



Welcome New Teachers at USD #412

By Helaina Heskett

The 2026-2027 school year has brought several new faces to USD 412. Hoxie High School welcomes new teachers in Math, Science, and Agriculture, while Hoxie Grade School welcomes new 3rd and 4th-grade teachers. Here is a chance to meet some of Hoxie's newest teachers.

Halle Young is joining Hoxie High School as the new Agriculture teacher. Outside of school, Young enjoys reading thriller books, watching movies and TV shows, spending time outdoors, and helping with country fair events. Young describes her teaching style as hands-on, supportive, and engaging. One of the biggest things she has learned since becoming a teacher is that every student learns differently. She believes the best teaching happens when teachers meet students where they are and help them grow from there. Young advises students to take pride in their work, try new things, and still try even when it gets hard. She also wants students to remember that she genuinely cares about their success, both in and out of the classroom; she wants them to know her door is always open. Even though Young is new to Hoxie, she has already noticed how welcoming the community is. She said the students, staff, and community have made Hoxie feel like home from day one. Young describes her few weeks at Hoxie as busy, exciting, and full of great moments. She has especially enjoyed getting to know her students and getting involved with FFA and Agriculture classes.

Becky Steiger is starting the school year as the new Science teacher. Outside of school, Steiger enjoys gardening, canning the vegetables she grows, and cooking. Her advice to students is to control what you can and let go of what you cannot. She encourages students to remember that they can always control the effort they put into something. Steiger wants her students to remember that she cares about them and hopes she can help them develop an interest in science. Her first few weeks at Hoxie High have been filled with learning new technology, getting familiar with different ways of doing things, and learning many new names. Overall, she feels she is settling into her new role at Hoxie nicely.

Mary Singleton is also joining Hoxie High School as a new Math teacher. Outside of school, Singleton enjoys reading, writing, baking, thrifting, being outside, and watching sports. Singleton describes her teaching style as relatable, consistent, and vocabulary-based. One of the biggest things she has learned since becoming a teacher is the importance of patience and recognizing that everyone has their own



story. Her advice to students is to think of math as a way to learn how to approach and solve problems instead of focusing only on specific skills. She also wants students to remember her as kind and respectful. When describing her first few weeks at Hoxie High, Singleton said it was overwhelming.

Jayden Fenner is joining Hoxie Grade School as a 4th grade teacher. Outside of school, Fenner enjoys spending time with family and reading. One of Fenner's favorite books is Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson. Another favorite is The Time of the Fireflies by Kimberley Griffiths Little. She describes her teaching style as organized, encouraging, and student-centered. One of the biggest things she has learned so far this year is how much teachers must adjust and modify their lessons and daily plans based on students' needs and other scheduled events. One thing Fenner wants students to remember is her willingness to help and have patience with them.

Norie Zerr is joining the Grade School staff this year as a 3rd grade teacher. Outside of school, Zerr enjoys spending time with her friends and family, cooking, and going to the lake. Zerr described her teaching style as ambitious, supportive, and student-centered. One of the biggest things she has learned since becoming a teacher is that she is not the only one teaching in her classroom. She says her students teach her just as much as she teaches them. Her advice to students is to always try their best, be kind, be patient with themselves, and remember how capable they are. Zerr wants her students to remember that she will always be one of their biggest supporters and advocates. Zerr grew up in Hoxie and attended school here, so she knows the community well, but she is pleasantly surprised that Hoxie is still as welcoming as it's always been.



Sheridan County Strategic Planning-Final Report Presentation, September 15

Sheridan County — After several months of community surveys, strategic meetings, and community forums, the results of Sheridan County Strategic Planning initiative will be presented to the public on Tuesday, September 15, at 12:00 p.m.

The final presentation will be held in the Sheridan County Community Foundation office board room presented by Chrisman Consulting in partnership with Economic Development, and the Sheridan County Community Foundation. The presentation will highlight what was heard from community members throughout the process and share the key findings and opportunities identified for Sheridan County's future.

The public are invited to attend and learn what the community said were the top concerns, possible solutions, and what comes next.

For those unable to attend in person, the presentation will be available through a Facebook Live broadcast on the Sheridan County Community Facebook page. A recording will also be made available afterward on the Sheridan County Community Facebook page and website.

Public Presentation
Tuesday, September 15 | 12:00 p.m.
Sheridan County Community Foundation Office Board Room

Fair Ribbons on Display



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Congratulations on a successful fair season, and we look forward to supporting and cheering you on again next year! (Photo courtesy of The Bank)

U.S. 24 to be Resurfaced in Graham County

Resurfacing work on U.S. 24 in Graham County is expected to begin soon.

The Kansas Department of Transportation project involves a mill and overlay on 17.5 miles of roadway from the Sheridan County line to the east city limits of Hill City. In addition to U.S. 24, K-84 into Penokee, and K-85 into Morland will also be resurfaced.

Work is scheduled to begin on September 9, and be completed in mid-October, conditions permitting.

During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane where crews are actively working and directed by flaggers and a pilot car. Delays of up to 15 minutes are possible.

Venture Corp., of Great Bend, is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$4.7 million.

KDOT reminds motorists to stay alert, follow posted signs, and refrain from using hand-held mobile devices in all active work zones. For current road conditions, visit KanDrive.gov or call 511. For updates on highway projects in northwest Kansas, visit ksdot.gov/NorthwestNews.



Words of Wisdom	Grain Report		Weather Report				Thought of the Week
Nothing is impossible, the word itself says “I’m Possible” ~Audrey Hepburn	Reported on: Tuesday, Sept. 8		Date	High	Low	Moisture	Guilt is just Love with nowhere to go. ~Jamie Anderson
	Corn	5.13	8/31	91	68	.77”	
	Milo	4.69	9/1	96	69	--	
			9/2	98	70	--	
	Beans	12.06	9/3	97	73	--	
			9/4	98	73	.03”	
	Wheat	7.49	9/5	96	72	.02”	
			9/6	89	69	.25”	



The Selden Senior Citizens met on Thursday, September 3, at the Community Center for a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Steve Skubal, Carlene Bruggeman, Pat Wessel, Bob Wessel, Betty Hickert, Barb Jones, and Joan Austin. Those staying to play cards included Shirley Emigh with a score of 508, Boyd Wilson with a score of 446, JR Albers with a score of 346, Elaine Koerperich with a score of 408, Tammy Shaw with a score of 389, and Jacque Boultinghouse with a score of 397.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
September 1: Bart Karls, Dan Wessel, Barry Quanz
September 4: Curt & Jennifer Spresser, Darin Neff
September 6: Mike Miller, Scot & Anita Boultinghouse
September 7: Don & Katie Koerperich
September 8: Kain Schiltz
September 9: Nicke Anderson, Ben & Caitlin Schwagger

September 10: Dayton Porsch, Seth Gilbert
September 11: Dustin Shaw, Addison Campbell, Jaxsen Vabinder

September 12: Leroy Spresser, Ben Rhodes, Mark Meitl

September 13: Marcia Kruse
September 14: Leah Sewell
September 15: Diane Carter, Tracie Darbin
September 16: Doug Neff
September 17: Kevin Wurm, Ruth Porsch
September 18: Nick & Keshia Merkle, Bobbi Koerperich

The City was notified by Sheridan County that there have been problems with the recycling trailer at the city shop. People are putting items in the wrong containers, putting non-recyclable materials in them, such as chemical jugs, garbage, etc. The entire trailer had to be dumped at the landfill due to the conditions. If this continues, they will be removing the trailer permanently and there will no longer be recycling available in Selden.

Golden Plains School Homecoming activities will begin on September 21, with the Homecoming game being on Friday, September 25, with Western Plains in Rexford at 7:00pm.

Smoky Hills PBS Announces the 2027 PBS KIDS Writers Contest

Bunker Hill – Smoky Hills PBS is excited to announce that the 2027 PBS KIDS Writers Contest is now officially open for entries! This year, Smoky Hills PBS is moving the contest timeline earlier to allow our winning authors to visit the Smoky Hills PBS studio and experience the excitement of being on television. Winners will have the opportunity to read their own stories on camera, which will be featured during the 2027 PBS KIDS Writers Contest AWARD SHOW in May. This new contest timeline gives kids more time to write their stories while creating an even more memorable experience for our winning authors.

The contest is open to children in 1st through 5th grade to submit their own original stories, with entries being accepted September 1 through January 4.

The 2027 theme is:
“If I could Make My Own TV Show ...”
Children are encouraged to use their creativity to imagine a television show they would love to create. Whether it's filled with superheroes, talking animals, science experiments, adventures, or entirely new worlds every original story is welcome.

“The PBS KIDS Writers Contest is all about inspiring creativity and celebrating young storytellers,” said Betsy Schwien, General Manager of Smoky Hills PBS. “Our earlier timeline this year gives children more time to write and allows us to showcase our winning authors in an exciting new way during the Awards Show!”

Students may submit stories individually, and teachers are also welcome to submit multiple entries on behalf of their classroom. Printable entry forms are available at SmokyHillsPBS.org.

Completed forms and stories can be emailed to writerscontest@shptv.org or mailed to:

Smoky Hills PBS
PO BOX 9
Bunker Hill, KS 67626

All entries must be received by January 4, 2027. Winners will receive prizes and be recognized in May 2027, during the annual Smoky Hills PBS Awards Show, where selected stories will be featured on TV.

The PBS KIDS Writers Contest continues to be a fun and educational opportunity for children to strengthen their writing skills, express themselves creatively, and share their ideas with the community.

Key Details:
• Who Can Participate: Students in grades 1-5
• Theme: “If I could Make My Own TV Show ...”
• Submission Deadline: January 4, 2027
• How to Enter: Visit SmokyHillsPBS.org for contest rules and a printable entry form

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Hello again. Well, dove season is here and so far, not so good. I have gotten one whole dove so far. It seems like everywhere we saw them before season, they've disappeared. So, I will keep looking and I'm sure we'll find some good hunting. Handicap and youth deer season is here and wish good luck for everyone out there. I hope they find the thirty pointer! I have to wait until firearms deer season to hunt. But if I can do as well as last season, I'll be tickled. Going to be hard to beat that one! But there are more deer now, so my hopes are up.

I'd like to say fishing is great but it's been too hot for me to go. Maybe in a couple of weeks. I'm wanting to get back to Glen Elder.

