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## Quilt of Valor Presented



Joe Cooper, a US Army veteran, was awarded his long-awaited Quilts Of Valor for his service in the US Army from March 4, 1954-December 21, 1955, in a private presentation January 3, 2026, in Colby. Joe was “boots on the ground” following the Korean War, as the US Army deployed soldiers to “clean-up” the war-torn areas of the country. Joe did his training in Camp Chaffee, Arkansas in May and was shipped to Korea for the next 16 months. Thank you, Joe, for your service!

Sheridan CO KS QOV had the honor of the presentation, and is a non-profit group based under the National QOV Foundation, presenting veterans as they are nominated, and adding them to the national list of veterans honored with a quilt. To nominate or donate, contact Jan Juenemann 785-443-2528, or Karen Lewis at the Sheridan CO Historical society. Sheridan CO KS QOV is always looking for people willing to sew tops, long arm quilters, and do binding to finish off the quilts.

Pictured are Joe Cooper, and Karen & Marty Lewis holding it up. (QOV photo)

## Hoxie Wrestling Starts Season Strong



The Hoxie boys wrestling team started 2026 off strong, earning first place team finishes at the Hoxie and Goodland tournaments. The Indians placed second at Clay Center and fourth at Dodge City and will travel to Beloit to compete this Friday and Saturday. After talking to Ian Giancola (Sr), Mat Bretz (Jr), and Max Foote (Jr) about what they are looking forward to, they all said seeing how the team continues to grow and improve each week is most exciting. (HHS Yearbook Staff photo)

## DSNWK Receives Dane G. Hansen Foundation Grant

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas is proud to announce a grant award from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The Hansen Foundation awarded DSNWK \$100,000 for the purchase of two ramp-accessible vehicles to address the increasing demand for accessible transportation. With the addition of these two fleet vehicles, DSNWK remains committed to providing reliable, dignified, and inclusive transportation for individuals with evolving mobility needs.

These vehicles will be used for essential transportation for individuals served by DSNWK, including rides to medical appointments, employment, classes, shopping, and participation in community activities. The majority of the individuals in these service settings require accessible transportation due to mobility issues (i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc.) and who will directly benefit from the use of a ramp-accessible vehicle.

“We are so grateful to the Hansen Foundation for their support. These vehicles will benefit some of the most vulnerable passengers in northwest Kansas,” states Jerry Michaud, DSNWK President. “Transportation is an essential component to a strong and inclusive community and for the people we serve, it is even more important because they rely on DSNWK for their transportation needs.”

DSNWK is a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the 18 most northwestern Kansas counties. Visit [www.dsnwk.org](http://www.dsnwk.org) to learn more about services and ways to support.

## My Best Friend and a Paw Print

By Don Pickinpaugh

Years later, in another town, I decided to visit a friend's parents' home to see a dog they were struggling to care for. I had heard that their six-month-old puppy, full of energy and exuberance, was proving too much for them to manage, especially since they were both in their eighties. While I wasn't actively searching for a dog, I figured it wouldn't hurt to check it out and see if my wife and I might want a dog someday.

As I approached the house and knocked on the weathered front door, an older gentleman with white hair opened it with a warm smile and gestured for me to come in. The moment I stepped inside, I was struck by the living room's chaos. A lively brown puppy was darting around the space like a whirlwind, leaping onto the plush couch, bounding down to the floor, and then springing onto a nearby chair, all while his tongue dangled halfway out of his mouth. The intensity of the dog's energy was overwhelming—it felt as if the puppy had an endless reservoir of enthusiasm.

Before I could gather my thoughts, the gentleman introduced me to his wife, who welcomed me warmly and began chatting about their lives and the challenges of having such a spirited puppy. While she spoke, I couldn't shake the feeling of apprehension in the pit of my stomach. The thought of taking on the responsibility of a dog, especially one as boisterous as this, felt daunting.

Unbeknownst to me, the older gentleman had taken matters into his own hands. While I was engaged in conversation in the house, he quietly began to load the dog's crate, bags of food, and an assortment of toys into the bed of my pickup truck—all without consulting me on whether I was even considering taking the dog home.

As I prepared to leave, I found myself nervously accepting the leash that was attached to the puppy's collar, the little creature shuddering with excitement at the prospect of a new home. I steadied myself as I headed out the door, glancing back at the kind couple who had partially finagled me into taking their puppy.

I half-heartedly assured them that I would take the dog for a few days to see how it went, with the option to bring it back if things didn't work out. Little did I know, my life was about to change in ways I couldn't yet imagine.

As we drove home that day, I could feel the excitement and nervous energy radiating from the Chesapeake Bay Retriever curled up beside me. He found a comfortable spot, resting his head with those big, adorable eyes on my lap.

Once home, he scanned our entire property, taking in every detail. Finally, his demeanor mellowed. Over the next few days, he truly became a part of our family, sticking close to my side as he explored and adapted to his new life. Luckily for us, he was already potty-trained, sparing me the stress of any potential accidents in our new house.

When the trial period ended, it was clear we had formed an unbreakable connection. We decided to adopt him officially and named him Abraham, a fitting tribute since he was our very first pet. His name felt surprisingly special and significant, marking the beginning of a new chapter in our lives.

One of Abraham's favorite pastimes soon became riding in my little blue truck. With the windows rolled down, his excitement was uncontrollable; he would hang his head out of the window, the wind ruffling his thick fur. His cheeks puffed out like balloons, and his expressive eyes squinted against the rushing air, a picture of pure joy. The sight of him, ears flapping wildly and tongue lolling out in a wide grin, turned every simple truck ride into a laughing adventure.

