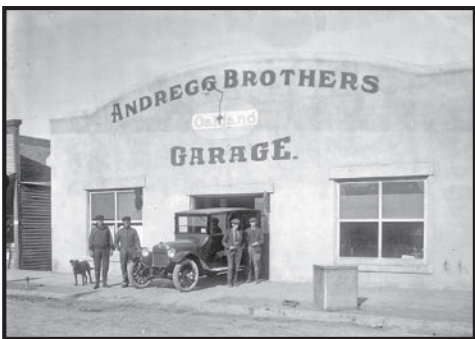




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Sheriff Carver Accepts Goodhart Award at C.O.P.S. Gala



Mulvane, KS - Sheridan County Sheriff and Kansas Sheriffs' Association President Brandon Carver attended the Kansas Concerns of Police Survivors (Kansas C.O.P.S.) 25th Anniversary Gala and Benefit on Saturday, September 26, at the Kansas Star Event Center in Mulvane.

During the evening, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association was presented with the Goodhart Award in recognition of its support of Kansas C.O.P.S. and the survivors of fallen law enforcement officers. Sheriff Carver had the honor of accepting the award on behalf of the association.

Kansas C.O.P.S. provides critical support to the families and co-workers of law enforcement officers killed or die in the line of duty. Its mission extends well beyond the immediate aftermath of a tragedy, providing survivors with peer support, resources, assistance, and a network of people who understand the lasting impact of losing an officer.

That mission has special meaning in Sheridan County.

On October 26, 2006, Sheridan County Sheriff James L. "Jimmy" Johnson was shot and killed in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Sheridan County. Nearly 20 years later, his loss remains a significant part of the community and the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office.

"Sheridan County knows firsthand what it means to lose one of our own," Carver said. "I personally witnessed what Sheriff Johnson's family, our law enforcement family, and our entire community went through following his death. Nearly 20 years later, you realize that the effects of a tragedy like that don't simply go away for everyone involved."

Those experiences made the loss of four Kansas law enforcement officers in the line of duty during 2025 especially difficult.

"Last year was an incredibly emotional year for Kansas law enforcement as we lost four officers in the line of duty," Carver said. "Two of those officers served with agencies near us in western Kansas, and I personally knew two of them. When you have experienced a line-of-duty death in your own community, each new loss brings back an understanding of what those families, agencies and communities are facing."

Carver said that is why organizations such as Kansas C.O.P.S. remain so important. "The funeral may end and the attention may eventually fade, but the families and co-workers continue carrying that loss for years to come. Kansas C.O.P.S. understands that. They continue to stand beside our survivors long after the immediate tragedy has passed."

Carver added, "The Kansas Sheriffs' Association is proud to support Kansas C.O.P.S. and the families they serve. It was truly an honor to accept the Goodhart Award on behalf of KSA, but the greater honor is being able to support an organization that makes sure the families of our fallen officers know they will never be forgotten."

Reunion of Hoxie High School Class of 1976



The Hoxie High School Class of 1976 spent Hoxie's Homecoming weekend enjoying food and fun as they reminisced and got reacquainted. They were gathered together to celebrate their 50-year Class Reunion.

Photo thanks to Glenda Schaffer

1st row: Lad Truetken, Steve Bieker, Veva (Adams) Ruggles, Tina (Hilburn) Perrin, Clint Follis, Kelly Vickers.

2nd row: Lee Cooper, Jeanne (Schamberger) Shipley, Delores (Spresser) Juenemann, Deb (Heier) Vickers, Virginia (Hartzog) Fullbright, Marcia (Meurisse) Kruse.

3rd row: Janelle (Karnes) Cooper, Tim Moss, Jerry Wagoner, David Schippers,

Learning About AmberMed's Emergency Room Project

Wednesday, September 16, a public meeting was held at Oscar's, presented by AmberMed CEO, Chad Koster and Sam Rennick, Consultant with Strawhecker Nonprofit Services about the Emergency Room Project.

There were about 36 attendees who were treated to beverages and hors d'oeuvres prior to the presentation.

Chad spoke of AmberMed's mission, goals, structure, and services: Critical Access Hospital, FQHC Clinic, Long Term Care, Critical Access Care, and the many Specialty Services available.

Critical Access Hospital



- Method of payment is different and sometimes a lengthy process
- Medicare patient services are cost reimbursed
- Annual financial report required, which keeps the hospital revenue-neutral for the cost of Medicare needs
- LTC is part of this same process

County Hospital

- 5 publicly elected voting board members
- Independently owned, operated, and controlled

FQHC Clinic

- Federal program that offers unique benefits (and the bureaucracy that goes with it) that allows grant funding to help serve the underserved of a rural community. Chad: "A really, really good partnership and a good deal for our community and out hospital."

- There is a separate appointed board of 9-15 members - always looking for anyone wanting to join to help the hospital and community.

LTC

- 32 beds
- Allows elderly residents to live out their lives in their own community, rather than in another city or even another state.

Important service for the community.

Critical Care Access

- Patients must have 24/7/365 access

Specialty Services Available

- Expanding Telemed
- Recently added Pain Management
- Endoscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Physical Therapy in partnership with Restore
- Occupational Therapy

Hospital History

The original hospital was built in 1952, with several changes implemented throughout the 1960s & 1970s. The clinic was added in 1995 and the lab & radiology in 2015.

A Ballot Initiative for a new hospital was put to a public vote in 2016 but failed. A list was made of what was needed and each was then divided into its own project.

In 2022, the Acute Room was renovated & modernized with 10 beds w/independent bathrooms and new headwalls.

The Emergency Room Project was put out for bid in 2023. The cost estimate was \$2-2.5 million, but actual bids came it at over \$4 million - almost double - so, the Board had to re-evaluate the project

Parking Lot, Front Entrance, & Registration Area Project

Extra funding was made available through a state program and one through the clinic to expand the parking lot and to modernize the front entrance and registration area.

While the Emergency Room Project is still the priority, it must be understood that it will not generate extra revenue. But it will be the much-needed addition to the hospital and its services to enable providing the necessary care to the community.

The Therapy Department (AmberMed/Restore Therapy, currently on Main Street) will need to move closer to/inside the hospital due to having to be within 250 yards of the hospital to put it on the cost report. Moving the Therapy Department would have

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A fun way to share news, events, and announcements.

Many Hoxie seniors meet to play cards every Monday 9am-noon at the Impact Community Center on Main Street. Afterward, some meet for lunch at nearby restaurants.

This all began when Sister Phil made a call-out to get local seniors together to find out what they were interested in to bring more activities into their day. An exercise class was started, but in time fewer joined in. Then a few began playing cards and through word of mouth more senior

residents began showing up.

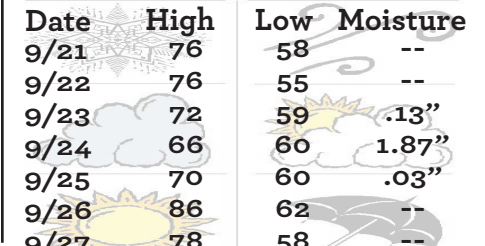
This past Monday 14 were in attendance, laughing, talking, sharing jokes, and their latest news from the previous week.

Sister Phil is looking for more to join the group, as well as considering what other activities (in or outside of the Impact Community Center) on other days of the week. If you're interested in taking a Monday morning off for some fun or have ideas of other activities to participate in, stop by the Center on a Monday morning to meet some of your other senior neighbors!



Hank Ochs Jr. 4th row: Dan Wente, Mike Shaw, Dan Shuler, Mike Heim, Jean (Haffner) Drennan, Pat Koster.

Attended, but not in photo: Terry Davis, Kathleen (Farber) Feldt.

Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report	Thought of the Week																																								
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Birthdays & Anniversaries
October 3: Ashley Albers
October 4: Brianna Stoll Waters, James Kimbrough, Lad Truetken
October 5: Lane & Jaiden Kennedy, Nick Kaus, Casey Boultinghouse, Greg McKenna, Kay Cheney, Tim Urban, Rhonda Halbert
October 6: Bonny Smith
October 7: JD Moore, Darren Juenemann
The Selden Senior Citizens met on Thursday, September 17, at the Community Center for a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Steve Skubal, Betty Hickert, Barb Jones, Carlene Bruggeman, and Helen Carman. Those staying to play cards were Shirley Emigh with a score of 477, JR Albers with a score of 495, Steve Carman with a score of 379, Elaine Koerperich with score of 593, and Jacque Boultinghouse with a score of 467.

