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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

This week, the Kansas legislature has passed in both chambers, the Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment to the Kansas Constitution. This proposed amendment passed with the required 2/3 majority and does not require the governor's signature. This question now will be placed on the August 2022 ballot, where all Kansans will have the opportunity to vote on this proposed amendment. There is now and has been for a long time, overwhelming support for this amendment. The amendment language reads as follows:

Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the United States Constitution, the people retain the right through their elected state representatives and state senators to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, in circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother.

This is an example of what I have shared with you on many occasions; the voters of Kansas should have the opportunity to vote on many proposals since the taxpayers are funding ALL of the actions of the government. This is also the way we need to approach property taxes.

The taxpayers should have the last word on property taxes by having the opportunity to vote on the proposal. For a long time, the citizens of Kansas have been closed out of the decision process on many issues. I am hopeful that we are moving toward more fairness to the taxpayers of Kansas.

At our Commissioners' Meeting today (Tuesday, February 2), we briefly discussed our mowing contracts. Our Clerk reported that several area people have picked up information/bid packets for mowing. We are taking bids until February 22 on mowing the rights-of-way on Sheridan County roads. If you have interest in a mowing contract, please see our County Clerk for detailed information.

Thanks for reading and GOD Bless!
WES BAINTEK, Sheridan County Commissioner

Value Them Both Amendment Passes Senate, Voters Now Decide

Kansans for Life (KFL) wishes to thank the Kansas Senate for approving the Value Them Both Amendment to the Kansas Constitution and allowing voters to weigh in at the ballot box in August of 2022. The measure, having previously been approved by the House, received 28 votes with 11 opposing.

"The Value Them Both Amendment protects the bi-partisan supported limits on the abortion industry that protects both women and their babies," stated Jeanne Gawdun, KFL Director of Government Affairs. "Thank you to the State Senators who backed the measure and struck down extreme amendments that would leave vulnerable women behind."

"Just like in the House, there were many heroes who stood for mothers and babies. Special thanks to Senators Molly Baumgardner (R-Louisburg) and Kellie Warren (R-Leawood) for carrying the amendment during floor debate. Additionally, Renee Erickson (R-Wichita) and Senate President Ty Masterson (R-Andover) have also showed exceptional leadership throughout this whole process."

For more information on how to get involved with the Value Them Both Amendment, please visit KFL.org.

Indian Wrestlers Finish Regular Season Undefeated

By Coleen Shepard

The Hoxie High School varsity wrestling team finished their regular season last Friday with a definitive victory at Norton, where they claimed the MCL Team Championship plaque. Earning 25 falls and seven wins by decision Hoxie tallied 228.0 team points, winning the tournament by 90.5 points. Hoxie had eight individual champions, senior Aidan Baalman (160lb), juniors Brandon Baker (285lb), Donovan Balluch (195lb), Drew Bell (132lb), sophomores Derek Johnson (145 lb), Dayton Bell (126lb), Wayne Shepard (113lb), and freshman Carson Ochs (120lb). Sophomore Drew Bretz was the 138-pound runner-up, sophomores Ryan Shaw (152lb) and Tate Weimer (106lb) won fourth place, and Junior Kaden Sekavec placed sixth. Marissa Porsch pinned all her opponents and claimed the girls 126-132-pound Champion Bracket. Following this win Marissa traveled to Larned on Saturday where she again climbed atop the podium and claimed the Girls 132-pound Champion Bracket.

On Thursday, the Indians hosted Goodland for senior night. In their final dual of the season Hoxie defeated the Cowboys 54.0 to 21.0, a win that was topped off when senior Aidan Baalman (160lb) pinned Goodland's Heath Sanderson in the final match of the evening.

Finishing their season undefeated the Indians look to build on their success as they move into the post season. Marissa will travel to Hoisington on Friday (4:00pm start) to compete in the girl's district qualifier, with the varsity boys traveling to Phillipsburg on Saturday (12:00pm start) for their first post season

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Aidan Baalman pinning Heath Sanderson of Goodland. (Photo by Alayna Shepard)



MCL Champions! (Photo by HHS Wrestling)

The Toothaker Legacy: A Model of Service and Generosity

In last week's edition of the paper, we shared the exciting news about the high school auditorium upgrade projects currently in the works for this March.



Phase 1 of the project detailed in that article discussed the overhaul of the video and sound equipment as well as the reconstruction of the stage floor and transformation of the stage area into a black box theater.

A community-wide Strategic Doing committee has been working with the school district on this project and to date has received a \$10,000 grant from the Sheridan County Community Foundation's facilitated Dane G. Hansen Community Fund. Additionally, the school district has elected to use a portion of the generous donation they received from the Willis & Imogene Toothaker Estate to provide the remaining funding for both projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Toothaker were lifelong residents of Hoxie, both graduating from Sheridan County High School, Willis in 1928 and Imogene in 1935.

Imogene's eulogy states that "Imogene Cooper began her teaching career 1937-38, in rural, one-room schools. She continued teaching until 1943-44. Education was very important to Imogene."

She and Willis married in 1947 and together ran their ranch four miles east of Hoxie which had survived the Great Depression and continued to provide for success throughout their lives.

The Toothakers were very civic-minded having served on several area boards throughout their lives with Willis a local Mason, Shriner and board member of the Hoxie State Bank, and Imogene serving as a 50-year member of The Eastern Star, a member of Daughters of the Nile, and she was heavily involved with the extension office and 4H-club members' activities.

When Willis passed away in 1989, Imogene continued to run the ranch. Her eulogy continues, "She was not afraid to get her

hands dirty. She spent many hours on the tractor, working cattle and putting up hay. There were always cattle to be fed and baby calves to be delivered."

Imogene passed away in December 1998.

The Toothakers did not have any children of their own but believed highly in the value of an education, so Imogene made the decision to share her good fortune with the children of Sheridan County.

In her Last Will and Testament, Imogene requested a scholarship be set up for a period of 20 years to benefit all graduating seniors from Hoxie High School who attended college and maintained a good academic standing.

The legacy of both Willis and Imogene lives on in the many graduates of Hoxie who went on to pursue higher education in pursuit of their personal and professional dreams and goals.

That legacy continues with the Toothaker funds being used in the auditorium upgrades to be enjoyed by all ages for years to come.

While we cannot thank them in person, we can certainly thank the Toothakers for their incredible generosity by following in their footsteps through our own civic and community involvement, forward thinking in how best to help others, and leaving behind our own legacies for the betterment and enjoyment of future generations.

The Sheridan County Community Foundation can assist you in this endeavor, helping you to achieve your philanthropic wishes and desires so that you, too, can make a difference with your good fortunes.

Contact us today at karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com, 785-675-1240, or make an appointment to stop by our offices located in Bottle KAP Studios at 721 Main St in downtown Hoxie.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life in Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/2xidsVe>. Stay connected with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOXES BEGINS

By Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

HAMA is at it again! Working diligently to provide essential needs to Sheridan County, members are beginning a weekly distribution of 'Farmers To Families' food boxes. Boxes contain fresh produce, dairy, and meat products. The Farmers To Family project, headed by the USDA, started shortly after COVID hit, when farmers across the U.S. found themselves unable to outsource goods quite the same. Distribution efforts began to not only help the farmers, but also citizens who have all been affected by the virus.

Each box contains only Made in America products. Members of HAMA travel to Oakley to pick up their share of boxes, and back to Hoxie and Selden for distribution. Currently, the boxes will be brought weekly through the month of February. There are no income guidelines, and the boxes are available to any Sheridan County resident. Distribution begins at 3:30pm in each location: Hoxie Christian Church and Main Street, Selden.

Please come early to reserve your spot in line. Food will be handed out one box per household until supply is diminished.

If you would like to volunteer to help hand out, or load food, please contact: Pastor Jake Schadel 620.381.4721 or Pastor Carl Dumler 785.657.7515.

CAMO & CAKE

Fundraiser to Honor Jeremy Carder

The Hoxie HS FCCLA and Class of 2026 are teaming up in a fundraising effort to honor the late Jeremy Carder.

Cake and baked goods will be raffled off at the home basketball game Friday, February 12. Tickets can be purchased for \$3 per ticket, or \$5 for two tickets between

February 8 - 12. Places you can purchase tickets include: Equity Bank, First State Bank, or People's State Bank, or in person at the game. Ten winners will be announced during halftime of the boys varsity game. FCCLA members will be in contact with winners not at the game.

Don't forget to wear camo to the game! Jeremy loved to hunt, and there is no better attire for hunting than camo! All money raised will be given to Jaclyn Carder and her daughters.

A Fun FYI

Every week, approximately twelve pages of content related to Sheridan County, full of photos, stories, and ads, travels an incredible 3,583-mile journey. Its destination: Soldotna, Alaska. The Sentinel's farthest away subscriber resides where a car's journey would take almost 61 hours, require a Visa permit through another country (Canada), and lands you three time zones away. Who would have thought a newspaper from Sheridan County could travel so far? Our second farthest traveling paper ventures to Andover, MA, roughly 1,776 miles from Hoxie.

We SALUTE you on your 100th Birthday!

Happy Birthday FRED!

Love, your family

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Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
<i>Faith is the victory!</i> <i>Faith is the victory!</i> <i>O glorious victory, that overcomes the world.</i> John Henry Yates	Reported on: Tuesday, Feb. 2 Corn 5.42 Milo 6.65 Beans 12.69 Wheat 5.78	Date High Low Moisture 1/24 28 23 -- 1/25 24 8 3" 1/26 16 -3 2" 1/27 25 6 -- 1/28 30 9 -- 1/29 30 13 -- 1/30 41 22 -- Jan. ended w/ frigid temps!	Community News 2 Community News 3 Now & Then 4 NWKS/State/National 5 Area Schools 6-7 SC Conservation District 8-9 Public Notices 10 Legals & Obituaries 11 Fun Page 12 Classifieds 13 Business Directory 14	<i>Thinking faith thoughts, and speaking faith words, will lead the heart out of defeat and into victory.</i> Kenneth Hagin

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WEEK of FEBRUARY 4 ~ FEBRUARY 10

Thursday:
Hot Bar: Build a Burger
Sandwich: Reuben
Friday:
Hot Bar: Mexican
Sandwich: Hot Roast Beef
Saturday: NO HOT BAR
Sunday:
7-Meat Hot Bar
Monday:
Hot Bar: Smothered Pork Chops
Sandwich: Double Cheeseburger
Tuesday:
Hot Bar: Baked Potato Bar
Sandwich: Philly Steak Sandwich
Wednesday:
Hot Bar: Sloppy Joes
Sandwich: Chicken Fried Chicken

NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liester

Another week has gone by. It's been interesting to say the least. More and more geese are showing up every day it seems like. With this, I have come to realize that I just don't shoot my Benelli very well. I have had multiple birds in very easy range and nothing except a growing collection of empty shells to show for it. That and the ability to drop a goose 15 yards away and still not find it. It's depressing. Thank you to Justin for not laughing too hard at me! It's time to bring old reliable back into the game. On that note, if anyone knows someone local who can do a camo dip on a shotgun please let me know! I have one I shoot very well but I don't want to hurt the finish on it.

Once again geese prove that they don't follow any rules at

all. Another case of scouting them out and then the day before the hunt they decide to go somewhere else.

As I write this, I watched the weather go from freezing to frosting the trees to sunshine in 10 minutes. Welcome to Kansas!

I see the Puppet-In-Chief is doing exactly what he promised he wouldn't. Forty-nine executive orders in two weeks, but he said he wasn't going to act like a dictator. In a pig's ear. I also see the Democrapts want to pass a bill making it illegal to criticize them in any way, shape, or form. Doesn't all of this sound familiar? Exactly as the Nazi's did things. *Exactly.* And, heaven forbid anyone says anything about the flat out lying they spewed about

the election.