A couple of things I'd like to touch on. People who drive in Hoxie, *have you lost your minds?* Didn't you take drivers education? The number of people I have had cut me off to the point of skidding to stop is staggering. Plus, you all do know that the red octagonal sign means “stop”, don't you? I don't give a crap who you or your parents are, by God pay attention! One of these days my brakes may be not so good, and it will fall on your insurance. Also, Friday alone I saw over 20 people texting and driving here in town. I'm sure our city could make some dollars from that. Also, those parking spaces with the blue markings and a wheelchair? Those are for actual handicapped folks and not *your* convenience.

There's a meeting coming up on the thirtieth on the Sheridan Lake Project. I encourage all who are concerned to attend. But let's treat the folks with respect. I'm sure we will find out why there have been delays. But KDWP needs to know we're tired of the delays. Especially since they just opened a new state park back east. I know I have questions.

Can you believe the insanity over that woman who killed her kids? How can anyone think she's innocent? My God people, murder is murder, and blaming post partum depression is a cheap freaking copout.

Not much else but will try to keep you informed on any new info on Sheridan Lake. So, until next time stay safe and enjoy the outside.

Consumer Alert: Avoid Roofing Scams

Topeka – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is urging Kansas residents to use caution to avoid scams by unregistered contractors following recent storms. Kansas experienced storms with damaging winds in Allen, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, and Miami counties. Jefferson, Johnson, and Miami counties also experienced hail.

“After a storm, our instinct is to clean up and make repairs as quickly as possible,” Kobach said. “When considering roofing work on a home or business, it is important that consumers make sure their roofing contractor is properly registered before signing any contract or having any work done.”

Consumers should request a copy of their roofing contractor's registration certificate or the company's registration number. Consumers may confirm the company's registration has an “In Good Standing” status at <https://www.ag.ks.gov/divisions/public-protection/resources/roofing-registration-directory#/>.

Working with a roofer that is registered is a bare minimum to help prevent problems. The attorney general's office also recommends the following tips in dealing with any unregistered contractors, including roofers:

- Get recommendations and references.
- Get at least three written estimates from different contractors.
- Check contractor complaint records with the Better Business Bureau.
- Understand your payment options and right to cancel.

Staff from the attorney general's Roofing Registration Unit have been in contact with local officials to assist in responding to roofing contractors and consumers. The requirement to register with the attorney general's office is in addition to any other local requirements that may be imposed by cities or counties.

With few exceptions, the Kansas Roofing Contractor Registration Act requires roofing contractors to obtain a registration certificate from the Kansas Attorney General in order to legally solicit or provide commercial or residential roofing services for a fee in Kansas. It is designed to ensure that legitimate roofing contractors are complying with state requirements, such as carrying appropriate insurance, and to help prevent fly-by-night operators from taking advantage of Kansas consumers.

The attorney general requests that Kansans promptly report any unregistered person or company attempting to sell roofing services. Any Kansans, who have problems with unregistered roofing contractors, may report the occurrence to the attorney general's Civil Division, Licensing and Inspections Unit on the website at <https://www.ag.ks.gov/file-a-complaint/report-an-unregistered-roofer#/> or by calling 785.368.6644.



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Man, we wear the cross around our necks. Hang it on our walls. Put it in our bios. Tattoo it on our skin. But sometimes I wonder if we've seen the cross so many times WE'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT COST. Those weren't decorations in His hands, they were wounds.

After Jesus rose from the grave, Thomas struggled to believe. He said unless he saw the nail marks and touched His wounds, he wouldn't believe. Then Jesus came and He didn't hide the scars. “Put your finger here; see my hands.” — John 20:27

Man, imagine standing there. Imagine looking at the hands that carried the evidence of what love cost. Because Jesus wasn't hanging on that cross for His sin. HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY. He was there for ours. Not just “the sins of the world.” That sounds distant. Bring it closer. OURS.

The lies. The pride. The bitterness. The cheating. The hatred. The things nobody knows about. The people we hurt. The years we wasted. The times we knew better and did it anyway. And Jesus knew all of it. Every ugly chapter. Every failure. Every time we would say we loved Him and then live like we forgot Him.

And still, HE STAYED. That's what breaks me. He knew who we were before the nails ever touched His hands.

Romans 5:8 says: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Not after we cleaned ourselves up. Not after we proved ourselves. WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS. So how can we look at those scars and believe we're too far gone? How can we believe our worst mistake is somehow stronger than His grace? IT ISN'T.

Maybe we've been staring at our own scars thinking they prove we're ruined. Look at His. His scars don't say death won. They prove DEATH LOST. Friday happened. The wounds were real. The grave was real. But Sunday came. AND THE TOMB WAS EMPTY.

So maybe tonight we finally lay down the guilt. The shame. The past. The person we've been trying to hide. And when guilt whispers: “God could never want somebody like you...” Look toward Jesus. Look at those scarred hands. Because maybe they've been answering us all along: ***I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU...AND I STILL CAME FOR YOU.***

Those scars don't tell us how worthless we are. THEY TELL US HOW FAR LOVE WAS WILLING TO GO TO BRING US HOME.



Presidential Disaster Declaration Includes Sheridan County

President Donald Trump has granted Governor Laura Kelly's request for two federal disaster declarations for the state. Public Assistance was approved for storms that impacted Kansas June 4-15 and June 18-30 with damages caused by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding. Multiple counties sustained damage to utility infrastructure, roads, and bridges.

Counties that were impacted by these storms include: Atchison, Brown, Butler, Cherokee Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Edwards, Geary, Gove, Harper, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mitchell, Morris, Nemaha, Ness, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Rice, Riley, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Sheridan Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Sumner, Thomas, Wallace, Wabaunsee, and Washington Counties and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas.

The declaration allows state and local levels of government, as well as certain private nonprofit organizations that provide vital and essential services, such as rural electric cooperatives, to apply for Public Assistance funds for emergency and permanent work for the repair or replacement of infrastructure damaged by the disaster.

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Leoville Man Finds ‘Stone’ Worth \$71 in Yard
Oberlin Herald - September 8, 1966

Finding stones around the farm can be profitable. Certain kinds, like meteorites can get you from \$3 to \$6 a pound.

Most recently Bernard (Barney) Schieferecke, Leoville, found a 14-pound, 5-ounce meteorite that brought him \$5 a pound or \$71.57.

This is the third meteorite found recently in the area. Prior to Schieferecke’s find, Vincent Ritter of Dresden and Don Sulzman of Selden were paid for meteorites they found near Dresden.

Paying from \$3 to \$6 a pound for the meteorites is the American Meteorite Laboratory in Denver.

Schieferecke found the stone in his farm yard about a year and a half ago and put it on his propane trailer.

In June, Glenn Huss, director of the Denver lab, stopped at the Schieferecke farmstead to show the family samples of meteorites and to encourage them to look for meteorites on their farm.

“Within an hour after I had left, one of the sons who was absent during my visit returned home and was told about our search for meteorites,” recalled Huss. “He immediately thought of the stone on the propane trailer and brought it to the house.”

Huss says there are doubtless other fragments of this fall as well as meteorites of other falls in the fields of this area.



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The Gateway Receives \$11,573 Grant

GROW Decatur County-Facebook

GROW Decatur County Foundation is excited to announce a grant of \$11,573 to The Gateway to help purchase new curtains for the arena.

At first glance, curtains might not sound very exciting, but these will make a big difference! The new curtains will help reduce energy costs by making it easier to heat and cool the space, saving money on energy costs.

The Gateway is such an important part of our community, this improvement will help make the facility even more functional for years to come.

Congratulations to The Gateway on this project! We can’t wait to see the impact these new curtains will have for both the facility and the people who use it every day.

GROW Decatur County Foundation is an affiliate of GNWKCF.



“The American Meteorite Laboratory will be glad to test suspected meteorites free of charge. A sample not smaller than a walnut detached from the place where it will do the least damage (small specimens should be sent intact) should be sent to the American Meteorite Laboratory in Denver.

Should the test prove a specimen to be meteoritic, an offer of purchase will be made. Prices currently paid run from \$3 to \$6 a pound, depending on the condition, type, and other considerations, according to Huss.

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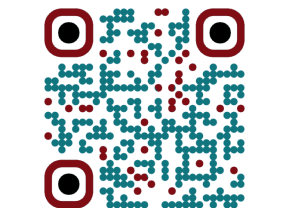
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DCHS 100th Annual Homecoming Coronation September 18

The 100th Annual Homecoming Coronation Ceremony will occur on Friday, September 18, at 1pm in the DCHS Auditorium. A parade will follow the ceremony.

This year’s Court are:

Guss Emigh
Elsie Larson
Josiah Pattangall
Karen Molina
Caden Shaw
Maria Rodriguez
Gage Williby
Devyn Stagemeyer
Crow Berer: Wells Larue
Flower Girl: Ara Fortin

All former Kings & Queens are also requested to attend so they may be recognized during the assembly and participate in the parade. Past Kings & Queens, please RSVP to the DCHS Office at 785-475-2231 by Wednesday, September 16.

Mondays are for the Library!



Oberlin Elementary SOS-Facebook

SOS is helping out in the library this year and volunteering for a few hours every Monday to help the students check in and check out books. We love getting to see the students and their love of books!

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Museum News: A Little Rain Couldn’t Stop the Labor Day Fun

By Shari Buss, Director, Hansen Museum

A little drizzle and cool temperatures greeted visitors Sunday morning as the Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration got underway at the Logan Golf Course. While the weather may have caused a few people to hesitate before heading out the door, the celebration charged forward—and before long, so did the crowd.

The cars for the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show were a little slower to roll in than usual, but eventually the golf course filled with an impressive collection of vehicles for visitors to admire. As it turned out, the light rain provided a wonderfully cool morning and perfect conditions for strolling through the car show, playing sand volleyball, and letting the kids burn off some energy on the inflatables.

By 2 p.m., however, Mother Nature had changed her mind. The clouds gave way to sunshine, and the children participating in the State-Sanctioned Kids’ Pedal Tractor Pull found themselves working hard under some strong afternoon rays. They didn’t seem to mind, though, as each competitor put plenty of effort into getting that pedal tractor as far down the track as possible. Every child who participated received a certificate for a free snow cone as a reward for their hard work, while the winners also took home cash prizes.

