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A Big First for Golden Plains Cross Country



State Champion! Golden Plains Sophomore Emma Weiner become the first ever GPHS Cross Country State Champion at the state meet in Victoria on October 30. She ran a 20:04.7 for the first-place title. Weiner beat her third-place time of 20:27.2 from last year by about 23 seconds and the second-place time by over 24 seconds. Her career best time is 19:48.8 ran at regionals on October 23. Weiner is the daughter of Ed and Ellen Weiner of Hoxie. (Photo by Sidney Taylor)

Halloween Parade Fun!



SHERIDAN COUNTY CITY-SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2021 UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Hospital Board of Trustees
379 – Joy Bretz
177 – Dawn Elliott
152 – Mike Foster-dos Santos
176 – Leanna Sloan (Write-In)

Mayor for City of Hoxie
73 – John Liester
234 – Darrick Zerr

USD #412 School Board
271 – Mitchell Baalman
314 – Jennifer Carder
290 – Reba White
149 – Raquelle Bainter (Write-In)

Twin Creeks Extension
422 – Kyle Emigh

Mayor for City of Selden
25 – Bernie Koerperich

Selden City Council
35 - Jacquelyn Boultinghouse
26 - Steve Rogers
28 - Danielle Schiltz
29 - Dusty Spresser
28 - Tammie Stevenson



Winterfest 2021 Returns to In-Person Event

The Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to bring back the annual in-person Winterfest 2021 activities in downtown Hoxie on Friday, Nov. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Grab your family and friends and plan to enjoy a wonderful day of shopping, food, fellowship and fun in beautiful downtown Hoxie as we kick off the holiday season the day after Thanksgiving!

Schedule of Events

All-day, "RETAIL THERAPY" - Get a jump start on your holiday shopping!

Remember...Shop local, Eat local, Spend local, and ENJOY local! 2 p.m., FREE MATINEE MOVIE: "The Star," Hoxie High School Auditorium

6 p.m., CHRISTMAS LIGHTING, Main Street, next to First State Bank

Gather near the downtown center (Main St & Sheridan Ave) as we "count down" and "flip the switch" on the Christmas lights and ornaments.

6 to 8 p.m., FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, Main Street
Enjoy strolling down Main Street shopping, eating, drinking, and being "merry"!

Photos with Santa - Take your picture with the Jolly Elf himself, good ole Santa Claus, at Bottle KAP Studios, 721 Main St. Kids can pick up a free candy bag compliments of the Chamber. Photos are on your own this year so be sure to bring phones or cameras.

Hay Rack Rides & Children's Train Rides - Bundle up and enjoy hayrides provided by Taylor Implement. The "Babes in Toyland" will want to climb aboard the "Santa Express" train provided by Hoxie Hot Rodders running between JD's and Bainter Chiropractic.

Teen Scavenger Hunt - All 7th through 12th graders are eligible to participate in the Annual Scavenger Hunt which starts and ends at Hoxie State Insurance. Two-person teams can compete for prizes of Chamber Scrip (1st Place, \$50; 2nd Place, \$30). Sponsored by the Sheridan County Health Complex.

Bonfires - Grab a loved one and warm up by the bonfires located on Sheridan and Main.

8 p.m., DRAWINGS FOR CHAMBER SCRIPT & OTHER PRIZES, Main Street, next to First State Bank

This year, the Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding a series of prize drawings beginning with an in-person drawing on the Friday of Winterfest (November 26), continuing with virtual drawings via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/hoxiechamber) at noon on December 3, December 10, and December 17). Chamber Scrip will be awarded, as well as any other prizes/gifts provided by area businesses.

Businesses/organizations interested in donating prizes are asked to sign up online by November 22.

This year, businesses will not be handing out prize drawing tickets. Instead, you must sign up using the online form available on the Winterfest 2021 webpage.

In addition to the online sign-up form, a paper form will be available to cut out of *The Sheridan Sentinel* and *The Hoxie Times* newspapers beginning the week of November 1, through December 13. Completed paper forms must be mailed or dropped off at Farm Bureau, 729 Main St, Hoxie, until Thursday, December 16 at 5 p.m. (after-hours drop box available; paper forms will be added to the online sign-up form by Chamber officers). Please note, you may only win once.

8:30 p.m., FREE EVENING MOVIE: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," Hoxie High School Auditorium

Decorating Contests

Businesses and residences are encouraged to go all out this year in decorating for Christmas and the holiday season!

Businesses - "Deck the Halls" for your chance to win bragging rights on your level of holiday spirit and the distinct honor of displaying the traveling trophy in your business for the entire 2022 year!

Residential - Think you can out decorate Clark Griswold from National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?? Sign up for your chance to win Chamber Scrip (1st Place, \$50; 2nd Place, \$25; 3rd Place, \$10)!

Sign up on the Winterfest 2021 webpage by Monday, December 13 to participate.

Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 15, with winners announced during the last Winterfest Prize Drawing live on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Chamber Scrip

Chamber Scrip keeps money in Sheridan County and is accepted by all current chamber members (view directory). It makes a great gift! Please visit the City of Hoxie Office at 829 Main during regular business hours to purchase Chamber Scrip.

Contact City Clerk Janet Bainter at 785-675-3291 or hoxieclerk@cityofhoxieks.org.

Gift Card Program

Don't forget...you can purchase gift cards to multiple area businesses at one time!

Businesses wishing to be added to the list must complete the sign-up form (link available on Winterfest webpage).

For full Winterfest 2021 details and to access the sign-up forms, please visit www.hoxieareachamber.com/winterfest2021. Questions, email hoxieareachamber@gmail.com.

Schultz Celebrates 1K Career Kills



Livia Schultz celebrates her 1,000 career kills with her family. L-R Daniel Schultz; Livia Schultz; Zoe Schultz; Luke Kaiser; Joan Schultz. (Photo by Kay Haffner)



SCBW- Do Surgeries Qualify?

One thing to remember when thinking about whether a surgery might qualify for aid from the SCBW is how serious the procedure is. Is it a broken bone that possibly requires a pin, but won't involve an extended hospital stay? Or is it open heart surgery? Sometimes, on the surface, it seems that a simple procedure will not qualify as "serious", but if there are complications from that surgery, it may indeed be deemed serious. Sometimes, a person may end up with an infection, or have complications from the anesthesia. Maybe they end up having a blood clot due to surgery. All of those things can end up causing a person to spend much more time healing than was originally planned. Normally, something like a knee or hip replacement seems pretty routine, but that can change quickly if something goes wrong.

The bottom line is, if you know of someone that has had a serious injury or other issue that required surgery, we may be able to help them out. But again, we can't help if we don't know. Never hesitate to give an SCBW board member a call if you are in doubt. We'll always take the time to listen, and we will discuss the situation at our next meeting. (All names discussed are held in confidence!) We will be meeting on Monday evening, November 8. Thank you for helping us help others!

November 2021 Match Month

DANE G. HANSEN FOUNDATION | SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION | Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation

GIVE BACK NOW TO ENJOY LATER!

Match Month Fundraising Campaign Has Begun

For the sixth year in a row, the Sheridan County Community Foundation will be participating in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation's "Match Month Challenge" in which every dollar raised locally up to \$50,000 will be matched by the Hansen Foundation.

The funds raised will be added to SCCF's "Cultivate Sheridan County" endowment fund which will be opened in the future for organizations to apply for grant funding.

What is an endowed fund?

An endowment fund, quite simply, is money set aside (invested) to earn revenue to fund some type of charitable activity. Unlike a typical investment fund, the beneficiary of an endowment fund is a nonprofit organization instead of individual investors.

The principal value of the endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings can be distributable dollars used for charitable grants to nonprofits. Thus, an endowment fund can be held permanently, allowing donors to support causes they care about in perpetuity.

Donations to endowment funds are tax deductible. Donors often set up endowment funds so they can receive charitable tax benefits immediately upon making their donation, while maintaining the social-good grantmaking power for the long-term.

No donation amount is too big or too small for this challenge. All with an affinity for Sheridan County and the communities therein are encouraged to contribute and help make a difference in the lives of those in the area for years to come. Donations can be mailed to SCCF, PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740; dropped off at Bottle KAP Studios, 721 Main St. in Hoxie or online at www.gnwkcf.org/donate-sheridanmatch.

For more information, contact SCCF Board Liaison Karl Pratt at 785-675-1240, karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com.

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, visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

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Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
Nature is an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we only will tune in. <i>George Washington Carver</i>	Reported on: Tuesday, Nov. 2 Corn 5.85 Milo 5.80 Beans 11.86 Wheat 7.59	Date High Low Moisture 10/24 68 35 -- 10/25 79 44 -- 10/26 80 44 -- 10/27 62 43 -- 10/28 64 35 -- 10/29 71 36 -- 10/30 71 34 -- Let It Rain!!	Community News 2-3 Agriculture News 8-9 Now & Then 4 Fun Page 10 NWKS, State & Nat'l News 5 Classifieds 11 School News 6-7 Business Directory 12	Where are our men of abilities? Why do they not come forth to save their country? <i>George Washington</i>

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The Jennings Tuesday Study Club enjoyed the fall foliage as they traveled to St Francis for their October meeting. The club had a plentiful lunch at the Majestic Service Restaurant. Nine members answered roll call with a Motorcycle story. Members made individual donations to their local Angel Tree Project. All toured the St. Francis Motorcycle Museum with an informative tour given by Eddy Schultz. It houses nearly 100 vintage motorcycles. A picture was on display of a group of touring motorcyclists on Main Street, Jennings, in 1911.

The Sunflower Seniors Potluck dinner will be held at noon, Wednesday, November 10, at the center. Everyone is welcome to come. We will be making plans for December Christmas dinner.

Peggy Ritter will once again be available to assist with Medicare Part D and Marketplace decisions. She will be at the Jennings City Library on Thursday, November 18, and Wednesday, November 24, from 8:00 to 12:00. To schedule an appointment, call 785-754-5184. Please bring actual pill bottles and Medicare card and your folder from last year. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome.



Birthdays & Anniversaries: November 1: Jason Geisinger; November 2: Pat Koerperich, Gloria Goscha, Gail Smith; November 3: Helen Carman, Mike Neff, Kyle Carman; November 5: Kobi Koerperich; November 6: Dennis & Shawn Spresser, Cade Wurm; November 7: Will Bruggeman, LuAnn Walker; November 8: Margie Johnson, Kade Spresser, Steve & Joni Shaw, Alisha Brantley; November 9: Katie Koerperich, Dan & Melissa Wessel; November 11: Ron Neff, Bill & Carol Wessel, Collin Mumm.

Liddy Offutt will be at the Community Center on Thursdays, November 4, 18, and December 2, to assist anyone who would like to look at Medicare plans or Supplemental Plans.

On December 5, the Selden Community Foundation, along with the City of Selden and the Senior Citizens, will be sponsoring the Selden Christmas Celebration at the Community Center. There will be Bingo, a soup supper and Santa will be there. Look for signs around town for more details.

Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance (HAMA) Holiday Food Boxes

Each year the Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance prepares food boxes for requesting residents of Sheridan County at Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you have need for a food box, please complete this form, and return it to your pastor or Mollie Bretz **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021.**

FOOD BOXES MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE HOXIE AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY LOCATED AT THE HOXIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 900 12TH STREET (12TH STREET & ROYAL AVE.), HOXIE, KS.

The 2020 Holiday Food Box pick-up times will be:

THANKSGIVING—Sunday, November 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
CHRISTMAS—Sunday, December 19, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please separate this form at the line below. Keep the top portion as a reminder of the pick-up dates & times. Fill out the bottom portion COMPLETELY and return it to a HAMA pastor or Mollie Bretz, P.O. Box 694, Hoxie, KS 67740.

Be sure to include an address and phone number where you can be reached if needed.

HOXIE AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (HAMA)
HOLIDAY FOOD BOX REQUEST FORM

PLEASE LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

NAME AGE List any special dietary needs:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

THANK YOU
Virgil & Virginia Ziegler want to thank the
Hoxie Fire Department
for the rapid response to our fire last week,
Thanks to all of you!
The Zieglers

The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the KCC's jurisdiction. More information about the Cold Weather Rule is available on the Commission's website.

Kansans may also contact their local utility company or the KCC's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at (800) 662-0027 to learn more.

Cold Weather Rule in Effect Monday, November 1

The Cold Weather Rule, designed to help Kansans who are behind on their utility payments avoid disconnection during the winter months, will begin on Monday, November 1 and remain in effect through March 31.

While the Cold Weather Rule is in effect, utility companies cannot disconnect a customer's service when local temperatures are forecast to drop below 35 degrees within the following 48-hour period. The Kansas Corporation Commission, the agency that regulates public utilities in the state, implemented the rule in 1983 to prevent utility companies from disconnecting a customer's natural gas or electric service during periods of extreme cold.

The Cold Weather Rule also requires utility companies to offer a 12-month payment plan to allow consumers to maintain or re-establish service. Any residential customer with a past due balance will qualify for payment arrangements; however, it is the customer's responsibility to contact their gas or electric company to make those arrangements.

Payment plan terms to maintain or restore service require that customers agree to pay 1/12th of the total amount owed, 1/12th of the current bill, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fee, plus any applicable deposit to the utility. The remaining balance must be paid in equal payments over the next 11 months, in addition to the current monthly bill.

Commodities Distribution

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

10am - 11am Courthouse Main Floor
1pm - 1:30pm Selden Community Center

instant milk, orange juice, pumpkin, raisins, peanut butter, 8" whole wheat tortillas, canned beef, frozen chicken leg quarters, rice, bran cereal

Foods subject to change at last minute.

Arrive early or there may not be anything left!

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HOXIE, KS
785-657-7711

Submission Guidelines
Print-ready ads and content deadline: noon Tuesday
Non-print-ready ads MUST be in by 3 pm Monday.
Due to time constraints, all ad & content submissions must be emailed in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format; photos in .jpg or .png format. All non-print-ready ad submissions are subject to a design fee (starting at \$10).
Please email articles, news, and photos to: editor@sheridansentinel.com or bring them by our office at 716 Main Street, Hoxie.
We confirm receipt of all emailed submissions within 24-hours. If you have not received confirmation, or if it is a time-sensitive submission, please call us at 785-675-3321. sheridansentinel.com

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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

Sheridan County Public Health
PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT
Sheridan County Public Health is now under the management of Sheridan County Health Complex.
For vaccination and immunization information please call 785-675-3018.
Thank you!

CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONER
Chairman: Wes Bainter ~ wesbainter@hotmail.com
Joe Bainter ~ bainterj83@gmail.com
Buck Mader ~ mcauto2@outlook.com

JD's RESTAURANT
785-675-3302
744 Main Street Hoxie
WEEK of November 4 ~ November 10
Thursday: Potato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup & Grilled Cheese
Friday: Sloppy Joes & Pork Tenderloin
Saturday: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
Sunday: 7-Meat Buffet w/sides & 2 desserts
Monday: Chicken Parmesan & Pork Chops
Tuesday: Build Your Burger & Brats
Wednesday: Pizza & Spaghetti
Breakfast 7am ~ 9:30am
Thank you for your continued support & understanding

Upcoming Area EVENTS
Mark Your Calendars!
Every Sunday: 9am First Presbyterian Church Service
Every Tuesday: 8am Commissioner Mtg, 12pm Rotary, 7pm Fire Dept Mtg
Every Wednesday: 3:30pm Christ Community Church, All-Stars for Jesus Jr. High Youth Group
Monthly: 2nd Monday: City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg
1st Tuesday: HAMA
2nd Wednesday: Chamber of Commerce
2nd & 4th Thursday: Potluck in the Park 6:30-8pm
4th Monday: Hospital Board of Trustees, FQHC 8am following Wednesday

What do you have happening soon?
Share Your Event Here - FREE
WPAA Presents:
Colby Cultural Arts Center
After Midnight
Swing Band
3pm Sunday, November 14
Winterfest!
Main Street, Hoxie
Friday, November 26
All-Day "Retail Therapy"
2pm FREE Matinee Movie: "The Star"
6pm Christmas Lighting
6-8pm Food & Fellowship on Main Street
8pm Drawings
Selden Christmas Celebration
Selden Community Center
Friday, December 5

Mealsite Menu

November 8 ~ November 12

Monday: Pork Cutlet, Hashbrown Casserole, Beets, Bread, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday: Harvest Turkey Soup, Pudding, Crackers, Tropical Fruit

Wednesday: Hamburger Patty w/ lettuce, tomato, onion, Potato Salad, Bun, Ambrosia Fruit Salad

Thursday: Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Bread, Fruit Crisp

Friday: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Brussels Sprouts, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices

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

Nearly \$621,000 in Grants Awarded Since 2015

Through the incredible generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, our local Sheridan County Community Foundation has been able to award \$620,700 in grants to organizations with projects, events and activities benefitting Sheridan County since 2015.

Since that time, the Hansen Foundation has been awarding \$100,000 to the SCCF to distribute annually as long as SCCF continues to participate in several Hansen-sponsored initiatives including the Strategic Doing process to assist in project development and completion, the annual Match Month Challenge, and other initiatives.

According to the Hansen Foundation's website:

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation works with regional foundations Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF), Bird City, and the Greater Salina Community Foundation (GSCF), Salina, to assist in the distribution of grants through individual countywide community foundations throughout the Hansen Foundation's 26-county service area.

Funds supplied by the Hansen Foundation are distributed equally among the 26 counties. Administration assistance is provided by the host foundations.

Beginning in 2014 and continuing through 2021, the Hansen Foundation has distributed \$100,000 a year to each of the 26 counties. Beginning in 2022, the pass-through grant funds will be reduced to \$50,000 each year in conjunction with the announcement of new funding opportunities for the countywide community foundations through the matching initiative.

It goes without saying that we are very fortunate to be a part of the Hansen Foundation's service area, truly reaping the benefit of their amazing investment in the area.

Over the next several weeks, we would like to highlight all grants given to date from the Dane G. Hansen Community Fund administered by our local foundation.

2015 Grants Awarded: \$64,063.00
 \$5,000.00, Sheridan County Hospital, Blood Bank Typing System to Assist in Transfusion Medicine
 \$4,995.05, Sheridan County Historical Society & Mickey's Museum, Photo preservation and storage project supplies
 \$4,760.00, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc, Interactive Touch Board and Handheld Technology for Training Persons with IDD

\$5,000.00, Sheridan County Amusement Co., Upgrade air conditioning unit in concession stand

\$4,100.00, Hoxie Recreation, Ball Diamond Bating Cage and Accessories

\$5,000.00, Hoxie Golf Club, Replacement of waterline

\$4,176.00, Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary, Two Inogen and one Oxygen Concentrator equipment

\$2,800.00, Sheridan County Wellness Center, Sidewalk repairs to entryway

\$5,000.00, Main Street Arts Council, Tables, shelves, easels and the performing rights to the summer production of "Annie" the musical.

\$5,000.00, Hoxie Recreation, Storage building

\$10,000.00, Sheridan County Health Complex, Hospital Bed Project

\$3,929.00, Sheridan County Community Foundation, Sheridan County Match Day Funding

\$1,017.95, Sheridan County Community Foundation, Sheridan County Match Day 2016

\$3,285.00, Sheridan County Community Foundation, Sheridan County Match Day Funding

As a reminder, applications
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The public is invited to a
Quilt of Valor Presentation
 These quilts will be presented to honor our veterans:

Delbert E. Lewis
 &
 Donald D. Niblock

Sunday November 7, 2021
 2:00 pm at the
 Ridgewood Manor
 Dining Hall
 Refreshments will be served afterward
 A.L.P Post # 221 of Hoxie will be present

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
 845 Main, Hoxie
 675-2022
 Monday-Friday
 6:30am - 1pm
 Saturday 7am-Noon

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

THE HITCHIN' POST BAR & GRILL
 901 Main, Hoxie
 657-7711
 7 Days a Week
 11am-2pm & 5-8:30pm
 *No Sunday Evening

Town & Country
 1117 Oak Ave., Hoxie
 675-3265
 Mon-Thurs. 7am-7pm
 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
 900 12th St
 Hoxie

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
 Hwy 223
 Leoville

Immanuel Lutheran Church
 1400 Locust St
 Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship
 454 Hwy 24
 Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
 14988 E Rd 70 S
 Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 202 S Missouri
 Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church
 924 17th
 Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church
 Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
 Seguin



He is Born

Christmas Open House

Friday, November 12
 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday, November 13
 9 am - 3 pm

Watch for the Facebook Virtual Showcase

FALL DECOR ON SALE
 REGISTER FOR
 BASKET DRAWING
 WATER LANTERNS - SANTAS
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 Dr. Jill Stewart, MD * Dr. Dallas Walz, MD
 Deanna Sulzman, APRN-C, Shannon Herl, APRN-BC
 Chris Hansen, PA-C * Bhavini Gopaldas, PA-C
 Jodi Dumler, LCSW

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

CARDIOLOGY * LABORATORY *
 GENERAL SURGERY * PODIATRY *
 AUDIOLOGY * PAIN MANAGEMENT
 INJECTIONS * HEALTH COACH

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

RADIOLOGY:
 X-Ray * CT Scan * MRI
 Ultrasound * 3D Mammography
 Bone Density (DEXA) * Nuclear Medicine

Call for Appointment: 785-675-3281

Don't Have Insurance? We Can Help!
 Hoxie Medical Clinic now employs a Case Manager and Navigator to assist with insurance enrollment on the healthcare marketplace, other needed services, and we also accept VA Choice. Free mammograms and Pap tests are available to women with no insurance.

HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

SCHC SEEKING EXPERIENCED CEO
 Sheridan County Health Complex (SCHC) is seeking a dynamic, experienced Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to lead our Health Complex.
 SCHC includes an 18-bed critical access hospital, 32-bed long term care facility, Public Health, Federally Qualified Health Center, and satellite clinic.