Yes, Democrats, you should be proud that your party is so cowardly and scared you have to threaten people with jail time and violence to cover your lies. You do know it's against the law to impeach a citizen don't you? Oh wait, the laws don't apply to you, just us peons that actually obey the laws. Something you have no idea how to do. It's like we have a country full of Karen's. You know, the soccer moms that are never wrong and are entitled to whatever they want. We've all met them. Everything that happens badly for them is always someone else's fault. There's one here in Hoxie that will figure out coercion and almost blackmail won't work. Neither will threats. Not one

bit. But nice try. Too bad so many people see through the crap.

I hope and pray that the Democrats get exactly what they deserve. The lying, cheating, and false accusations toward Republicans and conservatives is beyond ludicrous. I've said it before, and I will say it again; Liberalism is a very dangerous mental illness. There was a reason we had insane asylums. Maybe time to treat them like they treat us. Put them away and lose the keys. Maybe, just maybe, we can have some sanity in this world. But as it stands right now, this country is doomed to failure. Not by my hands it's not.

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy the outside. See you next week.

BTI Creates Scholarship Program for Local FFA Students

BTI is pleased to announce that we are launching a scholarship program for local FFA students. We will be awarding six \$1,000 scholarships to students around all six of our BTI locations: Pratt, Greensburg, Bucklin, Great Bend, Ness City, and Hoxie. To apply for the scholarship, students must be a Senior FFA Member, plan to attend a 2- or 4-year program to pursue any area of agriculture and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. BTI will be looking for students who demonstrate leadership qualities, academic performance, and have a desire to further their education and career.

"I am very excited to provide this opportunity for high school seniors. Being a recent college graduate, I realize how expensive tuition is. I greatly appreciated the scholarships I received as they helped lessen the financial burden. I am glad to work for a company that is willing to help students pursue their educational and career goals." - Hannah Nichols, HR Director of Employee Relations & Recruiting

To apply, students can go to our website www.btiequip.com and click on the "Careers" tab. Then simply fill out the application and upload a

resume, a photo suitable for the newspaper to be used upon selection as an awardee, and an essay answering the essay question on the application. The deadline for applications is March 17, 2021 and the recipients will be announced in April.

About BTI
BTI (Bucklin Tractor Implement) is a John Deere dealer in central and western Kansas. Since BTI's founding in 1944, BTI has grown to six locations throughout Kansas: Bucklin, Great Bend, Greensburg, Hoxie, Ness City, and Pratt. All BTI's locations

offer equipment sales for compact utility tractors, mowers, Gators, and large agricultural equipment. BTI offers an extensive inventory of parts with expert staff, as well as a Service department with Service Technicians that are dedicated to keeping machines

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Thank You!
The Sheridan County 4-H'ers would like to thank everyone who has supported 4-H in any way, whether it be this year's food and livestock buyers, donations, community leaders, friends of 4-H, fairboard or extension agents. We unfortunately were not able to have our Annual Achievement Banquet this year, but would still like to graciously thank everyone who has helped our members succeed!
~ Sheridan County 4-H'ers

NOTICE TO BLOOD DONORS~
If you have received your COVID-19 vaccination, please bring proof of which vaccine you received (Pfizer or Moderna) to the Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 10.

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Upcoming Area EVENTS
Mark Your Calendars!

Every Sunday: 9am First Presbyterian Church Service	Monthly: 2nd Monday - City of Hoxie 1st Tuesday - HAMA 1st Wednesday - Chamber of Commerce 2nd Monday - BOE Mtg
Every Tuesday: 12pm Rotary 7pm Fire Dept Mtg	Every Wednesday: 9am Commissioner Mtg 7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church Community Worship
	Hospital Board of Trustees - 4th Monday, 12pm FQHC the following Wednesday, 8am

What do you have happening soon?
Share Your Event Here - FREE

Farmers to Families Community Food Boxes
Every Tuesday through February 3:30pm Hoxie Christian Church & Selden Mainstreet

Blood Drive! February 10
Hoxie 4-H Building
Noon-6pm
Fundraiser for Jeremy Carder
Raffle Ticket Sales Feb. 8 - 12
Raffle Friday, Feb. 12

CAMO & CAKE

Grainfield Legion Fish Fry
Sunday, February 21 11am - 1pm

WPAA Nashville Legacy
Upcoming Programs: Sunday, Feb. 14 3pm Oakley HS

Mealsite Menu

Reservations Call 675-2154
Feb 8 ~ Feb 12

Monday: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Corn, Bread, Pineapple

Tuesday: Stuffed Bell Pepper Soup, Spinach Salad, Crackers, Applesauce

Wednesday: Turkey a la King, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Biscuit, Brownie

Thursday: Liver & Onions in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Carrots, Bread, Peaches

Friday: Hamburger Patty w/lettuce, tomato, onion, Cole-slaw, Bun, Pears

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-2154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

Upcoming Beginner-Friendly Painting Class

The Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program is pleased to welcome certified Bob Ross instructor Sandy Seamone to teach two Joy of Painting classes on February 20 and 21. On Saturday, February 20, the class will paint "Witch's House," and on Sunday, February 21, "Storm Coming". Class will be held in the Logan City Building at 108 Mill Street, Logan, KS, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an hour-long lunch break each day.

The Bob Ross method is designed to be a fun and simple way to paint. Sandy learned from the happy tree guy himself. Implementing the soft-spoken, supportive ways of her mentor, Sandy creates a classroom with a relaxing and light-hearted atmosphere. All painting supplies are provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Young and old alike will enjoy the camaraderie of these classes. Students need only bring a roll of paper towels.

Call the Museum to register or find the registration form on our website (hansenmuseum.org) under Classes & Workshops. Register by February 12 and pay \$70.00 per day; after February 12, pay \$75.00 per day. Discounts are available for Patron and Sustaining Hansen Museum Members.

This enjoyable learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program, underwritten by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846.

Currently, the Museum is closed to the public while under renovation. The Museum office staff will be available by phone (785-689-4846) or email (director@hansenmuseum.org) during our usual weekday office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for the noon hour).



Join Us For:
Steak & Lobster Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 13
Sunday, Feb. 14
Maine Lobster Tails
& Mouthwatering Prime Rib
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BAR & GRILL
Reservations Recommended 785-462-6565

YOU ARE INVITED

The American Legion and Auxiliary members are hosting an informational meeting provided by **Valley Hope of Norton** for community members and veterans. Come and learn ways to break away from substance abuse.
Thursday, February 11, 2021
6:30 p.m.
American Legion Post #301, Grainfield
cookies, coffee and tea served



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W Sheridan Ave.
675-3161
Wednesday 6-8pm
Saturday 6-9pm



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Saturday 7am-Noon

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Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ
1541 Oak
Hoxie

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Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Selden

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Church
Selden

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MOWING BIDS

Sheridan County is Accepting Bids for Mowing County right-of-way ditches.

If you are interested, please contact the

Sheridan County Clerk at 785-675-3361

and a Right-of-Way Mowing Agreement with the bid form and map will be mailed to you for completion.

Bids accepted until NOON

Monday, February 22, 2021



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Monday, February 8
Tuesday, February 9
Wednesday, February 10
Thursday, February 11
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, February 12
Saturday, February 13
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.




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Selden Community Clinic

Hours:

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

Call for Appointment: 785-386-4380



HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

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Call for Appointment: 785-675-3281

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



HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

SCHC ~ NOW HIRING ~ RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

SCHC is currently accepting applications for an experienced Respiratory Therapist to help us build a robust RT program!

We offer a wonderful work environment, good wages, and an excellent benefit package including:

- Health/Dental/Prescription Insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Vision Insurance through Vision Care Direct
- Life/AD&D/ Short & Long Term Disability Insurance
- On Site Wellness/Fitness Center
- PTO/EIB Accrual
- Pension Retirement
- AFLAC Supplemental Benefits
- Employee Assistance Program
- Flexible Spending/Child Care Accounts




SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX

WE ARE EXPANDING

Sheridan County Health Complex is adding Respiratory Therapy to our services and we are seeking an experienced RT to join our team!

Interested applicants can apply online at www.schmed.com/careers
For more information please email HR at smoss@schmed.com

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

The Democrat during the next year will make some very material changes and introduce a Hoe power press run by steam. It will contain biographical sketches of all of the state and county officials and expose all the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain that are carried on in our midst. It will shield no one and will endeavor to retain the title it has so well earned as the best paper in northwest Kansas. In its job department it will be the best in the west, and will always be able to do work promptly and satisfactorily at reasonable rates, and will be able to work that cannot be done at ordinary offices, as we have made arrangements by which we will have the largest and best assortment of type and job stock and have the best of workmen.

On last Tuesday quite a large and select company gathered in the kitchen of the Sentinel office to witness the marriage of Mr. James Randal aged 65 years, and Sarah J. Smith aged 56 years. Judge Wanzer put on a reverential air and proceeded to join them together in the latest style as furnished by Spaulding, after which the congratulations took place in which our friend Ames took a prominent part - even to trying to kiss the bride, but he was very properly rebuked by the lady who told him that she did no more foolishness with anyone but the old man.

Tilley Ogle was calling on friends last Saturday in Hoxie.

Harvey Tatum returned last Sunday from his trip east reports a good time.

W. A. Lewallen and Neil Provost were taking in the sights last week and also some of the boys.

Mrs. Miller was in town and spent Sabbath with her son and daughter, returning to the claim in the evening.

George Kraft says that he has tried to get along without the Democrat, but he cannot do so, hence he will read it during the next year.

Miss Lorena Ward will teach the school at Museum this winter. Miss Lorena is a fine teacher and we congratulate the people of that district in securing her for this term.

Hon. E. J. Turner's last words were I want to hear from all my friends without regard to politics or previous condition and anything I can do for them will receive my prompt attention and best efforts.

Our old friend George Garrison was in town Monday and is greatly excited over the attaching of no man's land to Kansas. He says that he will circulate a petition next week asking the president to appoint W. G. as representative at large to represent no mans country in congress.

**125 Years Ago
February 6, 1896**

Little Tom Pratt traded in town Saturday. W. O. Percival is confined to his room with a slight attack of the rheumatism.

Judge Hedge thinks things have come to a pretty pass when enough players can't be skirmished to make a hand at whist.

Mrs. Nancy M. Williams is here from Chicago, looking after her interests. She may make some one jump sideways before she leaves.

D. Hedge and A. Haines have perfected all arrangements and will give a dance at the Opera Hall in this city on February 14 to which all are cordially invited.

Last Sunday being February 2d, was "ground hogs" day and was one of Kansas fairest, consequently the ground hog saw his shadow. If the old yarn holds good we are to have six weeks of stormy weather.

Billey Haines, the gardner, was in town Tuesday and informed a Sentinel reporter that he was getting a surprise in the way of watermelon seed and if he has good luck will put them on exhibition this season.

H. L. Korb was out Saturday measuring the ground that Cressler & Thompson have sown to wheat for Stubbs & Sons, over which he has charge, and found that within a few acres of 400 has been seeded. He reports that most of it is up and growing nicely.

The Democrat and Palladium are making considerable talk about the Orren jail delivery. There is little doubt in the public minds but that Orren was assisted in his escape, but who it was, is a mystery and probably always will be. One thing sure, Orren is gone and the county is out \$300.

County Surveyor James Foster and wife who have been visiting in England for the past five months returned last week and Jimmy was in town Saturday looking after the affairs to his office, shaking hands and receiving congratulations from his hosts of friends. It was a very busy day with him.

Last Saturday evening about 5 o'clock Walter White, accompanied by W. H. R. Pyman, D. L. Wiggins and P. G. Walker, who were going out as his guests over Sunday, started for home, but when about three miles out the hack down and the horses kicked loose and ran away, leaving the boys on the prairie. However, another rig was secured, and they went on none the worse for the accident.