On September 23, members of the Selden Alumni gathered to place a plaque at the site of the Selden Rural High School. The building was built in 1921 at the south end of Kansas Avenue in Selden and burned to the ground in 1965. Classmates that attended this event were Steve Carman and Ramona Shaw, and Shirley Emigh.

Reminding everyone to be careful with recycle items. Please make sure your items end up in the compartments they belong in.

Angelus 4-H

The final meeting for the 2025-2026 year for the Angelus 4-H club was held Sunday, September 20, in the Angelus Church basement. The junior leaders met before the meeting to select a slate of officers, set club goals, and choose roll call topics for the next year.

President, Jude, called the meeting to order. Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was recited.

Roll call was your favorite restaurant. Hudson led the song. Addison read the past minutes and they were approved as corrected.

The officer reports were presented. Jayden gave the Treasurer's and Jonathan, as Parliamentarian, told us only one person should have the floor at a time.

Roch had information about several fall festivals occurring in Kansas.

As Safety Officer, Blaise said to be careful driving the roads because harvest is in full swing and trucks are on the move on the dusty roads.

Oliver gave the good news that the temperatures would be in the 70's all week instead of the hot days like there have been.

Margaret Mary said the word "fall" in seven languages and had the members guess what languages each was.

Linda reminded them that project record books are due October 10.

The slate of officers for next year was presented and accepted. The club decided to have a bake sale in Hoxie this fall and Shelby volunteered to find out more information about where we could do that. Shelby was also given a big "thank you" for taking state fair exhibits to Hutchinson.

The club will celebrate 4-H Week by serving a breakfast in Angelus on October 4. The Club Charter was received in 1951 so Linda will bring some of the old Secretary and Reporter Books to display. The members can bring a project of their choice to share with the community. Rylan had suggestions for Record Book updates.

Oliver, Rylan, and Hudson shared how they had made a hot wire fence for their sheep and how they reacted when they first touched it. It was quite a surprise to them!

Despite being on crutches, Jayden led the members in a game of tag after which the meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Veteran's Parade Float
Participants Wanted

By Halle Zimmerman, Staff Reporter
If you are a veteran and you wish to be on the float during the Wheatland High School Homecoming Parade please arrive at Wheatland High School no later than 2pm on Friday, October 9. We welcome your participation!!

WPAA Presents Buckets N Boards

Buckets N Boards is coming to Oakley, Kansas for the next Western Plains Arts Association program. They will perform at the Oakley High School auditorium, Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 PM. This brilliant and hilarious high-energy show starring Gareth Sever and Matt Levingston features amazing percussion, spectacular tap dancing, beat boxing, hilarious songs and more- all performed on a variety of instrumentations by two truly talented musicians. Buckets N Boards Musical Comedy Percussion Show has toured the world for over 10 years, 15 critically acclaimed seasons headlining in Branson, MO, and is currently one of the top requested headlines acts for Disney Cruise Lines. Bucket N Boards is the experience that the entire family will enjoy.

Admission to this show is with WPAA season ticket or an individual program ticket which both may be purchased at the door.

This show is made possible with the support of area sponsors and by the Dane G Hansen Foundation, Logan County Community Foundation, and also sponsored in part by the state of Kansas through the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

There is construction underway at the Oakley High School, and we are asked to park in the east or north parking lots.



Dove and deer seasons have started, and of course, the usual dove spots have fizzled out. Time for a road trip to see what we can find. It was nice to see a friend of mine take a very nice mule deer buck with his muzzle loader! Robert Ledou, you did good!

I usually am fishing like crazy this time of year but I'm just not feeling it. I know the fish are biting but I can't seem to get excited enough to go. Does this mean I'm getting old?

Boy you can't look anywhere without liberals badmouthing Trump. It's getting sickening. Sorry to say this but the price of oil is down now. So, if you want to yell and someone start with your libtard governors who have forcibly closed refineries. Can you all say "Newsome"? He and every other liberal governor and politician have done nothing but run this country into the ground. People have gotten so stupid, I actually saw someone state that Germany is a Nazi country! Nothing like being a few decades behind history. But this is what happens when parents and teachers don't teach actual history. This garbage the kids are being taught is horrifying.

Everyone knows ICE was in several towns picking people up. They were after illegals with active warrants. That's all. But according to the lying media they were arresting kids, beating and choking them, and a host of other horrors. No, they weren't, and in spite of the media's claim every police department and sheriff's office knew they were coming. What was even more amazing was the folks protesting. Posting themselves on social media making fools of themselves, claiming ICE was scared of them, and other garbage. We know better. The know-nothings in Scott City protested the day after ICE was there. Yeah, that'll show them.

On this note, to the lady, and I use that term loosely, ever, and I mean ever tries to tell me what I can say on Facebook I will put both your name and your messages to me out there for the whole world to see! My comments weren't even to you, but you had to shoot off your mouth and try to bully me. Well, hear this clearly. I was bullied in school. And it won't. I bow to no person period, and I commend anyone else who stands up to bullies young or old. You lady, can choke on that.

Ok, now that my rant is over let's end by saying as always, stay safe and enjoy the outside. I know I will!

Hoxie Blood Drive October 6

The next Sheridan County Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, October 6, from Noon to 5:45 PM. Our area churches take turns providing a meal and refreshments. This month the Hoxie Christian Church will be serving. The Red Cross crews always comment on how nice it is to have such a good meal when they're in Hoxie!

As we prepare for the upcoming Blood Drive, we are still so proud of the community members who donated blood at our August Drive. Even with a change of venue and scheduling problems, we exceeded our goal by 4! Again, we had 2 new donors, which is so important to keep thriving in years to come. If it is hard for you to schedule ahead of time, we are always so grateful for the individuals who "Walk-In" to donate! Many times, that is what allows us to make our goal.

With just a few days to go, we only need to fill 9 more appointment times, which is really good news. The challenge that we face this month is that many farmers who have appointments may be unable to come to the drive since they'll be in the harvest field.

If you are interested in donating blood, you can schedule your own appointment at www.redcrossblood.org, or contact Marty Cressler by text or phone at 785-675-8765.

New Commerce Grant
for Youth Apprenticeships

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced the launch of the Kansas Office of Apprenticeship State Grant, a new funding opportunity designed to strengthen and expand Registered Apprenticeship programs across Kansas. The new grant will support both new and existing apprenticeship programs while promoting opportunities for youth ages 16 and 17 to enter high-quality career pathways in high-wage, high-demand occupations.

Grant funding will support activities such as program development and expansion, staffing, outreach, employer engagement, technical instruction, partnership development, and other operational costs that strengthen Registered Apprenticeship programs. Individual grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded.

As part of the grant requirements, applicants must commit to one of the following engagement activities:

- Successfully register a minimum of two apprentices ages 16-17.
- Complete a minimum of four structured K-12 and community engagement activities (e.g., presentations to students, school counselors, school boards, chambers of commerce, or local governing bodies, or coordinated site visits with K-12 partners). Career fairs will not qualify toward this requirement.

Applicants must also list both their target occupations and industries based on NAICS codes.

The grant is designed to expand new and existing Kansas-based Registered Apprenticeship programs, with a goal of increasing new apprenticeship enrollment and the number of 16- and 17-year-old apprentices by at least 5 percent year over year, particularly in high-wage, high-demand occupations.

Eligible Kansas Registered Apprenticeship programs are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted from Friday, September 18, to Friday, October 23. A webinar to explain the grant will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, October 1. Join the Teams webinar by going to <https://bit.ly/4dbkscR>.

To learn more about the grant and to submit an application, go to <https://bit.ly/4yZWmtP>.

The Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship continues to expand innovative workforce solutions that connect employers with skilled talent while creating sustainable career pathways for Kansans. More information about Registered Apprenticeship and available resources can be found at <https://ksapprenticeship.org/dinner-bell-calls/>.



Roof-Ripping
Friends

SOME FRIENDS WILL CARRY OUR NAME INTO A ROOM FULL OF GOSSIP. REAL FRIENDS WILL CARRY OUR NAME INTO A ROOM FULL OF PRAYER. Man, WE BETTER LEARN THE DIFFERENCE. Because everybody standing beside us ain't helping us get closer to God. Some people will cosign every bad decision we make. They'll watch us drift and stay quiet because they don't want to upset us. But somebody who truly loves us? They'll look us dead in the face and say: "I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO WATCH YOU KEEP DOING THIS TO YOURSELF." That's friendship.