The CEO is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the facility. This position is accountable for planning, organizing, and directing the facility to ensure that quality patient care is provided and that the financial integrity of the facility is maintained. The CEO ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations, as well as all policies and procedures set forth by the Board of Trustees and Medical Staff, and those required by Medicare Survey Standards.

The CEO is responsible for creating an environment and culture that enables the facility to fulfill its mission by meeting or exceeding its goals, conveying the facility mission to all staff, holding staff accountable for their performance, motivating staff to improve performance and being responsible for the measurement, assessment and continuous improvement of the facility's performance. Prefer a Bachelor's or Master's degree in healthcare or business administration and five years experience in a leadership role in a healthcare/hospital organization.

For immediate consideration, please send a detailed resume to: SCHC, Attn: Human Resources, PO Box 16,7 Hoxie, KS 67740, or email to Shelby Moss at smoss@schcmed.com.

To view a full job description or to apply online, please visit the SCHC website, www.schcmed.com/careers.

Pay will be based on education and experience.

SCHC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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**The Hoxie Democrat
Friday, November 4, 1887**

Don't forget the A. O. U. W. ball. Everyone should attend the banquet on Nov. 10 and aid a good cause.

Vote for I. H. Prince and a conservative and economical administration in the clerk's office.

C. E. Frazer is putting up a windmill over the town well. It is erected as a sample and donate to the public. A few more men like Frazer would make our town second to none in Kansas.

Supper at 7 o'clock and again at 12 to accommodate all Nov. 10.

Uncle Billy Hausafus has consented to allow his name used as a candidate for sheriff on the peoples' ticket.

Talk of Weida's being the next surveyor is now being had on the street.

Hallow E'en was duly observed in Hoxie last Monday night Signs changed and Wagons were duly piled up in various places.

Jennings has made a good treasurer, why not let him fill out the tern? Don't stray after a new "God" if it is Gray.

The Acton dwelling house has been moved down into the hollow and made part of the notch. It is owned by Wm. Gesford and was moved by W. R. Moore and Jackson Leatherman.

W. J. Barnes and Ben Miller started on the track of the horse thief last Tuesday morning.

The Stark nursery men is here delivering the trees ordered last spring through Mr. Bryant, their agent.

Born, last week, to the family of S. W. Chaney a ten and a half pound boy. Mother doing finely but Sam is beyond recovery.

We are glad to know that a milling company and a sugar works company are about to be organized in Hoxie. There is nothing which adds more to the prosperity of a town and county than manufacturing interests which supply a home market for the products of the farm. With a first class roller mill and sugar works in Hoxie there is no estimating the value of our choice farming land in this county.

Born - To Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wright on last Tuesday a girl of average weight. Dr. Winternitz attended and reports all doing well.

W. F. Schultheis and Judge Wanzer were in Oberlin last week.

Mrs. Ira P. Green has been very sick the past week.

Communication

Museum, Kans., Oct. 2, 1887

John Whomble is very sick with the typhoid fever.

Mr. Hanson has just finished a new kitchen, and a nice one.

W. P. Woods, Chas. Turner and W. Wagner are helping Mr. Carson gather his garden. He has a nice lot of vegetables.

The school house of district 48 was located on the southeast corner of Mr. Baugher's place, a nice one will be built.

**125 Years Ago
November 12, 1896**

Editor Thompson donned his best clodding last Monday and left for a visit of Smith county. We don't believe the report that is going the rounds.

Druggist Miller of Rexford was in our city again last Sunday.

W. E. Greathead of Solomon transacted business in the city Tuesday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mell Stuart has been quite sick the past few days.

Don't forget the grand ball to be given by the band boys at the Opera Hall Thanksgiving.

John Simpson and Sherm Herron took on Woodman Camp meeting here Monday night.

Zeal Wright and wife left last Saturday for their home in Ohio after a two weeks visit with his brother and friends in this vicinity.

A dancing party was had at the residence of J. W. Toothacre last Friday night at which a pleasant time was had. Oysters and refreshments were served.

Prof. Judd loaded his household goods and his family into a wagon the other day and left for the east. We don't know his destination but have heard that he was going to Topeka, in order to "squat" a place at the pie counter.

J. M. Woodworth and family will leave in a few days for Debuque, Iowa, where they go to locate permanently. We regret to lose them from our midst, but since it must be, we extend to them, the best wishes of this community for success in this their new home.

Little Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson, suffered quite a loss of blood last week, through her nose. For a time all efforts to stop the flow were futile and considerable alarm was caused but finally it was stopped and although weak, she is apparently all OK at this writing.

Howard Turtle was up from Studley, Monday after a load of flour.

B. C. Decker is buying corn and fattening a car load of sheep for market.

Johnny Jones sold a large bunch of cattle Saturday to Rooks county parties.

Lucerne Items

Miss Maud Evans is going to school at Lucerne this winter, she is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Spall.

Mr. Gillmore has got his house about completed and we hope he will soon be in our midst we will welcome all that will come.

Mr. Fogleman is going to build more stable room for winter use he says it is too cold for dumb brutes to stand out in this country. We admire his idea in that respect.

Wide Awake

Selden Department

Gertie Weist is convalescing from typhoid fever.

Miss Maggie Wilson returned from Nebraska recently.

G. C. Getts made a flying trip to Hoxie last Monday.

Cale Geisenhiner has returned from a trip to

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R. T. MORGAN, Prop.

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

Oklahoma, he likes the country fairly well but thinks enough of Sheridan county to stay awhile yet, so we are told.

**100 Years Ago
November 3, 1921**

Just-a-Meer Club Entertained

The members of the Just-a-Meer club were very fortunate in being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pearson last Thursday evening, it being their first meeting of the season.

A two-course dinner was served, after which the guests enjoyed progressive 500. The prize was won by Mrs. Fred Andregg.

Local News

A. A. Hettick and father were here from Rexford on business Wednesday.

Attorney F. A. Sloan made a business trip to Lincoln Center, Kansas, Tuesday.

Elmer Bell will leave soon for St. Joseph, Missouri, and Kansas City, where he will spend a part of the winter.

Meet beautiful Ethel Clayton in her most appealing role, "Young Mrs. Winthrop," at the Palace Saturday evening.

Miss Zelda Steinshouer, who is teaching school at Waldo, spent Sunday of last week at home. She was accompanied by some Waldo friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Timmons and Frank Cobert and wife and son, of Adrain, Missouri, are visiting at the J. H. Brown home this week. Mrs. Timmons is Mrs. Brown's sister and Mrs. Cobert is a niece.

The residence being erected by D. L. Wiggins, just east of Senator McIvor's residence is nearing completion. Perhaps, in time Hoxie will have enough rental properties to house all her people.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carnaby, of St. Francis, visited friends in Hoxie last week. Mrs. Carnaby will be remembered as Miss Lockwood, who taught music in our high school a few years ago.

John Hobleib was up from Solomon township last Friday on business. While here he dropped in to set his *Sentinel* subscription up a notch. He gave good reports of his part of the country and said they were building up a big consolidated school at Angelus.

Crescent News

By Enterprise
Rev. Williams was a guest at Art Miller's Sunday.

Jim Conover erected a barn for B. W. Walter last week.

Elmer Moore left last week to attend the soldier's reunion at Kansas City.

Roy Tevis and family were Sunday guest at the R. W. Walter home.

Valley Items

By Gleaner
Mrs. J. S. Conard returned home Sunday from Menlo where she had been visiting with her son, W. H. Conard and wife and daughter.

Dr. Smalley preached an able sermon at the Tasco school house Sunday evening and was pleased to find a full house who had come out to hear him.

Dorothy Davis and her mother, Mrs. Walter Davis, were on the sick list a few days last week. Mr. Davis has gone to Missouri to look for a location. There is no place like Sheridan county, Walter.

Northwest Prairie Dog

By Hooting Owl
Mrs. Geisenhener is spending a few days in Denver.

Lyle Comstock returned from the Bethany hospital last week and entered high school in Selden Monday morning.

Miss Ruth Traxler, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Simmons, returned to her home at Beaver City, Saturday.

**75 Years Ago
November 7, 1946**

Rotary Sponsors Contest

Much interest is being shown by the F. F. A.

members and the general public in the "SCHS Marketing Contest." This contest is sponsored by the Hoxie Rotary Club in cooperation with the F. F. A. Chapter. Thirty-seven dollars has been ear-marked for prize money for the 3 contestants making the most theoretical money during the contest, which is to run from Oct. 29 to April 30.

It is hoped that the prize money can be used to purchase a purebred heifer or gilt as first prize and some certified seed for second and third prizes. - FFA Reporter

Seguin Items

Miss Marie Meier, who is attending school at Sacred Heart Academy, Wichita, is spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Meier, and her brother, Freddie.

The St. Ann's Altar Society met Tuesday at the home of Anton Meier.

Miss Mary Ann Baalman visited friends in Colby over the week end.

Leoville

Mrs. Ambrose Hoffman and daughter have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Arnold. They plan to return to their home at Andale this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kruse and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robben and daughters, of Sequin, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meitl and children at McDonald.

Mrs. August Karls entertained a number of little folks at dinner Monday honoring Jackie, who was eleven years old.

Lucerne News

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kemper and Sandra Kay were visitors at the Buzz Kemper home Friday.

The Sunflower Club met with Mrs. Don Kemper last Thursday, with two members and one visitor present.

The Hallowe'en party at Lucerne School house was well attended and enjoyed. A nice sum of money was received from the pies and boxes sold. Their teacher there is Miss Zita Buehler.

Moland News

Dale Critchfield, Mrs. Nelle Milner and daughter, Charlotte, all of Wichita, spent the week end at the Charles Critchfield home.

Mr. Hall went to Hays Wednesday and returned with Mrs. Hall who had been in the hospital.

Ralph Moore is a patient in the hospital in Savannah, Mo.

Selden Items

The new house which is being completed for Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Monteith, is making a real showing on main street.

Mrs. Mae Bower and Mrs. Jess Young and Mr. Elmer Carlson attended the Hays teachers meeting.

The WSCS tea will be Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Clelland Sloan.

Midway Items

The Midway Unit of the Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Della Stevens on October 17. Roll call was answered with eight members present and one visitor.

Mrs. Stevens gave the lesson on "time and energy savers."

Three committees were appointed by the president they were the membership committee, the program committee, and the special committee.

A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, after which we adjourned to meet with Mrs. Jim Sutcliffe on November 7.

**50 years Ago
November 4, 1971**

Hi Plains 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Hi-Plains 4-H Club was held Oct. 25 at the Gilbert Wasserman home. Six members and five parents answered roll call. Due to the absence of the president, Hugh Campbell served as president. Mike Winter served as vice president and Ellen Wasserman was secretary-treasurer.

Since some of the new officers were unable to

attend the installation was postponed until next meeting.

David Winter led us in singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". We then enjoyed refreshments served by the Wasserman family.

Next meeting will be Nov. 29.
- Mike Winter reporter.

Fairview 4-H Club

On Oct. 24 the Fairview 4-H Club met at the Al Meier home for the regular meeting. Ron Rietcheck led us in singing "Home On The Range."