Lucerne Items

S. Wilcox is husking corn for Clifton Thom. Another dance at Pill Peugh's last Friday night. Oscar Gezelles and wife took dinner with Pill Peugh last Thursday.

A protracted meeting is being held at the Lucerne school house, by Rev. James.

Selden Department

Joe Hamilton shipped a car of hogs from Rexford last part of last week.

H. M. Worley got a couple tons of Colby flour, on Tuesday last. Sam Sloan hauled it over for him with a team.

E. E. Mercer is intending to move his blacksmith shop on his lot on Main street north of the postoffice in the near future.

Willis Johnson, from the South side of the county has been buying cattle in these parts the past few days. He got about 100 head in this vicinity.

**100 Years Ago
February 3, 1921**

Local News

Mrs. Wilbur Brown and little son, Douglas, of Ellis, Kansas, are visiting relatives in Hoxie.

Miss Kate Reims is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Fairchild, and family, for a few days.

Alvah Miller and wife, of Penokee, were in Hoxie Monday attending the funeral of Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. Gunston.

W. E. Taylor arrived in this city last Thursday to visit his mother, Mrs. G. M. Taylor, and other relatives and friends.

Will Richards, of Saline township, was in Hoxie Thursday trading. Will is one of the heavy wheat and corn growers down his way.

There will be a Lincoln Day program and a box

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public sale, on my farm, 4 miles south and 1 mile west of Seguin, and 4 miles south and 5 miles east of Menlo, and 11 miles north of Grinnell, Kansas, on

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Beginning at 10 a. m., the following property, to-wit:

46 Head of Cattle

8 milch cows, fresh soon; 18 head of coming 2-year-old steers, 3 head of 1-year-old steers, 6 head of coming 1-year-old steers, 1 6-months-old, Whiteface bull calf; 8 head of 1-year-old heifer calves, 2 young heifer calves.

8 Head of Horses

1 bay horse 3 years old, weight 1,300 lbs.; 1 black horse, 5 years old, weight 1,300 lbs.; 1 black horse, 4 years old, weight 1,200 lbs.; 1 black mare, 5 years old, in foal, weight 1,300 lbs.; 1 black mare, 11 years old, in foal, weight 1,400 lbs.; 1 bay mare, 10 years old in foal, weight 1,400 lbs.; 1 brown mare, 10 years old, in foal weight 1,400 lbs.; 1 black mare colt, 10 months old.

4 fat hogs, 350 lbs., each

Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 farm wagon, 1 low-wheel wagon, 2 header barges, 1 McCormick header, 1 McCormick mower, 1 Emerson disc plow, 2 riding cultivators, 1 McCormick corn binder, 2 1-horse Superior disc drills, new; 1 2-horse-power gasoline engine, pump jack, 2 sets of double work harness, 1 single harness, some household goods, 1 phone box, 100 bushels of ear corn, 175 new fence posts, some good cane hay in stack, 1 5-passenger touring car, 1 old buggy, 1 tripple gear feed grinder, 1 lister, 1,60-tooth harrow. Other articles too numerous to mention.

Lunch Counter on the Ground

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; all sums over \$10, a credit of 6 months time will be given purchaser giving note, with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent from date. No property to be removed until satisfactorily settled for.

Harry Moos, Owner

J. G. Felts, Auct. H. V. Christensen, Clerk

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

supper at the Prairie View schoolhouse, February 11. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Henry Hemer, of Hansen, Idaho, is here visiting relatives and old-time friends. Henry thinks Idaho is a great state and is well pleased with his investments out there.

A fellow over at WaKeeney was given a sentence of ninety days in jail and a fine of \$500 for operating a still in his home. He remarked to a friend that he had hard luck, for the first batch was no good and the second batch promised to be all right but he got "pinched" before he had a chance to taste it.

Adolph Andregg, who has been having a hard tussle with rheumatism which attacked him shortly after his return from a hospital in Kansas City where he underwent an operation, having his tonsils removed, is improving. He and Mrs. Andregg intend to leave soon for Excelsior Springs.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. H. W. Percival. The afternoon was spent in discussing the lesson on "Complex Community Problems." Thirteen ladies were in attendance. Mrs. F. E. Bear presided as leader. Arrangements were made to unite with the other missionary societies and observe February 18 as prayer day. The president, Mrs. C. A. Davis, appointed a committee of three make the necessary arrangements.

East Saline

By X. Y. Z.
Paul Huff is husking corn for Len Rider. Ilyd Transue is putting the roof on his new garage. Ira McGuire and family spent Sunday at Cass Breeden's.

Charley Johnson has begun school again. He has missed several weeks on account of his father's illness.

Ben Richard seem to have gotten tired of sitting on the left side of his car and speeding along the Midland trail, so he now drives another model and sits on the right side, taking it a little slower.

**75 Years Ago
January 31, 1946**

Tasco Church Dinner

There will be a basket dinner at Tasco next Sunday at 12:30 noon. Dr. Tomshany will then speak in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. "Buck" Jackson and son returned from Denver on Sunday. A gathering at the Bill Haynes home Sunday included the above and also Mrs. Nina Jackson, Slaven family, Fred Jones family, Edgar Jackson family, also Mrs. Claude Fortune and Norene of Colby.

Barbara Lee Martin had seven friends with her Sunday in honor of her fifteenth birthday anniversary on January 25th. The girls spent the afternoon in games. Mrs. Frank Martin served them dinner and then the girls attended the show. The girls were Jean Schuricht, Joan Walden, Donna Cooper, Patricia Reed, Mary Ellen Hirsch, Doris Russell and Virginia Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lester, Roberta Kay and Fred Lester; Mr. and Mrs. Les Briery drove to Jetmore Sunday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Neal.

Midway Items

The Midway Farm Bureau Unit met at the home of Stella Duff on January 24th with thirteen members and three visitors, Arlene Duncanson, Mrs. S. M. Pickett and Mrs. Ray Cox.

A report on the yearly program was given. We also had a discussion on the "Pennies for Friendship" campaign. A delicious lunch consisting of sandwiches, peaches, cake and coffee was served by the hostess. We adjourned to meet on February 7 with Mrs. Dohanna Stewart with an afternoon meeting.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor of near Lucerne were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stout attended the District 4-H

Club meeting at Osborne last Wednesday.

The Studley Sunflower Club met at the schoolhouse Thursday night and had a very good meeting.

**50 Years Ago
February 4, 1971**

Hoxie Elks Lodge to Hold Open House

An open house will be held at the spacious, new Hoxie Elks Lodge building on Sunday, Feb. 7, according to officers of the lodge.

The public is cordially invited to visit the lodge building, which is located at the golf course west of town, and view the new facility, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Refreshments of coffee and donuts will be served during the afternoon.

McGraw News

Mrs. Ruby Lunkenheimer was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh. The ladies attended club in the afternoon.

Mrs. Roy Bainter, Mrs. Gayle Bainter and Mrs. Mabel Bainter visited Mrs. Christina Randall of Jennings Tuesday in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tribble were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice of Hoxie.

Broadway News

Mrs. Howard Shafer and Mrs. Edwin Simon attended a sewing meeting at the 4-H building Wednesday afternoon.

The monthly deacons meeting was held Monday night at the church.

Mrs. Cora Hoagland of Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley spent Friday at George Simons.

Studley Items

G and G Club met with Mrs. Thessa Madden on Thursday. Fourteen members, one visitor Mrs. Jeannie Stillwell were present to enjoy the dinner and an afternoon of visiting.

Mrs. Amelia Ploeger and Mrs. Jeannie Stillwell visited Amelia's mother, Mrs. Mary Wasinger at Victoria Saturday.

Tasco Notes

Mrs. Charles Timmons and Bonnie Lynn spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and family. Saturday evening Mrs. Jones and Mildred Ann and Mary and Bonnie Lynn visited at Howard Shafers with Mrs. and Mrs. Raymond Truan and son of Newton, who were spending the weekend with the Shafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sample and children and Mrs. Leslie Sample called to see Fred Epler Sunday afternoon.

Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Geerdes were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes.

Joe Bange was a Friday guest at the Walt Meitl home near Dresden.

The Paul Best family and the Gary Robinson family were Friday evening callers at the Al Rietcheck home. The Walt Meitl family of Dresden were guests at the Al Rietcheck home Sunday.

Mickey's Want Ads

When you think of a new vacuum sweeper THINK HOOVER.

Gorgeous Girlfriend: "Is my face dirty or is it my imagination?"

Mechanic: "Well, your face is clean; I don't know about your imagination."

We have a nice assortment of little bench vises. They are real handy for that tinker job.

Hoxie Grade School News

Miss Conard's Fifth Grade - We have been making a special study of Kansas this month. We saw a film strip, The Image of Kansas, and listened to a record about the film. The class enjoyed the Kansas quiz contest which they had in the central library.

**25 Years Ago
February 1, 1996**

Three Girl Scouts to Receive Gold Award

Three members of Hoxie Senior Girl Scout Troop #22 have completed all the requirements of the Girl Scout Gold Award and will be recognized at an upcoming Gold Award Ceremony.

Seniors Sonya Cooper and Susan Weis, and junior Laura Leiker each completed their final service project last summer and have earned this award, the highest in Girl Scouting.

Meyer Wins 1st Runner-Up at Pageant

On Saturday, Jan. 13, competitions to determine Miss High Plains-Colby 1996 and Miss High Plains Teen 1996 were held at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College Campus.

Toni Meyer, a contestant in the Miss High Plains Teen division, is a sophomore at Hoxie High School. She is the daughter of Tony and Carolyn Meyer. The other five teen contestants are from Colby.

Rexford

Doug and Joan Todd hosted a couples shower at their home honoring the baby boy, Chance, of Ben and Jeanette Hoeting on Jan. 10. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

The Lions held their regular dinner meeting Monday evening Jan. 22. Vesta Roth showed a video and told about the Lions International Convention in Seoul, Korea which she and her husband Leon (now deceased) attended last summer which was very interesting.

Jennings-Allison

The Tuesday Study Club met Jan. 23 at the home of Jean Bouts in Selden. Fifteen members and one guest were present. A business meeting was conducted by the president, Rosa Brock. The program was given by Nan Baumflaf of Atwood. She gave a demonstration on decorating gourds.

The club really enjoyed her vibrant delivery and beautiful wares.

Jean Skubal served a lovely lemon chiffon pie for refreshments.

We are looking forward to the U.M. Mens Ground Hog Feed at the church Feb. 3.

A good crowd fared the cold weather Monday evening to attend the Lions pancake supper and the showing of the K-9 dog named Trooper owned by Rod Taylor of Colby.

Selden

On Jan. 25, Elsie Wessel hosted the Senior Citizens. Mabel Andrews won high, Elsie Wessel won second and Tillie Goscha took low. Get Well cards were signed for Vesta Shea and Hazel Dreiling. Next Thursday there will be a Pot Luck Dinner.

On Saturday, Jan. 27 Elda Campbell returned home from the Oberlin Hospital following surgery. Welcome home Elda.

McGraw

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of McCook were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh. Both families were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl.

Meat the Future: Not Missing Opportunities in 2021

By Jenilee Godsey, Twin Creeks Extension District Youth Agriculture Agent

I recently read a newsletter from Dr. Tim Elmore entitled "Why Leaders Miss Opportunity and How to Fix That." Dr. Elmore is the president of Growing Leaders, which is a nonprofit organization that provides resources that help develop young leaders for school, universities, etc. across the globe. His recent newsletter article sparked my interest as I often times find myself fighting complacency and comfort in my position within Extension, be it my own complacency and comfort or that of folks I find myself working with.

To start the article, Dr. Elmore shares a story about an Ohio State University senior, Tony Piloseno, who like many college students found himself in a part-time job. However, unlike many college students, he actually enjoyed his job with a local Sherwin-Williams store mixing paint. He enjoyed his job so much that he decided to create a TikTok account to share all of his favorite paint color concoctions with his followers.

