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**SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

SCCF Launches County-Wide Strategic Planning Initiative

By **Kerissa Payne**, Sheridan County Economic Development Program Officer

Hoxie — The Sheridan County Community Foundation is launching a County-wide Strategic Planning Initiative to help shape the future of Sheridan County. This effort will focus on key priorities including aging facilities, infrastructure needs such as sidewalks, wastewater systems & waterlines, housing availability, parks & recreation, public services, small business support, and overall economic growth.

At the center of this initiative is a community-wide survey open to all residents, business owners, parents, employees, and elected officials. The survey is designed to ensure every voice in Sheridan County can be heard. It will gather input on quality of life, the projects and investments most needed — both large and small — and priorities for the next three to five years.

All responses are completely confidential and used only in a combined, anonymous format.

The information collected will help guide community planning, strengthen local services, and support future funding opportunities. Results will shape a clear three-to-five-year roadmap while supporting long-term sustainability over the next 10-15 years.

To lead the process, the Foundation has partnered with Chrisman Consulting LLC. Owner Dr. Carolyn Chrisman brings extensive experience working with rural Kansas communities.

“Sheridan County has incredible strengths to build on,” said Chrisman. “This process ensures every resident’s voice is heard and turns that input into a practical plan that positions the county to thrive.”

The survey takes approximately 8-10 minutes and will be available to accept responses beginning April 15. Paper versions will be posted in locations in Hoxie and Selden, mailed postcards with a QR code, and local print and digital communication channels. The deadline to participate is May 8.

Residents are also invited to attend a Community Town Hall on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sheridan County 4-H Building in Hoxie. Dinner will be provided, and all are encouraged to attend and share their input. More details to come.

Survey participants may choose to enter a random prize drawing, with winners selected after the survey closes. Prizes include local gift certificates, Sheridan County “Business Bucks,” a family pool pass, and other community experiences.

The survey link along with more information regarding the initiative will be posted to www.growsheridancounty.org/strategicplan.

The County-wide Strategic Planning Initiative is made possible with grant resources provided by the Patterson Family Foundation as well as the Scott and Michelle Foote Family Fund held at the Sheridan County Community Foundation.

Grinnell VFW Auxiliary #2864 Illustrated Art Contest

The Grinnell VFW Auxiliary #2864 sponsored the Illustrated Art Contest for students K-8 in Grinnell. Wheatland schools winners were presented with checks. The first-place entries move on to be judged at the District level.



Four Winners from Wheatland (front) K-2: Tripp Marker 3rd place; Kipten Bixenman 1st place; 3-5 grade: Braylie Kincaid 2nd place; Kyndal Mason 3rd place. Presenting checks at Wheatland School are art teacher Melissa Meyer and Carol Rietcheck.

Five Winners from Grinnell (front) K-2: Mikey Bloom K-2 2nd place; 3-5 grade: Daniel Theobald 1st place; 6-8 grade: Brynden Briggs 1st place; Taryn Dickman 2nd place; Brecken Goetz 3rd place. Presenting checks in Grinnell are Mary Jane Goetz and Carol Rietcheck.



(Grinnell VFW Auxiliary #2864 photos)

Homebased Business: Lindsey Brewster’s Simply Styled



I am Lindsey Brewster. I have grown up/lived north of Studley my entire life. In 2008, my path crossed with my now husband Travis Brewster's path at the Studley Tire Shop. I graduated from Hill City in 2009. Travis and I married in 2011 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. In 2012, our first son, Brody, was born starting my journey as a stay-at-home mom. We had two more boys over the years, and I continued to stay home with them while helping on our farm, especially during harvest.



As my youngest son, Brock, got older I began thinking a lot about what my days would look like once all three boys were in school. I was looking for an opportunity that would be flexible and allow me to still be a present mom and wife. Something that would allow me to get my kids to and from events without missing too much.

It was fall harvest 2022, while I was driving the grain cart that the idea of Simply Styled popped in my head. I had lots of time to think about a business plan and how I would make it work. I quickly set my plans into motion and was blown away by the support from the Hoxie community. I actually didn't even tell my friends or family what I was up to for about six months. I wanted to prove to myself I could make this work without my friends and family feeling like they had to support me. One day my mom (Mary Leidig) called me and sounded very confused. She said someone had asked her how I was doing with Simply Styled and she had no clue what they were talking about. Oops! I filled her in, and of course, she along with my dad, Kenny Leidig, and my in-laws, Bob & Jana Brewster, have been my biggest cheerleaders and supporters!

Over the years, I have spent countless hours teaching myself how to run a business, run an embroidery machine, and everything else that comes with a small business. I have made plenty of mistakes along the way, but I have learned mistakes are just learning opportunities and a way to grow your skill set. I have always loved fashion and styling outfits, so that is the easy part for me! I strive to be unique and different while offering a high-quality product.

I run my business out of a small shop on our property. I make in-town deliveries, as well as delivering to other towns if I am passing through. I also offer shipping.

My WHY is my family! I want to be present and available in their lives while also helping contribute to our family. I want to lead by example, showing my boys they can achieve their goals and do hard things. I have learned so much about myself and gained confidence in my abilities.

At Simply Styled I do embroidery for business logos, cattle brands, as well as fun and trendy designs. I also print my own shirt designs in-house. I can do customs for school events, family events, and much more! I have a website and am able to provide shoppable links for custom orders as well. Some of my favorite items to make are embroidered hats. They are challenging, but the end result is worth it! I also love fun mascot designs. Being a mom that has kids in sports that loves to dress up, I am always on the hunt for new and on-trend designs.

To get in touch with me, you can email me at: lindsey.brewster91@yahoo.com or scan the QR code to find my Facebook group and message me there.



Another Great Easter Egg Hunt at the Elks Lodge



The Hoxie Elks' 2026 Easter Egg Hunt was very successful! There was a huge crowd; thanks to everyone that came out and thanks to DSNWK for stuffing the eggs.

The Golden Egg winners were:
Ages 3 & Under: Owen Schamberger
Grades 4 & 5: Emily Hammond
Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Banks Carter
2nd & 3rd Grade: Collins Linden
(l-r) Chris Popp, Les Sealock, Brent Beckman, Easter bunny, Stuart Beckman, Dave Schippers, Mitch Baalman. (Hoxie Elks photo)

Sheridan County 4-H Day was held on March 23, in Hoxie. County Day gives all 4-H members an opportunity to get out in front of others and give a demonstration, a project talk, sing a song, play an instrument, dance, present a reading, complete a mock interview, and/or give a public speech on their favorite subject while a caring judge provides feedback on the performance that will help the members improve their public presentations in the future. Members who received a top blue were then eligible to give their presentation again at Regional Day in Norton on March 31.