For new business we drew names and decided that the gifts could be either made or bought. We also accepted Bobby Morgan and Greg Rietcheck into the club. They will be initiated into the club next month. The program for installing the officers was given and new officers were installed.

The program was opened by Gerald Rietcheck leading us in the singing "Clementine". Susan Morgan gave a story on Halloween. Roger Rietcheck gave a project talk on the projects he has taken the past year. Roger Rietcheck led us in a potato relay for recreation.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Marie Meier and girls.

- Reporter, Judy Morgan
Solomon Valley 4-H

The Solomon Valley 4-H Club met at the 4-H building on Oct. 25. Roll call was answered by your favorite president. Minutes were read and approved. The program was as follows:

Sheryl Hedge had a demonstration on how to make a flower arrangement. Gary Hedge gave a project talk on his steer. Herb Cressler gave a conservation talk on rules of pheasant season. LaRene Cressler had health and safety and told us to be careful around machinery. Doug Hedge gave parliamentary and told the duties of the treasurer. Howard Karnes had music appreciation; it was on the Beatles.

We said the 4-H pledge and the meeting was adjourned. The Albert Bell family were hosts.

- Reporter, Janet Karnes
Angelus 4-H Club

The meeting of the Angelus 4-H Club was called to order by president, Shirley Lager on Oct. 26 at the Angelus school. Roll call was answered by "Why I Joined 4-H" by 18 members and 12 adults. New business was installation of officers and two members were voted on. Maria Struckhoff and Maurice Baalman were welcomed into the club.

The program consisted of a clothing demonstration by Stacie Dickman. Shirley Lager gave a leadership talk; a talk on food and nutrition was presented by Pam Bixenman; Yolette Rehmer gave an illustrated talk on baby beef; Sue Dickman presented an illustrated talk on ecology for her health project and Lisa Baalman gave a talk on correct parliamentary procedure. Douglas Bixenman had recreation, after which refreshments were served by Rehmers, Engels and Laurene Dickman

- Reporter, Pam Bixenman
**25 Years Ago
October 31, 1996**

Autumn Feast set for Morland

The Morland Lions Club will have an Annual Autumn Feast on Sunday, Nov. 3 at the Morland Grade School gym.

They will feature a Mexican Food Buffet, including all the fixings for tacos, burritos, enchiladas, nachos, and a chicken enchilada casserole, plus green chili pork sauce. The featured dessert is home-made ice cream. Admission is by donation.

Learning the Internet Name Game

Last time we sat down and had a heart to heart chat, we discussed the World Wide Web. I made the claim, that this week I was going to teach you how to find information on the Internet.

Well...I lied. Don't get mad at me. I just realized that I was putting the chicken before the egg (?). David says "before one can find information on the Internet, one must know how to tell one computer from another." Guess what - the founding father nerds thought of this too when they created the Internet!

McGraw

Bill Baiter visited Russel Bainter on Saturday morning. Joe Bainter was a Saturday afternoon caller of Russel.

Wes Bainter and Weston were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter. Wes and Raquelle were Sunday dinner guests at the Bainters.

A church potluck supper was held at Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter's house on Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann and Kyle Broxson, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Jarboe and Matthew, and Norma Tice.

Selden

The 3rd Annual Scavenger Hunt is this weekend, Nov. 2. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Roger and Teresa Aumiller garage for registration. No more than six people to a team, \$12 entry fee per team, bring a plate of goodies and your thinking cap.

Wilma Ritter was hostess at the Selden Garden Club, Friday, Oct. 25. The president, Janice Kruse, opened the meeting by leading in the flag salute. Roll call was a discussion by the group telling of an idea on what lessons to have during the next year.

The next meeting will be Dec. 13 at the home of Leone Porsch. There will be a gift exchange and each member is to bring finger food.

Jennings-Allison

Senior Citizens met at the Senior Center Tuesday evening for a potluck supper. After their meal they played "robber bingo". An angel food cake and a pan of peanut brittle went from the original owner and back again several times before the last lucky winner got to take each item home.

There were 28 seniors to enjoy a fun filled evening. The group is planning a trip to Minden at Christmas time.

2021 ACT Scores Fall as Schools De-Emphasize Academics

By Dave Trabert

October 20, 2021
<https://bit.ly/3jPBzVM>

The average 2021 ACT scores in Kansas declined for the fifth consecutive year, to 19.9, and the decline in college readiness to 21% marks the sixth consecutive drop. Kansas is again below the national average on both measurements.

Only 21% of Kansas graduates did well enough to be considered college-ready in English, Reading, Math, and Science on the 2021 ACT. That's down from 31% in 2016 and for the second time, below the national average, which is 25%.

School Year	College-Readiness Declining Last 6 Years		Kansas Participation Rate	College Readiness	
	ACT Composite Score	Kansas		U.S. Avg.	Kansas
2016	20.8	21.9	74%	26%	31%
2017	21.0	21.7	73%	27%	29%
2018	20.8	21.6	71%	27%	29%
2019	20.7	21.2	72%	26%	27%
2020	20.6	20.4	82%	26%	23%
2021	20.3	19.9	79%	25%	21%

Source: ACT

State average scores are skewed by two major factors – demographic differences among the states and participation rates (the percentage of students taking the ACT in each state).

Participation rates affect average state scores because, in states where the ACT isn't mandatory, only students planning to attend college are likely to take the test, and that will artificially increase average state scores over states where the ACT is mandatory for all students. Some of last year's decline is likely attributable to higher participation, but not this year. Participation in Kansas dropped from 82% to 79%.

Some states improved in 2021

The COVID pandemic will undoubtedly be blamed for the decline in Kansas, but some states in the region show improvement.

State	Some State Showed Improvement	
	2020	2021
Kansas	20.4	19.9
Missouri	20.7	20.6
Nebraska	19.9	20.0
Oklahoma	18.7	19.7
Iowa	21.1	21.5
Utah	20.2	20.6
Idaho	22.7	23.0

Source: ACT

Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Iowa each have higher state average composite scores than a year ago. Utah and Idaho also did better.

Missouri dropped 20.7 to 20.6 but that is a much smaller decline than in Kansas.

House Education Chair Kristey Williams (R-Augusta) says school districts must ensure

that they are prioritizing resources to improve outcomes.

"This provides more evidence of what we already believed to be true – without in-person learning, or with excessive interruptions, student achievement would decline. With over \$1.5 billion of federal money flowing into our schools – districts should be able to target learning loss and make huge gains in the upcoming year. If gains are not made in state assessments and the ACT, then school boards will need to critically evaluate how money is being spent and shift resources to where kids need them most – in the classroom."

Wide achievement gaps for students of color

Large achievement gaps between white students and students of color, and also between low-income students and everyone else, also skew state average scores. States with higher portions of minorities and low-income kids will appear to have lower average scores.

School Year	Kansas ACT Achievement Gaps			College Readiness		
	White	Hispanic	Black	White	Hispanic	Black
2016	22.8	19.2	17.6	36%	15%	8%
2017	22.6	19.2	17.5	35%	14%	6%
2018	22.5	19.0	17.7	34%	13%	8%
2019	22.2	18.5	17.0	32%	11%	7%
2020	21.4	18.0	16.4	28%	11%	6%
2021	21.0	17.4	16.1	25%	9%	5%

Source: ACT

DSNWK Celebrates Achievement

For the second time in two years, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas held its awards ceremony as a virtual event on October 19th. The event was made virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic. Staff, individuals served by DSNWK, and community people were given recognition through a live stream presentation and a special video that both appear on the DSNWK website www.dsnwk.org.

Those staff recognized and listed by location, were:

Atwood - April Dunker, Denni Rehmer

Hays - Greg Askins, Sara Biggs, Deb Braun, Carrie Brungardt, Leanna Carrier, Tanner Flinn, Courtney Gumtau, Dan Hecker, John Kreutzer, Amanda Lawson, Jerry Michaud, Paige Niernberger, Jake Reynolds, Michelle Seib, Sue Stephens, Christopher Stricker, Les Wilson, Lance VanKooten, Nathan Young

Hill City - Connie Yakish

Hoxie - Linda Pope

Russell - Randy Housen

Stockton - Michelle Storz

Special recognition was also paid to four staff members for their outstanding work with persons with disabilities. Brandy Bell, Hays, Kayla Kuntzsch and Herb Shumaker, Russell and Denni Rehmer, Atwood will be presented with the Employee of the Year Award.

Two \$100 scholarship awards will be presented to Destiny Bergstresser and Anyela Valenzuela-Rosales of Hays. This award was given from the Jerelyn Becker Memorial Scholarship Fund for employees studying in higher education in a field related to serving people with developmental disabilities.

Several awards will be given to individuals served by DSNWK for achievement through employment. Those receiving awards and listed by location were:

Hays - Taylor Barrett, Michail Bird, Treysawn Blackman, Tim, Brier, Preston Browning, William Dornon, Michael Fawcett, Don Furrey, LaVerne Gitchel, Duane Gross, Wesley Higdon, Tyler F. Jones, Tyler S. Jones, Neil Kuhn, Brittany Molnar, Derrick Morton, Jennifer Paramore, Brian Rietcheck, Alan Roberts, Ed Rybeck, Ramona Schmitt, Avon Smith, Kurtis Steckline, Trenton Uhl, Garrett Williams

Hill City - Jenny Cronn, Rebecca Rohr

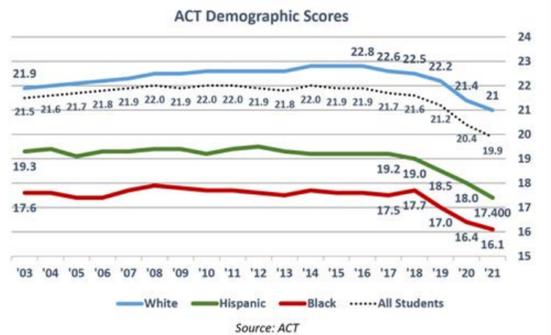
Norton - Justin Bainter

DSNWK will be presenting two Individual Achievement Awards to individuals served by DSNWK. Darrell Trail of Atwood and Jeremy Pugh of Hays were presented these awards which go

ACT doesn't publish income-based demographics but the achievement gaps in Kansas between White, Hispanic, and Black students are significant and persistent. Only 5% of Black students are college-ready compared to 9% for Hispanic students and 25% for White students.

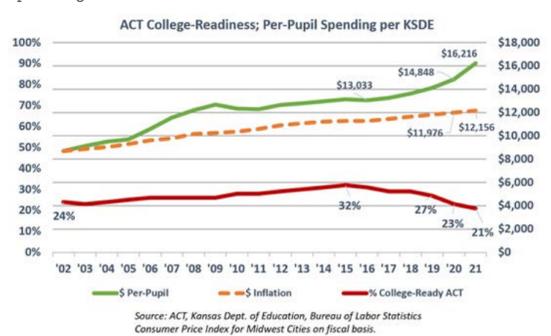
College readiness has consistently declined since 2016 for each demographic cohort. White students' college readiness fell from 36% to 25%, Hispanic students from 15% to 9%, and Black students dropped from 8% to 5%.

