stock of spring and summer goods.

Menlo Items

There is to be a drug store in Menlo soon. That's what we need and a good doctor also.

John Barger has taken charge of John Coopers blacksmith shop, so bring in your plows if you want them pounded to a finish.

R. O. Chaney has the foundation laid for a fine hotel. He expects to be ready for business by March 1, and solicits your patronage.

"Moses"

Seguin Squibs

James Daniel's little boy who has been very sick is rapidly improving.

Frank Menefee loaded a car of wheat last week at Seguin. Mr. Marshall bought it.

Robt Reid loaded a car of broom corn at Seguin last Wednesday and Thursday, he sold to Mr. Mayns, of Menlo.

Sam Weller

Selden Department

The town pump is a reality in Selden now.

Our vocalists are practicing on the music for the lecture on next Sunday evening.

E. E. Mercer has planted seven acres of corn. His neighbors are keeping their eyes on him. They say he acts funny.

100 Years Ago
February 22, 1923

Closing-Up Order

All public gatherings held indoors are prohibited as a health precaution until further notice.

I kindly ask for the co-operation of all the people in a united effort to stamp out the "flu," and I believe in about a week, if this order is fully obyed, the disease will be brought under control and a general epidemic averted.

From *The Hoxie Sentinel*, 1922. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

Dr. D. M. Forbes, County Health Officer

Local News

Lee Clark, of Selden, was in town Monday.

A. A. Hettick and father, S. A., were Hoxie business visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miley returned home from their winter sojourn in Florida, Tuesday evening.

Jay Steinshouer, the genial manager of the Foster Lumber Yard, is suffering with la grippe this week.

Henry Eavis left Sunday for Seneca Falls, New York, where has employment with his cousin, Joe McCoy.

Roy Rogers and H. F. Sloan, who live over in the Selden neighborhood, were Hoxie business visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pulliam spent last Sunday in Saline township the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weakley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gorrell left Saturday morning for Hays, Kansas, to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Rex Wilbur and little son, Charles Rex, left Sunday for their home in Oberlin after a weeks' with Mrs. Wilbur's sister, Mrs. F. E. Bear, and family.

Peter Schlageck, of the Angelus country, was in Hoxie Monday and ordered some sale bills for Mrs. Kamphaus, who will hold a sale of all her livestock and implements on March 16. Watch next week's *Sentinel* for her ad.

Mrs. Samuel Morgan, who has been in the country visiting among her sons, returned home the last of the week, and Tuesday she had us renew the subscription to the *Sentinel* for her friend, Miss Irene Parsons, formerly of this place, but now of Kansas City. She says she hears from Miss Parsons often and that she is getting along nicely.

Northwest Prairie Dog

Hattie Shelton lost a valuable horse last week.

Mrs. T. A. Post and daughter, Fay, have returned from Owensboro, Ky., and will make their home in Kansas.

Mrs. Nannie Robinson visited in Goodland last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McKroskie.

Bloomfield Items

Miss Mary Shannon, of Topeka, returned missionary from Burma, India, visited Monday with her cousin, Mrs. Frank Hill.

Rosefield school has been closed the past week owing to the illness of the teacher's mother.

Ben Wessel left last Tuesday for Denver, where he is taking treatments.

Parnell Notes

Miss Lois Byers spent Sunday with Miss Clara Richter.

The Joe Byers children have been absent from school for the last two days owing to bad colds.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oelke is improving.

Louis Ferguson is working for Lester Davis this week.

75 Years Ago
February 26, 1948

Shafers Store to New Owners

After about a year of successful operation the Shafer Store, later known as Shafe's IGA, when the dry goods department was disposed of, C. B. Shafer sold the business last Thursday to Bob and Elton Getz. Mr. Shafer found that the close confinement was too much for him, so intends to devote his time to his farming operations.

Bob is not new in the grocery business here, having been manager of the Spillman Market before the war. Both he and Elton are ex-service veterans. Bob served 42 months in the army and Elton four years in the navy on the Battleship New Mexico in the Pacific theatre. Since returning from the services both have operated the Getz Grocery, at Tasco.

Hoxie Nuggets Win Tourney

The third annual Hoxie town team tournament came to a close Saturday night with Hoxie defeating Gove in the finals of the tournament by a score of 21-19.

Martz of Quinter, Davis of Menlo, and Casements of Hoxie were the officials who handled the games very efficiently, and all three are highly recommended by the State Athletic Association.

Broadway News

Murl Simon and Lawrence Sterrett drove to Wichita Wednesday and brought up a load of machinery for Roy Sterrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Morgan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Morgan and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boyd are enjoying a visit with relatives from Omaha, Neb.

Tasco Notes

Fred Crum, of St. Francis, spent last week end visiting his folks, in Tasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hojda spent Tuesday evening at the Floyd Karnes home.

The Tasco Community Club met with Mrs. Ben Taylor, Feb. 19. Twelve members were present and three children. Tea towels were embroidered for the hostess and a lovely dinner was partaken of at noon. Our next meeting will be with Kay Crum, Thursday, March 4th.

Prairie Flower News

Bill White is coming along nicely in his recovery of an auto accident.

Misses Bernetta and Anna Mary Fleming and Nelda White called on Zola White Tuesday afternoon.

Henry Fleming, James White, R. H. White and son Bill, went to the sale, Tuesday.

Menlo News

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moss left for California and other points west for several weeks on their honeymoon.

G. V. Christensen and H. V. Christensen made a business trip to WaKeeney, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rhoades, of McCook, were Menlo visitors Friday.

Fairview

Howard Transue and W. M. Minium were Sunday dinner guests at the Lee Minium home, in Morland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rodgers spent one evening last week at the Harry Richard home.

The Morland Farm Bureau club met with Mrs. Cecil O'Dell, Wednesday.

50 Years Ago
February 22, 1973

Indians Down Wheatland

Hoxie put together their best scoring effort of the year as they rolled over the Wheatland Shockers Tuesday night 82 to 54 in the Indians last home game of the season.

The Indians had three players hit in the high double figures: John Truetken took game honors with 24 points. Ed Pratt scored 17 points, followed closely by Ted Cupples with 16.

Hoxie Wins Regional, Nine Wrestlers to State

Sessions to Begin Friday at Oakley – The Hoxie Indian grapplers will send nine men to the State Tournament this weekend at Oakley.

Hoxie grapplers who qualified for the tournament are Bob Brewster, Darrell Weeks, Steve Pope, Karl Neuenschwander, Charles McClelland, Ron Campbell, Andy Prickett, Kem Cooper and Alan Ackerman.

Leoville News

Mrs. Gene Foland of Norton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fortin, Don and Pam last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fortin and boys of Angelus visited from Wednesday until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fortin.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schroeder and son and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Long of Colby visited Mrs. Jim Campbell and children on Sunday.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have some very nice cedar chests, not too expensive, genuine cedar wood, walnut veneered.

After a particularly trying day, two teachers were discussing their hectic lives over coffee in the faculty lounge. Said one, "If there's anything to this business of reincarnation. I'd like to come back as a childhood disease."

Peerless adjustable wrench is equal to a Crescent but a lot less money, 6" and 12" in stock.

Hoxie Go-Getters 4-H

It was Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, when the Hoxie Go-Getters 4-H Club met, so naturally we answered roll call with a fact about Lincoln.

We had company too. Our County Agent, Ken Springer and our Home Economist, Reba White met with us.

We discussed our entries for County 4-H Day; also made plans for 4-H Week, March 12-17.

Brett Williams took us on a trip to Jamaice and showed us many things his parents brought back from there. He showed us many things his parents brought back from there. He showed a hat, a purse, a drum, castanets and a game. We all wished we could have taken the trip too.

Gaedes served Valentine refreshments.

John Campbell, reporter

Broadway News

Elda Rowlison and Theo Barr called at Jim Whites Wednesday evening.

Laurie and Kevin Popp spent Tuesday at Albert Popps.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shafer and Carol and her mother, Mrs. Shipley visited the Raymond Truans at Newton recently and made acquaintance with the new grandson.

25 Years Ago
February 26, 1998

Hoxie Takes 2nd at Science Olympiad

Plagued by illness in the weeks leading up to, and including, the day of the Regional Science Olympiad, the Hoxie Junior High School team was still highly competitive, bringing home the second place trophy.

Individual medals were won by Hoxie students in 11 events. Gold medals were brought home in four categories.

For the second year in a row, the team of Emily Heim and Kate Schippers captured a medal in Write It, Do It, improving to a gold medal over last year's silver.

Journalists Qualify for State

Twelve Hoxie High School journalism students competed in the Kansas Scholastic Press Association Regional Journalism Contest for 1A-2A school at Fort Hays State University Feb. 12.

Ten of the 12 students qualified for state journalism April 18 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

McGraw

Mrs. Dale Bainter and her grandchild Madison Bainter visited Russel Bainter on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter visited this week.

Monday Mrs. Joe Cech and Josh, and Irene Stephenson visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis. Norbert Weis and Kelly Wigginton were Studley callers.

Tim Lewis of Concordia called on Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis on his way home from business trip to Colby a week ago Monday evening. Glenn Deibert was a Sunday afternoon visitor of the Lewises. Monday morning Mrs. Keith Popp was a caller.

Selden

On Feb. 19, co-hosts at The Senior Center were Betty James and Fansion Juenemann. Dixie Bulkley won high, Fansion Juenemann took second and Betty James got low.

CPR and First Aid classes will be held in March. Those of you who signed up for the class at the Lion's Club soup day in December need to contact Jacque Boultinghouse to find out the exact dates of the class. Anyone who has not signed up of the class may still do so.

On Feb. 20, the fire department was dispatched to a fire one mile west of Dave Kruses. The Selden fire fighters responding were Steve Rogers and Betty Hickert with the fire truck and Dave Neff and Jacque Boultinghouse.

Rexford

The Valentine's party at the Senior Center Barn brought a full house last Saturday evening. Several games of bingo were played with fruit or candy bars for prizes. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served.

Four Royal Neighbors attended a Valentine's party Saturday afternoon with the Royal Neighbors in Oberlin. Games, reading poems and visiting with refreshments made an interesting afternoon. Grace Cheney and Jean Hawkins each received one of the prizes.

The Pioneer Day committee met last Sunday at The Barn to make plans for the potluck dinner meeting and program to be held on Sunday, May 3.

Coalition of Leading Kansas Nonprofits and Organizations Launch Engaged Kansas

A coalition of Kansas organizations have launched Engaged Kansas in a first-of-its-kind effort to encourage and support civic-minded individuals to consider local public service.

Partners in Engaged Kansas include the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Chamber, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Leadership Center, and League of Kansas Municipalities.

"Kansas Farm Bureau is excited to work with other organizations that value public service to provide resources for hometown leaders," Kansas Farm Bureau President Joe Newland says. "As a former school board member and state representative, I know how rewarding public service can be. Engaged Kansas is a great resource for people passionate about enhancing their community to discover opportunities to serve in local government."

Kansas has more than 6,000 elected positions on school boards, county commissions and municipal governments across the state. The goal is to encourage and support Kansans who want to serve their communities.

"Whether it's coaching a youth baseball team, serving as a school board member or participating with a local service organization, it is that involvement that builds community and culture," says Brad Bergsma, immediate past president of the Kansas Association of School Boards and Goodland USD 352 school board member.

"Ultimately when individuals work collectively for common goals, you can create a stronger community."

"Our state and local communities only succeed when our citizens are engaged but the idea of running for elected office can be daunting," Kansas Chamber President and CEO Alan Cobb says. "Engaged Kansas helps remove barriers and provides the tools and understanding needed to get involved in public service."

Engaged Kansas is a nonpartisan, nonpolicy specific endeavor to demystify the process of becoming a public servant and develop leaders who will drive progress from the ground up. Visit www.EngagedKansas.org to view resources and training available.

Kansas First State to Join ASPIRE Coalition

At the National Governors Association conference in Washington, D.C., this past weekend, Governor Laura Kelly announced that Kansas is the first state in the nation to join the Alliance for States Providing Interoperable Reciprocity (ASPIRE). Governor Kelly called on other states to join the coalition, which advocates for the acceleration of military reciprocity by and between states, easing the process of obtaining a license in a state to which military personnel and their families are deployed.

"As the daughter of a Purple Heart recipient, I know military personnel and their spouses are exactly the type of people we need in Kansas to fill the jobs we've created in recent years," Governor Laura Kelly said. "That's why Kansas has become the first state in the nation to join this coalition to continue knocking down the barriers military families face to getting and keeping a job."

Right now, one in three spouses of service members works in an industry that requires an occupational license. Military spouses are uniquely disenfranchised by laws restricting out-of-state recognition of such licenses because nearly 15% of military spouses move across state lines in any given year, compared to just over 1% of civilian spouses. These laws often result in military spouses leaving the workforce during an already tight labor market.

ASPIRE encourages states to join a digitalized system that would allow states to upload their reciprocity agreements so military families can know if the state they are moving to will accept their licensing.

Along with joining ASPIRE, Governor Kelly has taken action here in Kansas. In 2021, she signed bipartisan House Bill 2066, which expedites the issuance of occupational credentials to military servicemembers and military spouses seeking to establish residency in Kansas. The legislation makes it easier for military spouses to transition into the Kansas workforce and spur new economic development. Governor Kelly also hosted a roundtable last October to discuss ways to promote workforce participation for Kansas military families.

Walgreens Will Not Send Abortion Pills into Kansas

In response to a Feb. 6 letter from Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach warning Walgreens not to send abortion pills into Kansas in violation of state and federal laws, Walgreens today announced it will not dispense Mifepristone in the Sunflower State.

"This is a significant victory for the pro-life cause and for women's health," Kobach said. "The dispensing of these pills without a supervising physician present would expose women to complications and potentially to coercion as well. I'm grateful Walgreens has responded quickly and reasonably and intends to fully comply with the law."

Walgreens responded to the Kansas attorney general's warning with a letter dated Feb. 17.