Mark 2 gives us one of the greatest pictures of it. A paralyzed man needs Jesus, but he can't get there himself.

So four friends carry him. They reach the house, but the crowd is too thick. They could've said: "Buddy, we tried." Nope. THEY CLIMBED THE ROOF. They tore it open and lowered their friend right down to Jesus.

Man, WE NEED ROOF-RIPPING FRIENDS. Friends who pray when we're hurting. Tell us the truth when we're drifting. Celebrate when we're growing. Friends who don't feed our addiction, encourage our bitterness, help destroy our marriage, or laugh while we wreck our life. THEY CARRY US TOWARD CHRIST.

Proverbs 27:17 says: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." And sharpening creates friction. Sometimes the friend who loves us most isn't saying: "You're right." They're saying: "BROTHER, YOU'RE WRONG."

But here's where this turns around on us. We keep asking: "DO I HAVE FRIENDS LIKE THAT?" Maybe we should be asking: "AM I THAT FRIEND?" Whew.

When somebody trusts us with their brokenness, do we carry their business to everybody else, OR CARRY THEIR NAME TO GOD? When they fall, do we stand back and judge? Or grab a corner of the mat? When everybody else gives up, DO WE START CLIMBING THE ROOF?

We don't need fifty people around us. Give us a few who love Jesus enough to love us honestly. Because eventually, we may be the one lying on that mat. Tired. Broken. Too weak to move. And we'll need somebody who grabs a corner and says: "YOU AIN'T STAYING HERE. WE'RE GETTING YOU TO JESUS."

That's who we need. And that's who we need to become. WE DON'T NEED FRIENDS WHO CARRY US TOWARD NOWHERE. WE NEED FRIENDS WHO CARRY US TO JESUS.



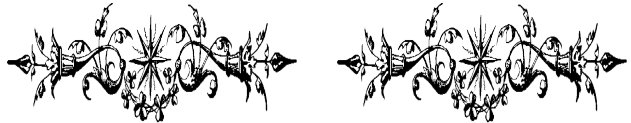
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Lady Indians Celebrate Senior Night
with Two Victories



Senior volleyball players talk with Kody Epp from Open Spaces Sports after Senior Night. (HHS Yearbook Staff photo)

By Wyntr Kroeker
On September 22, the Lady Indians hosted their final home games of the season against the Norton Bluejays and the Trego Golden Eagles. The Lady Indians finished the night with two victories, but the evening was about more than just volleyball. Between the two games, the team celebrated Senior Night and honored six seniors who have dedicated their time and effort to the Lady Indians volleyball team. The first game of the night was against the Norton Bluejays. In the first set, Hoxie won 25-17. The Lady Indians battled against Norton and fought throughout the match but came up short in the second set, 25-14. The Indians eventually took the win in the third set, giving them a strong start to their final home night of the season with a 25-16 win. After the first game, the gym became quiet as the Senior Night ceremony began. The six seniors walked across the home court for one of their final times as Lady Indians. It was an emotional moment for the players, coaches, families, friends, and the student body. The six seniors recognized were Kendall Baalaman, Emma Schamberger, Evie Schippers, Carley Cooper, Claire Watkins, and Josie Bell. Senior Night gave the team, families, coaches, and student body an opportunity to recognize everything these seniors have contributed throughout their years on the court. As each senior was recognized, the crowd heard about the impact that volleyball has had on their lives. The ceremony gave everyone a chance to reflect on the memories and experiences the seniors have made throughout their time in the program. For the seniors, it was a special opportunity to celebrate their final home season with the people who supported them along the way. After Senior Night, the Lady Indians returned to the court to face the Trego Golden Eagles, winning the first set 25-22. Trego put up a good fight and challenged the Indians throughout, winning the second set 25-21. Despite the competition, the Lady Indians kept fighting and finished the night with another victory, 25-16 in the last set. The Lady Indians' final home night was memorable, combining two hard-fought victories with an emotional Senior Night celebration. With their six seniors honored between games, the team celebrated not only the season but also the dedication and memories that will stay with these players beyond their final home game.

Volleyhawks Win
Logan Tournament



Volleyhawks take home the championship! (WHS photo)

By Kaelynn Herl, Staff Reporter
The WHS Volleyhawks went 5-0 on Saturday, September 19. They played the first game against Logan; they won in two sets. The next game was against Stockton; they won in two sets. The last game in pool play was against St. John Tipton, Volleyhawks won in three sets. For bracket play they played Hill City and won in two sets. They then went straight on to play St. John for the championship game. With a devastating loss in the first set. They came back and fought hard in the first and second set, coming out with the big win. With these wins, our Volleyhawks are now at a record of 13-5! Natalie Bixenman had an outstanding game in the championship game with 11 digs, seven kills, and two aces. Another player with an outstanding job was Kaelynn Herl, having 13 assists, four digs, and two aces. Senior Bixenman said, “We played really well, going 5-0 and winning the whole tournament! Despite our struggle with communication, we still played very well. Go Hawks!”

Bulldog Take Down the Vikings



Golden Plains junior Kelby Buehler (44) blocks for junior Adam Ritter (3) during the Bulldogs first home game of the season against Triplains in Rexford on September 18. The Dogs defeated the Vikings 51-6 in the middle of the third quarter. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains High School Football team took down the Triplains Vikings 51-6 early in the third quarter at their first home game of the season in Rexford on September 18. “It was good to get the win,” said Adam Ritter. “The weather was great and it was fun to have a home game.” The Bulldogs received the kick and quickly scored with a touchdown pass from quarterback Ruxin Arnberger to Cristian Garcia. The PAT was blocked by the Vikings, and the Dogs were up 6-0. The Vikings could not connect on their passes and punted back to the Dogs. Following the punt return by Adam Ritter, Conner Kier gained a few yards and Parker Vahling finished in the end zone. The PAT did not cross the line and the Dogs led 12-0. Big tackles from Adam Ritter, Vahling, and Anthony Schippers kept the Vikings from advancing and the Dogs took over with a pass from Arnberger to Kier for another Bulldog touchdown. It was called back due to a penalty, but the Dogs persisted and added another score with a pass from Arnberger to Kasch Buehler to end the first quarter. The Dogs opened the second with a touchdown pass from Arnberger to Kier. Jesus Dominguez kicked the PAT through the uprights and the Dogs held on to a 26-0 lead. The Vikings answered with their only touchdown of the game 26-6. Adam Ritter answered with a Bulldog score and a PAT pass from Kelby Buehler to Arnberger put the Dogs up at 33-6. The boys continued to move the ball but had some passes intercepted and fumbles to recover. The Dogs regrouped and got their passes to connect from Arnberger to Vahling for a gain then to Garcia for a score. With just 5 seconds until the half, Arnberger intercepted a Viking pass and returned it for another Bulldog score and a 45-6 half time lead. Kier put in a final touchdown for the Dogs early in the third to finish the game with a 51-6 Bulldog win. “We did a really good job,” continued Ritter, “but obviously have things we still need to work on such as running the ball. We need to look for the clear, not the cloudy.”

Rushing yards included Arnberger 69, Kier 48, Vahling 36, and Ritter 9 in this shortened game. Arnberger passed for 118 yards, Kelby Buehler 3, and Javier Romero 2. Garcia received for 67 yards and 2 touchdowns. Kasch Buehler received 8 yards and 1 touchdown. Schippers received for 2 yards, Arnberger 3, Vahling 13, Kier 23 with 1 touchdown. Tackles were made by Arnberger 10, Garcia 9, Vahling 8, Ritter 7, Schippers 6, Kelby Buehler 4, and Kier 2. Arnberger grabbed 2 interceptions including 1 pick 6 for a 68-yard touchdown and Vahling had 1 fumble recovery. The Bulldogs have a season record of 2-1 heading into Homecoming week. The Bulldogs will host Western Plains in Rexford on September 25. “We need to continue to work hard and play hard and put the hammer to the anvil to get the Homecoming win,” added Ritter.