Abraham was a rapid learner, consistently surprising me with his cleverness. Every time I stepped out of my truck, he would eagerly shuffle over to my seat as if he were vying for the driver's position. This humorous behavior never failed to draw smiles and comments from passersby, who would chuckle and remark on how my dog seemed intent on driving my truck. With time, Abraham even picked up on a little trick of his own: if I lingered in a store



## New Permanent Office Marks Milestone for SCCF

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce the purchase of a permanent office building located at 812 Main Street in Hoxie, marking a significant milestone in the Foundation's continued growth and long-term commitment to serving Sheridan County.

The acquisition of this building establishes a 'forever home' for the Foundation, providing a centralized, welcoming space to better serve donors, nonprofit partners, businesses, community leaders, and residents throughout the county. Having a permanent location will allow SCCF to host meetings, donor conversations, and small community gatherings while strengthening its operational capacity for years to come.



The purchase was made possible through a combination of support and partnership, including funding assistance from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, financial support from the Sheridan County Commissioners, and the City of Hoxie Commissioners, as well as the strategic use of the Foundation's own financial reserves.

“We are incredibly excited to establish a permanent home in downtown Hoxie,” said Karl Pratt, SCCF Executive Director. “This space represents stability, accessibility, and our long-term commitment to Sheridan County. We are deeply grateful to the partners and supporters who helped make this possible.”

SCCF extends sincere appreciation to Michael Schaffer, the building's seller, and to Mike Weimer of Midway Realty for his assistance throughout the purchase process.

Additional thanks are extended to Eland Title Co. and Pratt Law Office for their generous donation of desks and other office furniture, as well as Heim TV & Appliance for contributing appliances and Harry Joe and Ellen Pratt for breakroom supplies.

“We will host an open house event once we are fully settled,” noted Pratt. “We encourage folks to stop by anytime during our regular office hours or by appointment as needed.”

Regular office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The building houses offices for Foundation and Economic Development activities for Sheridan County.

For more information about SCCF and its work, visit the Foundation's website or contact the SCCF office.

*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 of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-677-5090, [director@growsherdancounty.org](mailto:director@growsherdancounty.org), or visit [www.growsherdancounty.org](http://www.growsherdancounty.org). Connect with SCCF at [www.facebook.com/sheridancsf](https://www.facebook.com/sheridancsf).*

for too long, he would press his paw down on the horn. The blast would echo in the parking lot, and I would hear it from inside, rushing out to admonish him for being such a bad dog. Strangely, he connected the dots that honking the horn meant I would come running; he continued this amusing ritual whenever I was away from the truck for too long.

As the seasons changed and time wore on, I began to notice a heartbreaking shift in Abraham. His once-strong hind legs began to falter, unable to support him as they once did. Despite his physical challenges, his desire to ride in my old pickup truck remained unwavering. With a gentle yet swift motion, I would lift him into the cab, knowing that our cherished adventures on the road together were slowly drawing to a close.

One of the most heart-wrenching moments of my life came when we had to decide to put Abraham down. To give us as much time as possible, I scheduled the appointment for late in the day, wanting to soak in our final hours together. It felt surreal as we sat side by side, sharing a quiet intimacy, gazing into each other's eyes for

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Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
<i>In God's hands, nothing you go through gets wasted. Keep persevering, you have a purpose. ~Steven Furtick</i>	<div>Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 20</div> <div>Corn3.74</div> <div>Milo3.04</div> <div>Beans----</div> <div>Wheat4.40</div> <div>IN PLAINS COOP</div>	<div>DateHighLowMoisture</div> <div>1/115627--</div> <div>1/126229--</div> <div>1/136441.06"</div> <div>1/144527--</div> <div>1/156427--</div> <div>1/163619.02"</div> <div>1/171410--</div>	<div>Community News2</div> <div>Area Schools3</div> <div>Now &amp; Then4</div> <div>NWKS &amp; Ag5</div> <div>Fun Page6</div> <div>Classifieds &amp; Pub. Notices7</div> <div>Business Directory8</div>	<i>The best candle is understanding. ~Welsh Proverb</i>



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A small, colorful illustration of two prairie dogs in a grassy field. One prairie dog is standing on its hind legs, looking towards the right. The other is lying down, facing left. The background shows a simple horizon line with a few trees and a blue sky.





2025 ~ 2026

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## Golden Plains JV Wins Over CFE

**By Estrella Aguilar**  
The Golden Plains JV High School Girls Basketball team won 30-26 over CFE in Rexford on January 5.  
The Bulldogs started their game with a basket from Jade Dible, giving them a lead of 2-0, Ellie Romero then shot a free throw. The Falcons got on the boards to make the score 3-2. Wendy Garcia and Searee Bruggeman each added a basket ending the quarter with a score of 7-4.  
Romero scored a 3 to start the second with Dible adding a basket to end of the quarter 12-8 going into the half.  
The Bulldogs doubled their score in the third with another 12 points including 3-point shots from Garcia and Romero. The Falcons added another 10, giving the Dogs a 24-18 lead going into the fourth.  
The Dogs finished the game with a basket from Dible and free throws from Molly Ritter, Bruggeman, and Romero. The Falcons added another 8 but the Dogs held on for the win 30-26. Romero finished the game with 8 points along with 6 each from Garcia, Ritter, and Dible, and 4 from Bruggeman.

“I am very proud of my teammates and myself for how we worked as a team,” said Romero. “This was a very good game but overall, the team had a lot of fun playing and competing. We all look forward to what the rest of the season has in store for us.” The Golden Plains High School JV Girls will play next against Wichita County in Rexford on January 6.



