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Hoxie Teams Score

JH Boys Take 1st ~ JH Girls Take 2nd



Boys Back row: Miranda Scanlon, Brody Brewster, Knox Washington, Issac Giancola, Hadley Juenemann, Elijah Spillman, Kai Scanlon, Corbin Pope, Brett Koster, Jarrod Spillman. Front: Ethan Baker, Sutton Schwarz, Dillon Mader, Trevyn Pratt (JH Boys Basketball photo)



Girls Back row: Jodi Rogers, Lexi Heskett, Demi Schippers, Blayne Mauck, Gabby Schamberger, Emily Haffner, Mallory Wade, Aubrey Carver, Paityn Rogers. Front Row: Aubree Carver, Tatum Kaiser, Madi Watkins, Sydney Scheetz, Chloe Pope, Priscilla Meraz, Hayden Beckman, Finley Schippers (JH Girls Basketball photo)

Holiday Fun for Sheridan County Long Term Care Residents



Christmas party fun!



An annual favorite ~ Decorating Gingerbread Houses!



Games and fun with visiting kids!

(SCHC Activities photos)

Bulldogs Named to All-Tournament Team



Golden Plains Senior Dylan Wark was named to the All-Tournament team at the Sagebrush Tournament in Brewster on December 13 for the 2nd year in a row. (Photo by Dez Wark)



Golden Plains Sophomore Brenlynn Rath was named to the All-Tournament team at the Sagebrush Tournament on December 13. This was her first year named to the all-tournament team. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Jaxson Vasbinder

On Saturday, December 13, Sophomore Brenlynn Rath and Senior Dylan Wark were named to the Sagebrush All-Tournament team. This is Dylan's second time being named to the All-Tournament team. He scored 53 points during the tournament with 9 rebounds, 4 assists, and 9 steals. "It feels good to have recognition for my hard work," said Wark.

Brenlynn scored 48 points with 20 rebounds, 4 assists, and 14 steals. This is her first year named to the All-Tournament Team. "It was a shock to me," said Rath. "I'm very proud to be named and glad to help the team throughout the tournament".

DSNWK Hosts Annual Open House



Wednesday, December 31, 2025, the local DSNWK held their annual open house. The public was invited to see what all is they have been working on and enjoy some delicious refreshments. (Sentinel staff photo)

Angelus 4-H Meets



Vice president, Natalie, president, Jude, and secretary, Addison, prepare to begin the monthly meeting of the Angelus 4-H Club. The members met in the K of C hall in Angelus after serving a breakfast to the community and honoring the veterans who were present at the meal. (Angelus 4-H photo)

SC Conservation District Awards Scholarships



The Sheridan Co Conservation District awarded scholarships to two Sheridan County graduates. The \$1000 scholarships are awarded after their first semester is completed. Accepting their award is Chelidy Priddy and Sofie Gourley, both 2025 graduates of Hoxie High School. (SCCD photo)

A Singing Career Cut Short

By Don Pickinbaugh

As incoming freshmen, we faced the unique challenge of navigating our new high school environment, and carefully planning our class schedules was essential. Although we didn't openly discuss it among ourselves, there was a shared, unspoken desire to avoid any junior or senior boy who might humiliate us in class. To do this, we needed to be mindful of the classes upperclassmen typically took and choose the less popular ones they were likely to avoid. This approach worked well for a freshman at the bottom of the social hierarchy.

One class that particularly caught my attention was choir. It would have fewer upperclassmen, making this class a more appealing option. Additionally, I had a fair amount of confidence in my singing abilities—or at least, I liked to think I did. The idea of expressing myself through music, without taking any written exams, offered a comforting escape from the regular classes.

From the very first day of class, it became clear that my initial prediction had been correct. The bleachers were filled with only six freshman and sophomore boys. The tenors, including myself, were situated by three bass singers. Completing the ensemble were two dozen girls who sang alto and soprano.

The first week of choir was dedicated to acclimating ourselves to our vocal capabilities and exploring the full range of notes we could produce. With each warm-up exercise, my confidence bubbled. This could be my time, I thought.

By the end of the first week, the atmosphere in the choir grew more serious. We transitioned from warm-up routines to the exhilarating challenge of singing our first songs. Our meticulous choir director listened intently, his discerning ear poised to catch any off-key notes, ensuring our voices blended seamlessly. Excitement spilled out of every participant.