"Walgreens does not intend to dispense Mifepristone within your state and does not intend to ship Mifepristone into your state from any of our pharmacies. If this approach changes, we will be sure to notify you," the letter from Walgreens Executive Vice President Danielle C. Gray reads.

The original letter Kobach sent to Walgreens leadership can be viewed here. Walgreens' response can be viewed at https://bit.ly/3IMD9EZ.

Pharmacies Called to Follow Walgreen's Response

In a letter dated February 17, 2023, Walgreens has committed to abide by Kansas and federal laws after receiving a written warning from Attorney General Kris Kobach to not begin dispensing abortion pills from its pharmacy windows in the state.

Walgreens became the first nationwide pharmacy chain to announce it intended to sell the chemical cocktail used to intentionally cause the deaths of preborn babies, despite peer-reviewed science showing abortion pills are dangerous for women. Walgreens' actions soon triggered copycat announcements from other major pharmacy chains that seemed to have sensed a new profit-making opportunity.

"Kansans for Life applauds Attorney General Kobach for swift action to clearly communicate his firm resolve to stand for the rule of law," said Danielle Underwood, KFL Director of Communications. "We call on other pharmacies to also commit to protecting the health and safety of women who would be endangered by the lack of monitoring of these deadly chemicals."

In the letter, Walgreens Executive Vice President Danielle C. Gray states that the company "does not intend to dispense Mifepristone within your state and does not intend to ship Mifepristone into your state from any of our pharmacies."

Since December, KFL has been monitoring the situation resulting from Biden Administration's efforts to remove protections for women by eliminating in-person physician oversight of use of the abortion pill. Large cohort studies have shown chemical abortion results in four times the rate of complications than surgical abortions. Dangers include life-threatening blood loss, undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy, and inappropriate use of chemical abortion pills due to underestimated gestational age from lack of medical oversight.

Kansas law requiring in-person physician administration of the abortion pill has been temporarily enjoined but remains on the books. A hearing before the Kansas Supreme Court will take place in March.

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

February 20, 2023

The Ways and Means Committee and sub committees continues to work on the budget. We are working towards a goal to have the budget completed and ready for floor debate in the Senate on March 14, 2023. The committee also held three hearings: One, Dolly Parton imagination program for preschool children. This program would provide books to underage school children. The second hearing was held on the KPERS funeral expense benefit payment, which is currently $4,000. With the passing of this legislation KPERS funeral expense benefit would increase to $6,000 per funeral. The funeral expense benefit has not been raised since 1993. We also had a hearing on setting up a program for the universities deferred maintenance. The bill proposes one-time funding of $350M with a one-to-one match from the universities. Currently the universities have over $1.2 B in deferred maintenance. The current funding the universities receive comes from a portion of the 1 ½ mill from property taxes, which results in the universities receiving approximately $50M per year for deferred maintenance. This program will run for twelve years allowing enough time to complete all the current deferred maintenance. This one-time investment of $350M along with the one-to-one match and the current revenue share from the 1 ½ mill will fully fund the current deferred maintenance. The committee is working to include the community colleges and technical colleges in this deferred maintenance program. The program would provide $100,000 per school over the next ten years.

Some of the bills pasted out of the Senate this week were:

SB 73: amends elements of the crimes of burglary and aggravated burglary to add domestic battery and violation of a protection order to the list of crimes that a person can have the intent to commit when they enter or remain in a location specified in the law. During the hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee, law enforcement testified in favor of the legislation, saying it addresses a gap in the law that makes it difficult to prosecute certain offenders.

SB 106: protects consumers by prohibiting fake air bags – which the bill defines as knowingly or intentionally manufacturing, importing, distributing, selling, offering for sale, installing, or reinstalling a device intended to replace a supplemental restraint system component in a vehicle if the device is counterfeit, a nonfunctional airbag, or an object not designed in accordance with federal safety regulations for the make, model, and year of the vehicle.

SB 130: requires certain license plates to have the motor vehicle county of registration identified on the plate.,

On Thursday, the Senate passed SB116 a gun safety education bill that drew opposition from most Democrats. The bill would simply allow local school boards to provide firearm safety education programs.

SB 59 would designate the Thursday immediately preceding the third Monday in January of 2023 and in subsequent years as "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Capitol."

My office has March 6th available for 6th graders through high school to serve as a page. Working as a page in the Kansas Legislature is an excellent way to learn more about the legislative process. If your child is interested in coming to the Capitol for a day to page, please contact Donna at 785 296-7399.

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

Operation Christmas Child Excited for Two Reasons

The volunteers with Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in Northwest Kansas are excited for two reasons: The first is the announcement that donors set a record in 2022 for shoebox gifts prepared by Northwest Kansans for children around the world.

The second reason is a young man who received an OCC shoebox gift as a child will be speaking in Colby on Saturday, March 18.

Zac Vakadewatubua received that gift as a 9-year-old boy growing up in Fiji. He will be sharing his experience receiving that gift and the impact it made on his life at 2:30 p.m. at Celebration Community Church, 1923 Range Ave., in Colby.

Rachel Albin of Hays, OCC coordinator for Northwest Kansas, said his visit is part of a "Celebration Event" that will also include light refreshments, fun games, and fellowship. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Albin at (785) 639-1325 or ralbinmk@yahoo.com, so that adequate food may be prepared.

"We want to praise God for the shoebox harvest in 2022," she said.

That "harvest" totaled 10,814 boxes—that's almost 2,000 boxes more than the 8,921 shoeboxes collected in Northwest Kansas in 2021, Albin said. And that number was a record at the time.

"In the past five years, God has moved hands and hearts to packing a whopping 38 percent more shoeboxes," she said.

OCC is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief agency headquartered in Boone, N.C. Each year donors pack simple shoeboxes with small toys, school supplies, and personal hygiene items. These boxes are then collected and distributed to children in need around the world.

In many instances, this is the first gift the child has ever received. Inside each shoebox in a pamphlet called "The Greatest Gift," which tells children about Jesus Christ and how much he loves them. For many children, this is also the first time they have ever heard about Jesus.

The shoeboxes collected in 2022 in Northwest Kansas went to Mexico, Benin in West Africa, Uruguay, and Native American reservations in the United States, Albin said.

She attributed the record set last year to the passion and energy that Northwest Kansans have in demonstrating God's love to children in impoverished areas.

"There are people who are passionate about reaching children with the Gospel, who are leading year-round shopping (trips), hosting crafting events, and then the churches are hosting church-wide packing parties. These are yielding more filled shoeboxes. We have also been growing our team around the entire area," Albin said.

After children receive their gift, those who wish may enroll in a discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey," taught by local trained leaders in their country, which teaches the children more about God.

"Operation Christmas Child not only shares the Gospel with every child to receive a shoebox, but the discipleship program allows these children to build a relationship with God, and then they are able to share their faith with others. This, in turn, is able to bring entire families and communities to know Christ. These boxes are bringing God's hope and light into the darkest places in the world," she said.

Shoebox gifts are physically collected at drop-off sites across Northwest Kansas in November. The 2023 National Collection Week is Nov. 13-20.

However, Albin emphasized that those who want to build a box now may do so virtually.

OCC's Build-a-Box program allows individuals to go online, view a list of suggested gifts, select the gifts they want to go in their box, and pay for them. Volunteers, many of them living near the Samaritan's Purse headquarters, then physically pack each box with the selected items.

Albin said, "These boxes are sent to some of the hardest to reach places—deep in the jungles, city slums, and remote islands in the Pacific. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel and reach some who have never heard of the name of Jesus Christ."

The Build-a-Box link is https://bit.ly/418fBRY.

Those wanting more information about how to get involved with OCC may contact Albin at the above phone number or email.

Consumer Connection: What to Know About Cryptocurrency and Securities

Cryptocurrency, or "crypto," has been featured in many headlines and TV ads as it continues to grow in popularity, both as a new technology and as an investment tool. But the term itself is imprecise and has a broad meaning. Many cryptocurrency tokens are not themselves securities, but they can be used as the basis for the offer and sale of crypto-related securities. The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department, does not directly regulate cryptocurrency. However, the Department does have regulatory jurisdiction over securities products that are related to cryptocurrencies.

What does this mean? Here is an example of a security that features cryptocurrency: the crypto-interest account. These "crypto-interest accounts" offer returns on deposited cryptocurrency, similar to a more traditional bank account most of us are familiar with. Unlike your bank account however, these crypto-interest accounts lack the protections of traditional financial institutions such as financial transparency and insured deposits. Often these types of crypto products are marketed nationwide and attract billions of investor capital just like a traditional security, yet the companies themselves fail to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or state securities regulators.

Bottom line: Cryptocurrency or not, if it meets the definition of a security and it is being offered in Kansas, it needs to be registered.

"Regulation of the emerging market of crypto-related securities is essential to protecting Kansas investors," Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said. "The Department will continue investigating unregistered cryptocurrency securities and pursue any violations of the Kansas Uniform Securities Act."

As more companies offer crypto-related securities products, the Department has increased enforcement efforts by actively participating in North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) multistate taskforce groups focused on crypto-interest accounts. Last year, the Department entered a consent order with BlockFi as a result of these cooperative, multistate investigations.

For more guidance on crypto-related securities, visit www.nasaa.org and www.finra.org. If you suspect you have been a victim of securities fraud, please contact the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner at 785-296-3071 or file a complaint online here. All investments carry risk, so visit SmartInvestKS.com to learn more about different types of investment and how to avoid fraud.

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Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The O'Brate Foundation offers scholarships to reimburse students age 17 or older for Dual Credit Scholarships. You must demonstrate financial need, but the qualifications are not draconian. The application is due April 1. Find out more at obrate.smapply.org.

Frontier Ag offers scholarships to seniors whose parents are in good standing. Information is available at https://bit.ly/3Xw2Uxi. Application deadline is March 1.

Butler Community College awards Fine Art and Communications scholarships in Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Visual Arts, Theatre (tech or performance), Dance, and Communications. Spring Scholarship Day for auditions and portfolio reviews is March 4. Apply for scholarships online at www.butlercc.edu/finearts. Your tuition scholarship will whittle your cost down to less than $2000 a semester. If you have other scholarships, school may be little or nothing.

North Central Kansas Technical College-Beloit will host the 2023 High School GMAW Welding Invitational on March 2 and 3. Teams of 3 to 4 must register in advance by contacting kkopsa@ncktc.edu or dbuschkoetter@ncktc.edu. Several companies are contributing prizes, and scholarships to NCK Tech will also be awarded.

Harley Beck would like to talk to any students interested in the Sports Medicine Career. The Garden City Community College team is committed to delivering a high-quality experience for any student who is wanting to find themselves in the medical field. We aim to get those individuals on the right path to being successful healthcare providers. Harley can be reached at 620-276-9617. Scholarships are available.

The United States Military Academy is looking for prospective students who want to be uncommon amongst uncommon men/women. We at the Academy seek cadet candidates who want the challenge of a top notch education while training to lead the next generation of Soldiers. If this resonates with you please join us at the West Point brief.

United States Military Academy USMA cordially invites you to attend one of our West Point Admissions Events. The Junction City event will be February 20 (register at https://bit.ly/3XEHX3f); the Wichita event will be Feb. 21 (register at https://bit.ly/3EeryM4), or the Kansas City event February 23 (register at https://bit.ly/3Ken8Zf). in Junction City,

Wichita State will host The 2023 Student Ambassador Society Leadership Conference on March 8. Themed Around the World, this event gives high school students (of any grade) a chance to discover what makes them a leader. Students will attend breakout sessions and a keynote presentation as travelers and learn how to adapt to new experiences, collaborate and explore the limitless boundaries of leadership. Cost is $15. Register at wichita.edu/saslead.

Two days earlier, on March 6, WSU will host "College Tips for First Gen Students" virtually. Sign up for this event at wichita.edu/visit.

The Vietnam Veterans of America-Hays Chapter offers four $1000 scholarships for post-secondary education or training programs. Its focus for these scholarships is not primarily academic but is for seniors who have been reasonably conscientious. It is due at the Hays address by April 8. Your counselor may have a copy of the application and instructions, but if not contact Terry Hanks at: 2506 Virginia Drive; Hays, KS 67601.

McPherson College offers music scholarships (vocal or instrumental) to music majors and non-majors alike. Find out more about auditioning at www.mcpherson.edu/music. These scholarships are on top of scholarships for your GPA or McPherson Debt Free program. Find out more about those programs at http://bit.ly/3k3T6wJ.

For Sophomores Only will be held at Kansas State on March 31/April 1. Participants will identify personal strengths/skills, interact with current students to discuss student life on campus, parents will learn about admissions/enrollment/financial aid/scholarships, and everyone can partake in the Open House. The reservation deadline is March 17, and no late registrations will be accepted. Go to www.k-state.com/fso.

Greeting cards have the power to connect, motivate, and inspire. So does higher education. As an ode to those shared missions, the Prudent Publishing Company founded its Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship to help students earn money toward their college tuition. To enter the contest, submit a piece of original artwork designed to be the front of a greeting card. Deadline to submit is March 2. Find our all you need at http://bit.ly/3S3SqE2.

The Organization of Latino Actuaries (OLA) seeks advanced math students who are of Latin descent to apply to our 2023-2024 academic scholarship program. OLA will award academic scholarships up to $7,500 to students who are interested in pursuing the actuarial profession. Actuaries are business professionals who use statistical, mathematical, and financial methods to manage risk.