Shortly after 2 p.m., the Logan Fire Department kicked off its cornhole tournament, and what a turnout it was! Twenty-one teams participated in the tournament, adding another lively competition to the afternoon’s activities.

As the day wore on, the cool morning became a distant memory as the temperatures climbed. Many visitors found the perfect place to escape the afternoon heat—the Hansen Museum! The Museum was hopping throughout the afternoon as guests explored Going Places: The Technology of Transport. The hands-on exhibition gave visitors a chance to cool off indoors while having a little fun of a different kind.

By 5:30 p.m., it was time for the evening entertainment to begin as The Innocence, from Kearney, Nebraska, took the stage. The band kept the crowd entertained until approximately 8:45 p.m. with an impressive variety of music spanning decades and genres. From George Strait’s “Amarillo by Morning” and classic favorites such as “Mustang Sally” to more recent hits like Bruno Mars’ “Uptown Funk,” there was a little something for everyone. The talented musicians and vocalists kept the evening moving and provided the perfect soundtrack as the sun went down over the golf

course.

And, as always, Rainbow Fireworks made sure the celebration ended with a bang! For approximately 22 minutes, the night sky was filled with dazzling colors, bright sizzling bursts, and plenty of patriotic booms. It was a spectacular ending to a day that had begun beneath gray skies and a light drizzle.

An event of this size simply does not happen without a tremendous amount of support. The Hansen Museum is incredibly grateful for the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, whose funding supports the Museum and makes it possible to offer events such as the Labor Day Celebration to the public. We are also thankful for the Hansen Museum Board and the many Logan organizations and individuals who step in each year to perform the countless jobs necessary to make the day a success.

Our thanks go to the Logan Lions Club for parking cars; the Logan Fire Department for overseeing fireworks safety and hosting the cornhole tournament; the Logan Junior Class for helping set up tents and operating the food booth; and Michael and Chris Delimont for coordinating the sand volleyball tournament. There are many more people who lend a hand behind the scenes, and while we cannot possibly name everyone, please know that your help is noticed, appreciated, and vital to the success of the celebration.

A huge shout-out also goes to the Hansen Museum employees who work tirelessly before, during, and after the event. A special thank-you goes to Dave Schneider, who has the setup and teardown of the Labor Day Celebration down to a fine science. Being the fellow on a staff of women means Dave ends up with the heavy lifting! Fortunately for us, he knows how to get things done—and get them done efficiently. His hard work and knowledge of all the behind-the-scenes logistics help keep the entire celebration running smoothly.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who attended. Without all of you making plans, traveling to Logan, and spending your Sunday with us, there simply wouldn’t be a celebration. Whether you came for the cars, competition, kids’ activities, Museum, food, music, fireworks—or all of the above—you helped make another Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration one to remember.

From a cool, drizzly morning to a warm, sunny afternoon and a sky filled with fireworks at night, it turned out to be quite a day. Thank you for celebrating with us, and we look forward to seeing you again next

year!

The Hansen Museum is located at 110 W. Main Street in Logan, Kansas. Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is always free courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For additional information, please call 785-689-4846 or visit www.hansenmuseum.org.

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The Sheridan County Democrat September 10, 1892

Henry Alberts, of Saline township, was at the hub Wednesday.

W. I. Brown of Utah is making his brother-in-law Ed Lupton a visit this week.

Postmaster Turner was somewhat under the weather thr fore part of the week.

Lou Korb arrived Wednesday with two cars of mares that he picked up in Oregon.

Ed Brimer, after an absence of two years, is again with us and says that he will stay.

County clerk McPherson has moved into his residence in the east part of the city.

Sheridan county turned out a good many visitors to the reunion at Goodland this week.

A. R. Shrimplin, of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, has purchased the B. F. Bartholomen land and is in the county locking for more of this rich dirt.

John McKim and son, of Lamoni, Iowa, have purchased a fine quarter of land and will improve it immediately. The young man is here to stay.

Ross Patterson at one time the heavy editor of the *Palladium*, but now a resident of Colorado, is spending a few days on his old stamping grounds.

Bert Glasgow, of Atchison, was in Hoxie last week taking in sights and looking at land. He said that he would go no further as this is good enough for him.

Married, at the residence of the brides parents in Saline township on Thursday, September 1, 1892, by Rev. Cheney, Albert L. Brooks, of Salina, and Martha E. Patterson.

James A. Sprague, of Eveland, Iowa, who owns five acres of land in the Loveland addition to Hoxie, was in the city last week and is highly pleased with his possession.

Allen Rich while working around the separator of Talbot & Clearman's steam thresher on Monday got his right arm under a belt on a pulley, which caused him to quit the business.

Frank Wilson met with a sad misfortune on Thursday week, by having his house and contents burned up. He was away from when the occurrence took place, having gone to a neighbors, and thinks the fire was caused by a defective flue. He has the lumber on the ground for another house.

From Harmony

Six of the Gove boys visited Grinnell last Sunday.

Bob Cox is assisting D. F. Anies to make hay this week.

George Ellsworth of the Solomon and Miss Belle were in Hoxie Saturday last.

Tom

Windy Hollow

Mrs. Clemens has a new harness.

Mr. Huff will be our mail man on this route.

Miss Stuart commences the fall term of school Monday.

Roxy Rye

125 Years Ago

September 12, 1901

Sheriff Korb visited Rooks county the first of the week.

Charley Monteith and George Pratt went to Kansas City Monday with several car loads of cattle.

Toney Haverkamp and Charley Courier, of Solomon township, visited Hoxie Saturday and remained until Sunday morning.

Comrade A. C. Reed was confined to his bed last week with an acute attack of rheumatism. He is able to be out at this writing, however.

Photographer Long requests us to announce that he will be at Hill City Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, but that he will be in Hoxie until that time and then during tournament week.

The concert Tuesday evening was not very largely attended, but those present report that it was well worth the admission price, and with the exception of some of the usual rowdiness at the foot of the stairway, everything passed off smoothly.

A. J. Brooks has sold his farm one mile northwest of Hoxie to Mrs. E. W. McDonald, of Kellerton, Iowa, and it will be occupied by her son, George Forsythe, also of Kellerton. We understand that Mr. Brooks will move to Hoxie if he can get a house.

The preliminary of John Tatum, charged with cattle stealing, was held before Justice Schultheis last Friday and he was held for the next term of court and his bond fixed at \$500 in default of which he is confined at Hotel DeKorb.

Misses Mary and Wilma Evans, of Allison, were down to attend the Old Settlers' picnic Saturday last.

Henry Wessel and John Schwarz, two of Solomon township's rustling farmers, were Hoxie shoppers, yesterday.

Bloomfield Items

Mrs. Kast is on the war path once again.

Harry Moore made a trip north after

plums last Thursday.

J. W. Moore visited with Byron Burr's last Sunday.

A Farmer

Phelps Facts

V. P. Borger went to Morland last Monday.

Miss Lillie Breeden called on Miss Lizzie Borger Sunday.

Miss Kate Conard is spending a few days this week in this vicinity.

A Scribbler

Union Items

Alfalfa fields are growing green again since the recent rains.

Levi Slover lost four good cows last week from the effects of eating cane.

Quite a crowd was in attendance at the picnic in Moore's grove last Sunday, notwithstanding the cloudy weather.

A Scribbler

Valley Verifications

John McCartney threshed Monday.

Sam Morgan is making hay this week.

T. S. Crick attended the sale north of Hoxie Thursday.

Jay Hawker

100 Years Ago

September 9, 1926

Kitchen Kabinet Orchestra Goes Over Big

The "Kitchen Kabinet Orchestra," given Wednesday night of last week at the high school by the M. E. Ladies' Aid Society was well presented and all who attended were much pleased with the evening's program.

Local News

Mrs. Roy Jacobs returned home Friday night from Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Jones and son, who are located at present at Subletter, Kansas, spent the week-end in Hoxie.

Rollo Samuel, Jr., the two-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ewers, made his first trip to Hoxie Monday. This young man, who was born August 24, is a fine little fellow. He has a wealth of glossy, black hair which would do credit to a child many years his senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, of Jetmore, were Hoxie visitors Friday. They came over to bring their daughter, Miss Alice, who is a member of the grade school faculty.

Miss Sara Graddy writes to friends here that she is having a wonderful time in Europe. A card from Nice reached us Monday. It contained the picture of the Hotel Regina where Miss Graddy stopped for awhile. Queen Victoria had stayed there. Miss Graddy says she hasn't seen a king but has met counts, countesses and barons galore.

Miss Helen Adams returned last week from Kansas City.

Charley and Jimmie Campbell are staying at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, and attending high school.

Miss Isabel Johnson, who spent the summer in the country, returned home Sunday.

Miss Eula Hamilton, who spent the week with her sister, Mae, returned to Colby Sunday.

Pleasant Ridge

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Transue visited with their son, Iltyd and family, Monday.

Miss Edith Simon spent Tuesday with Mrs. George Simon.

Mrs. N. F. McWilliams received word that her brother of Kansas City was very ill. He has ulcers of the stomach.

Northwest Prairie Dog

Mr. and Mrs. Geisenhener and Mr. and Mrs. Warner attended the old settler's picnic at Houseworth's lake Friday and report a very enjoyable day.

Glen Marhsall's are spending their vacation in the Rocky mountains.

Bill and Dave Huddle are home from harvest and threshing in Ness county.

Coyote Hunting

About thirty men recently enjoyed a coyote hunt in the vicinity of Hoxie. One member of the party told a *Sentinel* reporter that they succeeded in rounding up six coyotes and killing them.

Palace Theater

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEPT. 10 AND 11

Admission 10 and 25 cents.

“OUTSIDE THE LAW”

The picture that set the fashion in underworld screen melodrama.

Starring Priscilla Dean—Supported by Lon Chaney—Directed by Tod Browning.

SHE WAS SOFT AS SILK—HE WAS SMOOTH AS SATIN.

He hated her because she spurned him—she vowed vengeance because he “framed” her father. A marvelous dramatic thriller of professional jealousy amongst professional crooks and honor amongst thieves. With a powerful, surprise climax that leaves you limp with excitement.