American Legion Grainfield

Stag/Stagette

Last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Serving:  
Lamb Fries, Chicken-Fried Steak, Chicken Strips, with all the trimmings \$20 -with Carry-Out available! Everyone welcome!

Golden Plains sophomore Searee Bruggeman shoots the ball against the Christian Family Educators on January 5 in Rexford. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Falcons 30-26. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



## WHS Basketball at Dighton



Jackson Foster gets ready to take on the Dighton Hornets. (WHS photo)

## Bulldogs Win over Bobcats

**By Judy Rogers**  
The Golden Plains High School boys' basketball team claimed another win with a 47-44 victory over the Western Plains Bobcats in Ransom on January 9. This puts the Dogs season record at 3-5.  
The Bobcats took an early lead 12-6 in the first quarter. The Dogs came back in the second to add 16, including 11 from Dylan Wark, while the defense held the Bobcats to 7 giving the Dogs a 22-19 lead at the half.  
The Bobcats fought hard in the third to outscore the Dogs 16-12 to take the lead 35-34. The Dogs were determined to defeat the Bobcats for the second time this season as Cristian Garcia and Diego Perez each put in multiple shots along with a basket from Kelby Buehler and a free throw from Javier Romero. The Dogs finished with 13 points in the fourth holding the Bobcats to 9 for the 47-44 Bulldog win.  
Wark led the team with 17 points while Garcia put in 8, Perez 7, Romero 7, Kelby Buehler 4, and Adam Ritter 4. Romero pulled down 9 rebounds, Perez 8, Wark 7, Garcia 5, Kelby Buehler 3, and Ritter 3. Wark had 4 assists, Buehler 3, Perez 1, and Ritter 1. Romero also had 2 blocks.  
“It was a good effort,” said Cristian Garcia. “We did better rebounding. We are getting better at shot selection and defense. It was good to win over the Bobcats a second time.” The Bulldogs will play again on January 10 for a Saturday game as they host the Decatur Community Red Devils in Rexford.



Golden Plains Junior Javier Romero (40) attempts to block a shot by a Western Plains offensive player in the varsity's first game following the winter break. The Bulldogs defeated the Bobcats for the second time this season. (Photo by Alicia Vargas)

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The Hoxie Community Center- 820 Main Str.

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JIM WILL SHARE HIS INCREDIBLE LIFE ADVENTURES THAT LED TO HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SIDE SHOW HALL OF FAME IN 2025.

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

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**The Hoxie Democrat  
January 23, 1891**

Alva Freeman is attending school in the city.  
C. A. Cain made us a pleasant call Monday.  
Mrs. Andrew Nestor was in the city Wednesday.  
John Jones got his money and felt truly thankful.

Judge Wertz was in town shaking hands with old friends.

Commissioner Cressler was taking in the sights Wednesday.

A son of Probate Judge Lucas is very ill with pneumonia.

E. Nulton, the champion liar of the *Selden Times*, was in the city Monday.

The petty thieving that is going on had better stop or some one will get hurt.

Two of the three only respectable young men in this city got black eyes this week.

Ad is fixing his barber shop in nice shape by hanging up pictures and putting down carpet.

Thorpe and Zeigler have moved into the Chambers building, lately occupied by Mrs. Waite as a restaurant.

The snow is melting slowly and the ground is absorbing it all, which insures, barring hail, a good wheat crop next year.

The case of Rube Robinson vs. Van Epps was continued until February, at which time Van will open his gallery and take the best photographs that ever were taken.

Quisenberry left last Monday for the east. He will travel through Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Virginia, and several of the eastern states and work up some land trades for western lands.

Commissioner Sloan was in the city this week for a couple of days. He was looking after the interest of the county and will do his best to decrease its debt and running expenses.

The Hen-Coop Route is delinquent in its taxes to this county and Sheriff Korb has a tax warrant which will be served some of these days if he has to larriat one of their engines to a telegraph pole.

Last Monday morning our people were surprised to hear the at the Hoxie State bank had failed to meet the checks of their depositors and the bank had closed temporarily at least. On inquiry it was found that the backer of this institution and one of its heavy creditors the American National bank of Kansas City had failed and until its affairs were straightened out this bank could do nothing. Many fears were expressed that parties here would get nothing, and they so increased that in the afternoon attachments were run on the company's building and some stock. No blame is attached to the officers here and the feeling is that no loss will be incurred by anyone. The stockholders of this bank are all wealthy eastern men and doubly liable for the amount of deposits amounts to a little over \$2,000, and all the property of bank at this place is unencumbered. We all hope that they may tide over the hard time and soon resume.

**125 Years Ago  
January 24, 1901**

M. G. Blackman paid \$4.65 for hogs last week.  
E. H. Lupton was experiencing an attack of the grip the first of the week.

Lane Kennedy, of Springbrook, was doing business in this city last Friday.

R. H. Hannon, of Plainville, made a short stay in this city the fore part of this week.

J. W. and Zek Richards, of Saline, transacted conserviceable business in the county metropolis Tuesday.

Grover Walker came home Monday morning and "tuck to his bed" at once with a severe attack of grip.

Paul Spranger, of Saline township, was in Hoxie Saturday, the first time for quite a "spell". Paul wants to sell his interests in this country and move to his native land, Germany. He did not tell us quite as much, but we are under the impression that there is some other attraction over the sea than his love of the land of his birth.

**Valley Items**

M. D. Gallogly has a fine pen of hogs he is fattening.

Dick Turtle was busy arranging new goods in his father's store at Studley.

George Parr and Roy Perkins are back from Texas. They saw peach trees in full bloom while there.

Lewis Gravel, of Mississippi, is up visiting with old friends, he says they like it well down there. Rice is their main crop in his locality.