In addition to OLA's Academic Scholarship (which is due April 15), there are a number of other scholarship opportunities sponsored by the Sexuality and Gender Alliance of Actuaries (SAGAA), STEM Stars, and more.For more information on these Actuarial scholarships, please visit http://bit.ly/3kaTw4p.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1: Final Deadline to apply for scholarships at NCKTC

March 6: Deadline for Juniors to apply for Youth Tour through Nex-Tech; March 10: Registration deadline for April 15 ACT test

March 15: Deadline for Masonic Scholarships

March 25: Tiger Day for Class of 2024 and 2025 at FHSU

April 1: Deadline for O'Brate Dual-Credit Scholarship

May 1: Due date for State of Kansas Scholarships; Deadline for O'Brate Traditional College Scholarship

May 5: Registration deadline for June 10 ACT test

June 16: Registration deadline for July 15 ACT test

Forensics Team Competes at Norton Winter Jam

The Golden Plains Forensic team participated in the Norton Winter Jam meet on February 11 with members Hayden Wark, Maddix Green, Dominic Stout, Tanner Black, and Wyatt Amlong. The team placed 5th and had several events qualify for State Champs. (Photo by Robynn Wessel)

By Ava Brantley

The Golden Plains Forensics team competed at the Winter Jam meet in Norton on February 11 for their second meet of the season. Several team members made it to the finals and the team finished in fifth place.

Dominic Stout made the finals in Prose and finished in 6th place. He also competed in Impromptu. Hayden Wark also made finals in Prose and placed 3rd, barely missing out on State Champs qualifications. She also made it to finals in Poetry and finished with another 3rd place. "Next time I know Hayden will get qualified," said Coach Robynn Wessel.

Wyatt Amlong competed in finals in Impromptu and finished 6th as well as qualifying for State Champs by placing 2nd in Extemp. Maddix Green and Tanner Black gained experience in IDA but did not break finals at this meet. "Keep up the good work team," added Wessel. "I am proud of you." The team's next meet will be Ellis Invitational on March 4.

JV Boys Take on the Ringnecks

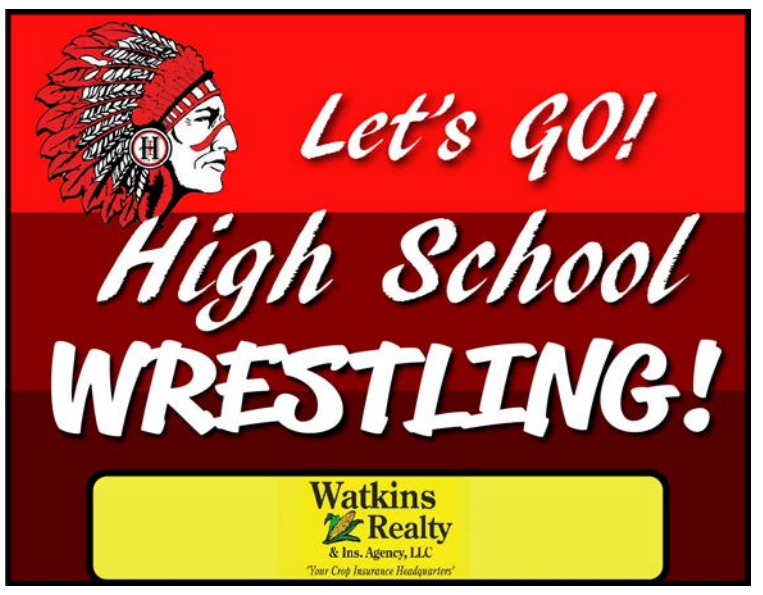
By Sidney Taylor

The Golden Plains JV boys took a 15-54 loss against the Hill City Ringnecks on January 7, in Rexford.

The Dogs struggled getting their shots to fall and only put up 3 in the first quarter and allowed the Ringnecks 19. With a rough second quarter, the Dogs went into the half 4-40. Coming out of the half, the Dogs still struggled to add 5 to the board, with a third quarter score 9-51. In the fourth, the Bulldogs held the Ringnecks to their lowest quarter, holding them to 3 while finishing with 10 of their own. The game ended in a Bulldog loss 15-54.

Diego Perez led the Bulldogs with 5 points, Owen Patmon and Miguel Garcia each had 3, Abraao Alencar 2, and Dominic Stout 2.

"We could focus on better ball handling and just working better as a team," said sophomore Dominic Stout. "We are happy we get to play these JV games." The Dogs continue their season with half a JV game on January 10 against the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.



Lady Bulldogs Continue to Win

Swish! Golden Plains senior Sidney Taylor flies in for another layup against Hill City in Rexford on February 7. Taylor helped the Lady Bulldogs to a 46-27 win over the Ringnecks with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals. (Photo by Valeria Ortiz)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldog basketball team continues to win as they advanced their record to 13-3 following a 46-27 win over the Hill City Ringnecks in Rexford on February 7. "Everyone is really improving as the season goes on," said Anette Hernandez. "We are more together as a team. We've realized that we can all do whatever we need to."

The Bulldogs took control of the game in the first quarter as they jumped to a 10-2 lead. The girls continued to work hard and play tough defense as they outscored the Ringnecks 8-5 in the second for an 18-7 half time lead.

The girls came out of the locker room strong to outscore the Ringnecks 12-4 in the third. Both teams played to the finish as each team posted 16 in the fourth as the Dogs held on for the 46-27 win.

Jordyn Fleckenstein led the Bulldogs with 15 points along with 12 from Sidney Taylor and 11 by Anette Hernandez. Breanna Rath added the final 8. Hernandez pulled down 9 rebounds, Taylor 5, Emma Weiner 3, Rath 2, and Fleckenstein 1. Rath led the Dogs with 6 assists, Taylor 4, Hayden Wark 2, and Hernandez 1. Hernandez also had 6 steals, Rath 5, Taylor 4, Weiner 4, Wark 2, and Siena Vargas 1.

The Lady Bulldogs will return to the road as they travel to Grainfield to play Wheatland/Grinnell on February 10.

Golden Plains Overtaken by Hill City

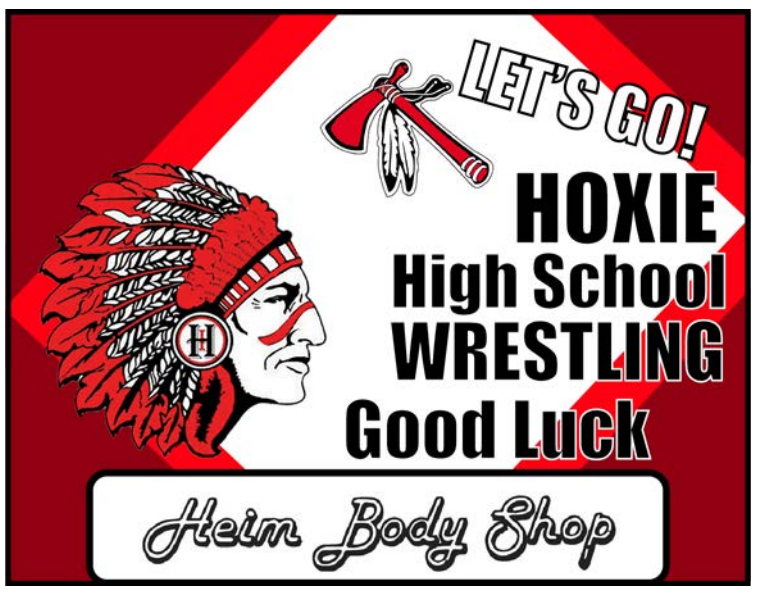
By Landon Meier

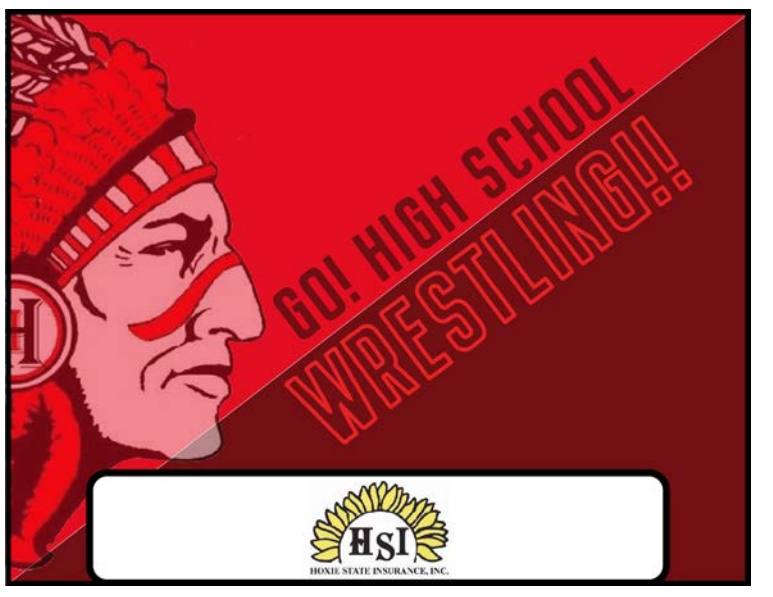
The Golden Plains Bulldogs competed against Hill City in a game hosted in Rexford on February 7. Dylan Wark scored the first three points in the game, and Josh Rath scored two. Owen Patmon scored the only Bulldog basket in the second quarter. The Dogs went into halftime with 7 points and Hill City with 62.

Both Zeke Weiner and Wark scored two points apiece in the third quarter and Wark made two baskets at the free-throw line. Dominic Stout made a free throw and Rath had three points in the fourth quarter. The final score was a 17-93 loss for the Bulldogs.

Dylan Wark finished the game with 7 points along with 5 from Josh Rath. Ezekiel Weiner and Owen Patmon each had 2 and Dominic Stout 1.

"I know we are not as experienced as the other team," said freshman Zeke Weiner. "We can't let this game stop our optimism for the next game, so we need to see this as a learning experience." The Bulldogs next game will be against Wheatland in Grainfield on February 10.





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MS Lady Bulldogs Bring Home Two Victories

By Anette Hernandez

The Golden Plains Middle School Girls Basketball team traveled to Weskan on February 2 to play against the Weskan Coyotes. Both A-team and B-team won.

The B-team only played half a game and went into overtime. In the first quarter, the Lady Bulldogs put in four points all--from 7th grader, Mayte Hernandez. The bulldogs played good defense and stopped the Coyotes from scoring at all in the first quarter. The Bulldogs were unable to score in the second, but the Coyotes put in 4 points to tie the game up 4-4.

The Bulldogs added five points in the overtime to win the game 9-4. "It was fun, but I think we need to work on layups and our free throws," said Hernandez. "We are really improving in moving quickly and passing the ball more." Hernandez led the bulldogs with 4 points while Knowles had 3 and Madison Focke 2.

The A-team played a full game. The Bulldogs put in 12 points in the first quarter while the Coyotes were only able to score 6. Both the Bulldogs and Coyotes only put up two points each in the second to end the first half 14-8 with a Bulldog lead.

The Bulldogs came back in the third quarter ready to play and put in 8 points allowing the Coyotes to score three points. Finally, in the fourth quarter the Bulldogs added 4 more points not allowing the Coyotes to score again. The Lady Bulldogs ended the game with a 26-11 win.

Brenlynn Rath scored 10 points for the Bulldogs. Kadaen Unrein added 8, Kailee Wessel 4, Elizabeth Weiner 2, and Adilyn Meier 2. The girls will finish their season at the WKLL tournament in Colby/Brewster on February 9 and 11.

Bulldogs Finish Scholar Bowl Season at League and Regional

Wyatt Amlong, Emma Weiner, McHaley Carter, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Dominic Stout, and Memo Aragon compete at the Regionals Scholars Bowl meet in Ransom on February 3. (Photo by Steiner Scott)

By Ava Brantley

The Golden Plains High School Scholars' Bowl team traveled to Ransom for the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar's Bowl meet on January 18. The Bulldogs went 4-6 in this tournament. Team members included seniors Memo Aragon and McHaley Carter, juniors Jordyn Fleckenstein and Emma Weiner, and sophomore Wyatt Amlong.

The Bulldogs started the League meet with a loss to Palco, they then came back and won twice in a row over Heartland Christian (40-20) and Winona/Triplains (40-0). In the next round, the Bulldogs had a bye. The Bulldogs took a loss against Cheylin (40-50) and then won against Ransom/Western Plains (50-10). The Bulldogs competed hard, but they lost three in a row to Wheatland/Grainfield (10-20), Logan (10-40), and Weskan (10-20). After all those losses, the Bulldogs came back with a win against Healy (40-30). In the last round, the Bulldogs ended with a close loss to Northern Valley (30-40).

"We definitely need to walk into Regionals with more confidence," said Emma Weiner. "If we have more confidence then we should have a good chance of beating the teams that we just lost to by 10 points."

The Bulldogs traveled back to Ransom for Regional Scholars' Bowl on Thursday, February 3. The team went 3-3 in this tournament. Members were seniors Memo Aragon and McHaley Carter, juniors Jordyn Fleckenstein and Emma Weiner, and sophomores Wyatt Amlong and Dominic Stout.

The Bulldogs started the tournament with a close loss against Northern Valley (50-60). After the first round of losing the Bulldogs came back and took the win against Wilson (30-0). The next two rounds came out with losses from Thunder Ridge (20-30) and Cheylin (20-30). To finish the day the Bulldogs claimed two wins against Natoma (20-0) and Logan (20-10). ,

"Scholars Bowl meets are always fun to go to and participate in," said McHaley Carter. "It was so exciting to see that we were only 10 points away from making the championship. We competed as much as we could, and we left the season feeling accomplished in ourselves."

Hawks vs. Bulldogs

Emma Zer, Staff Reporter

On Friday, January 10, 2023, the Golden Plains Bulldogs ventured to the Hawk's Nest to take on the Thunderhawks. The Junior Varsity boys took the win, but the score is unavailable. The Lady Hawks unfortunately lost with the score being 58-30. Junior Karoline Schroeder had the most points with 14. Schroeder also had the most rebounds with nine in total. Sophomore Kaitlynn Deges was second with a total of six. The Varsity Hawks won the game against the Bulldogs.

There are no men's stats available at this time.

Coach Marlin Bougher of the Lady Hawks said, "We struggled in the first half to find the basket and score, but I loved our effort in the second half. You can't fall that far behind a team as good as Golden Plains."

Sophomore Jocelyn Perez said, "Even though we lost, it was still a really good learning experience."