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

75 Years Ago

September 13, 1951

Has Unusual Potato

Albert Wasserman brought to this office last Saturday another of those unusuals in the form of a freakish potato. He found the potato several days before while helping John hill harvest his crop. This particular potato took the liberty of trying to grow through the ring of an old broken bridle bit, the bit being embedded along side. The potato was about the size of a goose egg, and since it was squeezed through the ring probably caused it not to grow in proportion to its brothers alongside.

Fairview

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Transue and Vicki were supper guests at the Lee Minium home in Morland Friday evening.

Ray Corke and Jim O'Dell are each driving a school bus from this vicinity to Hoxie.

Mrs. Roy James has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Landon and family in Denver. She returned home Thursday.

Tasco Notes

Dr. Percival was called to see Mr. Schroeder Tuesday evening. Mr. Schroeder fell Friday and injured his back.

Tasco school opened Monday, Sept. 3rd, with Evelyn Conard as teacher for the upper grades and Laura Rawson for the lower grades. Four first graders were welcomed in the school, and one new 6th grader.

Bobby Davis called on Wayne Sheppard Sunday afternoon.

Morland News

Mr. and Mrs. George Fink spent Sunday in Grainfield visiting the Glick family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crithcfield were business callers in Hill City, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rigdon called at the Grover Engleman home Thursday.

Allison News

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wagoner announce the birth of Lila Jeanne, Aug. 30th.

Mrs. Ruth Randolph and Mrs. Virginia Kappers were shopping in Oberlin, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Standfast spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Stroup.

The Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mosier and Carol spent Thursday with Decker Mosiers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hanchett and Dale of Phillipsburg spent Sunday in the Ivan Shaw home.

The Sunshine 4-H Club entertained their “adopted folks” Sunday evening with a picnic and program at the 4-H building.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have a complete stock of window material. It will soon be time to cover doors and windows.

“I could never marry him, mother. He's an atheist, and doesn't believe there's a hell.”

“Marry him, my dear, and between us we'll convince him how wrong he is.”

If you need a gas water heater, see us for quality and price.

50 Years Ago

September 2, 1976

Training Classes for Firemen

Training classes for both city and rural firemen will beheld in Hoxie next week. Classes will be conducted Monday through Thursday, Sept. 6-9. Sessions will be held each evening at the Sheridan County Services Building beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All interested persons and prospective firemen are also invited to attend these sessions.

Mickey Want Ads

Buy a 25' Lufkin tape measure and get a free carpenter's apron. Price \$8.53.

“Did you get that pane of glass for the kitchen window today?”

“No, I wanted a twelve by fourteen size, and all they had was a fourteen by

twelve.”

“Why didn't you buy it? You could have put it in sideways.”

For Fall sports enjoyment we have in stock a good supply of footballs, basketballs, goals, backboard and goals. Also have received some archery and hunting supplies.

Broadway News

Mrs. Harvey Rodgers injured a thumb recently which required several stitches. It has caused her much discomfort.

The Dorcas Circle planned a family picnic Tuesday evening at the park in Quinter.

Leigh Vickers spent Tuesday at Edwin Simons.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke were supper guests Monday, Aug. 23 at Jim Schiefereckes and helped Timmy celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Pam Fortin returned home Sunday from Lancaster, Calif. She spent her vacation with her sister, Joyce.

Mrs. Delma McCoy of Selden was a Sunday visitor at the John L. Spresser home in Dresden.

Golf News...

The Hoxie Golf Club held their “His and Hers” tournament on Sunday, Aug. 29. There were 32 couples participating in the tourney.

Winners of the first flight were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dumler, Colby, 1st place; Mr. and Mrs. Gerry White, Colby, 2nd place; Oliver Krannawitter and Shirley Cooper, Hoxie, 3rd place.

Second flight winners were Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Schaffer, Hoxie, first; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boxler, Hoxie, second; Mr. and Mrs. Schier, Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Ray, tied for third.

First Volleyball Game is Tuesday

The first volleyball game of the season will be played Tuesday, Sept. 7, when HHS meets Atwood here at 4:30 p.m.

Editors Learn New Skills

On August 8-11, four Hoxie High School editors for the '77 Winter Count Yearbook traveled to Fort Hays State campus to gather skills at a state-wide Yearbook Workshop.

Attending were Cindy Carman, Sheila Chapman, Paula Pratt and Patty White, and advisor Richard Brook.

25 Years Ago

September 6, 2001

Water Garden Tour Includes 16 Sites

The Sheridan County Library Water Garden Tour will take place at 16 sites and will be from 1-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9 in and around Hoxie.

The self-guided tour will feature water gardens made in several terrain styles and decorated with various foliage and aquatic animal assortments.

Clinic Welcomes Doctor

Staff members of the Hoxie Medical Clinic and Sheridan County Health Complex officially welcomed Dr. Celestine Ofoma when she started seeing patients last Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Sheriff's Department Involved in High Speed Chase, Sept. 1

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Department was involved in a high speed chase on Saturday, Sept. 1.

According to Sheriff Jim Johnson, officers from his department assisted officers from Rooks and Graham Counties in a vehicle pursuit that began in Rooks County.

The pursuit began when Rooks County Deputy Lee Nygaard attempted to stop a 1997 Ford Mustang driven by Brandon M. Gehring, 17, of Damar, for a traffic violation.

The pursuit continued west into Sheridan County, and at mile marker 96 it ended after the vehicle hit road spikes that were deployed by undersheriff Brian Fenner.

Jennings-Allison

The Jennings Senior Center monthly potluck supper will be on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The Royal Neighbors of America (RNA #1893) will sponsor a Matching Fund Raiser for the Jennings Czech Museum on Sept. 9 at the Jennings Senior Center. They will be serving ham and beans w/cornbread and kolaches.

The first meeting of the Jesus and Me Club is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19 after school. Make plans to attend.

Rexford

Rex and Betty Carswell and Lula Thieler were dinner guests of Keith and Darlene Barnette in Atwood on Aug. 26. The Barnetts left for a trip through the northwest United States on Tuesday.

The Ladies Missionary meeting was held at the church fellowship hall on Tuesday afternoon with seven present. Delores Dible read an interesting devotional after which letters from three missionaries were read. Prayers were offered for them and others in need of prayer. Betty Carswell served a delicious salad, crackers, and iced tea for a time of fellowship.

Cleda Moeder took her grandson, Taylor Moeder of Colby, to the Sheridan Lake on a fishing trip last weekend and caught several fish.

Lady Bulldogs Open Season with Three Wins

By Elizabeth Romero

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs Volleyball team opened their volleyball season with a 3-0 record at a Quad in Ransom on August 28, winning games over Moscow, Weskan, and Western Plains.

The Bulldogs' first game was against Moscow, where they came in strong and won the first set 25-12. In the second set, they kept that energy and defeated the Wildcats 25-10. "I'm really proud of how hard we worked, although I want to see us come together as a team," said senior Estella Vargas. The Dogs finished the match with 7 ACE serves, 17 kills, 23 digs, and 1 block.

The Dogs faced the Weskan Lady Coyotes for their second match of the night. They continued their victorious play, beating Weskan 25-18 in the first set. The Lady Dogs just couldn't hold their own in the second set and fell to Weskan 21-25, sending them into a 3rd set. The Dogs fought hard to the end, beating Weskan 25-21 for the match win. The Bulldogs had 12 ACE serves, 25 kills, and 50 digs against the Coyotes. "I think that in these games we were able to see our ups and downs and be able to push through to the end," added freshman Makynslee Vargas.

For their final game, the Lady Bulldogs went against Western Plains. The Dogs beat the Bobcats 25-19 in the first set. The second set was a lot tougher than the first, but the Bulldogs fought to the end, beating the Bobcats 25-23. The Dogs had 6 ACE serves, 18 Kills, and 40 digs against Western Plains. The Dogs will continue their season on September 1 in Palco, in a quad with Palco, Logan, and Ness City.

ThinkSAFE Presentation

By Emily Hrabe, Staff Reporter

Wheatland High School is filled with experienced drivers, and newer drivers as well. In order to keep the drivers informed of driving safely, WHS got the opportunity to have Sheriff Mesch, and Deputy Hawthorne talk to the students and staff. They showed a presentation about safe driving, and they also showed the student body outcomes of reckless driving. Sheriff Mesch and Deputy Hawthorne also showed a video of some graphic wrecks, some caused by distractions such as cell phones.

After the presentation they allowed people to ask questions. Some staff even shared their own personal stories related to safe driving. They definitely made the point clear to the student body and staff to drive with caution and be safe!

Emma Thomas, junior, stated that "We should always wear our seatbelt, and not do dumb things while driving."

Will Bixenman, driver's ed teacher, stated that "I'd like to thank Gove County Sheriff's Department for their preparation that went into the Safe Driving presentation to our students. It was a great message by Deputy Hawthorne that hopefully hit home and made our students think twice about driving too fast, cell phone usage, and driving while distracted. It was cool to hear our students reacting positively to it in the halls afterwards".

Spirit and Sparkles

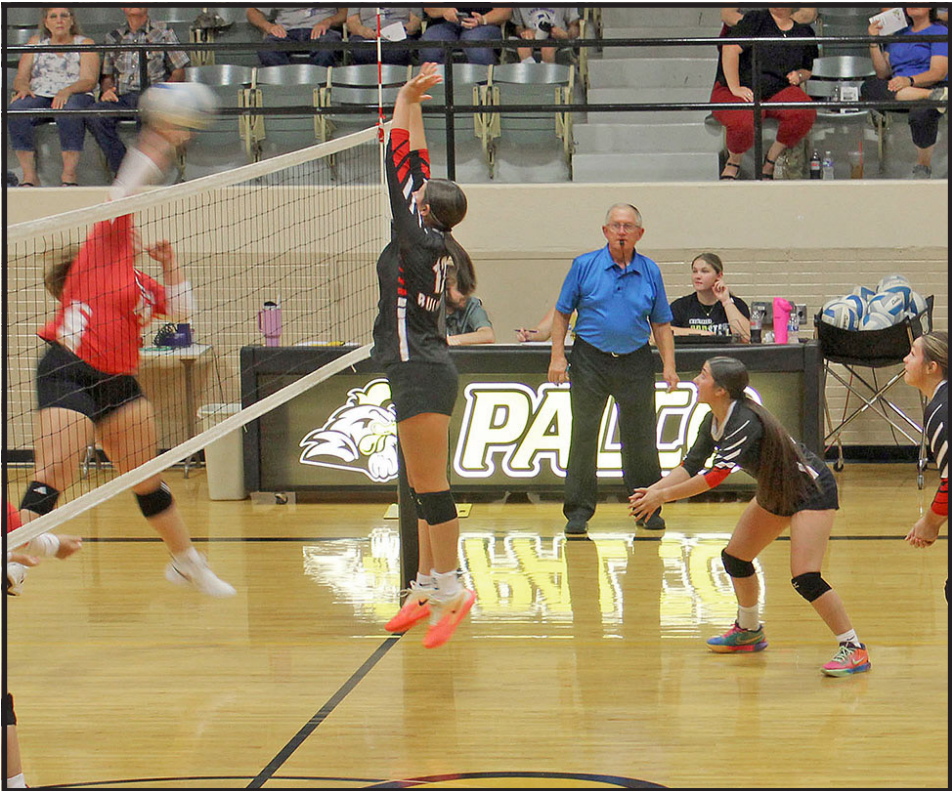
By Halle Zimmerman, Staff Editor

Our four cheerleaders excited to begin the season are senior Makenna Farber; juniors Abby Thomas and Halle Zimmerman; and sophomore Kaelynn Herl.