Results from County Day are:
- Junior Reading-Owen Spresser-top blue
Intermediate reading
- Jayden Mishler-top blue
- Hudson Moss-red
- Oliver Moss-blue
Senior reading
- Rylan Moss-top blue
Piano solo
- Bailey Spresser-blue
- Peter Lager-top blue
Dance (group)
- Angelus-top blue

GPHS Prom King and Queen



Golden Plains High School held their Prom on April 11, with the theme “There’s No Place Like Prom.” Braylee Knowles and Jaxson Vasbinder were crowned Queen and King during the Promenade. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Sheridan County 4-H Day



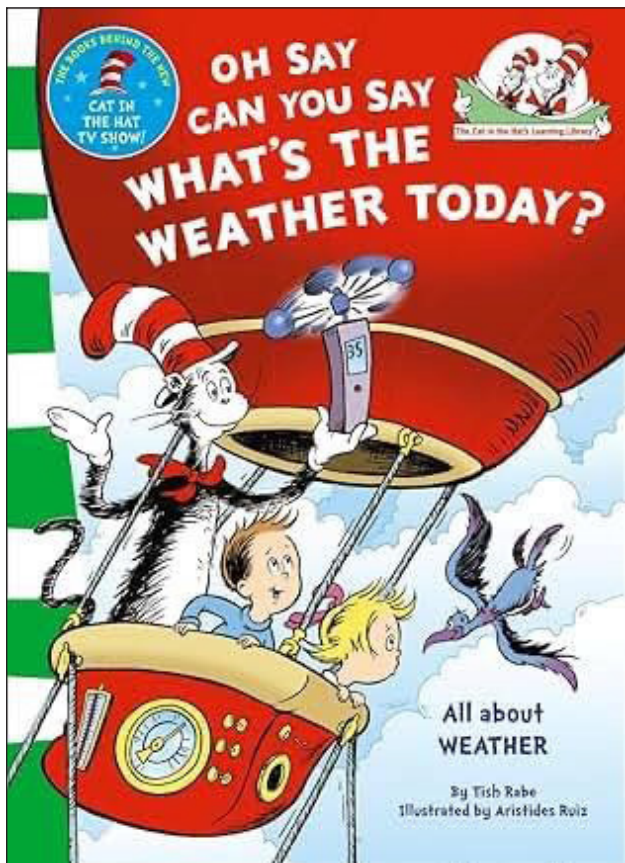
Skit/Dramatics(group)
- Angelus-top blue
Mock job interview
- Jude Lager-top blue
Junior demonstration
- Kilian Lager-top blue
Intermediate Demonstration/illustrated talk
- Margaret Mary Lager-top blue
- Jonathan Ostmeier-blue

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It's Time for the New Story Walk!

Perfect for April is the book, "Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today?" by Tish Rabe. Take a walk around the Walking Trail east of the grade school. This is the 11th year of this fun community activity. Enjoy!



FREE ADMISSION TO 60TH ANNUAL FHSU NIRA RODEO

By FHSU University Communications

Hays — The Fort Hays State University Rodeo Club and Team are proud to host the 60th Annual NIRA Rodeo, taking place April 16-18, at the Ellis County Fairgrounds. In celebration of this milestone year, admission to the event is free of charge. Community members are encouraged to attend and support intercollegiate rodeo athletes from across the region.

Since 1964, the FHSU Rodeo Club has provided students with valuable opportunities to develop and refine their skills in a competitive arena environment. Now in its 60th year, this long-standing tradition continues to showcase the dedication, talent, and sportsmanship of student-athletes competing at the collegiate level.

This year's rodeo will feature approximately 500-600 contestants representing around 20 colleges and universities from across the Central Plains Region, including Kansas and Oklahoma. The event brings together some of the top collegiate rodeo talent in the region, making it one of the premier intercollegiate rodeos of the season.

The rodeo will once again be held at the Ellis County Fairgrounds, a move made last year to accommodate the event's continued growth. The expanded venue allows for improved facilities and a better experience for both contestants and spectators, as the event has outgrown its previous home at the Doug Philip Arena.

Attendees can expect a full slate of rodeo events, including roughstock and timed events, as teams compete for regional standings and national qualification opportunities through the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).

Event Details:

- Dates: April 16-18
- Location: Ellis County Fairgrounds, Hays, Kansas
- Admission: FREE and open to the public

The FHSU Rodeo Club and Team invite the entire community to come out, support student-athletes, and celebrate 60 years of rodeo excellence. Whether you are a longtime rodeo fan or attending for the first time, this is a unique opportunity to experience the excitement of collegiate rodeo up close.

For more information, please contact the FHSU Rodeo Program's Coach Meier at tdmeier@fhsu.edu, or check out the Fort Hays State University Rodeo Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fhsurodeo>.



CITY LIMITS FRIDAY BBQ BUFFET

Every Friday, 4 pm - 9 pm, starting April 17

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NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liester

Well folks, I'm back once again. It's been a while I know, but it's been a rough time around the Liester home. Late last week, we had one of our very young cats run over out in front of our house, and nobody seemed to be bothered to come to tell us about it. Our security cameras showed us who did it when it happened. I was home at the time. The City boys picked up the cat, put it in a bucket and hauled it off and not one of them bothered to come over and knock on our door and let us know what happened. To say I'm upset with the City is an understatement, in the very least.

Now onto other things. Turkey season is fast approaching, and I am more than ready. Now, if I can get my friends motivated to go too, it'll be an even better time out there. I am seeing plenty of turkeys and a lot of tom turkeys, so it should be a good season for everybody.

I'm still more than a little upset with the way this last goose season turned out. Five gifts for the season total is just wrong! But what do you do? You take the birds as they come, and this last season they just didn't.

Fishing is picking up very well. We were doing well at a small pond east of here, but it seems like everybody and their dog found it, so it's being so overfished right now that I feel sorry for it. A two-and-a-half-acre pond cannot take a lot of pressure, and Antelope Lake has been a bust for us so far this year. One small catfish and one small blue gill, just does not really do well. I guess while I'm turkey hunting, I'll also be looking for places to fish. I hear walleye are biting off of the dams at Kirwin, Lovewell, and Cedar Bluffs, as well as Trevor's, north of Hill City.