One day, just as the class hour was about to end, we heard a voice shout, "Stop!" and saw our choir director's hands raised, palms facing us. Something was wrong; we could see it in our choir director's eyes. After taking a deep breath, he instructed, "Just the men sing." My heart began to race. I had a bad feeling about where this was going, but I had to go along with it. After finishing a few lines, we heard the command again: "Stop!" Our choir director twirled his nose, contemplating the next step. The men stood there, helpless, waiting for his next command. Then came, "Just the tenors sing."

Oh boy, I thought, a rush of panic rushing through me. This was way too close for comfort. There were just three of us tenors standing nervously on the stage, and our teacher was honing in on one of us who was clearly off-key.

With a forced grin stretching across my face, I sang with all the volume my lungs could muster, desperate to blend in with the other two tenors. My heart raced faster than I could control as I suddenly heard another sharp command cut through the music: "Stop!" The choir director's intense gaze was fixated on the three of us, and I could feel the weight of his scrutiny like a heavy blanket. A bead of sweat poured down from my brow. The room blurred around me, and I thought I might actually faint right then and there, teetering on the edge of the stage.

"You two tenors at the end, start singing," the choir instructed, his voice steady. Now sweat began to trickle down my forehead as we began to sing our part. I could feel the tension in the air, and it wasn't long before the outcome became clear.

"You come down here!" the choir director exclaimed, pointing directly at me as if I were in a spotlight. I instinctively pointed to my buddy, hoping to deflect the blame, but it was no use; I was the one he had singled out in front of the entire choir. The other singers adjusted their views to find out who the culprit was.

As I stepped down from the stage, a weight of despair and embarrassment settled on my shoulders, and I felt my head drop as if it were trying to disappear from life itself. My heart raced with anxiety as I contemplated what punishment awaited me for my blunder. To my surprise, our choir director, with a warm smile, announced, "I'm going to have you turn pages for the piano player."

In that moment, my mind reeled, spinning wildly out of control. My singing aspirations flickered and dimmed, but at least I wasn't being banished from the choir altogether.

I slumped into a chair beside the unassuming young lady at the piano, her fingers dancing gracefully as she brought the black and white keys to life. Soon, however, a sense of panic gripped me again; I realized, with a sinking feeling, that I couldn't read music at all and was utterly clueless about when to turn the pages. I felt I was about to get the spotlight on me again when the pianist caught my eye and quickly nodded, signaling when it was time for me to turn the page. This simple gesture saved me from further embarrassment.

I had an unsettling revelation that day—I didn't need the upperclassmen to embarrass me; I was more than capable of doing that all by myself.

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Healthy Living in 2026: A More Balanced Approach

As we move into 2026, the definition of "healthy" is changing and in a refreshing way.

For years, health advice focused on doing more: stricter diets, harder workouts, pushing through exhaustion. But more people are realizing that lasting wellness comes from supporting the body, not fighting it.

Personalized Wellness Is the New Standard

One of the biggest shifts is personalization. People are moving away from one-size-fits-all plans and starting to pay attention to how their own bodies respond to food, movement, stress, and rest. The focus is shifting from perfection to awareness and sustainability.

Strength Training for Long-Term Health

Strength training is becoming a cornerstone of wellness, especially for women. Beyond aesthetics, building strength supports metabolism, bone health, mobility, and confidence as we age. Even a few sessions a week can make a meaningful difference.

Nutrition Without Extremes

Nutrition conversations are also evolving. Instead of restrictive diets, the emphasis is on nourishment, balanced meals with protein, fiber, healthy fats, and proper hydration. Consistency, not perfection, is the goal.

Stress and Recovery Matter More Than Ever

Stress management is no longer optional. Quality sleep, gentle movement, and intentional recovery are being recognized as essential parts of overall health, not luxuries.

Looking Ahead

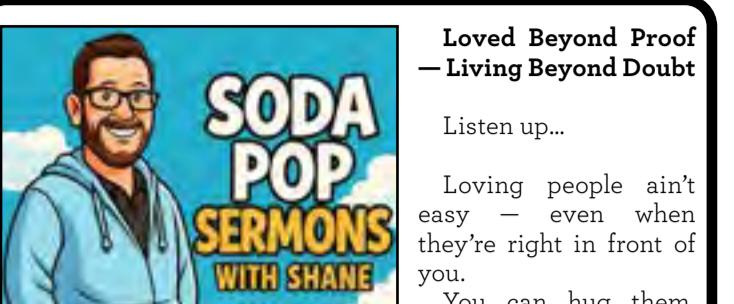
In 2026, more people are taking a proactive approach to wellness, focusing on longevity, education, and supportive care, always alongside healthy habits and professional guidance.