Bulldogs Place at Trego Invitational

By Elizabeth Weiner
The Golden Plains cross country team ran at the Trego Invitational on September 18. The Lady Bulldogs placed third as a team. Junior Elizabeth Weiner placed sixth, running a 22:03.57. Adilyn Meier came directly after her, placing seventh and finishing in 22:13.16. Senior Wendy Garcia was next for the Bulldogs, running a 27:12.56, followed by Searee Bruggeman at 27:50.31, MaKenlea Focke 29:03.31, Estrella Aguilar 29:39.32, Kailee Wessel 30:07.57, and Madison Focke 30:34.17. The ladies had two JV runners. Brielle Karnes ran a 32:36.27 and Genesis Rios 39:17.09. Vincent Taylor, Jaxon Juenemann, and Brandon Karnes ran JV while Juan Garcia ran varsity for the first time this year. Garcia ran a 21:15.01, placing him twenty-seventh. On the JV side, Taylor placed ninth at 27:24.81, which was a personal best. Juenemann completed the race in 31:02.01, followed by Karnes at 31:50.64. “I was really excited to run varsity at Trego,” said Garcia. “It was a tough day to run, but I’m proud of how we all did.” The Bulldogs will run again at Oberlin on September 29.

Thinking About the Future

By Emily Hrabe, News Reporter
On September 17, Wheatland High School freshman and sophomores along with a few upperclassmen attended a career showcase held in WaKeeney by Project Frontier. WHS got to explore many tables of different career opportunities. There were tables all around the northwest area, like Citizen Health, Foote Cattle Company, and Sporer Land Development. There were even some colleges there too: Fort Hays State University, Newman College, and Colby Community College. This event really helped the students get to actually start thinking of the future, and what they would like to do. This was a great place for students that have no clue what they want to do in life or even help out the students who do know what they want. At these tables students can gain many connections on how to get started with your career. Mrs. Bixenmen stated, “These multi-career showcases are really beneficial for students around the area.”



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The Sheridan County Democrat October 1, 1892

Mrs. George Pratt of Museum was in the city Wednesday.

Charley Monteith of Selden was in the city Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Chaffee is contemplating of removing back to Hoxie.

George Holland, of Solomon township, was in the city Tuesday.

Ike Zeigler commenced his school in the Jones' district Monday morning.

J. R. McDonald's new house a few miles south of town is about completed.

John Gwunn of Segui was in the city Tuesday transacting business. John will hereafter read the *Democrat*.

John Smith of Grainfield was in the city Monday. He brought up a couple of passengers, but left Pocohontas was left at home.

C. A. Taylor and wife who have been spending the past year in New York state, have returned to the St. Paul ranch.

Our old friend Charley Evans of Adell township was in town last Saturday. He like the *Democrat* so well that he paid up for one year.

Uncle Ol Evans of Adell township spent a few days in the surrounding limits of the city.

Messrs. Adam Haverkamp, Henry Beokmyer and H. Schlaeck of Solomon township were in the city Tuesday on a land deal.

Messrs. Quisenberry, McCallum, Waite, McClellan and the Tucker Brothers visited Grainfield last Sunday. They saw the Judge.

J. H. Smith of Elmwood, Illinois, passed through town Tuesday on his way to Gove county, where he has some land that he will put in wheat.

Sam Morgan of Valley township was in town Tuesday and purchased a heating stove and an arm chair. From this we should judge that Sam intends to sit by the fire this winter and toast his shins.

Miss Mata Orr of Skelton gained our premium - one year's subscription - for being the first to return a correct answer as to where the name Adlai was to be found in the Bible and the meaning of the word.

Lou Parsons finished threshing Monday, and when bringing in a load of wheat and as he coming down the hill north of the race track the wagon broke in such a shape as to force him to buy a new one.

Winding Hollow

Mr. Fogel has lots of vegetables and is gathering in the money.

Miss Pearl Orr visited with her friend Myrtle Palmer, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Barger was visiting at B. F. Richards' Sunday. By the way, Pen thinks that it is the finest boy ever came to the county. Eke came from Rice county to see him.

Roxy Rye

125 Years Ago October 3, 1901

The town is somewhat quiet this week compared with last.

Al Kroetch, of Plainville, was visiting old-time friends in Hoxie the latter part of last week.

The Married and Single ball teams will "cross bats" on the Hoxie diamond next Thursday afternoon.

Wilber Peper left Tuesday morning for Pocatello, Idaho, in search of fame and fortune. We wish him success.

Mrs. Lon Sanford, of Memphis, Tennessee, is visiting with her parents and other relatives in this vicinity.

Harm Saathoff, the great big Selden merchant, in company with Charley Monteith visited Hoxie Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Massingill, of near Seguin, enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Morrish, of Oberlin last week.

Congressman Reeder has left the choice of a postmaster at Selden to a vote of the Republican patrons of the office.

Walter Roberts, who is helping Carpenter Grinnell at Plainville, was up in attendance at the dance Friday evening.

Editor McIvor has been down on his Springbrook township farm the greater part of the week overseeing the cutting of his broom corn.

The Tournament Ball given by the Orchestra on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, contributed largely to the pleasure and success of the tournament.

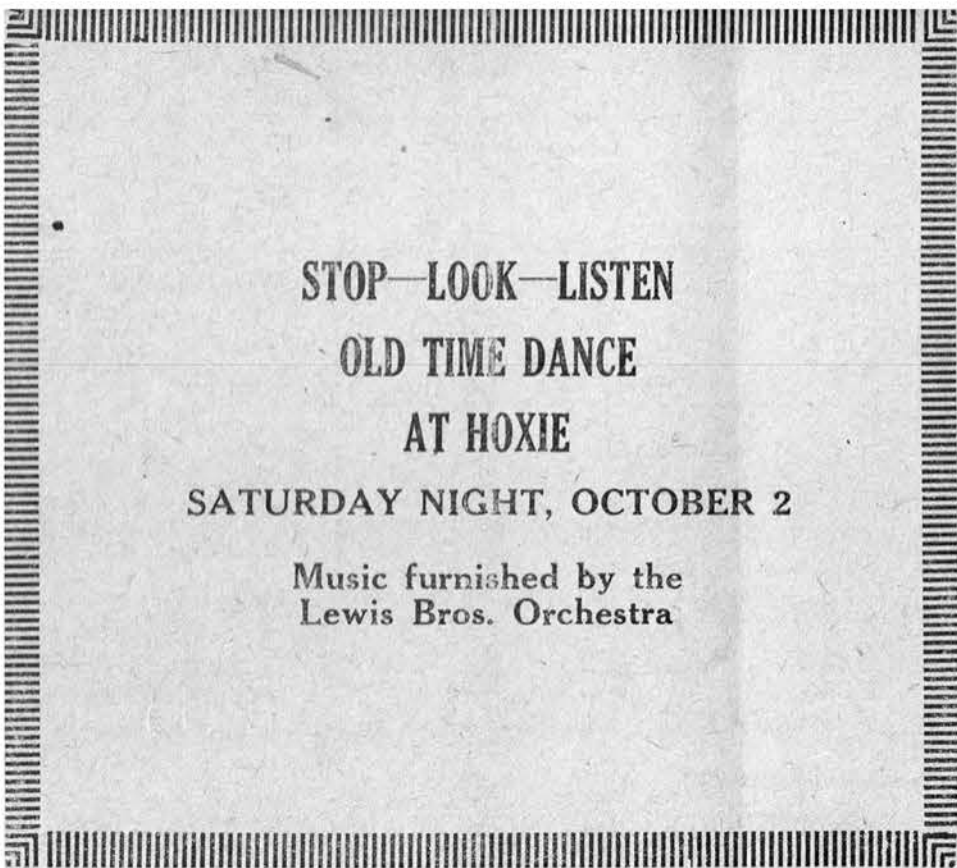
L. G. and W. E. Taylor left Tuesday evening via Selden, for Denver to be in attendance at the Festival of Mountain and Plain, which is in session this week at that place.

An exhibition game of ball was played on the Hoxie diamond, Sunday afternoon between two evenly matched teams. The game was exciting from start to finish, score being 4 to 2 at the end of the ninth inning.

Word was received from Frank Grinnell at Plainville, the first of this week, that they were getting along fine with the Colby residence, and that there was plenty of work and not a carpenter to be had for love nor money.

Bloomfield Items

W. J. Gilchrist has bought the SE



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

quarter of 19-7-30.

Preston McKinley is building a new addition to his house.

Milo Childs was in this vicinity last week for the purpose of buying some calves.

There has been different ones losing chickens around here lately. Will Teel has lost over half of his chickens, he scared the thief away one night but could not tell who it was, he thought it was a woman.

A Farmer

100 Years Ago September 30, 1926 Children's Party

Kenneth Mowry, with the aid of a number of his little friends, celebrated his sixth birthday Saturday afternoon by a Mother Goose party at his home.