Let's dive into our government these days. As long as I can remember, any man once he reached the age of 18 had to sign up for selective service, it was a given, everybody knew it. But now that they've automated it, so you don't have to actually sign up, the Democrats, of course, are having a big meltdown over it, which tells you exactly how intelligent these folks are not. I swear these people seem to take the statement, "could you be any dumber?" as a challenge! Then they do their best to prove that they can be! As far as what's going on with Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, I stand with President Trump all the way! He is playing this very well. And boohoo, he didn't ask the Democrats' permission before he did it. What I find amazing is the Democrats are having a meltdown about this, yet every president we have ever had in the past 50 years has said that Iran needs to be prevented from getting a nuclear weapon. President Trump is the only one actually doing something about it. I particularly love all the "no more kings" protests. When it was the Democrat presidents who were the ones that forced us to isolate, forced us to wear masks, forced us to take shots. Where were you then? Oh yes, it only counts when it's the other side.

Not much else, so I guess I'll get off here. Just a reminder to everybody to stay safe and enjoy the outside!

World Bird Migration Day Poetry Workshop at KWEC

By FHSU University Communications

Hays — The Kansas Wetlands Education Center will host Poetry Pocket Field Guide: World Bird Migration Day, a creative, nature-based writing workshop, on Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. The event will take place at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend at the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area.

Designed for participants of all experience levels, the workshop blends birdwatching, walking, and creative writing during one of the most active migration periods of the year. Attendees will create and decorate small, pocket-sized field guides to record observations of migrating birds, the surrounding landscape, and personal reflections.

The event includes a guided walk through Cheyenne Bottoms, where participants will read poetry, observe wildlife, and engage in a generative walk-and-write experience. The resulting notes, images, and lines gathered during the walk can be shaped into poems, offering both a creative outlet and a deeper connection to the natural world.

The workshop will be led by Traci Brimhall, professor of creative writing at Kansas State University and one of Kansas' most celebrated contemporary poets. Brimhall is the author of five poetry collections, including *Love Prodigal* (Copper Canyon Press, 2024). Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, *Orion*, *The New Republic*, *Poetry*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Best American Poetry*.

Brimhall has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Park Service, the Academy of American Poets, and Purdue University Libraries' Special Collections, where she studied the lost poem drafts of Amelia Earhart. She is currently the poet-in-residence at the Guggenheim Museum and the poet laureate of the State of Kansas.

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center is affiliated with Fort Hays State University's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics and plays a key role in environmental education, conservation, and public engagement at Cheyenne Bottoms, one of the most important inland wetlands in North America for migratory birds.



You Keep Asking What You're Worth... But You're Asking The Wrong People

Listen up... We gotta fix something today.

Because a lot of us are walking around feeling small...

overlooked... like we ain't enough. And the crazy part is— we keep asking the world to tell us what we're worth.

We ask people. We ask relationships. We ask jobs. We ask social media. "Do I matter?" "Am I enough?"

And when they don't answer the way we hoped?

we shrink. We doubt ourselves. We change just to be accepted.

Let's tell the truth—the world will NEVER tell you your real value.

Because it only values what it can USE. If you produce—you matter. If you perform—you matter. But the second you're tired... broken... empty? the world goes quiet. And now you're wondering what happened to your worth.

Let me hit you with something real— your worth was never in what you do. It was decided before you ever took your first breath.

Before the mistakes. Before the proving. God already said you were worth dying for. But we run around trying to EARN what was already GIVEN. We try to prove what was already declared. Here's where we mess up— we start pricing ourselves based on people who don't even know our value.

That's like handing a diamond to someone who only understands dirt... then believing them when they call it worthless. We let broken people define us.

And that's why one day we feel confident... and the next day completely empty. Because our value is tied to unstable voices. But when your worth comes from God— it doesn't move. It doesn't change when people leave... or when you fail.

Because God doesn't change. And some of you don't feel worthy... because you know your past. But hear me— God didn't go to the cross for a perfect version of you.

He went for the broken one. So when you say "I'm not worth it"— you're arguing with the price He paid. And God doesn't overpay. So why are we still living like we're cheap? Why are we still chasing approval? You don't need people to approve you. You need to believe what God already said. Stop asking the world your value. Because at the end of the day— you're not worth what people say... you're worth what God decided. And that price? Was everything.

World Bird Migration Day is an international celebration highlighting the importance of migratory birds and the habitats they depend on. This workshop offers a unique opportunity to honor that mission through creativity, observation, and reflection.

Additional details about the event and the Kansas Wetlands Education Center can be found at wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.

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Indian Track Season Takes Off



By Lily Bird

The Hoxie Indian track team started their season strong at the Russell Invitational meet on April 2, with both the girls' and boys' teams showing solid performances. The girls' team finished in first place, scoring 170 team points, while the boys' team placed sixth with 46 team points.

There were several standout athletes from both the girls and boys throughout the meet. Sophomore Camryn Gourley started her season off with a clean sweep of her events, placing first in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 100-meter hurdles, and 300-meter hurdles. Gourley's race in the 100-meter hurdles broke the school record which has been standing since 1979. Junior Emma Schamberger took first in both long and triple jump. The girls' relay teams contributed important points as well, with all three relays placing in the top three. The girls' 4x100 meter relay team placed first, the 4x800 meter relay team finished second, and the 4x400 meter relay team took third.

On the boys' side, senior Michael Haffner had a standout performance in the distance events. Haffner won the 1600-meter race with a time of 4:36.97, finishing more than seven seconds faster than second place and beating the school record, which has stood since 2021. He also placed third in the 3200-meter race. The boys' relay teams competed well with both the 4x800 meter and 4x400 meter teams placing 4th, while the 4x100 meter team placed 8th. The Indians will continue their season on Friday, April 10, as they host teams for the Hoxie Invitational.

Lady Bulldogs Win Powerlifting Meet

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School hosted the second annual WKLL League Powerlifting meet in Rexford on April 6. The girls team featured 12 lifters who collectively earned 207 points to place first overall. "It was fun," said Brenlynn Rath. "I liked how everyone supported each other, even if they weren't from the same school."

Elizabeth Weiner and Brenlynn Rath each placed first in their weight class. Rath placed first in bench with a 130 lb lift, first in clean at 130, and 1st in squat at 210. She lifted a total of 330 pounds to place first overall in her class. Weiner placed second in bench at 90 lbs., third in clean at 85 lbs, and first in squat at 155. She totaled 330 lbs to place first overall in her class. This was Weiner's first year to compete. "It was interesting to see how it all worked," said Weiner.

Jade Dible, Katie Carter, Adilyn Meier, and Amia Durham each placed second in their weight class. Durham bench 90 for 2nd, cleaned 95 for 4th, and squatted 165 for 2nd. Her 350 lb total placed her second overall. Meier benched 95 lbs for 4th, cleaned 105 for fifth, and squatted 165 for second. She placed second overall with total lifts of 365.

Carter placed third in bench at 80 lbs., clean 100 for first and squatted 140 for second. Her total lifts of 320 gave her second place overall. Dible did not bench but placed second in clean at 90 lbs and second in squat at 135 for a second-place total of 225.