Each demographic cohort's composite score declined along with the drop in college readiness and is now below 2003 levels.



And while many school officials say more spending is needed to improve achievement, the declines in composite scores and college readiness occurred while spending significantly increased.

Per-student spending has increased from \$8,694 in 2002 to more than \$16,000 last year and is now 33% above inflation-increased spending since 2002.



CRT and SEL rise while academic achievement declines. It may not be a coincidence that academic achievement has noticeably declined since the Kansas Department of Education de-emphasized measuring achievement in 2017 and placed significant attention on Social Emotional Learning and so-called soft skills. Most recently, some school districts have begun pushing critical race theory on students and staff, albeit under the guise of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- KSDE evaluates now school districts based on these measures:
- Academically prepared for postsecondary
 - High school graduation
 - Postsecondary success
 - Social-emotional growth
 - Kindergarten readiness
 - Individual plan of study
 - Civic engagement

Only 'preparation for postsecondary' measures actual achievement growth. High school graduation rates are pretty meaningless when many diplomas are given to students who are below grade level. Individual plans of study have value, but that is a tactic more so than a measurement of achievement.

each year to one youth and one adult who have shown tremendous individual progress throughout the year.

DSNWK plans to recognize several members of area communities with special awards. Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Hays will receive DSNWK's Employer of the Year Award for their outstanding support of people with disabilities in the workforce. The Community Support Award will be presented to the Ellis County Health Department for their outstanding support to DSNWK during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognition will be made to a Hoxie community member with DSNWK's Good Neighbor Award. Tom and Leanna Sloan will be recognized for their personal support of the people served by DSNWK.

Finally, DSNWK will be recognizing Jim and Rose Blume, Aurora, CO and Jim and Sally Stansbury, Hays with the Vision of Hope Award. This award was created to recognize those individuals who have been the guiding light along DSNWK's 50-year history creating long lasting opportunities in services and support for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

DSNWK is a 501c3 nonprofit serving 18 counties in northwest Kansas with a mission to advocate for persons with disabilities and those who care about them by planning and supporting a life of dignity, interdependence, and personal satisfaction in the community.

For more information contact: Steve Keil, 785-625-5678



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 April – October 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
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- Paper: shredded, magazines, newspaper, office paper
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- Colored Plastic: #2 laundry detergent bottles, coffee containers, etc.
- #2 Natural Plastic: Milk jugs, rinsed chemical containers
- Glass: beer/liquor bottles, pickle jars, etc.
- Aluminum Cans: pop, beer
- Tin Cans: soup cans, tuna cans, cat food cans, etc.
- Grocery Sacks: plastic grocery sacks

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John Athey Chapter of NSDAR

October 27, 2021

Fran Mann's Home – Quinter, Ks

The meeting of John Athey Chapter of NSDAR began in ritualistic form led by Regent Gayle Bremenkamp 10:00 a.m. on October 27, 2021, at the Home of Fran Mann in Quinter. There were seven members present: Members Sharon Maurath from Oakley; Judy Watkins, Kay Weber, and Leona Feldt from Hoxie; Fran Mann from Quinter; Gayle Bremenkamp from Colby; and Cheryl Goetz from Park.

Reports were given as follows: President General's Message – Gayle Bremenkamp; National Defense – Cheryl Goetz; American History and Veteran's Day – Judy Watkins; U.S. Flag Fact – Sharon Maurath; DAR Schools – Gayle Bremenkamp; American Heritage – Kay Weber; Indian Minute – Sharon Maurath.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as sent out.

Meeting was recessed for noon meal at Melanie's in town, Chaplain Fran Mann led us in grace before eating.

Unfinished business was they are supporting Wreaths across American and Ft. Wallace Museum. Cheryl Goetz gave the program on Domestic Violence. Meeting closed with the group praying.

Respectfully Submitted, Kay Weber, Secretary

Students Invited to Enter Kansas Photo Contest

Your Favorite Place in Kansas

Each year Kansas students are invited to enter photographs that celebrate Kansas and be eligible for special prizes. This year's theme is Your Favorite Place in Kansas. First place winners in each grade from 1st to 12th will receive iPads; second place awards in each grade are Kindles.

Last year, first grader Lily Steadman of Derby photographed a school competition to highlight the runners on the Kansas prairies. She received first place in her category in the Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student Photo Contest and won an iPad for her work, among the 24 student award recipients. Lily's was one of 400 contest entries.

The student photographs contribute to the pictorial history of Kansas, like L. W. Halbe, an early 20th century teenage photographer from Dorrance in Russell County. Halbe's photos offer a valuable window into life in his community. These photos will be preserved by the Kansas Historical Society.

The contest deadline, for 1st through 12th grade students, is 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Winners will be announced as part of the state's 161st birthday commemoration at the Kansas State Capitol on Friday, January 28, 2022. Find more information and a complete list of contest rules at www.happybirthdaysks.org.

The contest is sponsored by the Kansas legislative spouses in conjunction with the Kansas Historical Society.

Find photographs from last year's Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student Photo Contest at <https://bit.ly/3Czm37P>.

Find photographs from the Halbe Collection online in Kansas Memory at <https://bit.ly/3CGfP6z>.

Link Between CRT and Suicide Consideration

A high-ranking legislator Thursday said she believes children in Kansas schools were being taught to be ashamed of being white and that could be linked to young people thinking about suicide.

State Rep. Kristey Williams, R-Augusta, said white children were being told they are racists through Critical Race Theory and through the guise of training on diversity and inclusion. Williams is chair of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee.

In speaking to the Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health and Modernization Committee, Williams also raised questions about whether social and emotional learning was harmful.

Inflation Creates Tough Decisions for Kansas Families

"It's time for Congress to turn off the spending spigot"

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) today spoke on the Senate floor regarding inflation rates and the Democrats' tax-and-spend framework.

"An extra \$17 dollars at the gas pump or \$68 on an electricity bill and an extra 50 cents here and there quickly adds up for middle income or low income families," said Sen. Moran. "These dollars add up to tough decisions like... will we be able to make our mortgage payment this month? Do we forgo a Thanksgiving meal this year so we can keep the heat on? And can we afford to make that drive across the country to go see the grandparents for the holidays?"

"The Democrats' out-of-control spending and policies have sped up the rate of inflation and created higher prices for families," continued Sen. Moran. "It's time for Congress to turn off the spending spigot. As Americans face higher prices at the gas station and grocery store, we must work towards fixing our supply chain issues, returning to being energy independent, helping Americans return to work and reining in our spending in order to slow down the rate of inflation."

Grants Awarded

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for these grants are accepted on a rolling deadline of the first of every month. They are reviewed at the SCCF's monthly meeting and notifications are sent out usually mid-month.

For more information and to apply, visit www.growsheridancounty.org/grants. You can also contact SCCF Board Liaison Karl Pratt at 785-675-1240, karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com.

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Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Join Northwest Tech in Goodland for its Tech Expo on November 9! You will learn about two programs of interest, meet program instructors, speak with current Northwest Tech students, have an opportunity to visit with industry professionals, and get a tour of campus. All high school students are invited to spend a day on campus at Northwest Tech! Each student will receive an NT swag bag!! The program will run from 8 to 12:45 mountain time. You can register at <https://bit.ly/2Y482Qc>.

Barton Community College will host its Senior Day on November 17. It will feature the usual fare: meet with admissions, campus/housing tours, free lunch, but there will be drawings for six scholarships for those in attendance. BCC also has clear transfer guidelines if you are interested in going to Kansas State in the future. Register for this event by November 1 at seniorday.bartoncc.edu. You can also call 800-722-6842.

Butler Community College will host Fine Arts and Communications Scholarship Auditions and Interviews on November 12 (and dates in March). Scholarships can be earned in vocal and instrumental music; radio-TV, newspaper, magazine, and sports media; performance theatre and technical theatre; and art (2 D and 3D). Learn more and register at ButlerCC.edu/finearts.

Another arts opportunity in the Wichita area is Music Education Day at Friends on November 11. This is an event for high school juniors and seniors who are interested in becoming a music education major. Call 316-295-5536 to find out more. Spend Wednesday at El Dorado and Thursday at Friends.

High school seniors, BURGER KING® employees, their dependent children, spouses, or domestic partners in the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and Guam can apply to receive \$1,000 to \$50,000 scholarships. Eligible students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). To learn more and apply visit bk-scholars.com.

Wells Fargo has developed this scholarship program to help people with disabilities obtain their education or training necessary to succeed in the career path of their choice. The program is administered by Scholarship America. For more info, kindly visit <https://bit.ly/3CDiIOD>.

The University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis has a different approach to many of the medical fields you might be interested in. It will host a Virtual Preview Day on November 4. You can register for this event at uhsp.edu/preview.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 2: Financial Aid Morning at Golden Plains

November 5: Registration deadline for Dec. 11 ACT test

December 1-Application deadline for KU: FAFSA Priority Deadline for WSU

December 31: Deadline for CCC Accelerated Tuition Scholarship

January 7 (2022): Registration deadline for Feb. 12 ACT test

February 25: Registration deadline for April 7 ACT test

March 4/5: Final Fine Arts/Communications Audition Day at Butler CC

May 6: Registration deadline for the June 11 ACT test

June 17: Registration deadline for July 16 ACT test



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WKLL All League Volleyball Team

Below is the 2021 WKLL All League Volleyball Team, as voted on by the coaches. Congratulations to all the WKLL teams for a great season.

1st Team

Anna Godek, Wheatland-Grinnell, Senior
Abigail Graham, Logan-Palco, Senior
Kirsten Marcotte, Logan-Palco, Senior
Kassie Miller, Golden Plains, Senior
Carli Nieman, Golden Plains, Senior
Karoline Schroeder, Wheatland-Grinnell, Sophomore
Livia Schultz, Wheatland-Grinnell, Senior

2nd Team

Brielle Allen, Weskan, Senior
Camille Gottschalk, Logan-Palco, Senior
Andromeda Hausermann, Northern Valley, Senior
Keri Heier, Wheatland-Grinnell, Junior
Lora Peterson, Triplains-Brewster, Senior
Morgan Wark, Golden Plains, Senior
Tabha Williams, Western Plains-Healy, Senior

WKLL

Lady Bulldogs Named Sub-State Runner Up



Bulldog Proud! The Golden Plains Volleyball team and fans celebrate another point scored at the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament in Grainfield on October 23. The Lady Bulldogs finished a 32-7 season as Sub-State Runner Up! (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs finished their season on October 23 as the Sub-State Runner Up at the Grainfield Sub-State. As the 30-6 top seed team in the tournament, the Lady Bulldogs received a first round bye, defeated Wallace County in two sets in the semi-finals, and lost to home team Wheatland/Grinnell in the championship game.

"State volleyball was a goal that I never was able to achieve in my four years of high school," said Kassie Miller, senior. "Even though it is disappointing, I am extremely proud of every teammate that showed up every day to better the team. I really enjoy playing the game of volleyball even though it is full of ups and downs. It has taught me many life lessons that will stick with me throughout my life. Thank you to all the fans, family, and coaches that pushed me the past four years."