Healthy living isn't about extremes.

It's about building a lifestyle that helps you feel strong, energized, and supported for years to come.

About the Author

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feel it.

But God never stopped loving.

Never stopped reaching.

Never stopped calling

His children home.

And that includes YOU.

He knows your mess.
He knows your doubts.

He knows every scar

and every bad chapter.

And He STILL says:

"You are Mine."

You don't have to earn it. You don't have to qualify for it. You
don't have to look holy enough for it.

You just have to receive it.

So here's the challenge...

Stop chasing love that leaves. Stop trying to impress a world

that don't care. Stop pretending God is far away...

When He's been right beside you the whole time.

Love Him back. Not with fancy words.

Not with perfect living. But with a real heart.

Because when you finally understand His love?

Fear breaks. Shame lifts. Chains fall.

And your soul finally breathes.

"We love because He first loved us." — 1 John 4:19

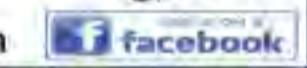
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Preachers Point

Pastor Timothy Johnson

A new year has dawned. Some people are looking forward to 2026 with anticipation, others with dread, and still others see it as just another day on the calendar.

I wish I could tell you what is going to happen this year. Who will win the Super Bowl and the World Series? How will the mid-term elections turn out, and will the Ukrainian/Russian war end? Ask any question, about any topic, and how it will pan out this year, the best anyone can do is an educated guess. Even educated guesses can be different. Take the mid-term elections, for example. Some experts predict that the Democrats will retake the House and Senate, while others say the Republican advantage in each chamber will grow. We will have to wait until the day after the election to see which educated guess was correct. When it comes to Biblical prophecies, it is not that we don't know what will happen, but that we don't know when things will happen.

Christians have been looking forward to the rapture (when all the saved who have died since the resurrection of Christ and the saved alive at the time of the rapture are removed from this earth). But we have no idea when it will happen. Jesus told us that only the Heavenly Father knows the timing of the rapture (Mark 13:32). Every year, I pray that this will be the year. 2026 is no different.

God did give us signs to look for, events that tell us the rapture is getting closer. These signs occur all the time and have persisted for thousands of years, so how can we tell if they are signs or just the normal way of things? The Bible compares the signs to a woman in "travail." This is a direct reference to a woman in labor. As time goes on, the pain will become more frequent and more intense.

We can safely say that the signs of Jesus' coming again will increase in frequency and intensity. That statement is not a prediction or a prophecy; it is an assurance that what has already been happening will continue.

The Bible is scattered with signs of the second coming. A brief mention here, a hint there, a list of things over here. Most of the signs are recorded in the New Testament, but the Old Testament is not without signs of Jesus' second coming.

The biggest of all the signs, the rebirth of Israel, occurred in 1948 and appears to be when the labor pains started. The rebirth of Israel is mentioned in several Old Testament books, including Deuteronomy, Isaiah, and Ezekiel, among others.

The most famous list of signs is given by Jesus in Matthew 24:4-8. "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

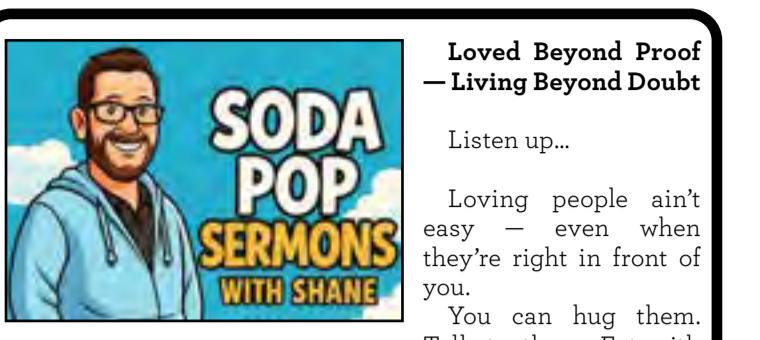
When it comes to false Christs, it says, "many shall come in my name"; therefore, this would include those who teach a false brand of Christianity. A Christianity that does not hold up to the Biblical standard. This is also referenced in 2 Thessalonians 2:3. There it is called "a falling away." A Christianity based on people's feelings instead of the Word of God is spreading like wildfire. Just as labors pains increase in intensity and frequency, so too do false Christs.