After his @tonesterpaints TikTok account exploded with popularity (1.5 million followers and 26 million likes, to be exact), Tony began to think that he was on to something. He felt that this account would be a great way to reach a younger audience that the chain had not been previously reaching out to, and decided to share this idea with his employers as a way to increase their presence on social media. He spent months attempting to 'sell' his employers on the idea but did not seem to get much for positive response. Instead, Sherwin-Williams ended up firing Tony.

He later told *BuzzFeed News* that after the corporate office visited his TikTok account and accused him of stealing the paint used in the videos, they terminated his employment. "They made me answer a bunch of questions like when I was doing this, where, if there was anyone in the store while I was filming. There was never anyone with me while I was doing it," said Tony.

Why This Paint Store Missed Out on an Opportunity

Dr. Elmore says, "This story is a sort of case study on old-school versus new-wave thinking. Here are three common reasons why we stumble into mistakes like the one Sherwin-Williams made."

1. When we're uncomfortable, we default to: "That's not the way we did it before."

"While TikTok is among the newest social media platforms users are leveraging to market

and tell their stories, Sherwin Williams has no official account. Tony was on TikTok and saw what the corporation failed to see," says Elmore. "Instead of embracing his viral approach, Sherwin-Williams dismissed him. Why? Despite the smoke screens the paint store hid behind, it is clear to me the company just couldn't see beyond its own familiar methods. The current models were safe and monetized, and that's what preoccupied the company's mind."

2. When we're scared, we become more concerned with protocol than progress.

Elmore goes on to share, "In the midst of a pandemic, it's easy to shift into survival mode. Many organizations have relied on employee handbooks and by-laws to determine how to lead in this period of disruption. When leaders do this, they can unwittingly become consumed with protocol. They miss opportunities to adapt and turn interruptions into introductions to new paths for progress. This is no doubt what happened to Sherwin-Williams. Tony is now building his own brand."

3. When we're seasoned, we assume young professionals are immature and don't know much.

"When experienced leaders see a 21-year-old student, they can instantly assume his or her ideas stem from naivete. We think they don't know what they're talking about," said Elmore. "Sadly, reverse mentoring is one of the best gifts a seasoned veteran can receive, allowing a young person who recognizes the new world of communication and influence to pass his or her intuition along. This mutual value is exchanged if the leader is humble and hungry."

Elmore went on to say that he felt Sherwin-Williams missed an opportunity upon firing Tony. The company could have decided to promote his ingenuity and leveraged another 1.5 million potential customers.

In 2021, we must do better about not missing opportunities. We must be better about letting comfort and complacency slide and allowing for new ideas to emerge.

Information in this article has been adapted from Dr. Tim Elmore, founder of Growing Leaders.

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Senator Billinger Newsletter

February 1, 2021

Governor Kelly announced last Wednesday it will be necessary to shut down the processing system over the weekend for unemployment claims because of the thousands of fraudulent unemployment claims. This will mean some jobless workers will have payments delayed as the state installs new anti-fraud protections. The Governor said the unemployment system will go down at 2p.m. Saturday and will go back up a 7 a.m. Tuesday. During this time the state will not pay benefits and will work to catch up on claims when the system is back up. It has been reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, as of January 6, Kansas received approximately 63,500 claims for unemployment benefits. This is the third highest number of any state, behind California and Illinois and ahead of Florida, New York, and Texas. These numbers are a signal that Kansas is possibly seeing thousands more fraudulent claims a week than the roughly 2,300 a day that the State Department of Labor says it is stopping. The Governor's announcement came shortly after GOP lawmakers said they will push to protect employers from being forced to cover the cost of fraudulent claims in ex-employees' names. They said the State Department of Labor does not have a handle on the problem and that they have not received enough data or answers.

Here is the link that individuals who receive a 1099 due to a fraudulent claim can go to and protest the 1099. If someone gets a 1099 for a fraudulent payment, they should protest it. They can do that starting Monday online at <https://bit.ly/2Yy9o2t>, or by calling the dedicated line at 785-575-1461. Once we receive the protest, a corrected 1099-G will be sent to the claimant and the IRS.

This past week the Senate passed the Value Them Both Amendment 28-11 and this amendment was passed out of the House last week. Voters will have the right to vote on this amendment to the Kansas Constitution on the August 2022 ballot. The adoption of the Value Them Both Amendment was made possible by a wide coalition of groups and individuals, including Kansans for Life, the Kansas Catholic Conference, and the Family Policy Alliance of Kansas, among others. The Bill of Rights of the Kansas Constitution reads as follows: "All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The Value Them Both Amendment is necessary due to the April 26, 2019 decision by the Kansas Supreme Court which created an unlimited right to abortion in the 1859 Kansas Constitution, using the Kansas Bill of Rights as justification for their decision. Because of the Kansas Supreme Court's ruling, existing bans on late-term and taxpayer-funded abortions are now in danger of being rendered unenforceable due to the strict scrutiny standard the court used. Furthermore, the ruling allows violent live dismemberment abortions to continue and threatens these lifesaving limits: parental consent for minors seeking an abortion; informed consent, alerting women to potential health risks; 24-hour waiting period; abortion clinic sanitation and safety standards.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve the 40th Senate District of Kansas. Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov. You may also call me with your questions or concerns. My office number is 785 296-7399 or my cell number is 785 899-4700.

Indoor Tennis Facility Coming to Colby

In collaboration with Colby Public Schools, the City of Colby, and private donors, Colby Community College is raising funds to build the Colby Tennis Center.

The 21,328 square-foot building features two full-size collegiate tennis courts, two full-size pickleball courts,

and a walking area. It will be the only structure of its kind between Salina and Denver and open 24 hours a day to the community.

"We are so excited to be involved with this project," said CCC President Dr. Seth Carter. "This facility will be available to all interested patrons and helps fill the needs of northwest Kansas. The College is deeply committed to giving back because community is at the heart of everything we do, and it is central to our mission."

The cost of the project is anticipated to be just over a million dollars. CCC has

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this Letter to the Editor due to the weekly bloviating of the 1st District Commissioner, Wes Bainter in his "Taxpayers' Report". His claim that all the roads in Sheridan County have been mowed for the first time EVER.

Maybe I have been one of the chosen few, but my roads have not been mowed once in 2020. I am also aware of many other roads that obviously have not been mowed this past year.

One thing I do know is that a person cannot drive down the state highways at 65 mph and then state you have toured the county roads. Kinda like claiming the nine million supposedly in the County Till.

Just because he says so, doesn't make it true.

The amount of tax dollars spent on contract labor in 2020 was, and is, astounding. A complete list of payees can be obtained at the County Clerk's Office.

Listed below is a breakdown of the tax dollars spent on outside labor:

Mowing: \$384,525
Hauling: \$33,620
Sand/Gravel/Water \$27,059
Excavating: \$28,574

I know that when I left office in January 2019, the County Road Department had sufficient equipment and well-trained, competent employees, and there was no need to hire outside labor. What a shame.

Sincerely,
Vic Bielser
785-657-7146

already received pledges in excess of \$550,000. Several grant applications have been submitted, and additional donations will be used to ensure the project is fully funded without using public monies.

All individuals contributing will be named on the Colby Tennis Center donor wall. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made to the Colby Community College Endowment Foundation.

For additional information, contact the Foundation at (785) 460-4684, go to www.colbycc.edu/donate, or search Colby Community College Alumni and Friends on Facebook.

Gov. Kelly's Failed Pandemic Response

As Kansans clamor for help from the governor's office to ease the burdens of COVID-19, Democrat Governor Laura Kelly remains missing in action.

In addition to presiding over one of the most beleaguered COVID-19 vaccine rollouts of any state in the country, Kelly has displayed an ineptness to provide unemployment benefits to those in need in a timely manner. Instead of providing answers to Kansans inquiring as to when they would receive unemployment benefits, Kelly admitted that she could not give the people a "clear answer."

Problems have persisted with the state's Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program since the onset of the pandemic, and with a recent announcement from the governor that the state will not issue unemployment benefits in the next few days, Kansans are desperate for Kelly to do her job.

Kansas GOP Chairman Mike Kuckelman commented: "Democrat Laura Kelly's lack of leadership and incompetent handling of the state's unemployment assistance program has exacerbated the crisis caused by the pandemic in the state of Kansas. Thousands of struggling Kansans need Kelly to step up and provide the unemployment assistance they need, but she seems completely incapable of doing her job."

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MCL League Wrestling Tournament Results

106 Tate Weimer (28-7) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 28-7 won by decision over Theo Keesee (Phillipsburg) 13-12 (Dec 11-6)

Round 2 - Cohen Kaiser (Plainville High School) 11-15 won by fall over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 28-7 (Fall 3:20)

Round 3 - Mason Younger (Ellis) 25-1 won by decision over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 28-7 (Dec 5-0)

113 Wayne Shepard (29-7) placed 1st & scored 16.0 team points.

Round 2 - Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 29-7 won by fall over Patrick Driggs (Phillipsburg) 8-15 (Fall 3:18)

Round 3 - Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 29-7 won by fall over Ace Plummer (Oakley) 4-21 (Fall 3:35)

Round 4 - Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 29-7 won by fall over Ethan Selbe (Plainville High School) 15-12 (Fall 0:40)

Round 5 - Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 29-7 won by decision over Kaleb Atkins (Hill City) 28-6 (Dec 7-4)

120 Carson Ochs (28-7) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 28-7 won by fall over Seamus Holmes (Thomas More Prep-Marian) 11-12 (Fall 1:35)

Round 3 - Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 28-7 won by fall over Kohle Nuss (Russell) 7-14 (Fall 0:47)

Round 4 - Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 28-7 won by fall over Heath Simmons (Norton) 8-18 (Fall 1:09)

Round 5 - Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 28-7 won by fall over Logan Normandin (Plainville High School) 22-7 (Fall 5:59)

126 Dayton Bell (32-2) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 32-2 received a bye
Semifinal - Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 32-2 won by fall over Tyler Schoenberger (Oakley) 14-5 (Fall 5:20)

1st Place Match - Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 32-2 won by fall over Bentley Montgomery (Smith Center) 26-3 (Fall 5:47)

Wrestling Champs

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qualifier. Although spectators are limited you can support the Indian wrestlers from the comfort of home. Marissa's matches can be viewed through face time live on HHS Wrestling Facebook page, and the boys matches can be watched on openspacesports.com.

The junior varsity wrestler's wrapped up their season on Saturday at the Larned Tournament. William Meyer (113lb), Ivan Kaus (120lb) and Gavin Schippers (285lb) won third place with Macon Sekavec (138lb) winning fifth place.