The little folks assumed the names and acted the parts of the several Mother Goose characters. The sang and recited the various rhymes relating to their respective characters and later found their places at the table by their assumed names, which were hidden in individual baskets as favors.

Local News

Leonard Spresser was over from Union township Saturday on business.

Len Reiter, of Saline township, was among the numerous Hoxie visitors Wednesday.

W. H. Comstock and Mr. Huddle were over from Prairie Dog township on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wingerd came up from Sublette and spent the weekend here. They left Monday again and will spend the fall and winter at Sublette and in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hanshaw and their daughter, Mrs. Zaney Motz, were shoppers on Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney and Mrs. C. L. Thompson left Saturday morning for Lebanon, Kansas, in response to a message informing them of the death of Mr. Thompson's brother-in-law, Aaron Roberts. Mrs. Conard and daughters, of Menlo, a sister of Mr. Thompson, accompanied the latter to Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vaughn, of the Selden vicinity, drove to Wichita Tuesday, where they will have Dr. Dorsey remove a cataract from their little girl's eye.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will hold a food sale in the Wade Meat Market Saturday afternoon, October 2.

Miss Lois Snelling arrived Saturday from Lakeview, Oregon. She remained until Monday evening visiting friends when she left for her home in Eldorado, Arkansas.

Helping Hand Club

H. H. club met with Mrs. Hays September, 16, for a half-day meeting. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and iced tea. Next meeting, in two weeks, with Mrs. Clair Davis, September 30.

Members present: Mesdames Fox, Baird, Collins, Hays, Luckinbill and Davis.

Visitors present: Mrs. Durham and Mrs. Grice.

Thimble Circle Meets

The Thimble Circle club met with Mrs. Mabel Trew and Mrs. Louisa Smith on September 23. The afternoon was spent in sewing, piecing quilts and fancy work, after which refreshments were served.

Members present were: Mrs. Bertha Mowry, Mrs. Maude Mowry, Mrs. Lizzie Wente, Mrs. Mildred Parker, Mrs. Mary Ponath, Mrs. Cora Shoemaker, Mrs. Anna Folis, Mrs. Louisa Smith and Mrs. Mabel Trew.

The guests were: Mrs. Ernest Trew, Misses Bernice and Eunice Hays.

75 Years Ago October 4, 1951

SCHS Band is Working on Future

Programs

Mr. Comi, SCHS band director, has been working hard to get the high school band ready for the first home game. There are fifty-two students in marching band with twelve beginners.

The new players are Carol and Virgie Wennehan and Lola Chapman playing the bass horns; Julene and Bernice Paugh, Marilyn Collins, and Margie Smith on snare drums. Trombone players are Kenneth Wagner, David Shafer, and Charlotte James. Don Howell and Wade Smith are playing cornets. Phyllis Rietcheck and Ardith Kemper are working on saxophones. Joan Paugh and Mary Taylor play French horns; Francis Hesterberg plays Alto Clarinet; Caroline Reinert is playing a Flute, and Lona Goff plays the Oboe.

Menlo Items

Melvin Chistensen and Arvin Liester were home from Hays State college over the week end.

Carl Stephens and Carl Blum went to Arthur, Neb., last Monday to a Sand Hills cattle sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Channell attended the Odd Fellows party in Hoxie.

Thirty relatives and friends of Mrs. J. R. Houston surprised her Sunday with a birthday dinner.

Tasco Notes

Club met with Beulah Simonton on Sept. 27th with ten members present. A delicious dinner was served at noon. Quilting was done for the hostess. Bernice Taylor joined the club. Our next meeting will be with Inez Haynes on Oct. 11th.

Mrs. Helen Conard, Carol Sue, and baby Edward Allan were afternoon callers at the Tom Conard home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith returned the 21st from New Mexico.

Mickey's Want Ads

Let us interest you in a good Cirkclair gas stove.

"Harriet," inquired one recent bride of another, by telephone, "when baking a cake and the recipe calls for a cup of sugar, do you use a small cup or a large cup?"

"That depends," was the reply, "are you making a large cake or a small one?"

If you don't want a Cirkclair we have a Martin and Warm Morning.

The Party Line

Karl Berndy bound feed for Chas Patmon Tuesday and Joe Geerdes did likewise for Arlie Oren Thursday.

Mrs. Mahanna and Mrs. McCartney were Sunday evening visitors in the Decker Mosier home.

Ken Oren, of Selden, was a Sunday afternoon caller at Arlie Orens.

50 Years Ago

September 23, 1976

Hoxie Elks Lodge Hosted Fall Clinic

The Hoxie Elks Lodge, No. 2415, hosted the District Deputy's Fall Clinic for Kansas Northwest at the local lodge on September 18-19. Approximately fifty officers and their spouses attended the clinic on Sunday. The clinic was conducted by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Howard Houk of Salina.

St. Pauls D of I #400

Take time to write to your county, state or district representative on the Right to Life issue. The Right to Life march netted a nice sum at the Sept. 15 meeting.

The Regent announced Millie Baalman as Nominating chairman and Tillie Albers, Yearbook chairman. Please remember Elizabeth Trentmann. The Regent extended sympathy to the Laurene Dickman family, also Tillie Albers and Helen Baalman.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Snyder of Oberlin were Friday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Steve.

Alvin Leist spent the weekend at the Launchbaugh home.

Mrs. Wade Smith and Greg were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Merlin Watkins of Hoxie.

Mrs. Russel Bainter called on Mrs. Dwane Tice Monday morning.

Hoxie Backpacking Club Organized

Mr. Greg Teach, a science teacher at Hoxie High School, is forming the Hoxie Backpacking Club. Both students and adults can join.

The object of the club is to learn about Rocky Mountain ecology and survival, camping and backpacking skills.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. George Gassman and Randy of New Almelo and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gassman and Lisa attended the Fair in Hutchinson last weekend.

Mary Jane Ritter of McCook visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ritter Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robben and Lynn visited Mrs. Anna Kruse and the David Kruse family Friday evening.

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Policeman: I solved the case.

Chief: Amazingly fast work. How did you accomplish it?

The young cop replied: I stepped on the rake, too.

Fall Home Value Days and Ace Hardware Homecoming Days Sale at Mickeys Sept. 23 thru Oct. 2.

25 Years Ago

September 27, 2001

Hoxie Native Donates \$15,000 for Grade School Reading Program

"It's important to give back to your community," said Hoxie native Tim Summerson of the \$15,000 he and his wife, Jacki, donated to the reading program at Hoxie Grade School through the Tim and Jacki Summerson Trust.

Tim is the son of Frank and Lorena Summerson, and a 1964 graduate of Sheridan Community High School. Jacki is a native of Clearwater, Kan. The Summersons reside in Topeka and are owners of 43 Manpower employment offices.

McGraw

Ed Herrmann, John Herrmann's brother from Grass Valley, California, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann from Monday afternoon to Wednesday morning.

Steve Launchbaugh and Mrs. George Launchbaugh visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines in McCook on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh visited John Launchbaugh in Hays on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh attended Peggy Allen's birthday party Saturday in Hoxie.

Bow Creek FCE has Meeting

On Sept. 11, eight members and one guest gathered in the Hoxie Presbyterian Church basement. The hostesses were Shannon Morgan and Norma Jean Lewis.

Our meeting was called to order by our vice-president Morgan. We recited our KAFCE Creed. One section of the creed states "to promote a better way of life for all families and communities in making the world a better place in which to live."

John Athey Chapter NSDAR

John Athey Chapter MSDAR met at 10 a.m. on April 21 at the Colonial Steakhouse. Regent Janet Hinthier opened the meeting in ritualistic form. Irene Cressler gave the President General's Message, followed by Leta Miller giving the National Defense on "Veterans".

The chapter also met at 10 a.m. on Sept. 15 at Trish's Steakhouse and Lounge in Hoxie with Irene Cressler opening the meeting in ritualistic form.

The district meeting was Sept. 17 at the Manhattan Holidome. Hand-outs were passed out for constitution week. Watkins was installed as vice-regent.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Oct. 20 at the Colby Ramada Inn.

Middle School Suffers Losses

On Sept. 20, the Golden Plains middle school volleyball and football teams stayed home and met with Brewster.

The afternoon began with the varsity volleyball players who fought hard but lost, 4-15.

They then came back and won, 15-12.