On Thursday, September 3, the cheerleaders went to a spirit spreader in Colby. They spent all day there and they made lots of memories and improved their cheer skills. They learned three new cheers and a band chant. They learned some stunts and it may have started off rough but by the end of it they were all excellent stunters.



Lady Bulldogs Win Three at Palco



By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs advanced to 6-0 on the season with three wins in Palco on September 1. The posted wins over Logan, Palco, and Ness City.

The first game was against the Logan Lady Trojans. The Bulldogs opened with a quick first set win 25-7. The Trojans came back in the second set to claim a 23-25 victory over the Dogs. The Bulldogs held on in the third set to win 25-16.

Lakin Wark had 7 ACE serves, Brenlynn Rath 4, Kadalen Unrein 4, Ellie Romero 1, an Makynslee Vargas 1. Wark also led the team with 6 Kills, Rath 5, Unrein 5, Katie Carter 3, Jade Dible 3, and Estella Vargas 1. Wark had 11 assists, Unrein 4, Carter 1, E. Vargas 1, and Dible 1. Digs were Wark 7, Carter 7, Unrein 4, E. Vargas 1, and Dible 1.

The second match of the night was against the Palco Roosters. The Bulldogs quickly took down the Roosters 25-11 in the first set. The Roosters came back in the second set but the Dogs claimed the win 25-17. ACE serves were delivered by Wark 7, Rath, M. Vargas, Unrein, Romero and Molly Ritter with 1 each. Kills were made by Carter 5, Rath 3, E. Vargas 2, Dible 2, and Kaylee Kier 1. Dible had 1 block and Digs came from Romero 7, Rath 5, Wark 4, Ritter 2, E. Vargas 1, and M. Vargas 1.

The final match of the day was against the Ness City Eagles. The Dogs dropped the first match 19-25. Dogs came back strong and defeated them 25-14 in the second set and 25-11 in the third to go 3-0 on the day. ACE serves included Rath 3, M. Vargas 2, Wark 1, Carter 1, and E. Vargas 1. Kills were delivered by Rath 12, Unrein 6, Wark 4, Dible 2, E. Vargas 1, and M. Vargas 1. Assists came from Wark 15, Unrein 3, Carter 2, E. Vargas 2, Dible 1, and Kier 1. Digs included Romero 17, Rath 15, Carter 10, Wark 6, and Unrein 3.

"We had a lot of fun and good communication," said Jade Dible. "It feels good to start the season undefeated. We should continue to play strong as long as we keep our heads up and our communication going." The girls will travel to Tribune on September 8 to play Greeley County and Brewster.

Golden Plains
Sophomore Jade Dible blocks against Palco at the quad in Palco on September 1. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Palco, Logan, and Ness City improve their record to 6-0 early in the season. (Photo by Ivonn Vargas)

Doing Safety the Right Way!

By Emma Thomas, Staff Reporter

With the school year being officially underway, Wheatland High Schools National Honor Society has been working hard behind the scenes to help make our schools as safe as possible. Our members are always looking for ways to volunteer for our school and community, and we are excited to start the year by making a huge difference for our students!

With a grant from Kansas Department of Transportation, NHS was able to paint new crosswalks at Wheatland Elementary School to help make Walk and Roll to Safety. These crosswalks provide students with a safer and clearer place to help cross the street while walking or biking to school. This project is a great way to remind students, families, and drivers that safety always comes first!

We are proud of our hardworking NHS members who volunteered their time and effort to make this project possible. Even a small project like painting crosswalks can make a huge difference in our small town to keep our students safe. We look forward to continuing to serve our schools and communities throughout the school year!

Senior Natalie Bixenman "rides" a leaf blower during a break while NHS painted crosswalks Monday evening, August 31. (WHS Photo)



Hawks Volleyball Season is Lookin' Good

By Addison Ostmeyer, staff reporter

It was a great week for the Lady Thunderhawks. They dominated at the Jamboree in Ness City on Monday August 24. They played Ness City and Western Plains and came home 3-0 record. Although we have no stats for those games, later that week the ladies played the Hoxie Indians and the Oberlin Red Devils and those stats are below.

The Lady Thunderhawks started the night with a 25-20, 24-26, 25-22 loss against the Devils on Friday August 28. Natalie Bixenman led the Hawks with a total of 14 kills, Jayden Wood led the ladies in blocks and aces with a total of 5 blocks and 3

The volleyball team comes together to celebrate a good play. (WHS Photo)

aces. Halle Zimmermann led with 20 digs and Kaelynn Herl led with 39 assists.

I talked to Coach Shannon Foster about the games on Friday and she said, "We showed some growth on Friday. Our first game against Oberlin was full of silly mistakes. But I was proud of the girls for fighting through it and almost pulling off a win. Against Hoxie they really cleaned it up. And they didn't give up when they were down toward the end. Those are all good things we can build on."

Better Built Trailers ~ Equity Bank ~ Farm Bureau Financial Services ~ Foote Cattle Company

Great Plains ~ Great Western Tire ~ Harvest Market ~ Hinkle Termite & Pest Control, LLC

Hirsch & Abbott Law Office~ Hoxie State Insurance ~ Hoxie Sprayers ~ Hoxie Veterinary Service PA

L&C Home Health Agency, Inc ~ Mauck Flying Service ~ Mickey Leopold Funeral Home

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Sheridan County Sheriff's Department ~ Six Toes Feed & Seed ~ The Bank, Selden & Grainfield

Watkins Realty & Insurance Agency LLC ~ Woofter Pump & Well

KDA to Host 20th Annual
Kansas Grape Stomp at the
Kansas State Fair

Manhattan — Feel the squish of the grapes in the time-honored tradition of grape stomping as you help celebrate the grape and farm winery industries in Kansas. The Kansas Department of Agriculture will host the 20th annual Kansas Grape Stomp on Saturday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m. in Gottschalk Park at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Gather around the grape tubs to watch state and local leaders and others stomp grapes to salute the Kansas grape and farm winery industries. The competitive stomp-off will lead the event and an open stomp for all Kansas State Fair attendees will follow.

As of August 2026, there are 52 farm wineries throughout Kansas, which contribute to the local economy and are a growing part of agritourism. KDA is committed to advocating for and promoting the agriculture industry, the state's largest industry, employer and economic contributor, and encourages all fairgoers to attend the grape stomp to have fun while learning about the grape and farm winery industries in Kansas.

For more information about the event please contact Robin Dolby, From the Land of Kansas marketing coordinator, at Robin.Dolby@ks.gov or 785-564-6756.

September is Hunger Action Month

Topeka – Governor Laura Kelly proclaimed September as “Hunger Action Month” in Kansas on Aug. 27. The proclamation highlights the importance of ensuring all Kansans have access to safe, nutritious and affordable food while raising awareness of food insecurity across the state.

“Hunger Action Month reminds us that improving nutrition and reducing hunger requires all of us working together,” Jeff Usher, chair of the Governor’s Council on Wellness, said. “By strengthening partnerships and supporting organizations that connect Kansans with healthy food, we can build healthier communities and improve quality of life across our state.”

Food insecurity continues to affect thousands of Kansans, impacting health, learning, productivity and overall well-being. In Kansas, an estimated 143,460 children and 56,044 seniors experience food insecurity, underscoring the need for continued collaboration to improve food security across Kansas.

Addressing hunger requires coordinated efforts from state agencies, health care providers, schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith communities, local leaders and the charitable food system, including regional food banks such as Harvesters, the Kansas Food Bank and Second Harvest Community Food Bank. Together, these organizations help connect Kansans with nutritious food and resources that support healthier communities.

Hunger Action Month encourages Kansans to take action by volunteering, supporting local hunger relief organizations and raising awareness of food insecurity. Working together, we can improve access to nutritious food, strengthen our communities and help every Kansan thrive.

For more information about health and wellness initiatives in Kansas, visit the Governor’s Council on Wellness webpage.

August Total Revenue Receipts
11.5% Above Estimate

Topeka – The State of Kansas ends August 2026 with total revenue receipts at \$714.7 million. That is \$73.8 million, or 11.5%, above the estimate. Overall, total tax-only collections were up \$66.5 million for August 2026, and up 11.9% from August 2025.

Individual income tax collections were \$429.4 million. That is \$54.4 million, or 14.5%, above the estimate. Individual income tax collections were up 18.9% from August 2025. Corporate income tax collections were \$17.7 million. That is \$710,256, or 4.2%, above the estimate.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax

receipts were \$307.4 million, which is \$7.0 million, or 2.3%, above the estimate, and up 4.5% from August 2025.

Area Churches

Christ Community Church
2008 Sheridan Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Temple
1000 Valley Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen, Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
900 12th St, Hoxie

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Hwy 223, Leoville

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1400 Locust St, Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship
454 Hwy 24, Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
14988 E Rd 70 S, Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
202 S Missouri, Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church
924 17th, Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
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KFA Responsive Grant Program
Applications Begin August 31

The Kansas Fights Addiction Grant Review Board is accepting applications for the KFA Responsive Grant Program (RGP), starting Aug. 31, after lifting a temporary pause of the funding opportunity during which the board assessed the program, clarified its intent, and refined eligibility criteria.

