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## Sheridan County's 2021 High School Royalty



**Prom Royalty**—Golden Plains Seniors Hannah Bange and Austin Durham were named the 2021 Prom Queen and Prom King at the Promenade held in Rexford on April 10. Hannah is the daughter of Chris and Vicky Bange while Austin is the son of Travis Durham and Brianna Durham. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



**The Hoxie High School Prom King and Queen, Gabe Friess and Lauren Spillman, were recognized at the promenade at the football field, Saturday, April 10, 2021. This year's theme was "In the Cosmos." The banquet was held at Christ Community Church, then students went to Hoxie Grade School to dance the night away in the gym. (HHS photo)**

## Sheridan County Appoints New Appraiser



**Brittany Lewis,** Sentinel Staff Reporter

As of January 4, 2021, a new face can be found in the Sheridan County Courthouse. Mindy Harting from Norton, KS was appointed by the Commissioners as the County Appraiser after the retirement of David Stithem. Stithem had served Sheridan County for 24 years. Harting is currently the Deputy Appraiser in Norton County

and will continue to fulfill the duties of both counties.

Born and raised in Norton, Mindy is married to Chris Harting, and the two have 4 children. The family is very involved in ranching, farming and owns two feedyards. Mindy has worked in Norton county since 1993 and obtained her appraisal license in 2009.

The appraisal licensing and coursework can be obtained through the KS Department of Revenue, Property Valuation Division. After achieving that, an appraiser must not only maintain 120 continuing education hours, every 4 years, but also keep up to date on ever-changing taxation laws. The decision to pursue the appraisal position in Sheridan County came about as a way for Harting to expand her horizons. It is very common in NWKS for county appraisers to serve multiple county seats simultaneously.

The office is manned full-time by appraisal clerks Alydia Offutt, who has worked 2 1/2 years there, and Brooklyn Sidebottom, for the past month. Mindy Harting typically is in the office in Hoxie Tuesday and Thursday but can always be reached by calling the office at 785-675-3932, or email: [appr@sheridancoks.com](mailto:appr@sheridancoks.com) or [mindy@nortoncountysks.gov](mailto:mindy@nortoncountysks.gov).

Mindy would like to express that her office has an "open door policy," and that her goal is to "treat everyone fair and equitable." The office is open Monday - Friday (with the exception of Holidays), from 8am - 4:30pm. Upon Stithem's resignation, Harting is filling out the remainder of his term that expires the end of June. The Commissioners will then make a decision to reappoint her for a full 4-year term.

## Celebrating 30 Years at Selden Public Library



**Selden Public Library Board President, Marsha Rogers, was recognized at the April board meeting for her 30 years of service to the library and to the Selden community. "Thanks to the Hynek family for helping give her this award," said Judy Rogers, Bard Treasurer. "Thank you, Marsha for your commitment to making Selden a better place for families!" (Selden Public Library photo)**

natural environment and enhances economic and social benefits of outdoor resources.

- **Arts & Culture:** Provide cultural and artistic opportunities to enhance the quality of life for residents and to encourage tourism and the exchange of ideas.

- **Community Beautification:** Support efforts to improve and maintain public spaces to enhance community pride and encourage socialization among residents.

Organizations are encouraged to contact Pratt with questions related to the online application process.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-675-1240, [karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com](mailto:karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com), visit [www.growsheridancounty.org](http://www.growsheridancounty.org). Connect with SCCF at [www.facebook.com/sheridancsf](http://www.facebook.com/sheridancsf)

## Foundation Awards Area Grants



**Receiving the \$3,227.00 grant check at the Hoxie DSNWK center were (L-R): Justin Hrabe, Nicole Brocklehurst, Jason Oelke, Jennifer Ostmeyer, Dee Nelson, Lisa Bieker, Linda Pope, Melissa Meier, and Kayla Geerdes. Not pictured: John and Mark Richardson**

**By Karl Pratt, Board Liaison, Sheridan County Community Foundation**

The Sheridan County Community Foundation has awarded several Dane G. Hansen Community Fund grants to area organizations for upcoming projects and events.

In February, the Hoxie Elks Club #2415 received a \$10,000.00 grant towards their carpet replacement project as they work to update and improve the facility for its every day and rental uses. The group will be removing the old carpeting and installing carpet squares allowing for easy replacement should damage or stains occur. The Elks Lodge is a popular location for community meetings, dinners, weddings, and other events.

Three grants were awarded in March, totaling \$13,277.00.

The Foundation awarded \$3,000.00 to the City of Selden to assist in the installation of underground sprinklers in the Selden City Park.

The Hoxie branch of Development Services of Northwest Kansas (DSNWK) received a \$3,227.00 grant to purchase patio equipment and flower décor for their new "Living with Purpose on the Patio" project. The project will provide opportunity and encouragement for those with disabilities to enjoy outdoor lunches, activities, and socialization.

A grant in the amount of \$7,050.00 was awarded to the Main Street Arts Council, which is returning to live, outdoor theater as they produce the children's musical, "101 Dalmatians," in Hoxie, as part of their annual Main Street Summer Theater festival. This year, their festival is featuring six shows in six locations: Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Quinter, and St. Francis.

SCCF reminds organizations to submit applications to [www.growsheridancounty.org/grants](http://www.growsheridancounty.org/grants) for funding consideration by the first day of each month (rolling deadline).

Six categories are considered with making grants.

- **Education:** Enhances the learning environment and expands opportunities for students. Provides increased self-reliance on personal life skills and workforce capability.

- **Health Care:** Ensures access to quality health care services and promotes healthy life practices.

- **Community Social Services & Security:** Enhance access to social services needed for individuals of special needs and supports systems to provide community disaster relief and general community emergencies.

- **Conservation & Environment:** Support efforts to improve and maintain high air and water quality, appreciation for our

## Mona's is Open for the Season

**Brittany Lewis,** Sentinel Staff Reporter

Located in Dresden, right along Hwy 383, Mona's Market is now open for the gardening season. Owner Ramona Amlong, who goes by her childhood nickname, Mona, has spent a lifetime, almost 70 years learning how to cultivate plants. Growing up in Southeast Iowa, her parents always had a huge garden and could grow anything. Her mom handled the flowers, her dad the vegetables. "Everything is much easier to grow there than in this part of Kansas," commented Mona.



**Owner of Mona's Market, Dresden, Ramona Amlong, stands proudly in front of her original gardening shed that helped supply her family with fresh garden vegetables for many years before her first greenhouse was built. (Sentinel Staff photo)**

Mona, and husband Tony, moved to Dresden when she was 30 years old, with their theesons. The economy was not great in Iowa, and when her husband's friend suggested a move to Kansas to work for Poe Oilfield Service, the couple jumped on it. Raising three boys made having a garden essential. Mona wanted to be able to raise her children and stay in the home, and she mastered her craft of starting vegetable plants.

In 2005, Mona decided to start her market adventure by selling out of her greenhouse, which was just a small woodshed. The first building, known as the perennial house, was the first real greenhouse on the property. The first year, out of everything planted, little to none survived. After losing it all the first time around, Mona strategized differently and the second year everything took off. Mona describes that take off as having a "snowball effect," on the business. All the profits were continuously reinvested over the years to what the property is now. "As big as we want to get," is how Mona describes her nearly 6,000 sq foot of greenhouse space.

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**JENNINGS NEWS**  
 By Louise Cressler

Reminder: Community Meeting with the Decatur Health will be held at the Sunflower Senior Center on Thursday evening 7:00 p.m., April 15. This meeting is to discuss the opening of the Jennings Clinic. Plan to attend.  
 American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Friday, April 30 at the United Methodist Church. Call Marge 785-678-3010 for appointments.  
 TEFAP Commodities distribution is scheduled for Monday, April 26, from 11:30 to 1:00 or until the food is gone. This distribution is income based and will be held in front of the Jennings City Office.  
 Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton and Ramona Shaw attended a birthday party Saturday evening at the home of Nick and Kerri Wahlmeier, rural Oberlin, to celebrate the birthday of their youngest daughter Brynn on her 5th birthday. Other family members attending were her big brother and sister, Trenton and Kyndal; Randy and Sharon Olson, rural Oberlin; Matt and Kristy Ostmeier and boys, Oberlin; and Brent and Molly Olson and boys, rural Dresden.

**St. Paul's Daughters of Isabella #400**  
 Jeanne Struckhoff, Scribe  
 Our April 4, 2021 meeting was held following the Rosary, beginning at 1:05 p.m. Brenda Weiser read the Spiritual Message after which Millie Baalman, Regent, called the meeting to order with Prayer, Opening Ode, & Pledge to the Flag.  
 The Acting Secretary made Roll Call, and read the minutes. Which were approved. Lee Ann Rehmer gave her treasurer report. Communications were read from Lynn Kasper concerning the State Convention in Hays. A thank you from Catholic Charities for our donation was then read.  
 Those reported with health conditions were Isaac Rehmer, Bob Losey, Mary Beth Nelson, and Mary Gormley. With election of officers coming up Millie appointed Lee Ann and Brenda to the nominating committee.  
 The St. Joseph Circle, Oakley, invited us to Mass at 8:30 for Queen Isabella Day on Thursday, April 22. Refreshments to follow at the Annex. First Communion will be April 17, with Rylan Dickman making his First Communion.  
 Closing Prayer was recited, Closing Ode sung after which the Regent closed the meeting. Next meeting May 3.

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**Register for Townhall with Sen. Moran**

Kansas Farm Bureau will host a virtual townhall with Sen. Moran April 27 at 4 p.m. Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/3u8K8xy>. Moran will provide updates on his role on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies subcommittee. He'll provide an update on current legislation and a general D.C. update.

**Traveling Hoodle to Visit Quinter Brewery**

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter  
 The Center Pivot Restaurant and Brewery in Quinter put word out on their Facebook page that on Saturday the Woofsmobile will be out front in the afternoon and early evening for photo opportunities. The rugged sheep dog look is a self-made replica of the van



**Winona's City Wide Garage Sale**

Winona's City Wide Garage Sale will begin at 8am, Saturday, April 17. There are approximately eight sale locations: Jorgensen - 300 Fremont Ave.; Stramel - 102 Bellview; Mackley/Washington - 203 Bellview; Moser - 205 Bellview; Kemp - 101 Hawley; Potter - 4th & DeGreer; Gfeller - 302 W 8th; Mackley - 2613 CR 230. Look for signs and happy hunting!

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**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL**

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Checks can be made out to SCHC Mailing address for money and forms: SCHC Attn: Justine Wade PO Box 167 Hoxie, KS 67740

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 Bricks will be sold between now and May 7

**COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION**  
 Tuesday April 27  
 10 am - 11 am  
 COURTHOUSE MAIN FLOOR  
 Selden Community Center  
 1 pm - 1:30 pm  
 grape juice, orange juice, peaches, walnut pieces, dry garbanzo beans, frozen pork patty, frozen pork loin roast, whole frozen eggs, dried fruit/ almond mix  
 FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED  
 Arrive early or there may not be any commodities left.  
 Foods subject to change at last minute.