Another list, this one not mentioned nearly as much, is found in 2 Timothy. This list, instead of speaking of events, looks at the condition of people's hearts. 2 Timothy 3:1-5. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

As the generations pass, it does not take much to see that the conditions of 2 Timothy are, like the rest of the signs, increasing just like labor pains do.

One last sign I would like to mention today is the sign of Noah. Jesus said, As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 24:37; Luke 17:26). So, what were the days of Noah like from God's perspective? Genesis 6:5. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was evil continually."

Christian, we should never be surprised when things get worse. In Matthew 24:6 quoted above, Jesus said, That these things must come to pass. If we truly believe the rapture is coming soon, we should understand that the labor pains discussed here and more



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KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

The Hoxie Democrat

January 9, 1891

M. F. Vandiver attended the campfire. We are late this week, but it cannot be helped. G. M. Taylor, of Lucerne, was in the city Tuesday.

M. H. Horton, of Lucerne, attended the Alliances meeting last Saturday.

The snow storm caught several country people in town.

Miss Phrone Summerson left last Tuesday evening for Kit Carson, Colo.

Sheridan and Prairie Dog townships were well represented at the campfire.

The new officers have all filed their bonds and take their respective places.

John P. Roswell was in town doing some fine watch work for Leroy Bradley.

Three or four teams started this morning for Selden, but could not make the trip.

Miss Thorpe returned Wednesday from his visit to Iowa. He says that he was snowbound for thirty-six hours in that state.

Geo Kious of Sheridan township was in the city Wednesday. He has been working in Colorado for the past four or five months.

The brass band from the country has the thanks of the Democrat for the music they rendered in front of the office last Wednesday.

Representative Barnes came to town Thursday afternoon intending to leave in the evening for Topeka, but the snow storm put stop to the trains running.

The county dads are in session this week and transacting business at a lively rate. Cressler is breaking in good shape, and Pearson will be on hand next Monday.

Lote Langley was hunting one day last week and his dog found a bunch of quails. Lote raised his gun and fired as he supposed over the dog, but he did not and the dog was headless in a jiffy.

Squire Horner started this morning to deliver the mail at Selden. He got out about one mile when he came to the conclusion that it was too risky to go any farther, turned around and came home.

The public installation of officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. took place last Wednesday afternoon in their hall. The ceremonies were to have been held in the Opera House, but the inclemency of the weather kept many at home who would have attended, nevertheless the hall was filled to overflowing. The house was called to order by J. S. Turner, installing officer, the chaplain then offered a prayer. The next on the program and a guitar solo by Misses Ellithorpe and Avery and it was well rendered. Judge L. H. Cromwell of Atwood, was then introduced and given his audience a speech which will appear in the Democrat next week. The installation of officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. then took place and the work was well done.

125 Years Ago

January 10, 1901

Ed Crum shipped a car of hogs Wednesday morning.

Charley Pearson, of Salina, was a Hoxie visitor Tuesday night.

About six inches of beautiful snow fell yesterday making wheat growers happy.

Mr. Butler, one of the new millers, arrived last week and the mill is running right along now.

S. E. Miner has sold the Farmer Hotel to Mrs. W. H. Bell, she having taken charge last Saturday.

Ira Reed, brother of our county clerk, has moved to Hoxie to attend school the remainder of the term.

Miss Appel, of Selden, is occupying a place behind the boxes at the post office in this city as assistant.

Representative Herron and Senator Hopkins left Saturday evening for Topeka to assume their duties as law-makers.

Jack Colgan, after spending over a week with old time friends in this vicinity, returned to his home in Kansas City, Kansas, yesterday.

David Shafer came in Saturday night from a month's visit to Kansas City. He brought a car load of heifers and a thoroughbred short horn bull back with him.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Chambers entertained a small circle of friends last Friday evening at an informal whisky party in honor of Homer Patterson, who was visiting in the city.

Ed Lupton has a lot of nice, clean alfalfa seed for sale.

Chester Miner and family live on the Dr. Freeman farm.

A liberal estimate places the amount of ice put up in this vicinity, from 800 to 1000 tons. Hoxie's going to keep cool next summer whether school keeps or not. That suits us, for if there's anything more repulsive than a glass of warm beer, its two glasses of warm beer.