132 Drew Bell (34-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 34-0 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 34-0 won by fall over Jackson Pinckney (Smith Center) 14-18 (Fall 0:23)

Semifinal - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 34-0 won by fall over Gannon Winter (Ellis) 16-10 (Fall 2:00)

1st Place Match - Drew Bell (Hoxie) 34-0 won by decision over Kolton Field (Norton) 23-1 (Dec 14-9)

138 Drew Bretz (32-2) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 32-2 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 32-2 won by fall over Colby Menagh (Norton) 8-15 (Fall 1:53)

Semifinal - Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 32-2 won by decision over Jacob Windholz (Russell) 19-3 (Dec 2-0)

1st Place Match - Eric Cain (Oakley) 24-1 won by decision over Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 32-2 (Dec 6-2)

145 Derek Johnson (31-0) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 31-0 won by fall over Gunnar Ulrich (Russell) 0-9 (Fall 1:18)

Semifinal - Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 31-0 won by fall over Gabe Kerns (Plainville High School) 20-12 (Fall 2:47)

1st Place Match - Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 31-0 won by fall over Tanner Sells (WaKeeney-Trego Community High School) 14-7 (Fall 1:59)

152 Ryan Shaw (27-8) placed 4th and scored 12.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 27-8 received a bye
Quarterfinal - Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 27-8 won by decision over Tristan Ryburn (Oakley) 17-14 (Dec 9-2)

Semifinal - Aiden Amrein (Hill City) 29-1 won by decision over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 27-8 (Dec 7-0)

Cons. Semi - Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 27-8 won by decision over Kevin Russell (Phillipsburg) 14-15 (Dec 6-1)

3rd Place Match - Garrett Urban (Norton) 28-4 won by decision over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 27-8 (Dec 2-0)

160 Aidan Baalman (34-0) placed 1st & scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 34-0 won by fall over Matthew Hafiger (WaKeeney-Trego Community High School) 5-14 (Fall 0:13)

Semifinal - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 34-0 won by fall over George Crawford (Ellis) 19-11 (Fall 1:44)

1st Place Match - Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) 34-0 won by decision over Nathan Hrabe (Smith Center) 23-10 (Dec 6-0)

195 Donovan Balluch (25-10) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 25-10 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 25-10 won by fall over Aidan Morrell (Russell) 2-8 (Fall 0:57)

Semifinal - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 25-10 won by fall over Toby Woodworth (Ellis) 17-8 (Fall 1:44)

1st Place Match - Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 25-10 won by fall over Rylan Basart (Stockton) 20-12 (Fall 0:58)

220 Kaden Sekavec (14-16) placed 6th and scored 7.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) 14-16 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Christian Koch (Oakley) 15-11 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) 14-16 (Fall 2:56)

Cons. Round 2 - Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) 14-16 received a bye

Cons. Round 3 - Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) 14-16 won by fall over Colton Lewis (Ellis) 7-10 (Fall 0:39)

Cons. Semi - Draxtin Hovis (Plainville High School) 22-8 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) 14-16 (Fall 2:09)

5th Place Match - Christian Koch (Oakley) 15-11 won by fall over Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) 14-16 (Fall 2:33)

285 Brandon Baker (21-4) placed 1st & scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 21-4 received a bye

Semifinal - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 21-4 won by fall over Jonah Smith (Plainville High School) 13-11 (Fall 0:31)

1st Place Match - Brandon Baker (Hoxie) 21-4 won by fall over Thayne Walt (Hill City) 18-8 (Fall 3:49)

126-132 G Marissa Porsch (28-1) placed 1st.

Quarterfinal - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 28-1 received a bye

Semifinal - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 28-1 won by fall over Madison Gotthalk (Ellis) 14-3 (Fall 5:14)

1st Place Match - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 28-1 won by fall over Haley Cranwell (Ellis) 18-3 (Fall 3:42)

- 1 Hoxie 228.0
- 2 Ellis 137.5
- 3 Smith Center 124.5
- 4 Plainville High School 107.0
- 5 Hill City 95.5
- 6 Stockton 83.5
- 7 Norton 81.0
- 8 Oakley 78.5
- 9 Phillipsburg 68.0
- 10 Russell 47.0
- 11 Thomas More Prep-Marian 25.0
- 12 WaKeeney-Trego Community High School 22.0

Hoxie Wrestling

Hoxie 54.0 Goodland 21.0

170: Gantzen Miller (GD) received a bye

182: Isaiah Shinette (GD) received a bye

195: Donovan Balluch (HX) received a bye

220: Dexter Dautel (GD) over Kaden Sekavec (HX) (Fall 2:34)

285: Brandon Baker (HX) over Caleb Duell (GD) (Fall 1:21)

106: Tate Weimer (HX) received a bye

113: DJ Knox (GD) over Wayne Shepard (HX) (Dec 9-2)

120: Carson Ochs (HX) over Octavio Gonzalez (GD) (Dec 7-4)

126: Dayton Bell (HX) received a bye

132: Drew Bell (HX) received a bye

138: Drew Bretz (HX) over Jason Colby (GD) (Fall 1:29)

145: Derek Johnson (HX) over Mason Hernandez (GD) (Fall 4:42)

152: Ryan Shaw (HX) over Kyan Ensign (GD) (Dec 3-2)

160: Aidan Baalman (HX) over Heath Sanderson (GD) (Fall 2:43)

2021 Larned JV/Varsity Girls Tour Results

113 William Meyer (15-4) placed 3rd & scored 17.0 team points.
Round 1 - William Meyer (Hoxie) 15-4 won by fall over Jaiden Desaire (Hays) 1-3 (Fall 2:34)

Round 2 - William Meyer (Hoxie) 15-4 won by fall over Carlos Hernandez (Liberal) 0-4 (Fall 1:33)

Round 3 - William Meyer (Hoxie) 15-4 won by fall over Nick Caraway (Nickerson) 4-7 (Fall 1:58)

Championship Bracket - Zane Poulsen (Hugoton) 2-2 won by fall over William Meyer (Hoxie) 15-4 (Fall 5:49)

3rd Place Match - William Meyer (Hoxie) 15-4 won by fall over Nick Caraway (Nickerson) 4-7 (Fall 3:15)

120 Ivan Kaus (13-7) placed 3rd and scored 17.0 team points.
Round 1 - Ivan Kaus (Hoxie) 13-7 won by major decision over Julian Covarrubias (Liberal) 1-4 (MD 13-0)

Round 2 - Ivan Kaus (Hoxie) 13-7 won by decision over Preston Beckman (Phillipsburg) 4-24 (Dec 5-3)

Round 4 - Ivan Kaus (Hoxie) 13-7 won by decision over Jeston Conger (Hays) 3-2 (Dec 5-0)

Round 5 - Cole Krug (Ulysses) 7-2 won by decision over Ivan Kaus (Hoxie) 13-7 (Dec 6-1)

3rd Place Match - Ivan Kaus (Hoxie) 13-7 won by decision over Zander Sublett (Hutchinson) 3-2 (Dec 6-0)

138 Macon Sekavec (6-12) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.

Round 1 - Houston Frank (Scott Community) 13-13 won by fall over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) 6-12 (Fall 1:59)

Round 2 - Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) 6-12 won by decision over Tynan Dempsey (Hays) 0-5 (Dec 9-5)

Round 3 - Alejandro Ramirez (Dodge City) 4-1 won by tech fall over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) 6-12 (TF-1.5 3:33 (15-0))

Round 4 - Caleb Thomas (Pratt) 13-7 won by fall over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) 6-12 (Fall 0:32)

Round 5 - Tommy McClure (Liberal) 4-1 won by fall over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) 6-12 (Fall 1:21)

285 Gavin Schippers (18-8) placed 3rd & scored 15.0 team pts.
Round 1 - Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 18-8 won by fall over Quinton McGuire (Hays) 2-3 (Fall 2:42)

Round 2 - Brandon Yauch (Hays) 4-1 won by decision over Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 18-8 (Dec 4-3)

Round 3 - Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 18-8 won by decision over Colter Conger (Hays) 4-1 (Dec 8-5)

Round 4 - Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 18-8 won by fall over Axel Ortiz (Stafford) 0-12 (Fall 3:08)

Round 5 - Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 18-8 won by fall over Blake Davis (Great Bend) 3-29 (Fall 1:23)

Girls 132 Marissa Porsch (32-1) placed 1st & scored 16.0 team points.

Round 2 - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 32-1 won by fall over Ella Salas (Wichita-North) 3-15 (Fall 1:11)

Round 3 - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 32-1 won by fall over Jaycee Tyler (Wichita-North) 7-10 (Fall 3:31)

Round 4 - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 32-1 won by fall over Leslie Garcia (Dodge City) 6-5 (Fall 1:53)

Round 5 - Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 32-1 won by decision over Lexi Deines (Great Bend) 22-6 (Dec 5-0)

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scholarships is May 1.

Wichita State has a video presentation for juniors and seniors at <https://youtu.be/gLJHyeUYGg8>. It will also host a Shocker Admitted Student Reception on Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 7-8:30 p.m. This will be a virtual event for Kansas students outside of the Wichita area. You should receive something on email if you are admitted to WSU. This will walk you through the final steps to become a Shocker.

Speaking of Juniors, Colby Community College wants to link up with you now. Students are interested in CCC items and personalized information based on their academic interest can participate in Junior Day Events in February. Students will receive an email with a video embedded; just watch the video and follow the steps included. These emails will be sent February 1st.

If you do not find it in their inbox it may have gone to the spam folder. Check there first, and if you do not receive the email please let us know and we will get it sent to them right away. CCC counselors are also working hard to keep social media up to date, informational, and fun! Students are encouraged to check us out on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and Snapchat. Junior Day messages are on the horizon for these platforms.

Last week we offered information on the new Esports program at Bethany College. There are educators that support this viewpoint. Here is a quote from a recent article in Edutopia (<http://edut.to/3aqHACU>).

Its proponents in education say that it's less exclusive than traditional sports, unites kids with highly diverse backgrounds and skill sets, and builds a critical home-school connection that many students lack—but that research repeatedly shows leads to improved attendance and behavior, increased confidence, and greater engagement and achievement in school.

IMPORTANT DATES:
February 1: Deadline for Nex-Tech Break the Rules Scholarship

February 15: Final deadline for scholarships at FHSU and CCC

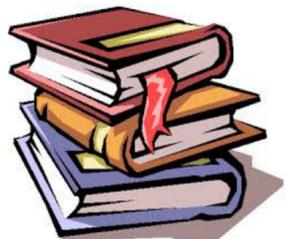
March 12: Registration deadline for April 17 ACT test

March 15: Masonic Foundation Scholarships due

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

May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test

June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test



Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Northwest Tech (Goodland) will host its Program Days, February 4th, March 4th, and April 14th. Juniors or seniors will have the chance to meet with our President, Admissions Team, Student Ambassadors, Program Instructors, and Athletics to see and hear all about our college, programs, and athletics firsthand! See what a HANDS-ON college experience looks like by registering at <https://www.nwktc.edu/program-day>. If you are not able to attend any of the 3 Program Days please feel free to schedule a campus visit at: <http://bit.ly/3iwP2iq>.

This is the time of year to be filling out awards from the Kansas Board of Regents. The Career Technical Workforce Grant is available to students enrolled in an eligible career technical (two years or less) education program. Each year the list is different, but this year includes automotive, computers, criminal justice,

dental hygiene, diesel, electrical, HVAC, medical (including LPN), plumbing, vet tech, welding, and more. This list of funded programs is available at <https://bit.ly/3g1QlZJ>.

The Kansas Ethnic Minority Scholarship program is designed to assist academically competitive students who are identified as members of any of the following ethnic/racial groups: African American; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; or Hispanic. Scholarship selection is based on financial need as determined by federal methodology.

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship requires an obligation to practice as an LPN or RN in Kansas and work for a sponsor. There are more specific programs that apply only to few students, but you can check them all out at <http://bit.ly/2Y9o8pD>. The deadline for all of these

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Dance Team Delivers at Half-Time



The Golden Plains Dance Team performed at half time of the Tri-plains/Brewster game in Rexford on January 19. This was the team's first performance of the year by team members (l-r) Kloie Kuper, Britton Knowles, Lauren Patmon, and Alisha Brantley. The girls plan to perform once more during basketball season. (Photo by Carli Nieman)

Lady Bulldogs Defeat Titans for Third Time

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs defeated the Tri-plains/Brewster Lady Titans 65-11 in their third matchup of the season on January 22 in Brewster. The teams had met in the Sagebrush tournament earlier in the season and again the previous Tuesday with the undefeated Bulldogs coming out on top each time.

"Our season is going well," said Rayna Taylor. "It feels good to be undefeated. We look forward to continuing to work hard for the success of the team."

The Bulldogs opened with a basket by Brooke Stoll. The Titans put in two free throws to tie the game up. The Dogs used their aggressive defense to take control adding another 14 to end the first with a 16-2 lead.