**Start Planning for the Hwy 24 GARAGE SALES**  
 June 4-6, 2021  
 Send your name, garage sale location address, and a general list of items available for sale to:  
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 Hoxie, KS 67740  
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 Fire Dept. Dist. #1 785-675-3773  
 EMS 785-675-3364  
 Emergency Mgmt. 785-386-8051  
 County Clerk 785-675-3361  
 Road & Bridge Dept. 785-675-3621  
 Public Library 785-675-3102

**CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONER**  
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 Joe Bainter ~ bainterj83@gmail.com  
 Buck Mader ~ mcauto2@outlook.com

**JD's RESTAURANT**  
 785-675-3302  
 744 Main Street Hoxie  
 WEEK of Apr 15 ~ Apr 21  
 Thursday: Beef & Noodles & Chicken & Noodles  
 Friday: Fried Chicken & Pan-Fried Chicken  
 Monday: Meatloaf & Ribs  
 Tuesday: Catfish & Chicken Strips  
 Wednesday: Mexican Bar  
 Dine-in & Carry-Out

**Upcoming Area EVENTS**  
 What do you have happening soon? Share Your Event Here - FREE

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Every Sunday: 9am First Presbyterian Church Service  
 Every Tuesday: 8am Commissioner Mtg, 12pm Rotary, 7pm Fire Dept Mtg  
 Every Wednesday: 7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church Community Worship

Monthly: 2nd Monday - City of Hoxie, 1st Tuesday - HAMA, 2nd Wednesday - Chamber of Commerce, 2nd Monday - BOE Mtg, Hospital Board of Trustees, 4th Monday, 12pm, FQHC the following Wednesday, 8am

**Selden City Clean Up**  
 Saturday, April 17 Have Items to Curb by 8am

**Hoxie FFA Greenhouse SALE**  
 Saturday, April 24 9am-2pm Located NE of Highschool

**Thomas County Livestock Expo**  
 April 24 - 25 Thomas Co. Fairgrounds Free Admission

**K-STATE Research & Extension Twin Creeks District**  
 April 20 - Hill City Housing Authority 10am Sheep & Goat Management - Norton - 5pm  
 April 24 - Hazardous Occupations Training - Norton Decatur Co. Small Animal Weigh In 9-11am

**RPM Speedway Hays**  
 Saturday, April 17

**Western Plain Arts Association**  
 Sunday, April 18 - Bettman & Halpin - Tentatively @ Sharon Springs  
 Sunday, April 25 - Back to the 70's - St. Francis HS. Auditorium

Mealsite Menu

Apr 12 ~ Apr 16

**Monday:** Chicken-Fried Chicken, Hashbrown Casserole, Scandinavian Blend Vegetables, Bread, Mandarin Oranges

**Tuesday:** Ham & Beans, Broccoli Salad, Cornbread, Rosy Applesauce

**Wednesday:** Taco Burger w/lettuce/cheese/tomato, Mexicali Corn, Bun, Peaches

**Thursday:** Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Mixed Fruit

**Friday:** Chicken & Rice Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Brownie

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 675-3154 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 monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liester

I'm still alive! The way things were going for a while it was questionable, but I'm good. Just been doing the fishing thing and getting ready for turkey hunting. Doctors have cleared me to go, so I'm ready!

Fishing has been better than I expected with the crazy weather patterns we've been having. Even one day with a good south wind get the fish stirred up and I have caught several nice catfish, as well as wipers. That's the thing with using shrimp for bait, you just never know what's going to bite!

Fishing at area lakes has been good for the most part. I hear the walleye spawn hasn't started at some lakes and is over at others. Just shows each body of water is different. Walleyes, catfish, white bass, wipers, stripers, crappie, and the rest are really turning on now. For the first time in years, I'm excited about crappie fishing. I just have a feeling it's going to get good soon!

Let's straighten something out. No, the dam area is not being closed at Webster. The stilling basin is, but not the dam. This comes straight from the KDWP website, and I think they would know, don't you? Social media amazes me at how someone can take a story and just blow it up into the biggest doom and gloom pile of crap you've ever read.

Speaking of social media...Did you ever notice a lot of folks on there are about the rudest, mouthiest people you'll ever see? But if you meet them in the real world, they act totally different. Not here, what you see is what you get. And in person no, they don't get a free pass for the crap they post. I call them right out on it. 'Just a joke' does not wash with me. They said some downright hateful things, and I get in their face. It's funny to listen to them stammer and stutter and actually eat their words. On that note, why on earth does anyone care if Joe Blow down the road kept a big fish to eat? He caught it legally, it's legal to keep, let him enjoy it. I admit that big catfish from local lakes I put back. But that's because I think they taste bad. Now, bog catfish from the big lakes are a whole new deal. One fish I've been after for years is a Blue or Flathead catfish over fifty pounds. And you can bet when I catch one, I will eat it. Not throwing back that much meat, and I may never catch another. But that's my choice, you do whatever you like. Just leave others alone.

Well, the president is in fine form. Executive orders on gun control that really don't do anything to stop crime. But for you Democrats it's never been about stopping crime. It's all about power and control. And you all know it. Otherwise, those rioting and looting would all be in jail! Every last one of them. Biden is also trying to bring the biggest land grab ever. I don't know all the details, but our editor knows what's going on! And right in the nation's heartland to boot! Are they freaking crazy? Taking that much cropland out of production will only have dire consequences for this country! But then again, the Democrats don't care. It's all

about control and power.

Speaking of control, it's funny how we Americans aren't supposed to gather together for any reason, but they sure don't mind the illegals coming in by the thousands, do they? Yes, Fauci and the rest are so full of it their eyes should be brown. And yes, I believe the whole bunch of them is lying to us about this whole Covid-19 pandemic. It's funny how those who are supposed to lead us can go wherever they want, with whomever they want without a problem, but heaven forbid we go see family! Those jerks can freaking choke as far as I'm concerned! I'll go where I want, when I want and with whomever I want. I don't need anyone's permission to do anything. And folks, neither do you. Now grow a set and be Americans again instead of sheep.

Let's see, black man gets pulled over, has a warrant for his arrest. Suspect tries to first run, then fight with police. Notice that he a) was wanted, and b) resisted arrest. Suspect gets shot. What does the black population in inner cities do? Why, we have to riot, loot, and try to hurt people. If it were up to me, the first rioter to throw anything at the police would be taken down with extreme force. Enough force that the rest say, oh crap, we'd better not do that! But no, Democrats want to weaken law enforcement to the point they just give up. Well, people in blue, some of us have your back. If your hands are tied, I don't mind whupping the jerk's butt that's throwing crap at you. Glad to help, actually. That, my friends, is what a real patriotic person would do. Now snivel and cry. Until next time, stay safe, and enjoy the outside.

Letter to the Editor

As a current Sheridan County owner of property once farmed by my great grandparents, I felt compelled to respond to the article '30 X 30 Plan' of Thursday, March 18, 2021, because it is filled with false information regarding National Heritage Areas (NHAs). The article reads "What does NHAs want? - Land." This is false. The first NHA was signed into law by President Reagan who described it as combining economic development, recreation, and celebrating the heritage of a region. There are now 55 NHAs. An NHA is a grassroots community driven enterprise shaping the long-term future of the community.

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**Dining in Sheridan County**

**Hoxie Elks Lodge**  
W Sheridan Ave.  
675-3161  
Wednesday 6-8pm  
Saturday 6-9pm

**JD's**  
744 Main, Hoxie  
675-3302  
7 Days a Week  
7am-2pm & 5-8pm

**Midway Cafe**  
Hwy 83, Selden  
386-4545  
Monday-Friday  
7am-2pm & 5-7pm  
Saturday 7am-2pm

**OSCAR'S**  
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675-2022  
Monday-Friday  
6:30am - 1pm  
Saturday 7am-Noon

**THE ELEPHANT BISTRO & BAR**  
732 Main, Hoxie  
677-3977  
Tuesday - Saturday  
11am - 9pm

**THE HITCHIN' POST BAR & GRILL**  
901 Main, Hoxie  
657-7711  
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11am-2pm & 5-8:30pm  
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**Town & Country**  
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Friday 7am-8pm  
Sat. 7-1pm Sun. 4-8pm

**Area Churches**

Christ Community Church  
2008 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ  
1541 Oak  
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church  
1325 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Hoxie

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Hwy 223  
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Hoxie

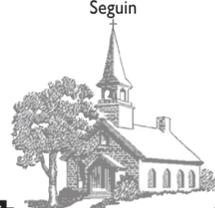
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- 2 Bathrooms
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**HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC**

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Dr. Jill Stewart, MD \* Dr. Dallas Walz, MD  
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Chris Hansen, PA-C \* Bhavini Gopaldas, PA-C  
Jodi Dumler, LCSW \* Taylor Bainter, LMSW

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

Call for Appointment: 785-675-3018

**Selden Community Clinic**

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

Call for Appointment: 785-386-4380

**HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC**

PHYSICAL THERAPY:  
Direct Access to PT  
Speech & Occupational Therapy  
Women's Health/Pelvic Floor Rehab

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AUDIOLOGY \* PAIN MANAGEMENT  
INJECTIONS \* HEALTH COACH

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**The Hoxie Democrat  
Friday, April 5, 1887**

The court-house is where Kenneth township will vote next Tuesday.

All persons wanting cattle herded this summer, and have them attended to at twenty cents per head per month, enquire of David Sanley, seven miles north of Hoxie.

L. Willett has gone on a visit to Iowa.

J. W. Huff was in town a few hours last week.

The oldest son of A. J. Kirk is very ill with fever.

The Batty building will be occupied by S. Pond in the north side, and J. M. Woodworth in the south.

The county commissioners met last Monday and were in session three days.

C. E. Snow is putting an addition of twenty feet square to his store building.

I. W. Patterson has sold his yoke of oxen to a new comer who will immediately go to turning over the sod.

Joseph Turtle had the misfortune to break his leg last week. Dr. Wintemitz reduced the fracture, and at last accounts he was doing well.

Wonder if the anti-bond Mowry, of Graham county, who is taking such an interest in Sheridan county, is the Kingman county Mowry; if he is, he will hear something drop.

Skinner, of Adel, is either a prevaricator or insane, as a man who would make the assertions he did last week in Saline township, could not do it without being one or the other.

H. Tatum and D. Mitchem have formed a partnership in the livery business. They are both good boys and will give good satisfaction. For good team or sure feed, give them a call.

C. Cooper and daughter, of Salem, Iowa, were in town last Monday and purchased \$600 worth of town lots. Mr. Cooper will in the near future build in Hoxie, and go into some kind of business.

Mr. O. F. Brown received a severe kick from a horse last Monday which tore his face badly, and required six stitches to fasten it up. He left in the afternoon for his home in Nebraska. His escape from the loss of an eye, as miraculous.

"Calico Mac" is telling some of his wonderful stories to the people of the north part of the county, among which we suppose will be the one as to how he dared all the people out of the courthouse on the day of the canvas of the petition. This is on a par with the rest of his stories.

F. A. Boller has just completed a severe spell of sickness which is termed sun pain. It begins with the rising of the sun and ends with the setting and is one of the most painful diseases on record. Fred's sufferings were most intense, and we rejoice that it has at last been mastered and hope it may never return.

**125 Years Ago  
April 16, 1896**

The *Hill City Republican* actually contained a few items of news last week.

Miss Retta Mitchell was visiting in town Saturday.

Miss Sadie Loof, of Morland, visited in the city Monday.

W. S. Quisenberry was at Rexford the first of the week.

W. H. Gallogly, of Selden, had business in Hoxie Tuesday.

Judge Foster has decided that the fire guard tax is constitutional.

Gove City has a new Odd Fellows lodge. It starts out with a good membership.

Miss Mae Suffecool closed a very successful term of school in the Patmon district last Friday.

Mrs. Grover Walker, accompanied by her sister, Miss Grady, of Kentucky, arrived home last week.

Mrs. P. G. Walker will leave in a few days for an extended visit in Kentucky and Georgia, and Porter will go to the mountains for a justly earned vacation.

Ellis has a lady Mayor; five lady councilmen and one man Police Judge. Just think of how burdensome life will be to this one man when the lady councilmen insist that he do something. The ladies labor under the hallucination that a police judge is elected for a purpose.

Tom Pratt burned off a small garden patch and took special care to see that no live embers were left, but notwithstanding his care, the third or fourth day afterward he discovered one of his stack yards which contained thirty five or forty tons of hay to be on fire, but too late to do any good. Great care should be taken in burning trash that aa good and sufficient guard is around the patch that no sparks or weeds afire may blow over.

**Guy Flashes**

We believe that Mr. Woods has contracted to carry the mail between Museum and Guy.

Fishing is good around this city, a party last week caught about 10 lbs of fish in about twenty minutes.

The health of this community is generally good, excepting G. Pratt who has fits of unconsciousness about sun-up every morning.

Miss Florence Hedge has had her summer residence fixed up. She has engaged the best of architects and builders, and when we heard that Messrs Houseworth and Brandram were superintending the work we were not surprised at seeing the magnificent building which has sprung up during the last two days. Miss Hedge has ordered her furniture from Paris.

**Pro Bono Publico**

**Selden Department**

Miss Ora McClellan is home, her school being out.

Mr. Weston made a flying trip to Menlo on Tuesday.

Mr. Bender let the fire get away from him recently and came near burning stock and stabling for G. L. Boyles. It's the old story of putting fire out on a windy day.

Joe Newton is going to move the old postoffice building out on the farm for a dwelling.

From *The Hoxie Sentinel*, 1921. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

**100 Years Ago  
April 14, 1921**

**A Surprise**

The Dr. and Mrs. Korb home was the scene of a very pleasant time, Tuesday evening, when the Just-a-Meer club gave them a surprise party.

The girls of the club prepared and took with them well-filled baskets, so supper was served soon after the arrival of the guests. Those present included only members of the club.

**Local News**

Lee R. Cummins, of Salina, was here Tuesday, on business.

George Preston, of the Rexford neighborhood, lost a large barn by fire one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McClain returned Tuesday from a visit with Mrs. McClain's mother at Osborne, Kansas.