Saline Siftings

V. P. Borger's have a new organ.

Loren Chapman is quite sick at present.

Vern Clemens carries the mail between Hoxie and Quinter, now.

School recommended at the Beehive after a week's vacation, at Christmas.

Reporter

Elliott Clippings

Jeff Frazay was at MacGrav Sunday.

E. P. Townsend went to Hoxie Friday.

G. T. McWilliams went to Hoxie Saturday.

Mr. D. N. Barber sold his farm last week to Mr. Forten.

Kattie Dyd

Lucerne Grind-Outs

Mrs. Johnson Hayden is very low with dropsy.

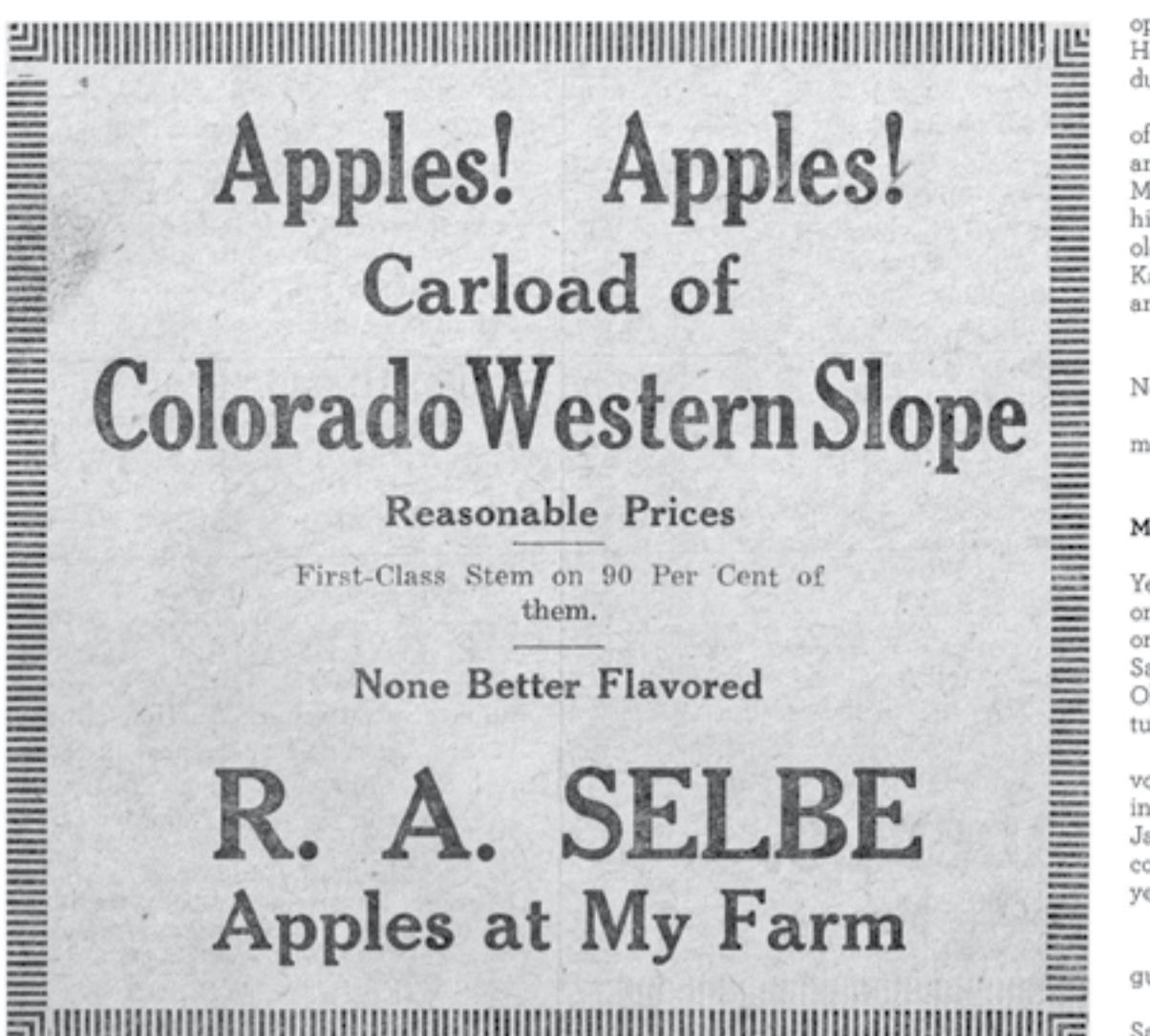
Andrew Wilcox and Jimmy Noon left last week for Oregon.

