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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Many City and County Officials Don't Trust Taxpayers

Last week's hearing on SB 294, a property tax transparency bill, exposed an ugly truth that's simmered beneath the surface for a long time – many city and county officials don't trust taxpayers.

Kansans are decent, understanding people. If their city and county officials make a compelling case to raise taxes for things like improved public safety or major infrastructure repairs, most voters would likely go along. Cities and counties have to deal with rising insurance costs and other inflationary changes, but so do citizens and business owners – and they have to make appropriate spending adjustments. Local government entities don't want to make adjustments; they just want to raise your taxes.

Senate Bill 294 places no restrictions on local government entities' ability to increase spending or raise property taxes. It simply requires elected officials to be honest and vote on the entire tax increase they impose. Each year, a Certified Rate (the mill rate) is calculated so the new valuation totals produced the same property tax revenue for the city or county as the year before. If officials want to increase the Certified Rate (and thereby, property taxes), they have to notify taxpayers of their intent, hold a public hearing, and then vote to raise the rate. SB 294 strips elected officials' ability to claim they're 'holding the line' on the mill rate.

Interestingly, county appraisers didn't file objections to SB 294. Many of them are tired of being blamed for property tax increases imposed by elected officials, who could reduce mill rates to offset the impact of higher valuations.

Still, over 60 other officials representing cities and counties, submitted testimony opposing SB 294. They objected to the cost of notifying citizens of the public hearing. They said it would significantly and unnecessarily increase their workload. Many of them said this transparency requirement erodes their local control (I think local control is about people being in charge, not government). And some even said the 4th-grade math required to calculate the Certified Rate (last year's property tax revenue divided by this year's total valuation) is too complex and could lead to confusion.

But local officials' real angst is having to be honest about the tax increase they impose through valuation changes. Again, SB 294 doesn't restrict their ability to tax and spend; they only have to explain their rationale to the public and then vote to do whatever they want.

They simply don't trust you to let them do what they think is best. If they have to be honest about raising taxes far more than voters think necessary, some of them might not get re-elected.

SB 294 is modeled after Utah's wildly popular Truth in Taxation legislation. Since 2000, Utah's effective property tax rate declined 7.5%; Kansas' effective property tax rate jumped 22% over the same period. (Sheridan County's property tax increased 100% during this same time period.)

Source: <https://kansaspolicy.org/many-city-and-county-officials-dont-trust-taxpayers/>

This bill passed the Senate, but was stalled in the House Tax Committee as of 7pm, Tuesday, March 24.

SCHC Cruise Night



The Sheridan County Health Complex has an event planned for the SCHC residents and their friends and families. Everyone is invited to cruise on by Monday, March 30 from 4:00-5:30 P.M. The residents will be located curbside on 18th Street. There, the cruisers will be greeted with a big wave and smile from the residents. SCHC staff and residents appreciate the public's support and patience during this time. The residents are so EXCITED to see you!

USD #412 Weekly Updates

Beginning March 30 Free Breakfast and Lunch for all Students ages 1-18

INDIANS

- o Grab-and-Go meals served Monday through Friday. Just pull up and grab a meal.
- o Pick-up location will be at the north side of the high school by the lunchroom freezer.
- o Breakfast times will be 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
- o Lunch time 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- o The more students the better!

No School? It's Family Fun Time!



Sutton, age 7, and sister Kyrie Schwarz, 6, proudly show off their mosaic talents. Using sidewalk chalk and tape, they created a masterpiece outside of their home, which is east of Hoxie. Sutton and Kyrie are the children of Tony and Cheryl Schwarz. (Photo by Cheryl Schwarz)



All work, no play for the Weis siblings Sawyer and Walter. Sawyer, age 4, and Walter, age 7 enjoyed the fresh air while helping to move branches from their Grandpa, Leon Weis', pasture. Mother, Meghan Weis states, "They seemed to be alright with it, but they also don't understand all of everything that is going on right now. I'm sure they will be very excited to see their friends and teachers again in August!", when referencing the schools' closing. (Photo by Megan Weis)

CDC COVID-19 FYI

Global confirmed cases: 409,014; total deaths: 18,246; total recovered: 106,593 (JHU)

U.S. confirmed cases: 50,206; total deaths: 600 (JHU) More than 40% of the U.S. population is now being asked to stay home

India announced a nationwide lockdown to stop spread of coronavirus

Summer Olympics postponed about one year because of coronavirus

Governor's Executive Orders Summaries

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-08

Temporarily expanding telemedicine and addressing certain licensing requirements to combat the effects of COVID-19

A physician is not required to conduct in-person examinations of a patient before a prescription is ordered, as long as the physician complies with the provisions of this order. Physicians are encouraged to utilize tele-medicine, when appropriate, to avoid unnecessary travel for patients. Out-of-state physicians can use tele-medicine, provided the physician advises the Board of Healing Arts of the practice and holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state in which they practice. Physicians under quarantine or self-quarantine are permitted to practice telemedicine. Physicians are encouraged to access the Prescription Monitoring Program before a controlled substance prescription is issued. Physicians treating patients through tele-medicine shall conduct appropriate assessments and evaluations and document the appropriate medical indication for any prescription issued. The Board of Healing Arts is authorized to grant a temporary emergency license to any qualified person for the purpose of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-09

Conditional and temporary relief from certain motor carrier rules and regulations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Motor carriers and persons operating commercial vehicles actively participating in COVID-19 relief and restoration efforts may haul up to 10% more than their licensed weight on Kansas highways, not to exceed 90,000 pounds. The licensing, certification, and permitting rules and regulations as required by the Kansas Corporation Commission are temporarily suspended for motor carriers and persons operating commercial vehicles actively participating in COVID-19 relief or restoration efforts. The registration and fuel tax permits as enforced by the Kansas Department of Revenue are temporarily suspended for motor carriers and persons operating commercial vehicles actively

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Young Entrepreneur Takes On New Challenge

By Brittan Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

South Fork Armory Gun Shop opened its doors in Hill City, KS, for the first time March 17, formerly known as Favre Gun Shop. The shop may look the same on the outside, except the new sign, but inside, owner Kade Tremblay is starting to put his own personal touch on things.

Kade is a Hill City graduate of 2016, and son of Troy and Dana Tremblay who own Rock Creek Cattle out of Penokee. Kade looks forward to "keeping a good business in Hill City with great service, especially through hunting seasons where it helps bring business to others in town."

The name 'South Fork' comes from the Solomon River which runs near town, where deer are drawn near. Kade was Shooting Sports leader in 4-H and looks forward to promoting and supplying the youth across the area. New to the shop is a trophy room displaying animals, all taken in Graham county, and all by



the Tremblay family.

Tremblay is a Ruger dealer, his shop will stock firearms and ammo, provide gun cleaning and services, along with the ability to buy-sell-trade firearms. South Fork Armory has new stock, so make sure you plan a trip to visit Kade soon!

SCHC COVID-19 UPDATE

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Governor Laura Kelly issued an Executive Order limiting all mass gatherings to a maximum of 10 persons. The decision was based on updated guidance from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and modeling the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) that projected cases of COVID-19 in Kansas sharply rise to a range of 300 to 900 by the end of the month. The Executive Order issued Tuesday includes information for counties to model if local officials determine it is necessary to issue "stay-at-home" orders. The guidance will provide necessary information on how to include these orders for essential infrastructure and businesses. As of today, 89 counties in Kansas are without a confirmed case of COVID-19; due to that figure the Governor is not issuing a statewide stay-at-home order at this time. Governor Kelly does feel that if the crisis continues to evolve the mandate may indeed be necessary.

It is recommended for all Kansans to follow the 15 day plan that President Trump has implemented to help in reducing the potential spread of the Coronavirus. To date Kansas has 98 confirmed cases. Compared to some states this is minimal; however, if you look at Colorado, they jumped from 116 to 591 cases in one week. The numbers are no longer reflecting actual cases because testing has become limited and restricted due to the number of available tests. Some areas that have determined to have community spread COVID-19 have quit testing altogether unless the person

is a healthcare provider, hospitalized or connected to a nursing home facility.

Social Distancing is not a joke, or a meme on social media. It is the easiest way to stop the spread of the virus. This time of year, it is hard to self-diagnose because of allergies flaring up, common colds, and the potential threat of flu. We are asking that if you are sick you stay home. Stay away from others. If you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath, please contact your local healthcare providers to discuss your symptoms. The Hoxie Medical Clinic is available from 7am to 5pm Monday through Friday at (785) 675-3018 or the Hospital after hours is (785) 675-3281. Please cover your coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect your homes and work areas, avoid contact with people who are sick, stay home if you're not feeling well, and keep your hands clean and away from your face.

There are people who believe this virus is not nearly as severe or troublesome as the media and government is making it. COVID-19 spreads three times faster than Influenza A and Influenza B. This is why social distancing is important. People are testing positive who don't show any signs or symptoms, meaning anyone of us could have the virus and not be aware. Do your part in staying home and abiding by the restrictions the authorities have put in place, so we not only save ourselves, but potentially save the lives of our loved ones as well.

In severe cases, infection can cause bronchitis, pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure, and even death. From what is known so far, illness

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Words of Faith

In God I have put my trust!

Psalms 56:11

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Mar. 24

Wheat	4.26
Corn	3.08
Milo	2.90
Beans	7.82

Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
3/15	35	29	--
3/16	44	33	--
3/17	41	34	--
3/18	59	41	--
3/19	69	18	--
3/20	38	17	--
3/21	55	21	--

STAY WELL!

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Words of Wisdom

Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.
D. Elton Trueblood

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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

There is little news except the corona virus. The city of Jennings has cancelled the spring city wide clean. I am sure many other events will be cancelled as the weeks go by.

Churches and schools all closed. Avoid crowds and stay at home if possible.

Cancellations, Postponements for College Events

In response to recommendations of health officials to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, Colby Community College announced the following schedule changes:

The March 28 Endowment Foundation Scholarship Benefit Auction has been postponed. For more information, contact foundation director Jennifer Schoenfeld at (785) 460-5482.

The annual Colby and Community Art Walk scheduled for April 17 is canceled.

Hansen Museum Closed to Public

In an effort to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective March 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., we will be closed to the public until further notice.

We will continue to monitor the situation as developments occur and encourage our patrons to check out our Facebook page (Dane G. Hansen Museum) for relevant updates for the Museum's upcoming classes and events that may need to be rescheduled or canceled.

Our thoughts are with the public during this time, and we look forward to re-opening our doors to visitors soon.

Area Calendar

UNTIL COVID-19 (Coronavirus) RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES.

Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Weekly Agenda is posted Monday afternoon to the Sheridan County Clerk's Office Facebook page and the Sheridan County website. (<http://www.kansas.gov/sheridan/>).

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020

Sheridan County Courthouse
 Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Attendance Restricted

NO COMMISSION MEETING THIS WEEK

Next Commissioners' Meeting
 9am Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is offering guidance to state and local governments on how to comply with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) if in-person meetings of any public body are replaced with remote meetings by telephone or other communications equipment amid the developing federal, state and local response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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 785-675-3773

EMS
 785-675-3364

EMERGENCY MGMT.
 785-386-8051

COUNTY CLERK
 785-675-3361

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.
 785-675-3621

PUBLIC LIBRARY
 785-675-3102

Bainter Chiropractic
 Dr. Raquelle Bainter
 Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00
 Thursday 2:00 - 5:30
 Saturday by Appointment
 800 Main St., Hoxie
 785-677-3077

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
 940 8th St.
 Hoxie, KS 67740
 785-675-2101

Office Hours:
 M-Th 8-6
 F 8-4:30

Nurse Hours:
 M-Th 8:30-6pm

Closed for Lunch 12:30-1

WIC Clinic
 M-Th 9-4:30

Preserving the written history of Sheridan County and surrounding areas.
KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM
 (a non-profit 501(c)3 company)
 716 Main Street
 Hoxie, KS 67740
 785-677-3994

Business & Organization Updates

RE: COVID-19 Precautionary Actions

SCHC
 Selden Clinic - Closed
 LTC - Closed
 Hoxie Clinic & ER,
 Call Before Coming In
 785-675-3018

SC Courthouse
 All Offices Closed to the Public
 Clerk 785-675-3361
 Treas. 785-675-3622
 Dist. Court 785-675-3451

City of Hoxie
 Office & Shop Closed Temp.
 Payments - Use Dropbox
 785-675-3291

SC Library
 Closed to the Public through
 Wednesday, April 8.
 Curbside pickup of any items
 available in library.
 785-675-3102

Twin Creeks Ext.
 Closed to the Public. Updates at
www.twincreeks.k-state.edu
 785-675-3268

JD's
 5% Off Curbside Pick-up
 or Take Out.
 785-675-3302

Elephant Bistro & Bar
 Take Out, Curbside, Delivery
 within Hoxie limits.
 No Dine-In.
 785-677-3977

Equity Bank
 Open
 785-675-3261

Peoples State Bank
 Lobby - Closed
 Drive-up - Open
 New Acc'ts & Loan Customers
 by appointment.
 785-675-2224

HAMA
 Volunteers to Run Errands,
 Food Delivery, Prayer Services

The Sheridan Sentinel
 will be open for your news and updates.