Men's Head Coach Will Bixenman stated, "We played the best complete game of the year against Golden Plains. Our energy from the jump was outstanding; everybody was locked in on both ends of the floor. We defended and rebounded as well as we have all season. I'm really proud of the guys, and it's really easy to see the growth on and off the floor. I'm excited to see what we can do at Substate next week."

Senior Night at WHS

WHS 2023 Seniors and their parents. (L to R, Second row): Nathan Vollbracht, Adam Phillips, Robert Mason, Treven Humphries, and Kaleb Dohm. (L to R, First row): Emma Thompson, Mary McDonald, Kerri Heier, Halle Habiger, and Jill Gallentine. Seniors Miguel Galeana and Wesley Stegeman not pictured. (WHS Photo)

Emma Thompson, Co- Editor

On February 10, 2023, WHS seniors were once again recognized for their accomplishments at the home basketball game against Golden Plains. Seniors that were recognized are the following: Kaleb Dohm son of Aaron Dohm and Krystal Hemphill, Miguel Galeana son of Natasha Lister, Jill Gallentine daughter of Jerry and Amanda Gallentine, Halle Habiger daughter of Phil Habiger and Rhonda Bainter, Kerri Heier daughter of Mark and Lorie Heier, Treven Humphries son of Justin and Nikki Deges, Robert Mason son of Brian and Carrie Mason, Mary McDonald daughter of Whitney and Wendy Tucker, Adam Phillips son of Wes Phillips and Rachelle Dulany, Wesley Stegeman son of Greg and Kori Hall, Emma Thompson daughter of Robert and Melissa Thompson, and Nathan Vollbracht son of Dwayne and Kris Vollbracht. Each senior walked with their parents onto the court, and were recognized for their academic and athletic accomplishments, along with future plans and goals.

Junior High Indians Have Successful Season

The Junior High boys ended their wrestling season by winning the MCEL Tournament. The top five teams were Hoxie 223, Hill City 175.5, Norton 153, Plainville 99.5, and Smith Center 97.

Six boys placed 1st: Taylor Bainter at 85 lbs., Bradyn Wilson at 90, Noah Nickelson at 105, Chase Meyer at 120, Skeeter Gleason at 152, and Mat Bretz at 175. Tyler Meyer at 100, Travis Johnson at 125, and Carter Giancola at 132 all placed 2nd. Placing 3rd were Gunner Wente at 95 and Greyson Schippers at 160, and at 110 lbs. Jonathan Graham placed 4th, along with Max Foote at 145.

The girls had two wrestling, Josie Bell and Hailey Carder. Josie placed 1st and Hailey placed 4th. They scored 33 points and placed 9th.

All of Hoxie's wrestlers placed in the top four.

These wrestlers also won the Phillipsburg Tournament and many matches during this season.

Little Hawks Cheer Camp and Dance

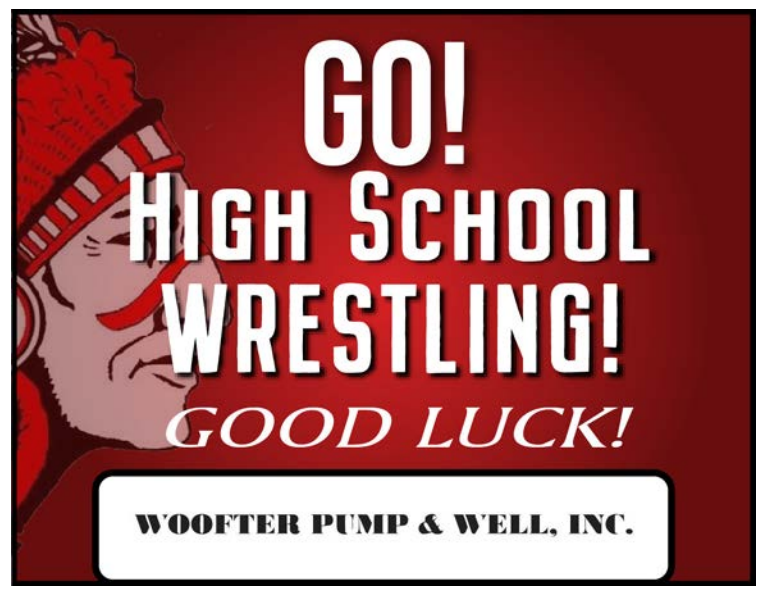
Sophomore Olivia Thompson and Preschooler Meah Hutchison smile excitedly before performing the Lil Hawks Cheer Camp dance. (WHS Photo)

Olivia Thompson, Staff Reporter

On Friday, February 10, the Thunderhawks High School cheerleaders performed a dance with preschool through sixth grade girls. The cheerleaders choreographed the dance to a mashup song called "Beat It" by Michael Jackson and "Industry Baby" by Lil Nas X. They held three practices where they taught the girls the dance. Thirty-two girls signed up to learn and perform the dance. Their names are Natalie Zerr, Amarra Thomas, Brinley Rebarchek, Ayre Stephens, Meah Hutchison, Macy Tucker, Logan Bixenman, Elena Haltman, Remi Teeter, Kyndal Mason, Avery Manhart, Kendall Zerr, Kaylen Flinn, Brylee Briggs, Maddie Boucher, Braylie Kincaid, Sarah Tucker, Reagan Dickman, Kyla Harvey, Blake Briggs, Kenzie Flinn, Sadie Meier, Journie Hakke, Shay Wolf, Emily Dohm, Jocelyn Nelson, Justina Holtman, Kenzie Laubcher, Addison Zimmerman, Brooklyn Langley, Bryndan Briggs, Raquel Roth, Taryn Dickman, and Italy Teeter. The "big" cheerleaders are Jill Gallentine, Jordyn Beckman, Abigail Cheney, Emma Zerr, Adrienne Hrabe, Olivia Thompson, Lehanie Swanepoel, and Ka'Mara Harvey.

Sophomore Emma Zerr, "Even though the dance was a little harder than last year, I think the girls did a great job and I am excited for next year."

All the girls got black hats to wear and matching t-shirts with Michael Jackson on them. They performed the dance during the halftime of the varsity boys game. The girls not only learned a dance, but the cheerleaders taught the girls three cheers which they did before the dance. The first cheer they did in front of the crowd was called "Fire Up". The second cheer they did was called "T-Hawks let's hear it," and the third and final cheer they did was "If you're yelling for the Thunderhawks". There was great feedback after the cheers and dance were performed by parents and staff.



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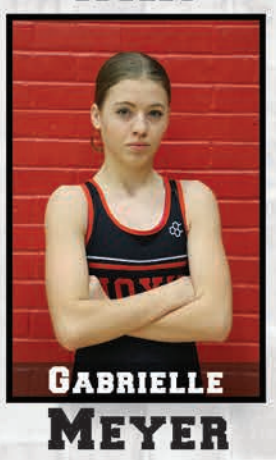

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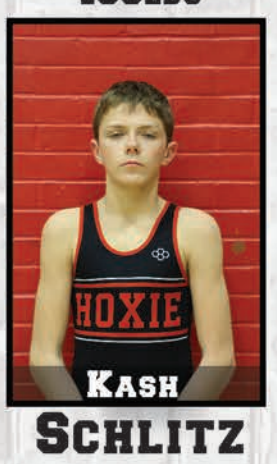

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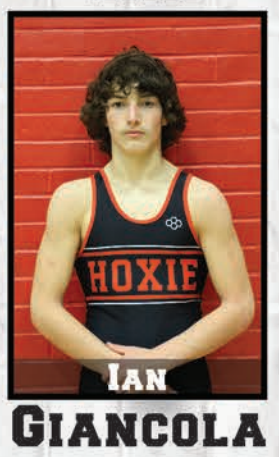

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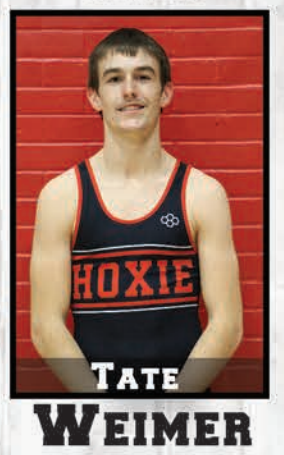

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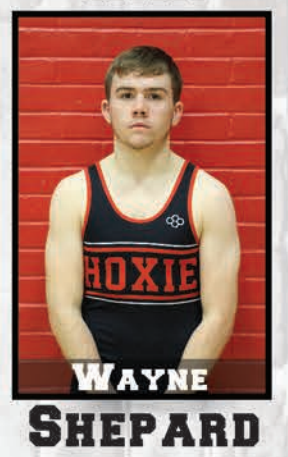

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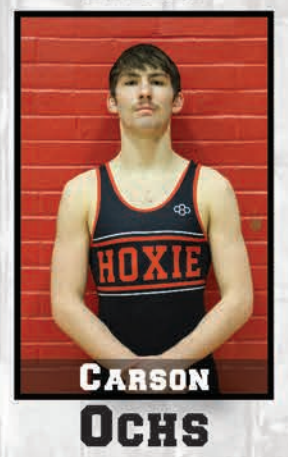

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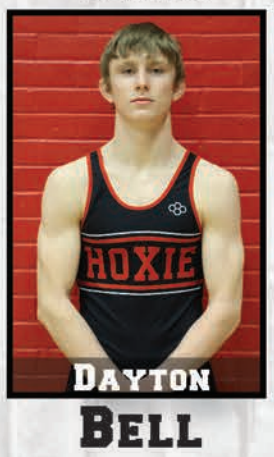

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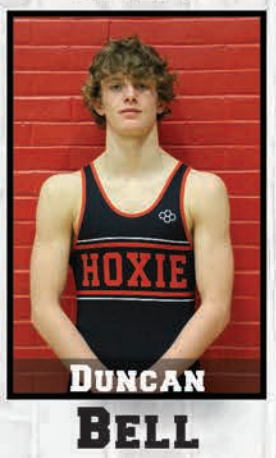

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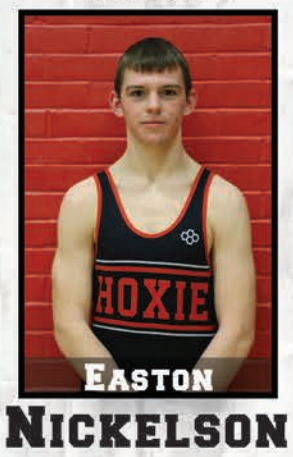

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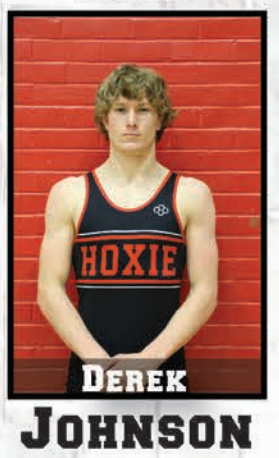

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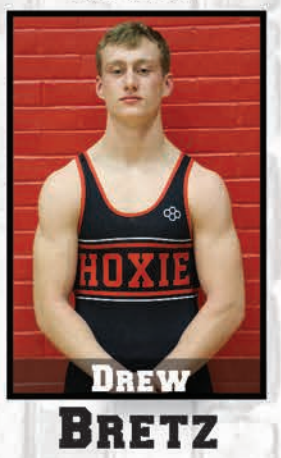

BRETZ

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SCHIPPERS

One to Compete at Girls State

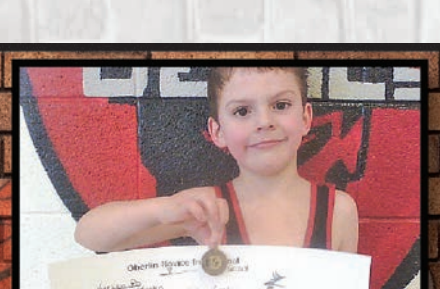
By Coleen Shepard

Gabbi Meyer, Hoxie's 100-pound girl wrestler, placed 2nd at the Regional B Tournament securing her place to compete at the Class 4-1A Girls State Tournament February 22 & 23 in Salina. There were no other lady wrestlers who qualified for next week's state tournament.

Good luck to all my wrestlers!
Your Burrito Chef

You boys have worked hard all season to get to this point. You deserve to be here and next weekend you'll earn your spot on that podium! We are so proud of you both! Good luck and we love you!

Mom, Clint, Drew, Josie, Zoey and Alex



Congratulations Easton! Proud of you!

Hoxie Boys Wrestling Wins Regional Tournament, Sends Entire Team to State

By Coleen Shepard

The Hoxie Wrestling Team sent 11 wrestlers into the finals Saturday night at the KSHSAA 321A Regional B Tournament. By tournament's end, Hoxie had tallied 270 points claiming the regional team title by a margin of 146 points over second-place Hoisington. The Indians brought home nine champion, two runners-up, and one fourth-place medal. As a team, Hoxie scored the most match points (225), had the most pins in the least amount of time (28 in 53:04), and the most technical falls in the least amount of time (2 in 7:43.) Individually, Derek Johnson scored the most team points of the tournament and Tate Weimer scored the most single match points.

Individual regional champions for Hoxie are Kash Schiltz (106 lb), Ian Giancola (113 lb), Tate Weimer (120 lb), Carson Ochs (132 lb), Dayton Bell (138lb), Derek Johnson (157lb), Drew Bretz (165 lb), Sam Watkins (175 lb), and Gavin Schippers (285 lb). Runners-up are Wayne Shepard (126 lb) and Duncan Bell (144 lb). 150-pound wrestler, Easton Nickelson punched his state ticket with a fourth-place finish. Three Indian wrestlers remain undefeated as they head to next week's state tournament; Carson Ochs (34-0), Derek Johnson (39-0), and Drew Bretz (36-0.)