"We had a great season," added Rayna Taylor, senior, "even if it didn't end how we had hoped. I can't believe I played my last high school volleyball game. I will miss playing with such a great team."

The Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament in the semi-finals against the Lady Wildcats from Wallace County/Sharon Springs. Both teams kept it close throughout much of the first set before the Bulldogs took over and claimed the victory 25-15. The Wildcats took an early lead in the second set, but the Dogs answered to tie it up at 5, 6, and 7. The Wildcats then gained a three point lead before the Dogs came back to tie it up again at 12 with an ACE serve from junior Breanna Rath. The Wildcats tied it once again, but the Dogs took over once more for the win 25-15.

The Wheatland/Grinnell Lady Thunderhawks defeated Triplains/Brewster in the quarterfinals and Logan/Palco in the semi-finals to face the Lady Bulldogs in the championship game. The Hawks took an early lead in the first set before the Bulldogs claimed the ball with a kill from Carli Nieman. The Bulldogs worked hard but were unable to catch up with the Hawks as they lost 15-25.

The Hawks kept up their momentum in the second set as they pulled ahead of the Dogs and maintained their lead for the second set win 11-25 and the Sub-State Championship.

The Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a 32-7 record as Sub-State Runner-Up for the second consecutive year. They won the Healy Tournament Championship, the Gove County Classic Championship, were WKLL League Runner-Up, and Sub-State Runner-Up. Their only losses went to Ness City-whom they later defeated at the Ringneck Classic and who were named Sub-State Runner-Up, Victoria-who won their sub-state tournament for a trip to state, Trego, Thunder Ridge-a sub-state runner-up team, Dighton-a sub-state champion and state qualifier, and Wheatland/Grinnell-whom they had defeated three times early in the season.

"It is unreal to think my high school volleyball career is over," added senior Carli Nieman. "I can't believe how far I've come from my freshman year until now. I think everyone has improved tremendously throughout the season and I am so proud of all of my teammates. I am really grateful for all the lessons of hard work and teamwork volleyball has taught me and for my coaches, fans, and teammates for supporting me the last four years."

"It was great having a winning record the past few years," said Lauren Patmon, senior. "Volleyball is my favorite sport to play. Looking back, I realize how much volleyball helped me become a team player and develop leadership skills."

"It has truly been an honor to be a part of the Golden Plains volleyball team for the last four years," added Morgan Wark, senior. "I am so proud of each and every one of my teammates and have enjoyed watching them develop as volleyball players. Even though the season didn't end exactly how we had hoped, I couldn't have asked for a better senior season."

"We brought a lot of excitement to every game," said Amie Cheney, senior. "It was a good four years of forming friendships with teammates each year. We appreciate all those that supported us at each game. I will miss playing the game with my classmates and friends."

"Although we had a good season, I was disappointed in how it ended," said junior Breanna Rath. Breanna is one of three juniors returning to next year's team along with one sophomore and three freshmen. "Several freshmen played on varsity towards the end of the season," continued Rath. "This helped bring them along so they can contribute to the team more next year."

GPMS 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Superintendent Honor Roll:
8th grade: Braylee Knowles,
Diego Perez, Dylan Wark
7th grade: Kailee Wessel
6th grade: Brenlynn Rath

Principal Honor Roll:

8th grade: Tanner Black,
Anais Cepeda, Laure Moore,
Jaxson Vassbinder, Ezekiel
Weiner

7th grade: Kathryn Carter,
Amia Durham, Marisol Perez,
Kadalen Unrein, Estella
Vargas, Adaline Wessel

6th grade: Takoda Cline,
Bailey Flores, Madison Focke,
Cristian Garcia, Manuel
Holguin, Adilyn Meier, Tannor
Todd, Lakin Wark, Elizabeth
Weiner

GPMS 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Superintendent Honor Roll:
12th grade: Alisha Brantley,
Kassie Miller, Lauren Patmon,
Ashton Schiltz, Morgan Wark,
Ethan Weiner

10th grade: Emma Weiner

Principal Honor Roll:

12th grade: Fabian Cepeda,
Amie Cheney, Alejandro
Gonzalez, Jovanny Infante,
Britton Knowles, Brandon
Luna, Carli Nieman, Bingson
Rogers, Ethan Shea, Rayna
Taylor, Joshua Yanez-Perez

11th grade: Guillermo
Aragon, McHaley Carter,
Jamie Graves, Jazline
Manriquez, Breanna Rath,
Reagan Shaw, Sidney Taylor,
Dalia Tellez

10th grade: Ava Brantley,
Will Bruggeman, Jordyn
Fleckenstein, Jorja
Juenemann, Landon Meier

9th grade: Mariah Barnett,
Madilyn Green, Anette
Hernandez-Lopez, Jaqueline
Manriquez, Aidan Pawlak,
Joshua Rath, Dominic Stout,
Siena Vargas, Hayden Wark



50 Days!

The kindergarten class at Golden Plains Elementary in Selden celebrated the 50th day of school on November 2. They started celebrating by completing a 50-piece puzzle in class. Class members shown include (l-r) Dexter Juenemann, Constance Hunter, Octavia Taylor, Kaisley Pfannenstiel, Finn Stickle, Meadow Thornton, and Genesis Holguin (back). (Photo by Amy Patmon)

School Calendars: November 8-13, 2021

Hoxie USD #412

Monday, November 8-14

All Day - Fall Athletic Buffer Week
7pm BoE Meeting

Tuesday, November 9

2pm MCL Choir Clinic @ Phillipsburg
4pm V Scholars' Bowl @ Oberlin
4:30pm JH BB @ Stockton
7pm MCL Vocal Concert @ Phillipsburg

Thursday, November 11

4:30pm JH BB @ Plainville
All Day - V FB @ Sectional
7pm Appropriate Audience Behavior

Golden Plains USD #316

Monday, November 8

4pm HS Scholar's Bowl @ Cheylin
4pm MS Scholar's Bowl @ Atwood

Thursday, November 11

7pm HS Play Opening Night

Friday, November 12

All Day - Fall Picture Retakes

Saturday, November 13

7pm HS Play Closing Night

Wheatland USD #292

Monday, November 8

4:30pm WHS Scholar's Bowl @
Bird City
7:30pm BoE Meeting

Friday, November 12

All Day - Sectional FB

Note: All scheduled activities are subject to change. Please check the school web site for updates www.usd316.k12.ks.us



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Volleyhawks Soar to State



Head coach Shannon Foster and her son Cale congratulate each other after the team qualified for state competition. (Photo by Kay Haffner)



Teammates cheer on the sidelines during substate October 22 after the victory over Logan Palco. (Photo by Kay Haffner)

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

Wheatland High School hosted volleyball substate Saturday, October 23, at Grainfield. Seven teams competed in the single elimination tournament: Rexford/Golden Plains, Northern Valley, Wallace County, Wheatland/Grinnell, Triplains/Brewster, Logan/Palco and Western Plains/Healy. After a long round of fierce competition, the Wheatland/Grinnell Volleyhawks were named substate champions and will advance to state competition in Emporia Friday, October 29.

The Volleyhawks began the tournament facing off against Triplains/Brewster. The Volleyhawks took down Triplains in two sets, with a score of 25-5, and 25-7. Other stats are not available for this game. However, one important highlight for the Hawks was senior Livia Schultz reached 1,000 career kills.

Next WHS fought against Logan/Palco. In this match, sophomore Kristin Schroeder led with nine kills, sophomore Kerri Heier six, senior Isabella Ostmeyer, five and Livia Schultz four. An overall team serve percentage of 94%, with sophomore Halle Habiger contributing three aces. The team totaled 55 digs, led by senior Anna Godek 16, Ostmeyer 11, and Heier 10. Godek's 21 assists and close teamwork moved the Volleyhawks to the championship round against Golden Plains.

Nine aces, 23 kills (Livia Schultz leading with eight and Ostmeyer with six), 18 assists (by Godek) and 26 digs later, the Lady Thunderhawks defeated Golden Plains in two sets and qualified for state.

Statistics tell part of the story, but as Isabella Ostmeyer stated, "It was a great day. The energy in the gym was amazing and helped us fight on to state." Teammates, parents, families, and friends, as well as a strong representation of the student body, attended the tournament and cheered intensely with the cheerleaders.

Coach Shannon Foster added, "What a great day! The atmosphere in our gym was incredible. I am so grateful to our home crowd for showing up and being loud. It definitely helped propel the girls to a strong finish! We are so excited to get back to Emporia after another state title!"

The Volleyhawks play at 10:00 in Emporia. Open Spaces Sports will carry the game with audio.

Cross Country Runs at Regionals

By Jamie Graves

The Golden Plains Cross Country team continued their season with Regionals at Ness City on October 23. Sophomore Emma Weiner qualified for state placing first out of 59 girls, with a personal best time of 19:48.80. This is her second year to win Regionals and qualify for the state meet. She will run on October 30 at the Sand Plum Nature Trail in Victoria where she placed third last year.

Although Senior Ethan Weiner had placed in the top 10 at every meet this season, he finished in the middle of the pack at regionals. "I'm disappointed that illness held me back from my

By Elizabeth Thoe, FFA Sponsor

The FFA Creed was written by EM Tiffany and was adopted at the 3rd National FFA Convention. It is one of the first things that new Greenhand FFA members (Freshmen) learn and memorize so that they can recite it during the Creed Speaking Contest. The Creed Speaking Contest starts at the local level and then two members go to the District level to recite the Creed and hopefully move on to State and National Conventions to compete to win.

What the FFA Creed Means:

"It was created to allow the members to focus on the benefits of agriculture, the rich history of the industry, and their future role in agriculture." (Hageman, 2018).

Hageman, M. (2018, September 2). The history of the FFA creed. AGDAILY. Retrieved October 26, 2021, from <https://www.agdaily.com/ffa/the-history-of-the-ffa-creed/>.

Wheatland FFA was chartered on December 10, 2020; thus, we are a new chapter. Most of the students last year did not have to memorize the Creed for a Creed Speaking Contest. This year we decided to include every Ag student in the Creed Speaking Contest so they could all benefit from the experience. Next year, we will just have the Freshmen-First year students-Greenhands speak in the contest. We had a great turn out and so many of the students did very well.

The winners of the First Annual Wheatland FFA Creed Speaking Contest:

First place was senior Tyrell Chapin, second place was Madison Zerr, and Jocelyn Perez-Jimenez won third place.

Senior Winner was Livia Schultz; junior winner was Nathan Vollbracht, sophomore winner was Karoline Schroeder, and Olivia Thompson won the freshman division.

Also, Olivia Thompson and Jocelyn Perez-Jimenez went to the Greenhand Conference on October 20, 2021 in Russell, KS and

FFA Creed Winners



FFA Members winners of the FFA Creed Memorization Contest.

Back L-R Freshman Olivia Thompson, Junior Nate Vollbracht, Senior Tyrell Chapin, Sophomore Maddy Zerr
Front L-R: Freshman Jocelyn Perez-Jimenez, Senior Livia Schultz, Sophomore Karoline Schroeder (WHS photo)

recited the FFA Creed in the Creed Speaking Contest which is the District Level. They did not win but they did very well!