Leon Steinhauer, who holds a good position with the Foster Lumber Company at Colby, spent Sunday with home folks.

Ray L. Morgan, the hustling blacksmith who has charge of the W. E. Beattie shop, has a word to say to the trade in this week's *Sentinel*.

Elmer Percival expects to leave for Kansas City this week to make some purchases for their store and to get in touch with the 1921 advertising plan for the Cheney phonograph.

A. E. Thomas and A. R. Boutz were here Saturday from the Jennings country. The boys were in their usual good spirits and they told us that Jennings is making a good growth this spring.

The excavation work for the new City School building is being rushed to completion. Mr. Ricky plans to get the new building completed and ready for occupancy by the beginning of school next fall.

Two Selden business men have entered the ministry. Joseph Ward was ordained recently as a Baptist minister and E. T. Geiger, secretary of the Service Telephone Company, has accepted a call from the M. E. conference to take a charge at Cedar Bluffs, Kansas. Both these gentlemen are personal friends of ye editor and we wish them splendid success in their new endeavors.

T. J. Rouse and family, of Norton, spent Sunday and Monday here visiting relatives and friends. Tom is quite well known here as a few years ago he was employed as a clerk in Mr. Beers' store. He now has a large store and a good business of his own at Norton.

The State Agricultural College wishing to cooperate with the farmers of the state, has added a Farm Architecture Department, and will furnish plans for farm homes, barns, poultry houses and other farm buildings at a very small cost. Farmers planning to build this season will find it worth their while to correspond with this department.

J. U. Andregg finished assessing Kenneth township the last of the week. Mr. Andregg has kept on the job continuously since the first of March and has completed the work in good time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Shearer, Miss Mildred White, Miss Josephine Cunningham and Miss Edna Hedge, of Morland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pulliam.

**75 Years Ago  
April 18, 1946**

**Visit Sentinel Office**

Alice Miley, teacher of White Hall school, with the following pupils were visitors at this office today: Harold, Dale, Doris, Wayne and Berneice Rowilson, and Helen Jones, a visitor with the group. We were pleased to have them, and wish to announce the latch string is open to any other school group who wish to visit us.

**Plan New Church Building**

Plans are underway for a new church building for Immanuel Lutheran Church. The building committee will meet with an architect to discuss the plans in the near future.

According to the resolutions of the congregation, the church is to be built of brick and tile, to be located at the site of the present building. As soon as critical materials are available and plans have been submitted and approved, actual building will begin.

**Morland News**

Mrs. Roscoe Brown and little daughter, of Holdridge, Nebr., are visiting at the Guy Brown

home.

Mrs. Appa Stober, who spent the winter at the A. R. Collins home in Missouri, is expected home soon.

Mrs. Laura Shapley is now nicely located in her home in Morland.

**Allison News**

School closed Friday, with election in the afternoon. Mr. Fortin was reelected as Director. The teacher and pupils had a picnic several days previous, with several pupils absent due to the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kappers were unfortunate in losing their nice Chevrolet car by fire. It seems they were cleaning the interior and had used gasoline. Only the rear tires were saved. They had no insurance.

The Randolphs in Allison have been doing cement work, moving buildings and general repairing incidental to putting in a water system.

**Selden Items**

Jim Trimble arrived in Selden Saturday night after months spent in California.

Johnny Nauer announces that he will have ice on hand from now on.

The Leoville baseball team is looking for equipment and doing some work on the diamond, getting ready to make hay while the sun shines this summer.

**Menlo Items**

Mrs. Lily Moore returned home last week after spending the winter with her son, Elmer, and family in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferguson are nicely located in their new home in Menlo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Christensen entertained a group of relatives Sunday in honor of their son, Douglas, birthday.

**Leoville News**

The eighth grade class of the Leoville grade school went by train to Norton on Thursday and spent most of the day there. There are thirteen in the eighth grade. Kenneth John Bruggeman, Johnny Olson, Alvin Kruse, Eileen Heim, Helen Jo Karls, Mary Lou Sulzman, Annabel Schieferecke, Joan Welter, Catherine Sapp, Delores Boor, Betty Schroer, Anna Marie Meith and Joan Kruse. They returned home on the Jersey in the evening. Mrs. August Karls and Mrs. Frank Kruse and David accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. August Karls went to Hays Saturday to visit Mrs. Clarence Wegman, who is a patient in the hospital there.

The Leoville Baseball team began practicing ball Sunday afternoon.

**50 Years Ago  
April 15, 1971**

**New Office Building Under Construction**

A new modern office building is being constructed in Hoxie on a lot just north of the locker plant. The 30 by 48 foot structure is being built by W-S Cattle Co. of Hoxie (Joe Winter Jr. and Don Stephens). It will provide space for six individual offices, as well as a lobby. Meed Construction of Quinter is the contractor.

**Letters to Editor Must be Signed**

An interesting letter was received at the *Sentinel* this week, concerning an incident which occurred at the recent teen age dance which was held at the Hoxie Elks Lodge.

Unfortunately it is not our policy to print letters which are not signed by the writer. We also ask that you include your telephone number on your correspondence.

The *Sentinel* is always pleased to receive your letters and it is our policy to publish them if properly signed.

**Leoville News**

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bollig and children and Teresa Fortin of Denver spent the weekend and Easter Sunday at the Gene Fortin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long and daughter of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heim and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schieferecke of Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke and Teresa, the Jim and Paul Schiefereckes were dinner guests at the Bill Schieferecke home Saturday. The Ray Heims were dinner guests of Mrs. Margaret Heim and Lillian in Hoxie on Sunday.

**Seguin Items**

Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes were Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wiley in Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dempewolf visited in Selden and Oberlin Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Geerdes was hostess for the Monday afternoon card players. The ladies from Hoxie to enjoy the afternoon were Mrs. Margaret Geerdes, Mrs. Bill Heim, Mrs. Ed Baalman and Mrs. John Rietcheck.

**Broadway News**

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Chestnut returned from Indiana. Surgery wasn't performed on their son-in-law. We are sorry to hear the malignancy is quite advanced in his jaw.

Albert Smith called at Ralph Transues Thursday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaner arrived at Dave Popp's for Easter and are leaving this week for the west coast to visit relatives.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

Rose dust and fertilizers, flower, garden, tree fertilizers, and growing aids. Pesticides! And did you know Sevin makes a good chicken house mite spray.

"I was never so upset," the woman told her psychiatrist. "I dreamed that I was walking down the street wearing nothing but a hat."

"Embarrassed, were you?"

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We have some very good fishing tackle boxes in durable, tough plastics.

**25 Years Ago  
April 11, 1996**

**Golfers Place 2<sup>nd</sup> in Season Opener**

The Hoxie High School golf team opened the season with a second-place finish at Norton on April 2.

Hoxie ended up with a team total of 362 to finish behind Colby with 344. Hill City took third with 364, while Phillipsburg was fourth with 375.

Individually for Hoxie, Steve Watkins shot an 87 to tie for sixth place, but lost in two playoff holes to end up in eighth. Brent Feldt shot an 88 for a tie for ninth, but lost in a playoff to end up in 10<sup>th</sup>. Others scoring for Hoxie were Mitchell Moss, 92; Wade Tremblay, 95; and Andy Pope, 106.

**Rexford**

Mark and Kelly Miller, Tyson and Abby of Colby visited their grandmother, Lula Thieler last Sunday afternoon.

Keith and Darlene Barnett of Atwood and Lula Thieler were dinner guests of Rex and Betty Carswell at the The Café last Friday evening. Later, they went out to the Carswells for cake and ice cream to celebrate Darlene's birthday.

**Selden**

Just after midnight on April 3, area fire departments responded to a fire call one mile east of Leoville on KS highway 383. The area fire departments that responded were: Selden, Hoxie, Jennings, McGraw and Decatur County.

On April 4, Irene Kruse was hostess at the Senior Citizens. Laura Berls won high, Gertrude Fleckenstein won second and Anna Albers took low.

The Selden United Methodist women met on Wednesday, April 2 with Leone Porsch as hostess. Roll call was answered by each reading a poem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the treasurers report was given. After a short business meeting Shirley Emigh led in a lesson about some mothers whose sons were involved in Christ's crucifixion. Lunch was then served.

**Jennings-Allison**

Saturday guests of Lucille Stackhouse were Edna Gartrell of Stockton, Jeanice Cress of Humboldt, and Carl and Linda Wahlmeier.

Sunday several friends and family attended the St. Paul Lutheran Church to witness the confirmation of Shane Steven Norris. Curt and Joann returned home Sunday evening and brought their 3 1/2 year old twin grandchildren, Cassie and Steven Viar, who are spending the week.

## Annual Art Walk Returns April 23

The Colby Community College art department will host the 10th annual Spring Art Walk on Friday, April 23, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. along Franklin Avenue in downtown Colby. The event was canceled last year because of the pandemic.

Art and activities will span 19 locations, with many pieces available for purchase. The show will feature works by professional artists and student creations from CCC and area K-12 public and private schools.

K-12 art will be hung at McCarty Dairy. CCC student art will be on display in the Franklin Office Complex.

Additional highlights include:

- Watercolor demonstrations by Elwyn Vatcher.
- An opportunity to purchase and glaze pottery at Movement Connection. Artist Lissa Sexson will fire the piece and return it to the buyer later.
- Labyrinth art.
- An Encaustic demonstration by Rebel Mahieu.
- Weaving demonstration at La Loteria.
- An aluminum pour south of BankWest.
- A 2D art demonstration by Julie Peterson-Shea at Colby Furniture.
- Food vendors.
- Face painting.
- Musical talent on the streets.
- Caricature drawings.

“There will be something for everyone,” said CCC art instructor Rebel Mahieu. “And we still have room if somebody has something they want to share.”

There is no charge to attend. For more information or to volunteer, contact Mahieu at (785) 269-7065.

## WPAA Neil Diamond Tribute April 25

A Neil Diamond Tribute is a Broadway style production featuring 12-time Branson Show award winner Keith Allyn as he unveils the story of Diamond's life through Diamond's own songs. Quick change magic, a unique salute to veterans and Diamond's top hits round out this romantic comedy, making it a must see for audiences of all ages.

The St. Francis Community High School auditorium, 100 S. College, St. Francis, is venue for this Western Plains Arts Association show Sunday, April 25 at 3 p.m. CDT. Admission by WPAA season ticket or at the gate \$10 adults, \$5 students.

This project is generously funded by Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the state arts agencies of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

A special grant was also given by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, KS.

Diamond look and sound alike Allyn began his career in stand-up comedy at the age of 14 opening for such greats as Chris Rock, Tim Allen, and Robin Williams. At 21, Allyn discovered his musical talents while performing “All Shook Up” at a karaoke night. The girls went wild, and he was hooked. For several years he continued to perform as an Elvis tribute artist and was voted a top-ten Elvis by Graceland.

Later, trying to impress a girl who was a huge Neil Diamond fan, Allyn called her on the phone and in his best “Neil” voice sang “Hello Again” from the Jazz Singer. It became their song, she became his wife, and he became The Diamond Image.

Recently Allyn was selected to be one of only a handful of Neil Diamond Tribute artists in the world to be featured in a documentary entitled “Diamond Mountain”, actually being voted #1 by his peers!

After having performed over a decade in Branson, MO, Keith Allyn now travels extensively throughout the United States paying tribute to America's favorite singer songwriter, Neil Diamond, who has entertained the world for nearly six decades and has sold more than 100 million records worldwide. Allyn's mesmerizing style, intimacy with audiences, and cover of Diamond's top hits makes A Neil Diamond Tribute a great way to “Experience the feel of Neil”.

This tribute program is produced by Back to the '70s Tributes. Visit their website [backtothe70stributes.com](http://backtothe70stributes.com) for additional information including pictures and videos.

## FHSU Tigers Prepare for 55th Annual Rodeo

Shae Biedenbender has been rodeoing since the age of five and you can see her and the FHSU Rodeo team in action this weekend at the 55th annual FHSU NIRA Rodeo.

The FHSU Rodeo is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, April 16-18 at Doug Philip Arena, located on Golf Course Road, a half mile west of U.S. Highway 183 Alternate, Hays.

Public performances begin at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The 2021

FHSU rodeo queen will be crowned during Sunday's performance.

“We're super excited-it's going to be a great rodeo,” Biedenbender said. “Especially because we have that home-town advantage and as a team we've been accelerating. Everyone's been doing great so we can't wait to get out there and see how everyone does.”

Nearly 600 competitors from 22 schools in the Central Plains Region will compete in bareback bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, cowgirls barrel racing, cowgirls breakaway roping, cowgirls' goat tying, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and tie-down roping.