With this regional tournament win, the Indians capped off another perfect pre-state season. Having not suffered a team loss since their second-place finish at the 2020 KSHSAA 321A State Tournament, the wrestlers are heading into this year's state tournament as the undefeated All Class number one ranked team. Hoxie will now turn their attention to the 2023 KSHSAA 321A State Championships this Friday and Saturday at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. Hungry for more, the entire varsity Indian team, 12 wrestlers, 11 of whom are ranked, will compete for individual and team titles. The wrestlers plan to flip the switch and break some records on their way to earning their third consecutive State Team Title, something that has not been accomplished during Hoxie's incredible wrestling history.

Number one ranked wrestlers competing for Hoxie are Carson Ochs (132lb), Dayton Bell (138lb), Derek Johnson (157 lb), Drew Bretz (165 lb), and Sam Watkins (175 lb.) Coming in at the number two ranked positions are Ian Giancola (113 lb), Tate Weimer (120 lb), and Wayne Shepard (126 lb). Duncan Bell (144 lb), and Gavin Schippers (285 lb) are ranked fourth and Kash Schiltz (106 lb) is ranked fifth. Unranked, Easton Nickelson will be competing in the 150-pound weight classes.

Wrestling fans that are not able to attend the event in person can catch the action at:

Smoky Hills PBS, channel KOOD, broadcasting live Friday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday 2/25 at 9:00 a.m. It is also available to stream at https://video.smokyhillstv.org/livestream.

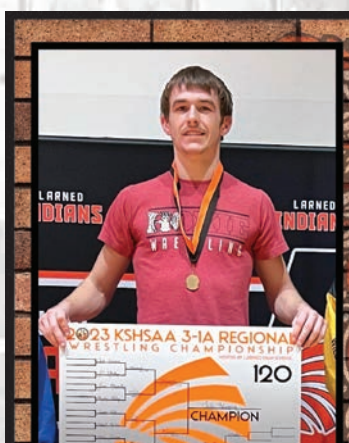
Open Spaces Sports will have live audio coverage Friday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m., audio-only streaming at https://www.openspacessports.com.

Complete individual and team wrestling results can be found at https://www.trackwrestling.com.

"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go."
-Unknown

Ian we are very proud of you! This is what you and your team have worked so hard for, now go bring home the gold.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Carter, Isaac,
Mimi and PopPop



From preschool to senior year, it's been a fun ride watching you wrestle!! Good luck at state, Tate....go for the GOLD!!!

We love you, Grandad & Grandma

We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication. Good luck at State!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kain, & Londyn

Winning is like chess - you have to set up your opponent to dominate and win. Take it all to the mat this weekend one match at a time.....

Goodluck Carson!!

Wrestle Hard and Have Fun!

Love, Mom, Dad, Clara & Travis

WRESTLING

REGIONAL RESULTS

HARDER

100 Gabrielle Meyer (8-16) Placed 2nd and Scored 16.0 Team Points.

106 Kash Schiltz (30-10) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

113 Ian Giancola (33-3) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

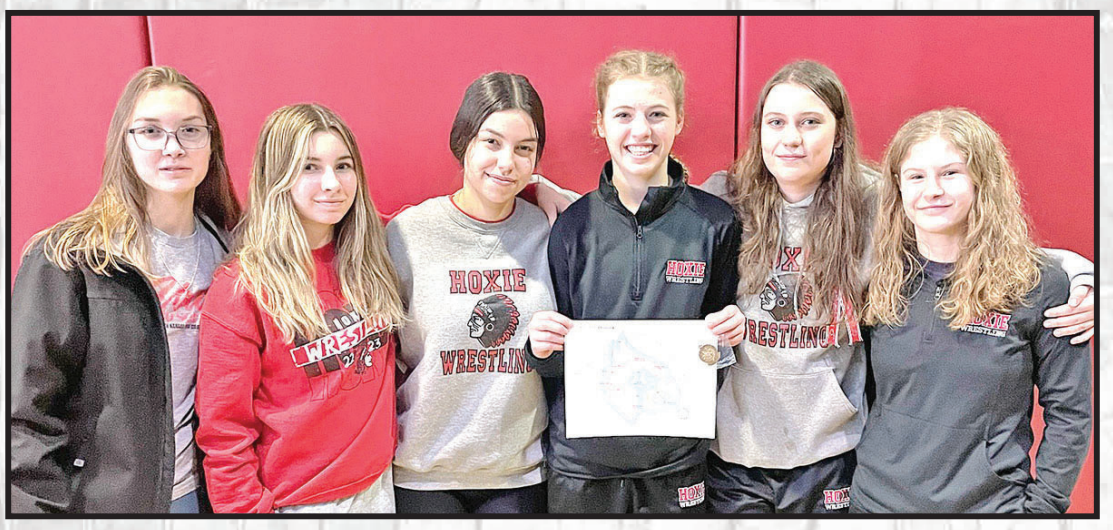
285 Gavin Schippers (27-14) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

120 Tate Weimer (26-2) placed 1st and scored 21.5 team points.

175 Sam Watkins (28-1) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

126 Wayne Shepard (27-8) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

165 Drew Bretz (36-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.



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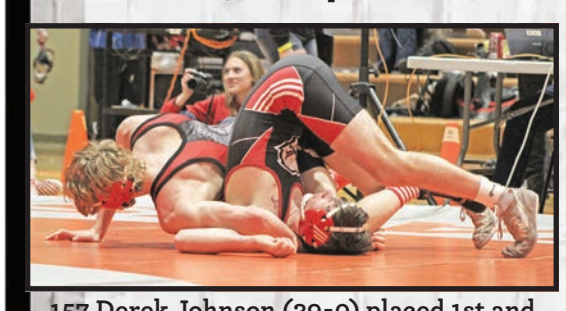

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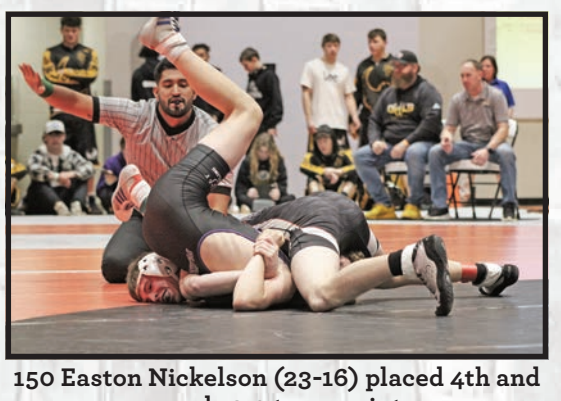

150 Easton Nickelson (23-16) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points.

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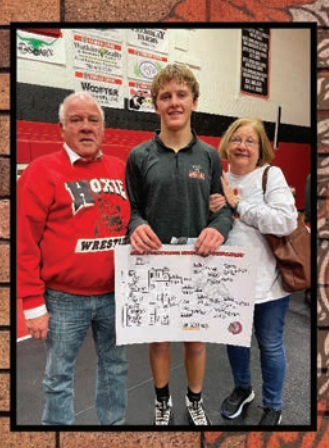
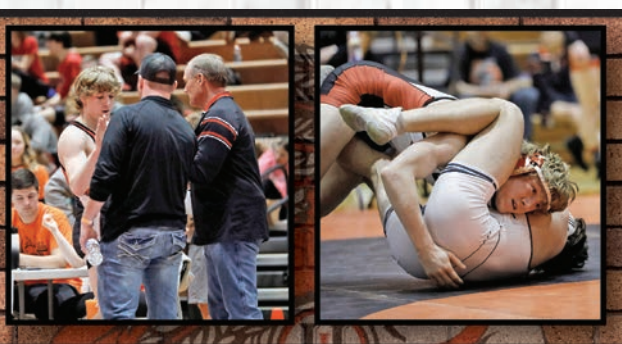
138 Dayton Bell (37-2) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.



We love you Sam and wish you the best of luck at State!

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phillipians 4:13

Love, Papa Dan, Grandma Judy, and Aunt Danielle



Do your best. We love you.

Grandma and Granddad J.

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

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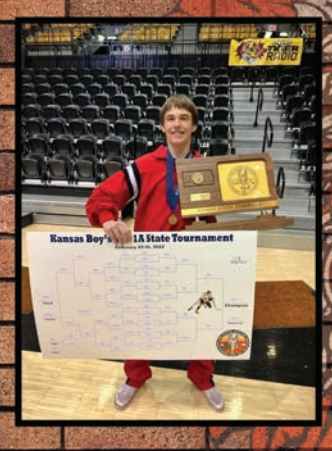
You always make us proud!
Love all of us



Good Luck Tater! We are more proud of you than words can describe! Go earn another title and help your team make history!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Dylan, and Ellie

Champions don't show up to get everything they want,
They show up to give everything they have.

We love you Sam! We believe in you and are proud of all the hard work you have put in. Go get your dream!

Love, Mom, Dad, Claire, Simon, Madi, Sawyer, & Lucy

Gavin, we are so proud of you!
Good Luck at State!
We will all be rooting for you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Greyson, Paicen, and Vivi

2023 General Conservation Reserve Program Signups Announced

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can begin applying for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup starting February 27 through April 7, 2023. CRP is a cornerstone voluntary conservation program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a key tool in the Biden-Harris administration's effort to address climate change and help agricultural communities invest in the long-term well-being of their land and natural resources.

Producers and landowners enrolled more than 5 million acres into CRP through signups in 2022, building on the acceptance of more than 3.1 million acres in the largest Grassland CRP signup in history. There are currently 23 million acres enrolled in CRP, with 1.9 million set to expire this year. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is aiming to reach the 27-million-acre cap statutorily set for fiscal year 2023.

General CRP

General CRP helps producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Additionally, General CRP includes a Climate-Smart Practice Incentive to help increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by helping producers and landowners establish trees and permanent grasses, enhance wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands.

Continuous CRP

Under Continuous CRP, producers and landowners can enroll in CRP throughout the year. Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is also available in the Continuous signup.

FSA offers several additional enrollment opportunities within Continuous CRP, including the Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers Initiative (CLEAR30), the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative, the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The CLEAR30 Initiative, which was originally piloted in twelve states in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watershed, has been expanded nationwide, allowing producers and landowners to enroll in 30-year CRP contracts for water quality practices. Under this administration, FSA also moved SAFE practices back to the Continuous CRP signup, giving producers and landowners more opportunities to participate in the initiative. Through the FWP, producers and landowners can enroll land in CRP as part of their efforts to restore previously farmed wetlands and wetland buffers, to improve both vegetation and water flow.

This administration has also made significant improvements to CREP, which leverages federal and non-federal funds to target specific State, regional or nationally significant conservation concerns. Specifically, USDA made significant improvements to CREP to reduce barriers and make the program more accessible to a broad range of producers and new types of partners.

These updates included flexibility for partners to provide matching funds in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, or technical assistance, along with an investment in additional staff to work directly with partners. Through CREP, for the first time ever, three Tribal Nations are now partnering with USDA to help conserve, maintain, and improve grassland productivity, reduce soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Grassland CRP

FSA will announce the dates for Grassland CRP signup in the coming weeks. Grassland CRP is a working lands program, helping landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands.

Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and provides important carbon sequestration benefits to deliver lasting climate outcomes.

How to Sign Up

Landowners and producers interested in CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program before their deadlines.

Producers with expiring CRP acres can use the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), which incentivizes producers who sell or enter a long-term lease with a beginning, veteran, or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher who plans to sustainably farm or ranch the land.

Kansas Farm Numbers Lower

Kansas's number of farms and ranches declined during 2022, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of farms and ranches in the state, at 57,700, was down 900 farms from 2021. Numbers of farms and ranches in Kansas with less than $100,000 in agricultural sales decreased 800 farms from a year earlier while operations with agricultural sales of $100,000 or more decreased 100 farms.

Land in farms and ranches in Kansas totaled 45.7 million acres, unchanged from 2021. The average size of operation, at 792 acres, was up 12 acres from a year earlier.

AG Kris Kobach Joins Multistate Lawsuit Against EPA

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach joined a coalition of more than 20 states in a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, asking a federal court to vacate the newly published final rule redefining Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and declare it unlawful.

The coalition is being co-led by West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, who announced the lawsuit on Thursday.

Co-leaders in the suit, which also names the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a defendant, are Georgia, Iowa and North Dakota.

"The time has come for the federal government to stop its unconstitutional attempts to regulate every dry ditch and farm pond in Kansas," Kobach said. "This lawsuit is about the original meaning of the Constitution, and we are going to hold the Biden administration to it."

The new final rule is the culmination of a decades-long rulemaking process to define the geographic reach of the EPA's and Army Corps of Engineers' authority in regulating streams, wetlands and other water bodies under the Clean Water Act. It follows the Trump Administration's 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule, which offered a more restrained vision of federal jurisdiction under the CWA.

Most notably, the new rule redefines "navigable waters" to include ponds, certain streams, ditches, and other bodies of water under the CWA, as determined by the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

According to the coalition, the flawed and unlawful rule will affect farmers who may need to get permission from the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to fill or dredge wetlands or waterways, depending on whether those features fall under the federal government's purview. Developers, miners and other property owners wishing to make use of their land will face implications, too.

What's more, the lawsuit noted the EPA and Army Corps rushed to issue the final rule "Even though the Supreme Court is expected to issue a key decision on the scope of WOTUS in just a few weeks' time."

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments last October on Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency, a years-long battle over the reach of the CWA. West Virginia Attorney General Morrisey led a 26-state coalition in support of the petitioners, Michael and Chantell Sackett.

The coalition's lawsuit indicated that "if the final rule is left in place, then ranchers, farmers, miners, homebuilders, and other landowners across the country will struggle to undertake even the simplest of activities on their own property without fear of drawing the ire of the federal government."

"Landowning Americans of all stripes will thus be left with a choice: (a) fight their way through an expensive and lengthy administrative process to obtain complex jurisdictional determinations and permits or (b) face substantial civil and criminal penalties. The Final Rule's ambiguous environmental benefits do not justify any of this," according to the lawsuit.

West Virginia, Georgia, Iowa and North Dakota were joined in the lawsuit by Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

A copy of the lawsuit is available at https://bit.ly/3YTHxHe.