The Bulldogs controlled the second quarter working together to add another 17 while holding the Titans scoreless to lead 33-2 at the half.

The girls continued to distribute the ball into the third extending their score by 26. The Titans put in 9 points to make the score 59-11 at the end of the third. With a continuous clock in the fourth, the Dogs added six for the win 65-11.

Ashley Stoll led the Bulldogs with 21 total points in the first three quarters. Brooke Stoll added 12 and Kassie Miller 11. Jordyn Fleckenstein put in 8, Rayna Taylor 5, and Sidney Taylor, Carli Nieman, Breanna Rath, and Morgan Wark each added 2.

The Bulldogs hold a 9-0 record as they travel to Quinter on January 26 to work to maintain their undefeated status.

Golden Plains senior Brooke Stoll plays close defense on Tri-plains/Brewster in Brewster on January 22. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Titans for the third time this season. (Photo by Ethan Weiner)



Bulldogs Compete with Titans

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs hosted the Triplains/Brewster Titans in Rexford on January 19. This was the second time the two teams had played this season with the Titans claiming the win for the second time 69-47.

The Titans opened the game with two quick baskets, but juniors Fabian Cepeda and Alex Gonzalez answered to tie the game up 8-8. The Titans hit a three at the end of the quarter to lead 11-8 at the buzzer.

The Titans controlled the second quarter as they scored quickly on their possessions. The Bulldogs answered with 10 points as they spread the ball around the court, but the Titans extended their lead to 33-18 by the half.

The Dogs came out of the half ready to hold their own as senior Wade Rush found the basket. With additional buckets by Cepeda and Jaime Infante, the Dogs put in 15. The Titans added 20 to extend their lead 53-33.

The Bulldogs continued to work hard throughout the fourth as they added another 14. The Titans added 16 for the 69-47 win.

Wade Rush led the Dogs with 14 points along with 11 from Fabian Cepeda. Jaime Infante added 8, Alex Gonzalez 7, Ethan Weiner 3, Roberto Loya 2, and Garrett Carter 2.

Rush also contributed 11 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 deflections, 2 steals, and 3



Kole Butts (22) goes to the basket for Golden Plains during the Triplains/Brewster game in Rexford on January 19. The Bulldogs worked hard against the Titans on their home floor. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

blocks to the Bulldogs effort. Gonzalez pulled down 5 rebounds and had 1 assist, 2 steals, and 1 block. Infante had 7 rebounds and 1 deflection. Loya had 2 rebounds and 2 assists. Schiltz had 5 rebounds, Cepeda had 4 assists, and Weiner had 1 rebound.

The teams will face each other for a third time this season as the Bulldogs travel to Brewster on January 22.

Bulldogs Play Close with Titans

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played a close game against the Tri-Plains/Brewster Titans in Brewster on January 22. With the game being tied throughout much of the night, the Titans pulled ahead at the end for the win 54-50. This was the closest game the Bulldogs had played in their three contests with the Titans so far this season.

The Titans opened the game with an 8-0 lead until Alex Gonzalez scored the first basket for the Bulldogs. Once the Dogs got started, they kept the shots falling as they distributed the ball around the floor. A three-point play by Fabian Cepeda gave Golden Plains their first lead of the game 17-16 at the end of the quarter.

The Titans pulled back ahead with an early second quarter shot. Ethan Weiner tied it back up with a free throw for GP. The teams traded baskets for much of the second until the Titans went on a short run to end the half with a 30-23 lead.

The Bulldogs came out in the third fired up and ready to go. They put in four three-pointers to start the quarter. The Titans answered with a couple of their own long shots to keep the game close. A final shot by junior Ashton Schiltz tied the game up at 41 at the end of the third.

Both teams were ready to fight to the finish in the fourth. Senior Kole Butts made a free throw to start the final minutes of play. The Titans answered only to have Cepeda hit another three shot-he made four in the game-to tie the game back up at 45. The Titans extended their lead, but Gonzalez tied it up once more. The Titans added another 6 but a final three from Cepeda closed the spread. A final Titan free throw ended the game with the Titan win 54-50.

Cepeda put in a career-high 15 points while claiming 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 deflections, and 1 steal. Senior Wade Rush added 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 deflections, 4 steals, and 2 blocks, while senior Kole Butts contributed 8 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 assist, and 1 deflection. "It felt pretty good to play," said Butts. "We played tough, we actually played as a team. We could have played harder. If our shots would have fallen, we probably would have come out better."

Roberto Loya contributed 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals along with Alex Gonzalez's 4 points, 6 rebounds, 7 assists, and 2 deflections. Ethan Weiner put in 3 points along with 1 assist and 2 deflections and Ashton Schiltz had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

"We played more as a team," said Cepeda. "We hustled more on defense. We had worked on our press break this week and it helped." The Golden Plains Bulldogs will continue their season on January 26 as they travel to Quinter to take on the Quinter Bulldogs. "We will continue to work as a team," added Cepeda.



Block! Roberto Loya (10) and Wade Rush (21) work together for the block against the Triplains/Brewster Titans in Brewster on January 22. The Bulldogs played a close game with the Titans falling 50-54 in their third matchup of the season. (Photo by Carli Nieman)

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2020 RECAP OF EVENTS

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Doug Robben, Deeann Schamberger, District Manager, Don Rowilson, Treasurer



Hansen Wins Scholarship

The Sheridan County Conservation District awards an annual \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior living in Sheridan County. The 2020 scholarship recipient was Jennifer Hansen from Hoxie High School.



State Cost Share Accomplishments Projects Completed and Paid in 2020

3 Septic Systems Replaced	\$7,500
1 Pipeline	\$2,733.55
1 Well Decommissioning	\$600
1 Water Well	\$1,485
4 Solar Pumps	\$6,000
12 Soil Health Projects	\$11,450.13
2 Terrace Projects	\$2,037.60

Total: \$31,846.28
State Cost Share Funding

*This funding comes from the Division of Conservation to producers in Sheridan County.

2020 IN A NUTSHELL

2020 was definitely not a typical run-of-the-mill year for anyone. With that being said, the Sheridan County Conservation District was still able to complete many activities, and helped aide in a vast amount of projects benefiting the counties land and producers.

The 75th annual meeting was held in February. Spring tree sales were a success, along with a variety of drip supplies for those trees.

In August, the district hosted a demonstration with a Hagie-Montag seeder. Several producers were able to use that machine to plant cover crops in growing corn.

In the fall, the annual poster and coloring, photography and essay contests were held. All of the Hoxie and Selden K-12 grades participated. The theme was "Where would we BEE without pollinators?"

District manager, Deeann Schamberger stayed busy with NWKS Alliance meetings both in person and virtual to help find ways to strengthen our local food systems.

This year's annual meeting was a bit different. Due to COVID, and keeping everyone's health and well-being in mind, a drive-through voting/meal was held.



In August, the Conservation District had an opportunity to demo the Hagie/Montag, a high clearance cover crop seeder. Producers interseeded cover crops into growing corn on their property. The cover crop grows under the corn canopy, and when the corn is harvested, the ground is covered with a carpet of green cover.



WORM DAY

Congratulations to ALL Conservation District Winners & Participants!
-Kendra, Shannon, Julia & Chaunte!



Left: Teaching second graders the importance of trees. We gather acorns and walnuts and prepare them for germination.



Right: Part two of Nut Day, planting with the help of -left Mrs Tice, 2nd grade teacher, Gabby Schamberger, 2nd grader, Ryan and Sam with NRCS. Part two with COVID restrictions.



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2020 RECAP OF EVENTS

Sheridan County Conservation District Poster Contest Winners

(SCCD Photos)



Top Left: K-1st grade (l-r) 4th place Aya Slosan, 3rd Joleen Etherton, 1st place-Camille Moss, 2nd Aletheia Dumler, not present.
Top Middle: 2nd-3rd grades (l-r) 4th place Caleb Oelke, 3rd place Priscila Meraz, 1st place-Elijah Spillman, 2nd place Charlie King, not present.
Bottom Left: 7th-9th grades (l-r) 1st place & HM at State Emily Villegas, 2nd place Adleigh Ziegler, 3rd place Taegan Lindeman, 4th place Kinley



Top Right: 4th-6th grade (l-r) 3rd place Harper Mauck, 3rd place Emily Farber, 2nd place Logan Heskett, 1st place Jaylen Herl.
Bottom Right: 10th-12th grades (l-r) 4th place Clay Johnson, 3rd place Karlee Geisinger, 2nd place Jayden Fenner, 1st place & 1st place at State Zoe Gregory. (SCCD photo)

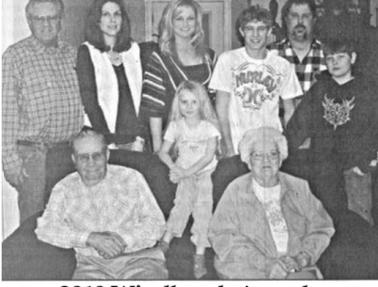


1st Place Winner
Carley Cooper



Conservation Winners from Years Past

10 Years Ago



2010 Soil Conservation Award:
Leland and Christy Mense

2010 Windbreak Award:
Gayle and Ruth Bainter,
Wes and Casey Bainter

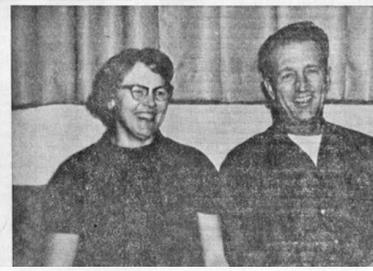
20 Years Ago



2000 Conservation Award winners,
Shirley and Vernon Vance

2000 Windbreak Award winners,
Flerry and Vesta Shea

50 Years Ago



1970 Soil Conservation Award Winners:

Top Left: Lawrence (Mary Ann) Juenemann, Selden
Top Right: Roy (Thelma) and son, Ted (Kathleen) Cooper, Logan Township
2nd Row L: Wayne (Lila Lee) and son, Howard Karnes, Bow Creek Township
2nd Row R: Virgil (Luella) Kinderknecht
Bottom Right: Gerald (Geneva) and brother, Robert Campbell, Parnell Township

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Koster Wins 2020 Kansas Corn Yield Contest for Northwest Kansas

The Kansas farmers who entered the Kansas Corn Yield Contest overcame adversity and used their management skills to produce high yields in 2020. Kansas farmers from across the state entered many excellent yields in the 2020 Kansas Corn Yield Contest. For the second consecutive year, Tyler Hands with Triangle H Farms based in Finney County, entered the top irrigated yield in the contest at 307 bushels per acre with Pioneer P1828AM on one of the farm's fields located in Haskell County. Northeast Kansas farmer Victor Menold, Brown County, entered the top dryland yield at 301.59 bushels per acre with Becks 6414V2P.

NORTHWEST | DISTRICT 1 Dryland Category
1st Place: Harold Koster, Sheridan County; Yield: 178.78 bu./acre; Pioneer P0339AM
Irrigated Category
1st Place: Harold Koster, Sheridan County; Yield: 275.68 bu./acre; Pioneer P1366AML

The contest is free to all Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA) members. For the last three years, KCGA has awarded a dryland and irrigated winner in each of the ten districts across the state. Along with awards to dryland and irrigated winners in each district, statewide dryland and statewide irrigated winners also awarded. District winners receive \$300 and a plaque. Second place entries receive a \$200 prize and third place receive a \$100 prize. The highest yield dryland and irrigated entries statewide will receive an additional \$500 prize. The winners of the 2020 Kansas Corn Yield Contest were recognized during the 2021 Kansas Corn Symposium on January 28.

The Kansas Corn Yield contest was created to recognize high-yielding corn farmers across the state and increase efficiency for greater sustainability and profitability. Sharing the data collected among Kansas farmers benchmarks the corn yields and provides information for improving management practices.

Below is the list of the 2020 yield contest winners along with the county where the winning field is located.