As an Ag teacher and FFA Sponsor, I am very proud of all of my students for their effort in learning the creed and their courage in reciting the FFA Creed in the Wheatland FFA Creed Speaking Contest.

Thunderhawks Triumph in Last League Game



Defensive players Senior Adam Phillips (13), Senior Tyrell Chapin (30), Freshman Kaden Aeschilman (56) and Senior Isaac Mendez (14) pile on Junior Brock Woolf, October 22 in the last game of league play. The defense totaled 90 tackles during the game. (Photo by Kay Haffner)



Junior Treven Humphries sprints for a touchdown against Tri-Plains Brewster Oct 22. Humphries scored two touchdowns along with two conversions for a total of 16 points during the game Friday, Oct 22. (Photo by Kay Haffner)



Head Coach Jesse Vincent strategizes with quarterback senior Trey Vincent at the Tri-Plains Brewster game, Friday, October 22. WHS defeated the Titans 55-20. Vincent carried the ball 137 rushing yards as well as 232 passing yards. (Photo by Kay Haffner)

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

Friday night lights shone brightly for the Wheatland High School Thunderhawks as they defeated the Triplains Brewster Titans in Winona, October 22, with a final score of 55-20, giving the Thunderhawks a 7-1 season record.

The night was especially bright for WHS quarterback, senior Trey Vincent, who gained 137 rushing yards, 232 passing yards, and scored two touchdowns. One factor which has contributed to the strength of this team is the variety and ability of many different players to fight for a win. This is seen as Teammate Isaac Mendez, also a senior, rushed 96 yards, scoring a touchdown as well as a field goal, tallying seven more points for the night. Junior Nate Vollbracht added an additional two touchdowns, and fellow junior Treven Humphries brought 12 points plus four points from conversions. Jett Vincent also earned a touchdown, and senior Ryan Hour scored two points from conversions.

The strong defense allowed the offense to make these points, with 41 solo tackles, and 49 assist tackles. Mendez made 12 solo tackles with 10 assists; senior Ryan Heier and junior Jett Vincent both made nine solo tackles. Senior Tyrell Chapin added a sack to the game.

Junior Treven Humphries stated this about the game, "On Friday against Triplains/Brewster, we started out very sluggish. Brewster was moving the ball well and we just weren't at the top of our game. But then after a long drive by Brewster, we got a stop on the goal line and never looked back."

Head Coach Jesse Vincent added, "It was a great win for us after coming out a little flat to start the game against Triplains/Brewster. The opportunity to struggle a little before we enter the playoffs is a good thing!"

The team is preparing for Thursday night, the first postseason game.

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Farmers Can Now Make Elections, Enroll in ARC and PLC Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is in the process of issuing \$1.8 billion in payments to agricultural producers who enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2020 crop year. These payments provide critical support to help mitigate fluctuations in either revenue or prices for certain crops. These two USDA safety-net programs help producers of certain crops build back better after facing the impacts of COVID-19 and other challenges.

In addition, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is encouraging producers to contact their local USDA Service Centers to make or change elections and to enroll for 2022 ARC or PLC, providing future protections against market fluctuations. The election and enrollment period opened on October 18, 2021, and runs through March 15, 2022.

2020 Payments and Contracts

ARC and PLC payments for a given crop year are paid out the following fall to allow actual county yields and the Market Year Average prices to be finalized. This month, FSA processed payments to producers enrolled in 2020 ARC-County (ARC-CO), ARC-Individual (ARC-IC) and PLC for covered commodities that triggered for the crop year.

For ARC-CO, view the 2020 ARC-CO Benchmark Yields and Revenues online database for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity.

For PLC, payments have triggered for barley, canola, chickpeas (large and small), dry peas, flaxseed, lentils, peanuts, seed cotton and wheat. More information on rice payments will be announced later this fall and in early 2022.

For ARC-IC, producers should contact their local FSA office for additional information pertaining to 2020 payment information, which relies on producer-specific yields for the crop and farm to determine benchmark yields and actual year yields when calculating revenues.

By the Numbers

More than 1.7 million contracts were signed in 2019. In 2020, producers signed nearly 1.8 million ARC or PLC contracts, and 251 million out of 273 million base acres were enrolled in the programs. In 2021, signed contracts surpassed 1.8 million.

Since the ARC and PLC were authorized by in the 2014 Farm Bill and reauthorized by in the 2018 Farm Bill, these safety-net programs have paid out more than \$32.5 billion to producers of covered commodities.

2022 Elections and Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-CO or PLC, which are both crop-by-crop, or ARC-IC, which is for the entire farm. Although election changes for 2022 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2022, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2022, the election remains the same as the 2021 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crame, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed, and wheat.

Web-Based Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University offer web-based decision tools to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Tools include:

Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M tallows producers to estimate payments and yield updates and expected payments for 2022.

Crop Insurance Considerations

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

For more information on ARC and PLC, visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact your local USDA Service Center.

KRC Forms Beginning Farmer and Rancher Training Program

We are excited to announce the formation of our beginning farmer and rancher training program, made possible with generous funding by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP).

"KRC has a long history of providing agricultural education to Kansans, and we're grateful to have the opportunity to focus specifically on beginning farmers and ranchers with our future programming, made possible by this grant," Ryan Goertzen-Regier, KRC's program manager, said of the project. "The challenges people getting started in food production face can be quite daunting, and we need to ensure the success of as many new farmers as possible to ensure adequate food production in Kansas as many farmers retire in the next several decades."

USDA Grant to Connect Kansas Farmers & Ranchers with Mental Health Resources

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.) announced a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) grant to the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) to help connect farmers, ranchers and those in agriculture-related occupations to mental health resources.

"This federal investment will provide our Kansas agricultural community with important mental health resources to help during trying times," said Sen. Moran. "Farmers, ranchers and those working within the agriculture industry livelihoods depend on factors largely outside their control, from the weather to volatile commodity prices, creating stress that can be challenging to face alone. I was a champion of the FARMERS FIRST Act, included in the 2018 Farm Bill, to make certain our nation's agricultural community has access to necessary mental health programs, and I am pleased this grant will spread awareness about the resources offered to Kansans who need assistance coping with ag-related stress."

"Empowering KDA to provide the assistance and resources necessary to help reduce suicide rates among Kansas farmers and ranchers is some of the best money USDA has ever spent," said Sen. Marshall. "Farming is one of the most uncertain, stressful jobs in the world. This meaningful investment by USDA will provide local farmers with assistance as they cope with these ongoing challenges, while spreading mental health awareness throughout the Kansas agricultural community."

KDA plans to use the grant to create a statewide campaign to raise awareness for the KansasAgStress.org website, develop reusable media content and work to destigmatize the concept of mental health awareness while lowering suicides in the agriculture industry in Kansas.

Sen. Moran was an original cosponsor of the Facilitating Accessible Resources for Mental Health and Encouraging Rural Solutions For Immediate Response to Stressful Times (FARMERS FIRST) Act, which reestablished the Farm and Ranch Assistance Network. Sen. Moran is also a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, which funds the USDA and has supported the FRSAN program.

Next Debt Limit Deadline Could Wait Until February

The Bipartisan Policy Center, a think tank with a strong track record predicting Treasury Department cash flows, is projecting that the recent \$480 billion statutory debt limit increase could last as long as mid-February, but that Treasury also could run out of borrowing room and cash as soon as mid-December. If accurate, the forecast would give lawmakers potentially more time to act to raise the debt limit again than other recent projections. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3pUJPCv>.

Sorghum Export Report

There were 5.2 million bushels of sorghum purchased last week by an unknown destination, likely China. Additionally, more than 81,000 bushels of sorghum were shipped to Mexico last week. Last week's purchases bring total sorghum export purchases to 108 million bushels, or 30 percent what was estimated in the most recent USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE).

Upcoming Sorghum Events

- Nov. 10 Sorghum Frontiers Virtual Field Day - Virtual
- Nov. 17 Alta Seeds' Sorghum Frontiers Field Day - Virtual
- Nov. 17-18 Sustainable Agriculture Summit - Las Vegas, NV
- Nov. 18 NAFB Trade Talk - Kansas City, MO
- Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- Dec. 5-7 NSP Board Meeting - Lubbock, TX
- Dec. 7-9 USCP Board Meeting - Lubbock, TX

Sorghum Crop Progress Report

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Weekly Crop Progress Report said by October 24, ninety-six percent of the nation's sorghum acreage was mature, 1 percentage point behind last year but 3 points ahead of the five-year average. Seventy-one percent of the 2021 sorghum acreage had been harvested by October 24, one percentage point behind last year but 11 points ahead of average. During the week, sorghum harvest advanced 10 percentage points or more in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending October 31, 2021, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 22% short, 59% adequate, and 7% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 27% short, 57% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 28% fair, 51% good, and 11% excellent. Winter wheat planted was 91%, near 95% last year and 89% for the five-year average. Emerged was 71%, behind 76% last year, but near 69% average.

Corn harvested was 90%, near 89% last year, and ahead of 85% average.

Soybeans harvested was 69%, behind 82% last year, and near 70% average.

Sorghum mature was 96%, near 99% last year and 97% average. Harvested was 71%, near 73% last year, but ahead of 59% average.

Cotton condition rated 1% very poor, 3% poor, 39% fair, 52% good, and 5% excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 97%, near 95% last year and 94% average. Harvested was 11%, behind 19% last year, and near 13% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 65%, near 67% last year, but ahead of 53% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7% very poor, 19% poor, 39% fair, 34% good, and 1% excellent.

Sorghum Partners Offering Virtual Field Day, Nov. 17

Registration is now open to join Sorghum Partners' Sorghum Is Back Virtual Field Day on November 17 at 12:00pm Central (11:00am Mountain). Hear from a farmer panel of experienced sorghum growers and their successes with Double Team this season regarding over-the-top grassy weed control in sorghum. The field day will highlight new Double Team technology and, in addition to the farmer panel, will feature a live Q&A. Register at <https://bit.ly/2Y3v2z2>.

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Pivot Irrigated Land Auction
Tuesday, November 23 - 2:00 p.m.
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Tract #1
Farm Location: From Hoxie go 14 miles west on Hwy 24 to Rd 140W (from the Menlo paved spur South 186 go 1 mile east on Hwy 24)
Legal Description: SW 1/4 less ROW in 5-T8S-R30W Sheridan County, Kansas 163 acres +/-
Description: This farm consisting of 157.6 acres of cropland is an excellent pivot irrigated farm with mostly Keith and Kuma silt loam soils. The terrain is nearly level, and the access is tremendous.

Tract #2
Farm Location: From Hoxie go 13 miles west on Hwy 24 to Rd 130W (from the Menlo paved spur South 186 go 2 miles east on Hwy 24)
Legal Description: NW 1/4 less RD R/W in 9-T8S-R30W Sheridan County, Kansas 151.4 acres +/-
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY ANN OELKE, Deceased.

Case No. 2019-PR-000021

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Donald Oelke, executor of the estate of Mary Ann Oelke, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 15th day of November 2021, at 11:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.