Miss Marie Doubleday spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Emma Thompson.

Miss Vadie Peugh is staying at her parents home this week assisting her mother with her work.

Alec

Seguin Squibs



From The Hoxie Sentinel, 1926. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

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50 Years Ago

January 8, 1976

Watkins Opens Agency Here

Dan J. Watkins said this week that he has opened an insurance and real estate agency in Hoxie. His office is located at 617 Main in the Producers Livestock building.

Watkins Realty & Insurance will offer all types of insurance. Dan has been engaged in life insurance sales the past eight years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Watkins of Hoxie. He and his wife, the former Judy Nelson, and their 2-year old daughter Danielle moved here from Attica, Kansas where he previously operated an insurance and real estate agency.

Mickey's Want Ads

Father to teenage daughter about to leave for a New Year's Eve party: "Be home by 12:15."

Daughter: "But Daddy, I'm not a child anymore!"

Father: "I know. Be home by 12:15."

Ringneck Campers Met January 4 at Sappa Manor, Oberlin

Ringneck Chapter NCHA started out the New Year with a meeting at Sappa Manor in Oberlin on Sunday, Jan. 4. The meeting was called to order by the new president, Frank and Dorothy Sawyer. Twenty-nine members answered roll call. Old business was completed and books were turned over to the new officers.

1976 schedules were handed out and members voted to continue to observe birthdays by giving a penny a year to the treasury. Several have January birthdays and according to the pennies collected we are fortunate to have so many 100-year olds.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walker were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Elwood, Nebr. were Saturday supper guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice were New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tice and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Steve were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kasper of Jennings.

Leoville News

Bob Karls of Grand Island, Neb. was a recent visitor at the August Karls home.

Dr. David Reichert and Mrs. Reichert and daughter of Rochester, Minn. spent several days last week at the Arnold Reichert home.

Mrs. Magdalene Gassmann and daughters spent New Year's Day with her father, Jacob Weber in Park.

The Knights of Columbus of Leoville sponsored a New Year's Eve dance, held in the Leoville school building. The dance was well attended and everyone enjoyed the evening. Refreshments were served by the K of C.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bretz, Kristina and Michael enjoyed Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Elsie Lawrence at Dighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heskett and children enjoyed having their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Rogers of Rexford and the ladies' mother, Mrs. Elmer Hedge have dinner with them Christmas Day. Mr. Hedge had to work that day.

25 Years Ago

January 4, 2001

Sheriff Hires New Deputy

Sheriff Jim Johnson is pleased to announce that Hessel Anderson, Hoxie, has been hired for the position of deputy with his department.

The position is the one being vacated by John Cahoj, who was elected in last November's general election to become District Magistrate Judge.

Rexford

Jack and Hulda Wark and family enjoyed Christmas Day at the Community Hall.

Gary and Mary Withers and Danny, Charles and Pat Williams, Dwight, Ron and Janette Dible all spent Christmas with their mother, Eileen Dible, in Colby.

Pastor Gary and Diana Taylor returned home on Dec. 21 from a two week trip to visit their children, Marvin and Alisha Mulder and children in Durham, N. C. They spent a few days sightseeing along the Atlantic Coast. The Taylors spent Christmas Day with their parents, Russel and Steve Dible in North Platte, Neb.

Dan and Glendora Bastin and Louis and Kenneth were guests of Evan and Regina Barnum, Chris and David in Colby on Dec. 23, to celebrate Louis' birthday. The Barnum family of Colby, Louis and Kenneth Bastin, all spent Christmas Day with Dean and Glendora Bastin.

Broadway

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Smith and boys went to Westminster, Colo. over the weekend to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Dell.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Corke for Christmas were their two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tinter, Kansas City, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gurley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron McWilliams and family from Salina were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don McWilliams over the weekend. They also visited Mrs. Ray Baker.

Zola White's family had their Christmas at the Jim and Reba White home. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Corke and their family, Carolyn Bell and her family, and Theo Barr.

McGraw

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis for Christmas and New Year's were Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Weis, Sarah and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weis, and Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Haddock, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cech and Josh, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mauck, Michaela and Adam, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Pope, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weis.