The Brewster Bullpups came back in the third match and defeated Golden Plains, 15-10.

Following the volleyball games, the middle school boys football team played their hearts out and came up short, 48-0.

NRSC & Marshall Campaign Issue Cease and Desist Letters

Wichita – Fact-checkers have exposed Democrat Adam Hamilton's new campaign ad as a deliberate and outright lie, prompting the National Republican Senatorial Committee and the Marshall Campaign to issue cease and desist letters.

The Washington Reporter completely dismantled the false statements in Hamilton's recent attack ad, exposing how Kansas legal records completely shatter Democrat Adam Hamilton's narrative, showing that he lied about the patient's debts and previous court records—like the fact that she had failed to appear in court 16 times in the previous 3 years. Hamilton knew her case details but instead chose to peddle a lie to Kansans to support his own interests.

“Democrat Adam Hamilton is relying on lies for his bid to get Schumer's support for his race,” the Marshall campaign stated. “The truth is, Kansans are protected from imprisonment over medical debt, which means this ad is a total falsehood. Adam Hamilton is a liar.”

\$1.5M HEAL in Grants Available

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced that \$1.5 million is available for a seventh round of Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) program grants to revitalize dilapidated and underutilized downtown buildings in Kansas communities. The grants help close the financial gaps for communities of all sizes striving to make their downtown districts economically vibrant.

Since the launch of the program in 2021, \$8.2 million has been awarded to fund more than 120 community projects. The state investment has leveraged \$45 million in local matching funds.

“Kansas downtowns are commonly known for their historic, unique character — with plenty of potential for local businesses and communities to grow,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Through HEAL, we're able to provide communities with the resources to revitalize buildings, bringing new economic vibrancy and opening spaces for housing, entrepreneurs and businesses to succeed in Kansas.”

The HEAL grant helps communities restore downtown buildings as spaces for new or expanding businesses, housing, arts and culture, civic engagement, childcare or entrepreneurial activities.

For this round of HEAL funding, urban distressed downtown communities are encouraged to take advantage of the grant opportunity. Up to \$750,000 will be made available for communities with 50,000 population or more. Downtown communities must be in a distressed census tract as identified by the U.S. Census Bureau.

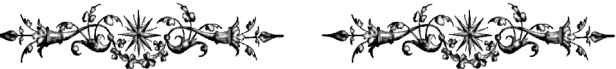
Submitted projects must show potential to become economic drivers in the community and demonstrate that the space will be occupied by the end of the project. There must be proof of 1:1 matching funds from the building owner that will be required at the time of application.

The application window opens September 21 and closes November 20. Awardees will be notified in January. Communities that received HEAL grants in 2025 are not eligible for this round of funding.

A virtual webinar about the specifics of the program is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, September 25. Registration is required for the webinar, and a Zoom link will be provided once registration is completed. To register, click here.

The Office of Rural Prosperity will host office hours at 11 a.m. every Monday starting September 28 through November 16 for those with questions. To register, go to <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/opd/heal/>.

For additional information about HEAL grants, the webinar and the online application, please click here.





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Kansas Courts Now Offer Court Date Text Message Reminders

Topeka — The Kansas judicial branch has launched a text messaging service to remind people of their upcoming court hearings to reduce missed court appearances.

Carrie McGinley, director of trial court services, said the service is to improve communication with court users and improve court appearance rates.

People can register for the messaging service on the Kansas Hearing Reminders website, HearingReminder.kscourts.gov. Registration involves entering a name, phone number, and case number as it appears on court documents.

Once registered, a person will receive a text message reminder three days before and one day before their scheduled hearing date. The service can also notify users about unexpected court closures.

Text message reminders are offered as a convenience to court users and don't replace official court notices, orders, or other required communications. Users may opt out of the service at any time. The service is free, but message rates may apply depending on the user's mobile service provider.

Text message reminders are an option for most case types, but not all. The service is not available for: Protection from abuse; Protection from stalking, sexual assault, and human trafficking; Child in need of care; Adoption; Care and treatment; Miscellaneous criminal and civil cases; Marriage licenses; Statutory liens and bonds; State tax warrants.

New Interactive Dairy Nutrition Exhibits

Rexford - McCarty Family Farms has opened a new interactive dairy nutrition exhibit at the Judy McCarty Dairy Learning Center in Rexford, with support from the Cargill Cares Council. A companion exhibit is also open at the MVP Dairy Learning Center in Celina, OH. Together, the exhibits give students, families and community members a hands-on way to learn how animal nutrition supports cow health, dairy farm performance and milk quality.

The two learning centers have welcomed more than 100,000 in-person and virtual visitors since opening from all 50 states and more than 75 countries.

These new learning experiences in Kansas and Ohio show visitors how animal nutrition, science and innovation support healthy cows, dairy farm performance and the milk they enjoy.

- Interactive dairy nutrition exhibits are now open at the Judy McCarty Dairy Learning Center in Rexford, KS, and the MVP Dairy Learning Center in Celina, OH.
- The new exhibits, supported by the Cargill Cares Council, are designed to help students and families better understand how animal nutrition, science and technology support healthy cows and productive dairy farms.
- The two learning centers have welcomed more than 100,000 in-person and virtual visitors since opening from all 50 states and more than 75 countries.
- Through interactive games and an immersive farm simulation, visitors can build a dairy cow's ration following milk production from cow to your cup.

“For our family, helping people better understand where their food comes from and how we care for our animals is an important part of the future of dairy,” said Ken McCarty, co-owner of McCarty Family Farms and MVP Dairy. “Our relationship with Cargill goes well beyond providing nutrition for our cows. They have been a trusted partner who understands our farm, our goals and the importance nutrition plays in the health and care of our herd.”

McCarty Family Farms operates five dairy farms in Kansas, including a flagship 10,000-cow dairy. The family also jointly operates McCarty-VanTilburg Partnership (MVP) Dairy in Ohio, which has more than 4,000 cows. Cargill provides nutrition for the milk-producing cows across the farms.

“Strong dairy farms start with healthy animals,” said Phil Graham, managing director of Cargill Animal Nutrition & Health North America. “We are proud to work alongside the McCarty and VanTilburg families to bring together their dairy expertise with Cargill's

League of Women Voters Caught Paying for Votes

Topeka – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach today issued a cease-and-desist letter to the League of Women Voters of Kansas and Leavenworth following a complaint from House Elections Committee Chairman Rep. Pat Proctor. Proctor sounded the alarm about voter-registration drives held in May 2026 at Lansing High School and Leavenworth High School.

Public posts from the local League chapter advertised and depicted the distribution of \$5 Starbucks gift cards to students who registered to vote, including a table sign reading, “Register to vote get a \$5 Starbucks gift card.”

Federal law makes it a crime to knowingly pay a person “either for registration to vote or for voting.”

The ban applies to payments of any size, including a gift card payment. Violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and imprisonment of up to five years. Kansas law likewise prohibits offering any benefit to induce a person to vote.

“Paying people to register or to vote is illegal, period,” Kobach said. “The size of the gift card does not matter. These prohibitions exist to protect the integrity of our elections and public confidence in the results. Groups may encourage registration and help eligible Kansans complete the process. They may not buy registrations.”

The letter directs the League of Women Voters of Leavenworth County to:

1. Immediately stop offering cash, gift cards, or any other item of value in connection with voter registration or voting
2. Preserve all records relating to the activity, including financial records and registration forms collected
3. Identify every instance in Kansas in which the organization distributed cash, gift cards, or other items of value in exchange for voter registration or voting
4. Respond in writing within 30 days with that information and confirm that the practice has stopped

The Office of the Attorney General is referring the matter to the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for investigation and review. The State reserves the right to pursue any appropriate enforcement action after further investigation.

nutrition capabilities and innovation. Supporting these learning centers is one way we can help connect communities with agriculture and inspire the people who will shape what comes next.”

McCarty Family Farms and MVP Dairy are recognized for its focus on dairy sustainability, innovation and operational excellence. Their learning centers provide visitors with an opportunity to experience modern dairy agriculture firsthand and better understand the people, practices and technologies behind milk production.

“Having Cargill's support in bringing the new exhibit to the learning centers allows us to share this knowledge with our visitors and help them better understand the important role nutrition plays on a dairy farm,” said McCarty.

Visitors to the Kansas and Ohio learning centers can also tour the dairy farms, view the cows being milked and learn about cow care alongside environmental stewardship.