Hello! if you are self-isolating, we can help!

My name is _____
 I live locally at _____
 My phone number is _____
 If you are self-isolating due to Covid-19, we can help you with....
 picking up shopping posting mail
 a friendly phone call urgent supplies
 Just call me and I will do my best to help you (for free of course!)
Coronavirus is contagious. We are taking care to only sharing kindness, avoiding personal contact within 3m and washing sanitising as much as possible. We will leave anything you require on your doorstep. We are here for you!

If you need assistance, contact:
 Carl Dumler (785-657-7515) or Jake Schadel (620-381-4721)

\$2,500 REWARD

For information leading to the discovery or recovery of two wedding ring sets.

Call Larry Cressler 785-675-8354



RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

November - March 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
 April - October 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Sunday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Paper: shredded, magazines, newspaper, office paper
- Chipboard: cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, beverage boxes, etc.
- Cardboard: corrugated only
- Clear Plastic: #1 clear pop bottles, juice bottles
- 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

NO OTHER TYPES OF PLASTIC
 NO OTHER TYPES OF METAL
 NO CLOTHES
 NO BOOKS



SHERIDAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 Wes Bainter - 1st District Troy Dewey - 2nd District Joe Bainter - 3rd District

BY ORDER OF THE SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, access to the Sheridan County Courthouse will be restricted immediately and will remain restricted until April 1, 2020 when the Board will revisit the situation. Any citizen having business with one of the County offices is asked to call that office first. If the business cannot be completed over the phone or is an emergency, the citizen can schedule a time to come to the Courthouse where they will have to answer screening questions before being allowed upstairs. All County employees are working normal business hours and County business will continue within the Courthouse.

The County is taking these precautions to ensure the safety of the citizens of Sheridan County and its employees.

Appraiser 785-675-3932
 Clerk 785-675-3361
 Register of Deeds 785-675-3741
 Treasurer 785-675-3622

ATTENTION

Due to the increased concern about the spread of the coronavirus, the Hoxie Swap Shop will be closed until further notice.

Please do not leave any items at the building until we reopen the Swap Shop.

We regret the inconvenience this will create, but with the rapid spread of this virus we believe public safety is the most important concern.

Thank you for your cooperation.
 Swap Shop Volunteers



RESTAURANT

744 Main Street, Hoxie
 785-675-3302

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 Hopefully this too shall pass in a timely manner.
 Stay healthy!

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Community & SCHC News



Mealsite Menu

March 30 ~ April 3

Monday: Polish Sausage s/kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Rosy Pears

Tuesday: Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Tropical Fruit

Wednesday: Waikiki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread, Applesauce

Thursday: Little Smokies, Baked Potato, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Friday: Tuna & Noodles, Catalina Blend Vegetables, bread, Fruit Cobbler or Crisp

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday - Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.50 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.50 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.



News from the Outside with John Liester

Well, we made it another week! Funny, how the little things we took for granted are so important now, huh?

Well, I made it out one more time for snow geese. There are still some around, but they sure

don't want to play anymore. I found a couple hundred sitting out of the wind on Friday, but they knew they were safe, and never moved. I just licked my wounds and came home.

It's been awesome to see all the families out fishing! Nothing like fresh air and family time to brighten one's spirits! I got out twice and while I never caught anything, I sure had fun. Watching the wildlife is always a good time to me. I just read, however, that the Army Corp of Engineers is shutting down all of their sites at area lakes, which surprises me because quite frankly, I never see Corp employees at any of those areas. Thank goodness for KDWP for keeping things open. Fishing is good for the soul, not to mention good for the tummy too!

Yet, again, the Democratic Party have proven just how evil they really are. They keep killing the stimulus bill because they want their little amendments - abortion, Green

Deal and other pet projects - put into it. I never, ever, want to hear another Democrat say how much they love this country and its people. You're not even close. I do hope you're all proud of those wretches you voted into office, because I'm sure not.

I see folks around here are STILL hoarding toilet paper and such. My goodness, how big are your butts?! Just how much toilet paper can you *actually use* in say, a month? Funny thing is, we didn't hoard *anything* and are doing just fine. It was said the other day that this country has gone to the sissies, and cowards. Some are afraid of their own shadows! Now, don't get me wrong, we take all the necessary precautions as we should. However, I just don't think I need a hundred rolls of toilet paper, fifty bottles of hand sanitizer, and what all else you folks are buying up. No, when this crisis is over, we're not going to buy anything from you. You can just choke on it and wipe

your behinds for the next fifty years. My question is, you that are hoarding all of this, did you ever think of the elderly or disabled? You know, the folks that can't just jump out there and buy up whatever they need at any time? Nope, just thinking of yourselves, and that my friends, is exactly what is wrong in America. That, and why would anyone care what a celebrity has to say about anything? Don't you realize actors are paid to pretend. Nothing they do in Hollywood is real, yet people just take their crap as all-knowing. I saw a post on social media that said it all; "I have needed a cop, a doctor, a lawyer, a farmer, a cattle rancher, an electrician, and a hospital and clinic. But not once in my entire life have I ever needed a celebrity to survive." Never. I've never needed a reporter that doesn't care about the truth either. I can live quite well without egomaniac actors and sports stars. You can too.

Area Churches

Christ Community Church
454 W Hwy 24
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church
1101 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church
1000 Valley
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ
1541 Oak
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
1325 15th St
Hoxie

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



Gove Community Bible Church

Chris Thomas, pastor
(785) 938-8225
pastor.chris@noemail.com

Dear readers, there is no way any amount of theological or seminary training could prepare us for what is happening in our world today. I had been looking forward to continuing our journey on the discovery on the joys of forgiveness. As a pastor, I find myself in a role I never thought I would be in. Our prayers are being lifted for so many who are being deeply impacted by this global pandemic. At this time, due to

my own 10-day trip, I am under self-quarantine at the advice of my primary care doctor. As I ponder the affect this pandemic has on our world today, I am learning several lessons. Most of these lessons we already know, we are just simply being reminded of them. Here are a few I like to share:

1) Life is fragile. This lesson is easy to forget in the busyness of life. Between school, work, family, and other extracurriculars that our families become involved in, we have learned how fragile it all is. Now, we have been told to practice social distancing, avoid public gatherings, schools have shut down, businesses are being shut down or limited in what they are able to do that all the things that have consumed our lives have pretty much come to a standstill. Now, we are on guard to pro-

tect our families, ensuring the safety of the elderly, and checking on our friends. Yes, in these last few days, we are discovering just how fragile everything is. Our heart grieves as we watch the numbers of those impacted climb and with it, the numbers of those whose lives were taken. I am reminded of the Psalmist who says:

As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. (Psalm 103:15-16)

2) We are all equal. No one is exempt from this pandemic. Both the elderly and the young. Male and female. This pandemic target anyone, no matter their social status or their ethnic background. The world is caught up in labels. It is simple human nature to use labels when identifying people. Yet this virus views everyone the same. It is a reminder of the great truth of creation...we have all been made in the image of God. We are all searching for answers. We are all hoping that we are not affected by the virus. We are all searching for the best outcome. We are all equal.

3) We are learning that we are not in as control as we would all like to be. We fancy ourselves captains of our destiny, masters of our fate. The reality is that today, more than ever before, we can control significant parts of our lives. We can control our home's heating and security remotely; we can move money around the world with a click of an app; we can even control our bodies through training and

medicine. But perhaps this sense of control is an illusion, a bubble that the coronavirus has popped, revealing the reality that we're not really in control.

4) As space is running out, there is one other important lesson that I am learning. A lesson that I have deeply known but am being reminded of this. I am learning of our deep need for God and our need to pray. In Luke 10:38-52, we read the story of contrast of two sisters, Mary and Martha. The text tells us that Martha was so busy and involved in playing the role of a hostess. Mary, on the other hand was sitting at the feet of Jesus.

It was a posture of peace, calm, serenity. Martha approaches Jesus and complains about Mary's lack of help during this visit and Jesus kindly rebukes Martha to tell her that she is worried about many things but Mary on the other hand had chosen to do the one thing necessary for her. As we are faced with the unpredictability of what lies ahead, we can take comfort in finding the one thing that is necessary is found in His presence...at His feet. We are learning, just how much we need Him and a need for devotion to prayer.

Bless you dear readers. I am praying for you.

Kansas WIC Program Now Available Without Physical Presence

WIC Physical presence requirement waived effective Monday, March 23

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kansas WIC program will continue to operate. WIC is the nutrition program for low-income pregnant women, infants, and children from birth to age five, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

All current Kansas WIC participants will continue to receive benefits, and new applicants will be assessed, certified and issued benefits. Using telephone, computer and other technology, local clinic staff will be able to assess and certify applicants for eligibility and issue food benefits remotely to those determined eligible.

Typically, WIC participants and applicants of the program must be physically present to

receive services. The USDA physical presence waiver is effective Monday, March 23 and expires May 31, 2020, or until extended. The waiver applies to areas impacted by WIC clinic closures and stay at home orders as well as to persons who are under quarantine, whether voluntary or involuntary.

Clinic operating hours and staff availability will be subject to the pandemic. Applicants and current participants should contact their local WIC clinic to find out what options are available. Clinic locations are available online at: www.kansaswic.org/families/WIC_county_map.html. Contact your local health department for information on the nearest WIC clinic if you do not have access to the Internet.

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HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

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seems to be more severe in older individuals and in people with other health conditions.

The hospital has implemented a strict visitation policy during this time to ensure our patients and residents are kept safe from potential harm. All visitors must be screened in

the main entrance lobby and visitation hours are limited to Monday through Friday 7am to 5pm. Hospital visitors are designated by the patient or resident and limited to only two visitors per stay. In accordance with federal and state guidelines, we are not allowing visitors into LTC at this time. In addition to being screened, staff will be taking extra precautions to protect themselves, the patients, and residents from COVID-19. For

this reason, you will notice our staff wearing face and eye protection if you present to the Emergency Department.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in adhering to our policy as well as the restrictions set forth by our government. We are living in an unprecedented time that the majority of us have never experienced and therefore need to abide by the limitations set forth. God Bless!

KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

The Hoxie Democrat
Friday, March 26, 1886
John Albin has some saddle ponies for sale or to trade for young stock.

C. E. Snow has the contract for putting on a tin roof for the new bank.

Isaac Mulholland is down at Kansas City this week on a large land deal.

At the running race last Monday some of the sporting men of the town backed their favorites right royally.

Mr. Lupton will engage in the banking business in Hoxie. Having purchased a very desirable location we expect he will place on it a building that will be an ornament and credit to the town.

John Spencer met with a misfortune last Friday in building his shop, while holding a piece of timber above his head let it slip, and it fell striking him on the nose, he now wears a worse proboscis than did Brooks when the pole hit him.

J. H. East, late of New York city hospital will locate in Hoxie, and practice medicine and also run a drug business. Dr. East presents some very fine credentials, and has invested in considerable real estate, and has all the attributes of a good citizen, hence we recommend him to all, and extend to him a hearty welcome.

George Crane is in Oberlin this week attending some land business.

J. S. Turner will have two tin roofs. C. E. Snow has the contract.

V. A. Stuart is in town and is firm in the faith of Hoxie's future greatness.

Two loads of potatoes were on the street Wednesday for sale at \$1 per bushel.

Neal Provost has gone to Oberlin to get a billiard hall outfit, including one billiard and one pool table.

The restaurant owned by F. S. Ramy, was yesterday mounted on wheels and marched off toward the new town of Hoxie.

Mr. Geo. E. Odel the partner of E. C. Harris arrived in town last Friday with his family, house-hold goods and ten head of horses.