Insight — Talk and Action

KANSAS FARM BUREAU The Voice of Agriculture

By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

If it isn't cliché yet, asking farmers and ranchers to tell their story ought to be by now since it's often prescribed as a panacea that will fix anything wrong in agriculture. I don't mean to diminish the impact storytelling has in shaping the minds of consumers and legislators. But I do think there's another aspect that's been taken for granted for too long.

Telling the story of agriculture is both personal and important. What's even more vital though is being able to back up any story you tell with action. Arguing for policies of self-policing and industry-led solutions are certainly preferable to dealing with rules and regulations handed down from politicians. The only downside is if you don't follow through, the bureaucrats will catch on eventually.

Those of us near farmers and ranchers often encourage them to tell their stories while neglecting to mention anything about action. This is equal parts oversight and proximity. We neglect to mention follow through because it never occurs to us it wouldn't happen. We've observed countless times how a farmer's word is as valuable as a signature. In short, encouraging storytelling has missed the real story.

It was just a few years ago when so-called "alternative protein" companies seemed to spring up overnight. Some slick storytelling generated a line of investors pledging billions of dollars to disrupt the business of growing beef, pork and chicken. The simple and straightforward pitch went something like this: Very soon, plants will replace animals as a primary source of protein because we've created technology that makes eating a salad seem like biting into a cheeseburger.

I apologize for taking a few liberties there, but that's the gist of the marketing campaign that prompted a lot of well-founded fear in the production agriculture world. The storytelling was excellent and there was an actual product that kind of resembled meat. The stuff even made its way on to restaurant menus and was slotted next to the real thing at grocery stores.

Curious customers sampled the imitators in sufficient quantities that several of these companies went public, selling stock to anyone who wanted it. As the headlines rolled in about the quality and taste of this scientific amalgamation, so did the cash.

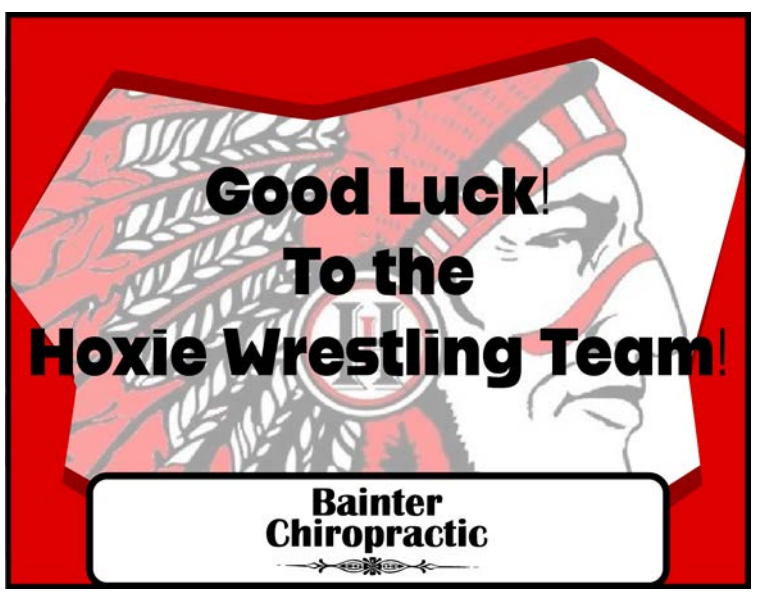
Imitation may be a sincere form of flattery, but it doesn't seem that way when part of the imitation is based on putting you out of business. While technology and apparent alchemy was part of the storytelling behind turning plants into palatable protein, so was a more sinister message: eating animals is wrong.

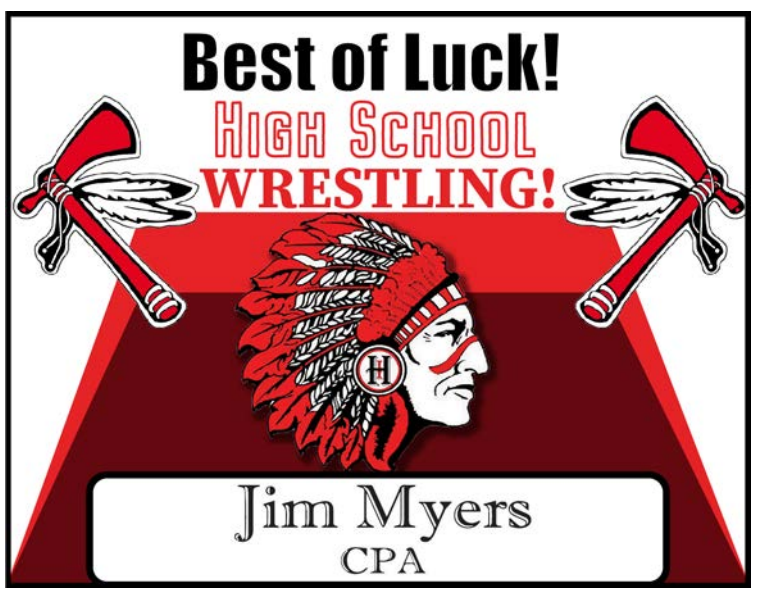
It just so happens these companies were selling virtue to everyone with a vice of eating meat. Whether it was interest, peculiarity or oddity that drove customers to sample these alternatives, one thing is for sure they tried them because of the story.

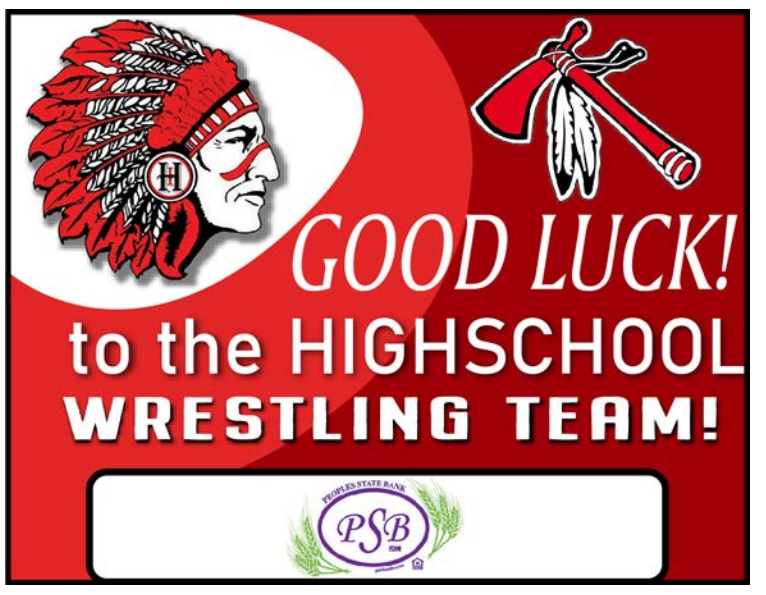
Actions still speak louder than words. And with the benefit of hindsight, a lot of these companies are running into this reality. Sky-high stock valuations plummeted almost as fast as the novelty faded.

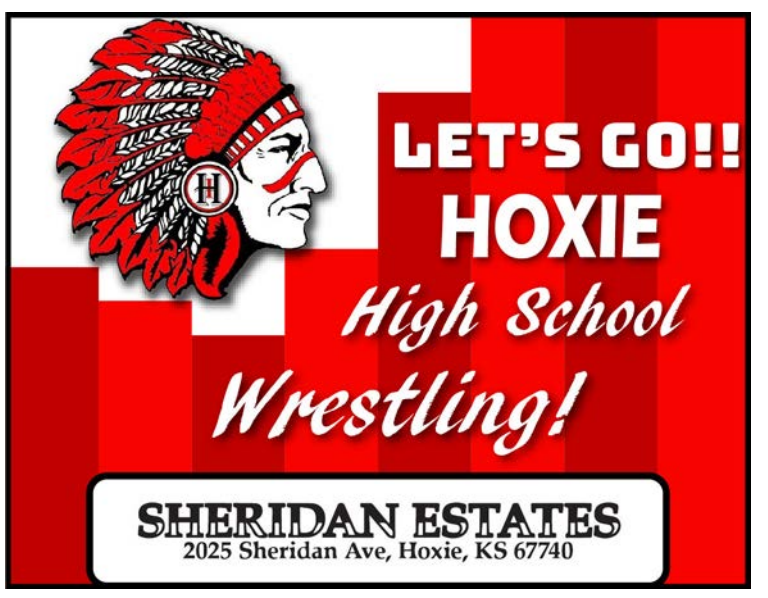
The imitators have gained a foothold, but it's a niche. It turns out producing protein the old fashioned way day in and day out offers both scale and affordability that can't be messaged away.

Shouting is certainly one way to draw attention in a crowd, but then it's on you to hold that attention. The story is important but won't mean anything if you can't deliver. Farmers and ranchers have continued to deliver. Again and again their actions have spoken louder than words, and that's a story worth telling.









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Public Notices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to hear questions and/or comments on the revised Sheridan County Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan.

Commission Minutes 2/14/23

Now on this 14th day of February 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, Kyle Ahlenstorf, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz stated he would like Rodrigo Hernandez to attend the Household Hazardous Waste conference in Junction City March 21-23. Tim Williams might also be attending.

Culvert quotes were received from J & J Drainage in the amount of $56,916.90 and from Welborn Sales in the amount of $21,547.32. These quotes are for multiple sizes. Mader made a motion to accept the estimate from Welborn Sales in the amount of $21,547.32. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

Herskowitz distributed information from Penco Engineering pertaining to the "Kinderknecht" bridge in the southeast part of the county. A quote was received from McPherson Concrete for two – 36 x 42 precast concrete culverts and four end sections in the amount of $11,557.12. Bainter made a motion to accept the bid from McPherson Concrete seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

The Board discussed multiple roads.

CAT contacted Herskowitz and stated the grader should be repaired by the end of the week.

Bids were received from Town & Country and Bainter Oil for Ironman AT 10 Ply tires. Mader made a motion to accept the low bid from Bainter Oil in the amount of $165.00/ea and to order eight tires. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

The Board and Herskowitz discussed some payroll questions.

Pratt advised the Board that the tenant has moved everything out of the garage at the home located at 1241 Pine and he has a couple lined up to clean out/up the house. Cost is $20/hr per person. Mader made a motion to approve the individuals cleaning the house at a cost of $20/hr. Ahlenstorf seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The plumber will be contacted about installing a shut off valve at the washer. A notice will be placed in the paper for sealed bids for the removal of the garage. The notice in the paper for the sale of the house will state to contact the Clerk to set up a time to view. Bracht, Mader and Ahlenstorf will all be available to show the house to potential buyers.

Pratt reviewed the Resolution pertaining to the two tracts of land owned by the county that will be turned over to the adjoining landowners.

Viktorija Briggs, owner of *The Sheridan Sentinel*, came to the table. Information was distributed to the Board pertaining to a plan for trails in Sheridan County. These plans are being coordinated with Sheridan County Economic Development. Briggs and the Board discussed the plans and what a trail would mean for Sheridan County. Briggs stated they believe a trail will bring individuals into Hoxie. 99.9% of the funding will come from grants and personal donations of time and money. Briggs is asking for a letter of support for the idea.

The Video Service Agreement (VSA) with NexTech was approved and signed by the Board on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0. This Agreement was initially signed in 2007 and has remained in effect.

The Board discussed remaining in the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition. Ahlenstorf made a motion to remain in the group and to pay the 2023 membership dues of $5,000. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The February 7, 2023 Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0

Mader made a motion to approve the February 10, 2023 Payroll as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

Mader made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023 Warrants as presented seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0

The following warrants and payroll were approved and signed by the board:

General $62,379.22
Road & Bridge $55,409.53
Public Trans $1,203.05
Nox Weed $1,921.41
VIN $63.38

At 9:10 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the commissioner room.

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

Carl Woofter

May 11, 1961 ~ February 13, 2023

Carl Woofter, retired Physician's Assistant, passed away at KU Medical Center on February 13, 2023, at the age of 61. Carl is survived by his wife of 11 years, Lee Woofter, his children: Hannah Woofter of Kansas City, MO, Dylan Woofter, Overland Park, Kaitlyn Leighton, husband, William, of Hays, AJ Woofter, wife, Kali, of Merriam, Stevens, wife, Kali, Holly, CO, Corey daughter, Alysse, of husband, and step- Holdredge, Karlee Bliss, his seven Austin, of grandchildren, Tegan Woofter of Lawrence, Marshall NE; and and Mason Leighton of Hays, Xander and Jasper Bliss of Holdredge, NE, and Jaqueline and Eva Stevens of Holly, CO. He was preceded in death by his father, Dale Carrier Woofter, sister, Sherida Linn Shoff, and sister-in-law, Donna Jo Woofter.

Carl was born in Atwood, KS on May 11, 1961 to Dale and Gladys Woofter. Dale and Gladys settled in Hoxie, where Carl graduated from Hoxie High School in 1980. During his early years, Carl worked at the family business, Woofter Pump and Well. He traveled extensively with his dad and brothers, pulling and drilling new water wells all around the country. After some time working with his family, Carl ventured out on his own, doing many different occupations, hauling drilling mud to oil rigs, construction, and a short stint as a jeweler, and as an entrepreneur owning a photo shop.

As a late bloomer to academia, Carl didn't pursue his career path in the medical field until 1994 with an Associate's Degree from Fort Hays State College as a Radiology Technician. In 1997, Carl received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Diagnostic Imaging from Fort Hays State College graduating Suma Cum Laude. In 1998, he was accepted into the Wichita State University Physician Assistant's Program. In 2000, he graduated Cum Laude as a Physician Assistant and practiced for 15 years until declining health forced his early retirement.

As a Physician Assistant, Carl was known as the people's provider. His passion was taking care of patients and providing the best healthcare possible to the rural and remote underserved population of any community in which he practiced. He also was a firm believer in investing in the future of healthcare. He did this in partnership with Wichita State University by serving as a mentor for students in the Physician Assistant's Program during their rotation in Family Practice.