The RGP is a rapid response grant opportunity that provides one-time funding to address short-term, immediate, and time-sensitive needs that benefit the substance use disorder (SUD) system at the local or state level. It is intended to support opportunities when waiting for standard funding cycles could result in missed chances to leverage other funds, create significant risks, or cause adverse consequences.

Applications will be accepted year-round, with quarterly grant reviews in March, June, September and December. The amount of grant funding available will be determined annually by the board. The board has allocated \$3 million for the RGP for calendar year 2026. KFA funding comes from money recovered by the Kansas Attorney General's Office through opioid legal settlements. Sunflower Foundation serves as the administrator for the KFA grant program.

No applications have been accepted since the RGP was paused on July 10. Applications submitted before that date will be considered at the board's September meeting.

Applications must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. CT on the day three weeks prior to each review date to be considered for funding in that quarter. Any application received after that time will be reviewed at the following quarterly review. The application deadline for the next quarterly review in December is Nov. 20. Future dates for quarterly reviews will be posted on the Sunflower KFA web page.

Eligibility is limited to state entities, municipalities, nonprofit entities, and for-profit entities that provide SUD-related services in Kansas. To be eligible, organizations must show documented proof that they have been established and providing SUD-related services in Kansas for at least three years.

About Kansas Fights Addiction

Kansas has reached multiple settlements with major pharmaceutical companies, distributors and related firms as part of the state's ongoing efforts to bring accountability to those that fueled the opioid-addiction crisis and provide funds to support addiction services. The settlements are expected to result in Kansas receiving nearly \$400 million through 2038 to treat and fight opioid addiction.

The Kansas Fights Addiction Act was enacted in 2021 by the Kansas Legislature and authorized the creation of the KFA Grant Review Board.

Graham County Auto & Art Museum
Receives Donation

Hill City - The Kansas Masonic Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to benefiting Kansas communities, has partnered with Millbrook Lodge No. 281 to donate \$1,000 to the Graham County Auto & Art Museum. The organization hosts an annual car show to support tourism within the county.

Founded in 1887, Millbrook Lodge No. 281 is a Kansas Masonic lodge dedicated to Freemasonry, the oldest surviving fraternal organization in the world. The lodge has 68 active members and supports various community organizations, including Graham County EMS, the Jayhawker Roundup Rodeo, local 4-H clubs, and youth sports teams.

“The museum has rotating displays of unique vehicles from the Steven Tebo collection,” said Millbrook Lodge No. 281 Treasurer Alex Leslie. “Mr. Tebo graduated from Hill City High School in 1964 and has been a successful real estate developer in Colorado. One of the vehicles once displayed at the museum was the hearse that took JFK from the hospital to Air Force One following his assassination in 1963.”

Continuing their efforts to support tourism in Hill City, the Brothers at Millbrook Lodge No. 281 have teamed up with the Kansas Masonic Foundation to donate \$1,000 to the Graham County Auto & Art Museum. Each year, they sell car raffle tickets at the Graham County Auto & Art Museum and donate to the organization based on how many tickets they sell as a lodge. All donated funds will support general operating expenses and museum activities. A formal donation presentation will take place on September 12, 2026, at the annual car show.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

In an effort to streamline the call process with calls for service the Hoxie Police Department phone number has changed to 785-675-3481. This will ring you into Sheridan County Communications as they already dispatch for the police department. This will allow trained dispatchers to take your information/complaint and dispatch the police department to you. This will also provide 24/7 phone coverage when the City Office is closed. As always, the Hoxie Police Department is here to serve you and assist with any issues you may have.

Paul Wisinger, Chief
Hoxie Police Department

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KDADS Issues Request for Proposal

Topeka – The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) today issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish a coordinated statewide behavioral health crisis transportation system. The initiative is part of the larger Behavioral Health Services Program within the Kansas Rural Health Transportation Program (RHTP), administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and aims to provide coordinated, safe, timely transportation for individuals experiencing mental health or substance use crises while reducing unnecessary reliance on law enforcement and emergency departments.

Currently, Kansans in crisis often face delays in accessing appropriate care, unnecessary law enforcement involvement, or transport in vehicles and settings not designed for behavioral health needs. These challenges are especially acute in rural and frontier communities, where limited local resources and long travel distances create additional barriers to timely, appropriate support. This RFP seeks to close those gaps by establishing a dedicated transportation model that prioritizes safety, coordination across the crisis continuum, and equitable access for all Kansans.

“Establishing a dedicated crisis transportation system is a critical step in strengthening Kansas’ behavioral health infrastructure,” KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. “By ensuring that people in crisis can access care without defaulting to law enforcement or emergency departments when it is not clinically necessary, we improve outcomes for individuals, support first responders, and advance the broader objectives of the Rural Health Transportation Program in rural and underserved communities.”

Through the RFP, KDADS aims to select a contractor to provide services across all 105 Kansas counties, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, via a centralized dispatch system. The selected contractor will use appropriately equipped vehicles and personnel trained in behavioral health crisis response, including de-escalation techniques and trauma-informed care. The contractor will accept referrals from multiple sources, including 988 crisis lines, community mental health centers, hospitals, law enforcement, courts, and other authorized partners. The goal is to provide a more responsive system that quickly and safely connects individuals in crisis with the appropriate level of care.

This Bid Event was recently posted to the Kansas Department of Administration Office of Procurement and Contracts website at <https://admin.ks.gov/offices/procurement-contracts>. Year 1 budget documents for the Kansas RHTP list about \$2.46 million specifically for behavioral health crisis transport.

“Expanding access to quality health care for rural communities in Kansas is the primary goal of RHTP,” KDHE Secretary Janet Stanek said. “This partnership with KDADS and RHTP to fund a coordinated statewide behavioral health crisis transportation system is such an important component to achieving those goals and ensuring more rural Kansans have access to the services and support they need.”

KDADS anticipates awarding a single statewide contract, though it reserves the right to award multiple contracts or adopt a regional structure if needed to ensure coverage and performance. The contractor may use approved subcontractors that meet the RFP standards. Implementation is expected to follow a phased approach, with full operational readiness targeted within three to six months of the contract award.

About the Kansas Masonic Foundation:

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September Sizzle

By Kim Baldwin, McPherson County Farmer and rancher

The combines are rolling and the grain trucks are traveling the roads to get corn delivered to our local elevator. While we actually started picking corn in August, the hot summer days have continued into September. The thermometers have shown triple-digit temperatures for many consecutive days now. Add in the consistent Kansas wind and you have what feels like a blast furnace outside most days. It's been so hot and dry that my husband decided to pick a field of corn at night just to take advantage of the somewhat cooler temps and potential evening humidity. It was just too hot and dry during the day to harvest the crop.

Schools have also made adjustments due to the heat recently. My son's football team has had many of their practices moved to the mornings prior to the start of their school day.

The start times for sporting events in our area have also been pushed back to allow the temperatures to drop just a few degrees before a game begins. During my son's first home football game, the game would routinely stop and athletes and referees would take mandatory water breaks.

Water bottles have also been loaded onto my kids' school bus so they can drink during their way home following a day at school.

I've assumed a religious routine of checking and filling the water trough that the cattle in our pasture rely on. I've worn multiple paths through the dry, crunchy grass to get the hydrant turned on and the water flowing. There have recently been some days where I could barely keep up with the refills. Thankfully, our creek still holds pools of water as another water source for the animals.

All through this heat, I've been keeping a close eye on the cows in our pasture as their bellies have continued to grow. Generally, when the kids go back to school, I have two to three weeks before both high school football season and calving season kicks-off.

I've been concerned about how this heat has impacted those mama cows this summer – especially during this recent heat streak. The cows have actually changed their daily routine. Normally they'll come in once in the morning and once in the late afternoon for water and to see if any apples have fallen off my apple trees. It allows me the chance to look them over and make guesses on who is going to calve first.

But for the last two weeks, they've come in late after the sun goes down to drink from the trough and then stay within the shade of the trees and the creek bed near the water pools during the days. Their change in routine has made me go out to check on them and their water sources.

So I was pleasantly surprised when I rode out to them on the four-wheeler one recent morning to treat them to some range cubes and I spotted the first calf of the season staring back at me.

Aside from some special cases, we don't normally name the cattle. But I think I'll make an exception with this one. Muy Caliente, or Cali for short, is what she'll be known as from this day forward.

Hopefully, the cooler, fall temperatures arrive before the rest of these calves do. If not, I might have to make a few more naming exceptions to remember the hot calf crop of 2026.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Expanded Markets for U.S. Cattle Producers Urged

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) – a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture – and U.S. Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE-03) – Chair of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade – today led over 50 of their colleagues in urging President Trump to prioritize policies that expand trade market access and provide certainty for American cattle producers. This comes after the President's recent proclamation to increase the "other countries" quota for lean beef trimmings by 300,000 metric tons for 90 days beginning on September 1, 2026, and indicating that such imports will be sold at 25 percent below market price.

U.S. Reps. Tracey Mann (R-KS-01), Derek Schmidt (R-KS-02) and Ron Estes (R-KS-04) also joined the letter.

"American ranchers work diligently to do more with less, weather volatile markets, and provide a safe food supply," wrote the lawmakers. "Cattle markets are cyclical, and ranchers use the upswings to prepare for the inevitable downturn. Any intervention in the natural system, especially at a time when producers are making marketing decisions, threatens to pick winners and losers and undermine the long-term viability of family-owned cattle operations throughout the supply chain."

"As you consider policy changes which could impact American livestock producers, we urge you to prioritize proposals which deliver long-term market stability and confidence while consulting closely with impacted stakeholders," concluded the lawmakers. "We are eager to work together to deliver certainty for American cattle producers while continuing to deliver safe, affordable, and high-quality American beef."