Lucerne Items

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jeffery spent Thursday evening with the Mowry Bros. and Kamps.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeto Ponath called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kemp and the Mowry Bros. Saturday evening.

VFW Auxiliary

The Dec. 17 meeting of the Auxiliary to the VFW Post 2864, Grinnell, was called to order by President Delores Fortin at 6:30 p.m. for an informal meeting. Eight officers were among the 17 members present.

Lucerne Grind-Outs

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis are living in Quinter, having moved there December 26. Mr. Davis is doing the chores for Dr. McConchie.

Bob White's think their three smallest children have the whooping cough.

Arthur Turner and family are getting ready to start to Colorado to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming are down near

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KFB to Honor Tradition, Heritage on Family Farms

Manhattan — Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) is continuing in 2026 its recognition for "Sesquicentennial Farms" in conjunction with its annual "Century Farm" program. The Century Farm program honors Farm Bureau members who own farms of at least 80 acres within the same family for 100 years or more. The Sesquicentennial Farm recognition goes to farms in the same family for at least 150 years.

"Kansans farmers and ranchers have a lot to be proud of," Joe Newland, Kansas Farm Bureau president, says. "One thing we take pride in is our value in the traditions and strong family ties through generations of rural living. Kansas Farm Bureau is honored to celebrate those through the Century Farm and Sesquicentennial Farm recognition."

The deadline for consideration to be part of the 2026 programs is May 15. Kansas Farm Bureau has recognized 3,265 Century Farms and 155 Sesquicentennial Farms since the inception of the honors.

Completed details for qualifications and applications for both programs can be obtained at county Farm Bureau offices across Kansas or by visiting www.kfb.org/centuryfarm, which also includes lists of past honorees.

Farm Credit of Western Kansas Seeking Scholarship Applicants

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

Applications are available at www.fwk.com or from a school High School counselors; or at the Farm Credit Office located at 1190 S Range in Colby. The deadline for Applications is February 15, 2026 but will be accepted until February 17 due to the President's Day holiday. For more information or questions, contact Rela Galli at the Farm Credit office in Colby (785-62-6710).

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

Foreign Adversaries Prevented from Buying KS Land

Topeka — Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach today announced ongoing implementation and public reporting efforts related to the Kansas Land and Military Installation Protection Act, which became effective July 1, 2025.

"I pushed this law as soon as I took office as attorney general. Kansas was vulnerable as the only state in the region with no protection against the Chinese Communist Party acquiring control of our land," Kobach said.

The Act strengthens protections around the state's military installations by restricting certain foreign ownership of real property near sensitive defense sites. Under the law, foreign principals tied to "countries of concern"—including China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, and any other nation designated as an adversarial foreign entity—are prohibited from acquiring or holding interests in covered properties located within designated distances of Kansas' military facilities.

"The state of Kansas is committed to safeguarding its military installations and the communities surrounding them," Attorney General Kris Kobach said. "This law ensures transparency in property ownership and provides

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The logo for L&C Home Health Agency, Inc. on a teal background. It features a white stethoscope with a red heart on its chest piece, enclosed in a white square. To the right of the stethoscope, the text "L&C" is in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below "L&C", the words "HOME HEALTH" and "AGENCY, INC." are stacked in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the phone number "785-465-7444" is displayed in a white, sans-serif font.

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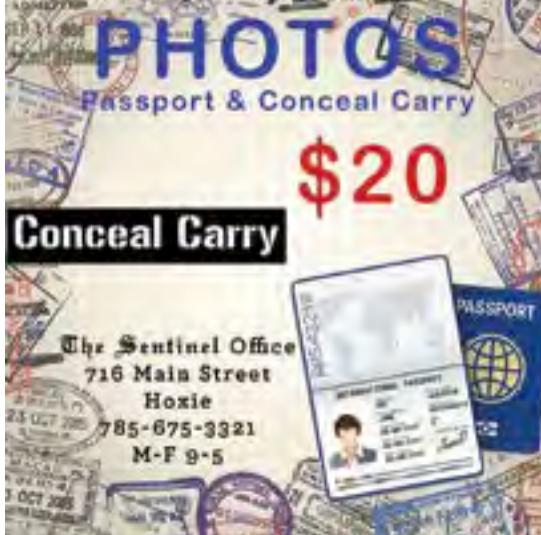
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