A tree grower was in town last Friday and sold quite a number of trees, consisting of box elder, ash, cottonwood and mulberry.

A wrestling match took place last week in which D. M. Scott lost five dollars, and got laid on his back.

Henry Huff found a piece of white quartz rock on section 21, which joins the new town, and in it were two well defined streaks of wire silver.

Mr. Henry Shroeder has sold his harness shop to Harvey Colby, who will employ Jas. Hartford to do the work. Those in need of anything in that line can depend upon getting good work, as he is recommended to be a competent hand.

L. Grant and family have arrived in town and Mr. G. will proceed at once to erect a dwelling house in Hoxie, where he will work at his trade; Contactor and builder.

125 Years Ago
March 28, 1895

Rev. Robb is attending conference at Blue Hill Nebraska. He will visit his old home before returning.

J. G. Rouse moved his family to Selden last week.

H. W. Moses the man who has acres and acres of alfalfa is sowing more.

County Attorney Hopkins returned Monday from a week's stay at Selden.

D. L. Wiggins is holding down his "claim" - the one in Saline township, - this week.

Some papers still persist in running dead matter, the *Palladium* for instance is still running the Omaha platform.

L. O. Starbuck arrived last week with a car load of household goods. He moved into his homestead immediately.

A car of seed potatoes are on the track. They are from the state aid commission and will be distributed in a few days.

Vice President Walker, of the Sheridan County Bank came

up from Osborne last week and is looking after business matters here.

Seth Buck has added many improvements to his steam bath outfit and says he can steam anyone to a queen's taste in less time than it takes to tell it.

Porter Walker is able to be around again.

Joe Gregg is making garden on his old home place in the west part of the city. He says if he has good luck he will be able to furnish all with vegetables this season.

Miss Minnie Rowilson closed her school in the western part of the county last Friday with appropriate exercises by the scholars. She left on Monday mornings train for Morland, where she will visit with Mrs. Geo Tatum.

Ex-County Treasurer Dick, of Ellsworth county plead guilty to the charge of embezzlement and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Dick converted about \$30,000 of the county's funds to his own use. Pretty fair salary it seems to us.

The entertainment given by the band boys Wednesday evening a week, was good, but did not receive the patronage it deserved. Let a jim-crow come from an outside town and the people will turn out en-masse, but if as worthy a cause as our band gives a show they stay at home. This is not as it should be. The dance after the entertainment was a success and helped the boys pay the expenses incurred in getting up the entertainment.

Sim Tucker, Secretary and Manager of the Consolidated Land Company, of Courtland, Kansas, is here on a visit with old time friends. He reports having done well since leaving here, but that he gets home sick quite often.

Lucerne Items

A. S. Chandler's school is out and he has moved back on his farm.

A. B. Shoemaker can soon tell you how much you are worth and he does it up all right too.

Oscar Gaselle has got the job of hauling the mail from Lucerne to Graden and back the trip to be made daily.

No. 7

Bloomfield Babblings

The family of F. O. Williams arrived last Thursday. Sheriff Bardwell was a Bloomfield visitor last week.

A very interesting and profitable series of meetings have just closed at Rexford.

Macgraw Items

D. N. Farber has lately purchased an incubator.

Link Foster will soon return to his home in La Crosse.

The Farmers in this locality are busy with their spring work.

Zephyr
100 Years Ago
March 25, 1920

Local News

Mrs. E. A. Monteith and Mrs. D. L. Wiggins attended the M. E. conference at Hays, Kansas, last week.

A nice line of fresh vegetables at the City Meat Market, Friday and Saturday.

"Two of a Kind," a farce given by the high school Seniors at their Box Supper, April 3.

R. E. Patterson found time while in town Saturday to make this moral guide a pleasant call.

C. L. Calhoon has been installing Delco lights in the large, modern farm home of M. W. Scott, over in Bow Creek township. Mr. Scott now has one of the best homes in the county.

W. F. Lacy was here Wednesday from his new home at Lenora attending to business matters. He has a small truck farm adjoining the town of Lenora and says he likes it over there quite well.

Rufus Rogers and Clyde Lookhart of Selden were pleasant business callers at our den Wednesday. Rufus has added tractors to his auto and undertaking business and says it keeps him moving to take care of it all.

Dr. Swearingen, the Topeka eye-sight specialist, make



Ads from *The Hoxie Sentinel* for The Crum Mill & Elevator Company from 100 years ago. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

Hoxie this week.

Zal Morton delivered a fine, pure-bred bull to P. D. Clear Saturday. Zal is a firm believer in Shorthorns and especially the pure-bred class.

A Paramont picture entitled, "The Gypsy Trail," at the Palace on Monday night, March 29. A very pleasing picture by Bryant Washburn.

Mrs. Lola Harris has sold her café to Fred Mueller and he and Mrs. Mueller now have charge. Mrs. Harris intends to go to Council Grove, Kansas, to keep house for her father, who is old and needs her care.

M. D. Spencer and Mr. Long were mingling with the big crowd on the streets Saturday. M. D. doesn't get down to Hoxie very often owing to his health but Saturday he was looking like as well as of old and was in mighty good spirits.

Houck's Landing
By Remus Spaulding
E. A. Patterson and family spent Sunday at the H. D. Woods home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Decker and Master Norman Decker of Hoxie passed through the Landing Saturday enroute to Rexford.

A jolly crowd met at the E. A. Patterson home the seventeenth to celebrate Miss Fairel's sixteenth birthday. A good time was had until the wee, small hours of the morning.

Bow Creek
The Twins
Elsie Scott spent Saturday night and Sunday with Erma Teater.

Miss Cecilia Dunlap closed a successful term of school in District No. 8, March 19. Raymond Shipley and Miss Ella Walden were married at the bride's home, March 17. We wish this splendid young couple a long and happy married life.

West Bow Creek

By Sunshine

The service at Pleasant Hill school house were well attended. A good sermon was delivered by Rev. Calhoon.

Vesta Miles is suffering from several bad bruises sustained when a car coming from the rear ran into her buggy and threw her out.

Grant English's have moved onto the place formerly owned by Mr. Taylor. The people in the Chicago neighborhood are fortunate to have these good people with them.

75 Years Ago
March 22, 1945

Many Guests at Rotary
There were five young guests at Rotary Tuesday noon. They were Miss Lois Beach, cadet nurse, Flight Officer Tom Pratt, Private Russell Griggs, Pharmacist Mate Bob Mahanna and as Junior Rotarian Joe Timmons. The Club was happy to have them all present.

A letter was read from Lawrence Spalsbury by Ray Sloan. He had sent a gift of a piece of Jap money for each member. Also some Jap American money intended to be used when the Japs took over U. S. They missed their plans here considerable.

Local Happenings
Mrs. Harley Morgan has been spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Jamison of Quinter. Mrs. Jamison recently underwent an operation for a ruptured appendix and was quite sick. She is again home but needs Mrs. Morgan with her for some time longer.

Miss Lois Beach is home on a three weeks Easter vacation from her nurses training in K. C. Miss Beach has completed twenty two months of her work. In about 3 more months she will make known her choice of the branches of Uncle Sam's service. If this is navy, six months additional training will

be taken in a naval hospital.

Bow Creek News
Bow Creek Unit met with Mrs. Aubert Mowry and Mrs. Ruth Mills March 13th for an all day meeting. Quilt blocks were worked on in the morning.

After dinner was over and dishes were washed the meeting was called to order. Everyone repeated the Club collect. There was 13 members present and 3 visitors. Two new members were taken into our Club.

Leoville News

Mrs. Anna Schroer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Diederich and family at Selden.

Jake Arnold is building a hen house. He purchased an old bldg. from Anna Kuhle.

Frank Kruse and Gene Fortin trucked stock to Belleville for Frank Urban on Monday.

East Saline News

The H. H. Club met in the home of Mrs. Sam Coburn Thursday afternoon, March 1. Twelve members were present. Mrs. Larry Webber and Mrs. Frank Johnson were visitors. The afternoon was spent by each doing her own needle work. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. G. Martin March 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy McWilliams entertained on Thurs. eve honoring Mrs. McWilliams brother Bill Lewis who is home on furlough. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wigington, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Flora and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mrs. Lloyd Sanders.

Lucerne World

Thimble Circle Club met with Mrs. James Bennett March 8th with all members present but one. There were three visitors, Phyllis Brewster, Mrs. James Findley and Janet Ruth from Garden City. A pot luck dinner was served at noon and embroidery work done in the afternoon. The next meeting will be March 22 at Anna Jeffries.

Bob Brewster's had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lacey and Pauline.

Morland News

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Loof were dinner guests Sunday at the Loren Hunsicker home east of Morland.

Mr. D. C. Kay who is a patient in the Hays hospital is improving from his recent operation.

Mrs. Cora White spent Sunday at the Carl Goodrow home.

50 Years Ago
March 26, 1970
To Drop Styrofoam Balls from Plane on Saturday

The Hoxie Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring an Easter egg hunt here at the fairgrounds on Saturday, March 28 at 2 o'clock.

If the weatherman cooperates, 2000 styrofoam balls will be dropped from an airplane over the fairgrounds. Some of these balls will be colored and worth prize money from 5 cents to as much as \$1.00, Chamber officials said.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter visited Mrs. Ruth Bainter and Mrs. Nellie Bainter in Oberlin Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Tice was a patient in the Hoxie hospital from Friday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer of Jennings Saturday evening.

Seguin Items

Fifteen members answered roll call of St. Ann's Sodality at our March 10 meeting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Stephens. After the business session we watched a movie. Hostesses were Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Kathryn Hoff and Mrs. Rose Reiner. Bernadine Rietcheck received the door prize.

Sunday breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wegman and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Geerdes. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Geerdes and Cathrin were Sunday evening visitors.

Joe Bange and Vincent drove to Hays the first part of last

week and Sylvester returned home with them after being a patient at St. Anthony's hospital. He is doing as well as can be expected since he had surgery on his back several weeks ago.

Broadway News

Roger McClelland is home on a two weeks leave from Navy training.

Barbara King returned safely from her trip to Hawaii where she and the baby met her husband.

Edwin Simon attended a Co-op school two days the past week.

Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Hazel on March 19. Due to the weather and some sickness, only six members and two guests, Delpha Horton and Eunice Schroeder were present. We hemmed tea towels for the hostess. Doris won the raffle prize. Club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Lucille.

Items from members:
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauck spent Sunday at the Jay Fawcett home in Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Niblock attended a card party at Tim Waggoners Saturday night.

Mickey's Want Ads

Why pay \$4.95 for Windsor grass seed when you can get it for less.

Teacher: "And isn't it wonderful how the little chickens get out of their shells?"

Junior: "Teacher, what gets me, is how they got in."

We have a good stock of styrofoam Ice Chests - all sizes. Get yours now.

On their honeymoon, the groom told his bride: "Now that we're married, I hope that you won't mind if I mention a few little defects that I've noticed about you."

"Not at all," cooed the young lady, "it was those little defects that kept me from getting a better husband."

We have a new shipment of Hoover sweepers including the new Swingette.

News from the Long Term Care Unit

I would like to mention that we have a new "family" living at LTC. A family of fish, that is. We've had our new aquarium a week now, with lots of different fish. Come up and view them some time.

Bingo winners last Friday night were Ona Smith, Eva Gordon, Everett Lee, Emma Sloan, Elsie Wark, and Ed Ney.

25 Years Ago
March 23, 1995
Sheriff's Dept. Investigating Work of Vandals, Thieves

The sheriff's department has recovered stolen property taken from a location in Gove County.

On March 17 a report of vandalism to a farm home in the northwest part of the county.

The sheriff's department received a report on March 19 of vandalism to a farm home in the northwest part of the county.

On March 18 the sheriff's department received a report that the Selden Café's storage room had been broken into and of an attempted break-in at the Karls Cask Store in Selden. Also vandalism was reported at the car wash in Selden.

The sheriff's department and the Hoxie police department have recovered a candy machine stolen from the Getz IGA store. The machine was damaged beyond repair. Juvenile reports were taken pertaining to this theft.

Junior High Music Festival

The Hoxie Junior High band traveled to Colby on Feb. 15 for the Northwest Kansas Junior High Music Festival. Band members performed in solos and small ensembles in addition to the performance given by the entire band. The band was rated by three judges, who awarded the band one I rating and two II ratings for a II overall. The group was praised for the overall technique of the ensemble and for the tremendous energy with which they played.