Carl was an avid fisherman and he loved to travel. Anytime you could combine traveling and fishing you could count on Carl with his bags packed and his pole ready to go. His greatest joy was fishing with family and friends and his fondest memories fishing with his dad, Dale.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 20, 2023, at Mickey – Leopold Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held for Carl at First Christian Church, Hoxie, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, with Pastor Carl Dumler officiating. A memorial in Carl's memory has been suggested to the Woofter Family for a future designation.

Katlyn Klima

March 22, 1996 ~ February 18, 2023

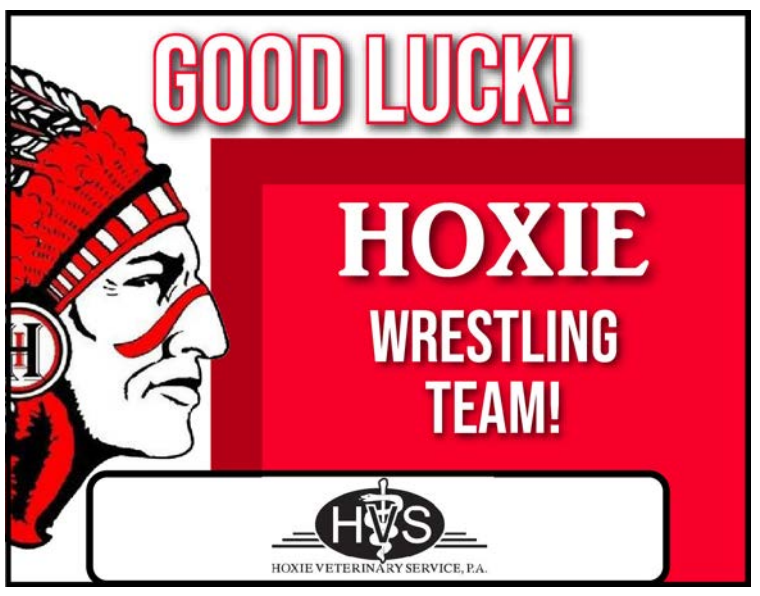
Katlyn Marie Klima, of Oberlin, KS, passed away February 18, 2023, at the age of 26. She was born March 22, 1996, in McCook, NE, to Brian and Lori (Shaffer) Klima.

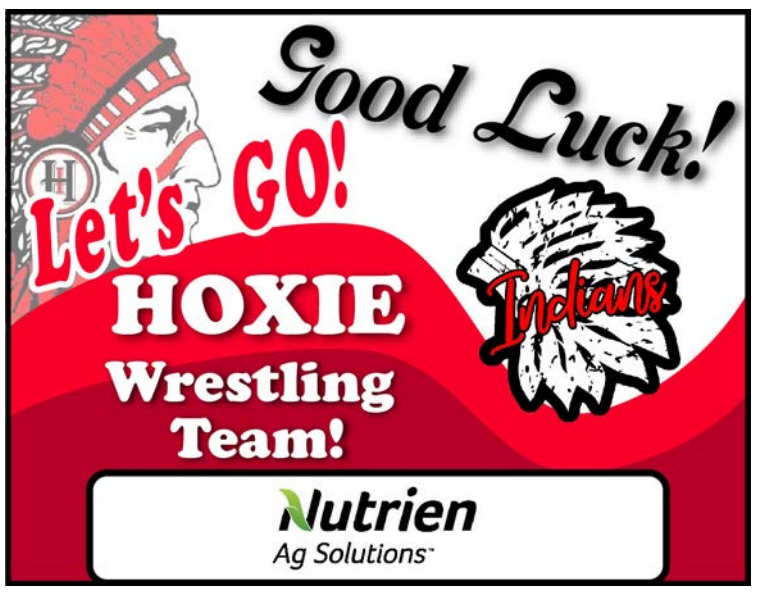
Katlyn grew up in Oberlin and was a 2014 graduate of Decatur Community High School. During Katlyn's time at DCHS she was actively involved in basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, and was on the honor roll. After high school, Katlyn became a mother to two beautiful children, Kelsen and Heidi Kane. Katlyn had a passion for her children that was undeniable. She was always involved in the kids' afterschool activities and attended to their every need. Katlyn was a free spirit who loved life and kept things exciting, when she wasn't listening to music she was singing (or attempting to). Katlyn was always one of those kindhearted souls to help those around her and made friends everywhere she went. Our lives will forever be changed both by her presence and now by her loss.

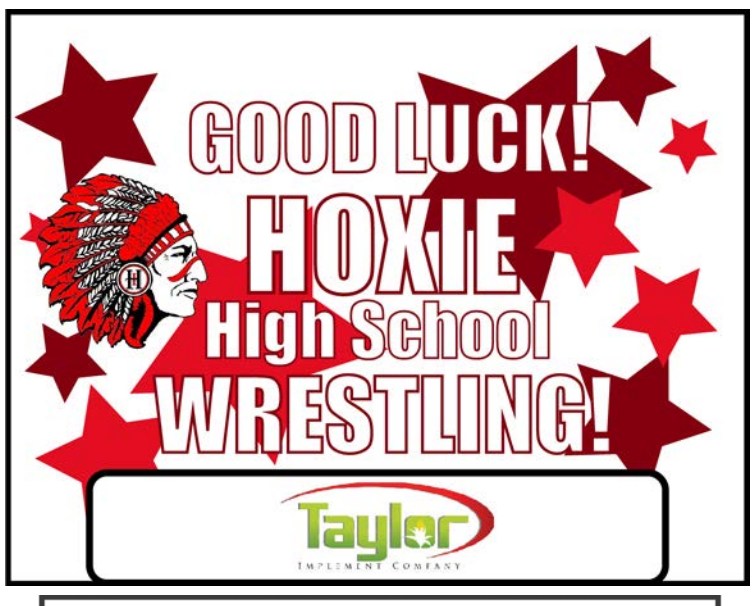
Katlyn is survived by her children, Kelsen Ezra Kane and Heidi Marie Kane both of Oberlin, KS; parents, Brian Klima of Oberlin, KS and Lori Shaffer of Andrews, TX; sisters: Shaylei (Josh) Johnson of Andrews, TX, Jaycee Miller of Andrews, TX, Brianna McEvoy of Oberlin, KS, and Keitra (Keaston Grafel) Klima of Oberlin, KS; kids' father, Cody Kane; grandmothers, Karen Shaffer and Tammy Hawkins; nieces and nephews: Kinsley and Ella McEvoy, Carter and Sterling Grafel, Silas Klima, Alaric and Haylei Johnson, Grayson, Michael, and Bryson Miller and many aunts, uncles, and cousins that loved her. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Melvin and Della Klima and Ronald Shaffer.

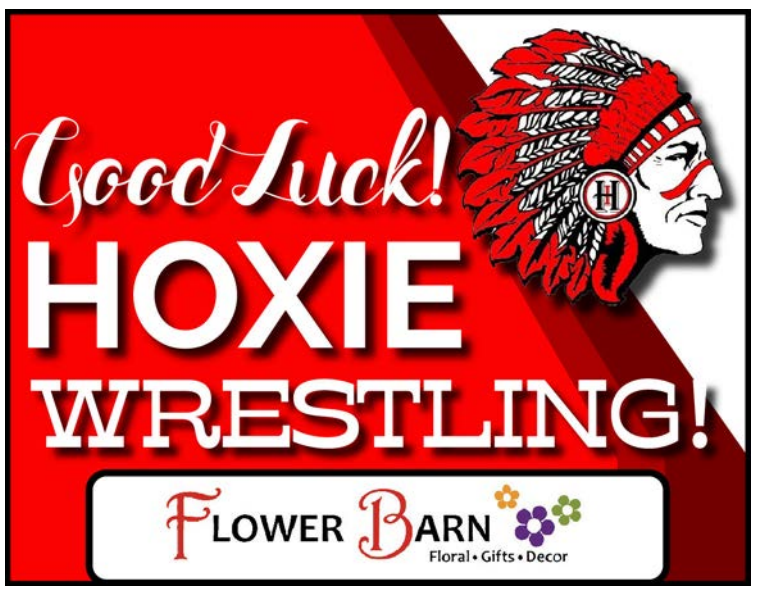
Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin. Burial followed at the Oberlin Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday with the family greeting friends at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Kelsen and Heidi for their education and may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N Penn Ave., Oberlin, KS 67749. Condolences may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

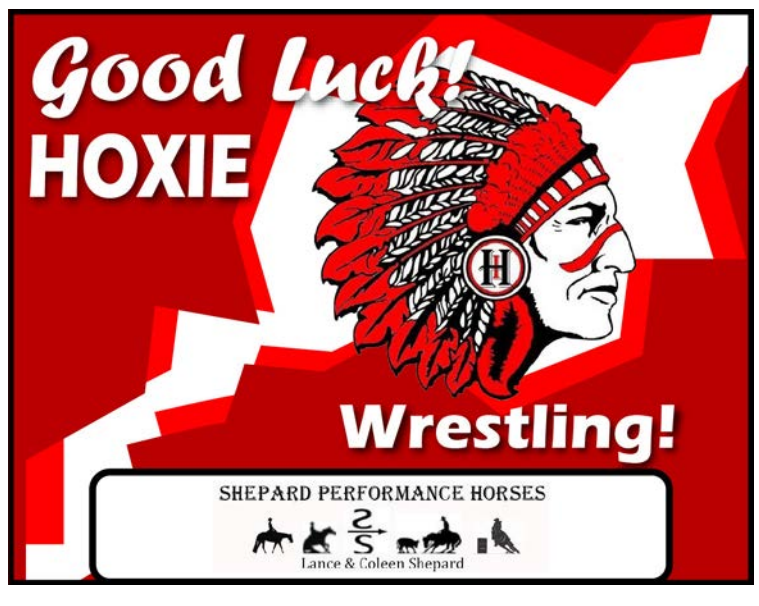
"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy." -Anne Frank











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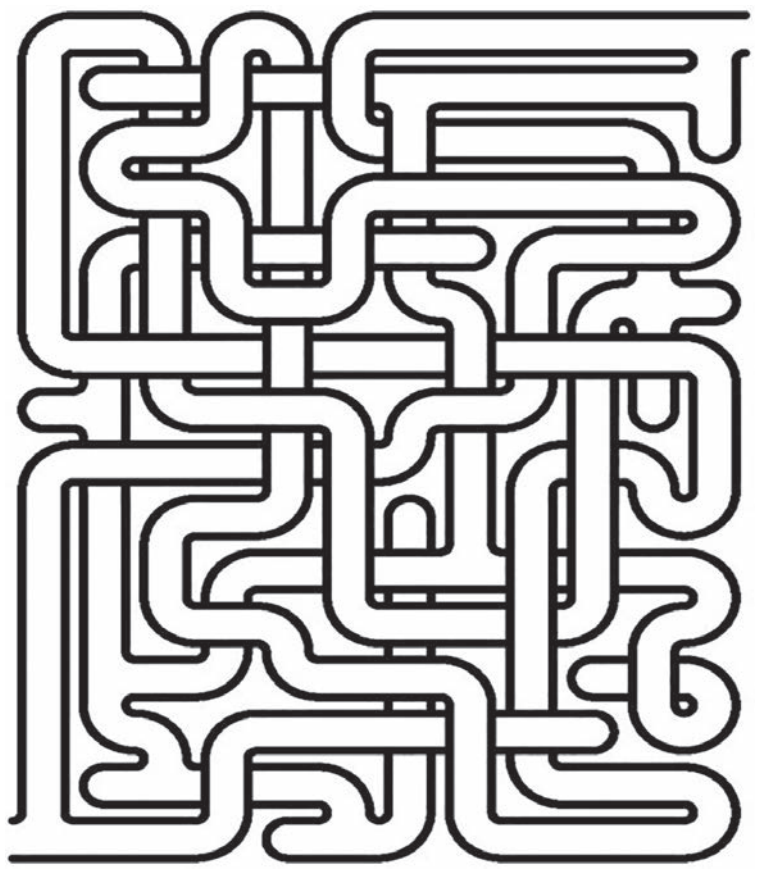
S Z P S L Y Z A N O A L R L J
H F A I O C E C N L S O E A Y
X V B J E R U S K C P G B Q P
N U M U M I L N K A E J I H F
J E C F A S I E L B E A L A G
Z Y X V C P U T M R K Q P O M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: GRANNY —

Cameo	Honeycrisp	Liberty	Pink Lady
Fuji	Jazz	Lodi	Sundance
Gala	Jubilee	Melrose	Zestar
Goldrush	Keepsake	Opal	



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Backpack is missing. 2. Bush is smaller. 3. Scarf is shorter. 4. Strap is moved. 5. Earflap is smaller. 6. Zipper is missing.

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: **R** equals **W**

RVFZ YVHFIA REGDN YHEYAHDX NAIUHKJA JEZV NES CEEN FWN ZVA UEIZ EC F JGI HKNA? SHAXVEGWN CFHA.