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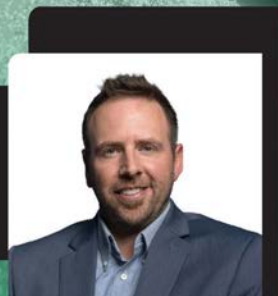


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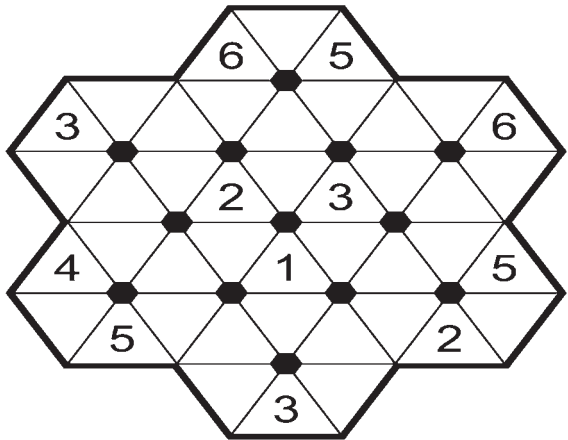
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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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Super Crossword

WHAT DO THEY ALL HAVE?

ACROSS

- 1 Designer
8 Cocky walks
20 United, e.g.
21 In a Ziploc bag, e.g.
22 "The Gift of the Magi" writer
23 Zippers
25 Contacts, e.g.
26 Lotto variant
27 "... cup — cone?"
28 — kwon do (martial art)
29 "Taps" co-star
30 Data entry needs
35 Aftermaths
39 "Where are — now?"
40 Hinge (on)
41 Aunt, in Argentina
42 Fill with joy
43 Lay — thick
44 Fonda of film
45 Just know
46 Office cabinet items
49 Center of similes
50 Military chaplain
51 Cake level
52 Lamb bearer

DOWN

- 53 Ireland's —
54 Last half of a typical golf course
59 Some aluminum recyclables
65 Hwy. number
66 Elbowed, say
67 A number of
68 Dictionary
70 Affirm the truth of
71 Ammo for air rifles
72 Even one
73 "Take —!" ("Congrats!")
74 Big name in direct sales
77 "I got it!"
78 Chrome, Firefox and Safari
85 Shop
86 Lackluster
87 1990s Israeli president
88 Video's counterpart
89 Bardic tribute
90 — Field (Mr. Met's home)
91 Rhine feeder
92 Enrollments
94 Café crowd

ACROSS

- 98 Like a constellation
99 Siouan people
100 Hirt and Gore
101 Biblical son of Isaac
105 Tug at
106 Theme of this puzzle
110 Colorful ring in the eye
111 Well-drilling apparatus
112 Pantheon members
113 Corn seed
114 Spend time in, as a hotel
115 One tearing up the road

DOWN

- 1 Wine barrel
2 Tick off
3 Bard's
4 "Battle Cry" actor Ray
5 Dead heat
6 Hoofing it
7 Replenishes the arsenal of
8 The "e" of i.e.
9 Born, in Brest
10 Hiking flasks
11 "Mrs." with a famous cow

- 12 Bo of "10"
13 Masthead names, for short
14 Like sugar, but not oil, in water
15 1982 Richard Pryor film
16 —-car (airport service)
17 Not collated, e.g.
18 More stylish
19 Pt. of OS or GPS
24 Exhaust
29 Doglike carnivore
30 Symbol on a music score
31 Pronounce
32 Hammer-wielding god
33 Slate cleaner
34 Store event
35 Ump relative
36 Gridiron star
37 "My gal" of song
38 Off-roading vehicle, briefly
43 Brainstorm, in Brest
44 Chattered
45 Ludicrous comedies
47 Inflammation of the ear

- 48 Flax product
50 Tick off
52 Holiday
53 "Terrible" toddler time
54 Except for
55 Grayish hue
56 Grand — wine
57 Mortal — (video game series)
58 Lumpy, as fabric
59 Squarish, as a car
60 Stretch (out)
61 Mary of "Dodsworth"
62 Gallery stuff
63 Turner who led a revolt
64 —-mo replay
66 Punishment-related
69 Ball-shaped bloom
70 Truncated wd.
73 Red as —
74 Bow-wielding god
75 Was certain
76 One trying to pin a rival
77 Cowboy singer Gene
78 Arsenal array

- 79 Pound the poet
80 Clowns
81 World lighter
82 College URL ending
83 Tear apart
84 Ship's call for help
86 Active by day
90 Singing King
91 Chief Hun
92 Cone, cube and sphere
93 Arched body part
95 Osprey claw
96 Like a well-pitched inning
97 How sashimi is eaten
101 Sermon conclusion?
102 Pronounced
103 Have — in one's bonnet
104 Brezhnev's fed.
105 Its cap. is Islamabad
106 Lean- — (hovels)
107 1998 Angelina Jolie biopic
108 Certain NCO
109 Rush along

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17	18	19	
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Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

1	5	3	1	2	1	5	3	2
5	4	1	3	4	5	4	1	3
3	4	3	1	5	3	4	1	5
4	4	2	3	3	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4	2	1	5	4

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

4	1	4	3	4
5	5	4	1	3
2	3	1	3	5
3	4	2	2	2
5	5	3	4	2

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

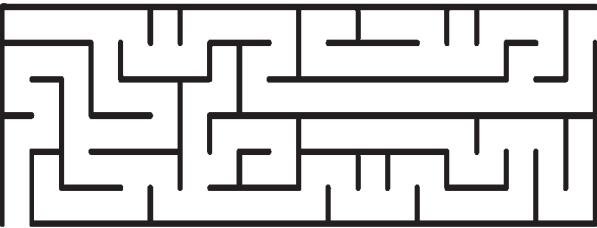
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	+		÷		7
x		-		x	
	-		x		6
÷		x		-	
	x		-		3
10		6		3	

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 9

Kids' Maze

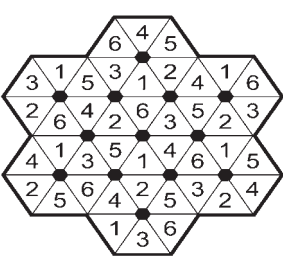


Kids' Maze Solution



SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

answers

5	+	9	÷	2	7
x		-		x	
8	-	7	x	6	6
÷		x		-	
4	x	3	-	9	3
10		6		3	

Super Crossword

Answers

C	R	E	A	T	O	R	E	N	C	O	D	E	S	T	R	U	T	S			
A	I	R	L	I	N	E	S	E	A	L	E	D	O	H	E	N	R	I			
S	L	I	D	E	F	A	S	T	E	N	E	R	S	L	E	N	S	E			
K	E	N	O		O	R	A		T	A	E		H	U	T	T	O	N			
R	E	S	U	L	T	S		T	H	E	Y	R	E	L	I	T	I	A			
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K	E	R	N	E	L		S	T	A	Y	A	T		S	P	E	E	D	E	R	

Fun Page Solutions

Hitori

answer

4	1	4	3	4
5	5	4	1	3
2	3	1	3	5
3	4	2	2	2
5	5	3	4	2

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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Jimmy White

October 15, 1939 ~ September 27, 2026



James Jay White went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 27, 2026. Jimmy was born at his grandparents' home in rural Sheridan County, Kansas, on October 15, 1939, to James H. and Zola M. (Barr) White. He grew up in Sheridan County with his brother and sisters. Jimmy attended a country school through the eighth grade and graduated from Sheridan Community High School with the Class of 1957.

Following high school, Jimmy worked briefly for the Quinter Cooperative before beginning his career with Tuttle Construction, where he learned the road construction trade. He later began working for Sheridan County Road and Bridge, dedicating 30 years of service. Through his years with the County, Jimmy advanced to become Road & Bridge Foreman, a position he held until his retirement.

Jimmy was fortunate to meet a young Sheridan County Extension Agent, Reba Sue Brazle. The two hit it off, and James J. White and Reba Sue were married on November 2, 1968, at the First Christian Church in Dexter, KS. They made Hoxie their home, where they raised their two sons, Brian and Scott. Family was the center of Jimmy's life, and he treasured the years he shared with Reba and his sons.

Jimmy had a strong commitment to young people and his community. He was very involved in 4-H and youth activities, serving as a Community Leader for many years. He shared his knowledge and love of the outdoors as a shooting sports instructor and Hunter Education Instructor. Through these activities, Jimmy taught generations of young people valuable skills, responsibility, and respect for the outdoors.