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Kansas January 1 Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Kansas as of January 1, 2021 totaled 6.50 million head, up 2% from January 1, 2020, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.65 million head, up 2% from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.48 million head, up 2% from last year.

Milk cows totaled 173,000 head, up 4% from January 1, 2020.

All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.01 million head, up 4% from last year.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 2.09 million head, up slightly from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 90,000 head, up 6% from last year.

Calves under 500 pounds totaled 660,000 head, down 4% from January 1, 2020.

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in Kansas feedlots totaled 2.66 million head, up 3% from the previous year.

The 2020 calf crop totaled 1.43 million head, unchanged from 2019.

Kansas January 1 Sheep and Goats

All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2021 totaled 70,000 head, down 3,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 45,000 head, down 4,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 37,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,000 head, down 500 from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 6,000 head, down 500 from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 25,000 head, up 1,000 from last year. A total of 2,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 23,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 8,000 were under 65 pounds; 2,500 were 65-84 pounds; 2,000 were 85-105 pounds; 10,500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2020 lamb crop totaled 45,000 head, down 2,000 from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 113 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 127 in 2019.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. Lamb deaths totaled 7,000 head, down 500 from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Shorn wool production during 2020 was 240,000 pounds, down 15,000 from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 39,000 head, down 3,000 from 2019. Weight per fleece was 6.2 pounds, up 0.1 from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$0.65 per pound, compared with \$0.80 in 2019. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was 156,000 dollars in 2020.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2021, totaled 40,000 head, down 3,000 from last year. Milk goat inventory totaled 4,000 head, down 200 from last year.

President Urged to Keep Trump Administration WOTUS Rule

Commonsense rule provides certainty for farmers and ranchers. U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) joined a group of Senators in introducing a resolution to express support for the Navigable Waters Protection Rule - the Trump administration's replacement for the Obama-era Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

"Repealing the Trump administration's Navigable Waters Protection Rule will reinstate burdensome regulations on Kansas farmers, ranchers and small businesses," said Sen. Moran. "This commonsense rule promotes clean water for our communities and families, while respecting private property rights and providing certainty for landowners. We've already seen the damage and confusion caused by the Obama-era WOTUS rule, and returning to that standard is unacceptable."

In 2015, the Obama administration finalized a rule that expanded the definition of the Waters of the United States, creating confusion and burdensome red tape for the agriculture industry and many others. Sen. Moran cosponsored legislation in September 2015 that would have nullified the Obama administration's rule. After passing both the House and Senate—with bipartisan support—the bill was vetoed by President Obama.

The Trump administration proposed a new rule to replace the Obama administration's 2015 WOTUS rule that provided much-needed predictability and certainty for farmers by establishing clear and reasonable definitions of what qualifies as a "water of the United States." The new Navigable Waters Protection Rule was finalized last year.

This week, President Biden signed an executive order that would roll back the Trump administration's executive order which originally began the process of rescinding Obama's WOTUS rule.

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Shultz Receives Collegiate Honors During Kansas Corn Recognizes Annual Symposium

During the virtual 2021 Kansas Corn Symposium, Kansas Corn recognized students who excelled in its collegiate programs. Seventeen college students who received 2021 Next Generation Scholarships and six graduates of Kansas Corn Collegiate Academy Class Three were honored. These programs are part of an effort by the Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Corn Commission to provide opportunities for college students of all majors to learn more about the corn industry, explore issues facing agriculture and embrace the ways they can impact the industry through their future career paths.

To be considered for the Next Generation Scholarship, students or their parents must be members of the Kansas Corn Growers Association, be from Kansas or attend college in Kansas and complete the application process. Applications for both programs were reviewed by a committee of Kansas Corn leadership and industry representatives.

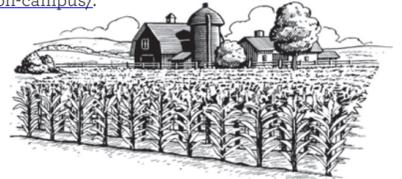
"Our scholarship program recognizes outstanding students who are already making contributions to agriculture and have great potential as experts in farming or providing support to our industry," said Greg Kriesek, Kansas Corn CEO. "This past year has tested these students beyond what they had ever faced before, and they have overcome these challenges with grit and determination. Corn plays a big role today in Kansas agriculture and these recipients' impacts hold great promise for our future success."

Local, **Zoe Shultz of Grainfield, KS**, and student at Kansas State University, earning her Bachelors in Agricultural Communications & Journalism was a 2021 Kansas Corn Next Generation Scholarship recipient. Zoe is also a Collegiate Academy Class 3 Graduate.

Members of the third Collegiate Academy class were recognized during this year's virtual Kansas Corn Symposium for completing their program. Despite challenges brought on by COVID-19, participants expanded their knowledge about ethanol, livestock, trade, policy, education, agronomy, conservation and consumer engagement. After two in-person sessions and several Zoom sessions, the students completed a capstone project to complete the program.

The first session of the Collegiate Academy was held in person in January 2020 when students were able to learn about the agricultural industry in Kansas City. They learned about direct trade, consumer education through advocacy, and agronomic practices. While their day at the state capitol in March was moved to a virtual format, students still were able to talk with their local representatives and learn about the role government plays in the agriculture industry. The third session took place in northwest Kansas in June as students toured an ethanol plant, a water technology farm and a cattle feedyard. In December, the students participated in a final online session featuring speakers from the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council and celebrated the completion of their program over dinner.

Kansas college students enrolled in 2-year or 4-year post-secondary schools are eligible to apply. For more information on the collegiate academy and other collegiate programs visit www.kscorn.com/corn-on-campus/.



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
WILLIAM HEITH SAUVAGE, Deceased. Case No.: 2021-PR-000001

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated January 20, 2021, has been filed in this court by Bodie Sauvage, as a surviving son and heir of William Heith Sauvage, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Bodie Sauvage as administrator of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the administrator or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the appointment of Bodie Sauvage as administrator of the estate on or before February 22, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. in this court in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Bodie Sauvage
Bodie Sauvage, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
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**SHERIDAN COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT
1/31/21**

GENERAL	\$ 3,270,413.10
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COURTHOUSE	\$ 504,171.14
OFFENDER REGISTRY	\$ 3,436.12
SPARKS (COVID-19)	\$ 17,387.08
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPECIAL PROGRAM	\$ 100.00
OIL VALUATION DEPLETION	\$ 396,772.41
POOL LEASE-PURCHASE	\$ 124,436.33
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$ 2,864,729.81
SPECIAL MACHINERY	\$ 231,545.49
SPEC HWY IMPROVEMENT	\$ 735,646.85
MICRO LOAN	\$ 12,818.39
TREAS SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 7,356.51
CLERK SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 7,722.19
SHERIFF COMMISSARY	\$ 448.70
SHERIFF VIN	\$ 3,981.02
FORFEITURE LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 13,471.00
NOXIOUS WEED-CAP OUTLAY	\$ 46,623.24
NOXIOUS WEED	\$ 387,475.82
R.O.D. SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 28,272.82
E911 WIRELESS	\$ 152,476.10
CONCEALED CARRY LAW	\$ 1,212.39
PUBLIC HEALTH	\$ 134,806.06
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	\$ 313,081.84
ALCOHOL PROGRAM	\$ 17,735.76
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 42,489.66
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 147.58
LANDFILL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 125,000.00
LANDFILL	\$ 38,687.69
RFD#1	\$ 660.27
SELDEN CEMETERY	\$ 1,193.12
HOSPITAL REVENUE BOND 2	\$ 57,502.50
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DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 21,510.29
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CURRENT TAX	\$ 106,688.83
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$ 13,607.27
VEHICLE SALES TAX	\$ 22,568.54
CMV	\$ 9,647.81
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$ 389.97
ADVANCE TAX	\$ 28.70

FUND TOTALS \$ 9,842,618.74

FIRST STATE BANK- NOW ACCOUNT	\$ 402,086.24
EQUITY BANK- NOW ACCOUNT	\$ 866,687.91
FIRST STATE BANK-MICRO LOAN	\$ 12,818.39
FIRST STATE BANK-E-911	\$ 152,476.10
FIRST STATE BANK-SHERIFF COMMISSARY	\$ 448.70
FIRST STATE BANK-SPARKS	\$ 17,387.08
FIRST STATE BANK-MONEY MARKET	\$ 1,090,514.32
CASH ON HAND	\$ 200.00
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	\$ 7,300,000.00
BANK TOTALS	\$ 9,842,618.74

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING JANUARY 31, 2021.

SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER *Shirley A. Nier*
(AUTHORIZED BY K.S.A. 17-1001)

Linda Wood

March 4, 1941 ~ November 7, 2020



Linda Ochs Wood, 79 years old, passed away on November 7th at Hays Medical Center. She was born on March 4, 1941 in Quinter, KS to Henry and Anna (Haffner) Ochs. She graduated from Hoxie High School in 1959. She worked as a CNA and home health assistant for many years. Many people were blessed by her care. She volunteered at Hospice of Hays. She was a member of NKA Visually Impaired, Shooting Stars Square Dance, and St. Nick's Catholic Church of Hays.

Linda was reunited with her parents Henry and Anna Ochs; sisters, Eleanor Ruppert (Jack), Dorothy Wasnalas (Lenard), Clara Coppen, and Anna Leiker (Julius); brothers Clem Ochs (Emma Helen), Wendolin Ochs (Viola), Steven Ochs (Betty).

She is survived by her brother Henry "Hank" Ochs (Helen Jo); her Children, Koren Johnson (Joe) of Colleyville, TX. Steven Shepard (Lisa) of Leavenworth, KS, Russ Shepard of Hoxie, KS, and Lance Shepard (Coleen) of Hoxie. Her grandchildren, Blake and Travis Johnson, Makenzie and Cole Shepard, Morgan Nevola (Trent), Bailey Guinn (Jory), Alayna and Wayne Shepard; great-grandchild, Kolbie Grace Guinn and many nieces and nephews.

A mass and graveside service will be planned this summer. Memorials may be sent to Hospice at HaysMed, 2220 Canterbury, Hays, KS 67601 or NKA Visually Impaired 1105 Continental Blvd., Hays, KS 67601. Word of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Arleen Rarick

July 7, 1940 ~ January 22, 2021

Geneva "Arleen" (Campbell) Rarick, 80, long time resident of Hoxie, Kansas passed away on Friday, January 22, 2021 surrounded by family. Arleen was born on July 7, 1940 in Oakley, Kansas to William and Dorothy "Pauline" (McDonald) Campbell the oldest of three girls. She went to school in Oakley, Kansas. She married Leroy Harold Rarick on September 8, 1956 in Hoxie, Kansas where they lived for most of their married life. They were blessed with two daughters Patricia and Karen and two sons, Terry Lee and Bill.

Arleen worked for Hoxie Lanes as a cook for many years. She also worked for twenty-five years at the Sheridan County Hospital in the kitchen and laundry. In her free time, she enjoyed painting and doing pencil drawing. Arleen never took an art class, but was a natural artist and had many beautiful creations. She also enjoyed reading anything she could get her hands on. Sheridan County History was one of her favorite things to read about. Movies, especially thrillers, were another form of entertainment she enjoyed. She passed the love of these movies to her grandchildren. The most important thing in her life was the love of her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arleen is survived by her children, Patricia Shaw (Mike) of Hoxie, Kansas, Karen Walden (Matt) of Morrison, Tennessee; and Bill Rarick (Fran) of Fremont, Ohio; sisters, Barbara Jo Wolf of Carrollton, Michigan and Glenda Aswegan of Clyde, Ohio; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Rarick; parents, William and Pauline Campbell; one son, Terry Lee Rarick; and grandsons, Austin and Andrew Rarick; great-grandsons, Ralph Walden and George Goetz; and great-granddaughter, Anna Marie Goetz.