These student athletes are competing for the opportunity to qualify for the College National Finals June 11-19 in Casper, Wyo. The top three individuals in points in each individual event, as well as the top two teams, in each of the 11 regions across the country will win their seat at the CNFR.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Service Center in FHSU's Memorial Union; Orschelns Farm & Home, 2900 Broadway Ave.; and Vanderbilt's, 2704 Vine. Advance ticket prices are \$10. Prices at the gate will be \$12.

COVID precautions will be applied to ensure the safety of our competitors and audience members including a new digital program guide that can be scanned when entering the arena.

## Graham County Auto and Art Museum Grand Opening

John F. Kennedy hearse to anchor inaugural exhibition of classic automobiles. The 1964 Cadillac hearse and other classic cars from Stephen Tebo's collection to join display at new local attraction beginning April 24.

The grand opening of Tebo's Corner, which features the Graham County Auto and Art Museum for the residents of Hill City and is located at the intersection of Highways 24 and 283, will take place April 24, beginning at 10 a.m.

The idea for an auto and art museum came from a Hill City native, Fred Pratt. A generous donation from Stephen Tebo—a 1962 graduate of Hill City High School and owner of Tebo Properties, in Boulder, Colorado—who donated along with a number of local Hill City area businesses, the Hanson Foundation and the local Community Foundation, allowed the Graham County Auto and Art Museum Corporation to purchase the original famed “Dean's Service” gas station. The gas station was renovated and expanded to complete the now 8,000-square-foot museum, which was designed to attract both locals and tourists passing through the town's major intersection of Highways 24 and 283.

For the first time in 10 years, the 1964 Cadillac hearse that transported former President John F. Kennedy's body from Parkland Memorial Hospital to Air Force One after his death in November 1963 will be on display to the public. The vehicle, which Tebo purchased at a car collector's auction in 2012, will join other classic cars from a portion of his personal collection, including a 1936 Cadillac Convertible, a 1929 Pierce Arrow, a 1924 Duesenberg and a 1922 Model T. The display of classic cars will also include local automobiles, including a Model T that was featured in the movie “Paper Moon,” a 1967 Pontiac, a 1942 Chevy Sudan and a 1969 Camero, along with antique tractors and several vintage motorcycles. Additionally, Tebo's contribution from his collection will rotate frequently so visitors will be able to see updated exhibits on a regular basis.

“After a tumultuous year, I'm honored to not only help provide something to bring the community together again but to help restore the vitality of the downtown area,” said Tebo, who fondly remembers his first job at eight years old shining shoes at Rex's

## Look What's Coming Up in Twin Creeks District

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **4/24/21:**
  - Hazardous Occupations Safety Training for Youth in Agriculture at the Norton County
  - 4-H Building, time TBD
  - Decatur County Small Animal Weigh-In, 9-11 a.m. at the Decatur County Fairgrounds
- **Week of 4/26/21:**
  - Dirty Hands, Healthy Kids Youth Gardening Series Soil Horizons Programs in Decatur County, Sheridan County, Graham County, and Norton County (specific locations, dates, and times TBD)
- **5/1/21:**
  - 4-H Project Add-Drop Deadline
  - 4-H Horse Identifications Due
  - Market Beef Nominations due for Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair
- **5/3/21:**
  - Graham County Small Animal Weigh-In
- **5/5/21:**
  - Graham County Small Animal Weigh-In
- **5/10/21:**
  - Swine Across Kansas, Health via Zoom
- **6/5/21:**
  - Get Your Shine On Spring Livestock Show in Hill City

## KFL Responds to Ruling Striking Down Live Dismemberment Abortions Ban

Today a Shawnee County Judge issued an opinion siding with Kansas City-Area abortionists and striking down a law prohibiting the brutal practice of live dismemberment abortion. The 2015 law received overwhelming bi-partisan support in the legislature and is broadly popular with the public.

“The abortion industry wants unlimited and unregulated abortion in our state—even live dismemberment of unborn children,” stated Jeanne Gawdun, KFL's Director of Government Relations. “This is exactly why Kansas voters must approve the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment on August 2nd of 2022. Women and babies in our state deserve better.”

Judge Teresa Watson used the Hodes & Nauser v. Schmidt opinion issued by the Kansas Supreme Court in 2019 as the basis for her decision. The latter opinion created a nearly unlimited right to abortion in the Kansas Constitution, opening the door to all limits on the abortion industry being struck down.

The VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment was approved by the Kansas Legislature in January of 2021 and will be considered by Kansas voters in August of 2022. The Amendment is designed to keep existing pro-life laws in place and ensure Kansas does not return to the days of being a destination for the most extreme abortion practices.

For more information on the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment, please go to [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org) or [www.ValueThemBoth.com](http://www.ValueThemBoth.com).



Barbershop, which was located down the street from where Tebo's Corner exists today. “The local board of directors has done a tremendous job at getting this done.”

“The location of the museum offers a great opportunity to bring more tourism to Hill City and benefit the community as a whole,” said Cory Simoneau, president of the Graham County Auto and Art Museum. “We hope this will help to sustain many of the surrounding local businesses that have suffered over the last year because of the pandemic.”

The museum will feature a small arts and crafts store at the front entrance to attract both art and automobile enthusiasts and will host a public grand opening event April 24. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting and a luncheon following. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the museum, and participants will have available a free will donation luncheon. There will also be several raffles featuring two heirloom quilts made by Stephanie Simoneau and Phyllis Weller as well as other items.

Following the grand opening, the museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday with an admission fee of \$5.

## Objection to Federal Mandate Requiring Workers Join Unions

A proposal to cast aside more than 75 years of legal protections for workers would wrongly negate Kansas right-to-work laws by making union membership a condition of employment, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

Schmidt joined a coalition of 14 state attorneys general in sending a letter to U.S. Senate leaders opposing the federal legislation. The Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021 includes a provision that would require workers to face the choice of paying union dues or losing their jobs.

“Our Nation has always been one of opportunity that rewards individual choice, ingenuity, and initiative,” the attorneys general wrote. “Our laws have long preserved the ability of employees to speak for themselves, to make informed decisions, and to work without being forced to pay fees to third parties.”

The letter from the attorneys general points out that the U.S. Supreme Court long has upheld state right-to-work laws. The people of Kansas have placed a right-to-work provision directly in the state constitution, and the proposed

federal legislation attempts to negate that state constitutional protection.

The PRO Act seeks to undermine the right-to-work laws passed by 27 states, including Kansas. For example, one section of the legislation condones union contracts that would force employees to pay union dues “as a condition of employment.”

The attorneys general say in their letter that they are responsible for upholding the laws in their states, including

laws that guard the freedom of employees to keep their jobs regardless of whether they pay union dues. The PRO Act would abruptly end 75 years of freedom by ending right-to-work laws in 27 states. “Accordingly, we respectfully urge Congress not to enact the PRO Act, particularly those provisions negating the Right-to-Work Laws.”

A copy of the letter can be found at <https://bit.ly/3uwq1K6>.

## Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council Holds First Meeting

The Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council held its first meeting Monday, officially beginning its work to implement Governor Laura Kelly's vision of Kansas having the best educated, most skilled workforce in the Midwest.

The Governor signed an Executive Order in March establishing the Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council, which creates a statewide forum for crafting policy and legislative proposals aimed at workforce development.

“This council will align our education system with the needs of business and industry to build the robust pipeline of skilled workers needed to ensure we don't fall behind in a constantly-evolving economy,” Governor Kelly said. “We must invest in our children and our businesses to create opportunities for all Kansans.”

During Tuesday's meeting, the Council committed itself to the Governor's 5-year vision of being the best in the Midwest in three key areas:

1. Post-secondary readiness and success;
2. Preparation for high-wage, high-demand, high-skilled, critical need occupations and;
3. Business expansion, attraction, and retention.

The Council reviewed findings surrounding Kansas's economic competitiveness from the state's new economic development strategy, the Framework for Growth. After assessing the state's existing advantages and areas for growth, the Council delved into educational attainment data in Kansas, identifying information

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gaps and metrics to assess growth in workforce development opportunities like apprenticeships, certifications, and more. The group concluded the meeting by organizing itself into three workgroups, each focused on one of three priority areas identified by the Governor:

- The Jump Start Kansas team will work on post-secondary readiness and success, helping to improve work based and applied learning opportunities in the state;
- The Talent Ready Kansas team will focus on preparation for high-wage, high-demand, high-skilled, critical need occupations in Kansas, working to expand apprenticeship programs and increasing industry preparation in higher-education;
- The Opportunity Kansas team will center its work on business expansion, attraction, and retention, helping to make Kansas the best place to live, invest, and grow.

The Advantage Kansas Council will meet monthly, with the next full-council meeting scheduled for May 12th. All meetings will be streamed live and notice will be posted via Public Square. Members of the public can view the meeting on the Board of Regent's YouTube page

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## Testing...Testing...



Testing—Golden Plains School Nurse Sharla Williams conducts hearing testing on a GP student using equipment made available with a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. By having their own testing equipment, Golden Plains has been able to conduct regular testing and as needed testing in order to help students address medical issues in a timely manner. “This helps us to refer students as needed for more in-depth medical care,” said Williams. “We have been able to uncover underlying medical issues that were able to be treated by health care providers enabling student to be successful in the classroom much sooner.” (Photo by Judy Rogers)

GO BULLDOGS!

## Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

If you plan to attend Colby Community College next fall you need to enroll as soon as possible. Once you have enrolled, financial aid will “package” you so you will know what you are getting in terms of scholarships, grants, and loans. You will want to really look at these figures as to what loans you may want to accept (hint: try to get by without subsidized loans).

CCC’s enrollment program is called Trojan Thursdays. You can sign up for a date and time at [trojanadvisingcenter.setmore.com/](http://trojanadvisingcenter.setmore.com/). Or you can call to set up whatever you need to do at (785) 460-5401. Various days and times are available, and it will not take all day.

The GROW and EXCITE Summer Workshop is a 3-day program designed to encourage and inspire middle and high school students to pursue a future in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. The 2021 Summer Workshop will take place virtually June 9-11, 2021.

Students will have the chance to connect with and learn from K-State faculty, staff and students from a variety of STEM professions. The event is open to students who will complete grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 in May 2021. Students of all genders are welcome to apply! The cost is only \$30 and need-based scholarships are available. Register at <https://bit.ly/3s9ehvw>. If you have questions call 785-532-6088.

Juniors, most colleges are now doing in person visits. Butler Community College will have Grizzly Junior Day April 21 on the El Dorado campus. Register by April 19 at [butlercc.edu/junior-day](http://butlercc.edu/junior-day) by April 19. A virtual visit is also available.

Speaking of Butler, you can earn college credits while in high school. Cybersecurity, culinary art, game and simulation design, business/entrepreneurship, teaching, engineering, health sciences, humanities, and welding are pathways available. Call 316-218-6130 to find out more about the BCC Early College Academy.

Free computer science activities are available for students and parents. Digital art activities are also available at the Girls Who Code website.

Activities are released bi-weekly— some online, some offline, of varying levels of difficulty. Each activity features a woman in tech who pioneered innovative technology. Find out more at [GIRLSWHOCODE.COM/PROGRAMS/CODE-AT-HOME](http://GIRLSWHOCODE.COM/PROGRAMS/CODE-AT-HOME).

Northwest Tech will host its final program day on April 14. Meet with our President, Admissions team, student ambassadors, program instructors, and athletics to see and hear about our college programs firsthand. Sign up today to see what a unique hands-on college experience looks like. Register at <https://www.nwktc.edu/program-day>

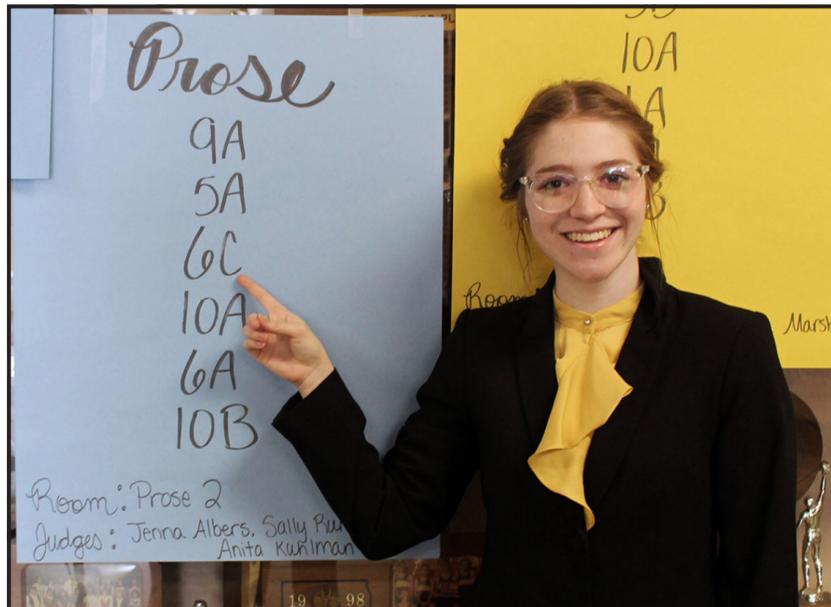
### IMPORTANT DATES:

May 1: Registration deadline for KBOR scholarships (<https://bit.ly/3p8KDPu>)

May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test

June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test

## Forensics Compete in Oakley



State Qualified! Golden Plains Junior Lauren Patmon shows off her first-place victory in Prose at the Oakley Forensics meet on April 1. This is her second year qualifying for State Champs. The state meet will be held virtually on May 1. (Photo by Jorja Juenemann)

By Rayna Taylor

The Golden Plains Forensics Team placed third at the Oakley meet on April 1. “It was a great day,” said Coach Robynn Wessel. “We were able to place in the top three teams with only six students competing!”