Reporter

**Union Items**

Albert Mitchell has been working out near Lucerne the past two weeks.

Brother Lowery failed to fill his appointment at Green Valley last Sunday on account of illness.

Ora McVey has been batching and taking care of his stock, which are over on his father's place, the past week.

The Ia grip has been playing havoc with the people in this vicinity, but at this writing the most of them are improving.

A Scribbler

**Lucerne Grind-Outs**

W. G. Smalls' were the guests of J. H. Smalls' Sunday.

Sherman Wilcox, Jr. is busy now repairing his engines.

Edgar Hayden and Walter Pengh were in Hoxie Tuesday.

Elias Duncan and wife were seen on the streets of Lenora Tuesday.

Alec

**Bow Creek Items**

Mr. Miles has recovered from his recent illness.

Vera Woods spent Sunday with Harriet Davis. Mr. Jones was calling on old friends Tuesday.

Master Noah Lewis and his girl were out buggy riding Sunday.

Incognito

**Bloomfield Items**

The wind still sends things a flying once in a while.

**"FOR SUCCESS and HAPPINESS"**

The slogan of National Thrift Week which begins with Benj. Franklin's birthday, Jan. 17, is "For Success and Happiness." The program of the movement is based upon the following creed. Read it carefully. When you have decided wherein you need help in carrying out your personal program of Thrift, drop in at this bank and talk it over with us.

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**Studley State Bank**

Directors—James Foster, Fred Davis, Leroy F. Root, G. W. Scott, Aubert D. Mowry, and R. H. Epler.

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

The U. P. R. R. Co. is putting down a new well at Menlo.

Uncle Jimmy Moore is one man that had a good sleigh ride while the snow was on.

Last Tuesday the wind lifted the wheel from Harry Moore's tower. He will get some coal, there is none in Rexford nor Menlo.

A Farmer

**Elliott Clippings**

J. H. Heroy is quite ill.  
Frank Phillips went to Hoxie Saturday.

G. T. McWilliams was at Macgraw Sunday.  
Mrs. E. P. Townsend is improving in health.

Katie Dyd

**100 Years Ago  
January 21, 1926**

**Gets Letter from Son After 14 Years**

Fred Mutert, of this city, was wearing a pleasant smile the first of the week as he made known to his friends the contents of a letter he had just received from his son, Hugo, who left the parental roof in Missouri, fourteen years ago and he had failed to receive any message from him until last Monday.

Hugo wrote a very affectionate epistle stating that during the interim he had served through the World War, was in many battles but never received a scratch. While in New York enroute overseas he stated that he had written his father and once in France he wrote to him, but never receiving any answers (his letters were evidently lost) he had concluded he was dead.

**Local News**

Dr. and Mrs. Vander Wyst were visitors Sunday in Norcatut.

Ralph Getz, of Tasco, was a Hoxie visitor Tuesday morning.

J. H. Bradbury is in Kansas City this week.

E. G. Carrier left Sunday evening on a business trip to Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Phelps, of Saline township, were Hoxie visitors Monday.

Guy Hinkhouse was up from Tasco Monday morning on business.

Earl Harris, who is attending the Salina Wesleyan University, was elected secretary of the Toman Society last week.

Leroy F. Root, cashier of the Studley State Bank, is driving a new Essex coach purchased through the C. M. Patmon agency.

Miss Wilburna Reed will leave Sunday night for Lawrence, where she will resume her studies at the University of Kansas.

Clifton Lopez, proprietor of the U. S. Café, returned home Wednesday from his extended vacation among his homefolks in Key West, Florida.

We didn't receive A. A. Gillispie's excellent paper, the *Rexford News*, until Tuesday this week. We are wondering if the delay could have been brought about because the Hoxie basketball team cleaned up on the Rexford team 54 to 6 Friday night.

**Midway**

The Midway Community club planned a very pleasant surprise on Miss Jennie Hörner Tuesday.

There were about 45 present. The dinner consisted of oyster soup, sandwiches, salad, pickles, pie and cake. Miss Jennie will leave for Chicago Sunday evening. At a late hour, the meidgers with their husbands departed wishing miss Jennie success in her new field of work.

Master Lyle Russell is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Payne.

**White Dove News**

Miss Lea Allen spent the weekend with Miss Mary Moss.

Mrs. Taylor and Miss Pratt, of Hoxie, visited at the John Campbell home Thursday afternoon.

Joe Robben made a trip to Angelus this week.

Ed Campbell and family visited Hugh Campbell's Friday evening. The evening was spent listening in on the radio.

**75 Years Ago  
January 25, 1951**

**Leoville Wins Three**

Tuesday night was definitely Leoville's night as far as basketball is concerned when the teams traveled to Selden. Scores of the events show the boys A team winning 55-39, boy B 45-26, and the girls winning 53-26. The girls were minus their two regular forwards.

**Start School Bus**

The high school district has recently accepted delivery on the two small buses ordered. One is a Ford and the other is a Chevrolet.

Bus service to the Solomon Valley school district was started with the beginning of the second semester. It is expected that at least two other buses will be purchased before next semester.

**Lucerne Items**

The Chicago 4-H Club met at the Lucerne school house Jan. 13. The county agent was present and showed some very interesting pictures taken of the club last summer and pictures taken of Rock Springs.

Willard Treu wired Don Kempers garage for electricity Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Huxted left Saturday morning by train from Oakley to visit the Harry Wallace family at Seattle, Wash.

Doc Scott called on the Mowry Bros. Saturday evening.

**Tasco Notes**

Mrs. Fay Lewis and Mrs. Grace Simonton spent Tuesday in Colby attending a Mission School.