/s/ Donald Oelke
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KCC Explains Why You Can Expect to Pay More for Heat This Winter

Kansans have heard the warnings that energy costs are on the rise. As a result, consumers have questions and some may need assistance to keep pace with the higher costs. The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has launched an online resource to explain the reasons prices are escalating, help consumers minimize the impact, and find financial and weatherization assistance.

Topics covered include tips to reduce energy use, assistance programs available throughout the state, information on the Cold Weather Rule, steps to take if you receive a disconnection notice and who to call for help with utility issues.

The KCC regulates investor-owned utilities in the state; however, the agency does not set fuel prices. The price for natural gas, the predominant heating source used by Kansans, was deregulated by the U.S. Congress in the mid 1980's. As a result, prices are driven by the market. The cost utilities pay for natural gas is a direct pass through to its customers.

More information is available on the KCC's website at <https://kcc.ks.gov/kcc-consumer-alert>.

White House Disagrees Mandate Will Exacerbate Supply Chain Disruption

Federal vaccine mandates will exacerbate the backlog of shipping and deliveries and other supply chain problems, according to industries ranging from trucking to warehouses. Industry is warning that a substantial number of workers may quit their jobs or otherwise be let go and right at the height of the holiday season. They note that the supply chain is already suffering as a shortage of workers, backlogged ports, and other challenges slow the movement of goods. However, the Biden Administration has thus far not signaled it is willing to retreat on the issue, with Mr. Jeff Zients, Biden's coronavirus response coordinator, stating that he does not believe the mandates will contribute to supply chain disruption. Read more at <https://bloom.bg/3jVindu>.

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Peggy Allen
September 23, 1921 ~ October 27, 2021



Remembering - Margaret (Peggy) Allen was born to Ben and Nellie Richards on September 23, 1921, at their farm South of Tasco, KS. She passed away on October 27, 2021, and entered into her eternal life in Heaven at the age of 100 years and 1 month.

Peggy survived three husbands. She married Lorenzo (Boe) Deibert in 1938 and they were blessed with five children: Kenneth, Nettie, Barbara, Terry, and Sandra. She married Everett Neal in 1966 and Glenn Allen in 1990.

Peggy was well loved and respected by her family and friends. She will be remembered as a great cook among other things. She was a hard worker, and she didn't believe in idle time.

For 17 years she managed her own creamery business, Deibert Produce. She was the first cook and managed the kitchen at the newly formed Hoxie Elks Lodge and various food establishments including the Old Sheridan Inn and the hospital in Hoxie.

In her younger days she raised a huge garden and chickens. She canned lots of garden produce and fed her family well come winter. She loved family visits, especially from grandchildren and she was noted for her toy box, candy dish, and games. No matter how many people stopped in at mealtime, she could and did feed them all. Friends of her children looked forward to visiting because the top of the deep freeze was often covered with her homemade cinnamon rolls and long johns.

In her spare time, which wasn't often, she liked to embroider and do textile painting. She loved sending greeting cards and continued that tradition after entering the nursing home. Thank-you cards were a must. Many of you probably received one after her 100th birthday party.

Peggy was extremely light on her feet and she and Boe often graced the dance floor to the envy of the other dancers.

Peggy's children honored her with a 100-year birthday party, and she thoroughly enjoyed seeing and visiting with friends and family. She remembered and enjoyed sharing stories from days gone by. The "Dust Storms" of the 30's were some of her favorites.

She was a quiet but devoted Christian and a member of the Hoxie Christian Church. Before retiring for the night, she made it a practice to read her devotions and have a talk with Jesus. This note was in one of her journals. She wrote "I remember the day I found the Lord. The song was, "In the Garden" and the preacher was Preacher Robb. It was at the Bethel Church, and it was a happy day. I think it was in 1933."

She is survived by daughters, Barbara Sample and Sandra (Gary) Reitcheck, both of Hoxie, a son, Terry Deibert, Bartlesville, OK, sister, Juanita Andregg, Hoxie, 12 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Nellie Richards, husbands, Lorenzo (Boe) Deibert, Everett Neal, and Glenn Allen; sister, Marjorie Hilburn; brothers-in-law, Jim Hilburn and Jack Andregg; son, Kenneth Deibert; daughter, Nettie Richmeier; son-in-law, Leon Sample; daughter-in-law, Cyndi Deibert; grandsons, Todd Deibert and Darin Richmeier; and great-grandson, Jesse Farber.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Hoxie City Cemetery. Visitation was Monday, November 1, 2021, with family receiving friends at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Health Complex-LTC or Northwest Kansas Hospice Services. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

One-hundred years is quite a legacy, so RIP until we meet again on Heaven's shore. You will be missed!

Sen. Marshall Defends Parents' Right to Guide Education of Their Children

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. cosponsored a resolution supporting parents' rights to be fully and actively involved in the education of their children. The resolution also condemns recent actions by the Biden Administration to weaponize the Justice Department to intimidate and silence parents who speak out to protect their children from harmful curricula. This resolution follows Senator Marshall's recent letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland, demanding clarification surrounding his recent memo regarding the federal government's role in silencing parents concerned about COVID protocols and curriculum changes in public schools.

"Parents have the right to play an active role in their children's education and to take their concerns to members of the local schoolboard," said Senator Marshall. "The Biden Administration's witch hunt for parents who speak out against inappropriate curriculum and harmful school policies is just another example of government overreach at play and must be stopped before parents have no say left in our next generation's schooling."

The resolution was introduced with over 30 cosponsors, including Senators Rick Scott, R-Fla., Roger Marshall, R-Kan., John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., John Boozman, R-Ark., Mike Braun, R-Ind., John Cornyn, R-Texas, Tom Cotton, R-Ark., Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, Deb Fischer, R-Neb., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, Josh Hawley, R-Mo., John Hoeven, R-N.D., Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., Ron Johnson, R-Wisc., John Kennedy, R-La., James Lankford, R-Okla., Mike Lee, R-Utah, Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., Jerry Moran, R-Kan., James Risch, R-Idaho, Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Tim Scott, R-S.C., Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala.

Read the full text of S.Res.431 at <https://bit.ly/3bwfY02>.

Bob Samples
January 31, 1936 ~ October 22, 2021



Robert W. "Bob" Samples, 85, of O'Fallon, Illinois, born Friday, January 31, 1936; in Los Angeles, CA, passed away Friday, October 22, 2021; at Memorial Hospital East in Shiloh, IL.

He was preceded in death by his:

- Parents, Vester "Victor" and Vida, nee Prather, Samples
- Brother, Billy Thomas Samples

Surviving are his wife, Shirley L. Samples, nee Conard, of O'Fallon, IL; Children: Mardi (James) Mauch of Freeburg, IL, Linda (Hector) Gonzales of Belleville, IL, Julie Samples of Mascoutah, IL; Grandchildren: William R. (Hannah) Mauch, Dustin D. Smith, Lacey M. Gonzales, Amanda L. (Barry Henke) Gonzales, Grant M. (Carol) Gonzales, Samuel B. Adams; Brothers-in-law: Evan Wilson of Grand Junction, CO, Edward (Pat) Conard of Hoxie, KS.

Though Bob was born in California, he moved with his family in 1948 to Hoxie, KS, spending the next 19 years as a Kansan, until the move to Illinois in 1966. He graduated from Sheridan Community High School in Hoxie, KS, in 1954, received his BS Degree from Fort Hays State College in Hays, KS in 1958 and his MS Degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS in 1969.

Bob was united in marriage on June 17, 1956, in Hoxie, KS to Shirley Lee Conard, the girl that he said he had come all the way from California for. Their three daughters, Mardi Kay, Linda Marie, and Julie Anne were the recipients of the unwavering love of a dad who was always there for them.

Bob was a teacher and coach of football and track for 12 years following graduation from college. The first 8 were in Kansas at Herington, McPherson, and Hutchinson, and the final four in Illinois, at Belleville Township High School West. The '69 team that finally brought "The Bell" back to Belleville was the highlight of his time at West.

When he left teaching/coaching in 1970, Bob spent the remainder of his time until retirement in the business world in Belleville. He was with Marsh Stencil Machine Company and Magna Bank, but the majority of his years were spent running his own company, Sales Incentives Plans, Inc.

Over the years he was an active member of the Belleville community, serving as a Ward 4 Alderman for a term and as a board member of a number of Belleville entities: Memorial Hospital, the former Women's Crisis Center, the Y.M.C.A. and Lake View Memorial Gardens. He also served for a number of years on the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Branch Rickey Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was honored with the title of Board Member Emeritus. He was also instrumental in planting F.C.A. in the Metro East Area and served as Board President at its inception.

Bob was an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA and for over 50 years, along with his wife, Shirley, was an active participant in the ministry and fellowship at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Metro East Fellowship of Christian Athletes (www.618fca.org)

Visitation will be from 9:00 am-11:00 am, Saturday, November 6, 2021, at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 6, 2021, at First United Presbyterian Church-Belleveille, with Pastor Rob Dyer officiating. Private family interment.

Kurrus Funeral Home & Cremation Service, <https://bit.ly/3nPqRj9>

Vernon Rietcheck

February 3, 1942 ~ October 24, 2021



Vernon Joseph Rietcheck, Seguin, KS, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at the age of seventy-nine. He was born in Rural Sheridan County on February 3, 1942, to John and Rose K. (Geerdes) Rietcheck. Vernon grew up on a farm in the Seguin area. He attended elementary school

in Seguin and graduated from Sheridan Community High School in 1960. After graduation he attended electrical school in Denver, CO, before enlisting in the United States Army in October of 1962, serving overseas. On August 19, 1967, he married Roberta Richmeier in Great Bend. They were blessed with four children, Jennifer, Christina, Michael, and Angie.

Vernon had a custom harvesting business and was a farmer/rancher. He traveled many miles harvesting the crops. He also farmed, grew mostly wheat, and raised cattle. He enjoyed traveling and meeting new people. When he was not harvesting, he drove truck for others and farmed. He enjoyed playing pool and competing in pool tournaments. He was a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church, Seguin, Knights of Columbus, and the Hoxie Elks Lodge. He enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

Vernon is survived by his son Michael Rietcheck and wife Jennette of Gardner, KS; daughters, Jennifer Carson and husband Rob of Garden City, KS; Christina Kuhn and husband Brian of Hays, KS; Angie Cook and husband Justin of Hays, KS; grandchildren Camden, Allyson, Brennan, and Corissa Rietcheck, Logan, Emma and Anna Kuhn, and Hunter Carson (Rachel); sisters, Phyllis Melenson of Hot Springs, AR, and Carolyn Gatschet and husband Paul of Hays, KS; many relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose Rietcheck; sister, Dorothy Ostmeier; brothers, Alfred Rietcheck and wife Barbara, Elmer Rietcheck, and Robert Rietcheck.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Monday, November 1, 2021, at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Interment followed the service in the Veteran's Cemetery in WaKeeney, KS. Visitation was held Sunday, October 31, 2021, with family receiving friends and a rosary being said, all at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Benefit Walk and Masses.

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