NWKS News

KSBHA Emergency Actions & Guidance Statements

In light of unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts has identified ways the Board can immediately contribute to the capacity of our state's healthcare system to respond to potential spikes in the numbers of patients seeking access to treatment related to COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to, a new temporary emergency license process for healthcare providers willing to provide COVID-19 related care to Kansas patients. The Board will continuously assess the situation as it develops, and additional Board measures may be forthcoming. The following memo describes options for providers and contains temporary guidance statements. <https://bit.ly/2bpZg6>

Statement from Arby's Restaurants Re: COVID-19

From Randy Bates, Senior Director Head of Marketing, R.B. American Group.

"In response to recommendations from the CDC, Arby's restaurants owned and operated by R.B. American Group will continue to keep their drive-thru windows open to serve guests. Guests interested in purchasing food and drinks can do so via the drive-thru windows or by utilizing one of our delivery service partners, Door Dash or Uber Eats, as a majority of our restaurants currently offer delivery. We hope to see guests taking advantage of our drive-thru and delivery options to continue to enjoy the delicious, fresh food available, as well as picking up a meal now and having an additional one to enjoy later. To facilitate this, we will today begin offering our Classic Roast Beef sandwiches to guests at five sandwiches for \$10. The safety of our guests and employees is our top priority and will always remain so. Throughout this process, we will continue to adhere to the stringent standards for safety and cleanliness that we have always employed at R.B. American."

Locations throughout the Wichita include: Abilene, Andover, Arkansas City, Concordia, Debry, Dodge City, El Dorado, Emporia, Garden City, Goodland, Great Bend, Hays, Hutchinson, Junction City, Liberal, Manhattan, McPherson, N. Wichita, Newton, Park City, Pratt, Salina, Topeka and Wichita. For more information, please visit www.rbamerican.com.

Trump Signs Order Against Hoarding, Price Gouging in Fight Against Coronavirus

President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Monday to prevent hoarding and price gouging of supplies needed to fight the deadly coronavirus, a spokeswoman said.

"This sends a strong message - we will not let those hoarding vital supplies & price gougers to harm the health of America in this hour of need," White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham wrote on Twitter.

Trump Administration Expands Telehealth Benefit for America's Seniors

This week, the Trump administration announced an expansion of telehealth benefits for America's seniors during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. These changes will allow America's seniors greater flexibility to communicate with their health care provider without needing to travel to an office. These added benefits will also relieve stress on providers, allowing them to offer services remotely so emergency rooms and doctor's offices are available for urgent cases.

"Having been a physician serving a rural community for 25 years, I've long known the need of providing patients with telehealth services," said U.S. Congressman Roger Marshall, M.D. "This is an issue I've been working on since my first days in Congress. At a time like this, when it is so important that seniors stay inside and avoid as much travel as possible, this change is a huge benefit to Kansas. In 'flattening the curve' of the COVID-19 outbreak, this is just one more example of the Trump Administration's efforts to ensure our nation's health care providers on the front lines can continue to provide quality care to their patients without placing people at risk of exposure."

Under this expanded benefit, seniors can access their provider over the telephone, using video telecommunications tools like Skype and FaceTime, and online patient portals found on their provider's website. The expanded benefit is available to seniors in rural and non-rural areas, and they will be able to access a physician's office, hospital, nursing home, and rural health clinic - all from the comfort of their home. In most cases, seniors seeking telehealth services will need to be an existing patient with that provider.

"This expanded benefit isn't just limited to common office visits," said Rep. Marshall. "Seniors will also continue to be able to receive care for mental health counseling and preventive health screenings. I recommend Kansas seniors with a Medicare health plan call their health care provider to learn how to get started."

Sen. Moran Announces Launch of VA Community Care Network in Kansas

Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee - announced the rollout of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Care Network (CCN) in Kansas.

The CCN was created under the VA MISSION Act to connect veterans with community care providers to make certain veterans receive the care they need in their communities rather than having to travel long distances to receive care at a VA center. Starting this week, OptumServe will operate as Kansas' third-party administrator for the CCN and will implement a comprehensive provider network statewide.

"The MISSION Act's Community Care Program is the result of Congress, the VA and advocates across the nation working together to make certain veterans have access to quality health care in the comfort of their communities," said Sen. Moran. "The Community Care Network - that is launching in Kansas this week - will better connect veterans with doctors, therapists, surgeons and a network of caregivers right in their own communities. This is a great step in providing Kansas veterans, especially veterans in rural communities, with comprehensive and easily accessible care."

Veterans currently receiving care in the community should visit OptumServe's website at www.vacomcommunitycare.com. On the website, veterans can create an online account to access referrals, claims, explanation of benefits and eligibility information. For veterans interested in learning more about the Veterans Community Care Program or eligibility requirements, please visit the VA's community care page at <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/>.

Integrating a community-based health care system is a formidable task. In the following months, the VA and Optum will likely experience unexpected challenges as the CCN is deployed nationwide. Sen. Moran and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee will continue to work with the VA to make certain the transition is seamless and that veterans receive quality community care. However, feedback from veterans will be important to help strengthen the CCN. If you are a veteran experiencing problems with VA community care during the transition, please call Sen. Moran's office at 785-628-6401.

Gove County I-70 Reconstruction Project Entering Final Phase

A pavement replacement project on a 9-mile stretch of I-70 in Gove County is entering its final phase, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Starting later this week, KDOT will shift traffic head-to-head into the eastbound lanes for construction work to begin on the westbound lanes. In addition to repaving the westbound lanes, KDOT will also be replacing the pavement at the westbound rest area near Grainfield and constructing a span bridge over Gove Road 62. Gove Road 62 is expected to be closed for several months during the bridge reconstruction. Temporary closures will also occur at exits 95 and 99, and

Governor Signs Bipartisan Bills to Help Kansans During COVID-19 Pandemic

Extends unemployment eligibility, education disaster allowances, judicial disaster allowances.

Governor Laura Kelly signed three bipartisan bills into law today in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I want to thank the Legislature for working together to fast track this critical legislation," Kelly said. "As COVID-19 continues to spread, our response is constantly evolving. We must have a plan for Kansans who are facing so much uncertainty. The bills will help our state navigate these difficult circumstances. We will get through this together."

Senate Bill 27: House Substitute for Senate Bill 27 extends unemployment eligibility for workers who started to file unemployment insurance claims on or after January 1, 2020. These workers would be eligible for a maximum of 26 weeks of benefits, instead of the current effective maximum of 16 weeks.

"The fallout of the aviation industry has been felt all across Kansas, long before the COVID-19 epidemic," Kelly said. "Now, more than ever, hardworking Kansans need the support necessary to provide for their families."

Senate Bill 142: House Substitute for Senate Bill 142 expands education waiver authority during disaster emergencies. Under current law, students are required by statute to attend at least 1,116 school hours per school year. This bill allows local school boards to receive waivers for this requirement under a state of disaster declaration, with the understanding that they will utilize continuous learning for their students during this time. Additionally, the bill codifies legislative intent that school districts continue to pay all hourly employees during a disaster shutdown.

"In a time of crisis and uncertainty, our schools need flexibility and support to maximize learning opportunities for students while making sure children, their families and school district employees are safe," Kelly said.

Senate Bill 102: House Substitute for Senate Bill 102 expands authority of the judicial branch in time of disaster, permitting the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to issue an order extending statutory deadlines or time limitations on court proceedings and authorizes video conferencing.

"This will allow our court system to continue to function during the crisis while ensuring our court employees and the public are safe and healthy," Kelly said.

These bills become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register. A special edition has been expedited for publication and printing today by the Legislature and the Secretary of State.

the K-211 bridge over I-70 as construction continues.

Work on the westbound lanes is expected to be completed by the end of November. Koss Construction is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$38.1 million. For more information on the project, contact KDOT construction manager Todd Anderson at 785-672-3113 or todd.anderson@ks.gov.

Opinion: \$54M in Property Tax Relief Could Be Coming

Senate Bill 466 eliminates 1.5 mills of property tax set aside for maintenance of university buildings and other state facilities, replacing the funding with a general fund revenue transfer that's subject to funds being available. You'd think providing \$54 million in property tax relief would be a slam dunk, but the bill was opposed by state universities and initially failed.

The six Kansas public universities want a dedicated funding stream because they don't trust legislators to make adequate maintenance funds available, and some legislators agreed that they couldn't be trusted.

Three straight years of income tax hikes will propel a 33% jump in state spending between 2017 and 2023, but there's still demand for even more spending. K-12 education, social services, and other important functions are subject to the regular appropriations process, and university maintenance shouldn't be exempt because they had good lobbyists.

\$54 million in property tax relief is a small but important step in the right direction. As explained at BeeHonestKansas.com, property tax increased 151% since 1997. That's more than three times the rate of inflation and it's pushing some people on fixed incomes out of their homes.

Excessive property tax hikes are driven by state and local government spending decisions, and that's why every dollar spent should go through the appropriations process and local officials should be required to vote on the entire property tax increase they impose.

Dave Trabert (CEO of Kansas Policy Institute), Overland Park. Reprint from CJOnline.com / [The Topeka Capital Journal](http://TheTopekaCapitalJournal.com)

KDOC Plans for Continued Public Safety Services

At the direction of Governor Laura Kelly, the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) announced today which functions of the agency would remain open, and which would close, to help minimize additional risk of exposure to COVID-19.

As the KDOC is a public safety agency, most functions of the agency will remain operational throughout the two-week closure.

"I want to reassure the public that our commitment to the safety of this state will continue," Jeff Zmuda, KDOC Secretary, said. "We will continue to meet the needs of those that we serve while keeping them and our staff healthy and safe."

State prisons will continue operations, including most offender programming. Some staff will be working from home and some placed on paid administrative leave, as directed by Kelly.

Parole offices will be closed during this time, but supervision of offenders in the community will continue with staff working remotely.

KDOC's Central Office will be closed to visitors during this time, but the office's core services will continue.

For more information and resources related to COVID-19, including symptoms and tips for prevention, visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/>.



Sports in Kansas Basketball

Hoxie Indians:
Harlan Obihio
21 Points per game
11 Rebounds per game

Golden Plains:
Harley Weese
10.2 Rebounds per game

Wade Rush
7.5 Rebounds per game
Ashley Stoll
8.6 Rebounds per game

Zoey Hills
8 Rebounds per game
Kassie Miller
4.3 Assists per game
3.8 Steals per game

Wheatland/Grinnell:
Kyler Haffner
7.2 Assists per game
(4th in State)

4.3 Steals per game
(2nd in State)
Jessi Bernbeck
3.6 Assists per game
3.3 Steals per game

Morgan Zimmerman
3.3 Steals per game

KSHSAA: COVID-19 Update

The KSHSAA is committed to the safety of our student-participants and the health of our school communities. Accordingly, in response to Governor Kelly's Executive Order regarding the closure and cessation of in-person instruction in all Kansas schools through May 29, 2020, the KSHSAA is cancelling all spring championships, competitions, and festivals for the remainder of this school year. The KSHSAA recognizes the value of school activities for all students and school communities, but the current situation does not permit the opportunity for school activities to take place in a manner that is consistent with the very reason school activities exist.

As a commitment to the health of Kansas students and communities, the best decision and only reasonable response is to cancel the regular season and post-season spring activity season. We all have an important responsibility to minimize community transmission as we embrace suggested precautions regarding COVID-19. As educators, the primary focus for our students and families is the health and well-being of each student. This action by the KSHSAA supports that effort across Kansas.