Jimmy loved hunting, fishing, gardening and was an excellent cook. He also enjoyed volunteering with the Sheridan County Historical Society. Above all, family was the center of Jimmy's life. Nothing was more important to him than his family, and he especially enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events. Even after his children and grandchildren graduated, Jimmy continued to support and follow Hoxie High School activities. He took great pride in the accomplishments of those he loved.

Jimmy was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and loved the Lord with his whole heart. His faith was an important part of his life, and he will be remembered for his strong faith, generous heart, dedication to his community, and unwavering love for his family.

Jimmy leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Reba, of Hoxie; son, Scott White and wife, Chelsey, of Hoxie; grandchildren, Jacelyn Jarrett (Nash), Macalee White, Caden White, Iden Baalman, Taegan Lindenman, Brylie Lindenman, and Karsyn Lindenman; and great-granddaughter, Ivelyn Jarrett. He is also survived by his brother, Charles White and wife, Jan, of Wamego; sister, Carolyn Bell of Quinter; brothers-in-law, Richard McMillen, Dr. Frank and Kathy Brazle; and sister-in-law, Mildred Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Zola White; son, Brian White; sisters, Betty Corke and husband Perry, and Charlotte McMillen.

A funeral service was Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie. Lunch followed at the Hoxie Methodist Church Social Hall. Due to predicted inclement weather, a private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Fair Board Livestock Barn Improvement Funds may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, P.O. Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740.

Stargazing Event at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center

By FHSU University Marketing and Strategic Communications

Hays - The wonders of the universe are coming to the wetlands. Join the Fort Hays State University Astronomy Club on Friday, October 9, from 8:30-10 p.m. for an evening of stargazing at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore some of the most beautiful celestial objects visible in the autumn sky.

Club members will set up several telescopes and share their knowledge of astronomy with participants of all ages. Whether you are a seasoned skywatcher or looking through a telescope for the very first time, this event offers a chance to experience the night sky in a whole new way.

Throughout the evening, guests will have opportunities to view a variety of deep sky objects, including: Saturn, M31 (The Andromeda Galaxy), M45 (The Pleiades), M24 (The Sagittarius Star Cloud), M6 (The Butterfly Cluster), M7 (The Ptolemy Cluster).

In addition to telescopes, the Astronomy Club will bring an astrocamera, allowing visitors to see how astronomers capture detailed images of celestial objects. Participants will learn how modern astronomical cameras can reveal colors, structures, and details that are often difficult to see with the human eye alone.

The event is a unique opportunity to combine science, exploration, and the natural beauty of the wetlands after dark. Astronomy Club members will be available throughout the evening to answer questions about the objects being observed, telescope equipment, astrophotography, and careers in astronomy and science.

The program is free to the public and suitable for families, students, and anyone with an interest in the night sky. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather.

Come discover distant galaxies, sparkling star clusters, and the rings of Saturn while learning from local astronomy enthusiasts.

For more information, visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu or call 1-877-243-9268.



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Paul Wisinger, Chief
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PLACES, DATES AND CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS

General Election, November 3, 2026

In accordance with the provisions of KSA 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of October, 2026, all registration books for the general election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 4th day of November 2026.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age and upwards or will have attained that age before the next election, must register before he or she can vote.

Anyone may apply in person or by mail to the Sheridan County Clerk's Office. All voters in Sheridan County must show photo ID and state their name and address when voting.

Any registered voter that changes their name by marriage may sign an Affidavit at the polling place on Election Day. Other name changes by legal proceedings must reregister at the Sheridan County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to the forgoing, I hereby give notice that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, the 3rd of November, 2026 for the following precincts and at the following polling locations and times:

MAIN BUILDING - SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - HOXIE

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SELDEN COMMUNITY CENTER - SELDEN

Bloomfield Township, Prairie Dog Township, Sheridan Township and Union Township.

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

Sheridan County registered voters may vote an Advance ballot in the Sheridan County Clerk's Office or by mail beginning October 14, 2026 until noon on November 2, 2026.

Done this 29th day of September 2026.

Heather Bracht

Sheridan County Clerk & Election Officer
Sheridan County, Kansas

Commission Minutes
9/22/26

Now on this 22nd day of September 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Kyle Emigh and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table and distributed the delinquent real estate for Tax Sale. There are currently just a handful of

parcels involved. There was a brief discussion about the parcels. Niermeier exited the meeting.

O'Neill Smith, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Smith distributed chemical bids from Sims Fertilizer and Chemical, Nutrien Solutions, and Van Diest Supply Company. After review Mader made a motion to purchase 2500 pounds of Rozol at \$2.39/lb. from Van Diest Supply Company; 240 gallons of Tordon from Nutrien Solutions at a cost of \$34.32/gallon and from Sims Fertilizer and Chemical 240 gallons of 4# 2,4-D at \$14.40/gallons, 260 gallons of 6# 2,4-D at \$20.80/gallon and 260 gallons of Dicamba at \$25.95/gallons. Emigh seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. These were all the low prices.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that the Seguin culvert was completed last week.

Road & Bridge Department has been asked to put in an entrance for someone who has purchased some ground. Still waiting on word from the State for 10W.

Friday, Herskowitz's truck will be worked on.

Still working on mowing.

Herskowitz was approached about parking in the southwest ditch at the Catholic Cemetery. Herskowitz will let Drew Schoendaler know that the Board is fine with using the ditch, knowing that it is going to need a lot of dirt.

Two bids were received

for a pallet fork. On a motion by Stithem and second from Mader, the low bid from Hoxie Implement for a 2026 Bobcat Hydraulic Pallet Fork was accepted at a cost of \$3,600. Motion carried 3-0

There was discussion about the grass recycling area and the trash and other things that are being left there.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.725/mi.

The letter appointing Jennifer Coffman as Interim EMS Director was approved and signed by the Board.

The document pertaining to disposing of controlled substances from the ambulance will be sent to the County Attorney for review.

The Board discussed the Public Safety Building. The Architect Agreement with Jones Gillam Renz Architects was approved and signed on a motion from Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0. This Agreement is for the new Public Safety Building.

The September 9, 2026 Minutes from the Special Meeting and the September 15, 2026 Minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0

At 9:23 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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a significant impact on cash flow and is a good tie-in with the Wellness Center, which has difficulty in access to it, so working to get them in close proximity to each other would be a benefit.

An emergent project that presented itself is the Roof Project due to hail damage, as well as aging plumbing and electrical.

ER is AmberMed's #1 Need:

- Average 40 visits/month
- Just under 150 visits/year
- Severely undersized
- Less than half the size of what a standard ER should be
- Have only 1 ER and an overflow room
- Need to be able to handle more than one emergency patient
- New ER will be where the current ambulance bay is
- 2 Critical Patient bays - used together or separated; an open and more flexible space
- Direct access to CT room
- Separate exam area for non-critical care patients, as well as a patient needing immediate mental health care
- New ambulance bay would be built off at the east end of the New ER
- Decontamination area
- Small waiting area & restroom

Current Bid Out: \$7.8 million total

Funding Sources Considered:

- USDA: 2027 Fiscal Year Budget - should hear back late in this year
- Sen. Moran would support a Congressionally Directed Spending Project - a very long process, if it's not 'axed' at some point
- Grants
- Bonds (not a preferred option)
- Donations (community support); \$2.6 million potential

Sam Rennick, Consultant with Strawhecker Nonprofit Services, conducted the Philanthropic Planning Study, Completed, which was completed in October 2025.

Strawhecker Nonprofit Services work with non-profits and critical access hospitals, but do not directly solicit funds from the community. They are fund-raising campaign specialists who conduct Feasibility Studies for Capital Campaigns:

- What kinds of monies can be raised? AmberMed has no foundation or database with past or potential donors; no built-in fundraising structure.
- What sort of community reception is there in the community?
- What other issues - competing entities and projects in the community, bad feelings?
- Would \$2-2.5 million from this community be possible?
- Is the fundraising goal doable?
- Who could the donors be?

Locally, the first step forward is putting together a 'steering committee' to begin the fundraising campaign process:

- Work with the hospital
 - Contact community members & businesses
 - Not just local, but area-wide contact
 - Address questions & concerns
- Sam also stated that "Early 'gifts' stimulate the movement of funding."
- For further information, feedback, or questions, anyone may contact him at sam@straw-ns.com or 402-556-5785.