Judith Karnes spent the week end with Marcelle Madden at Studley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sample, Donna and Leo and Leon spent Friday evening at Howard Timmons.

Mrs. Tom McClelland and Jimmy spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. George Dennison.

**Broadway News**

Oscar Borger returned home from the hospital last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. C. Morgan spent Friday with Mrs. Louise Morgan.

Lois Corke spent Monday overnight with Louise Borger.

Dr. Hoover, of Quinter, was called for H. M. Epler Thursday night.

**Cultus Club Notes**

Cultus Club met Tuesday afternoon, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Mrs. H. W. Deane with sixteen members present. The lesson, "Youth Conservation" from the standpoint of health was given by Mrs. C. E. Schlicher. A contribution toward the polio fund was taken up during the business meeting. Mrs. Deane served refreshments during the social hour. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Cooper unless notified differently.

**Adell Oil Pool Vicinity**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Randolph and family were Sunday dinner guests in the Elmer Kappner home.

Jimmie Kappner was a Sunday evening guest of Gail McGatlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Foster and Delmar motored to Salina last weekend. Ray was a Farm Bureau delegate to a meeting in Salina. Mrs. Foster and Delmar visited a sister of Mrs. Foster's near Salina. The sister returned home with them and will spend some time with her parents, the Jake Koerperich's, near Selden.

Gertrude Koerperich visited Solomon Valley school one afternoon last week.

**50 Years Ago  
January 22, 1976**

**Noodle Sale by Hospital Auxiliary**

Members of the Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary are offering homemade noodles for sale this week. The noodles will be on sale at the crafts room at the hospital on Friday, Jan. 23.

Several of the Auxiliary ladies met Tuesday at the home of Bill Schlick where they prepared 50 pounds of noodles and packaged them in 1-lb.

bags. Proceeds from the noodle sale will go toward the purchase of another whirlpool bath that the hospital recently purchased.

**Studley Items**

Mrs. Arvilla Bell visited her mother, Mrs. Leona Knouff in Hadley Hospital, Hays, on Tuesday. Mrs. Flavel Twell attended Cultus Club in Hoxie Tuesday.

Mrs. Amelia Ploeger called on her daughter, Mrs. Joan Martin and Stephen, Wednesday morning.

G & G Club will meet with Mrs. Amelia Ploeger at her home in Hoxie on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

**Tasco Community Club**

Tasco Community Club met on Friday, Jan. 16 with Helen Conard. Twelve members and 4 visitors were present. Visitors were the Conards' daughter-in-law and two children and another granddaughter of the Conards. The usual good dinner was enjoyed at noon. Handwork was done for the hostess. Mrs. Mamie Coulter won the hostess gift. Next meeting will be on Jan. 30 with Anna Currier.

**Valley EHU Met with Mrs. Gates**

Five members of Valley EHU were present at the monthly meeting on Jan. 13 at the home of Sharon Gates.

The date of our monthly meeting was changed from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday of each month.

Names were drawn for Secret Sisters. For the lesson we fill out program books.

The next meeting will be Feb. 10 with Mary Lou Heskett. For the lesson each member will bring a foreign dish and recipe - Reporter

**Leoville News**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glotzback and daughter Eve of Hays visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Anna Kruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schieferecke and children of Studley were Sunday dinner guests at Barney Schiefereckes. In the afternoon the ladies and Bill's daughters attended the CYO plays in the high school auditorium.

New Almelo won first place in the plays by CYO. Leoville won second place.

Mrs. Mabel Fortin visited her brother, Joe and Mrs. Pavlicek in Oberlin Tuesday afternoon.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

We have two sets of Samsonite luggage on sale at 30% off.

A man and his small daughter rode an elevator along with a gorgeous blonde. As the elevator stopped she slapped the man across the face and left the elevator in a huff.

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**25 Years Ago  
January 18, 2001**

**Warm Weather Prompts Street Repair Project**

Another seasonal project that got underway because of spring-like weather was crack-sealing of Hoxie's streets.

According to Kelly Smith, Hoxie City Clerk, every three years the city completely reseals the entire street system, and reseals the cracks in an as needed basis.

**St. Paul's D of I**

A luncheon and rosary preceded the Jan. 8 meeting of St. Paul's D of I. Regent Bonnie Huelsman presided with 20 members present.

Thank yous were read from Fathers Roger Meitl and John Lager.

The state convention will be April 20-22 in Dodge City. Anyone interested in attending may contact Huelsman. The first evening will begin with a dinner theatre. We are still needing ideas for a donated item for the auction.

**Rexford**

Some 30 people attended the pinochle tournament sponsored by the legion last Saturday evening. Prizes won were by: Warren and Julie Ziegelmeyer for first; Dwight Williams and Lane Purcell for second; and Rick and Tammy Shaw won third. The next tournament will be Feb. 3.

Deb Stepper hosted the Rexford Bridge Club at the Shepherd's Staff Center last Wednesday afternoon. Joy Davis was a guest. Prizes were won by Marguerette Edmundson, Jean Snyder and Irma Hibbs. The next hostess will be JoAnn Vaughn.

Eleven people came to The Red Barn Thursday afternoon to consult with the county health nurse.

Edna Colson announces the birth of two great grandchildren on Dec. 29, 2000. Montana Marie was born to Jennifer and Jason Sudduth at San Diego, Calif. The other baby was David Tommie Alexander, born to Ernestine and Scott Waterman of Colby.

**Jennings-Allison**

The annual National Geographic Bee was held Friday at the school with fifth through eighth grade students competing.