Estella Vargas lifted a total of 310 pounds for third place in her division. She placed fourth in bench at 85 lbs, third in clean at 95, and third in squat at 130. Also placing third overall was Anais Cepeda with a total lift of 355 lbs. She placed second in bench at 100, gift in clean at 100, and third in squat at 155. Braylee Knowles placed first in bench at 105, third in clean at 100, and second in squat at 148 for a total of 353 lbs and third place overall. Kailee Wessel only competed in bench and pressed 110 pounds for first place. She did not clean or squat due to a leg injury but still placed third overall in her division.

Lakin Wark did not bench but placed third in clean at 90 lbs. and fifth in squat at 140 to place fifth with a total lift of 230 lbs. Briella Knowles also placed fifth overall with a total lift of 170 pounds with 85 in both bench and clean. She did not squat.



Golden Plains sophomore Elizabeth Weiner squats at the WKLL league Powerlifting meet in Rexford on April 6. Weiner placed second in bench, third in clean, and first in squat for a total of 330 pounds and first place in her division. This was her first time competing in powerlifting. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Hawks Forensic Team Attends WKLL League

By Alex Roberts, Editor

The WHS forensics team attended WKLL league meet at Western Plains Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Sophomores Axtyn Teeter and Griffin Beckman performed in the Impromptu Duet Acting category and Brielle Hanna, senior, presented her prose interpretation of "Twelve Crayons in a Box."

The Hawks came home without any medals after facing a tough day. Forensics coach Carolyn Nelson said, "Although we were disappointed with today's results, everyone learned some valuable tips for the next competition. Every competition helps us find ways to improve."

Teeter and Beckman will advance to the state 1A forensic championship tournament in McPherson May 2, 2026. Good luck, Hawks!

HAWKS POWERLIFT IN REXFORD

By Alex Roberts, Editor

A large crew of Thunderhawks boys and girls attended the Golden Plains Powerlifting tournament in Rexford, April 6. Both the boys and girls came home with third place overall.

Individual results follow.

In the 198 overall weight, sophomore James Dickman placed sixth overall, and junior Deighton Herl placed third in the same division. In the 181-weight category, junior Branton Goetz won second place, and fellow junior Spencer Beckman took third place in the 165-weight division. Senior Broady Goetz won second place in the 156-weight category. Freshman Hunter Frecks placed first in the 114 division, and fellow freshman Blake Zimmerman won first in the 132-weight category. Overall, the boys' team garnered 140 points and took home third place.

Girls also performed well. Emily Hrabe, sophomore, placed first place in power overall. Kaelynn Herl won first place in the 148-weight category, with junior Brooklynn Thomas winning second place in the same weight. Natalie Bixenman, junior, achieved fourth place overall in 132, and Marissa Beckman, junior, received fourth place overall in the 123-weight category.

Coach Bixenman stated, "I am proud of them, and proud of the new participants for stepping out of their comfort zone."

Area Churches

- Christ Community Church
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- Hoxie Baptist Temple
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The Hoxie Democrat Friday, April 17, 1891

Hedge and Pat settled.
Dr. Tullis was in the city this week.
Sam Morgan, where's your sacks?
The Foster and Nestor case settled.
Geo. Epley and family will go to Nebraska next week.
Steve Leaton shipped two cars of hogs and cattle this weeks.
Several of our citizens are attending a Masonic conclave at Hill City.
On account of the seed distribution and rush this week we are late.
Thanks are due Depot Agent Hester for courtesies extended this week.
Grover Walker is having his broom corn rebaled and fixed up ready for shipment.
Commissioners have been in session for the past four days and much fun has been had.

Fred Longberg was in the city Tuesday and will try and raise a large crop of potatoes and other small fruits.

Robert Young is at work this week fixing the broom corn ready for shipment for the Sheridan County Bank.

Colman is driving a new horse. It is one he had to take in on a chattel mortgage, and he says he is a good one.

W. L. Humes has been ill for the past week, but we are glad to be able to note that he is much better and able to resume work again.

Ben McKinley arrived home Thursday. He looked tired and somewhat worn-out. The weather was rather wet for side-droors Pullman's.

The new Methodist minister is G. H. Cheney, form the Minneapolis district. Through a concerted plan he will hold services in the church hereafter.

Quisenberry has returned home. He took in Washington and New York while away. He says he was at the White House but did not stay long enough to get acquainted with Ben.

I. B. was in the city this week. We do not know what office he wants this fall, but we can recommend him as being capable of filling any one in the gift of the people of this county.

Frank Lee has been released from jail and will put in a large crop. We think that the short term has taught him a lesson, and whether guilty or not, he will not associate with bad company or lay himself liable to censure again.

Skelton Letter

Abram Pratt was in the county seat Saturday, on business.

The Sunday school last Sunday was quite good. The Sunday school will observe Children's day.

Jas. Myers, Mr. Paynton and some others recently went to Colorado, looking for work. Hope they have success.

125 Years Ago April 18, 1901

Mrs. Wm. Deibert visited a daughter at Plainville last week.

Andy Nestor has a force of men setting out trees in the court house yard.

Levi Slover, of Union township, made proof on a quarter of school land Tuesday.

On Monday last W. H. Dedrick, of Macgaw, was adjudged insane in Judge Gregg's court.

Miss Maud Brooks made a business trip to Salina last Friday, returning Tuesday morning.

The day being the fairest we have had for a long time, our merchants did a big business Saturday.

B. C. Decker has erected a large addition to his barn and otherwise improved his residence property.

Little Frank Hook is having a tough time of it with rheumatism. Frank is rather a young lad to be so afflicted.

Davy Wiggins, who has been suffering with the rheumatism has found relief in a "baking" machine.

Rev. Mickey, the new Methodist minister, arrived last Saturday. He seems a very pleasant gentleman.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Waite last Saturday morning.

Miss Gertrude Pratt has been indisposed the past week with an attack of quinsy.

Wednesday, May 1, is the date of Kennedy's sale of stock and household furniture.

Northeast Clippings

Geo. Haynes is building him a new house.

Mr. Tom Brewster went to Jennings Monday.

Mrs. Chandler was seen on the streets of Lucerne Monday.

Nation

Lucerne Grind-Outs

E. F. Teel was a Hoxie visitor last week.
J. H. Small is premeditating a visit to Iowa soon.

W. H. Peugh and son Walter were in Lenora Saturday.

Alec

Orange Items

Henry Andrews is plowing for alfalfa between showers.

John Koch and wife made a trip to Hoxie Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houser visited at Mr. Fullerton's last Sunday.

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Cracker-Jack

Bloomfield Items

Ed Teel has got a new stable built on his place in Bloomfield.