In addition, the letter was signed by Sens. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-La.), Jim Justice (R-W.Va.) and Steve Daines (R-Mont.) and Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-SD), Randy Feenstra (R-IA-04), Ann Wagner (R-MO-02), Max Miller (R-OH-07), Ashley Hinson (R-IA-02), Dan Newhouse (R-WA-04), Greg Steube (R-FL-17), Mike Carey (R-OH-15), Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-07), Blake Moore (R-UT-01), Mike Flood (R-NE-01), Mike Bost (R-IL-12), Jeff Hurd (R-CO-03), Zach Nunn (R-IA-03), Warren Davidson (R-OH-08), Gabe Evans (R-CO-08), Mark Alford (R-MO-04), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA-01), French Hill (R-AR-02), Morgan Griffith (R-VA-09), Brad Finstad (R-MN-01), Greg Murphy (R-NC-03), Frank Lucas (R-OK-03), Andy Barr (R-KY-06), John Rose (R-TN-06), Troy Downing (R-MT-02), Cliff Bentz (R-OR-02), Julie Fedorchak (R-ND), Tim Moore (R-NC-14), Bruce Westerman (R-AR-04), Rob Wittman (R-VA-01), Scott Franklin (R-FL-18), Austin Scott (R-GA-08), Mary Miller (R-IL-15), Celeste Maloy (R-UT-02), August Pfluger (R-TX-11), John McGuire III (R-VA-05), Darin LaHood (R-IL-16), Tom Cole (R-OK-04) and Mark Harris (R-NC-08).

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What is the timeframe: Ag Academy runs from November through September and includes six one-day, in-person sessions held across Kansas. Each session features tours and guest speakers that highlight the region's agriculture and key learning themes. Participants complete brief self-guided pre-work before each session and a short evaluation afterward to reflect on learning.

Cost: \$100

Registration: Open until October 15 at www.kfb.org/agacademy

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Time frame
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Cost: \$250

Registration: Open until October 15 at www.kfb.org/leadershipkfb

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National Wheat Yield Contest Looks Ahead to 2027

As Kansas wheat growers prepare to put another crop into the ground, decisions made this fall could carry through harvest and onto the national stage.

The National Wheat Foundation is preparing for the 2027 National Wheat Yield Contest with changes designed to better recognize wheat productivity and quality. Sharing information ahead of fall planting allows growers to consider the contest as they select varieties and make management plans for the coming crop.

The National Wheat Yield Contest was established in 2016 to recognize wheat growers across the country and give producers an opportunity to learn from the varieties, practices and management decisions contributing to high-yielding wheat.

For 2027, the National Wheat Foundation plans to align yield categories more closely with the contest's quality component categories. A new durum category will also be added, with 30 national winners expected to be recognized.

"The contest is continuing to evolve to better meet the needs of contestants and partners, we listened to feedback and decided that breaking down the large winter wheat-dryland category into classes made sense," said Anne Osborne, executive director of the National Wheat Foundation. "We are still recognizing both high yield and high percentage increases over the county average. We hope to get many more hard red/white winter wheat entries from Kansas in 2027."

The changes build on the contest's emphasis on recognizing more than bushels alone. Contest entries must meet established quality requirements to be eligible for national awards. Samples from national winning entries are also evaluated for grain, milling and baking characteristics, with additional recognition for wheat demonstrating industry-desired quality.

For Kansas growers, preparing for the contest starts well before the traditional spring entry period. Variety selection is one of the first opportunities producers have to position a field for success.

Yield potential is important, but disease resistance, maturity, agronomic characteristics, end-use quality and a variety's fit within an individual operation can all influence performance. Considering the contest during fall variety selection gives growers an opportunity to identify a promising field and manage it accordingly throughout the growing season.

The National Wheat Foundation is also exploring new ways for growers to participate. In 2026, Kansas was one of eight states included in a Digital Yield Pilot Category for dryland winter wheat.

The pilot allowed growers to use precision agriculture data and calibrated harvest equipment to verify yields on a larger field scale. Participating fields were required to include at least 40 contiguous acres, with growers submitting yield information from a selected 20-acre area. The pilot differed from the traditional contest, which required a minimum 5-acre field and at least 1.5 acres harvested under the supervision of an approved third-party witness.

Final 2027 categories, deadlines and contest requirements will be available on the contest website www.wheatcontest.org. Growers should review the official rules before entering. Growers should create an account today. The website will be open for the 2027 entries March 1.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

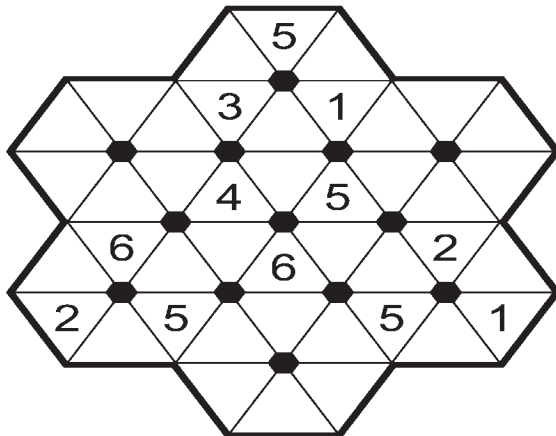
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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Container is missing. 2. Hair is missing. 3. Cash register is smaller. 4. Suspenders are missing. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Cash register is smaller. 7. Bolt is missing.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - SNACKS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What does an invisible person have at snack time?

BEEF JERKY
BREAD
CAKE
CANDY BARS
CHEESE
CHIPS
COOKIES
FIGS
FUDGE
JUICE
LICORICE
NUTS
OLIVES
ORANGE
POPCORN
SODA
TOFFEE
YOGURT

Y	K	R	E	J	F	E	E	B	E
C	O	O	K	I	E	S	D	L	C
H	L	G	V	A	T	A	I	P	H
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C	A	N	D	Y	B	A	R	S	K

Riddle answer: _____

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

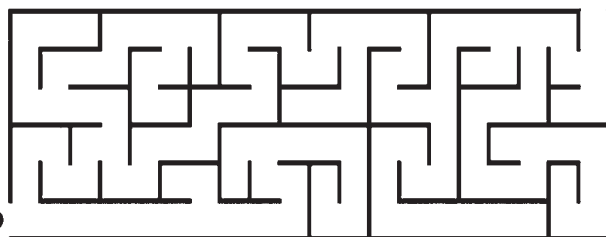
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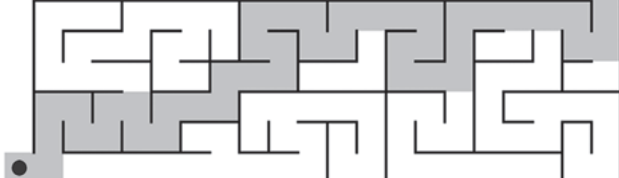
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Kids' Maze

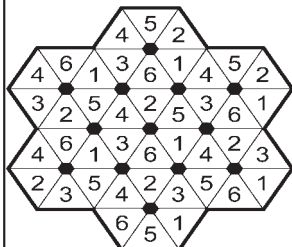


Kids' Maze Solution



SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

answers

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2	+	2	×	5	20
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Super Crossword

FINAL PERIODS

ACROSS

1 Very affectionate couple
10 Bee juice
16 Birthplace of Galileo
20 Poet Pope
21 One-celled organism
22 Singer/actor Ed
23 What a hot spot provides
25 Good buds
26 Entangle
27 Saving sites
28 Bird on bills
29 Hurricane's weaker relative
36 Booster for a band
39 Pioneer Boone, to friends
40 Destines to oblivion
41 Pecan, e.g.
42 Big name in audio compression
48 Actor Hulce
49 Tabby-treating docs
50 Having no peepers
51 Like stock without face value
53 Do data entry, e.g.

55 Group with a secy.-gen.
56 Female sibs, informally
58 "Thus ..."
62 Abet, e.g.
63 Leader of the mutiny on the Bounty
68 Kitchen VIP
70 See
71 Years and years on end
72 Has no entity
73 Langston Hughes' movement
81 Off-road ride, briefly
82 Occur as a result
83 Set of documents about a case
84 Reid of "Sharknado"
86 — May (Jed Clampett's daughter)
89 Country estate
90 "Taxi" co-star Andy
93 "Mama" of pop
96 "Days of — Lives"
98 Gotten totally quiet
100 Cockpit abbr.
101 Herb bit

103 Truckloads
104 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"
105 Across-the-board ban
112 One over par
113 Cowboy flick
114 Sensed feelings, informally
118 Thrifty rival
119 Cry apropos to seven long answers in this puzzle?
125 Guy
126 Fixed a bow on, e.g.
127 With great enthusiasm
128 Units of work
129 Eyeliner mishaps
130 Sees firsthand

DOWN

1 Criminals break them
2 Ken of "EZ Streets"
3 Singer Lynn
4 Put forth, as strength
5 Hay-bundling device
6 Ending for hero
7 They might cross aves.

8 — Plaines, Illinois
9 — Lanka
10 Pertaining to birth
11 Revise, as a manuscript
12 Sealed, as a wine bottle
13 Bill equal to two fins
14 Mr. Lincoln, familiarly
15 Squeal (on)
16 Daddies
17 Visualize
18 Smash hit
19 "Yes" votes
24 Celtics' org.
28 Ending for lion
30 With 70-Across, "It's more than likely ..."
31 El — (Spanish newspaper)
32 Gerund ender
33 Place with outpatients
34 Plant anchor
35 TV prize
36 Suffix with lemon
37 Longtime New York senator Daniel Patrick —

38 People who say "Not guilty," say
43 Three-filling deli classic
44 "Oh — little faith!"
45 Stand-up comic Daniel
46 Church nook
47 Forest den
49 20-ouncer at Starbucks
52 Fun, for short
54 Faux —
56 Riding horse
57 Clip wool from
59 Divested of weapons
60 Seat of Orange County
61 Where many ads are seen
62 Aspirin target
64 Fast getaway
65 Muff it up
66 Harry's chum at Hogwarts
67 Abbr. ending a co. name
69 Sooty vents
74 Fish that can be a shocker
75 Autumn mo.
76 "Likely story!"
77 Land in el agua
78 Window part

79 Aquanaut's habitat
80 Decorative needle case
85 — -CIO
87 Easy run
88 Nomad's tent
90 Shoelace snarl
91 — Spumante
92 The — degree
93 Coleslaw, essentially
94 Totally done
95 Putting on, as a show
97 Sharp retort
99 Tony winner Wallach
101 Pilot's setting
102 "Ars — artis"
106 Birds' pads
107 None-of-the-above option
108 Minds
109 Angry feeling
110 Not quite round
111 Low cards in pinocle
115 Dozing spots
116 — Stanley Gardner
117 Expresses
119 Auditing org.
120 Pro —
121 Unopened
122 Ovid's 511
123 Mo. no. 10
124 Five-spot

Fun Page Solutions

Puzzles4Kids Answer

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Riddle Answer: Evaporated milk.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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SNOWFLAKES solution

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Go Figure! answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

LOVE	BIRDS	NECTAR	PISA
ALEXANDER	AMOEBAS	AMES	
WIRELESS	INTERNET	PALS	
SNARE	BANKS	EAGLE	
TROPICAL	DEPRESSION		
AMP	DANL	DOOMS	NUT
DOLBY	DIGITAL	TOM	VETS
EYELESS	NOPART	TYPE	
NATO	SISSIES	ANDSO	
AID	FLETC	CHERCHR	STIAN
CHEF	ARE	EON	ISNT
HARLEM	RENAISSANCE	ATV	
ENSUE	DOSSIER	TARA	
ELLY	VILLA	KAUFMAN	
CASS	OUR	FALL	ENSEN
ALT	SPRIG	ALOT	DAH
BLANKET	PROHIBITION		
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Commission Minutes
9/1/26

Now on this 1st day of September 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Mike “Buck” Mader, Kyle Emigh, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Carver came to the table. The Board and Carver discussed the law enforcement building and options available. The Board agreed to move forward and to try and get as many grants or other funding as possible and then use County funds to pay the rest. Carver will get with another architect and come up with a plan.