After 10 rounds, the field closed to two competitors. Four more rounds brought Seth Ritter as winner over Bradley Gawith.

Jessica Wildeman, daughter of Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings, was named to the president's list for the first semester at Dodge City Community College.

**Broadway**

Stan Smith preached at the WaKeeney Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. Debbie and boys accompanied him.

Alma Maude Smith had Singtime at the Quinter LTC Tuesday morning. Steven and Chance helped Grandma by singing "Jesus Loves Me." Alma Maude visited Lenora Breedon in the hospital.

The Mt. Pleasant ABW held their monthly meeting at the Solid Rock Thursday. Thirteen ladies attended and eight men joined us for lunch.

Daleene Babcock was the hostess and Sylvia Thomas had an interesting lesson on dress making, likened to living a Christian life.



### LIEAP Application Period Opens

**Topeka** – The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). The application period runs from Tuesday, Jan. 20, through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

LIEAP provides a one-time per year benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating costs, whether the home is heated with electricity, natural gas, propane, or other home heating fuels. In 2025, more than 43,000 Kansas households received an average benefit of about \$680.

The federal government shutdown in late 2025 delayed the distribution of LIEAP funding to states for the 2026 season, which in turn delayed DCF's planning efforts and the start of the 2026 application period.

#### Qualifying for LIEAP

To qualify, households must have an adult at the address responsible for the home's heating costs. Applicants must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (see the 2026 income eligibility guidelines below). The level of benefit received varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel, and utility rates.

#### Applying for LIEAP

Applications can be accessed online at [dcf.ks.gov](http://dcf.ks.gov) by clicking the "Apply for Services" button on the top right side of the website.

DCF is planning in-person events to help Kansans submit their LIEAP applications. For a schedule of in-person LIEAP application events, visit [lieap.dcf.ks.gov](http://lieap.dcf.ks.gov) and click on "Where are the in-person LIEAP application events being held this year" in the drop-down menu.

When applying for LIEAP, Kansans should have their identification, proof of income for all adult household members, copies of heating utility bills (gas, electric, propane, etc.), and a copy of their rental agreement if they are living in subsidized housing.

#### 2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Number in Household - Maximum Income

- 1 - \$1,956
- 2 - \$2,644
- 3 - \$3,331
- 4 - \$4,019
- 5 - \$4,706
- 6 - \$5,394
- 7 - \$6,081
- 8 - \$6,769 +1 \$688 for each additional person

Learn more about LIEAP in Kansas, including frequently asked questions, other community resources, and the complete schedule of LIEAP application events at [lieap.dcf.ks.gov](http://lieap.dcf.ks.gov). Funding for LIEAP is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

### 2026 Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace

Several issues have shaped the Kansas Health Insurance Marketplace for plan year 2026, including the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), and ongoing litigation affecting new regulatory requirements. Overall, higher premiums are expected to raise out-of-pocket costs and may influence both enrollment decisions and plan selection. KHI has taken a closer look at plan options offered for the 2026 plan year, health insurance costs, financial assistance options and factors impacting enrollment.

#### Key Points:

- The enhanced Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) created under the American Rescue Plan Act and extended through the Inflation Reduction Act expired at the end of 2025. As Congress considers legislation that could affect premium assistance, many enrollees are expected to face higher premium costs for plan year 2026.
- Six insurers are offering 64 health insurance plans on the Kansas marketplace. Most counties have at least two insurers offering plans. For the first time, 14 counties have only one insurer.
- The average monthly premium for a benchmark silver plan in Kansas for a family of four in 2026 before applying Advance Premium Tax Credits increased from \$1,848 to \$2,381 – a 28.9 percent increase.
- The deductible for the benchmark silver plan is \$4,000 to \$6,000 for an individual and \$8,000 to \$12,000 for a family of four in 2026.
- Enrollees at 100 percent to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, who previously had a \$0 or nearly \$0 premium with enhanced tax credits, now will pay between 2.1 percent (\$27 per month for an individual) and 4.2 percent (\$82 per month for an individual) of their income for a silver plan.

## My Best Friend

*Continued from page 1*

one last time. Our noses touched as we said our last goodbyes. The weight of those moments hung over us, filled with love, memories, and the pain of saying goodbye to my loyal companion.

At the veterinarian's office, I found myself unable to muster the strength to stay in the room with Abraham; the weight of the moment was simply too much to bear. My heart felt heavy, and I knew I couldn't handle the gut-wrenching reality of what was about to happen. Yet, my wife, a courageous and compassionate soul, stood by his side with unwavering love, providing comfort to our dear friend as he took his final breath.

The days that followed were filled with an overwhelming sense of loss, a bleak week engulfed in tears and sorrow that often felt insurmountable. Memories of Abraham flooded our minds, amplifying the ache in our hearts.

Then, exactly one week later, we received an envelope from the veterinary office. As I carefully opened it, I discovered a small, delicate keepsake—a paw print of Abraham, perfectly preserved. It felt surreal to hold the last reminder of him in our hands. In that moment, I was reminded once again of the bond we shared; he was not just a pet but one of my closest friends, a cherished companion who will forever hold a special place in my heart.

I told my wife I could not endure losing another dog. A week later, we adopted another Chesapeake Bay retriever.