A graveside service will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Benefit Walk and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Arleen will be remembered with love. She will be missed, but forever she will live within our hearts.

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Doren Follis

June 16, 1930 ~ January 19, 2021



Doren Dean Follis of Hoxie, KS departed this life January 19, 2021 at the age of 91 years with family at his side. Doren was born at Greeley, KS on June 21, 1929. Almost one year later, on June 16, 1930, John and Anna (Walden) Follis adopted Doren by paying a fee of \$2.50 at the Courthouse. Two years later a girl, Janese, was adopted and welcomed to the family.

Doren grew up in the Chicago community northeast of Hoxie going to all of grade school in the country school. He enjoyed 4-H and playing ball with the other country schools' students.

After their home was hit by a tornado, they moved west of Hoxie and Doren attended Hoxie High School graduating in 1947. There he met Irene (Cooper). They were married June 12, 1949. Doren and Irene's family grew to include daughter Terry Lynn and sons Eric Doren, Elliot Lee, and Clint Alan. Recently they were blessed to celebrate their 70th anniversary.

Doren loved farming and especially took pleasure in caring with his cattle. He never knew a stranger and enjoyed square dancing, playing cards, and being called "Trouble" by his many friends. Doren developed a love of traveling after the purchase of a small RV. Throughout the years they were able to travel to many states.

Doren was active in many organizations: 4-H, Fair Board, Farm Bureau, Co-op, Republican Party, and his church. His most rewarding activity was seeing that the LTC had a church fellowship every week for the past 40 years.

Doren was predeceased by parents John and Anna (Walden) Follis, sister Janese (Carl) Ackerman, son Elliot Follis in 1977 and great-grandson Ezra Etherton.

Doren is survived by his wife Thelma Irene of the home, Terry (Bob) Schirk, Pittsburg, KS; Eric (Teresa) Follis, Wichita; Clint (Annette) Follis Hoxie; nine grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren and one step-great-great-grandchild.

At Doren's request, he was cremated. A Visitation open to all friends and family was held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the Christ Community Church, Hoxie. There was no service and a private inurnment was held.

Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Benefit Walk or Christ Victory Centre Children's Refugee School in Africa and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740.

Elmer A. Rietcheck

January 28, 1932 - February 1, 2021



Elmer Anthony Rietcheck, 89, passed away Monday, February 1, 2021 at Hospice House of Reno County, Hutchinson, Kansas from complications related to covid-19.

Elmer was born in rural Sheridan County, Kansas on January 28, 1932, the second of seven children, to John and Rose (Geerdes) Rietcheck. He attended school in rural Sheridan County, graduating from Sheridan County Community High School in 1949. During high school, Elmer was part of the livestock judging team where he had a natural talent for judging hogs.

Elmer served in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War. He was stationed in Japan as a military police officer. After completing his time in the military, Elmer returned to Kansas. He married Bernadine Haffner on May 6, 1961 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, KS.

The couple purchased Elmer's maternal grandparents' home in Seguin, where they raised their three children and renovated the house. Elmer used his interest in agriculture to provide for his family. He was a practical, hard working person who raised cattle, hogs, and various crops. He conscientiously tended the land and his livestock. When Elmer wasn't working, he spent time with his family, enjoyed playing pitch and faithfully followed Kansas City Chiefs football games on television. He eventually retired in his early 70's. In 2014, Elmer and Bernadine sold the family home and moved to Mennonite Manor in South Hutchinson, KS to be closer to their children.

Elmer is survived by his wife Bernadine, daughter, Karen (James) Demel of Douglass; daughter, Geri (Bob) Hickman of Hutchinson; son, John (Linda) Rietcheck of Conroe, TX; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Carolyn (Paul) Gatschet of Hays and Phyllis (Ralph) Melenson of Hot Springs Village, AR; brother, Vernon Rietcheck of Hoxie; brother-in-law, Kenneth Ostmeyer of Garden City; sister-in-law, Roberta Rietcheck of Colby.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alfred Rietcheck and Robert Rietcheck; sister, Dorothy Ostmeyer and sister-in-law, Barbara Rietcheck.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Old Mission-Heritage Funeral Home, Hutchinson, KS. Interment of his ashes will take place in the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney, WaKeeney, KS at a later date. A celebration of life will be scheduled when it is safe to gather after the pandemic subsides. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice House of Reno County, 1523 E. 20th Ave., Hutchinson, Kansas 67502, or Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 612 S. Maple St., South Hutchinson, Kansas 67505.

Elmer is best described as a genuine, decent person. He was a good man with a memorable sense of humor. Farewell, Dad and Godspeed.

Edward Currier

March 31, 1937 ~ January 16, 2021

Edward G. Currier died on January 16, 2021 in Alamosa, CO due to complications from a compromised heart valve. He was 83. Ed, or Eck, as he was affectionately known, was born in Denver, CO, on March 31, 1937, to Howard and Anna (Karnes) Currier. They, along with his infant brother William, and older brother Don (formerly of Atwood, KS) preceded him in death.

Ed grew up in Hoxie and graduated from Sheridan County High School in 1955. He started farming before he graduated and did so for most of his life.

He married Kathryn (Katie) Treu in Hoxie on June 9, 1957, and they were married 63 years until his death. Eck continued to farm in Sheridan County with a few years away to serve in the United States Army. He was stationed in Ft. Benning, GA, and in Dachau, Germany. After many years of farming, he became a real estate agent for Farm and Ranch Realty in Colby. He and Katie later moved to Colby where he started his own appraisal and real estate business, Ed Currier Appraisal Service. Upon retirement, they moved to Alamosa, CO, to be near their youngest daughter and her family.

Eck was raised in the church and accepted Jesus as his Savior at a young age. He was baptized as a baby and later was immersed in baptism at the Hoxie Christian Church where he served as an elder and was a lifetime member. While in Alamosa they attended the Christian Reformed Church of Alamosa. His daughters, Patta and Paulette, grew up knowing a loving heavenly Father because they had had such a loving earthly one.

Ed is survived by his wife Katie of Alamosa; daughter Patta and husband, Steve Dietz of Prosper, TX; daughter Paulette and husband, Randall Kiker of Red River, NM; and his grandchildren Trent Dietz (and wife, Amanda) of Abilene, TX; Garrett Dietz (and wife, Sarah) of Casper, WY; Dallas Kiker of Red River, NM; and Chase Kiker of Red River, NM. Eck also enjoyed receiving pictures and videos of his three great-grandchildren, Daniel, Ezra, and Hazel, as well as having sweet relationships with many nieces and nephews and friends from all around.

Due to current health and safety concerns, memorial services are pending. Please feel free to send cards directly to the families or to P.O. Box 839 Red River, New Mexico 87558. Memorials in Ed's name may also be made to the Hoxie (Kansas) Christian Church or Hospice del Valle (Alamosa) in care of Rogers Family Mortuary P.O. Box 1549 Alamosa, Colorado 81101. Most importantly, prayers for the family are greatly appreciated. To express online condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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Senators Send Proposal to Rein in Biden's \$1.9 Trillion Plan

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) joined nine of his Republican colleagues to unveil details of their targeted COVID-19 federal relief proposal and to request a meeting with President Biden to discuss the proposal in further detail. President Biden accepted the request and invited the Republican senators to the White House for a meeting at 5pm ET, Monday, February 2.

"Last year, Congress spent \$4 trillion on bipartisan COVID-19 relief packages to support Americans as our country faced the challenges of this pandemic," said Sen. Moran. "While more can be done to accelerate vaccine distribution and protect small businesses, the Democrats' \$2 trillion plan filled with unrelated, partisan wish list items is not the right path forward."

"I am pleased to join my colleagues in putting forth a targeted framework, built on a foundation of bipartisan ideas, to get more vaccines in people's arms and help Americans who are struggling most," continued Sen. Moran. "President Biden has pledged a spirit of unity, and I hope he will rise to that promise by working with both sides of the aisle in Congress to pass a sixth bipartisan relief package to meet the ongoing challenges of this crisis."

The \$600 billion Republican proposal includes funding for COVID-19 vaccine production and distribution, additional resources to get children safely back to school, support for small businesses and economic relief for families.

Yesterday, Sen. Moran joined his Republican colleagues in sending a letter to President Biden to discuss their alternative COVID-19 relief proposal. Joining Sen. Moran are U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Mitt Romney (R-Utah), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Susan Collins (R-Maine), and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska).

Commission Minutes 1/26/21

Now on this 26th day of January 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Carolyn Meyer and *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Pratt stated he had a letter prepared for Arthur Hirdler regarding the land by Bridge #57. Pratt had visited with Joe Herskowitz about the right-of-way mowing agreement. The Board had received the rough draft of this document, which included a bid form, color map, and document which reflected when bills are due to the Clerk for payment. A notice will be placed in the paper. Bids will be received until noon on Monday, February 22. The County reserves the right to refuse any bid.

Tire bids were received from Allie Repair, Weis Tire, and Bainter Oil for four tires for the pickup used by the Appraiser's office. Mader made a motion to purchase four Firestone Transforce AT2 tires from Weis Tire at a cost of \$172.00/tire. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This was the low bid for that tire.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the abatement made to a parcel after a payment under protest hearing. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Signature card documents were signed for Equity Bank and First State Bank.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated that he will have information from Penco Engineering at next week's meeting pertaining to bridges. Some of the bills were discussed. Another employee has been hired. Herskowitz stated that overtime should be stopping due to the snow.

The Board, by consensus, stated that all new hires for the County, no matter the department, will be subject to a pre-employment physical and drug test. Bracht will check with Jessica Campbell and see what she can do. The Board feels that KCAMP, which is the liability insurance

for the county, and KWORCC, workman's comp insurance, is very expensive. Bracht will call and get comparative prices prior to renewal and will check with other clerk's whose county might not have KCAMP and KWORCC and see who they use.

At 8:40, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 8:55 with no decision being made.

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

Mindy Harting, Sheridan County Appraiser, entered the meeting. Harting asked about using a mail service for all the mailings they do in her office. Harting feels it will save the County a lot of time and money. The Board agreed they are fine with that decision. Harting stated she believes they will make the March 1 deadline and will not have to file for an extension with the state. At 9:08, Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Wes Bainter, to enter in to executive session for a period of one hour for the purpose of conducting interviews for the position of Appraisal Clerk. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht and Harting. The door opened at 10:03. Harting will contact the applicant she decided to hire.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Minutes as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The following warrants were approved:

- General \$129,191.73
- Road & Bridge \$51,931.24
- Spec Mach \$316,842.05
- Tech Fund \$110.13
- E911 \$1,368.96
- Nox Weed \$3,935.00
- Public Health \$410.65
- Stray \$48.00
- Publ Trnsp \$178.45
- Conceal Carry \$95.00

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:00 in the Courthouse foyer.

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

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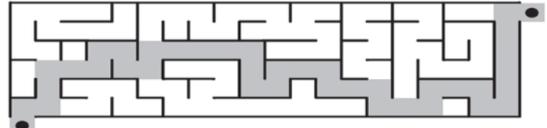
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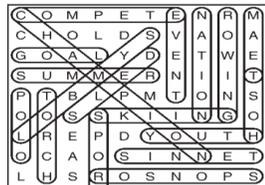
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CryptoQuip answer

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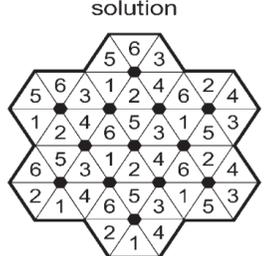
SCRAMBLERS solution

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 3. Bundle; 4. Advise
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SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword

Answers

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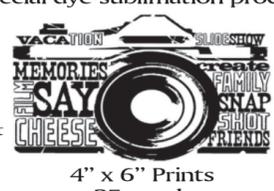
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