Mrs. Rutherford will soon open her millinery shop at Rexford.

The Bloomfield people are expecting to see steamboats coming up the Solomon before long.

A Farmer

Union Items

Frank Hedrick wis working away from home at the present.

Mr. Richards put up his windmill last week.

Mr. Slaters are now comfortable domiciled in their new home.

A Scribbler

Elliot Clippings

G. T. McWilliams made a short visit at J. B. Clark's last week.

Dr. Camp made a trip to Mr. Dedrick's Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Heroy went to Selden Friday to spend a few days.

100 Years Ago April 15, 1926

Local News

Mrs. Sarah Frazier, who has been visiting in Palco for several weeks, will return home this week.

Will Cressler while in town Friday has us renew his Salina Journal. He reports Mrs. Cressler as getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Sarah Andregg, who spent the winter with relatives in Enid, Oklahoma, recently returned home.

A surprise party was given Saturday night for Miss Florence Cooper in honor of her birthday. A large number of friends were present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Trace Monteith, of Selden, was a Hoxie business visitor the first of the week.

Marion Davis is taking A. L. Brook's place this week as janitor of the grade school while the latter is recovering from an attack of the lagrippe.

A. W. Neiman and family, of Selden, passed through Hoxie Monday on their way home from Grinnell, where they spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Korte.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Davis and children, of Menlo, were attending to business matters in Hoxie Wednesday.

W. J. Boyles, of Selden, was a Hoxie visitor Wednesday.

Ralph Getz, of Tasco, was an early Monday morning Hoxie visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Feldt, of Angelus, were Hoxie visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carpenter have moved to Hoxie and are occupying their property, known as the street east of the courthouse.

W. L. Short, Roy Rogers and J. Camp, three jolly Seldenites, were taking in the sights of Hoxie Saturday, and they found our streets lined with people and our merchants busy.

Earl Zimmerman, of Tasco, was a business visitor Saturday. Earl manages an elevator at the Lake City, and of course, was pleased over the wheat prospects.

C. T. Dallam returned home from Salina Monday and reports Mrs. Dallam improving and that she will probably be able to come home in about two or three weeks.

Roy Latham returned home Saturday evening from Goodland, where he has been working. He will go to Bogue, Kansas, this week to begin work on the new high school building there for the Northwester Construction Company.

James McConche, of Salina, was making his regular rounds out this way this week as a salesman for a hardware concern. His daughter, Miss Evelyn, entered the Midwest Piano contest held at Lindsborg recently, and out of 29 contestants won second place, which entitles her to an \$80 scholarship at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas.

75 Years Ago April 19, 1951

Moves Plumbing Shop

The Neal Plumbing Shop recently moved to a downtown location, and are nicely located in the building formerly occupied by Denning Electric at 122 N Main. Mr. Neal stated that not all their new merchandise has arrived at this time but that they are open and ready to be of service to anyone wishing this type of merchandise. They would be happy to have their friends drop in and look their new home over.

Allison News

Mr. and Mrs. Wilferd Wagoner and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fortin entertained thirty-six friends and neighbors to a pinochle party Friday evening. A delicious lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kappers are driving a new DeSoto car.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley were shopping in Hoxie, Saturday.

Kil Kare Klub Notes

Kil Kare Klub met April 11 with Gladys Cooper. On account of snow and bad roads, only eight members were present. We enjoyed a delicious ham dinner with home made ice cream and angel food cake. We did embroidery work for the hostess. Melvin Johnson was a dinner guest. Next meeting is with Susie Hedge on April 26th. - Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stratton, of Wichita, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pope were Sunday callers at the Lawrence Pope home.

Bobby and Jimmy Pope spent Friday night with their grandparents in Hoxie.

Morland News

Mrs. Chester Johnson spent the past week at Mrs. Loof's home caring for her daughter, Alice, who was ill with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark called on Mrs. Grover Engleman Saturday.

Nathaniel Smith and Ruby Butcher were married week ago Monday. They are living on a farm north of Penokee.

Thimble Circle Club

Mr. and Mrs. John Wahlborg, of Denver, spent from Monday evening until Wednesday afternoon with R. L. and Mrs. Brewster. Mrs. Wahlborg is a sister of R. L.'s. They all made a tour out in the country Wednesday and ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brewster and Ellen.

Harry Jerrery is improving slowly in the Norton hospital.

Rudolph Went's children have the measles.

Kenneth Homemakers

The Kenneth Homemakers met Friday, the 13th, at the home of Mrs. Mex Cooper with thirteen members and one visitor present. Mrs. C. E. Schlicher had the lesson on "United Nations". The club has three new members who are: Mrs. W. W. Walters, Lorena Meadows, and Mrs. Geo. Weeks. Mrs. Alva Goff received the hostess gift. Mrs. Cooper served a delicious dessert and coffee and the highlight of the afternoon was viewing Mrs. Cooper's beautiful new home.

50 Years Ago April 15, 1976

Third Graders to Bury Time Capsule

The third graders at Hoxie Grade School will bury a Time Capsule in observance of Bicentennial Celebration Week, April 26-30. The Capsule will be buried in front of the grade school near the flag pole with a short ceremony on April 28.

The Time Capsule will contain items pertinent to the present year, especially Bicentennial items collected by the students and other persons.

Cressler Motel Units Nearly Completed

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cressler report that six of their 9 new motel units are nearly completed. A few minor details are yet to be finished, but the rooms are ready for occupancy. Several have been rented the past few weeks.

The new units are the latest in design and décor, each unit with a pair of Long Boy beds, hi-lo shag carpet, color TV, etc.

Broadway News

Allen Voth, a Hoxie teacher, was an April 4 dinner guest after church at Edwin Simons.

The W. M. S. regular meeting is to be held at Albert Popp's Wednesday.

Oscar Borger drove the school bus for Gene Riedel on Thursday.

McGraw News

Alvin Leist came to spend the weekend with the George Launchbaughs. Mrs. Ura Long spent the week with the Launchbaughs nursing the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter at Ridgewood Manor Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tribble were Saturday supper guests at the Dwane Tice home.

Studley Items

Ladies Aide met with Mrs. Esther Brandt Tuesday afternoon. Eight members were present. Mr. Flavel Twell was lesson leader, Esther served refreshments.

Mrs. Teresa Bretz was hostess to a Stanley party Thursday afternoon. Several ladies attended.

Mrs. Alice Bump visited their daughter, Mrs. Jean Richardson and family at Chapman over the weekend.