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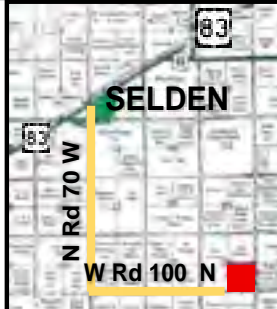
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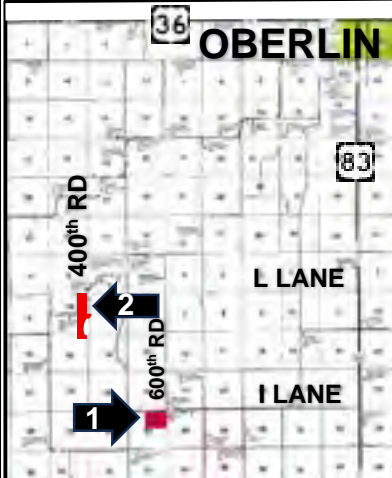
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### Severe Blood Shortage: Red Cross Blood Supply Drops 35%

Donors urged to make an appointment to give blood and platelets amid growing flu, winter weather impact. The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply of blood, leading to about a 35% draw-down of blood products in the past month. Individuals are urged to give now so patients don't face delays in lifesaving care. The shortage is especially serious for platelets and types O, A negative, and B negative blood.

High flu activity in nearly every state may be sidelining donors, slowing efforts to rebuild the Red Cross national blood supply. At the same time, hospitals already feeling the strain of the worst flu season in nearly 20 years are now also forced to triage critical blood products. Without immediate action, patients who count on transfusions — including trauma victims, mothers in childbirth and people with sickle cell disease or cancer — face serious risk.

There's no time to wait — book an appointment to give blood or platelets now by using the Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you to donors for helping tackle the blood shortage, those who come to give through January 25, 2026, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LX in the San Francisco Bay Area. The winner and guest will receive two tickets to Super Bowl LX, access to day-of, in-stadium pregame activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (February 6-9, 2026), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. See [RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl](http://RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl) for details.

All who come to give January 26-February 28, 2026, will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Heart](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Heart) for details.

#### Weather disrupts vital donations

About 400 blood drives were impacted due to extreme winter weather last month alone — more than three times the number of blood drives impacted during the same time the previous year. As a result, thousands of blood donations have gone uncollected. With intense winter weather and freezing temperatures expected across much of the country in the coming weeks, more blood drives could potentially be delayed or canceled at a time when every unit of blood could be the difference for doctors facing difficult choices about which patients receive blood transfusions and who will need to wait.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities January 20-February 3:

**Hoxie:** 2/3/2026: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., 4-H Building, 1308 Main, Sheridan County Fairgrounds

**Colby:** 2/13/2026: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Colby Community College, 1225 S Range Ave

### Registration is Now Open for USDA's 102nd Agricultural Outlook Forum

**Washington, D.C.** - The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today that registration is now open for the 102nd Agricultural Outlook Forum. The event will be held at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott on Feb. 19-20, 2026, and all Forum sessions will be livestreamed on a virtual platform.

The Forum program will feature a presentation on the 2026 outlook for the U.S. agricultural economy and trade by USDA Chief Economist Justin Benavidez, a keynote address by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, and a plenary panel of distinguished speakers who will discuss Agricultural Trade Under Trump's Trade Agenda. The program also includes 22 breakout sessions organized by USDA agencies that will explore a wide range of current issues. More than 80 experts from government, industry, and academia will provide insights on key topics such as commodity and food price forecasts, farm income, U.S. and global agricultural trade, the future of biofuels, and AI applications in agriculture. The in-person event will feature exhibit booths hosted by USDA agencies highlighting their missions, recent USDA-funded innovations, and other key programs and activities.

About USDA's Outlook Forum

The Agricultural Outlook Forum (AOF) is USDA's oldest and largest annual event. It began in 1923 as a way to disseminate USDA data and analyses to farmers, so they had the tools to understand markets and make informed production decisions. Over time, the event has evolved into a unique platform where key stakeholders from the agricultural sector in the United States and around the world come together every year to discuss current and

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**Commission Minutes 1/17/26**

Now on this 13th day of January 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Kyle Emigh, Mike "Buck" Mader, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hirsch gave an update on the delinquent tax sale that will be held in 2026.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz discussed roads and the bridge in the southeast part of the county.

The bridge project time-frame documentation was distributed. Lights will be put in at the shoefly at the bridge project as well as signage.

There was discussion about the Grinnell road. It is already losing the crown. Someone needs to be out there keeping it nice. Herskowitz stated he is meeting up with a Gove County representative to see what can be done with the water situation in this Grinnell road area.

The warranty on the grader will be 2-year/2000 hrs. due to the age. Work has started on the Recycling Building bracing the walls.

Photos of the low water bridge at 60E/130-140S were distributed. It has been recommended to just put filler in.

Herskowitz was reminded to tell employees when they are at work, they need to be clocked in.

Gerald Meitl was recognized

by the Board. Meitl presented a survey which he completed for the land for the law enforcement building.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table. Niermeier presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. financial information. Niermeier went over various funds and discussed fund cash balances. Niermeier stated she has collected 74% of the taxes.

Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent, came to the table. Armknecht discussed with the Board again the tornado sirens. Armknecht has talked with Corinna Cox at Northwest Kansas Planning & Development and will start the process for an LMI survey. Armknecht will reach out to Karl Pratt and Kerissa Payne again about possible grant opportunities.

Sheriff Brandon Carver and Dana Hess came to the table. Carver advised the Board that the 2021 Chevy Tahoe is being listed on Purple Wave and is being sold "as is".

There was a brief discussion about the land survey done and the law enforcement building.

At 9:47 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, and Carver. The door opened at 10:07.

There was a discussion about communications.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Emigh, to approve the two Treasurer abatements presented. Carried 3-0

There was a brief conversation about Fairview Cemetery. It will be discussed next week when the County Attorney is back.