The KSHSAA strongly discourages non-school activity participation at this time in an effort to mitigate the community transmission of the coronavirus. All CDC, KDHE and KSDE recommendations for preventing disease transmission should be followed at this time for any non-school activity in which a student participates. The following links provide access to those resources: CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/>, KDHE: <http://www.kdheks.gov/>, KSDE: <https://www.ksde.org/>

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participating in COVID-19 relief or restoration efforts. Motor carriers and persons operating commercial vehicles actively participating in COVID-19 relief or restoration efforts must still obtain the requisite over dimension/overweight permits as required by the Kansas Department of Transportation prior to operating; however, the fees associated with these permits are temporarily waived.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-10

Rescinding Executive Order 20-06 and temporarily prohibiting certain foreclosures and evictions

Executive Order 20-06 is hereby rescinded and superseded by this order. As used in this order, a "financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic" occurs when (1) an individual or family suffers a significant loss of income, significant increase in necessary expenses, or inability to work as a direct or indirect result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and (2) the individual's or family's financial resources are depleted to the extent that making mortgage or rent payments would leave them unable to purchase food, medicine, or other goods, supplies, or services necessary to their health and safety. This does not prohibit the continuation of any judicial foreclosure or judicial eviction proceedings filed before the effective date of this order. No bank or financial lending entity operating in Kansas shall foreclose on a residential property in Kansas when all defaults or violations of the mortgage are substantially caused by a financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The provisions do not apply to foreclosures on multi-family residential properties in which residential tenants rent from a landlord, as long as the foreclosure will not result in the eviction of any tenants. No landlords-whether individuals, companies, banks, financial lending entities, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, or other entities-shall evict a residential tenant when all defaults or violations of the rental agreement are substantially caused by a financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This order does not relieve mortgage borrowers or tenants who have not suffered a financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic from the obligation to comply with mortgage or rental agreements or to continue making required mortgage or rent payments. This order does not prevent foreclosures or evictions for mortgage or rental agreement defaults or violations not due to a financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. After the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires and financial hardships resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic abate, borrowers, lenders, renters, and landlords are encouraged to negotiate payment plans or other agreements to allow borrowers or renters to address any defaults, missed payments, or late fees substantially caused by a financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This order does not apply to foreclosures initiated by the United States government.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-11

Temporarily requiring continuation of waste removal and recycling services

All Kansas waste removal providers, including both trash and recycling removal providers, whether private, municipality or other organization, shall not cancel or suspend commercial or residential waste or recycling removal services for Kansas citizens or businesses as a result of nonpayment due to a significant loss of income or increase in expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-12

Drivers' license and vehicle registration and regulation during public health emergency

The Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Vehicles ("Division of Vehicles") shall extend vehicle registration renewal deadlines for State based passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trucks and trailers. A vehicle registrant will not be charged with late fees or interest on delinquent vehicle registration, if the registrant does not file within the registrant's normal month renewal period. The Division of Vehicles shall extend truck, truck tractor, and trailer registration renewal deadlines for State-based International Registration Plan ("IRP") registrants. A Statebased IRP registrant will not be charged with late fees or interest on delinquent vehicle registration. The Division of Vehicles shall extend any temporary, state sixty-day permits for recently purchased vehicles. Kansas residents who have purchased a new or used vehicle on or after January 1, 2020, and are operating with a valid sixty-day permit, may continue to use such temporary tag beyond the sixty-day period and the permit shall continue to authorize road use while this order is in effect. The Division of Vehicles shall extend the terms of drivers' licenses and identification cards for all Kansas residents with State driver's licenses that expired beginning on March 12, 2020, and who are not able to renew at a State driver's license examination office due to the State's COVID-19 response. All law enforcement agencies or officers shall use their discretion in deciding whether to enforce laws related to expired drivers' licenses and should consider the State of Disaster Emergency when reviewing credentials issued by the State of Kansas, as the Division of Vehicles will not indicate in its system that such drivers' credentials are or will be expired while the State of Disaster Emergency remains in effect. All driver's license renewals and vehicle registrations extended by this Executive Order must be completed within 60 days of the expiration of this order.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-13

Allowing certain deferred tax deadlines and payments during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Department of Revenue shall extend the deadline for filing the 2019 calendar year tax returns for individual income tax, fiduciary

income tax, corporate income tax, and privilege tax to July 15, 2020. The payment due date for such taxes shall also be extended to July 15, 2020, and no penalty or interest shall be imposed if paid on or before July 15, 2020. The Department of Revenue shall extend to July 15, 2020, the deadline for filing the 2019 fiscal year tax returns for fiduciary income tax, corporate income tax, and privilege tax with due dates between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020. The payment due date for such taxes shall be extended to July 15, 2020, and no penalty or interest shall be imposed if paid on or before July 15, 2020. The Department of Revenue shall extend the filing date for homestead and property tax relief refund claims to October 15, 2020.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-14

Temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 or more people to limit the spread of COVID-19 and rescinding Executive Order 20-04

1. Effective at 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, all public or private mass gatherings, as defined below, are prohibited in the State of Kansas.
 - a. The phrase "mass gathering" as used in this order means any planned or spontaneous, public or private event or convening that will bring together or is likely to bring together 10 or more people in a confined or enclosed space at the same time.
 - b. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, mass gatherings at: auditoriums, theaters, movie theaters, museums, stadiums, arenas, conference rooms, meeting halls, exhibition centers, taverns, health and fitness centers, recreation centers, and licensed pools.
2. The following activities or facilities are exempt from the prohibitions of this order:
 - a. Meetings or proceedings of the Kansas Senate or Kansas House of Representatives and their legislative committees;
 - b. Operations or facilities of the United States Government;
 - c. Religious gatherings, as long as attendees can engage in appropriate social distancing;
 - d. Funeral or memorial services or ceremonies, as long as attendees can engage in appropriate social distancing;
 - e. Airports;
 - f. Public, private, or charter schools for instructional purposes, for non-instructional purposes-such as medication pickup, childcare services, providing meals-and when operating as polling places;
 - g. Childcare locations (including those that operate within a facility that is otherwise subject to the prohibitions of this order), residential care centers, and group homes;
 - h. Hotels and motels, as long as the restaurant and bar guidelines, listed below in subparagraph t, are followed;
 - i. Military and National Guard facilities;
 - j. Law enforcement, jail, or correctional facilities, including any facility operated by the Department of Corrections;
 - k. Any facility being used as part of a government or community response to a natural disaster;
 - l. Food pantries and shelter facilities, including day centers, for individuals and families;
 - m. Detoxification centers;
 - n. Apartment or other multi-family residential buildings, except that the prohibitions of paragraph 1 apply to any non-residential facilities, rooms, or operations in such buildings subject to any other exceptions listed in paragraph 2;
 - o. Shopping malls and other retail establishments where large numbers of people are present but are generally not within arm's length of one another for more than 10 minutes;
 - p. Hospitals, medical facilities, and pharmacies;
 - q. Long-term care and assisted living facilities, as long the facility follows all current Department of Health Services Recommendations for Prevention of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
 - r. Libraries;
 - s. Senior Centers, but only for the service of meals and only if the requirements listed below are followed:
 - i. Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between tables, booths, bar stools, and ordering counters; and
 - ii. Cease self-service of unpackaged food, such as in salad bars or buffets;
 - t. Restaurants and bars, but only if the requirements listed below are followed:
 - i. Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between tables, booths, bar stools, and ordering counters; and
 - ii. Cease self-service of unpackaged food, such as in salad bars or buffets;
 - u. Retail food establishments (grocery stores, convenience stores, farmer's markets) as long as the requirements listed below are followed:
 - i. Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between tables, booths, bar stools, and ordering counters; and
 - ii. Cease self-service of unpackaged food, such as in salad bars or buffets;
 - v. Office spaces and government service centers;
 - w. Manufacturing, processing, distribution, and production facilities;
 - x. Public transportation;
 - y. Utility facilities;
 - z. Job centers; and
 - aa. Facilities operated by state or municipal courts
3. All public gatherings that bring together or are likely to bring together fewer than 10 people in a single room or confined or enclosed space at the same time should:
 - a. Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between people, and
 - b. Follow all other public health recommendations issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and all local county and municipal health codes.
4. Executive Order 20-04 is rescinded.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-15

Establishing the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts

This order supersedes and overrides the provisions of any local "stay home" or similar order that fails to exempt the Kansas Essential Functions Framework ("KEFF") essential functions listed below. All local "stay home" or similar orders prohibiting citizens from leaving their homes in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 must follow the KEFF established in this order and explained below. No such order may require enforcement by state authorities. KEFF is a framework for identifying and continuing essential functions that must remain operational during a local "stay home" or similar order to maintain critical services and infrastructure during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of KEFF is to provide for the continuation of essential functions while allowing local authorities to limit sustained personal interactions.

KEFF focuses on four functional areas: Connect, Distribute, Manage, and Supply. KEFF organizes each area into a taxonomy so that each function can be easily referenced but also expanded when more detail is desired by the implementing governing body. This order does not prevent a local issuing authority from adding essential functions or specific subcategories appropriate for its jurisdiction to the KEFF essential functions listed below. Local authorities issuing "stay home" or similar orders should distribute the KEFF framework to companies and other organizations in their jurisdiction.

A company or other organization in a jurisdiction subject to a "stay home" or similar order that may qualify under one of the essential functions should contact the local issuing authority and request an exemption from the restrictions of the local order for its personnel. In its request, the company or other organization should identify by number the categories of essential functions it performs and provide any brief necessary explanation to establish that it performs those functions. The local issuing authority should quickly determine which, if any, functions of the requesting company or other organization are exempt from the local order and inform the requesting company or other organization of the determination.

Local issuing authorities must grant-and do not have the discretion to deny-exemptions from the restrictions of any local "stay home" or similar order to requesting companies or other organizations for the performance of the following essential functions:

- KEFF 100 CONNECT
 1. Operate Core Information Technology Networks
 2. Provide Cable Access Network Services
 3. Provide Internet Based Content Information and Communication Services
 4. Provide Internet Routing, Access, and Connection Services
 5. Provide Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services
 6. Provide Radio Broadcast Access Network Services (includes Traditional Television)
 7. Provide Satellite Access Network Services
 8. Provide Wireless Access Network Services
 9. Provide Wireline Access Network Services
- KEFF 200 DISTRIBUTE
 1. Distribute Electricity
 2. Maintain Supply Chains for Essential Functions and Critical Infrastructure (as defined by DHS)
 3. Transmit Electricity
 4. Transport Cargo and Passengers by Air
 5. Transport Cargo and Passengers by Rail
 6. Transport Cargo and Passengers by Road
 7. Transport Cargo and Passengers by Vessel
 8. Transport Materials by Pipeline
 9. Transport Passengers by Mass Transit
- KEFF 300 MANAGE
 1. Conduct Elections
 2. Operate Media Outlets
 3. Develop and Maintain Public Works and Services
 4. Educate and Train Essential Functions Personnel
 5. Enforce Law
 6. Maintain Access to Medical Records
 7. Manage Hazardous Materials and Waste
 8. Manage Wastewater
 9. Operate Government
 10. Perform Cyber Incident Management Capabilities
 11. Prepare for and Manage Emergencies
 12. Preserve Constitutional Rights
 13. Protect Sensitive Information
 14. Provide and Maintain Critical Infrastructure
 15. Provide Capital Markets and Investment Activities
 16. Provide Consumer and Commercial Banking Services
 17. Provide Funding and Liquidity Services
 18. Provide Identity Management and Associated Trust Support Services
 19. Provide Insurance Services
 20. Provide Medical Care and Services, Including Mortuary Services
- KEFF 400 SUPPLY
 1. Provide Payment, Clearing and Settlement Services
 2. Provide Public Safety
 3. Provide Wholesale Funding
 4. Store Fuel and Maintain Reserves
 5. Support Community Health and Mental Health Services
- KEFF 400 SUPPLY
 1. Exploration and Extraction of Fuels
 2. Fuel Refining and Processing Fuels
 3. Generate Electricity
 4. Manufacture Equipment Used for Essential Functions or Critical Infrastructure (as defined by DHS)
 5. Produce and Provide Agricultural Products and Services
 6. Produce and Provide Human and Animal Food Products and Services
 7. Produce Chemicals
 8. Provide Metals and Materials
 9. Provide Housing
 10. Provide Information Technology Products and Services
 11. Provide Materiel and Operational Support to Defense
 12. Research and Development
 13. Supply Water

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

1

Practice Social distancing

2

No meetings, events or gatherings with 50+ people

3

Practice sensible cleanliness

4

Don't panic

5

Use your best judgment & consider limiting all unnecessary travel

3 SOURCES OF INFORMATION:
LOCAL: SNCO HEALTH STATE: KDHE FEDERAL: CDC
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WHAT BUSINESSES CAN BE DOING TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

1

Ensure cleaning supplies & sanitizers are available

2

Clean surfaces & spaces frequently

3

Allow employees to work from home if possible

3 SOURCES OF INFORMATION:
LOCAL: SNCO HEALTH STATE: KDHE FEDERAL: CDC
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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

CALL YOUR DOCTOR:

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice.

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases.

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.*

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

*This is based on what has been seen previously as the incubation period of MERS-CoV viruses.

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately.

EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS INCLUDE*:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.