Tasco Community Club

Tasco Community Club met with Mamie Coulter on Friday, April 9. Fourteen members and three visitors were present to enjoy the delicious dinner. Visitors were Ella Shipley, Florence Mauck and Mary Ponath. Embroidery work and quilt blocks were done for the hostess. Ida Schropp won the hostess gift. This was the last meeting of the club until this fall. - Reporter

Art Show at Goodland

An art show was held at Goodland's Max Jones Field House Saturday, April 3-4.

Hoxie winners were Darlene Emerick, honorable mention with her pencil drawings and pastels; Bob Oelke, first in ceramics; and Allen Schaffer, second in ceramics.

25 Years Ago April 12, 2001

Scouts to Celebrate

This July, the Hoxie Cub Scout Pack 160 will celebrate its 50-year anniversary of scouting in Hoxie.

A celebration is planned for this occasion on May 6, at Bowen Scout House.

The present leadership is asking for the help of all past Scouts and their leaders in compiling a history of the pack, which will be put in book form and kept for future Scouts to enjoy.

VFW Post 2864 Auxiliary

The April 18, 2001 meeting of the Auxiliary to the VFW Post 2864 is very important as it is election of officers.

Secretary Aggie Tholen read the official readings. A letter from the office of Dan Williams, a member of the House Educational Committee, in response to concerns about the proposed consolidation of several local schools was read by Delores Fortin.

The closing prayers read and the meeting closed until our May 16 meeting date.

St. Paul's D of I

Eleven members and one guest enjoyed a tasty luncheon on Monday, April 2 at Our Lady of Guadeloupe Parish Center, Grinnell.

Bonnie Huelsmann, Regent of St. Paul's Daughters of Isabella, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Oakley will host the Queen Isabella Daylater this month.

The Regent and vice-regent will be attending the bi-annual convention in Dodge City, April 20-22.

Bow Creek FCE

The Bow Creek FCE met April 4, 2001, at the home of Evelyn Walden with Kathleen Cooper as co-hostess.

The business meeting was conducted by President Cooper. The Kansas Association for Family and Community Education purpose was repeated in unison. Seven members answered roll call with, "Tell about someone you know that has had a stroke."

Rexford

Several Rexford people attended the birthday party for Frances McIntyre at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby on Sunday afternoon, April 1. Other Colby friends were also there. A beautifully decorated cake was served with coffee.

The Social Hour Club met with Eileen Dible at the Fairview Estates Retirement Community in Colby on Wednesday afternoon.

Marjorie Paddock of Rose Hill came Monday to visit her mother, Lula Thieler. On Tuesday, they went to Colby to have dinner with JoAnn Miller. All three went to see Lula's new great-grandson, Trey Austen Miller, and his parents, Mark and Kelly Miller. Trey was born on Friday, March 20.

Jennings

The 4-H Club will have a benefit bake sale at 8:30 a.m. Friday on main street as a fundraiser.

The Prairie Heights Marketing Association met at the ambulance barn Thursday to plan their annual meeting. It will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 26 at the ambulance barn.

Multi-Pronged Plan to Address Property Tax Relief Proposed

Topeka – Governor Laura Kelly is laying out a comprehensive plan to provide immediate and lasting tax relief at the state level, and to begin the conversation about engaging local leaders on enacting property tax reform.

“Kansans deserve real property tax relief, and they deserve the truth about how such relief can be accomplished,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “To date, the Legislature – led by a Republican supermajority – has provided only lip service on this topic and has failed to deliver on the campaign promises and talking points they have been repeating for two years. Today, I’m laying out a fiscally responsible property tax relief plan that I invite the Legislature to debate and take action on to finally give Kansans some real relief.”

The truth about property taxes is that the overwhelming majority of property taxes are levied at the local level – by cities, counties, and school districts. The revenues that these taxes generate are designed to contribute to an improved quality of life for its citizens, like paying for police and firefighters, maintaining reliable roads, and providing access to high-quality public schools. However, increased valuations and rising costs have placed an undue burden on property owners across the state.

Action must be taken to encourage local governments to keep their costs down, while not sacrificing the services that its citizens deserve. But the State is not excused from being a part of the solution and providing relief for the portion of property taxes for which it is responsible.

To identify a real and lasting solution, Governor Kelly is introducing a multi-pronged approach to drive property tax reform in Kansas. She encourages the Legislature to follow her lead and to debate and vote on this property tax reform package in the closing days of the 2026 legislative session.

Governor Kelly’s plan is divided into three parts: 1) immediate property tax relief for vehicle owners, 2) incentivizing local governments to permanently bend their cost curves, and 3) requiring the state to have skin in the game for its share of property taxes.

The first leg of the plan is for the Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 378, which was introduced by Senator Ethan Corson during the 2026 legislative session. This bill would provide for a one-time \$250 vehicle tax credit for all vehicle owners in the state when they register their vehicle. The cost to cover this credit would be paid for by using surplus funds sitting in the budget stabilization fund. This policy would give immediate relief to Kansans in Fiscal Year 2027, while the other components of the package take shape. By limiting this to a one-time event, it will not jeopardize the fidelity of the budget stabilization fund.

The second leg of the plan is to create a fund to be distributed to cities and counties that demonstrate an ability to manage their budgets responsibly. The state would make an annual deposit into this fund, beginning with \$60.0 million in the first year, and growing the deposit by 2 percent each year. Cities and counties that keep their annual budget growth at a reasonable level – recommended to be no greater than 3 percent – would be eligible to claim a portion of this fund, to assist them in paying for needed services. The distribution formula would take into account each city/county’s population and total assessed value, ensuring that rural and urban areas have equitable access to these funds.

The third leg of the plan is for the state to have some skin in the game and to provide tax relief for the 20 mills that are levied to assist the state in paying for its share of public education. Current law exempts the first \$75,000 of every home’s appraised value from this 20-mill tax. The Governor’s proposal would increase the exemption level to \$150,000. By doubling the current exemption, this would provide meaningful tax relief to over 700,000 Kansas homeowners every year. This proposal would safeguard funding for public education by creating a demand transfer from the State General Fund into the School District Finance Fund to ensure that public schools continue to receive their full constitutional funding.

The Governor urges the Legislature to give serious consideration to this comprehensive property tax package, while it has time to act. It is time for Kansans to hear the truth from their elected officials, and to have their elected officials deliver realistic results for them.

Bipartisan Bill Signed Lowering Prescription Costs for Kansans

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced she has signed Senate Bill 20, which regulates Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), the middlemen responsible for negotiating drug prices between manufacturers, pharmacies, and insurers, as well as setting reimbursement rates for prescription medications.

“I’m pleased to support smart, bipartisan legislation that places long overdue guardrails on PBMs by requiring those who conduct business in our state to do so in a fair and transparent manner,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Increasing regulation of PBMs is a critical, necessary step towards lowering costs for Kansans and ensuring that their health needs and best interests are put first.”