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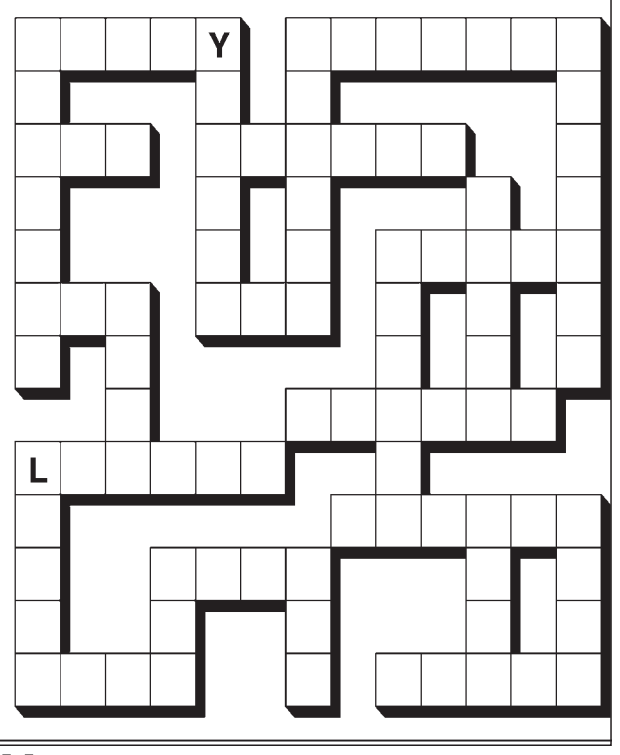
Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – 25 NOUNS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
BED
CAB
KEY
MUG
TIE
4 Letters
BANK
BEAD
DOOR
TOAD
WELL
5 Letters
EASEL
HOBBY
LIGHT
MURAL
TIARA
6 Letters
BOTTLE
GARDEN
LADDER
MEADOW
PIRATE
TURTLE
YOGURT
7 Letters
HAMMOCK
LIBRARY
PRETZEL



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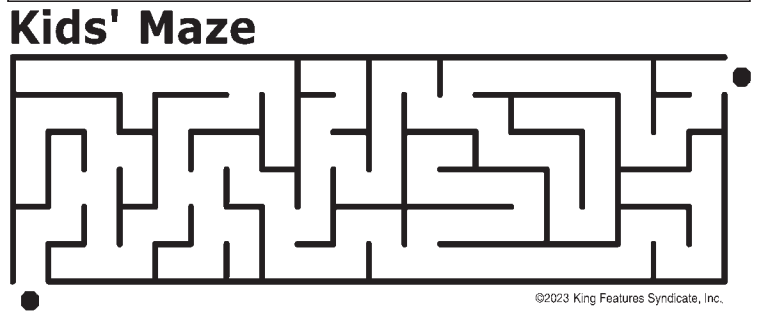

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"What my _____ ever saw in you, I'll never know."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble 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!

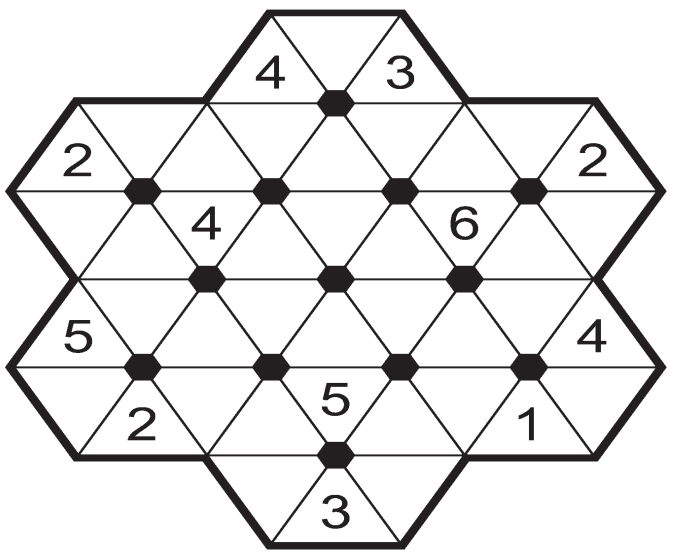
Dormant **PLEASE**
Target **PINTO**
Cinch **SECTOR**
Fasten **TAPES**

TODAY'S WORD

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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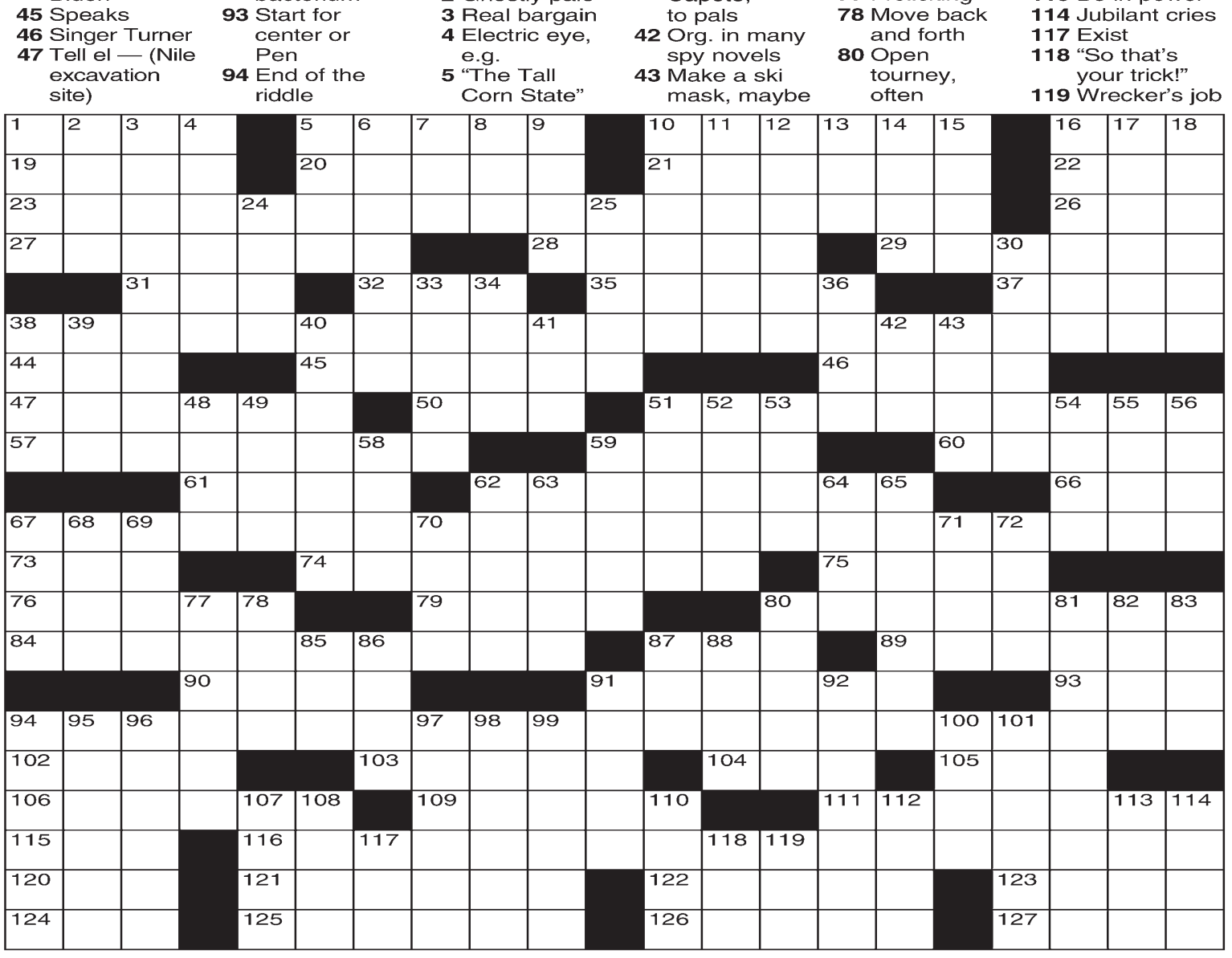
Super Crossword

TOTALLY OUT OF IT

ACROSS
1 Four-string guitar
5 Bits of land in el agua
10 Luca Brasi in "The Godfather," e.g.
16 Soft infant food
19 Life — know it
20 New Mexico or Colorado county
21 Useless
22 Division of history
23 Start of a riddle
26 Mantra syllables
27 Old-time cleaning cake
28 Tennis' Safin
29 Not skilled in at all
31 Heavy weight
32 All — sudden
35 Spoken
37 French movie theater
38 Riddle, part 2
44 President Biden
45 Speaks
46 Singer Turner
47 Tell el — (Nile excavation site)
50 It fills la mer
51 Riddle, part 3
57 Becomes familiar with anew
59 Per-unit price
60 Mortise insertion
61 Ambulance VIPs
62 Decorative dashboard finish
66 Chain in biology
67 Riddle, part 4
73 China's Chou En- —
74 Like many soda bottles, volume-wise
75 Purposely ignore
76 Book of charts
79 IRS form IDs
80 "— is a virtue"
84 Riddle, part 5
87 In honor of
89 Small river
90 — -mutuel betting
91 Oxygen-requiring bacterium
93 Start for center or Pen
94 End of the riddle
102 Square yardage, e.g.
103 Instant replay option
104 Expressive rock genre
105 — Leppard (rock band)
106 Mythical man-goats
109 "In the red," e.g.
111 Division of history
115 Concorde, e.g., in brief
116 Riddle's answer
120 Grassland
121 Henner of "Taxi"
122 — Island (Providence's state)
123 Old TV's — May Clampett
124 Work unit
125 Workout wear
126 Planted
127 Some deli loaves

DOWN
1 Cry noisily
2 Ghostly pale
3 Real bargain
4 Electric eye, e.g.
5 "The Tall Corn State"
6 Leave for a short time
7 Spy novelist Deighton
8 Exhibit works
9 "... or — told"
10 Drag racer
11 New York home of Cornell
12 Relative of a stickpin
13 Raging crowd
14 PDQ's cousin
15 Emperor after Claudius I
16 City on the Illinois River
17 Ralph Lauren competitor
18 Pale hue
24 Actress Skye
25 Main parts of churches
30 Fuel rating
33 Galas
34 On the Red, e.g.
36 Former senator Trent
38 Open slightly
39 City in Alaska
40 Four-piece band
41 Writer Capote, to pals
42 Org. in many spy novels
43 Make a ski mask, maybe
48 Lagoon surrounder
49 Christen
51 Core group
52 Frisky swimmer
53 Uncool sort
54 About
55 Lower-class, to Brits
56 Growl threateningly
58 Warning initials above an internet link
59 Hair bases
62 Actress Kate of "Grey's Anatomy"
63 Of sheep
64 "Casablanca" woman
65 Prized buy for a coin collector
67 Nail on a paw
68 Pledge
69 Brand of sneakers
70 Didn't win
71 Hang it up
72 App that asks "Where to?"
77 Frolicking
78 Move back and forth
80 Open tourney, often
81 Necessarily
82 Sleeveless cloak
83 Arabian chief
85 Pooch noise
86 Misters
87 Agent's cut
88 "... there — square"
91 Something hilarious
92 Fabric with raised designs
94 Grapple with, slangily
95 Slate clearer
96 Attachment to a dog or cat collar
97 "House" actress Wilde
98 Old-time Ford
99 NASA countdown term
100 Ferber of fiction
101 — regions (Hades)
107 Crater edges
108 Novelist Irwin
110 Corp. VIPs
112 Squeezed (out)
113 Be in power
114 Jubilant cries
117 Exist
118 "So that's your trick!"
119 Wrecker's job



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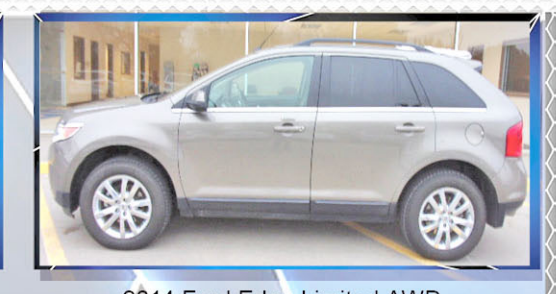
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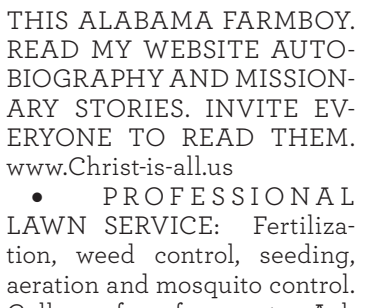
Fun Page Solutions

CryptoQuip
answer

What phrase would properly describe both dog food and the cost of a bus ride?
Greyhound fare.

SNOWFLAKES
solution



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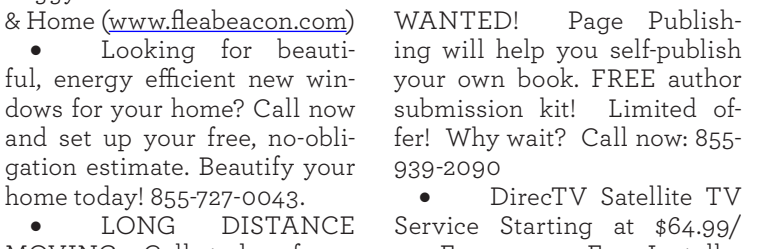

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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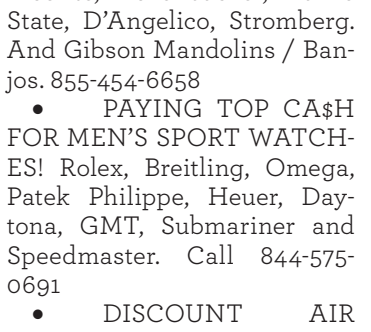

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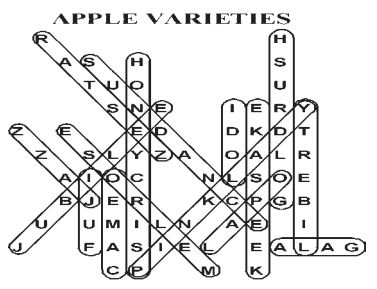

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Asleep 2. Point;
3. Corset; 4. Paste

Today's Word
SISTER

Super Crossword

Answers

B	A	S	S	■	I	S	L	A	S	■	H	I	T	M	A	N	■	P	A	P
A	S	W	E	■	O	T	E	R	O	■	O	T	I	O	S	E	■	E	R	A
W	H	E	N	I	W	E	N	T	I	N	T	H	E	B	A	R	■	O	M	S
L	Y	E	S	O	A	P	■	■	M	A	R	A	T	■	P	O	O	R	A	T
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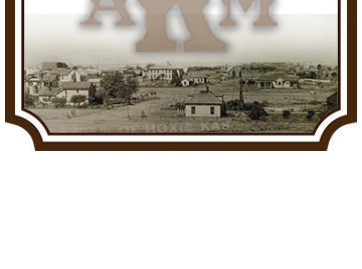

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