IF YOU ARE AT HIGHER RISK

WHO IS AT HIGHER RISK?

Early information out of China, where COVID-19 first started, shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes:

- Older adults
- People who have serious chronic medical conditions like:
 - Heart disease
 - Diabetes
 - Lung disease

GET READY FOR COVID-19 NOW

Take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick

If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease.

- Stock up on supplies.
- Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others.
- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often.
- Avoid crowds as much as possible.
- Avoid cruise travel and non-essential air travel.
- During a COVID-19 outbreak in your community, stay home as much as possible to further reduce your risk of being exposed.

HAVE SUPPLIES ON HAND

- Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time.
- If you cannot get extra medications, consider using mail-order for medications.
- Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms. Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.
- Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.

TAKE EVERYDAY PRECAUTIONS

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Take everyday preventive actions:

- Clean your hands often
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.
- Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks & cell phones)
- Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.

Avoid all non-essential travel including plane trips, and especially avoid embarking on cruise ships.



DISINFECTING YOUR HOME IF SOMEONE IS SICK

As part of your everyday prevention actions clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects. For example: tables, counter tops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles.

Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.

CLEAN

- Clean surfaces using soap and water. Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

High touch surfaces include:

Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.

DISINFECT

- Use diluted household bleach solutions if appropriate for the surface. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
- OR
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.
- Household cleaners and disinfectants: Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.

Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

Many products recommend:

- Keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed.
- Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.
- Most EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

SOFT SURFACES

For soft surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes

- Clean the surface using soap and water or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.
- Launder items (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

OR

- Disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant. These disinfectants meet EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19.

LAUNDRY

For clothing, towels, linens and other items

- Wear disposable gloves.
- Wash hands with soap and water as soon as you remove the gloves.
- Do not shake dirty laundry.
- Launder items according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.
- Dirty laundry from an ill person can be washed with other people's items.
- Clean and disinfect clothes hampers according to guidance above for surfaces.

CLEAN HANDS OFTEN

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Always wash immediately after removing gloves and after contact with an ill person.
- Hand sanitizer: If soap and water are not readily available and hands are not visibly dirty, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. However, if hands are visibly dirty, always wash hands with soap and water.

Additional key times to clean hands include:

- After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After using the restroom
- Before eating or preparing food
- After contact with animals or pets
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g. a child)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

FOOD

- Stay separated: The ill person should eat (or be fed) in their room if possible.
- Wash dishes and utensils using gloves and hot water: Handle any non-disposable used food service items with gloves and wash with hot water or in a dishwasher.
- Clean hands after handling used food service items.

TRASH

- Dedicated, lined trash can: If possible, dedicate a lined trash can for the ill person. Use gloves when removing garbage bags, and handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands afterwards.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR AMERICA

15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit [CORONAVIRUS.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



Farm News

Ag Law Briefs Offers Webinar on Livestock Marketing Issues

Kansas Farm Bureau will bring another Ag Law Briefs webinar to your home office March 25 from 2-3 p.m. central. Chelsea Good's presentation will focus on livestock marketing issues. Discussion will include requirements under the Packers and Stockyards Act. Chelsea serves as Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs for Livestock Marketing Association.

Roots and Chutes: Follow the Plan

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

Life the past week has become something completely unimaginable to many of us with impacts on everything from grocery shopping to time with family and friends. For farmers and ranchers (and many other businesses in our communities), COVID-19 has presented some major business challenges. This has come up again and again in emails, news releases, and social media posts that have flooded our inboxes this week. Wading through all that communication, I stumbled upon an article written by Pat Melgares about K-State Farm Analyst Program director Duane Hund. If you have ever had the good fortune of meeting Duane, you will know he is a man of few words. However, when he says something, you better pay close attention, and that includes the article below.

A Kansas State University farm analyst says his phone has been ringing frequently as the state's farmers and ranchers flood him with questions about the recent drop in commodity markets. "People are seeing the value of the commodities they're holding drop - livestock, grains, feed. Everything is pounding them right now," said Duane Hund, director of the Farm Analyst Program in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics. "As those values go down, those people are wondering what effect this is going to have on their cash flow analysis as we move forward."

As one example, Hund said producers who have been feeding cattle this past winter are looking for opportunities to figure out if they should sell or retain ownership. "There are just a lot of questions and as we see these markets continue to dive, there just doesn't seem to be a bottom now," Hund said. "It's causing a lot of anxiety, to put it mildly, among producers and I'm hearing anxiety coming from the lending community also." Some farmers and ranchers are even considering whether to get out of the business. "As people talk to me, they wonder if they're going to survive this (drop in the markets)," Hund said.

"My first order of business is to tell them to follow their plan. Let's not make knee-jerk, drastic decisions. Let's stick with the plan in place and develop alternative decisions that are made in combination with the facts and what your business advisers will tell you." Hund said it's important for producers to surround themselves with as many people as possible who can help them make the best decisions for their operation. "When I talk to people about talking with their business partners, that's usually family," he said. "They need to share the facts, look at the opportunities, talk about their concerns openly. Now is not the time to be the strong, silent type. We need to be able to open up and say, 'Gosh, this thing is beyond what I'm comfortable with. Let's talk this over, let's share the issues, maybe we can be okay, but maybe we need to look

Homeland Security Declares Agriculture 'Critical Infrastructure' Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has declared agriculture as a critical industry in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, allowing the agriculture sector to continue operating amid current and potential restrictions created to stem the spread of the virus. DHS did note the designation is advisory in nature and "is not, nor should it be considered to be, a federal directive or standard in and of itself" but, thus far, state and local authorities appear to be honoring the declaration. If you run issues, restrictions or concerns with agriculture related to COVID-19, then please contact info@sorghumgrowers.com.

Coronavirus and USDA Service Centers

All USDA service centers in Kansas will have doors locked to the public. This level was designated yesterday by the State Food and Ag Council members and USDA's FPAC leadership, which covers FSA, NRCS, RMA and RD.

There will be no face-to-face business conducted—all business will need to be done by mail, phone, email, fax or in some other manner that provides maximum social distancing between all individuals. If a producer goes to a county office to do business, they will not be given access to the building. Most employees will be teleworking and all service centers will be minimally staffed.

April 8 Bull Production Sale Continues Online

Due to recent health concerns and the closing of campus facilities, Colby Community College has moved the 2020 Bull Production Sale exclusively online. The auction is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, through livestock marketing service DVAAuction. Bidders must register before the event begins.

The sale features 44 bulls from 11 consignors representing the best in the breeds of Angus, SimAngus, Red Angus, Gelbvieh, Balancers, Hereford, Charolais, and Salers.

The catalog and videos are available on the DVAAuction website. For more information, contact beef program director Jori Steele at (307) 399-9655 or jori.steele@colbycc.edu.

at some alternatives, if there are some that we need to be considering."

Hund added that a business plan should be the producer's road map through the tough times. "Like going down any road, if we're going to enter in some muddy areas, areas we're not comfortable traveling through, we need to stop," he said. "Maybe we need to think through some things, maybe we need to look for some alternative routes and ask if I did do this differently than I originally planned, what would that look like?"

One strategy for recovery, Hund said, is to remember the tasks that producers do every day in normal times. "In stressful situations, our ordinary tasks fall to the wayside because our mind is so bombarded with all this information," he said. "We may be losing ground with our ordinary tasks, such as keeping our cows fed and our

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Kansas Department of Agriculture Issues Fuel Waiver

The Secretary of Agriculture has issued an order to waive enforcement of a specific fuel restriction to help fuel retailers with continuity of business and prevent potential future shortages.

Due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, many business sectors are experiencing significant reductions in demand for products, including a reduction in the demand for gasoline. This has resulted in many gasoline retailers still holding an excess amount of winter grade gasoline in storage, which is required by law to be sold or reformulated by April 1 each year. The time and pipeline capacity required for reformulation of winter grade gasoline could negatively impact fuel supply in the future.

According to the order, gasoline meeting current standards for winter grade gasoline are permitted until April 30, 2020. The full order can be accessed at the Kansas Department of Agriculture website at agriculture.ks.gov/Fuel.

Secretary Purdue Salutes the Heroes in the U.S. Supply Chain

In a video released this morning, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue thanked all the individuals who are keeping food on American tables. "For all you people, from the people who are stocking those shelves, from the people who are driving the trucks to get this food to us, the people who are processing the food and the people who grow the food and all the vendors that supplied our farmers to help them grow this food whether it's fertilizer or feed or seed or any other input. Thank you so much for what you're doing."

Export Report - China Purchases More Sorghum

Export sales were extremely strong again this week with China committing to purchase 8.0 million bushels. Total commitments were 14.4 million bushels with a large amount of commitments by unknown destinations. A significant amount of unknown destination commitments likely were made by China. Basis appreciation continued, with sorghum now trading at a 13% premium to corn on the Gulf.

USDA & DOL Announce Information Sharing to Assist H-2A Employers

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to help facilitate the identification of foreign and domestic workers that may be available and eligible to transfer to other U.S. agricultural sector employers to fulfill critical workforce needs within the U.S. under existing regulatory authority during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ensuring minimal disruption for our agricultural workforce during these uncertain times is a top priority for this administration," Secretary Perdue said. "President Trump knows that these workers are critical to maintaining our food supply and our farmers and ranchers are counting on their ability to work. We will continue to work to make sure our supply chain is impacted as minimally as possible."

"American farmers and ranchers are at the frontlines of maintaining the nation's food supply," Secretary Scalia said. "In these unprecedented times, it is critical for them to have the workforce they need. This new partnership between USDA and DOL will help support our farmers, ranchers, and American families."

Background: USDA and DOL have identified nearly 20,000 H-2A and H-2B certified positions that have expiring contracts in the coming weeks. There will be workers leaving these positions who could be available to transfer to a different employer's labor certification. The data, available on www.farmers.gov/manage/h2a, includes the number of certified worker positions, the current employer name and contact, attorney/agent name and contact, and the worksite address. This information will be a resource to H-2A employers whose workforce has been delayed because of travel restrictions or visa processing limitations. Employers should be aware that all statutory and regulatory requirements continue to apply. Employers are encouraged to monitor www.travel.state.gov for the latest information and should monitor the relevant Embassy/Consular websites for specific operational information.

Continued Progress on Implementation of U.S.-China Phase One Agreement

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) today announced continued progress in the implementation of the agriculture-related provisions of the U.S.-China Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement. The Agreement entered into force on February 14, 2020, and the recent actions described below build upon the actions announced by USDA and USTR on February 25 and March 10.

Among the recent actions:

- Both countries signed a regionalization agreement that, in the event of a detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza or virulent Newcastle disease in a particular region of the United States, will allow U.S. poultry exports from unaffected regions of the country to continue (APHIS Regionalization Protocol Announcement). This action will help protect the increased access American farmers have gained in China's poultry market. U.S. poultry exports have the potential to exceed \$1 billion per year.

- China notified the United States of proposed maximum residue levels for three hormones commonly used in U.S. beef production. This recognition by China of safe and science-based U.S. production methods particularly benefits trade with China in beef, a fast-growing market that imported \$8.4 billion worth of beef products in 2019.

- U.S. beef producers, for the first time since 2003, will have access for nearly all beef products into China. U.S. pork producers will also be able to significantly expand the types of pork products shipped to China. As per the Agreement, China expanded its internal list of U.S. beef and pork products eligible to enter its ports, including processed meat products (Updated Beef and Pork Product Lists). On the beef and beef products list, China removed all references to age restrictions, in line with its February 24 announcement that conditionally lifted restrictions on beef and beef products from cattle aged 30 months and older (Lifting Restriction on U.S. Beef 30 Months and Over Announcement). USDA estimates that American cattlemen could export up to \$1 billion per year under this improved trading environment. China also published an updated list of 938 U.S. beef and pork establishments eligible to

export to China. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service export library has been updated to reflect these changes. China has agreed to import all beef, pork, and poultry products except for those included in Annex 1 (Beef, Pork, and Poultry Products Considered Not Eligible for Import into China) of Chapter 3 of the U.S.-China Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement. U.S. ranchers and farmers can expect to increase their market share in China as a result of these actions.

- China updated its list of U.S. facilities eligible to export distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) (Updated DDGS Facility List). In 2015, U.S. producers exported \$1.6 billion worth of DDGS to China. This action, if coupled with the removal of other trade barriers, will allow U.S. exporters to recapture this market.