Junior Lauren Patmon qualified for State Champs by placing first in Prose with her piece “Daddy’s Girl.” Senior Rojelio Loya was neck and neck with Patmon tied in first place in Prose heading to finals. Loya finished fifth.

Golden Plains had three girls make finals in the Poetry division including Britton Knowles, Alisha Brantley, and Danica Ritter. Knowles finished in fourth place, Knowles in fifth, and Ritter in sixth.

“Three girls making finals is a big deal,” added Coach Wessel. “It’s a very competitive event.” Brantley had previously qualified for state in Poetry and Knowles qualified for State Festival.

“The meet went really well for everyone,” said Junior Britton Knowles. “I made it to finals for the first time which qualified me for festivals.”

Senior Danica Ritter also qualified for finals in Oration where she placed sixth. Juniors Ethan Shea and Lauren Patmon also competed in Improvised Duet Acting for the first time. Although they missed out of finals, they had a great time performing.

The Bulldogs final meet before state will be the WKLL league meet in Almena on April 6.



## Bulldogs Ready to Run

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains track athletes are ready for their season to begin. “We’ve spent three weeks working hard in practice,” said senior Brooke Stoll. “We are excited to see how everyone does at the first meet.”

Both the high school and middle school teams open their season on April 13. The high school competes at the Triplains Invitational in Colby and the middle school competes at the Rawlins County Invitational in Atwood.



Sprint! Sidney Taylor (left) and Morgan Wark (right) work on sprints during track practice at Golden Plains High School. Both the middle school and high school track team open their season on April 13. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Run! Golden Plains junior Ethan Weiner runs around town for track practice in Rexford. Following a successful cross-country season, Ethan is looking forward to beginning track season for the Bulldogs. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

from the missed year and be competitive.”

Also competing at the high school level for her first track season is freshman Emma Weiner. Emma placed third in state cross country in the fall and will run distances for the Bulldogs. “After a successful cross country season, I’m anxious to see how I perform on the track,” said Weiner.

Junior Ethan Weiner also ran cross country in the fall and will be running distances for the boys. “I’m glad to be back to running again and am excited for the season,” said Ethan. “It’s going to be a fun season.”



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## Bulldogs Place Second at League Forensics



**State Qualified!** Danica Ritter, a senior from Golden Plains, accepts her first place medal in Oration from judge Tia Carter. Ritter, a four-year competitor in Forensics, qualified for State Champs at the WKLL League meet in Almena on April 6. This is her first year to qualify for state and will compete in the virtual meet on May 1. (Photo by Robynn Wessel)

**By Breanna Rath**

The Golden Plains Bulldog Forensics team placed second at the Western Kansas Liberty League meet in Northern Valley on April 6. Qualifying for State Champs at league was Danica Ritter with a first-place finish in Oration. Rojelio Loya also competed in Oration placing seventh.

There were several qualifiers for the State Festival including newcomers Sidney Taylor and McHaley Carter with a third-place finish in IDA. "I didn't expect to qualify since it was our first meet," said Taylor "but I had a really good time."

"I hope I can convince Sidney to do it with me again next year because I loved it," added Carter.

Ethan Shea and Alisha Brantley placed fourth which also qualified them for State Festival in IDA.

Several students tried Impromptu for the first-time including Emma Weiner, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Ava Brantley, and Rojelio Loya. "Although they didn't break finals, they did very well in a large group of students who have done this event all year," said Coach Robynn Wessel. "I am so proud of them for stepping out of their comfort zone to try something new!"

In Poetry, Alisha Brantley placed first again, and Britton Knowles placed third. With the change in state qualifications this year, this qualified Knowles for State Festival. Brantley had already qualified for State Champs.

Jorja Juennemann placed third in Informative. "That's pretty great since this is only the second meet she has competed in," added Wessel. In Prose, Rojelio Loya and Lauren Patmon were once again neck and neck going into the finals with two first place preliminary scores. Patmon again placed first with Loya placing third. Patmon had previously qualified for State Champs in this event and his third-place finish qualified Loya for State Festival.

"It was a long day of Forensics," continued Wessel, "but successful! As a team, we came in second to Western Plains. It could not have been done without every student who decided to give Forensics a chance. I am so proud of my team! What a great way to end the regular season."

The State Champs and State Festival meet will be held virtually on May 1. Competing for Golden Plains will be Lauren Patmon (Prose), Danica Ritter (Oration), and Alisha Brantley (Poetry). Representing Golden Plains in State Festival will be Sidney Taylor and McHaley Carter (IDA), Rojelio Loya (Prose), and Britton Knowles (Poetry). Although Ethan Shea and Alisha Brantley qualified in IDA, they will be unable to compete as Brantley will be competing in State Champs and the state does not allow competition in both Champs and Festival. "Good Luck to you all!" added Wessel.



**WES student, Emily Dohm, concentrates while bringing her egg to the half court line and then back!** (WHS photo)

## Kirsten Schroeder Signs to NCK Tech



**Cindy Schroeder, watches as her daughter, Kirsten Schroeder, signs a letter of intent to attend NCK Tech at Hays next fall.** (WHS photo)

**By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter**

On Wednesday, April 7, WHS Senior, Kirsten Schroeder, signed to NCK Tech to pursue her career in nursing. Like some of her fellow classmates, Schroeder had a signing ceremony. The whole school arrived in the library to watch Kirsten sign the papers, stating that she wants to pursue her education at NCK Tech and go into their nursing program.

Schroeder's eventual career goal is to work as a trauma nurse in a busy urban hospital. She is enthusiastic about taking the next steps in achieving that goal.

Schroeder stated, "I know I have a long path ahead, but I am excited to get started. NCK Tech is a great choice with me. I will already have some friends there, and it's not too far from home. Really, I can't wait to get started!"

## Easter Egg Hunt at WES

**By Emma Thompson, Staff Reporter**

On April 1, 2021, WES held an Easter hunt for kids from K-4. FCCLA and DTP students helped organize the hunt and activities for the kids. Each grade school student had two eggs with their name on it to find along with some relays and activities.

Students first were separated into teams with a group leader, which was a high school student. Each group competed in relay races with their fellow teams. A couple of the Easter themed relays included egg and spoon and trying to contain jelly with a spoon whilst moving towards a team member.

The Easter Egg hunt included all the students finding their eggs located on the playground. Each student had two eggs marked with their name. Once students found their eggs, they were told to sit on the basketball court and wait for their classmates to find theirs.

DTP Advisor and English Teacher Carolyn Nelson said, "It was very well organized, and the WES students enjoyed the activities. The high school group leaders interacting with the younger children."

WHS FCCLA Sponsor, Mrs. Kim Dohm, states, "I always love seeing the high school students interact with the elementary students. The young ones look up to them so much and it is always a fun time for all!"

Everyone had a great time, and it was a fun way to end the school week before Easter break.

## Shop Class Donates to VFW Post 2864



**Metal cut out MIA/POW flag by sophomore Nathan Vollbracht.** (WHS photo)

**By Carolyn Nelson, Advisor**

WHS shop class donated three items to the Wheatland VFW Auxiliary Post # 2864 of Grinnell for the Honor Flight benefit held at the Post Home on Saturday, April 10. Students crafted these projects in honor of veterans to show their respect and appreciation for those who have served in foreign wars.

Sophomore Adam Phillips and senior Jailey Gallentine worked together on a patriotic wooden cross with acrylic engraving. Phillips prepared the wood by cutting and sanding; then Gallentine cut out the acrylic and attached it to the cross. Mr. Heier, shop teacher, finished the cross.

Nathan Vollbracht, sophomore, worked on two different projects, a metal cut out eagle flag with stars and stripes, and a POW/MIA flag.

Mrs. Carol Rietcheck and Kristin Losey accepted the items on behalf of the Wheatland VFW Auxiliary # 2864. Mrs. Rietcheck stated, "On behalf of the Wheatland Auxiliary and Honor Flight Association, we thank you, Mr. Heier and students for your generous donation."



**Metal cut out eagle by sophomore Nathan Vollbracht.** (WHS photo)

## The Civics Games at WHS

**By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter**

On Tuesday, March 30, and Thursday, April 1, WHS upperclassmen, Senior Isaiah Dickman and Juniors Laredo Allemang and Tyra Schultz, participated in the Civics Game. The Civics Game is a statewide activity, and only twenty-four schools are selected. WHS had registered to do the Civics Game last year, but due to Covid-19 it was postponed until this year and held over ZOOM.

There were two portions to the civics games, a fifteen-question quiz, and a fifteen-minute presentation. The topic for the presentation was "Should Seniors in Kansas be required to pass the civics test to graduate high school?"

The WHS students placed 10 out of 24. Allemang and Schultz both have expressed interest in doing the Civics Game next year if they are able to attend, since you have to register beforehand and only twenty-four teams are selected.

When asked about her thoughts on the Civics Games, Allemang states, "This was my first year participating in the Civics Games and I enjoyed it tremendously. I hope that next year I can participate again, and that it will be in person!"

WHS History teacher and Civics Game facilitator, Ms. Megan Iseman, states, "I feel that the Civics Games was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their civics knowledge. Only twenty-four schools across the state were selected to participate, so this was a wonderful opportunity for the students to represent our small community."



**Wooden Patriotic Cross made by sophomore Adam Phillips and senior Jailey Gallentine.** (WHS photo)

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## 2022 Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge

AFBF, in partnership with Farm Credit, has opened online applications for the [2022 Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge](#). This national business competition showcases U.S. startup companies that are providing solutions to challenges faced by America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Farm Bureau will award \$165,000 in startup funds.

Launched in 2015 as the first national competition focused exclusively on rural entrepreneurs, the Challenge continues to identify the next ag entrepreneurs to watch and supports innovation essential to Farm Bureau member businesses and communities.

Applications must be received by midnight Eastern Daylight Time on August 20.

## Upcoming Sheep & Goat Meeting

By **Alyssa Rippe-May**, Interim Director, Livestock and Farm Management Agent, Twin Creeks Extension District

A Northwest Kansas Sheep and Goat Management Meeting will be held on April 20, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Norton County 4-H Building in Norton, KS. The K-State Research and Extension units in Twin Creeks District and Phillips-Rooks District are partnering to bring Sheep & Meat Goat Specialist, Dr. Alison Crane, to the area.

Dr. Crane along with local Extension Agents, Rachael Boyle, and Alyssa Rippe-May, will cover health topics such as vaccinations and preparing for lambing and kidding. Additional topics will include co-grazing considerations for small ruminants and cattle and assessing and managing nutritional needs throughout the sheep and goat production cycle.

Attendees can join in-person with masks and social distancing or online via Zoom. Please register by April 16, by calling the Phillips-Rooks Extension Office at 785-425-6851 or Twin Creeks Extension Office at 785-475-8121. A meal will be offered to in-person participants thanks to our sponsors, Colby Livestock Auction and Alma Livestock Auction.

## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending April 11, 2021, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5% very short, 12% short, 77% adequate, and 6% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 18% short, 71% adequate, and 5% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5% very poor, 11% poor, 29% fair, 46% good, and 9% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 29%, near 32% last year and behind 36% for the five-year average.

Corn planted was 8%, near 5% last year and equal to average.

## Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture

By **Jenilee Godsey**, Cottonwood Extension District, Hays K-State Research & Extension will be offering a Hazardous Occupation Safety Training for Agriculture or Tractor and Farm Safety Course for youth on Saturday, April 24, 2021 in two locations, WaKeeney and Norton. For both locations it will be held at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Local K-State Research & Extension Agents will teach this basic course covering farm and machinery safety, including proper tractor operation and maintenance, grain safety, implement use safety, livestock safety and more. The United States Department of Labor requires youth 14-15 years of age attend this safety training in order to work on a farm for someone other than their parents.

The course is free to attend, thanks to our sponsor People's State Bank. **RSVP is requested by April 21.** Contact one of the following Extension Offices in Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Phillips, Rooks, Sheridan, or Trego County by Tuesday, April 21 to register for the Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture course on April 24.

## Kansas Farm Bureau Opens Submission for Agricultural Journalism Award

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) today announces it is accepting entries for its inaugural Agricultural Reporting Award, recognizing the important work print and broadcast journalists do to tell the stories of Kansas farmers and ranchers.

"We want to recognize the outstanding ag reporting produced every year in Kansas," KFB's Greg Doering says. "We know journalists do great work in telling the stories of Kansas farmers and ranchers, and we want to highlight the pieces that really stand out."

To be eligible, journalists must cover agriculture in Kansas, be published or aired in a professional capacity by byline or credit between June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021.

Print and broadcast journalists are encouraged to submit their work in one of four categories:

- Printed News Story: Published story focusing on immediacy and facts
- Printed Feature Story: Published story showing originality and human interest
- Audio/Video News Story: Produced for television or radio, 3 minutes or less
- Audio/Video News Feature/Enterprise Story: Produced for television or radio, 30-minute max

Entries are limited to one per person per category. Links or files of entries may be submitted here. A panel of Kansas Farm Bureau members and staff will judge entries and announce winners of first, second and third in each category at KFB's 2021 annual meeting in December. Prizes are \$200 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.



## Fighting for Agriculture

By **Greg Doering**, Kansas Farm Bureau

A couple years ago I was at an event where a fellow Farm Bureau staffer from another state lamented he spent so much of his time dealing with the legislative process, there wasn't much of a chance to really fight for agriculture.

I certainly admired his passion, but I believe "fight" was an unfortunate word to use. I'm not suggesting political fights aren't necessary, rather I think they should be treated like real fights and saved for the rare instances when other options have been exhausted.

Both passion and perspective are required to effectively engage in politics. Far too often we are led to believe passion is equal to rage and rage is evidence of righteousness. The problem is rage overpowers our ability to reason, overwhelms our logical capabilities and overthrows our perspective.

People get so worked up looking for a fight, they begin tilting at windmills and let true threats go by unnoticed. Immediate gratification and instantaneous reaction supersedes information gathering and seeking deeper understanding. Part of this is most of us only have a limited understanding of what's going on outside of our immediate lives. Sometimes just keeping track of my wallet and keys seems like a full-time job, let alone navigating the daily workings of a county commission, state legislature and the federal government's vast bureaucracy. Never mind the social media rabbit trail I get lost on for hours at a time.

The problem with only having just the surface-level view of issues is we're swayed by our previous experiences. As humans we're hardwired to fill in gaps with our biases and prejudices. That serves you well when you're walking through the woods and see something slithering along the trail.

Humans use the same fight or flight response when dealing with each other. We see safety in those who think and act in similar ways to ourselves, and we perceive danger in those who don't. Nowhere is this more true than on social media.

These platforms are great for a variety of things but fostering a deeper understanding of political issues isn't one of

## Life on the Family Farm Under an Open Heaven

By **Tom Heck**

What A Way to Go

There are many, many voices crying out in our world today telling us which way we should go. These voices come from our schools, universities, governments, news sources as well as many other places. Who are we to listen to? Who's right? One thing is for sure, when we close our eyes in death, we will want to have lived our lives right, so that we can look forward to a blessed eternity with God.

My great-grandfather, John P. Elbert, knew the right way and lived it all his life. His Bible was his daily guide, and he walked in fellowship with God daily. And what a legacy he left, especially on his dying day.

John Elbert was born in southern Wis. on Feb. 23, 1860. Being born and raised on a farm; farming was his life's work. As a young man, he married Emilie Opperman, and together they raised seven children. They had a godly home and taught their children to work on the farm alongside of them. And work they had to, because as John got older, he was very limited in what he could do. You see, John was born with a bad heart condition. As he got older and older his heart kept getting worse. So, Emilie and the children all pitched in to keep the farm going and to put food on the table.

But John never neglected his responsibilities as a husband and father. He was a man of the Word and prayer. In his later years he couldn't do much farm work, but he spent a lot of time in prayer and the Word. John was a man who heard from God. His wife and seven children all testified to this. There were times when John would tell his family that God told him of something that was going to happen in the future. And it always happened exactly as he said. When he told them something like that, they never doubted him.

And so it was on the morning of May 16, 1914. John, having been bed ridden for some time already, waited for his family to get in the house for breakfast after milking the cows. Once they got into the house, he called them around his bedside and told them, "The Lord told me that I'm going home to be with Him today. I want you to eat breakfast and go back out and finish up the chores you need to do. Then this afternoon, I want you all to gather around me, and I want to speak to each of you individually and pray for you." They did exactly what he told them to do, with no doubts whatsoever about what he said. They knew by the life he had lived that he was a real man of God.

Afternoon came, and they all gathered around his bed. He spoke to, prayed for, and blessed each of his family members. When he was all done, he said, "I'm going home now." With that he shut his eyes and was gone. What a blessed way to go! What a legacy he left.

As a young child, John came to Jesus and followed Him the rest of his life. When it was time to step over into eternity, John was fully ready to do so. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6. When you know Jesus as John did, then you're ready to meet God face to face.

Some of us have lived a much more sinful life than what John did, I certainly did, but there's room at the foot of the cross for all of us. We must come there with godly sorrow and true repentance and give ourselves fully to Jesus. If we do, Jesus will take the heavy burden of sin that we carry, and we won't have to carry it anymore. Furthermore, we can walk with God daily in fellowship with Him. I call it, "walking under an open heaven." It's the most wonderful thing in all the world. I know that for a fact.

Tom Heck and his family have a small dairy farm in WI. To order a copy of Tom's book, "Life on the Family Farm" send a check to: Tom Heck, 21079 80th St., Bloomer WI. 54724. \$15 each plus \$4 for S&H. Order two or more at \$15 each and get free S&H. To view Tom's past articles go to: [tomheckfarm.com](mailto:tomheckfarm.com) Email Tom at: [lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com) Copyright © 2021 by Tom Heck. All rights reserved.

them. People allow their emotions and experiences to drive the discussion once a position is taken. We then ascribe all sorts of ulterior motives to those with different ideas as insular tribes form around issues and devolve into fights because this is the surface level of political discussion we see on TV.

In reality, even the smallest issues are incredibly complex, and solutions are difficult even in areas where there's broad consensus. Our instinct is to perceive disagreement as a threat, which tricks us into believing we have two options: fight or flight.

There's actually a third option and that's to allow for uncertainty. It's OK to believe those who disagree with you are sincere in their beliefs. Their experiences, biases and prejudices have led them to different policy prescriptions. But they are still human and experience all of the same emotions you do.

Fighting consumes not only time and energy, but also credibility. Brawling over every issue is a good way for others to quickly ignore you. Engagement requires perspective, logic and reason. And perseverance.

The best way to fight for agriculture is to develop a passion for the mundane things like talking to legislators and policy makers about our experiences, taking the time to provide feedback on issues that affect us, becoming educated on the issues before us and, maybe the most difficult of all, keeping our minds open to new ideas. We won't resolve every issue, but these are the necessary steps before gearing up for a real fight.



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## Meat the Future: Upcoming Youth Gardening Series and the Benefits of Joining the Fun!

By **Jenilee Godsey**, Twin Creeks Extension District Youth Agriculture Agent

It's that time of year! ...Time to get those gardens growing! And, this year we are hoping to encourage our local youth to get outside, get their hands dirty and join in the garden. Continue reading as I share benefits to youth being involved in gardening and to hear more about a youth gardening series that we are offering across the counties of the Twin Creeks Extension District.

There are so many benefits associated with getting those little hands in the soil. I recently read an article that shared people who garden are less likely to suffer from depression and anxiety. The article eluded to the fact that whether it be the sunshine or simply watching your efforts grow before your eyes, gardening is good for the soul and our mental health. Here are a few more reasons we believe in the power of gardening for our kiddos!

### Gardening helps us learn where our food comes from.

When you buy a bell pepper from the grocery store, it wasn't grown there! Gardening helps us see the connection between the growth process of a pepper plant, how it started from a seed, requires attention and the right time to harvest it. It helps us appreciate the people who grow our food for us!

### Gardening encourages healthy eating.

Fruits and vegetables are essential to a healthy diet as they provide vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients. Many people do not eat enough fruits and vegetables as is. It is common for us to enjoy eating fruits and vegetables more if they are grown in our garden and fresh!

### Gardening gives youth the opportunity to grow and care for something on their own.

Not only does the opportunity to grow and care for something instill life skills in our youth such as responsibility, dedication, time management, etc., it also allows them to feel a sense of accomplishment as they see something through from beginning to end. It allows them the opportunity to be a steward of the

environment.

After hearing all of these wonderful attributes to kids in the garden, what's not to love? We in the Twin Creeks District will be offering a youth gardening series titled "Dirty Hands, Healthy Kids" and we hope that you will join us in the fun!

The "Dirty Hands, Healthy Kids" Twin Creeks District Youth Gardening Series is slated to last throughout our typical garden series, which runs from April-September with a variety of in-person and take-home activity kits available. (Zoom sessions will be an option for youth/families not comfortable with attending in-person sessions.) We will cover several important steps of the gardening foundation, topics including but not limited to Soil Health, Seed Planting, Transplanting, Water Conservation, Pollination, Preparing for Exhibit, Community Service, Proper Harvesting, Eating Your Healthy Produce, Preserving Your Crop.

This series will be targeted for Grades 3-5, but any and all age groups are welcome to join us! 4-H Members and non-4-Hers are all welcome alike! Family participation is encouraged!

Registration for the series will remain open through September, but is encouraged early to ensure you are receiving direct notifications of upcoming sessions and take-home activities!

Participants will be asked to sign-up for each activity separately by contacting their local TCD Office to ensure adequate activity supply counts.

To stay up-to-date on upcoming activities, watch our website, Facebook page, local newspapers and registered participants will receive email notification!

Register now for the series here: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5cjE2qb7NN9gtDU](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5cjE2qb7NN9gtDU)

Jenilee Godsey is a Youth Agriculture Agent for the Twin Creeks Extension District which covers Decatur, Norton, Graham and Sheridan counties. Email her at [jenileem@ksu.edu](mailto:jenileem@ksu.edu) or reach her by telephone at the Graham County Office, (785) 421-3411.

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NOTICE OF ACQUISITION OF A BANK & BANK MERGER

Notice is hereby given that FOOTE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, HOXIE, KS has made application to the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) for permission to acquire control of Stanley Bank, Overland Park, KS.

Notice is hereby given of FOOTE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, HOXIE, KS intention to merge Stanley Bank, Overland Park, KS with Peoples State Bank, Manhattan, KS and has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner (OSBC) for written consent thereof.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the mentioned regulatory agencies at their respected addresses:

- FRB c/o Applications 1 Memorial Dr. Kansas City, MO 64198
FDIC c/o Regional Director 1100 Walnut, Ste 2100 Kansas City, MO 64106
OSBC c/o Applications 700 SW Jackson Ste 300 Topeka, KS 66603

The comment period will not end before May 1, 2021 and may be somewhat longer

The non-confidential portions of the application are on file and are available for public inspection at each location during regular business hours. Copies may be available upon request.

The FRB's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25.

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Notice of Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles

Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1102 the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Hoxie Police Department. These vehicles and contents will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on May 5, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office Parking lot at 940 8th St. Hoxie, KS.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicles & contents within ten (10) days of the second publication of this notice by paying the removal, storage, & publication costs incurred.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification number verification form will also be required to obtain title of any vehicle purchased & will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification & pay the costs involved.

The Hoxie Police Department Reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the described vehicles prior to time of sale. No implied warrant of condition shall be understood by such sales.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Hoxie Police Department and all sales must be settled at the time of the sale. Titles will be transferred to buyers, if available. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale & Proof of Publication.

Vehicles in storage at the Hoxie Police Department Impound Lot to be sold:

Black 2012 Suzuki Kizashi, VIN # JS2RE9A38C6101073, belonging to Spencer Elias

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Vehicles in storage at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Impound Lot to be sold:

Silver 2002 Jeep Liberty, VIN # 1J4GL58K52W115101, belonging to Alexander Horton

Maroon 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FACP73W1PX196632, belonging to Magdalena Zerr

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Title VI of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity received Federal financial assistance."