Kelsey Epp, Executive Director for the Sheridan County Community Foundation entered the meeting. Epp talked about what is happening within the Foundation and plans for the rest of the year. The final report is complete from the Strategic Planning Committee so there is a meeting planned for Tuesday, September 15, at noon at the Foundation office.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that the decking will be in the vendor's hands this week.

Culverts for 10W are at the shop.

Employees are still working on FAS roads and cutting trees.

There are problems with the Selden recycling tote trailer. Everything is being thrown in so it usually just has to go to the trash pit. A notice will be put out to the community that if they don't do better, the tote trailer will be gone.

Wade Trembly, Fire Chief, came to the table. The Board and Tremblay discussed equipment and how things are going within the department.

At 9:00 Stithem opened the 2027 Rural Fire Department Budget Hearing. There were no changes within the fire department, no increase in budget or money needed. At 9:05 Stithem closed the 2027 Rural Fire Department Budget Hearing and made a motion to accept the 2027 Budget for the Fire Department as presented. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0

Crystal Hernandez and Jennifer Coffman from EMS and Deb Kaufman came to the table to discuss EMS. Coffman advised the Board that she is doing well in her class. She will be pinned on December 7 and will then turn around and take

the paramedic test. There was discussion about EMS, the misinformation that appears to have been going on and several other concerns. There was talk about having Co-Interim Directors. Mader made a motion to have Co-Interim Directors seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0

Stithem made a motion to approve the August 25, 2026 Minutes as amended. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0

On a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh the August 28, 2026 Warrant was approved as presented. Carried 3-0

The August 28, 2026 Payroll, was approved as presented after a motion by Emigh and second from Mader. Carried 3-0

The following Payroll and Warrant was reviewed and approved by the Board:

General \$95,802.51
Road & Bridge

\$38,671.05

Nox Weed \$2,381.75
Public Transp.

\$1,096.00

Landfill \$ 2,245.43
MV \$1,292.00

At 11:04 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of the Proposed Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area in Sheridan County, Kansas

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041(b) and K.A.R. 5-19-3, notice is hereby provided that the Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (Chief Engineer) will hold a hearing to consider the proposed Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) Plan submitted to the Chief Engineer by Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Number 4 in-person at the Scout House, 1041 Sheridan Avenue, Hoxie, Kansas, on October 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. central time.

The hearing will consider the LEMA's proposed corrective controls, the likelihood that the LEMA will achieve the stated goals, and any other matters the Chief Engineer deems necessary.

Written comments for inclusion in the hearing record may be provided prior to the hearing by mail to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Attn: Legal Division; 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502; faxed to (785) 564-6777; or e-mailed to ronda.hutton@ks.gov.

Earl D. Lewis Jr., P.E.
Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources
Kansas Department of Agriculture

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In the Matter of the Proposed Greater GMD4 Local Enhanced Management Area in Cheyenne, Rawlins, Gove, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace Counties, Kansas.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1041(b) and K.A.R. 5-19-3, notice is hereby provided that the Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (Chief Engineer) will hold a hearing to consider the proposed Greater GMD4 Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) Plan submitted to the Chief Engineer by Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Number 4 in-person at the City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S. Range Avenue, Colby, KS 67701, Colby, Kansas, on October 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. central time.

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President Trump Most Pro-Rancher Administration in History

Washington, D.C. – President Donald J. Trump signed two Executive Orders supporting America's ranchers and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins made additional announcements protecting our nation's cattle herd and providing transparency for consumers. American ranchers embody the ethos of our nation's founding 250 years ago and should be provided with the tools to rebuild our Great American Cattle Herd.

In addition to the two Executive Orders, USDA also announced four additional actions it is taking to follow-up on the USDA Plan to Fortify the American Beef Industry (2025 USDA Beef Plan) released last year, and the Ranchers First Initiative released earlier this week.

USDA also launched a new webpage, highlighting the Trump Administration's undisputed status as the most pro-rancher administration in history. This is in stark contrast to the war on ranchers waged by the previous administration.

These actions are timely, as the U.S. maintains the smallest herd since the 1950s, and will continue to build on the turnaround we are seeing in the number of heifers being retained. These announcements add to a historic number of actions the Trump Administration has taken to support our nation's ranchers.

“While the Biden administration chose to villainize ranching and the rural way of life under the guise of radical environmental mandates, the Trump Administration continues to focus on rebuilding the Great American Cattle Herd,” said Secretary Rollins. “For the past 19 months, USDA has worked tirelessly to defend and promote our nation's ranchers. Through our Beef Plan and the Ranchers First Initiative we are working to continue increasing our nation's heifer retention rate. Today, the President laid out tools to better equip farmers and ranchers to deal with dangerous predators threatening their livestock, provide more transparency for consumers on where their meat originates, and expand market opportunities while maintaining our world class food safety standards. President Trump is focused on delivering an America First agenda and will do that by continuing to put our Ranchers First.”

Executive Orders:

Supporting America's Ranchers

Combat Predation: American ranchers should be able to protect the cattle they raise.

- The Executive Order directs the Secretary of the Interior to determine whether gray wolves or Mexican wolves meet the criteria for delisting or downlisting under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and begin the process of delisting or downlisting them.

- The Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture are also directed to update their standards for compensating ranchers for losses due to predators, and to ease authorization for lethal removal when necessary.

Country of Origin Labeling: American consumers deserve clear, honest labels — and country of origin labeling delivers that transparency.

- Building on the voluntary Product of USA label, the Executive Order directs the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the United States Trade Representative, to review its authorities related to mandatory country of origin labeling for beef products through new regulations and legislative recommendations.

Promoting Fair Competition in Livestock Markets and Expanding Market Access for American Meat Producers

Strengthening Packer Competition: American

ranchers deserve fair, competitive markets that reward their hard work, not a marketplace dominated by a handful of concentrated packers.

- The Executive Order directs USDA to prioritize investigations into potential violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act and increase enforcement resources and staffing.

- The Executive Order also directs USDA to continue close coordination with the Department of Justice and report to the President on current enforcement actions, resource needs, and a plan to strengthen enforcement over the next year.

Expanding Processing and Market Access: Small and regional processors are critical to expanding competition and giving ranchers more options to get their cattle to market without compromising food safety.

- The Executive Order directs USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service to expand the Cooperative Interstate Shipment and Talmadge-Aiken programs so more state-inspected meat can cross state lines.

- The Executive Order further directs USDA to build a “one-stop shop” and dedicated technical assistance program for small and very small processors and modernize meat inspection regulations to cut unnecessary red tape.

Additional Ranchers First Initiative Announcements:

- Increasing Grazing Lands Enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): USDA will enroll nearly 1 million new acres in Grasslands CRP, providing ranchers with rental payments and cost share assistance to maintain rangeland and pastureland as grazing areas.

- Growing AMS Remote Grading Program: USDA will work to nearly double the number of producers and plants in the AMS Remote Grading Program. This program matches simple technology (e.g., smartphones and a customized, easy to use app), with a data management and oversight program to enable USDA to assign grades to beef carcasses from an offsite location. Through this program, AMS is adopting emerging technology to modernize USDA beef grading services and improve efficiency, consistency, and accuracy for a more competitive and transparent marketplace.

- Expanding AMS Instrument-Enhanced Grading Program: USDA will increase adoption of the Instrument-Enhanced Grading (IEG) Program, now used on approximately 20% of fed cattle (20,000 head/day) slaughtered in the U.S. Under IEG, facilities can reduce grader staffing, sometimes by as much as half, resulting in significant cost savings.

- Leveraging USDA Lawfare Apparatus: USDA will refocus its robust strike force team dedicated to combatting instances of agricultural lawfare on the federal, state, and local levels, to address and counter abusive legal actions that threaten ranching operations, particularly cases involving unfair or excessive eminent domain claims.



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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending September 6, 2026, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 34% very short, 40% short, 21% adequate, and 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 31% very short, 38% short, 27% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 17% very poor, 20% poor, 22% fair, 31% good, and 10% excellent. Corn dough was 97%, equal to last year, and near 96% for the five-year average. Dented was 86%, near 83% last year and 82% average. Mature was 53%, ahead of 42% both last year and average. Harvested was 18%, ahead of 2% last year and 9% average.

Soybean condition rated 10% very poor, 19% poor, 34% fair, 30% good, and 7% excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 94%, near 91% last year and 90% average. Dropping leaves was 26%, ahead of 13% last year and 18% average.

Sorghum condition rated 15% very poor, 23% poor, 31% fair, 20% good, and 11% excellent. Sorghum headed was 89%, behind 96% last year and 94% average. Coloring was 59%, near 61% last year, and equal to average. Mature was 27%, ahead of 21% last year and 15% average. Harvested was 1%, near 2% last year, and equal to average.

Cotton condition rated 9% very poor, 21% poor, 43% fair, 24% good, and 3% excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 97%, near 99% last year, and equal to average. Bolls opening was 46%, well ahead of 17% last year, and ahead of 33% average. Harvested was 1%.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 18% very poor, 23% poor, 36% fair, 21% good, and 2% excellent.



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