On a motion by Emigh and second from Mader the January 6, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended. Carried

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

(Published in The Sheridan Sentinel January 22, 2026)

**Legal Notice**

**Pursuant to 1.101, ch. 279,2**

Results of the market study analysis for Sheridan County for assessment year 2026.

A study of the residential real estate market indicated that there is an overall upward inflationary trend.

A study of the commercial and vacant lot real estate market indicated that there is an overall upward inflationary trend.

Values on specific properties may not follow the general trend because of changes in the property, correction of descriptive information or adjustment of values based on sales of similar properties. In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to annually furnish each county the results of its study relating to changes, if any, of the use value of agricultural land. Changes can and do occur as a result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel January 15, 2026)

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHERIDAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Sheridan County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as Amended, on the 27th day of January, 2026 at 12:00 noon, the annual Meeting of the Sheridan County Conservation District will be held at the Impact Center in Hoxie, KS.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

**ONE:**

The supervisors of the Sheridan County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

**TWO:**

They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The terms of Darrin Herl and Rick Johnson have expired.

All in the County of Sheridan in the State of Kansas.

By: Daniel Schultz  
Chairperson  
Sheridan County Conservation District


**Attest**  
**DeeAnn Schamberger**  
Sheridan County Conservation District Manager

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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CITY OF HOXIE									
SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH BALANCE									
For the Year Ending December 31, 2025									
	CASH	TALES	FEES	GRANTS	INDEMNITIES & REIMBURSEMENTS	UNRECORDED			
FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES			
GENERAL	\$ 387,141.80	\$ 250,854.76	\$ 1,072,530.84	\$ 575,135.18	\$ 11,177.82	\$ 584,337.23			
LIBRARY	\$ 10,033.70	\$ 40,543.24	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 42,578.84		\$ 12,578.94			
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 146,257.60	\$ 204,389.52	\$ 186,057.78	\$ 185,803.41	\$ 143.21	\$ 185,660.20			
STREET RESURFACING	\$ 104,234.95	\$ 62,424.10		\$ 220,629.14		\$ 220,629.14			
AIRPORT	\$ 67,119.07	\$ 6,201.16	\$ 1,368.36	\$ 81,901.80	\$ 105.29	\$ 81,879.56			
BOND & INTEREST	\$ 224,248.55	\$ 205,078.06	\$ 304,881.66	\$ 125,444.65		\$ 129,444.65			
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 1,480.96	\$ 32,101.50	\$ 32,101.64	\$ 1,378.82		\$ 1,379.82			
FULLER CEMETERY	\$ 28,722.74	\$ 14,875.50	\$ 1,006.92	\$ 42,869.47		\$ 42,360.63			
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 6,205.46	\$ 5,554.18	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,359.64		\$ 6,359.64			
WATER & SEWER UTILITY	\$ 274,507.92	\$ 331,275.36	\$ 292,208.45	\$ 315,664.83	\$ 9,829.19	\$ 309,735.64			
REFUSE UTILITY	\$ 96,817.88	\$ 195,410.88	\$ 169,035.84	\$ 43,492.73	\$ 3,025.06	\$ 88,487.57			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 819,790.49	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 175,660.50	\$ 454,109.69		\$ 454,109.69			
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$ 211,824.20	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 246,658.20		\$ 246,658.20			
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$ 9,849.41	\$ 3,440.61	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,399.50		\$ 8,399.50			
Utility Discount	\$ 21,364.91	\$ 4,834.80	\$ 2,982.88	\$ 22,737.96		\$ 22,737.96			
POOL PROJECT	\$ 1,879.15			\$ 7,679.15		\$ 7,679.15			
SEWER MAINTENANCE	\$ 436,218.36	\$ 170,692.90	\$ 184,158.54	\$ 394,142.72		\$ 394,142.72			
Moderate Income Housing Fund:			\$ 32,288.90	\$ 878,370.40		\$ 278,389.40			
ARPA	\$ 410,607.80								
TOTAL	\$ 2,960,909.87	\$ 2,171,567.88	\$ 2,475,433.30	\$ 2,693,044.25	\$ 22,359.95	\$ 2,648,684.30			
COMPOSITION OF CASH:									
Checking Account, First State Bank						\$ 2,094,739.46			
Money Market Account, Equity Bank						\$ 318,306.39			
Certificate of Deposit, First State Bank						\$ 30,000.00			
Certificate of Deposit, Equity Bank						\$ 100,000.00			
Certificate of Deposit, Quaker Bank						\$ 100,000.00			
TOTAL						\$ 2,663,044.25			
Petty Cash Account:						\$ 500.00			
Cash on Hand						\$ 100.00			
TOTAL						\$ 2,663,044.25			
OUTSTANDING DEBTS:									
General Obligation Bonds Principal Amount:									
Royal Ave. Extension (Series 2014-C)									
	\$ 70,000.00								
RTI Sewer Project (Series 2016)									
	\$ 14,000.00								
Sewer Project (Series 2023)									
	\$ 2,845,545.00								
Surplus Addition Series 2020-A									
	\$ 1,235,000.00								
Surplus Addition Series 2020-B									
	\$ 150,000.00								
IGG Bond Total									
	\$ 4,114,565.00								
TRF Loan - Main Street									
	\$ 28,713.65								
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBTS:									
	\$ 4,143,278.65								
I, Karen Washburn, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.									
Signed: 						City Treasurer			

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The January 13, 2026 Warrants were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the Board:

General \$5,774.69  
Road & Bridge \$1,433.13  
Offender \$91.00  
VIN \$59.26  
Nox Weed \$433.23  
Public Transp. \$39.25

At 10:39 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht,  
County Clerk, David Stithem,  
Chairman



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