“We’ve seen more than 100 local Kansas pharmacies close in the past decade alone. This has left thousands of Kansans in pharmacy deserts, forcing them to travel long distances to pick up their needed prescriptions. Kansans deserve better, and that’s what SB 20 will do,” said Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes, District 21. “This bill will increase transparency and accountability within our pharmaceutical industry, ensuring Kansans and locally owned pharmacies are not being priced out of their life-saving medications or the pharmaceutical market. I am proud of the bipartisan work that went into crafting this legislation and getting it across the finish line. The path for this commonsense reform wasn’t without hurdles, but my colleagues and I worked across the aisle to provide much-needed relief to hardworking Kansans.”

Senate Bill 20 enacts several changes to current PBM practices, including granting the Kansas Insurance Commissioner increased authority to regulate PBMs, ensuring all pharmacies are reimbursed using the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC), mandating that drug rebates pass through to health plans, and bans spread pricing so PBMs can no longer charge health plans more than they reimburse pharmacies, which previously resulted in a profit for PBMs.

“Kansans deserve a prescription drug system that works for them, not one that operates behind closed doors by those who seek to profit from it,” said Senate Vice President Tim Shallenburger, District 13. “Senate Bill 20 brings transparency, fairness, and accountability to pharmacy benefit managers by banning spread pricing, ensuring fair reimbursement rates, and strengthening reporting requirements. Most importantly, this bill works to lower prescription costs, protect rural communities and independent pharmacies, and ensure Kansans across this state have access to care and medications they rely on every day.”

Through Senate Bill 20, a new regulatory framework guarantees that the needs of patients – not PBMs – are prioritized.

Alliance Defending Freedom Comment

The following quote may be attributed to Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Matt Sharp, Director of the ADF Center for Public Policy, regarding the Kansas Legislature’s override Thursday and Friday of Gov. Laura Kelly’s vetoes of several bills:

- The Kansas Intellectual Rights and Knowledge Act (KIRK) Act (part of HB 2333), named in honor of assassinated free speech advocate Charlie Kirk, protects the freedom of students to engage in speech and expressive activities at public colleges.

- A provision in next year’s state budget that prevents taxpayer dollars from flowing to abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood.

- Two bills that strengthen protections for women under the state’s Women’s Right to Know Act: HB 2727 removes burdensome “red tape” that makes it more costly for women to sue abortionists who violate the state’s informed consent requirements, and HB 2729, which standardizes the informed consent form given to abortion-seeking women, including giving women information about alternatives to abortion.

- The Education Freedom Tax Credit bill (HB 2468) allows Kansans to receive a federal tax credit for donating to organizations that give families scholarships to attend private schools of their choice.

“Government is at its best when it enacts laws to protect life, women’s health, free speech, and to empower families as they raise their children.

“For instance, public colleges and universities are meant to be free and open to the exchange of ideas. The KIRK Act, named in honor of free speech champion Charlie Kirk, helps ensure that Kansas’ public universities remain places where intellectual diversity flourishes and all students can engage in the exchange of ideas rather than being censored.

“Additionally, Kansans don’t want their tax dollars propping up the abortion industry, so it’s important to exclude abortion giant Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses from state funding in the upcoming fiscal year—and equally important that women benefit from the state’s informed consent laws without having to wade through unnecessary bureaucracy.

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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Manhattan - For the week ending April 12, 2026, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 28% very short, 32% short, 36% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21% very short, 36% short, 41% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 12% very poor, 20% poor, 36% fair, 30% good, and 2% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 61%, ahead of 43% last year and well ahead of 33% for the five-year average.

Corn planted was 9%, near 10% last year and 9% average.

Soybeans planted was 2%, near 1% average.

USDA Announces Specialty Crop Investment

Monday, April 13, in Michigan, alongside U.S. Representative Tom Barrett, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the availability of over \$275 million in grant funding in FY2026 for the specialty crop industry in the United States through the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI), the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP), and the Specialty Crop Multi-State Program (SCMP).

Thanks to the Working Families Tax Cuts, USDA is able to provide \$175 million per year for SCRI, more than double the previous amount of \$80 million per year. The Working Families Tax Cut also increased the total funding available for SCBGP and SCMP from \$85 million per year to \$100 million per year starting in FY2026.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is tasked with implementing SCRI which provides funding for research and extension projects to address the most critical challenges faced by the domestic specialty crop industry. For the first time ever, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for SCRI will set aside at least \$20 million to fund research and development into mechanization and automation technologies for the specialty crop industry to help reduce labor costs.

Both SCBGP and SCMP are implemented by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and provide funding for innovative projects designed to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through marketing, education, and research. Funds for SCBGP are distributed to States and territories by the Agricultural Marketing Service based on a formula that considers both specialty crop acreage and production value while SCMP funds are awarded on a competitive basis to States as well as local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, or nonprofit organizations residing in nonparticipating States.

Earlier this year, USDA also announced the availability of \$1 billion to support the specialty crop industry through the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program.

Bipartisan Bill Signed Banning Kratom Products

Topeka – Governor Laura Kelly today announced she has signed House Bill 2365, which amends the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to designate 7-OH kratom related substances to Schedule I designation. Schedule I designates a substance to have a high potential for abuse and without a currently accepted medical use.

“The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is in the process of determining whether kratom is a safe and effective means of treating certain medical conditions,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Until such a time as quality scientific reviews determine positive impacts and minimal health risks, it is wise to safeguard the health of Kansans.”

Importantly, this legislation updates Schedule IV – substances that are defined as drugs with low potential for abuse and dependence – to include Zuranolone, a prescription medication approved to treat postpartum depression.

This bill also adds to Schedule I of the CSA: 11 opioids or synthetic opioids; fentanyl-related substances that are not specifically exempted or listed in Schedules II through V; ethylphenidate, a stimulant; hexahydrocannabinol, a derivative of Delta 9; tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); CUMYL-PEGACLONE, a synthetic cannabinoid.