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration published a notice to facilitate the registration of animal feed manufacturing facilities for export to China (FDA Notice to Animal Food Exporters). In addition, in response to delays caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, China announced a streamlined process for registering new U.S. feed products for export (Updated Registration Process Announcement).

In addition, China's tariff exclusion process is in effect, and many importers report that they are receiving tariff relief for purchases of U.S. food and agricultural products. USDA continues to publish guidance for U.S. exporters seeking to participate in this process (USDA Global Agricultural Information Network).

"These steps show that China is moving in the right direction to implement the Phase One agreement," Secretary Perdue said. "We will continue to work with China to ensure full implementation of its commitments and look forward to seeing further improvement and progress as we continue our ongoing bilateral discussions."

"We are working with China on a daily basis as we implement the Phase One trade agreement," Ambassador Lighthizer said. "We recognize China's efforts to keep the commitments in the agreement and look forward to continuing our work together on trade matters."



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Commission Minutes 3/11/2020

Now on this 11th day of March 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Troy Dewey presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Wes Bainter, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk and Rachel Farber.

Dewey called the meeting to order.

Pratt discussed with the Board the results of two unemployment hearings for the County.

Dewey made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commissioners, Mickey Museum and the Historical Society. Carried 3-0.

Pratt had a Hauling Agreement for Scott Kennedy, but he had not signed it yet, so that will be obtained before the Board approves.

Bracht presented a letter of support for the hospital requesting \$50,000 in subsidy monies from the Robert E. & Patricia A. Schmidt Foundation for the purpose of replacing incandescent and fluorescent lighting with LED bulbs. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to sign the Grant Application page for the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This is for the grant monies received by Public Health.

Bracht will advise NWLEPG that Sheridan County intends to remain as a participant in the organization for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Bracht had an employee ask about purchasing one of the old air conditioners and the Board agreed that all the air conditioners would be sold during the auction, hopefully sometime late April.

Dewey made a motion to approve to finish scanning the books in the Register of Deeds office at a cost of \$15,920. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The majority of the money is coming out of the Register of Deeds tech fund with \$5,725 coming out of the approved 2020 budget for that office.

The Board discussed the church move and how smooth it went.

Dewey made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to approve the February 26, 2020 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Dewey made a motion to approve the February 28, 2020 payroll, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The warrants were approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Road & Bridge Interim Supervisor, Joe Herskowitz, entered the meeting. Herskowitz stated the recycling doors have been put on. The employees ended up putting the flooring down themselves and when they moved the computer it crashed. He contacted David Stithem, IT, and Stithem got everything saved except Window documents. Herskowitz was advised to get quotes for new computers from Stithem.

Herskowitz passed around his phone which shows the cameras working in the recycling center and the office. Herskowitz will get Bracht information to put in the newspaper pertaining to cement work at the loading

dock for recycling. There are currently 13 recycling trailers around town with two still available.

Employee will take the noxious weed test later this week in Hays.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Sand and Gravel Lease Contract with Dan Haffner, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0.

Herskowitz stated they have the asphalt millings off 50E and there is a good pile of white rock, maybe two bellydumps full. Someone has asked about purchasing. The Board agreed that the County is not in the business of selling, so the rock will be stored and used somewhere.

The Board advised Herskowitz to use one of the old wire trailers at CHS west of Selden for the chemical jugs.

The tiller went down and Herskowitz stated it is harder to get parts. Herskowitz presented a bid for a commercial tiller from Hoxie Implement at a cost of \$4,850.00. Joe Bainter made a motion to accept the bid and purchase the tiller and see how it works. Dewey seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Herskowitz stated he does need a secretary. He needs to be out on the roads more. Joe Bainter made a motion to advertise for a part-time secretary, seconded by Dewey. Carried 3-0. This will be a Monday-Friday position, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, no benefits and starting wage \$15.00/hr. Bracht will put a notice in the paper.

Bids were presented for grader tires. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Dewey, to purchase six Michelin grader tires from Garrett Tire out of Grand Island, Nebraska at a cost of \$761.95/each. Carried 3-0.

Various road conditions were discussed.

Fred Washburn, City Superintendent, entered the meeting. Washburn advised the Board the spring cleanup would be April 6-8. No tires will be accepted and all metal will be separated. The hazardous waste trailer will also be available. Dewey made a motion to allow the city to dispose of the cleanup materials at the landfill, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Washburn discussed grass clippings that are put in with regular trash. This is not optimum, and the Board would like clippings to not go in the landfill.

The Board and Washburn briefly discussed the new sewer system. Washburn stated the City is planning on sending out a letter to residents about bagging their trash, grass clippings and the need to try and recycle.

Joe Bainter advised the Board he is planning on attending the NWLEPG meeting on Thursday. Repair kits will be purchased for the BoMag.

Wes Bainter stated he would like David Stithem, County Appraiser, at the next meeting as there are farmers that have questions for him.

The following payroll and warrants were audited and approved:

General \$34,331.56
R & B \$70,626.25
E911 \$1,294.46
Conceal Carry \$565.73
Nox. Weed \$308.84
Public Hlth. \$472.07
Public Transp. \$929.29

No further business, Dewey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Troy Dewey, Chairman

News from the Desk of Rep. Don Hineman

As a pro-life Kansan with a strongly pro-life voting record throughout my twelve years in the Kansas House of Representatives, I want to address the controversy surrounding the proposal to amend the Kansas constitution to limit and regulate abortion. Kansas for Life (KFL) is taking the position that the current proposal must appear on the August primary ballot rather than the November general election ballot. Why? What is their objection to voting in November?

They will tell you that it has a much better chance of passing in August than in November. That much ought to be obvious. Due to the makeup of the Kansas electorate, passage of the measure in the August primary election is nearly a sure thing. Consider that Republican voters, who are solidly pro-life, outnumber Democrat voters, a significant number of which are pro-choice. Consider also that Kansas Democrats rarely have contested primary elections, so they don't show up as frequently as Republicans for the August election. And finally consider that nearly a third of Kansas registered voters are unaffiliated and can only vote on special questions in the August primary, so they don't show up in large numbers either. These are the reasons why turnout is always so much lower for the August primary than for the November general election. Doesn't it reveal a disregard for truly representational government when KFL insists the vote must be held in August?

But would the amendment to limit and regulate abortion fail in November? KFL's own polling numbers don't support that conclusion. In a statewide poll commissioned by KFL and conducted last fall, 48% of respondents indicated they would vote 'yes' on the amendment if it were held in the November general election. Only 27% said they would vote 'no', and 25% indicated they were currently undecided. So pro-life advocates would only need to pick up another 3% of the voters to prevail, while the opponents of the amendment would have to convince another 24%. Does that look like a lost cause to you? Me neither.

This makes two things abundantly clear. First, is that the people at KFL are lazy. They don't want to do the work to assure passage in November, and they prefer the much easier near slam-dunk of an August election. They claim to be worried that abortion opponents will spend a huge amount of money to defeat the measure in November. That might be true. But the pro-life advocates are starting with a significant advantage, and the history of similar measures in other states tell us it won't make a difference. It appears that KFL has less faith in the people of Kansas than I do that they will make the right choice. Secondly, it reveals quite vividly what some have long suspected. For KFL it is as much about the politics as it is about the policy. They want their policy when and as they want it, but they also want legislators who will compliantly give them whatever they wish. We have seen this in the past when KFL has actively worked against incumbent legislators with strong pro-life voting records.

It is time for KFL to adjust to the reality that the votes are not there in the legislature to put the measure on the August ballot. I recently provided an alternative by introducing a new resolution which would place the measure on the November general election ballot. When the legislature returns in late April, I urge KFL to support that alternative and put their faith and trust in the Kansas voters.

It is my honor and privilege to represent the citizens of the 118th District in the Kansas House. Representative Don Hineman, don.hineman@house.ks.gov

State Courts on Emergency Operations

The Kansas Supreme Court today issued Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 directing all district and appellate courts to cease all but emergency operations until further order.

The only exception is jury trials that are currently under way. They may proceed to conclusion, but no other criminal or civil jury trials will be scheduled until further order.

The Supreme Court anticipates the order to remain in effect for at least two weeks, at which time it will be reevaluated.

Emergency operations are outlined in the Administrative Order, and generally include:

- determining probable cause for persons arrested without a warrant;
- first appearances;
- bond hearings;
- warrants for adults and juveniles;
- juvenile detention hearings;
- care and treatment emergency orders;
- protection from abuse and protection from stalking temporary orders;
- child in need of care hearings and orders;
- considering petitions to waive notice for abortions by minors;
- commitment of sexually violent predators; and
- isolation and quarantine hearings and orders.

Referenced in the Administrative Order is 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill 102. On its publication, the court's Administrative Order will have the effect of suspending until further order all statutes of limitations and statutory time standards or deadlines that apply to conducting or processing judicial proceedings.

During the effective dates of the order, no action will be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

People who have business with

Vesta Fern Ostmeyer February 15, 1922 - March 18, 2020



Vesta Fern Ostmeyer, age 98, of Oakley, passed away March 18, 2020 at the Logan County Manor in Oakley.

Vesta was born in rural Menlo, Thomas County, Kansas on February 15, 1922 to Roy and Fern (Hopkins) Hatten. She attended school at Menlo. Vesta married Henry Ostmeyer, Jr. on January 4, 1944 in Oakley. They celebrated 73 years of marriage. Vesta was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, St. Joseph Altar Society, and the Oakley Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, her parents, Roy and Fern Hatten, her younger sisters: Lois Koster Davis and Cleo Briery,

and a great granddaughter, Searia Howard.

Vesta is survived by her sons: Larry Ostmeyer and wife Cathy of Royce City, Texas, Tom Ostmeyer and wife Diana of Arvada, Colorado, and Jerry Ostmeyer of Dallas, Texas; daughters: Mary Lu Kruse and husband Rodney of Oakley, Pat Wycoff of Oakley, and Karen Huelsman and husband Ken of Lakewood, Colorado. She also leaves 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Because of the current challenges that the world is facing at the present time, this is a private, immediate family only, funeral and burial to be held on Friday at 2:00 p.m., March 20, 2020, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Luke Thielen officiating. There will be no visitation or vigil service. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. The family will host a Celebration of Life in the future, to be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either St. Joseph Catholic Church or Logan County Manor, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kansas 67748.

a court are urged to try completing that business online, by phone, or by mail. If that's not possible, the person can call the court for direction. A limited number of staff will be available to answer questions.

Chief judges of district courts are charged with identifying essential personnel—both judges and employees—needed to fulfill emergency operations.

The Administrative Order also applies to appellate courts, including the Supreme Court. Emergency operations for the appellate courts include:

- Appeals, motions, or original actions arising from the emergency operations of the district court;
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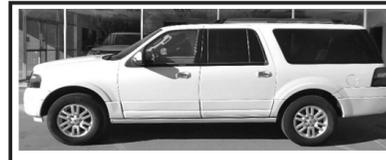
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Fun Page

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YOU'RE THE TOPS! Well, you will be if you can spot the two tops above that are exactly alike. The time limit is one minute.

Question #3. "Can you think of a four-letter word that, when three of its letters are removed, the meaning will remain the same?"

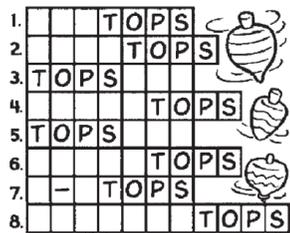
Answer: The word is "FIVE." After you remove "F," "I" and "E," you are left with a "V."

A TRICKY WORD-SQUARE! See if you can make the correct words appear in this puzzle. To solve this word-square, you must find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words must read the same both across and down.

1. The art of conjuring (MAGIC, in place).
2. A place for sports.
3. A costume.
4. Accustom to unpleasantness.
5. A plan for robbery.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



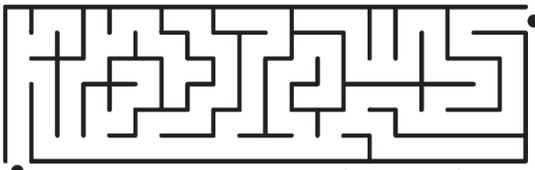
Illustrated by David Coulson

SPIN-N-SPELL

You'll be "tops" if you can figure out the words asked for in the hints given below. Each word contains the word "tops" either at the beginning or at the end.

1. Businessmen love them.
2. Famous in WWII.
3. Found on boats.
4. Needed in baseball.
5. A must for farmers.
6. Runs coast-to-coast.
7. Found on cameras.
8. The baddest animal of all.

Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap.

- Blanket: RELAY
- Outrage: RANGE
- Irritation: AGRINCH
- Curlew: BULGE

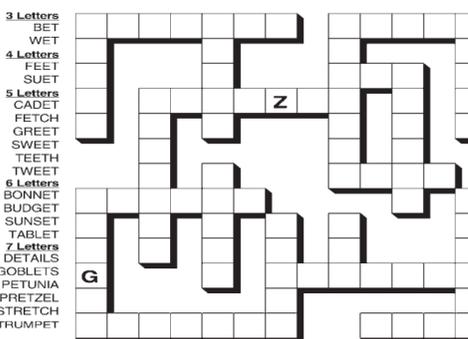
TODAY'S WORD

"When my wife told me that my birthday gift was something I could use outdoors, I thought she meant a..."

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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

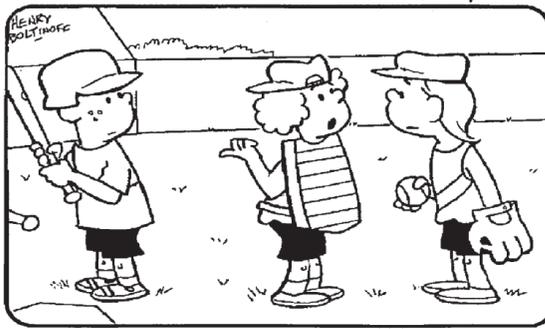


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat on the ground. 2. Ball has turned. 3. Umpire's hat is different. 4. Batter's pants are different. 5. Tree is gone. 6. Frier has no socks.

CryptoQuip

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

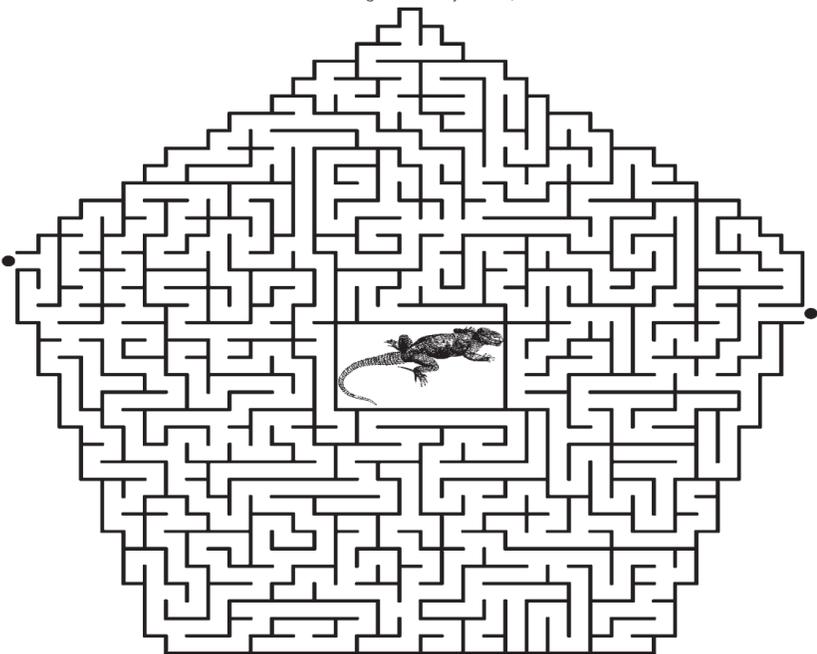
Clue: U equals T

UX VXGN EIYYQVD LNXLJN, LANVV
ZNTVXAVDQL GQYDU KN RNVZAQKNR
IV EAQUNA'V ZJIGL.

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Mega Maze

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Super Crossword

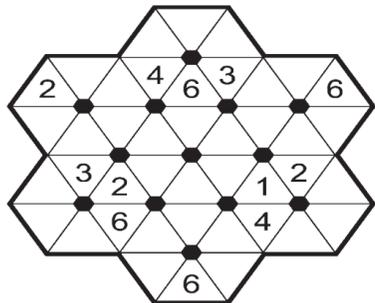
OUT OF THE ORDINARY

- ACROSS**
- 1 It may begin "Here lies ..."
 - 8 Like fables with morals
 - 15 Sprayed like a firefighter
 - 20 Composer Saint-Saëns
 - 21 Maui tourist town
 - 22 Wash away
 - 23 Like overly harsh punishment
 - 25 Consolidate
 - 26 Suffix with prophet
 - 27 Calc prereq
 - 28 Hosiery hitch
 - 30 Transmission option
 - 31 Coil of yarn
 - 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.
 - 37 Female graduates
 - 40 Middle: Abbr.
 - 41 Cello bow rub-on
 - 42 Monkey of kid-lit
 - 46 Upholstered footstool
 - 50 Country singer Travis
 - 51 Inits. on a navy vessel
 - 52 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 54 Apple pie — mode
 - 55 Just makes, with "out"
 - 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
 - 63 Dial-up alternative, for short
 - 64 Fall away
 - 65 Cube inventor
 - 66 Feeble
 - 67 Noncircular paths around bodies
 - 72 Homeland, affectionately
 - 75 Big name in dog food
 - 76 108-card game
 - 77 Toque or fez
 - 80 1967 hit for the Doors
 - 85 Infrequent
 - 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
 - 87 Pillar from
 - 88 Singer Yoko
 - 89 Leaks slowly
 - 90 To no extent
 - 94 Mismatched collection
 - 99 Knife of old infomercials
 - 101 — Kippur
 - 102 Stream of electrons
 - 103 Witches in "Macbeth"
 - 107 Cantaloupe or honeydew
 - 108 Body gel additive
 - 109 "There's — haven't heard!"
 - 110 — prayer for
 - 111 Univ. Web site suffix
 - 114 Beach hills
 - 116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly
 - 122 Mrs. Bunker
 - 123 Use an umbrella, say
 - 124 Posts again
 - 125 Hunter's lure
 - 126 Fusible alloys
 - 127 Bad-mouth
- DOWN**
- 1 "Lo!" to Livy
 - 2 Golf norms
 - 3 Don of radio
 - 4 Deadlock
 - 5 100%
 - 6 Tableland
 - 7 Units of inductance
 - 8 Chug — (guzzle)
 - 9 Suffix with Caesar
 - 10 Mu — pork
 - 11 Western treaty inits.
 - 12 Pope before Gregory XIII
 - 13 More nonsensical
 - 14 Prison, informally
 - 15 — and haw
 - 16 Pizza herb
 - 17 More irritated
 - 18 Rocker
 - 19 Plow pioneer
 - 24 Noisy clamor
 - 29 Basic idea
 - 31 Actor Jimmy
 - 32 Granny, e.g.
 - 33 At — of (priced at)
 - 34 Item in a P.O. box
 - 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.
 - 36 Acne spot
 - 37 Performed on stage
 - 38 Lies in wait
 - 39 Apocryphal archangel
 - 43 With 115-Down,
 - 44 Part of i.e.
 - 45 "... wife could — lean"
 - 47 Injure badly
 - 48 Jai —
 - 49 DEA agent
 - 53 "Shape — ship out!"
 - 56 Alphabet opener
 - 57 "May — of service?"
 - 58 Burglar's job
 - 59 Missile's path
 - 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael
 - 61 "For — us a child is born"
 - 62 Guitarist Paul
 - 64 "Green" sci.
 - 67 Sci-fi power
 - 68 Robert De —
 - 69 1990s exercise fad
 - 70 Bldg. units
 - 71 Virus, e.g.
 - 72 Not closed
 - 73 Jay of NBC
 - 74 Biblical verb
 - 77 Belittling frat
 - 78 Circus venue
 - 79 Touchy
 - 81 Bohemianism
 - 82 Meanders
 - 83 Question's opp.
 - 84 Turndowns
 - 85 Like Brutus
 - 89 Prince — von Bismarck
 - 91 Go along with
 - 92 Christie's cry
 - 93 — many words
 - 95 Coloring stuff
 - 96 Caméra —
 - 97 Ones toeing the line
 - 98 Tag anew
 - 100 In the habit of
 - 103 Crossed a ford
 - 104 Get by
 - 105 Like a charged atom
 - 106 Cyclical, at the beach
 - 107 — tai (drink)
 - 110 "The — the limit!"
 - 111 Markey of Tarzan films
 - 112 Nixing mark
 - 113 Stalin's land
 - 115 See 43-Down
 - 117 English dramatist
 - 118 Lyrical verse
 - 119 Bruin
 - 120 Peru's Sumac
 - 121 Campaigned

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆ Medium ◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

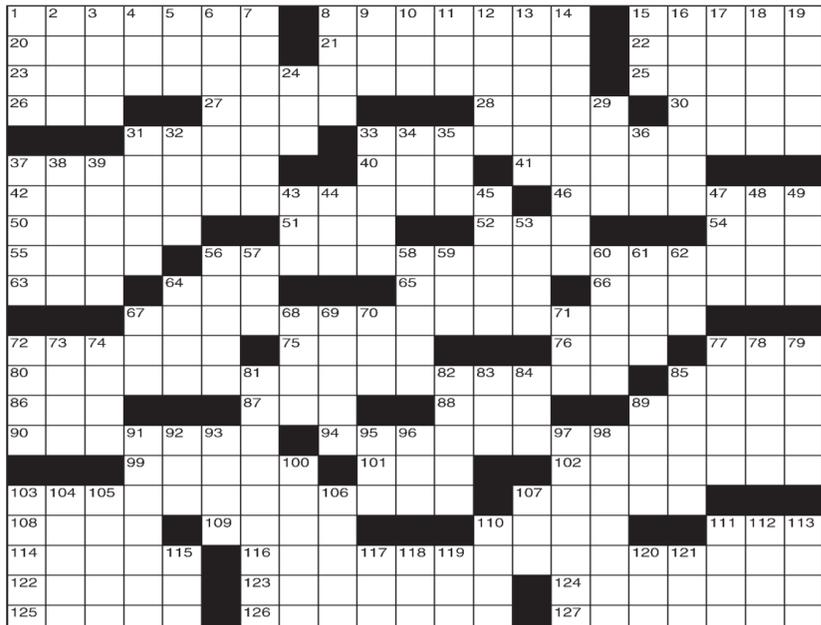
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Roots and Chutes

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lists of ordering supplies for spring planting, which is just around the corner.

Hund adds: "There is a rhythm to what we do every day. We need to keep that rhythm going. We need to make sure we are on the same path; the cadence we normally handle as we get into spring planting. Getting the planter ready, getting the right hybrids ordered, getting the right mineral needs for the livestock that are coming up and will soon be on grass, getting together with our neighbors for scheduled prescribed burning in the Flint Hills.

"By doing those ordinary things that are part of our cadence...we can have some control in a chaotic environment if we just keep things steady

and going forward. The Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services offers free, confidential support for farmers and ranchers. The program can connect producers with K-State's Farm Analyst program and other resources to help through the down market. The toll-free number is 1-800-321-FARM (3276).

"Sometimes," Hund said, "the best decision for your farm right now is no decision. Sometimes the best decision is staying the course and keeping your eye on the ball, doing what you had planned on doing, and not jumping off to a direction that is not the best thing to do. A crisis is a crisis, and the problem eventually will be remedied. We don't know how soon, but now is not the time to be making drastic decisions. It's a time to be reflective, to be careful of what we do, and to think things over. Let's make

sure we're doing the right things at the right time."

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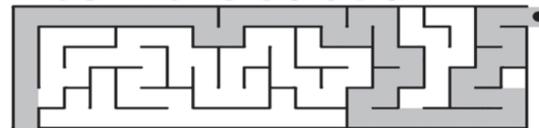
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Kids' Maze Solution

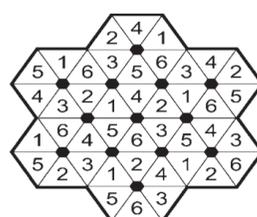


Mega Maze Solution

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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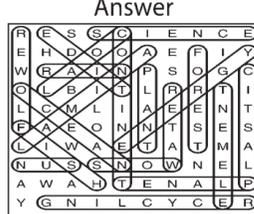
SNOWFLAKES solution



CryptoQuip answer

What could a prior president's dentures be called? The George Washington bridge.

Puzzles4Kids Answer



Riddle Answer: She is blown away.

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Defile;
2. Niche;
3. Trifle;
4. Wane

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Answers

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