WHEREAS, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 extended protection against discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin to include housing and related facilities provided with Federal Assistance, and lending practices "with respect to residential property when such practices are connected with loans insured or guaranteed by the Federal government."

WHEREAS, the denial of equal housing opportunity is one of the most serious challenges a community can face. It is a challenge that must be met and surmounted lest it erode the vital social structure that holds a community together and gives it shape and dimension.

WHEREAS, in support of equal housing opportunity, the City of Hoxie has established a Fair Housing contact whose functions include receiving complaints regarding alleged violations of jurisdictional fair housing policies and attempting to resolve legitimate grievances through conference and conciliation at the local level if possible.

WHEREAS, there are voluntary programs in support of fair housing that we as concerned citizens can encourage at every level in our community and in our jobs. There are personal and professional attitudes that we can and must change. These efforts are to make fair housing choice a basic right for our neighbors and ourselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I,

Darrick Zerr, Chairman of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, do hereby designate the month of April 2021, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, and urge all citizens to join in this observance by resolving to fight discrimination in our personal lives, and by making ourselves aware of the Fair Housing Act and the ways in which it applies to our community.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 12th day of April, 2021.



Advertisement for The Sheridan Sentinel newspaper, featuring a 'Don't Miss Any BREAKING NEWS' banner and a 'Subscribe Today!' offer with contact information: 785-675-3321.

Advertisement for Memorial Day Sale at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, featuring 'Cemetery Monuments & Markers' and contact information: Call Don Kennedy (785) 672-3671 for more information. PO Box 221, Oakley, KS.

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PERFORMANCE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sheridan County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheridan County Courthouse, 925 9th Street, Hoxie, Kansas for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant Agreement Number 20-CV-059.

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to Heather Bracht County Clerk, by Monday, April 26, 2021.

Comission Minutes 3/30/21

Now on this 30th day of March 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding.

Everyone in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bracht presented an Abatement and Add to the Treasurer's tax roll. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Changes seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0

Determination of Level of Review and the Request for Payment of CDBG funds were reviewed by the Board from Northwest Kansas Planning & Development.

Bracht clarified with the Board that at this time they would not be doing background checks on new employees. The Board agreed with this. The Board stated that the reference checks need to be done by the department head interviewing the candidate.

Bracht distributed information the Clerk's Office receives from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment pertaining to proposed Kansas Water Pollution Control Permits for Agricultural and Related Wastes and Authorization to Discharge under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Bracht had included the proposed Model County Sanitary Code handbook with the Board's packets. The previous Sanitary Code Handbook has not changed in 29 years so this is just cleaning up some of the verbiage.

The Agreement - Construction Engineering Services between Sheridan County and Penco Engineering was reviewed, approved, and signed by the Board on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Wes Bainter stated that the price of steel is going up. He has asked Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, to do an inventory of culverts the County might need so they could be ordered now.

Misty Jimerson, Health Educator at Thomas County Public Health entered the meeting to talk about the Food Policy Council that she is part of. The Food Policy Council falls under the umbrella of the Western Prairie RC & D and the County budgets \$500 for them annually.

Wes Bainter touched on the National Heritage information. He would like a resolution done for Sheridan County opposing the National Heritage plan.

The Board discussed the bridge on the Sheridan/Graham County line and whether to replace with concrete bridge or planks.

Pratt stated that Joyce Kinderknecht who is the counselor he uses for drug and alcohol cases is affiliated with High Point Advocacy. Pratt said that Kinderknecht was going to reach out to the Clerk to schedule a time to come and explain the plans High Point Advocacy has.

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

Herskowitz was contacted about a couple of the warrants via the phone.

The March 23, 2021 Minutes were approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the March 26, 2021 payroll, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

Wes Bainter advised the Board that the County did get KDOT approval on the feedlot road bid presented at the March 23, 2021 meeting.

The Board briefly discussed overtime at Road & Bridge.

Wes Bainter asked Pratt to look in to zoning in the county, if this is a tool that can be used to have input on the land as it pertains to the National Heritage group.

- The following warrant was approved: General \$124,474.25, Road & Bridge \$110,148.69, Forfeiture \$40.00, VIN \$400.00, Nox Weed \$7,625.85, Tech - ROD \$925.07, E911 \$9,281.70, Public Health \$5,170.46, Public Tranp \$1,644.66, Landfill \$1,424.72

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 8:00 in the Courthouse foyer.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Chairman

Louella Zerr

June 7, 1934 ~ April 8, 2021



Louella Barbara (Appelhans) Zerr went to join the Lord on April 8, 2021 at Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby, KS. at the age of 86. Louella was born to Joe and Katherine (Richmeier) Appelhans on June 7, 1934.

Louella was preceded in death by her husband, Steve; grandson, Jason Zerr; sisters, Eleanor, Mary, Sister Gilberta and Clara; brothers, Alfred, Edwin, Kenneth, and Ralph; and sons-in-law, Brad Rondeau and Tom Jones.

She is survived by sister, Rosie Heier; children, Steve Zerr, Jr. (Lucy) of Levant, Maxine Adams of Colby, and Karen Adams (Dick) of Colby; 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; many nieces and nephews; 4 sisters-in-law and many special people who called her Mom.

Her biggest love, pride, and joy was her family. No matter how much she was teased and picked on, she could always hold her own and dish it right back. She loved picking on the staff at Prairie Senior Living Center.

Visitation was at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Rosary was at 7:00 p.m.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie with burial at the St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery. Memorials are suggested are to the Prairie Senior Living Center or the Grinnell VFW Auxiliary and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740.

Comission Minutes 4/6/21

Now on this 6th day of April 2021 the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding.

Bracht clarified with the Board the intention with pre-employment physicals for new employees and whether annual physicals would then be required for existing employees.

Bracht asked Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, if he had talked with KDOT about what the County's responsibility as it pertains to road work being done at K-123 and the detour.

Bracht discussed the Pioneer Cemetery. Bracht had talked with Don Rowilson about the cemetery, and he stated that a few years back the County had said they would maintain it. This has not been done.

The Board briefly touched on NWLEPG. Joe Bainter stated that Tim Hansen will be coming to visit with the Board. It was clarified that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program does specify that the program is for a 10-year period beginning October 2020.

Wes Bainter distributed a Resolution, which had been adopted by the Decatur County Board pertaining to the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms). He would like Bracht to type up for Sheridan County for the Board to approve and adopt.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated that Rex Storer had passed the Household Hazardous Waste test. Storer had picked up the trailer to put the chemicals in that had been collected during the City-Wide Clean-Up. The trailer will go back next week.

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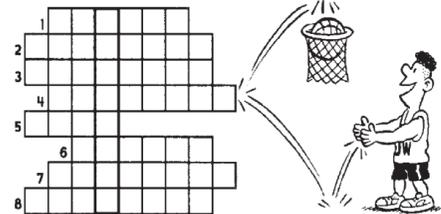
**MAVIS LOVES TO MAKE PAPER CHAIN DECORATIONS.** See how many paper links you can count in the above drawing.

Answer: We found 58. How about you?

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**DON'T THROW AN AIR BALL SOLVING THIS ONE**



Sink the following eight words and win the game. In the grid there is room to enter eight words or terms pertaining to basketball. The following hints should help you dribble to victory.

1. A credit for scoring.
2. For some, a sure point maker.
3. You can't play without them.
4. Shooting while in the air.
5. To pass the ball.
6. What teams need to win.
7. To score off the backboard.
8. To shoot over your head.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a spectacular shot.

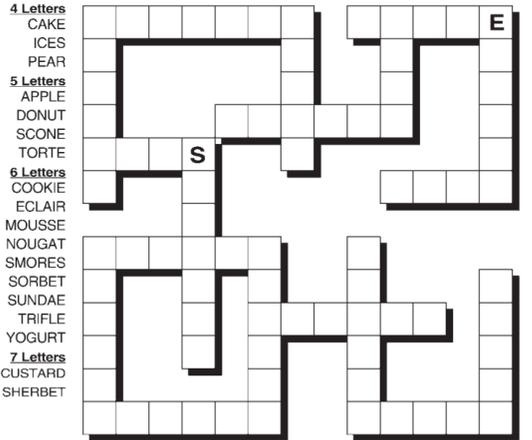
Answers: 1. Assist. 2. Foul shot. 3. Sneakers. 4. Jump shot. 5. Feed. 6. Hustle. 7. Bank shot. 8. Hook shot. The dark framed column spells "Slam dunk."

## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

**CRISSCROSS - DESSERTS**

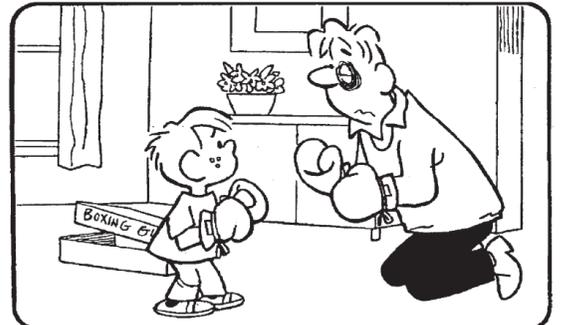
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



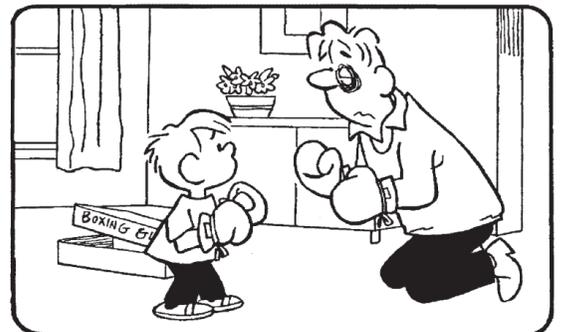
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CAKE  
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PEAR
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APPLE  
DONUT  
SCONE  
TORTE
- 6 Letters  
COOKIE  
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MOUSSE  
NOUGAT  
SMORES  
SORBET  
SUNDAE  
TRIFLE  
YOGURT
- 7 Letters  
CUSTARD  
SHERBET

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

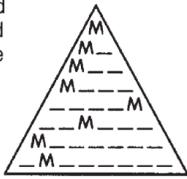


Differences: 1. Curtain is wider. 2. Flower is missing. 3. Frame is smaller. 4. Fleckles are missing. 5. Pants are different. 6. Flowerpot is different.

**A NEAT WAGER!** Draw nine dots on a sheet of paper (Fig. 1). Challenge your friends to connect them up by drawing four straight lines through them without lifting the pencil from the paper. (See Fig. 2 for solution.)

**THE "M" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the M's. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Roman numeral for 1000.
2. Rebus for "none left."
3. Found in a wrestling ring.
4. A radio antenna.
5. A source of power.
6. Poorest excuse.
7. Short-handled hammers.
8. Baby Bear's bed.



Answers: The words are: M, MT (empty), mat, mast, steam, jamaest, mallets, smallest.

## CryptoQuip

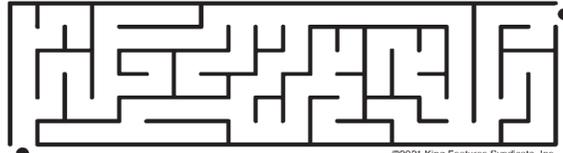
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals R

PISHKAI MQI DHMMEIAA YZ QIE  
RKIAM PIU JA AY NJED, JM  
SEIHMA CYMA YN QHEU NIICJZRA.

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## Kids' Maze



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**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!