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**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
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K.S.A. 25-204**

In accordance with the provisions of KSA 25-204, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held August 4, 2026. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for State Senate - 40th District
 - One candidate for United States House of Representatives - 1st District
 - One candidate for Governor/Lt. Governor
 - One candidate for Secretary of State
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 - One candidate for State Treasurer
 - One candidate for Commissioner of Insurance
 - One candidate for State Representative - 118th District
 - One candidate for Member, State Board of Education - 5th District
 - One candidate for County Commissioner - 1st District
 - One candidate for Hospital Board of Trustees
 - One candidate for City of Hoxie Water Commissioner
 - One candidate for Township Clerk in each of the following townships: Bowcreek, Solomon, and Valley
- The following officers will be elected in each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:
- One Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct
 - One Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct
- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal.
Done this 7th day of April, A.D. 2026.
Heather Bracht
Sheridan County Election Officer

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of DANNY L. BACON, Deceased

Case No.: SD-2025-PR-000023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Ronda Bacon and Bryce Bacon, co-administrators of the estate of Danny L. Bacon, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the administrators, allowance for the services of the administrators and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the administrators be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 3rd day of June 2026, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Ronda Bacon
Ronda Bacon, Co-Administrator

/s/ Bryce Bacon
Bryce Bacon, Co-Administrator

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
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**Commission Minutes
4/7/26**

Now on this 7th day of April 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Kyle Emigh, Mike "Buck" Mader, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michaela VonLehe, Dispatch, came to the table. VonLehe discussed training and asked about Commissioner's expectations. At 8:06 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Hirsch, and VonLehe. The door opened at 8:15. Mader made a motion, seconded by Stithem, to approve an increase in wages for all current employees in dispatch. Carried 3-0. Effective date for raises is April 7, 2026.

VonLehe distributed a bid for a new portable radio for Dispatch. The Board believes this is something that has already been discussed and possibly purchased. Bracht will check.

O'Neill Smith, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Smith distributed his certificates for completing the testing for treating noxious weeds, ROW, and prairie dogs.

Chemical bids were received from SIMS and VanDiest and opened by the Board. After review Mader made a motion to purchase Dicamba from SIMS who had the low bid and 2-4D, Escort, Highnoon, Optilox, Arsenal and Piper EZ from VanDiest Supply who had the low bid. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The 2026 ROW Contract with KDOT was approved and signed by the Board on a motion by Mader and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0

At 8:34 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Hirsch, Herskowitz, and Smith. The door opened at 8:43.

There was discussion about treating of weeds.

Smith was advised of prairie dogs in the area of 140W and 130N.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that the City of Selden building has been cleaned out. Herskowitz distributed photos of two different storage units available to use in Selden for storage. This was tabled for a future meeting.

Several roads were discussed.

The cardboard truck came last week.

Equipment was briefly discussed.

Smith will be asked to spray the land on the east side of the Recycling area. The posts from the signs being replaced will be held onto until the job is complete and then a decision will be made on what to do with them.

Craig Poe, Executive Director, and Karely Solis-Enriquez, Bilingual Care Coordinator, from

High Plains Mental Health came to the table. Poe discussed services provided and how the money they receive from the counties is spent. The new Crisis Intervention Center was discussed. It will open on May 4, with open house on April 16 and April 30. High Plains Mental Health is requesting an additional \$3,185.44 to help with support of the Crisis Intervention Center (CIC). The 2027 funding request is \$17,807.26. Solis-Enriquez gave a brief report and discussed mental health in the schools.

Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer, came to the table and distributed the Financial Report for the 1st Quarter of 2026. Niermeier discussed the various funds. Niermeier asked about having a link on the County website so people can search for property tax information on property within the county. The initial setup cost is a one-time \$10,000 with a \$2,000 annual fee after that. Mader made a motion to approve this program, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. Niermeier will contact Aumentum and get it rolling.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director arrived. Riley discussed the rural healthcare grant to be received in the amount of \$238,000. This money will be used for community paramedicine and is a zero percent match from the County. There are seven EMS agencies within the group who received a total of \$2,000,000.

Riley discussed the various ways the money will be spent and advised that EMS is partnering with AmberMed on the project. There was a brief discussion on the weeds at the EMS building.

Maintenance person Evan White treated the lawn on Monday and K-Lawn has been contacted as well.

The Board briefly discussed emergency preparedness. The Board is currently negotiating with an individual about the position and hopefully will know something within the next few weeks.

After completing all the necessary training and testing for noxious weeds/prairie dogs, O'Neill Smith will be given a raise effective April 7, 2026 on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0

Stithem made a motion to approve the March 31, 2026 Minutes and April 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0

At 11:24 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, April 14, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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

**City Minutes
3/9/25**

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were Dawn Elliott, Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent, Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police, and Harry Joe Pratt, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dawn Elliott at 7:00 p.m. Guests in attendance were Curtis Zerr, Sofia White, Kyra Reuber, and Monica Reuber.

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The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2026, were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Elliott and seconded by Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

Curtis Zerr with ICI Insurance was present to review the insurance proposal from EMC. Zerr stated that after going over all the City property he found several things that were underinsured and over \$2,000,000 in property coverage was added, as well as crime coverage, cyber coverage, and cemetery liability insurance. He presented a quote in the amount of \$104,008.00 for Property, Liability, and Automobile insurance.

Also presented was a quote in the amount of \$12,944.00 for Workers' Compensation coverage. Zerr exited at 7:23 p.m. Mayor Elliott made a motion to accept the proposal for Property, Liability, and Automobile insurance with the added coverage. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Schoendaler made a motion to accept the Workers' Compensation proposal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Elliott. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Elliott signed the proposal acceptance for both policies.

Sofia White entered the meeting to give an update on the pocket park. She presented a sketch of the mural and stated that Jen Carder will begin painting the mural over spring break. There will also be "Stories on Main", a voice recording

of people's memories. White exited at 7:33 p.m.

Kyra Reuber came to the table. She stated that she was working on an Eagle Scout project that would better the community and was asking permission to put library boxes at the tennis court park and the James L. Johnson Memorial Park. The library boxes would hold books and the idea behind it is for people to "take-a-book, leave-a-book". The Commission gave Reuber permission to put up the library boxes at the parks. The Reuber's exited at 7:37 p.m.

The Commission discussed summer water aerobics. No decisions regarding water aerobics will be made until after a pool manager is hired.

The AmberMed Sunshine and Shenanigans event and 5k run will be held on June 3. Schoendaler made a motion to block off Sheridan Ave. between the banks for food trucks and vendors during the event. Mayor Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Chief Wisinger stated that he was planning to start code enforcement on unregistered and inoperable vehicles that were sitting around town.

Schoendaler made a motion, seconded by Erwin, to sell Paul's used ballistic vest to Lane Co. Sheriff's Office for \$400.00. Motion carried 3-0. Chief Wisinger stated that he would have the Lane Co. Sheriff type up a signed and notarized release form stating that the City of Hoxie is not liable since the vest is out of its 5-year certification.

Armknecht stated that the City needed to start replacing water meters. He had a couple different types of water meters on hand. Erwin made a motion to start replacing \$1000 in new meters each month. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Armknecht stated that he had contacted the County regarding Spring Clean-up. The clean-up has been scheduled for May 4, 5, and 6. The City will advertise the Clean-up.

With no further business, Schoendaler made a motion to adjourn. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Janet Bainter, C i t y Clerk
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