Distant:

Truly:

Shiny:

SAINT:

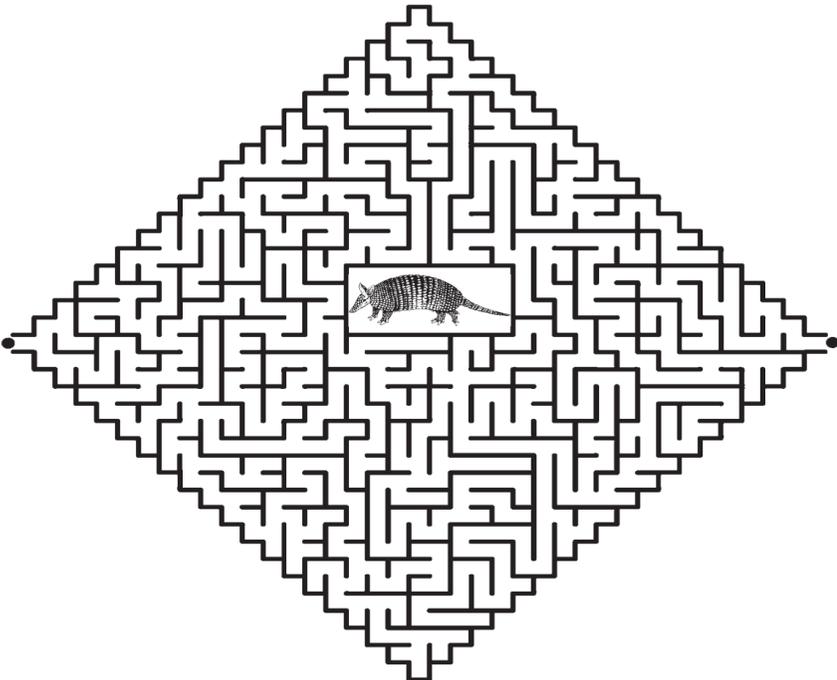
Edge:

FINGER:

TODAY'S WORD:

## Mega Maze

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## Super Crossword

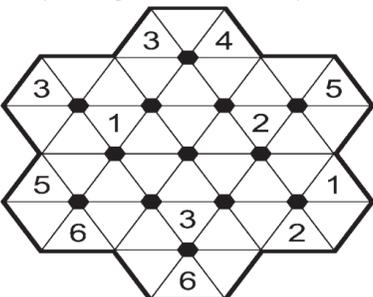
HIT SINGLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Insurance giant
  - 6 Italian side dish
  - 13 Govt. media watchdog
  - 16 Once lived
  - 19 Cheek makeup
  - 20 Put out of memory
  - 21 "Impressive!"
  - 22 Skiing peak
  - 23 "Glamorous" singer who's a member of the nobility?
  - 25 Doggy
  - 27 Not disproven
  - 28 "This Old House" airer
  - 30 Hot and heavy
  - 31 Size above med.
  - 32 Kind of camera, for short
  - 33 "Raise Your Glass" singer being scandalous?
  - 36 Cheese variety
  - 38 With 82-Across, Tour de France, e.g.
  - 39 Resident doctor
  - 40 "Kiss From a Rose" singer after lots of coaching?
  - 44 Inits. on an ambulance
  - 45 — Romeo
  - 48 "Marat/Sade" playwright
  - 49 With 35-Down, short, easy putts
  - 50 Cup edge
  - 51 Lowly
  - 53 Hosteries
  - 54 Tilted text: Abbr.
  - 56 "Material Girl" singer of high birth?
  - 58 — chance!
  - 59 Neither's partner
  - 60 Bit of dust
  - 61 Galena, e.g.
  - 62 Ending for peer
  - 63 "Every Breath You Take" singer working as a spy?
  - 68 — TURN (traffic sign)
  - 71 Suffix with mountain
  - 72 Writer Haley
  - 73 Clutch sitter
  - 74 Moby Dick's pursuer
  - 78 "Have You Ever?" singer doing commercials for Mac computers?
  - 81 Brazilian soccer great
  - 82 See 38-Across
  - 83 Make an exit
  - 84 Negatives
  - 85 In the style of
  - 86 Readily bent
  - 87 — deuce
  - 88 Needle hole
  - 89 "Yeah!" singer as a deacon?
  - 92 Cheese variety
  - 95 Co. leaders
  - 96 Cry of pain
  - 97 "Hot in Herre" singer on edge?
  - 100 Vehicle navig.
  - 101 Bar bill
  - 104 UFO pilots
  - 105 Outer: Prefix
  - 106 Decided by ballot
  - 109 Deviate
  - 111 "You Were Meant for Me" singer whom everyone treasures?
  - 114 "Sort of" suffix
  - 115 Sharp bark
  - 116 Most ethereal
  - 117 Popular font
  - 118 No longer active: Abbr.
  - 119 Ocean
  - 120 Frightful flies
  - 121 Shabby
  - 122 Skating rink
  - 123 "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" singer
  - 124 "Wake Up Little —"
  - 26 Hitter of high notes
  - 29 Revealing, as a bikini
  - 33 Dial or Coast
  - 34 Actor Linden
  - 35 See 49-Across
  - 36 Africa's
  - 37 ER workers
  - 38 Not fake
  - 40 Bed size
  - 41 Nevada city
  - 42 "I a stinker?"
  - 43 Ringo who was knighted
  - 44 Downy duck
  - 46 Air blowers
  - 47 "Ah, me!"
  - 50 Kind of paint
  - 51 Nautical
  - 52 Shangri-la
  - 54 Seeing red?
  - 55 "— is human ..."
  - 56 — dovey
  - 57 Super 8, say
  - 60 Sculpt's
  - 64 At no time, to bards
  - 65 Lake craft
  - 66 Crop off
  - 67 Too gaudy
  - 68 Not a thing
  - 69 Big oil gp.
  - 70 Northeast, on a map
  - 75 Doth own
  - 76 It's a pain
  - 77 Lager, e.g.
  - 79 Time between flights
  - 80 "Do I have a volunteer?"
  - 81 In addition
  - 85 "Hey, sailor!"
  - 86 Filmmaker
  - 88 Nav. rank
  - 89 Cartoon pic
  - 90 Cowardly evasions
  - 91 Shucks
  - 93 Fiscal sums
  - 94 Oz resident
  - 95 Leachman of "Phyllis"
  - 97 Lowest point
  - 98 "Beloved" actress
  - 99 Yank in Europe, say
  - 100 Skein bird
  - 101 "Namely ..."
  - 102 Really got to
  - 103 Tummy
  - 106 Connections
  - 107 Open a bit
  - 108 Lynn or Miles
  - 110 Hot tub site
  - 112 Afore
  - 113 Op. — (kin of "ibid.")

## 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

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	6		7					3
		2		9		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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**WORD AD RATES**  
\$4.25 - first 20 words  
\$0.15 - per word after  
Deadline Noon Tuesday.

**DISPLAY AD RATES**  
\$5.90 per column inch  
Deadline Noon Tuesday.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE: Corn-Fed Beef Quarters & Halves, Hamburger, Steaks.** Processed at American Butcher's. Will deliver. Call Jonny Jones 785-675-8920.  
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## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Hoxie Recreation (the City of Hoxie) is seeking a part-time Assistant Recreation Director for the Recreation Department. Duties include but not limited to:

- Promoting recreation activities
- Attending & supervising activities & events
- Supervising coaches & officials
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## Comission Minutes 4/6/21

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Sheryl Budke, Account Executive from NexTech came to the table to discuss IT services for the County. Brandon Carver, Sheriff was also in the meeting. Initially, the Board approved a bid in the amount of just over \$19,000 annually for IT service. The Sheriff's Office requested a bid for 24-hour service, so new bids were received for the Sheriff's Office only and the rest of the county. The total came to about \$45,000. Budke explained what the different packages would do and how NexTech would handle different situations. Budke explained the different reports that can be run to show if there have been any issues, etc. A six-month review of "call" tickets can be done, and everything can be re-evaluated. The Board tabled making any further decisions on IT until they have had a chance to review the new information. Budke stated the computers have been backordered and they are saying mid-June for arrival.

Niermeier came back and stated that the pool lease is for 20 years not 30 years as she had initially stated.

Wes Bainter discussed burn bans and what happens if you have a control burn. Bracht stated if there is no burn ban in place, you still have to call the Sheriff's Office and advise them of when and what you are burning. They have the right to deny you being able to burn based on weather information received from the weather service. This is usually high winds and/or fire risk due to other weather factors.

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:00 in the courthouse foyer.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Chairman

## Letter to the Editor

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The article mentions the Freedoms Frontier NHA. I invite you to explore the site freedomsfrontier.org. You will find nearby places to see, stories, visitor information, museums, libraries, battlefields, nature parks, prairies, on and on. Will you find "Locked up lands and waters?" Not here and not in the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area either. What would be possible is the development and dissemination of the stories of the people and events of those who settled this area, perhaps including the feasts and struggles of my ancestors. The article asks, "How do you stop this new NHA?" I answer, "Why would you want to?"

Designating the '30 X 30 plan' as a liberal, socialistic, dictatorial nightmare is a bit over the top and is designed to strike fear in the heart and soul of the reader. O, please. Calling it a land and water grab is also extreme. Enjoyed by millions even today, Yellowstone was signed into law by President Grant reserving 2 million acres. President Roosevelt conserved over 230 million acres of public land. President Biden promised to protect 30% of U.S. land and coastal waters by 2030. The goal is to restore degraded habitats, slow extinction rates, protect biodiversity and store carbon. An additional 440 million acres will be needed. The National Park Service (NPS) identified 1.6 million acres near park boundaries. Recently, the NPS saved the Gettysburg Battlefields from the encroachment of condos and shopping malls. 56 million acres of tribal lands are held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Half of the country's forests are on private property. I believe we can be smart enough to find a way to preserve a livable planet for future generations just as our ancestors conserved for us. I am willing to give our scientists a chance to study the situation and find the best solution for not just us but future generations.

Angie Schieferecke  
angeschieferecke@yahoo.com

### Editor's Response

Thank you for writing, Angie. We always appreciate hearing views from readers.

From the research I have done, and the statements from people who have dealt with the NHAs over the years, there is cause for alarm. The 30 x 30 Plan is to acquire 30% of the US land & waters by 2030, which I've stated previously, they already do, so this other 30% would make it 60%. How does the government accomplish this without raising red flags and people freaking out? Simple. You find a way to make them want it. Enter the National Heritage Area program.

On the surface it looks great, and its concept is a good one (so is socialism on the surface). The presidents who advocated and designated these areas are from eras that were just beginning to expand the care of the great outdoors, so set aside federally funded lands for national parks for everyone to enjoy. The most recent being President Reagan in 1984.

National Heritage Areas are not national parks. They are specifically for preserving historical areas within their designated districts, which is a worthy endeavor. But why does it have to be federally funded? Which means federally overseen, which, ultimately, means federal decisions as to its use and appearance.

Their website and all their marketing states otherwise, but what about all those areas that have been in these NHAs and its residents that are screaming to get out of it because of the rules and regulations being imposed?

This is not fear mongering, this is being aware and gives time to be pro-active to see that no kind of power (land) grab can occur. "Forewarned is fore armed."

## Mona's Market

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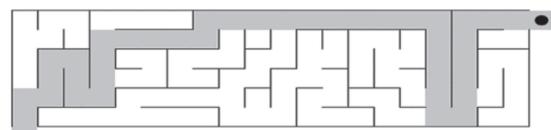
Mona's absolute love for growing is hard to miss in her conversations about the greenhouses. Personally handling every plant, Mona states, "It's remarkable how one seed, in the right environment, can grow and produce."

"It has been fun, watching the miracles," of plant growing. The vegetables she grows are all from seeds. VFG Supply and Green-Tek are the suppliers of most of the seeds. The flowering plants are started from starter plants that come in trays of up to 250 small starts. In early February, you can find Mona and Tony unloading those tiny starter plants off delivery trucks, along with other supplies of potting soil, fertilizer, trays and much more. Two seasonal helpers and one additional full-time employee help with all the daily tasks.

Last year was a year for the books, but unlike most places, a lot of positive came out of 2020. The 'Corona Year,' was Mona's biggest year yet, where nearly everything was bought up well before Mother's Day. "Mother's Day is about the normal peak of the selling season. Last year, we were nearly sold out by then. Folks were worried about growing their own vegetables and wanting to start their flowering plants as soon as the frost was gone." As the pandemic still has its holds on manufacturing and shipping, Mona has been able to gather most of her supplies, some of which were backordered for an unheard-of amount of time.

What can you find at Mona's Market? EVERYTHING... Mona has tried to grow just about everything she can feasibly do for variety. "You have to have everything to make people drive to Dresden, to make that special trip. We try to have everything someone may want to plant, and then some." Besides the flowering plants (both annual and perennial), you can purchase potting soil, worm castings, fertilizer, ceramic and plastic pots, shrubs, vegetable seeds, seed potatoes, asparagus roots, onion plants, some freshly cut produce, and of course her famous 5-gallon bucket tomato plants. The greenhouse is easy to find - just follow the signs off Highway 383 at Dresden. Open Monday - Saturday from 9am-5:30pm. Thursday, Mona's is open later. If there is something else you may need, or advice on how to grow anything, give Mona a call at 785-470-7265. Visit monasmarket.com for more products and information.

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**CryptoQuip answer**  
Because the mattress on her guest bed is so firm, it creates lots of hard feelings.



## Super Crossword Answers

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